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Dear Mr. Taylor:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of United States Marshal for the Northern District of Alabama. It is my responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this Ethics Agreement (Agreement).

## SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the particular matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me:

- Any spouse or minor child of mine;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner;
- Any organization in which I serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee, even if uncompensated; and
- Any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

In the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with an agency ethics official and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset.

If I have a managed account or otherwise use the services of an investment professional during my appointment, I will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains my 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 regulatory exemption for diversified mutual funds and unit investment trusts at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), or obligations of the United States.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from United States Marshals Service ethics officials after my confirmation but not later than 15 days after my appointment pursuant to the ethics program regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will submit my

Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance to United States Marshals Service ethics officials, which documents my compliance with this Agreement.

I will not modify this Agreement without your approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) pursuant to the ethics agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4).

## SECTION 2 – Hardy Family Farms, LLC

I am a member of Hardy Family Farms, LLC, which currently holds no assets. Upon confirmation and during my appointment to the position of United States Marshal, the Hardy Family Farms LLC will remain dormant. I will not perform any services for Hardy Family Farms LLC, except that I will comply with any requirements involving legal filings, taxes and fees that are necessary to maintain the LLC while it is in an inactive status. As United States Marshal for the Northern District of Alabama, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Hardy Family Farms LLC.

## SECTION 3 – TIMBERLAND

I hold timberland in Alabama with another family member. I will continue to have a financial interest in this property, but I will not manage it or provide any services material to the production of income, other than to perform required ministerial functions such as signing any required timber deeds. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from it. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests in this timberland, unless I first obtain a written waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

## SECTION 4 - SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

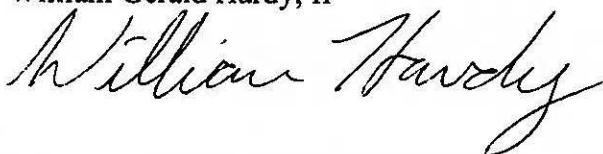
My spouse is employed by Tuscaloosa County Schools. Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for as long as my spouse continues to work for Tuscaloosa County Schools I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know Tuscaloosa County Schools is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

## SECTION 5 – PUBLIC POSTING

I have been advised that this Agreement and the Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance will be posted publicly, consistent with the public information law at 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.

Sincerely,

William Gerald Hardy, II



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