

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 8, 2023

Lieutenant General Donna W. Martin
Inspector General
U.S. Department of the Army
1700 Army Pentagon, 3E588
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear General Martin:

We write regarding our request for your Office to conduct a comprehensive review of the facts and events leading up to the October 25, 2023, mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine.

On November 15, 2023, Under Secretary of the Army Gabe Camarillo sent a letter suggesting that the U.S. Army Reserve's "administrative investigation into the actions and events that preceded SFC Card's death" is sufficient to satisfy our request. Our staffs subsequently contacted you and reaffirmed with the Army's Legislation, Investigations, and Nominations (LI&N) Division our request that you launch a separate, concurrent investigation into the facts and events leading up to the Lewiston shooting as soon as possible. On December 5, 2023, the LI&N Division confirmed that the ongoing investigation is an "administrative investigation mandated by Army Regulation 600-92, not an Army Inspector General (IG) investigation."

We understand, consistent Army Regulation 600-92, that an investigation is completed for every suspected or confirmed suicide, and we support such an investigation in this case. Nevertheless, Army Regulations appear to specifically anticipate the need for "concurrent investigations" in certain circumstances. Indeed, Army Regulation 15-6.B.5 makes clear that investigations "may be conducted before, concurrently with, or after an investigation into the same or related matters by another command or agency." As you know, there is precedent for Inspector General inquiries following shooting events involving current or former military personnel.¹

We believe it is imperative that you, as the Inspector General of the Army, conduct an investigation separate from the ongoing administrative review conducted pursuant to the Army's Suicide Prevention Program regulations. This tragedy warrants a much broader, independent inquiry. We must work to fully understand what happened—and what could have been done differently that might have prevented the Lewiston shooting—on the local, state, and federal

¹ See, e.g., U.S. Dep't of Defense Inspector General, *Report of the Investigation into the United States Air Force's Failure to Submit Devin Kelley's Criminal History Information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation*, Report No. DODIG-2019-030 (Dec. 6, 2018), <https://tinyurl.com/ymvw7br5>.

levels. We must also give the American people confidence that the investigation is comprehensive and unbiased.

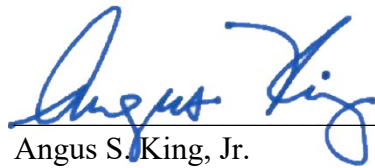
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Thank you for your attention, and we reiterate our request that you begin your work on this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,



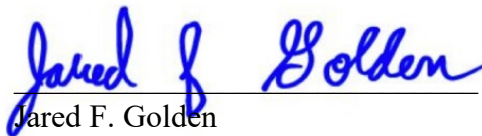
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The Honorable Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary of the Army
The Honorable Robert P. Storch, Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Defense