



**Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board**  
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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With this letter, I hereby resign from my position as Inspector General for the Department of the Interior, effective December 31, 2011, and bring to a close my 41 years of Federal service. I find myself in the unusual position of tendering my resignation for multiple positions at once: I will also be resigning as the Chairman of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Board), as well as the Chairman of the Government Accountability and Transparency Board (GATB).

It has been an honor to lead the dedicated employees of the Interior Office of Inspector General. From the time of my appointment in 1999 through the past few years when I have been occupied by the Board, the OIG staff has worked tirelessly to uncover inefficiencies, waste, and fraud—some instances of which have no doubt shocked the nation. These men and women take pride in serving their country as guardians of the public trust, and I applaud their extraordinary efforts.

It has likewise been an honor to serve as the Chairman of the Board since its inception in February 2009 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). In striving to protect the integrity of Recovery Act funds, I have had the privilege of working with Vice President Biden, whose thoughtful devotion to this historic undertaking I have prized highly. I have also been gratified to work with the innovative, forward-thinking IGs on the Board as we endeavored to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and mismanagement in Recovery Act spending, and also made such spending transparent for all to see. I believe the successes of this Board are reflected in your decision to establish the GATB, which is on the verge of proposing concrete methods to increase accountability and transparency of all Federal funds.

I thank you for the opportunities you have given me to serve my country, and I will always look fondly on my decades as a public servant.

Sincerely,

Earl E. Devaney  
Chairman