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### United States Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Committee on Foreign Relations

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

### United States House of Representatives

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Committee on Oversight and Reform

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

The Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act (Division B of [P.L. 118-50](#), April 24, 2024), requires our office to report to Congress on the mechanisms for monitoring and safeguards in place for oversight and accountability of funds provided for direct financial support to the Ukrainian government. This letter responds to that requirement.

The Act provided \$7.849 billion in Economic Support Funds for Ukraine. On July 12, 2024, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) obligated \$3.399 billion of this amount for direct financial support to the Ukrainian government. According to USAID, the remaining \$4.45 billion will be obligated in multiple tranches through September 2025.

Section 405 of the Act requires that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the USAID Administrator, certify and report to Congress that Ukrainian government has substantial safeguards in place to prevent corruption and ensure accountability of these funds.

In accordance with the corresponding OIG reporting requirement in a prior appropriation (Continuing Appropriations and Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, [P.L. 117-180](#),

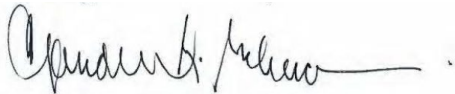
Sec. 1302, Sep. 30, 2022), my office transmitted a [report](#) to your committees on January 5, 2023. At the time, we reported that the Department of State (Department) complied with the requirement to certify and report to Congress at least 15 days prior to initial obligation of direct financial support funds, following an established internal process to generate and obtain approval for the certification and report.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, in accordance with a subsequent appropriation (Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, Division M of [P.L. 117-328](#), Sec. 1705, Dec. 28, 2022) my office, in coordination with the USAID OIG, issued a [joint letter](#) highlighting the previous report and affirming that the Department followed identical procedures for required certification and reports to Congress.<sup>2</sup>

With respect to the \$3.399 billion in funds most recently obligated for direct financial support to Ukraine, my office confirmed that the Department followed the same processes for certifying and reporting to Congress as those employed for the previous direct financial support obligations. Therefore, we refer you to our January 2023 [report](#) for pertinent details in response to the P.L. 118-50 reporting requirement.<sup>3</sup> USAID OIG will issue a separate report addressing USAID's mechanisms for monitoring and oversight of direct budget support, as well as Ukrainian government safeguards.

Oversight of the Ukraine response is one of OIG's top priorities. We will continue to coordinate closely with other oversight entities as we execute our plans. To provide Congress and other stakeholders with timely information about this work, my office maintains a dedicated Ukraine response oversight landing page on our website ([StateOIG.gov](#)) and works with counterpart OIGs and the Government Accountability Office to provide current information on the U.S. government's Ukraine response and related oversight on the recently established [UkraineOversight.gov](#) website.

We appreciate your ongoing interest in our work and support for our independent oversight mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions. Alternatively, please direct your staff to my Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, Ryan Holden at [ryan.d.holden@stateoig.gov](mailto:ryan.d.holden@stateoig.gov) or (571) 349-9259.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> [Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 Mandated Assessment](#) (AUD-MERO-23-10, January 2023).

<sup>2</sup> [OIG and USAID Office of Inspector General Joint Letter](#) (March 27, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> OIG, [Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 Mandated Assessment](#), (AUD-MERO-23-10, January 2023).