

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Helen M. Albert
Acting Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Acting Inspector Albert:

We write to urge you to finalize as soon as possible your investigation into the mismanagement and alleged misappropriation of federal funds by former Alexander County Housing Authority (ACHA) officials and make public your findings.

It has been more than two years since the IG began this investigation and more than one year since we last wrote to your office urging the finalization of this investigation. Our offices have yet to be provided with a clear timeline for the investigation's release.

During this time, around 200 families have relocated from their homes in Cairo and Thebes, Illinois. For many of these families, they have been forced to leave not only the only home they have ever known but also their beloved community, as safe and affordable local housing options were insufficient to relocate all who wished to remain local. Yet, as residents and the local community are impacted by circumstances not of their own making, they continue to wait for former ACHA officials to be held accountable for their role in creating this crisis.

The timely and transparent conclusion of this investigation is long overdue. We again write to urge you to finalize your investigation into the mismanagement and alleged misappropriation of federal funds by former ACHA officials as quickly as possible and make public your findings.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senator



Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Senator