

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the Committee on Financial Services

**From:** FSC Majority Staff

**Date:** September 21, 2018

**Subject:** September 25, 2018, Housing and Insurance Subcommittee Hearing on “HUD Office of Inspector General Report: HUD’s Oversight of the Alexander County (IL) Housing Authority”

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The Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance will hold a hearing entitled “HUD Office of Inspector General Report: HUD’s Oversight of the Alexander County (IL) Housing Authority,” on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building. This will be a two-panel hearing with the following witnesses:

### Panel 1

- The Honorable Mike Bost, U.S. House of Representatives

### Panel 2

- Mr. Jeremy Kirkland, Acting Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The hearing will focus on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Inspector General’s (HUD OIG) final report of July 24, 2018 entitled, “HUD’s Oversight of the Alexander County Housing Authority”.<sup>1</sup> The HUD OIG performed its fieldwork for this evaluation between August and December 2017.

The Alexander County Housing Authority (ACHA), located in Cairo, Illinois, is a moderate-size public housing agency (PHA) with nearly 500 public housing units in its inventory. On February 19, 2016, HUD declared ACHA in substantial default of its contract with HUD, removed its board of directors, and took possession of the agency. At that time, HUD assumed the role of administrative receiver. HUD took action following a years-long pattern of financial and operational mismanagement, poor housing conditions, and alleged civil rights violations against the households for which the local housing authority was responsible for assisting.

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<sup>1</sup> HUD OIG, HUD’s Oversight of the Alexander County Housing Authority, Report Number: 2017-OE-0014 (July 24, 2018), available at <https://www.hudoig.gov/reports-publications/inspections-evaluations/hud%E2%80%99s-oversight-of-alexander-county-housing-authority>