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Washington, D.C. 20530

Robert I. Cusick
Director
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 500
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3919

Dear Mr. Cusick:

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 Steven Stafford. President Obama has announced his intent to nominate Mr. Stafford to serve as the United States Marshal for the Southern District of California. We have conducted a thorough review of the nominee's report and have counseled him on the government ethics rules.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Mr. Stafford will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on his own financial interests or those of any other persons whose interests are imputed to him, 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). Mr. Stafford 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.

Upon confirmation, Mr. Stafford will resign from Star/Pal. For a period of one year from his resignation from this entity, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which Star/Pal is a party or represents a party, unless he is first authorized to participate pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Finally, Mr. Stafford understands that as an appointee he is required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that he will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments he has made in this and any other ethics agreement.

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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,

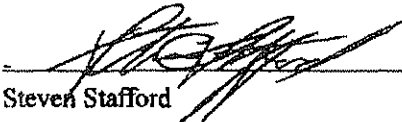
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Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration and
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on August 10, 2010, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) 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.



Steven Stafford

Date: 9/10, 2010