



BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20551

JANET L. YELLEN
VICE CHAIR

October 15, 2013

Ms. Cary K. Williams
Assistant General Counsel
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Washington, D.C. 20551

Dear Ms. Williams:

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 as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests or those of any person whose interests are imputed to me, 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 currently hold the position of Professor Emeritus at the University of California. I will not provide any services to the University of California in my capacity as Professor Emeritus for the duration of my government service. My spouse is an employee of the University of California. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which the University of California 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 retain my unpaid position as a trustee of the Akerlof and Yellen Family Trust. I will not participate personally and substantially in my official government capacity in any

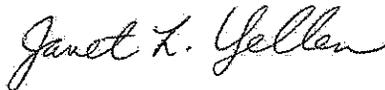
particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the Akerlof and Yellen Family Trust, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

My spouse and I receive royalties from Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Princeton University Press. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of these publishers to honor their contractual obligations regarding these royalties, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

My spouse is currently serving as a Visiting Scholar at the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") pursuant to a four year contract ending in October, 2014. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my spouse's contract with the IMF, or on the IMF's ability or willingness to meet its contractual obligations regarding my spouse's compensation, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). In addition, you have advised me that I have a "covered relationship" under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with the IMF, but that my participation in particular matters involving specific parties in which the IMF is a party or represents a party will be authorized, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). I understand that as an appointee I must continue to abide by the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order no. 13490) 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 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 other ethics agreements of Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Yellen".

Janet L. Yellen