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Walter M. Shaub, Jr.  
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Office of Government Ethics  
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Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005-3919

Dear Mr. Shaub:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure of Beth Ann Williams. President Trump has nominated Ms. Williams to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report. The conflict of interest statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208, requires that Ms. Williams recuse herself from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter in which she knows that she has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which she knows that a person whose interests are imputed to her has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Ms. Williams understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to her: her spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which she is a limited or general partner; any organization in which she serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which she is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on her financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to her, Ms. Williams will consult with Department of Justice ethics officials.

Upon confirmation, Ms. Williams will resign from Kirkland & Ellis LLP. For a period of one year after her resignation, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows the firm is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows that a former client of hers is a party or represents a party, for a period of one year after she last provided service to that client, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Ms. Williams's spouse is a partner with the law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP. For as long as her spouse continues to work for Williams & Connolly LLP, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to her knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the firm, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). She also will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows a client of her spouse is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, for the duration of her appointment to the position of Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy, her spouse has agreed not to communicate directly with the Department of Justice Office of Legal Policy on behalf of his employer or any client.

Upon confirmation, Ms. Williams will resign from her positions as trustee of A.S. and J.S. Irrevocable Trust and A.S. Trust. For a period of one year after her resignation, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows that either trust is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

If she has a managed account or otherwise uses the services of an investment professional during her appointment, she will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains her prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), or obligations of the United States.

Ms. Williams has been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Ms. Williams understands that as an appointee she will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order no. 13770) and that she will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments she has made in this ethics agreement.

She will meet in person with Department ethics officials during the first week of her service in the position of Assistant Attorney General in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. If circumstances do not permit a first-week meeting, she will meet with Department ethics officials not later than 15 days after his appointment as required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of her confirmation, she will document her compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying Department ethics officials in writing when she has completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you can so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,



Lee J. Lofthus  
Assistant Attorney General  
For Administration and  
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General and Designated Agency Ethics Official, on June 15, 2017 and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

Beth A. Williams  
Beth Ann Williams

6/15/17  
Date