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April 23, 2026

The Honorable Anthony P. D'Esposito
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Inspector General D'Esposito:

News organizations, including *The New York Times* and *Politico*, have repeatedly reported that former Secretary Chavez-DeRemer has been under investigation by your office.¹ Such investigation reportedly includes whether the former Secretary violated federal rules regarding taxpayer-funded travel and inappropriately influenced agency grant-making decisions.² According to the press, the former Secretary also was the subject of several civil rights complaints and accused of creating a hostile work environment.³ Separately, I recently requested your office investigate whether the former Secretary was in compliance with certain requirements under the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA).⁴

Regardless of Secretary Chavez-DeRemer's resignation, I am writing to confirm that your office will promptly and thoroughly complete both investigations and keep Congress fully informed

¹ See Rebecca Davis O'Brien & Evan Gorelick, *Labor Secretary Is a Rare Presence at Department in Turmoil*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 2, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/02/us/politics/labor-secretary-chavez-deremer-investigation.html>; Nick Niedzwiadek, *Fourth Labor Department Staffer Leaves Amid Investigation of Chavez-DeRemer*, POLITICO (Mar. 26, 2026), <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/03/26/fourth-labor-department-staffer-leaves-amid-investigation-of-chavez-deremer-00846461>.

² See Nick Niedzwiadek, *Chavez-DeRemer Security Staffer Placed On Leave Amid Scandal Investigation*, POLITICO (Jan. 23, 2026), <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/01/23/lori-chavez-deremer-security-staffer-leave-investigation-00745067>.

³ See Rebecca Davis O'Brien, *Labor Secretary Faces Civil Rights Complaints from Department Staff*, N.Y. TIMES (Apr. 9, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/04/09/business/economy/labor-secretary-misconduct-complaints.html>.

⁴ Letter from Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott and Rep. Mark DeSaulnier to the Hon. Anthony D'Esposito, Inspector General, U.S. Dep't of Lab. (Apr. 14, 2026), https://democratsedworkforce.house.gov/imo/media/doc/scott_desaulnier_letter_to_dol_re_erisa_advisory_council.pdf.

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about any serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies at the Department of Labor that have policy implications, as Inspectors General are statutorily mandated to do.⁵

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please send all official correspondence and information related to this request to the Committee's Democratic staff at EWDOversight@mail.house.gov. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Tim Walberg, Chairman, Committee on Education and Workforce

⁵ See 5 USC § 404(a)(5) ("It shall be the duty and responsibility of each Inspector General ... to keep ... Congress fully and currently informed ... concerning fraud and other serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies.").