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IN REPLY REFER TO:

July 17, 2017

Virginia H. Johnson  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Fish and Wildlife and Parks  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

## Limited Waiver for Paragraph 3 of This Administration's Ethics Pledge

Dear Ms. Johnson:

You have decided to continue your service to the country by joining the United Services Organization (USO), a congressionally-authorized public charity. As a senior executive at the USO, your work may include issue education, issue advocacy, and lobbying, among other activities.

As a condition of your employment in an appointee position, you signed an Ethics Pledge based upon Executive Order 13770, "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees." Paragraph 3 of this Ethics Pledge states that you agree not to engage in any lobbying activities with respect to any covered executive branch official or non-career Senior Executive Service appointee for the remainder of the Administration. Section 3(a) of this Executive Order states that Executive Branch appointees may receive "a waiver of any restrictions contained in the pledge."

You are hereby **GRANTED** a limited waiver of the restrictions contained in Paragraph 3 of the Ethics Pledge. This limited waiver allows you to engage in lobbying activities as part of your official duties as an employee or agent of the USO with respect to any covered executive branch official or non-career Senior Executive Service appointee, other than those at the Department of the Interior.

As a reminder you are still bound by your post government ethics restrictions under 18 U.S.C. § 207. If you have any other ethics questions, please contact the Department's ethics office at (202) 208-7960.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. Jorjani  
Acting Solicitor and Principal Deputy Solicitor