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Dear Mr. Rounds:

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 Mr. Michael Purnell. President Biden has nominated Mr. Purnell to serve as the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi. We have conducted a thorough review of the nominee's report and have counseled him on the government ethics rules. The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that Mr. Purnell will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that he is confirmed for the aforementioned position. Mr. Purnell understands that it is his responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this Ethics Agreement (Agreement). This letter and the attached Nominee Statement constitute Mr. Purnell's Agreement.

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 the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi 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 Mr. Purnell on the applicable conflict of interest laws and regulations and, in particular, on the application of the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Mr. Purnell will not participate 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 particular matter, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). He understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to him:

- His spouse or any minor child of his;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which he is a limited or general partner;

- Any organization in which he serves as 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 the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during his appointment, Mr. Purnell will consult with an agency ethics official and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset.

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. Purnell will consult with the United States Marshals Service ethics officials. As stated in the attachment to this Agreement, Mr. Purnell understands and agrees to comply with the conflict of interest laws and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in this Agreement.

If Mr. Purnell 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 regulatory exemption for diversified mutual funds and unit investment trusts at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.20l(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds.

Mr. Purnell will receive a live ethics briefing from United States Marshals Service ethics officials after his confirmation but not later than 15 days after his appointment pursuant to the ethics program regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of his confirmation, Mr. Purnell will submit his Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance to United States Marshals Service ethics officials, which documents his compliance with this Agreement.

Mr. Purnell understands that as an appointee he will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that he will be bound by it. Among other obligations, he will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving his former employer or former clients for a period of two years after he is appointed, with the exception of Federal, state and local governments.

Mr. Purnell will not modify this Agreement without my approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics pursuant to the ethics agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4).

SECTION 2 – MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL |

Upon confirmation, Mr. Purnell will resign from his position with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (the State). For a period of one year after his resignation, he will have a “covered relationship” under the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d), the agency will grant him a written

authorization to participate personally and substantially in particular matters involving specific parties in which he knows the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol is a party or represents a party.

SECTION 3– SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Purnell's spouse is employed by Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District and Westat-Data Collection & Management in positions for which she receives a fixed annual salary. Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for as long as Mr. Purnell's spouse continues to work for Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District and Westat-Data Collection & Management, Mr. Purnell will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows that either Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District or Westat-Data Collection & Management is a party or represents a party, unless he is authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 4 – PUBLIC POSTING

Mr. Purnell has been advised that this Agreement and the Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance will be posted publicly, consistent with the public information law at 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.

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the enclosed report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you may so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR
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Arthur E. Gary
Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy,
Management, and Procurement and
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the Ethics Agreement signed by Arthur E. Gary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy, Management and Procurement and Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official on September 29, 2022, and I agree to comply with the commitments outlined in this Agreement. In addition, in the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) ethics officials and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset. I will not modify this Agreement without your approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics pursuant to the Agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4). I (including my spouse and dependent children if applicable) also will not repurchase any asset I was required to divest without my consultation with the USMS ethics officials and the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Finally, I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that I will be bound by it. Among other obligations, I will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving my former employer and my former clients for a period of two years after I am appointed, with the exception of Federal, state and local government.



Michael Purnell

Date: September 29, 2022