



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Memorandum

TO: Benjamin Carson, Sr.
Secretary, S

FROM: Rae Oliver Davis *Rae Oliver Davis*
Inspector General, G

SUBJECT: Capacity Review of Vivienda

I am writing to express my concern that Department officials provided inaccurate information to congressional committee staff about my communications to you regarding the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) review of Vivienda's capacity to administer CBDG-DR funds appropriated for disaster relief in Puerto Rico.

Your staff incorrectly stated to congressional committee staff that I told you the OIG capacity review of Vivienda would have serious or significant findings. I never made such a statement. I also did not recommend that the Department take any specific actions with respect to Vivienda, including withholding funds from Vivienda, delaying finalization of grant agreements with Vivienda, or delaying publishing Federal Register notices related to CDBG-DR funds designated for mitigation in Puerto Rico.

My staff did inform Department leadership that we have an ongoing audit of Vivienda's capacity to administer CBDG-DR funds appropriated for disaster relief in Puerto Rico. My staff also stated explicitly to Department leadership that the OIG audit team had not yet prepared draft findings to share with Vivienda or the Department, and therefore, we were not able to share any specific information about the capacity review with them at that time.

I am always available to provide updates to you about the status of our work, and I will continue to raise to your attention important developments in our oversight activities.