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Subject: **Follow-up to Evaluation of the District's Opioid Crisis Response Program | 24-I-02-RM0(m)**

Dear Directors Bazron and Bennett:

The Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Inspections and Evaluations (I&E) Unit will soon start a follow-up inspection of the District's Opioid Crisis Response Program. The objective of this engagement is to determine the adequacy, effectiveness, and timeliness of actions taken by your respective agencies to address deficiencies identified in our report, [Evaluation of the District's Opioid Crisis Response Program](#) (OIG No. 21-I-04RM), issued on September 2, 2021. We will conduct this inspection in accordance with the *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency and the *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Management and Program Analyst Kiara Sibert will coordinate an entrance conference to discuss the inspection process and answer any questions you may have. We request that you provide a point of contact for your agency to Ms. Sibert at kiara.sibert@dc.gov by January 5, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns in the interim, please reach out to me or contact Yulanda Gaither, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, at (202) 727-9029.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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