

Ms. Katherine D. McManus
Deputy Legal Adviser and
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Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

May 22, 2017

Re: Ethics Undertakings

Dear Ms. McManus:

I am committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct for government officials. If confirmed as Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations, as required by 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 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 officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with Project 2049 Institute. For a period of one year after my resignation, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know Project 2049 Institute is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

I will recuse myself from participation on a case-by-case basis in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I determine that a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts would question my impartiality in that matter, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, Subpart E.

I will retain my position as a trustee of Dependent Trust #1 and of Dependent Trust #2. I will not receive any fees for the services that I provide as a trustee during my appointment to the position of Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council. 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 the Dependent Trust #1 or Dependent Trust #2, 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).

If I have a managed account during my appointment, I will direct the account manager to obtain 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 exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds. I will monitor whether the account manager is following this direction regarding prior approval.

I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order no. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from a member of the ethics office after my confirmation but no later than 15 days after my appointment as required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305, unless granted an extension under that regulation. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will document compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying you when I have completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

I have been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 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,



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