

Date: September 14, 2017

Ms. Katherine D. McManus
Deputy Legal Adviser and
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Office of the Legal Adviser
Department of State

Re: Ethics Undertakings

Dear Ms. McManus:

I am committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct for government officials. If confirmed as the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, 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 resigned from my position with Poblete Analysis Group LLC on September 11, 2017. All outstanding client fees were fixed at that time, and I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of any of these clients to pay any amounts owed to Poblete Analysis Group LLC. During my appointment to the position of Assistant Secretary for Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, Poblete Analysis Group LLC will remain dormant and will not advertise. I will not perform any services for the firm, except that I will comply with any requirements involving legal filings, taxes and fees that are necessary to maintain the firm while it is in an inactive status. 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 Poblete Analysis Group LLC, 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 will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know a former client of mine is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after I last provided service to that client, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

I resigned from my position with the Catholic University of America in February 2017. 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 Catholic University of America 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 currently a partner with the law firm of Poblete Tamargo LLP. For as long as my spouse continues to work for Poblete Tamargo LLP, 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 Assistant Secretary, my spouse has agreed not to communicate directly with the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance on behalf of his employer or any client.

I have a managed account, and I will direct the account manager to obtain 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 monitor whether the account manager is following this direction regarding prior approval.

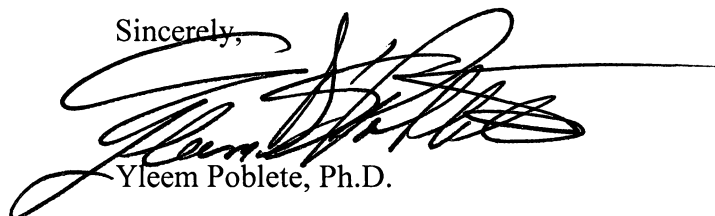
In addition, I will recuse myself from participation on a case-by-case basis in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I determine that a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts would question my impartiality in that matter, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, Subpart E.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from a member of the ethics office after my confirmation but no later than 15 days after my appointment as required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305, unless granted an extension under that regulation. 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.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Yleem Poblete', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yleem Poblete, Ph.D.