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**To the Board of Directors of the
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The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) is an independent, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization comprised of thousands of members from offices across the United States and internationally. For more than 30 years, the AIG has advocated on behalf of its members to advance the mission of independent oversight in government.

Throughout the process of drafting a proposed Charter for the BART Independent Office of the Inspector General (BART OIG), Inspector General Claudette Biemeret has demonstrated a commitment to transparency and a willingness to ensure that BART OIG's Charter promotes compatibility with applicable laws and authorities related to employee protections. The proposed Charter also demonstrates a commitment to performing independent, objective, transparent and evidence-based audits and investigations in the spirit of the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General (AIG Principles and Standards).

Respectfully, the AIG recommends the adoption of a Charter that vests the BART OIG with the authority to perform its lawful duties consistent with the AIG Principles and Standards and without the artificial application of procedures that were instituted to govern other functions of BART's operations but were not intended to apply to the work of BART OIG. In closing, I humbly suggest that there is no better outcome for a Charter than to allow it the independence to collect facts and evidence in a thorough and efficient manner and to make findings and recommendations based solely on the application of the evidence against the applicable laws, rules and other authorities.

Sincerely Yours,

Will Fletcher, AIG President