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David J. Apol, Acting Director
and General Counsel
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 500
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3919

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 of Joseph Hunt. President Trump has nominated Mr. Hunt to serve as Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report. The conflict of interest statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208, requires that Mr. Hunt recuse himself from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter in which he knows that he has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which he knows that a person whose interests are imputed to him has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Mr. Hunt understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to him: his spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which he is a limited or general partner; any organization in which he serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on his financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to him, Mr. Hunt will consult with Department of Justice ethics officials.

Mr. Hunt's spouse is employed by Chevy Chase Plastic Surgery in a position for which she receives a fixed annual salary and a bonus tied to her performance. For as long as his spouse continues to work for Chevy Chase Plastic Surgery, Mr. Hunt will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows Chevy Chase Plastic Surgery is a party or represents a party, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

If Mr. Hunt relies on a *de minimis* exemption under 5 C.F.R. § 2640.202 with regard to any of his financial interests in securities, he will monitor the value of those interests. If the aggregate value of interests affected by a particular matter increases and exceeds the *de minimis* threshold, he will not participate personally and substantially in the particular matter that to his knowledge has a

direct and predictable effect on the interests, unless he first obtains a written waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

If Mr. Hunt has a managed account or otherwise uses the services of an investment professional during his appointment, he will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains his 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), or obligations of the United States.

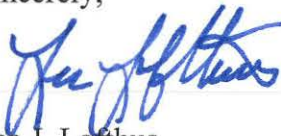
Mr. Hunt will meet in person with Department ethics officials during the first week of his service in the position of Assistant Attorney General in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. If circumstances do not permit a first-week meeting, he will meet with Department ethics officials not later than 15 days after his appointment as required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of his confirmation, he will document his compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying Department ethics officials in writing when he has completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

Mr. Hunt 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, Mr. Hunt understands that as an appointee he must sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that he will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments he 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,

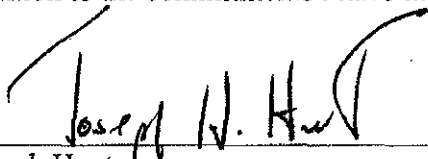
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Lee J. Lothus
Assistant Attorney General
For Administration and
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General and Designated Agency Ethics Official, on December 12, 2017 and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. 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.



Joseph Hunt

December 12, 2017
Date