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Washington, D.C. 20530

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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 Kirk M. Taylor. President Biden has nominated Mr. Taylor to serve as the United States Marshal for the District of Colorado. 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. Taylor will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that he is confirmed for the aforementioned position. Mr. Taylor understands that it is his responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this agreement.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Mr. Taylor 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. Taylor 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 Mr. Taylor 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. § 2640.20l(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds.

Mr. Taylor 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 District of Colorado 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. Taylor will submit his Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance to United States Marshals Service ethics officials, which documents his compliance with this ethics agreement.

Mr. Taylor 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. Taylor will not modify this ethics 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 – PUEBLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Upon confirmation, Mr. Taylor will resign from his position with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. For a period of one year after his resignation, Mr. Taylor will have a "covered relationship" under the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. He has been advised that his participation in particular matters involving specific parties in which the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is a party or represents a party will be authorized pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 3 – OTHER RESIGNATIONS

Upon confirmation, Mr. Taylor will resign from his positions with the following:

- Southern Colorado Law Enforcement Association
- Hundred Club of Pueblo

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

SECTION 4 – FAMILY TRUST

Mr. Taylor will retain his position as a trustee of the irrevocable Family Trust. Mr. Taylor will not receive any fees for the services that he provides as a trustee during his appointment to the position of United States Marshal. Mr. Taylor will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to his knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the Family Trust, 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).

SECTION 5 – PUBLIC POSTING

Mr. Taylor has been advised that this ethics 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, he is 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

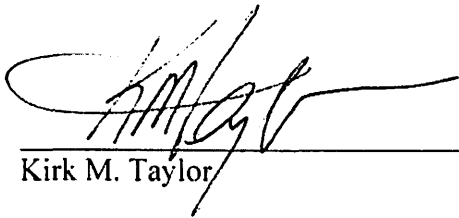
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Arthur E. Gary
Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy,
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Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the Ethics Agreement, signed by Arthur Gary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy, Management and Procurement, Agency Ethics Official on July 5, 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 U.S. 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 ethics 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.


Kirk M. Taylor

Date: July 5, 2022