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The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner and Senator Kaine,

Thank you for your January 29, 2026, letter requesting that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) conduct an audit of DHS' immigration procurement activities to determine whether they have led to violations of federal law and other regulations that maintain privacy and defend against unlawful searches.

On February 4, 2026, my office announced an audit titled, *DHS' Security of Biometric Data and Personally Identifiable Information (PII).* The objective of the audit is to determine how DHS and its components collect or obtain PII and biometric data related to immigration enforcement efforts and the extent to which that data is managed, shared, and secured in accordance with law, regulation, and Departmental policy. This audit will address a number of the questions you provided in your letter, and a copy of your letter has been provided to our Office of Audits for consideration as they plan and conduct their review.

I appreciate the recognition of our ongoing oversight in your letter, and I value the input you have provided to us. I would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss any of our related oversight work or, upon the publication of this audit report, to brief you on our findings.

Please call me with any questions, or your staff may contact our Office of Congressional Affairs at OIG-CongressionalAffairs@oig.dhs.gov should you wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

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