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June 20, 2018

The Honorable Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

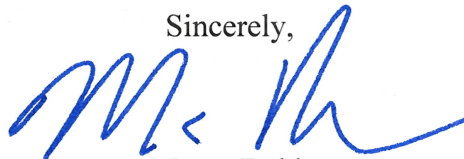
I write in support of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's leadership May 14, 2018 letter requesting a review of allegations of potential whistleblower retaliation and mishandling of personnel matters in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Haiti Country Office.

Allegations of whistleblower retaliation and personnel issues are extremely concerning and, if true, are counterproductive to the DEA's critical mission in the Caribbean. Substantial quantities of cocaine and other narcotics bound for Florida are trafficked through Haiti, and the interdiction of these illicit drugs before they reach our shores is imperative. As the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, I urge you to investigate these claims thoroughly and expeditiously.

DEA personnel risk their lives every day to prevent and interdict illicit narcotics, and the crimes that accompany them, from harming Americans. Any internal improprieties or bad actors that hinder this mission must be dealt with swiftly.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator