



U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Office of Government Ethics
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Dear Mr. Rounds:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure report of Michael D. Black. President Biden has nominated Mr. Black to serve as the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio. We have conducted a thorough review of the nominee's report and have counseled him on the government ethics rules. The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that Mr. Black will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that he is confirmed for the aforementioned position. Mr. Black understands that it is his responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this Ethics Agreement (Agreement). This letter and the attached Nominee Statement constitute Mr. Black's Agreement.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Mr. Black will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which he knows that he has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which he knows that a person whose interests are imputed to him has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the particular matter, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). He understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to him:

- His spouse or any minor child of his;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which he is a limited or general partner;
- Any organization in which he serves as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and
- Any person or organization with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

In the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during his appointment, Mr. Black 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.

In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on his financial interests or on those of any other person who interests are imputed to him, Mr. Black will consult with the United States Marshals Service ethics officials. As stated in the attachment to this Agreement, Mr. Black understands and agrees to comply with the conflict of interest laws and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in this Agreement.

If Mr. Black has a managed account or otherwise uses the services of an investment professional during his appointment, he will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains his 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.

Mr. Black will receive a live ethics briefing from United States Marshals Service ethics officials in connection with his appointment to the position of United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio after his confirmation but not later than 15 days after his appointment, pursuant to the ethics program regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of his confirmation, Mr. Black will submit his Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance to United States Marshals Service ethics officials, which documents his compliance with this Agreement.

Mr. Black understands that as an appointee he will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that he will be bound by it. Among other obligations, he will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving his former employer or former clients for a period of two years after he is appointed, with the exception of Federal, state and local governments.

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

SECTION 2 – RESIGNATIONS

Upon confirmation, Mr. Black will resign from his position with OhioHealth. Consistent with company policy, he will receive a 2023 annual bonus for the period June 2022-June 2023 only if he is still an employee of OhioHealth in October 2023, when such bonuses are paid.

Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for a period of one year after his resignation, Mr. Black will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows the entity is a party or represents a party, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 3 – PUBLIC POSTING

Mr. Black has 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.

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

Sincerely,

**ARTHUR
GARY**

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Arthur E. Gary
Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy,
Management and Procurement and
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

Attachment

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the Ethics Agreement (Agreement) signed by Arthur E. Gary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy, Management and Procurement and Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official on December 14, 2022, and I agree to comply with the commitments outlined in this Agreement. In addition, in the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) ethics officials and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset. I will not modify this Agreement without your approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics pursuant to the ethics agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4). I (including my spouse and dependent children if applicable) also will not repurchase any asset I was required to divest without my consultation with the USMS ethics officials and the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Finally, I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that I will be bound by it. Among other obligations, I will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving my former employer or former clients for a period of two years after I am appointed, with the exception of federal, state, and local government.



Michael D. Black

Date: December 14, 2022