OGE STATEMENT REGARDING

CERTIFICATION OF ETHICS AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE

Senate Confirmed Presidential Appointee

Appointee's Information	Appointee's Name:	Jamie L. Harpootlian
	Position Title:	Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia
	Agency:	Department of State
	Date Ethics Agreement Signed:	August 4, 2021
	Date Confirmed:	December 18, 2021
	Due Date for Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance:	March 25, 2022

Statement

Ambassador Harpootlian was required to comply with all terms of her ethics agreement by **March 18, 2022**. The Ambassador signed a Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance (Certification) on **March 15, 2022**, certifying that she had met all of the requirements in her ethics agreement. The Certification was submitted to OGE on **March 17, 2022**. A Department of State ethics official contacted OGE on/about **May 27, 2022**, to explain that the Ambassador had not completed all of the divestitures required by her ethics agreement until approximately two weeks after she had signed the Certification.

According to State's ethics officials, the Ambassador instructed her account managers to sell the assets she was required to divest. Then, after the account manager confirmed that the assets had been sold, the Ambassador completed, signed, and submitted her Certification. The Ambassador later submitted an OGE Form 278T to State ethics officials to report the sale of the assets, as required. In reviewing the OGE Form 278T, ethics officials contacted the Ambassador's representative to inquire about entries indicating some assets required to be divested by **March 18, 2022**, had not been sold until approximately two weeks after the Ambassador signed her Certification and after the date by which she was required to have completed required divestitures. The ambassador's representative advised State's ethics officials that the Ambassador's account managers erred when they initially told her that all required divestitures had been completed. The Ambassador's representative also confirmed that some of the assets required to be divested by March 18, 2022, had not be sold until approximately two weeks later.

State's ethics officials confirmed that the Ambassador has now complied with all terms of her ethics agreement, including completing all required divestitures. State's ethics officials stated that they have also confirmed that the Ambassador did not participate in any matters that could have created a real or potential conflict of interest during the period she thought she had completed all required divestitures and when all required divestitures had actually been completed.

Date of Statement: June 14, 2022