



April 10, 2025

The Honorable Maxine Waters  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Financial Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2129 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Waters,

This letter responds to your April 3, 2025 request that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review whether the Department has complied with statutory requirements to maintain field office capacity as required under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

My understanding is that the actions described in your request have not yet been finalized by the Department. My office is monitoring and assessing HUD's reshaping efforts, which are still ongoing and, in some cases, are being litigated. As decisions are made and HUD finalizes its plans, we will evaluate whether to initiate oversight engagements.

Additionally, my office will meet with GAO to consider and coordinate potential oversight of the actions described in your request. We will keep your office informed as we proceed with considering this request.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss specific concerns you may have. If you or your staff have additional questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Fontanesi, Acting Chief of Staff, at [cfontanesi@hudoig.gov](mailto:cfontanesi@hudoig.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Inspector General