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(General Law, Ethics & Regulation)
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Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Ms. Granat:

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 Executive Director of the African Development Bank.

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 as manager of Vinca Services, Inc. and Ag Source, LLC. During my appointment, I will not manage these entities or provide any other services to them. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from them. As United States Executive Director, 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 Vinca Services, Inc. or Ag Source, LLC, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

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

My spouse is the sole proprietor of her law firm which does business as Lillian M. Moore, P.A. 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 firm, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). I also will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know a client of my spouse is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, for the duration of my appointment to the position of

United States Executive Director, my spouse has agreed not to communicate directly with the African Development Bank on behalf of any client.

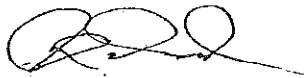
Following confirmation and before I assume the duties of the position of United States Executive Director for the African Development Bank, I will provide you with a list of every asset that I acquired subsequent to filing my nominee financial disclosure report. I will abide by your decision regarding the divestiture or retention of these assets and, if you direct the divestiture of any asset, I will accomplish the divestiture within 90 days of my confirmation. In addition, I will meet in person with you during the first week of my service in the position of United States Executive Director for the African Development Bank in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will document my compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying you in writing when I have completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

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 exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds.

I understand that as an appointee I am 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 and any other 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Steven Dowd', with a stylized, flowing script.

Joseph Steven Dowd