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Dear Mr. Shaub:

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 Jessie K. Liu. President Trump has announced his intent to nominate Ms. Liu to serve as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report and have counseled Ms. Liu on the ethics rules. Although it is not possible to provide for all of the specific circumstances which might give rise to a financial conflict of interest because the work of United States Attorneys involves a wide variety of matters involving specific parties, and it is not possible to predict where conflicts will arise until specific parties are identified, we have counseled Ms. Liu on the applicable conflict-of-interest laws and regulations and, in particular, on the application of 18 U.S.C. § 208.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208 and the provisions of 5 C.F.R. § 2635.401 *et seq.*, Ms. Liu 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 or predictably affected by the matter, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Ms. Liu 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 an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which she is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on her financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to her, Ms. Liu will consult with the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), General Counsel's Office, and will follow the procedures outlined in the United States Attorneys' Manual, Section 3-2.170 *et seq.* As stated in the attachment to this Ethics Agreement, Ms. Liu understands and agrees to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in this agreement.

Ms. Liu has resigned from her positions with Morrison & Foerster LLP and Jenner & Block LLP. Both firms have withheld deposits from her as a reserve for tax payments that the firms make on behalf of its partners and she will receive a refund of any overpayment. Ms. Liu will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to her knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the firms' ability or willingness to pay these refunds, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). For a period of one year after her resignation from each of these entities, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows that entity is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former client of hers is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after she last provided service to that client, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Ms. Liu has been advised that the duties of the position of United States Attorney may involve particular confidential matters identified by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) that may affect her financial interests. EOUSA has determined that it is not necessary at this time for Ms. Liu to divest her financial interests because her recusal from particular matters in which these interests pose a conflict of interest will not substantially limit her ability to perform the essential duties of the position of United States Attorney. Immediately upon confirmation, EOUSA will prepare recusals for all particular matters in which Ms. Liu will not be granted a waiver or will not qualify for a regulatory exemption.

Ms. Liu's spouse is an employee of George Washington University Law School. For as long as her spouse continues to work for George Washington University Law School, she will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to her knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on her spouse's compensation or employment with the organization, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). Ms. Liu will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows her spouse's employer is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

The USAO has conducted a conflict review and has found no additional conflicts of interest. Should additional conflicts arise, the USAO will seek the necessary waiver(s) or recusal(s) of the nominee immediately upon her confirmation. An appropriate screening mechanism will be identified and immediately upon appointment of the new United States Attorney, all USAO personnel will be advised in writing of all matters in which the new United States Attorney may not participate. The notification will specifically list the matters and identify the Acting United States Attorney for matters.

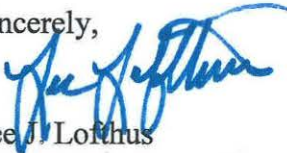
Ms. Liu will meet in person with the United States Attorney's Office ethics advisor during the first week of her service in the position of United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of her confirmation, she will document her compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying the Executive Office for United States Attorney, General Counsel's Office, in writing when she has completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

Ms. Liu 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.

Finally, Ms. Liu understands that as an appointee she is 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 report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you can so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

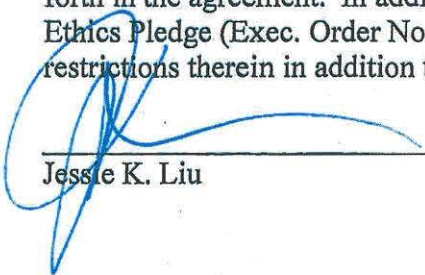


Lee J. Lothius
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For Administration and
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on June 29, 2017, 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 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 ethics agreement.



Jesse K. Liu

June 29, 2017
Date