

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2180

To authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keep the Watchdogs
5 Running Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT DURING LAPSE**
7 **IN APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 Section 406(g) of title 5, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) OVERSIGHT DURING LAPSE IN APPROPRIA-
2 TIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law
3 and in addition to any other authority, during a
4 lapse in appropriations, an Inspector General may
5 incur obligations in advance of appropriations—

6 “(A) for such amounts as may be nec-
7 essary and at a rate for operations and under
8 the authority and conditions as provided in the
9 most recently enacted appropriations Acts; and

10 “(B) to perform the duties of the Office
11 with respect to any program and operation of
12 the establishment that continues during the
13 lapse in appropriations.”.

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