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On background-- email from Inspector General Maley to agency heads: For a branch of government executing a \$26 billion budget with 60,000 employees, the FY 2015-2016 fraud losses of \$1,188,529 by 18 state employees in ten Executive Branch agencies were indicative of a high integrity work force. These results are consistent in terms of fraud incidents compared to the prior two fiscal years' fraud incidents, however, the losses have increased. Despite the positive trend of low fraud incidents and low losses in comparison to the state's budget, any fraud undermines the public's confidence in State government, particularly in today's 24/7 news cycle. I hope each agency uses the report to pat your troops on the back, but also leverage the report's data as a fraud awareness training tool with real life examples and lessons learned. Our greatest tool to prevent frauds or corrupt activity is raising fraud awareness of the 60,000 pairs of eyes and ears in the Executive Branch, and then set the expectation for employees to report suspicious activity.

Quote from Haley press secretary Chaney Adams, "We can't ever be complacent about fraud prevention and detection, because there will always be those who try to take advantage of the system. That's why the Inspector General's report is so important. By highlighting instances of fraud - no matter how few - the Inspector General is helping raise awareness among tens of thousands of public servants and making sure they are vigilant about reporting suspicious activity."