Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 20, 2025

Ms. Caryl Brzymialkiewicz Deputy Inspector General U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Deputy Inspector General Brzymialkiewicz:

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Committee on Education and Workforce (the "Committees") are deeply concerned by ongoing allegations of unethical and inappropriate conduct at Haskell Indian Nations University (Haskell). In a summary of Report No. 24-0513, (the "Report"), dated May 5, 2025, the Department of the Interior Office of the Inspector General (OIG) stated that "the OIG investigated allegations that a Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) employee sexually harassed student-athletes on the Haskell Indian Nations (Haskell) Women's Basketball Team." Notably, the Report found that "the employee's supervisor and other staff were aware of the harassing conduct but failed to report the behavior as required." The OIG has not released the full Report.

To support accountability at the Department of the Interior, BIE, and Haskell—and to help ensure a safe and high-quality educational environment for current and future Haskell students—please provide the Committees with a copy of the full, unredacted Report no later than June 20, 2025. In addition, the Committees request a briefing on the Report and investigative scope of work with the OIG at a mutually agreeable time in the coming weeks.

Please contact the House Committee on Natural Resources, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Majority staff at (202) 225-2761 or hww.new.gov with any questions. Under House Rule X, the Committee on Natural Resources has "general oversight" of any matter relating to its jurisdiction, including "Native Americans generally" and the Committee on Education and Workforce has "general oversight" of any matter relating to "[e]ducation or labor generally." "3

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

¹ Office of the Inspector General, REPORT No. 24-0513, Summary: BIE Employee Sexually Harassed Students on the Haskell Indian Nations University Women's Basketball Team, https://www.doioig.gov/reports/all-reports.

² Id.

³ Rule X, Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Congress (Jan. 16, 2025).

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