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**Sent:** 4/6/2020 6:02:24 PM  
**To:** Butler, Kathlene [Butler.Kathlene@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: DOD IG nominee?

That would be a good reason

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**From:** Butler, Kathlene <Butler.Kathlene@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Hess, Kathryn <Hess.Kathryn@epa.gov>  
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Maybe bc Glenn Fine is also chairing the CIGIE CARES oversight group? <https://ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/PRAC-press-release.pdf> (That was my guess...)

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**From:** Hess, Kathryn <Hess.Kathryn@epa.gov>  
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What I don't get is that Glenn Fines has been the "acting" IG for DOD for over three years. What's the big hurry to bring someone else in as acting while the nomination proceeds through the Senate?

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I knew y'all would be on it. Thank you!

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Jason Abend

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/president-donald-j-trump-announces-intent-nominate-individuals-key-administration-posts-27/>

**Jason Abend of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.**

Mr. Abend currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor, United States Customs and Border Protection.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Abend served in the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Office of Inspector General as a Special Agent. Before that, he served as a Special Agent in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General, where he led a team investigating complex Federal Housing Administration mortgage and reverse mortgage fraud, civil fraud, public housing assistance fraud, and internal agency personnel cases.

Mr. Abend was also the Founder and CEO of the Public Safety Media Group, LLC, a professional services firm that provided strategic and operational human resources consulting, training, and advertising to Federal, State, and local public safety agencies, the United States Military, and Intelligence agencies.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Abend worked as a Special Agent at the United States Secret Service and as an Intelligence Research Specialist at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Abend received his bachelor's degree from American University and has received master's degrees from both American University and George Washington University.

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Hey! I know someone in the WD will be on top of this. I can't find the news on the DOD IG nominee... Can you please forward me anything our folks come up with? Hope you're safe and well...

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