

Testimony of Michael A. Cummins
Appointment to the Inspector General Advisory Board
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Good evening, Howard County Council Members, and to all attending this Legislative Public Hearing. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on my nomination to the Howard County Inspector General Advisory Board. My name is Michael Cummins, and my wife and I have been Howard County residents since 1995. We have raised two wonderful daughters in this community, and I welcome the opportunity to give back to the county we call home.

I believe my education and professional experience have provided me with the skills necessary to serve effectively on the Howard County Inspector General Advisory Board. I earned an accounting degree from the University of Georgia and am an inactive CPA in the State of Maryland.

I began my career as an internal auditor for the federal government, working as a civilian for the military and for two separate Offices of Inspector General. During my time as an auditor and auditor-in-charge, I conducted compliance, performance, and financial audits for the federal departments I served.

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After a little more than six years conducting audits, I transitioned to a role as a criminal investigator, conducting investigations related to violations of federal law.

After more than 28 years of service in the federal government, I retired and began working as a contract investigator conducting Medicare and Medicaid fraud investigations. Currently, I lead the global security team for a large public company. In this role, I manage a team responsible for conducting internal investigations into compliance violations, ethical issues, and other forms of misconduct.

My education and professional experience have provided me with extensive, hands-on expertise in auditing, compliance, and investigative work—core competencies that are directly aligned with the mission and responsibilities of an Inspector General. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Howard County Inspector General Advisory Board.