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Kenneth R. Schmalzbach
Assistant General Counsel
(General Law and Ethics) and
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Schmalzbach:

This is to inform you of the steps I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

As required by 18 U.S.C. 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in an official capacity in any particular matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests, or those attributable to me, of which I have knowledge, unless I qualify for a regulatory exemption pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2) or I receive an individual waiver in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(1). I have been counseled concerning the provisions of the Federal financial conflict of interest statute, 18 U.S.C. 208, in relation to my financial interests. I understand that for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 208, the financial interests of a spouse; minor child; general partner; an organization in which I am serving as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee; or a person or organization with whom I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment are attributable to me.

I have also been counseled with regard to the Executive Branch impartiality regulations found in Subpart E of 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, and I will not participate in any particular matter involving specific parties from which I am disqualified under Subpart E unless I received prior authorization to participate.

Sincerely,



Joey Russell George