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Dear Mr. Apol:

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 Ms. Sonya K. Chavez. President Trump has nominated Ms. Chavez to serve as the United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico. We have conducted a thorough review of the nominee's report and have counseled her on the government ethics rules.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Ms. Chavez will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which she knows that she has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which she knows that a person whose interests are imputed to her has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless she 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). She understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to her: her spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which she is a limited or general partner; any organization in which she serves as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which she is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Ms. Chavez's spouse is employed by the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund, in a position for which he receives a fixed annual salary and a bonus tied to his performance. For as long as Ms. Chavez's spouse continues to work for the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Ms. Chavez has 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.

Ms. Chavez will meet live with United States Marshals Service ethics officials in connection with her appointment to the position of United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico

during the timeframe established by 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305(b) in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of her confirmation, she will document her compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying United States Marshals Service ethics officials in writing when she has completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

Finally, Ms. Chavez understands that as an appointee she will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that she will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments she has made in this ethics agreement.

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,



Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration and
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Loftus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on April 10, 2018, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, 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.


Sonya K. Chavez

Date: April 10, 2018