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Office of the General Counsel
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20581

Dear Mr. Davis:

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 Chairman and Commissioner for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC").

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.

I will divest my interests in the Vaneck Vectors Gold Miners ETF (GDX), SPDR Gold Trust Gold Shares (GLD), and iShares Gold Trust (IAU), within 90 days of my confirmation. Until I have completed these divestitures, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on these assets and their underlying holdings, 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 I may be eligible to request a Certificate of Divestiture for qualifying assets and that a Certificate of Divestiture is effective only if obtained prior to divestiture. Regardless of whether I receive a Certificate of Divestiture, I will ensure that all divestitures discussed in this agreement occur within the agreed upon timeframes and that all proceeds are invested in non-conflicting assets.

As required by 7 U.S.C. § 2(a)(8), I understand that, when I am appointed a Commissioner of the CFTC, I will be prohibited during my term from engaging in employment with any entity subject to regulation by the CFTC, and I will also be prohibited from participating, directly or indirectly, in any registered entity operations or transactions of a character subject to regulation by the CFTC. Further, I understand that, if I am confirmed as Commissioner of the CFTC, I must comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. § 13(c) and (d), 5 C.F.R. § 5101.102, 17 C.F.R. § 140.735-2, and 17 C.F.R. § 140.735-2a.

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 will meet in person with you during the first week of my service in the position of Commissioner 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.

I understand that as an appointee I must continue to abide by the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) that I previously signed and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

Finally, 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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