

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Via Electronic Transmission

Kenneth Bach
Acting Inspector General
Corporation for National and Community Service
1201 New York Avenue, NW Suite 830
Washington, DC 20525

Dear Acting Inspector General Bach:

As you are aware, I sent a letter to the President on June 11, 2009 expressing how troubled I was that your predecessor, Gerald Walpin, was fired for unsubstantiated accusations by apparent political friends of the President. As you know, Inspectors General were created by Congress as a means to combat waste, fraud, and abuse and to be independent watchdogs ensuring that federal agencies are held accountable for their actions. Inspectors General were designed to have a dual role reporting to both the President and Congress so that they would be free from undue political pressure. This independence is the hallmark of all Inspectors General and is essential so they may operate independently, without political pressure or interference from agencies attempting to keep their failings from public scrutiny.

Due to the recent events, I specifically request all materials, including work papers related either directly or indirectly to the following reports be preserved immediately:

- 1) Corporation for National and Community Service, OIG Report 09-11A, Evaluation of Corporation for National and Community Service Grants Nos. 04EDHNY003 and 07EDHNY002, June 4, 2009; and
- 2) Corporation for National and Community Service, OIG Special Report to Congress, St. Hope Academy investigative summary, May 5, 2007.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please respond to the requests set forth in this letter by no later than June 16, 2009. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jason Foster of my Staff at (202) 224-4515. All formal correspondence should be sent electronically in PDF format to Brian_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov or via facsimile to (202) 228-2131.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator