
From: Brandon A. Steele
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:42 PM
To: B Cohen (b)(6)
Cc: RK Slaughter (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

Dear Brian Cohen:

Attached, please find the response from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) to Senator Warren's January 5, 2017, letter to OGE. As a courtesy, we have also attached the original letter for reference.

Best regards,

Brandon A. Steele
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From: Cohen, Brian (Warren) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Walter M. Schaub; Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: FW: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

This time with the correct email for Mr. Schaub

From: Cohen, Brian (Warren)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 6:57 PM
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Brian

Brian A. Cohen
Oversight and Investigations Director
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

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From: McElvein, Elizabeth <(b)(6) contact info >
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 6:38 PM
To: (b)(6) D Goldberg Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: House Committee on the Judiciary letter

Attached, please find a letter from members of the House Judiciary Committee to the Attorney General and the Director of the United States Office on Government Ethics.

Many thanks,

Elizabeth H. McElvein
Professional Staff
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
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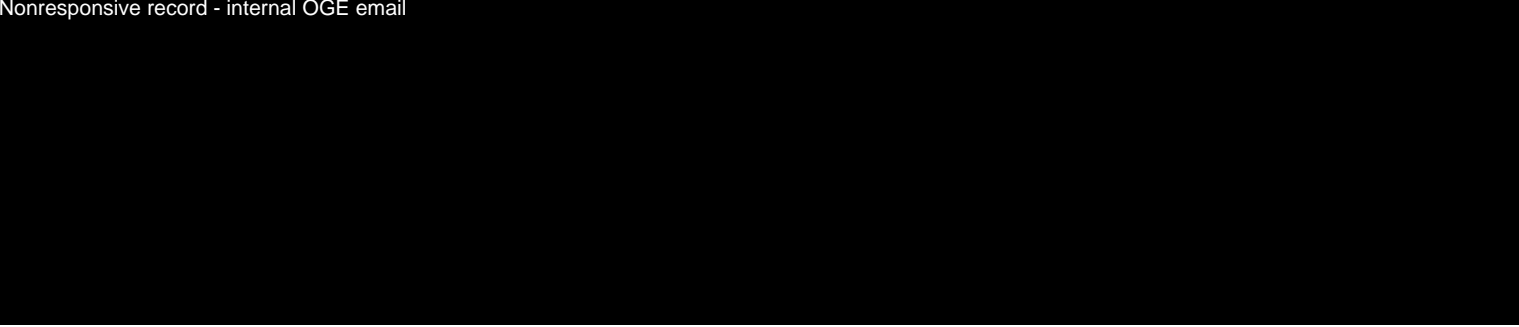
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From: Ferrato, Margaret (Whitehouse) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: Letter to Kevin Minoli from Senator Whitehouse, copy to Walter Shaub

Hello Jen,

I hope you're well. Thanks for your help last time with the letter from EPW Committee members. I'm reaching out today with a letter that Senator Whitehouse sent this morning to Kevin Minoli, Designated Agency Ethics Official at EPA. He indicated that he'd also like a copy sent to Walter Shaub.

Thanks,
Maggie

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer); Brandon A. Steele
Subject: RE: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

Thanks Brandon. Also confirming receipt.

BC

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From: Rosenberg, Michelle (Cantwell) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Jennifer Matis
Cc: Teutschel, Nicole (Cantwell)
Subject: Letter to Secretary of Commerce nominee

Good Evening Jennifer,

Please see attached letter to Secretary of Commerce nominee, Mr. Wilbur Ross, from Senator Cantwell. We have cced Mr. Walter Shaub on this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions, Thanks!

Michelle Rosenberg
Coast Guard Fellow

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell
511 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

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<http://cantwell.senate.gov>



From: Stein, Beth (HELP Committee) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 12:10 PM
To: Director of OGE
Cc: Rush, Carly (HELP Committee)
Subject: RE: OGE Response to Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray

Hi Matthew,

Carly Rush has been reaching out this morning in an effort to set up a call on the DeVos SF278 and Ethics Agreement. We have spent the weekend with the documents and promise to be as succinct and informed as possible, but we have reached the outer limits of our understanding and are really hoping to speak with the best folks there today. Thanks for your help.

Beth Stein

From: Stein, Beth (HELP Committee)
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 6:10 PM
To: 'Director of OGE'
Cc: Rush, Carly (HELP Committee)
Subject: RE: OGE Response to Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray

Thank you Matthew and please thank the Director for the fast turn-around.

Beth Stein

From: Director of OGE [<mailto:director@oge.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Stein, Beth (HELP Committee)
Cc: Rush, Carly (HELP Committee)
Subject: OGE Response to Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray

Please see attached.

Any queries regarding the content of this letter may be directed to our Chief of Staff and Program Counsel, Ms. Shelley Finlayson. She can be reached at 202-482-9314 or skfinlay@oge.gov.

I am available to help with any logistical inquiries.

Thank You,

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To: D Goldberg (b)(6); Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: House Committee on the Judiciary letter
Attachments: 1036_001.pdf

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Many thanks,

Elizabeth H. McElvein
Professional Staff
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

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From: Mayer, Deborah (Ethics) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 5:39 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Information/Document Management System

Shelley,

I hope you were able to take some time off over the holidays. I'm back in the office and am looking at 2017, and am reaching out about information/document management. I am beginning the processes of looking in to options to update/upgrade our information/document management system. Because there are similarities across our offices in terms of work product and outputs I was wondering if you might have some time to discuss the system your office uses to manage your workflow and documents, and your experience with that system. Or, if there is someone else in your office or one of the components you work with who you think may be able to better provide insight into the benefits and drawbacks of the system you currently use, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with them and discuss their experience and feedback.

Let me know if you have some time to meet and discuss.

Thanks,
DSM

Deborah Sue Mayer
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Select Committee on Ethics
United States Senate
220 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

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From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Call today

I'm teleworking as well.. (b) (6) is a better number.

Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 19, 2017, at 9:41 AM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

>
> Thanks. I'll give you a call at (b) (6), unless there is a better number to reach you?

>
> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
> Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:26 AM
> To: Shelley K. Finlayson
> Subject: Re: Call today

>
> Sounds good. Let me know what number I should call.

>
> Thanks

>
> Sent from my iPad

>> On Jan 19, 2017, at 8:14 AM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

>>
>> Hi Marybeth -
>> I am available at 2:30. Does that work for you?
>> Thanks,
>> Shelley

>>
>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
>> Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:49 AM
>> To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
>> Subject: Call today

>>
>> Hi ladies, please let me know your availability for a call today thanks.

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>> Sent from my iPad

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From: Diana Veilleux
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:31 PM
To: 'Nassif, Marybeth'; Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Confirmations

Hi Marybeth

We can call you at 4:30. Where shall we call?

Diana J. Veilleux

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From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
Subject: RE: Confirmations

Great I'll take a look at it. 4:30 today would be wonderful. Really just taking stock of the situation in case I get asked.

Marybeth

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [<mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6); Diana Veilleux <djveille@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Confirmations

Hi Marybeth –

My email (below) to you failed because of the size of the attachment. Although I cannot attach it, I recommend that you view the Transition Team Guide from the webpage (link below). We look forward to speaking with you.
Shelley

From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 2:52 PM
To: 'Nassif, Marybeth'; Diana Veilleux
Subject: RE: Confirmations

Hi Marybeth –

We are happy to have a call later today or tomorrow. Does either 4:30 p.m. today or 10:30 a.m. tomorrow work for you? In the meantime, I have attached a guide for your reference that explains the process and may be helpful to you. It was developed to assist the transition team with the process. This guide plus many other relevant resources (including a guide that walks nominees through the process) are available on our Presidential transition page <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/Resources/PRESIDENTIAL+TRANSITION>

We look forward to speaking with you,
Shelley

From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
Subject: Confirmations

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and were able to take time off for some R&R.

I have been reading much in the press about the confirmations process. I would like to get a better understanding of what is needed before a confirmation hearing and the process.

Could we chat briefly today?

Thanks

Marybeth Nassif
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Hemingway, Jennifer; Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Connecting

Hi Shelley - looking forward to working with you.

Call or email any time!

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Hemingway, Jennifer
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 6:58 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Skladany, Jon
Subject: Connecting

Shelley,

I'm copying Jon Skladany, OGR's new Staff Director.

I know you will enjoy working with each other.

Jon's cell phone is (b) (6)

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:37 AM
To: 'Skladany, Jon'
Subject: RE: Details of next Tuesday's meeting/forum

Hi Jon –

I hope you had a nice weekend. I am writing to confirm that the roundtable discussion is still on for tomorrow at 3:30 and to inquire about the location.

Thanks,
Shelley

From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:33 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Details of next Tuesday's meeting/forum

Hi Shelley – we are looking at 3:30 on Tuesday. The event is a roundtable discussion with groups who can recommend reforms of ethics laws and weigh in on ways to strengthen OGE, among other topics.

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [<mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Skladany, Jon
Subject: Details of next Tuesday's meeting/forum

Hi Jon –

Yesterday the Chairman mentioned that the committee is hosting a meeting/forum/hearing for NGOs focusing on OGE next Tuesday. I don't see it on the HOCR calendar. Will you please send me the location and time?

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To: Shelley K. Finlayson
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Here are the groups who are sending representatives (in most cases it is the head of the group, except Minnesota Law School . . . you can probably guess who they're sending):

- Cause of Action
- Center for Responsive Politics
- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
- Demand Progress
- Judicial Watch
- OpenTheGovernment.org
- Project on Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Citizen
- Sunlight Foundation
- Brookings Institute
- University of Minnesota Law School

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [<mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Skladany, Jon
Subject: RE: Details of next Tuesday's meeting/forum

Thanks, Jon. I will definitely take you up on your offer to give me a read out on any discussions regarding OGE. Can you tell me which organizations will be represented at the roundtable?
Shelley

From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Details of next Tuesday's meeting/forum

Hi Shelley – the roundtable is on. It is not an open meeting, however. I am happy to give you a read out after it wraps up on anything that comes up re: OGE. But the room will be closed during the session so the participants can speak candidly. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
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To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Location of meeting

Hi Shelley – we'll be in the committee's conference room in 2157 Rayburn. Members have been asked to limit their entourage to one staffer. Let me know if you need any help finding us.

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [<mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Skladany, Jon
Subject: Location of meeting

Hi Jon –
I am circling back with you to find out the location details of today's meeting at 4 p.m.
Thanks,
Shelley

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From: Nicholson, Ian (Finance) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: Feb. 6 Letter from Sen. Wyden

Hi Jen,

Just tying up some loose ends. See the attached letter regarding the amendment in process for Price.

Thanks,

Ian

Ian Nicholson

Investigator

U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

219 Dirksen Senate Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

Main: (202) 224-4515

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From: Ferrato, Margaret (Whitehouse) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: RE: Letter for Mr. Walter Shaub, Director, OGE

Thanks, Jennifer!
Signed letters are attached.

From: Jennifer Matis [<mailto:jmatis@oge.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Ferrato, Margaret (Whitehouse) (b) (6)
Cc: Gaeta, Joe (Whitehouse) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Letter for Mr. Walter Shaub, Director, OGE

I will pass it along.

Thanks,

Jen

Jennifer Matis
Assistant Counsel
Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch
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jennifer.matis@oge.gov

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Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Jennifer Matis
Cc: Gaeta, Joe (Whitehouse)
Subject: Letter for Mr. Walter Shaub, Director, OGE

Hello Jennifer,

Attached is a letter to Mr. Walter Shaub, Director of OGE from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and other members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Also attached is a letter that was sent today to Mr. Kevin Minoli, Designated Agency Ethics Official at EPA, which should be forwarded to Mr. Shaub as well.

The letters are currently being circulated among Senate offices for signatures, but as the letter contains a time sensitive request, we wanted to get it to OGE as soon as possible. Please let me know if there is a better way to get this letter to the intended recipient. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,
Maggie

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To: Walter M. Schaub; Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: FW: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren
Attachments: Schumer Warren Letter to Schaub 010516.pdf

[This time with the correct email for Mr. Schaub](#)

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To: 'walter.schaub@oge.gov' ; 'skfinlay@oge.gov'
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

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Brian

Brian A. Cohen
Oversight and Investigations Director
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

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Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 2:00 PM
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Subject: Re: Questions

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Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Questions

Sounds good.

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On Jan 14, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Great. How about 3:15?

From: Hemingway, Jennifer
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Questions

Hi Shelley,

I'm happy to help. My cell is (b) (6).

Should we connect today? I'll be checked out of the grocery store in about 20 min.

Jennifer

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:00 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Questions

I'll call you. Thanks Shelley.

On Jan 18, 2017, at 7:36 AM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Yes. Do you want me to call your number or will you call mine (202) 482-9314?

From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:32 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Questions
Yes, thank you. Do you have time at 12:30?

On Jan 18, 2017, at 7:26 AM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Jon –
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Jon

On Jan 16, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Skladany, Jon (b) (6) wrote:

Hi Shelley,
The Chairman is not able to accommodate the Director's request for a public event at that time. Please let us know if the Director will meet with the Chairman and Ranking Member under the concept that you described below.
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Jon

On Jan 15, 2017, at 2:40 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson
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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:08 PM
To: Nicholson, Ian (Finance)
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Quick call on Mnuchin's OGE Forms and Letter

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This request has to go through our leg affairs office. I have copied Shelley Finlayson, who is the head of the office, on this response.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:02 PM
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We received the OGE forms for Mr. Mnuchin last night and are continuing to review their contents. I know you have a ton on your plate, but if you had 15-20 minutes tomorrow afternoon or on Friday, it would be helpful to pick your brain on a few items, just to help our understanding.
Thanks in advance.

Ian Nicholson
Investigator
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Main: (202) 224-4515
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From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 5:57 PM
To: 'Nassif, Marybeth'; Diana Veilleux
Subject: RE: Statement on the Ethics EO

Hi Marybeth –

We are still in the process of evaluating the impact of the Executive Order on OGE. We will reach out to you as soon as we have a better sense of the potential effects.

Thanks,
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From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
Subject: Statement on the Ethics EO

Hi Shelly and Diana,

Will the new EO on ethics, **Executive Order** on January 28, 2017

[Executive Order: ETHICS COMMITMENTS BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTEES](#)

have any impact on your organization? Was wondering if there has been any coordination with your agency on this and any additional work you all might have.

Thanks

Marybeth Nassif
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
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U.S. House of Representatives

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Hi Marybeth

We are circling back with you on the status of OGE's actions regarding the President's recent Executive Order on Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees. As required by the EO, we will shortly be issuing a Legal Advisory for agency ethics officials linking to the EO and providing an Ethics Pledge form for agencies to use for officials required to sign it incident to their appointments. We will let you know when that is issued and posted on our website. We are still evaluating the anticipated increase in OGE's work such as advice, training, and desk officer services that will result from the EO; however, we do know that it will require OGE to promulgate a regulation the publication of which was not anticipated and therefore not included in OGE's budget request. We expect to be able to provide you an estimate of those costs next week.

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From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 5:57 PM
To: 'Nassif, Marybeth'; Diana Veilleux
Subject: RE: Statement on the Ethics EO

Hi Marybeth –

We are still in the process of evaluating the impact of the Executive Order on OGE. We will reach out to you as soon as we have a better sense of the potential effects.

Thanks,
Shelley

From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
Subject: Statement on the Ethics EO

Hi Shelly and Diana,

Will the new EO on ethics, **Executive Order** on January 28, 2017

Executive Order: ETHICS COMMITMENTS BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTEES

have any impact on your organization? Was wondering if there has been any coordination with your agency on this and any additional work you all might have.

Thanks

Marybeth Nassif

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Committee on Appropriations

U.S. House of Representatives

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Kehli Cage

From: Boyd, Krista (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: question

Ok thanks will call around 415 (or let me know if that won't work - just in a busy spot right now).

On Jan 13, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Krista - I called and left you a voicemail but am not sure it went through correctly. I am at my BlackBerry number at (b) (6) right now.

Thanks,
Shelley

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Boyd, Krista
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: question

Hi, Shelley,

I just spoke with Chairman Chaffetz's staff. I agreed to be the point person to follow up with you to relay the results of that conversation whenever you have time.

Krista

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [<mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Boyd, Krista (b) (6)
Subject: RE: question

Hi Krista –

Apologize for the delay in responding. Please let me know if you still want to discuss.

Thanks,
Shelley

From: Boyd, Krista (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: question

Hi, Shelley,

Was the plan being announced by the President-elect run by OGE?

Thanks,
Krista

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From: [Cohen, Brian \(Warren\)](#)
To: [Walter M. Shaub](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:06:00 PM

Thank you!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 19:03
To: Cohen, Brian (Warren); Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: RE: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

Thank you. I am confirming receipt of this email. We will endeavor to respond promptly. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Shelley Finlayson of my staff at (202) 482-9314 if you have any questions.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005-3917

(b) (6)

Email: walter.schaub@oge.gov

From: Cohen, Brian (Warren) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub; Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: FW: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

This time with the correct email for Mr. Shaub

From: Cohen, Brian (Warren)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 6:57 PM
To: 'walter.schaub@oge.gov' <walter.schaub@oge.gov>; 'skfinlay@oge.gov' <skfinlay@oge.gov>
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer) (b) (6)
Subject: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

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Brian

Brian A. Cohen
Oversight and Investigations Director
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

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From: [Stein, Beth \(HELP Committee\)](#)
To: [Director of OGE](#)
Cc: [Rush, Carly \(HELP Committee\)](#)
Subject: RE: OGE Response to Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 6:10:32 PM

Thank you Matthew and please thank the Director for the fast turn-around.
Beth Stein

From: Director of OGE [mailto:director@oge.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Stein, Beth (HELP Committee)
Cc: Rush, Carly (HELP Committee)
Subject: OGE Response to Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray

Please see attached.

Any queries regarding the content of this letter may be directed to our Chief of Staff and Program Counsel, Ms. Shelley Finlayson. She can be reached at 202-482-9314 or skfinlay@oge.gov.

I am available to help with any logistical inquiries.

Thank You,
Matthew Marinec, M.P.P.
Confidential Assistant to the Director
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
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Washington, DC 20005-3917
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From: [Hemingway, Jennifer](#)
To: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Cc: [Suber, Dannie](#); [Bailey, Katie](#)
Subject: Meeting request - Chairman Chaffetz
Date: Saturday, December 03, 2016 1:27:51 PM

Shelly,

Chairman Chaffetz would like to meet with Director Schaub by Thursday, December 7.

I've copied Dannie Suber for scheduling.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

From: [Hemingway, Jennifer](#)
To: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request - Chairman Chaffetz
Date: Friday, December 09, 2016 9:00:21 AM

Hi Shelley,

I'm sorry to have missed this yesterday. We were on the floor with bills/votes and the Chairman's scheduled was backed up with a hard stop for a return flight home.

I believe Dannie is working to schedule the in person meeting for January.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

From: Shelley K. Finlayson [mailto:skfinlay@oge.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 1:17 PM
To: Hemingway, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Meeting request - Chairman Chaffetz

Hi Jennifer –

The Director's scheduler just indicated that we are uncertain based on his exchange with the Chairman's scheduler about whether we are on for a 2:30 meeting or not. I understand that he was waiting to hear back about the possibility of a call on Monday, but did not. The Director is available for a meeting today if the Chairman would still like to meet in person. Please let me know if the Director is expected at 2:30.

Thanks,
Shelley

From: Hemingway, Jennifer [mailto:(b)(6) contact info]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Suber, Dannie; Bailey, Katie
Subject: Meeting request - Chairman Chaffetz

Shelly,

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Sincerely,
Jennifer

From: [Boyd, Krista](#)
To: [Hemingway, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [Skladany, Jon](#)
Subject: Re: Questions
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:54:32 PM

Yes, I can do a call at 2 p.m. tomorrow or any time on Monday.

On Jan 14, 2017, at 8:19 PM, Hemingway, Jennifer (b)(6) contact info >
wrote:

Hi Shelley,

Thanks for your email, and for reaching out to Director Shaub. We will let the Chairman know that staff level discussions continue, which he will appreciate.

Re a staff call, Jon and I should be available almost anytime. Could we plan for Sunday (tomorrow), perhaps at 2 pm? We can circulate a conference line. Krista are you free?

If we are looking at dates other than Jan 23, there is a possibility the meeting may last beyond 90 minutes. We can discuss this during our call as we confirm the specifics of the meeting in response to the Chairman's request.

It would also be helpful to know what other dates are possible if Director Shaub has a conflict on Jan 23.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2017, at 7:09 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennifer -

Thanks for the call today. I spoke to OGE's Director this evening. I relayed the following details from our conversation about the meeting being offered in lieu of the closed-door, transcribed interview:

The event is a meeting in a conference room with the Chairman and Ranking Member and their staff present, in addition to the Director of OGE and his attendees. The Chairman, Ranking Member, and their respective staff may ask questions. The meeting will not be recorded or transcribed other than staff taking notes. The meeting is scheduled to last no longer than 90 minutes. The meeting will focus on OGE's public outreach

activities and potential reauthorization. The meeting will not be under oath. The requested meeting date and time is Monday, January 23 from 4-5:30 pm.

In addition, there will be a staff-level conference call with HOCR majority and minority staff and OGE staff no later than Tuesday to ensure that we all have the same understanding of the meeting.

The Director has agreed in concept to the meeting as described above, but will need to discuss other possible dates.

I have included Krista Boyd on this email so she is aware of the status.

Please let me know best days and times for the staff level call.

Thanks,
Shelley

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From: [Hemingway, Jennifer](#)
To: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Subject: Re: Questions
Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:51:49 PM

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Great. How about 3:15?

From: Hemingway, Jennifer
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: Questions

Hi Shelley,

I'm happy to help. My cell is (b)(6) contact

Should we connect today? I'll be checked out of the grocery store in about 20 min.

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2017, at 1:14 PM, Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennifer -

I'm spoke to Krista Boyd of Ranking Member Cummings' staff yesterday and have some questions about the details she relayed. Are you the correct point of contact for Chairman Chaffetz? If not, can you please put me in touch with the correct POC?

Thanks,
Shelley

From: Cohen, Brian (Warren) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Walter M. Schaub; Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly (Schumer)
Subject: FW: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren

This time with the correct email for Mr. Schaub

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Brian

Brian A. Cohen
Oversight and Investigations Director
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

(b) (6)

From: McElvein, Elizabeth (b) (6) >
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 6:38 PM
To: D Goldberg (b)(6); Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: House Committee on the Judiciary letter

Attached, please find a letter from members of the House Judiciary Committee to the Attorney General and the Director of the United States Office on Government Ethics.

Many thanks,

Elizabeth H. McElvein
Professional Staff
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

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From: [Cohen, Brian \(Warren\)](#)
To: [Walter M. Schaub](#); [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Cc: [Slaughter, Rebecca Kelly \(Schumer\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from Sens. Schumer and Warren
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 7:00:17 PM
Attachments: [Schumer Warren Letter to Schaub 010516.pdf](#)

This time with the correct email for Mr. Schaub

From: Cohen, Brian (Warren)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 6:57 PM
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Brian A. Cohen
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Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

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From: [Stein, Beth \(HELP Committee\)](#)
To: [Walter M. Shaub](#)
Cc: [Rush, Carly \(HELP Committee\)](#)
Subject: Letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray
Date: Saturday, January 07, 2017 5:10:30 PM
Attachments: [010616 DeVos - OGE Letter.pdf](#)

Dear Director Shaub,

Attached please find a letter from HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray inquiring about the status of ethics review of Betsy DeVos, currently scheduled for a confirmation hearing next Wednesday January 11th. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (b) [REDACTED] (6) [REDACTED]. Thank you and apologies for the Saturday email.

Beth Stein

Beth Stein
General Counsel and Oversight Counsel
Senate HELP Committee
Ranking Member Murray

From: [Diana Veilleux](#)
To: "Casey, Sharon"
Cc: [Thorlin, Jack](#); [Bailey, Katie](#); [McKenna, Liam](#)
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Shaub OGE re Transcribed Interview
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:45:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Evening

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the referenced correspondence from Chairman Chaffetz. If you have any further questions about this matter, please direct them to me or to Shelley Finlayson at shelley.finlayson@oge.gov.

Best regards,

Diana J. Veilleux

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Chief

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Program Counsel Division

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From: Casey, Sharon (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:58 PM

To: Diana Veilleux

Cc: Thorlin, Jack; Bailey, Katie; McKenna, Liam

Subject: Letter to Director Shaub OGE re Transcribed Interview

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Chaffetz of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Please note the letter requests a response by January 31, 2017.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you,

Sharon Casey



Sharon Ryan Casey
Deputy Chief Clerk
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515
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January 12, 2017

The Honorable Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Director Shaub:

On December 19, 2015, the Committee requested information related to the Office of Government Ethics' publicly-released guidance and other public interactions. The Committee's questions about blurring the line between public relations and official ethics guidance have resurfaced in the wake of OGE's communications with the incoming administration on ethics questions via Twitter and through the press.

On November 30, 2016, the OGE official Twitter account issued a series of tweets in response to the President-elect's announcement that he will address potential conflicts of interest related to his business interests and personal financial assets. The public OGE account tweeted:

.@realDonaldTrump OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

.@realDonaldTrump [*sic*] As we discussed with your counsel, divestiture is the way to resolve these conflicts

.@realDonaldTrump this aligns with OGE opinion that POTUS should act as if 18 USC 208 applies. bit.ly/2fRpIG0

.@realDonaldTrump Bravo! Only way to resolve these conflicts is to divest. Good call!

.@realDonaldTrump this divestiture does what handing over control could never have done.

.@realDonaldTrump – we told your counsel we'd sing your praises if you divested, we meant it.

.@realDonaldTrump OGE applauds the "total" divestiture decision. Bravo!

.@realDonaldTrump Brilliant! Divestiture is good for you, very good for America!

.@realDonaldTrump We can't repeat enough how good this total divestiture will be.¹

It was not clear whether the tweets constituted official OGE guidance or something less formal. It is clear, however, the tweets publicized private discussions with the President-elect's counsel. The tweets also created the appearance that OGE approved the President-elect's divestiture plan, which caused further confusion.

The line between official OGE policy and informal commentary was also blurred in May 2015. At that time, OGE offered public comments in response to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's failure to disclose honoraria paid to the Clinton Foundation in return for speeches made by her or her husband while she was Secretary of State. Specifically, OGE spokesman Vincent Salamone issued the following statement:

Disclosure of speaking fees is not required when a public filer or the filer's spouse is acting as an agent of an organization and payment is made directly to that organization. The rule is different when the speaking is done in a personal capacity and the fees are directed or donated to charity, in which case disclosure would be required.²

The commentary offered in response to the Clinton case created confusion. Your agency had not conducted any investigation of the circumstances of the speeches that would have allowed it to determine whether the Clintons were acting as agents of the Clinton Foundation. Ethics experts stated that there was little evidence the speeches had anything to do with the Clinton Foundation.³ The Office of Government Ethics also declined to comment when asked by the press whether this exception has previously appeared in the agency's public guidance or regulations.⁴

Your agency's mission is to provide clear ethics guidance, not engage in public relations. The Committee is thus continuing its examination of OGE's operations. OGE's statutory authorization lapsed at the end of fiscal year 2007 and the Committee has jurisdiction in the House of Representatives for reauthorizing the office. To help the Committee understand how you perceive OGE's role, among other things, please make yourself available for a transcribed interview with Committee staff as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2017. The Committee may also need to interview additional witnesses pursuant to this review.

¹ Office of Gov't Ethics (@OfficeGovEthics), Twitter (Nov. 30, 2016), <https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics/status/804020923800158209>.

² Josh Gerstein, *Hillary's speech disclosures come under fire*, POLITICO, May 20, 2015.

³ *Id.*

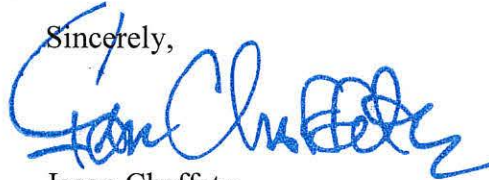
⁴ *Id.*

The Honorable Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
January 12, 2017
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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

Please contact Jack Thorlin of the Committee staff at (202) 226-4240 to schedule the transcribed interview requested herein or with any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Chaffetz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

Kehli Cage

From: max@omb.eop.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 3:38 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: MAX User Certificate Registration

Dear David Apol,

You have requested the registration of your PIV/CAC card for your MAX account. You must register your PIV/CAC card by 05:37 PM, January 05, 2017.

Here's the validation code for registering your PIV/CAC card:

Validation Code: (b)(6)

If you require assistance, please contact the MAX Support team by emailing maxsupport@omb.eop.gov or calling 202-395-6860.

Thank you!
The MAX Support Team
Budget Systems Branch
Office of Management and Budget
(202) 395-6860
(Weekdays 8 AM to 6:30 PM)

Kehli Cage

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 2:02 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Rachel K. Dowell
Subject: RE: Call

I can talk now, but Matt Morgan is not here. Does now work?

MARK R. PAOLETTA
Assistant and Counsel to the Vice President

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Kehli Cage

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:53 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP
Subject: Appointments of ethics officials for OVP
Attachments: Ethics Officer Designation _ 2017.01.24_SIGNED.docx.pdf

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Dave,

Attached please find two memoranda setting forth the Vice President's appointments of designated ethics officials for the Office of the Vice President. I have cc'd Matt Morgan, who is the Deputy Counsel to the Vice President.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Mark

MARK R. PAOLETTA
Counsel to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President

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Kehli Cage

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:03 AM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: New Counsel to the Vice President

Hi David,

I just left you a vm. Please call when you have a moment.

Thanks.

Mark

MARK R. PAOLETTA
Counsel to the Vice President

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From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:34 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Rachel K. Dowell; Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP
Subject: RE: Call

Looping in Matt Morgan

MARK R. PAOLETTA
Assistant and Counsel to the Vice President

(b) (6)

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:33 AM
To: 'David J. Apol'
Cc: Rachel K. Dowell
Subject: RE: Call

Dave,

What time works today for a call with you, Rachel, and my deputy Matt Morgan? We could talk around 10 am.

MARK R. PAOLETTA
Assistant and Counsel to the Vice President

(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:01 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP
Subject: conference call monday

Hi Dave,

Are you available Monday for a conference call with me and Matt Morgan? Does 11:00 am work? We have some questions about the review process, and also wanted to introduce ourselves to you.

Thanks.
Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:24 AM
To: 'djapol@oge.gov' <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: submitting VP's appointments of ethic officials

Dave,
Thanks for your voicemail. I wanted to submit the Vice President's appointments of ethics official for the Office of the Vice President. Can I email to you pdf copies?
Hope you feel better.
Thanks.
Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Paoletta, Mark R. EOP/OVP
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:03 AM
To: 'djapol@oge.gov' <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: New Counsel to the Vice President

Hi David,

I just left you a vm. Please call when you have a moment.
Thanks.
Mark

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Counsel to the Vice President

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:55 PM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Cc: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO

Subject: RE: update on a nominee

Sure. I will be here.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO

Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics

Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)



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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:45 PM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Cc: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO

Subject: RE: update on a nominee

Yes, I can call shortly.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO

Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics

Office of the White House Counsel

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-----Original Message-----

From: Holtgrewe, Catherine M. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 1:54 PM

To: Cheryl D. McMillan; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO

Cc: (b)(5), (b)(6); David J. Apol

Subject: RE: (b)(5), (b)(6) Memorandum

My apologies. A corrected memorandum is attached.

Thanks,
Catherine

-----Original Message-----

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Cheryl D. McMillan
Cc: Holtgrewe, Catherine M. EOP/WHO
Subject: FW: (b)(5), (b)(6) Memorandum

Attached is the memo. Can you please sign and return?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

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Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Just out of a meeting. Trying you now.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Quick Call

Walt, just following up on my voicemail, I was hoping to catch up with you sometime today or tomorrow to discuss some procedural issues and to ensure we are working together smoothly. Just let me know of a good time to speak. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

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Original Message

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO

Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:07 AM

To: David J. Apol

Subject: Time to talk?

I'd like to run a question by you. Stefan.


Stefan C. Passantino

Deputy Counsel to the President

Office of the White House Counsel

Kehli Cage

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STEFAN C. PASSANTINO

Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics Office of the White House Counsel

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Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: call

Walter - could you give me a call at your convenience. Thanks. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Good. I will call you then. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

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Original Message

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe
Subject: Re: Quick Call

Walt, are you available to discuss this this morning? I would like to talk before it goes out. Thank you.

Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
Office of the White House Counsel

> On Feb 2, 2017, at 6:51 PM, Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov> wrote:

>

> Hi Stefan,

>

> Thanks for the call earlier today. As we discussed, I would like to get your thoughts on the attached Legal Advisory regarding the new ethics pledge. (b)(5) deliberative

We're getting calls about the ethics pledge, so I think this needs to go out Monday, but I would like to touch base again before we issue it if you have any time on Friday or Monday.

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> Walt

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> Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
> Director
> U.S. Office of Government Ethics
> 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
> Washington, DC 20005-3917

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> Telephone: 202.482.9292
> Email: walter.shaub@oge.gov

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO

> (b) (6)

> Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:24 PM

> To: Walter M. Shaub

> Cc: David J. Apol

> Subject: Quick Call

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> STEFAN C. PASSANTINO

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Kehli Cage

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:48 PM

To: David J. Apol

Cc: Director of OGE

Subject: Re: Pledge disucssion

How's 3:30 or 4:00?

Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
Office of the White House Counsel

On Jan 30, 2017, at 2:26 PM, David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Stefan,

Sorry I missed your call. Would you be available to talk with us this afternoon? We are available at any time. 3:00?

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Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Rodrick T. Johnson; Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Elaine Newton; Teresa L. Williamson; Sandra S. Mabry; Monica M. G. Ashar
Subject: RE: Certificate of Divestiture for Jared C. Kushner

Thank you. I have received this and am grateful for the prompt attention your office has been paying to issues such as this. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:54 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: (b) (5),
(b) (6)

David - it was a pleasure meeting you today in person. Please connect me with (b) (5), (b) (6) once it is appropriate to do so. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:54 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Sandra S. Mabry
Subject: COD REQUEST LIDDELL
Attachments: LIDDELL SCHEDULE A.PDF; LIDDELL SCHEDULE B.PDF; LIDDELL SCHEDULE C.PDF;
LIDDELL COD MEMO TO JDS SIGNED.PDF; LIDDELL OGE COD REQUEST SIGNED.PDF;
JDS DESIGNATION.PDF

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 1:33 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: COHN COD
Attachments: SCHULTZ PRESIDENTIALDESIGNATION.PDF; cohn.pdf; 2017_02_03 18-26-15.pdf; 2017_02_03 18-28-38.pdf

Dave

Please find the COD request for Mr. Cohn. Expedited review on this one is appreciated. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ

Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:16 AM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Couple of items

1. Let's discuss the nominees
2. Can you send me contact info for the following who were mentioned in our meeting as (b) (5)

[Redacted]

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)
[Redacted]

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:58 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Subject: DINA POWELL
Attachments: SCHULTZ DESIGNATION.PDF; POWELL COD PACKAGE.PDF

Attached you will find a COD request for Dina Powell. Thank you. Jim

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

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From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 1:54 PM

To: David J. Apol; Sandra S. Mabry

Subject:

Can you please (b)(5) & (b)(6). I am working on a memo. Thanks. The (b)(5), (b)(6) are at the end of the list. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ

Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 9:29 AM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Call

Dave - can you give me a call?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 4:56 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: can you give me a call?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:22 AM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: FW: Powell Letter
Attachments: Powell Letter (1-25-17) (4).docx

Have you or your colleagues seen this?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: (b)(6)
To: David J. Apol
Subject: FW: Revised and Final Versions of Memos with Finalized Divestiture Charts
Attachments: Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Trust Assets for Divestiture FI...pdf; Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Renee Assets for Divestiture FI...pdf; Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Chris Assets for Divestiture FINAL 1-31.pdf; LIDDELL DIVESTITURE REQUEST - FINAL(102442121_1).DOCX; LIDDELL COD REQUEST TO OGE - FINAL(102442122_1).DOCX; LIDDELL CONFLICT MEMO - FINAL(102442118_3).DOCX

Importance: High

Attached is a draft package relative to Mr. Liddell who we have been discussing. Can we catch up on a quick call?
The password is (b)(6)

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

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Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Elaine Newton
Cc: David J. Apol; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Subject: Kushner Application for Certificate of Divestiture
Attachments: WHCO Memo re Kushner COD Application (final).pdf; Presidential Designation as Ethics Official.pdf; Kushner Application for COD.XLSX

Elaine, attached per our conversation is the application by the White House Counsel's Office for a Certificate of Divestiture for Mr. Kushner. I am attaching the President's designation of me as the White House Ethics Officer authorizing me to send this request. Please advise if you require any additional information from me to process this request. Thank you. Stefan.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Sandra S. Mabry
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: FW: Final Docs
Attachments: LIDDELL COD REQUEST TO OGE FINAL.docx; LIDDELL WAIVER REQUEST V4.DOCX; LIDDELL DIVESTITURE REQUEST FINAL.docx; Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Renee Assets for Diverstiture F....pdf; Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Trust Assets for Divestiture FI....pdf; Chris Liddell - OGE Divestiture Packet - Chris Assets for Divestiture FINAL 2-2.pdf

Chris made some edits to the Waiver which I incorporated. I also edited the COD divestiture memo to reflect the identities. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Swartz, Christopher J. EOP/WHO
Subject: Final Docs

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

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From: Christopher J. Swartz
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:36 PM
To: David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe
Cc: (b)(6) Swartz EOP address
Subject: FW: Hello & help to find a speaker

Here is additional info here. (b)(5) deliberative

I think I am going to give her a call in the AM to figure out what they really want.

=Chris

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Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Sandra S. Mabry
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: LIDDELL WAIVER REQUEST - V3
Attachments: LIDDELL WAIVER REQUEST - V3.DOCX

Sandy and David - I do not believe we will have the (b) (5) ready today so we may need to reference the document which I previously prepared. J

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 6:50 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Sandra S. Mabry
Subject: Liddell

Any word on when the COD will be ready?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel and Special Assistant to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: (b) (6)
To: David J. Apol; Sandra S. Mabry
Subject: Lidell Conflict Memo
Attachments: Lidell Conflict Memo.docx

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Walker, Evan J. EOP/WHO; Michael Hanson
Cc: David J. Apol; Vincent Salamone
Subject: RE: Old info on WH website: where to get Financial Disclosure Reports

While this works for Assistants to the President and Deputy Assistants, the Special Assistants' 278s are housed in our office. We need to come up with a plan to make them available via electronic request. Please make some suggestions. Thank you. J

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

From: Walker, Evan J. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Michael Hanson <mhanson@oge.gov>; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>; Vincent Salamone <vjsalamo@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Old info on WH website: where to get Financial Disclosure Reports

Both pages are consistent now.
If we'd rather remove altogether, just let me know.

Evan Walker

(b) (6)

From: Walker, Evan J. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:14 AM
To: 'Michael Hanson' <mhanson@oge.gov>; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>; Vincent Salamone <vjsalamo@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Old info on WH website: where to get Financial Disclosure Reports

Roger. Will make both pages consistent.

Evan Walker

(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: (b) (6)
To: David J. Apol; Swartz, Christopher J. EOP/WHO
Subject: MEMO WITH NUMBERS
Attachments: LIDDELL WAIVER REQUEST V4.docx

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Swartz, Christopher J. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:34 PM
To: David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO; Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO
Subject: NDU Speaking Event

This email memorializes the discussions I have had with both parties at OGE and WH on my speaking appearance at NDU on March 14th. This speaking event will be done in my OGE capacity. I will make it clear at the beginning that I am not speaking on behalf of the WH. I will also make it clear that I am not speaking as to specific persons, incidents, or events. I spoke with Dave last night and he gave me to OGE green light.

The topic of the discussion will be social media and the OGE ethics rules. The discussion will be similar to earlier presentations I have done at the OGE 2016 Summit and at the NASA Annual Legal Conference. I will discuss the basis of the ethics rules (impartiality, appearance of impartiality, misuse of position, public trust) and then tie those reasons to the OGE Social Media guidance issued in 2015 (a public document). I will also do a few case studies that will be based on very general issues, e.g., I will plan to do a case study modeled on the Ice Bucket Challenge to illustrate the fundraising rules in 2635.808.

The speech will last 1 hour, maybe slightly more with questions. I will pay for local travel. I will decline all gifts provided except for any that are \$20 or less. As an assigned duty from OGE, I understand that attendance at the class is not a gift to me. I will not promote or endorse any person, entity, or enterprise in my speech. I will not disclose non-public information for private gain.

Christopher Swartz
Ethics Counsel
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: (b)(6)
To: Sandra S. Mabry; (b)(6) G Cowper
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Liddell

Sandy

Can you do a 1 pm call with Geoff today?

James D. Schultz
Associate Counsel to the President
Office of White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:47 AM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Pretty sure you have this. calling you now. J
Attachments: DP Form 278e (Draft 1-23-17) (initial filing).pdf

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 12:10 PM
To: (b)(6) H Flick
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Price

Dave

As discussed please work to get us the cod on this nominee today. Much appreciated, as always.

James D. Schultz
Associate Counsel to the President
Office of White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:17 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Please call - SGE QUESTION

Thank you.

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 2:31 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Please call

David - could you call me at (b) (6)

JAMES D. Schultz
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

Kehli Cage

From: Swartz, Christopher J. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: (b) (6)
To: Deborah J. Bortot; David J. Apol
Cc: Heather A. Jones; Remus, Dana A. EOP/WHO
Subject: POTUS Report - DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
Attachments: OGE 278 ATTACHMENT A TO SCHEDULE A ver 2.pdf; POTUS.DRAFT.TERM.2017.pdf

Dave & Deb-

Hope this finds you well. Attached is a copy of the President's termination financial disclosure report. It is mostly complete, (b)(5) deliberative [REDACTED] so that I can then update the report, but we wanted to get this to you ASAP. Please be mindful that (b)(5) deliberative [REDACTED].

We are aiming to finalize pre-review by OGE (b) (6), and greatly appreciate your assistance. I am available to be in person or on the phone to discuss any matter which you desire to discuss.

Thank you for your prompt review, and thank you for your diligence in protecting the nonpublic nature of this information.

Christopher J. Swartz
Ethics Counsel
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:08 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Pre Clear

Has the nominee for (b) (5) been pre-cleared?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Re: Call with the Director

On the way. We may be 5 min late but are headed over now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

Yes. That works.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

It does for me. Let me confirm with Jim as well.
STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO; David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Call with the Director
Dave, how about Jim and I come over there this afternoon to meet with you and Walt?
STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:32 PM
To: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>; Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Call with the Director
Anytime after 12 noon works for us.
JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance
Office of the White House Counsel

(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 11:27 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Director of OGE
Subject: RE: can we move the 11:30 update call to 11:45?

To when? I'd like to make sure it happens today. Thank you.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 11:31 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Director of OGE
Subject: RE: can we move the 11:30 update call to 11:45?

OK. I'll be available.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

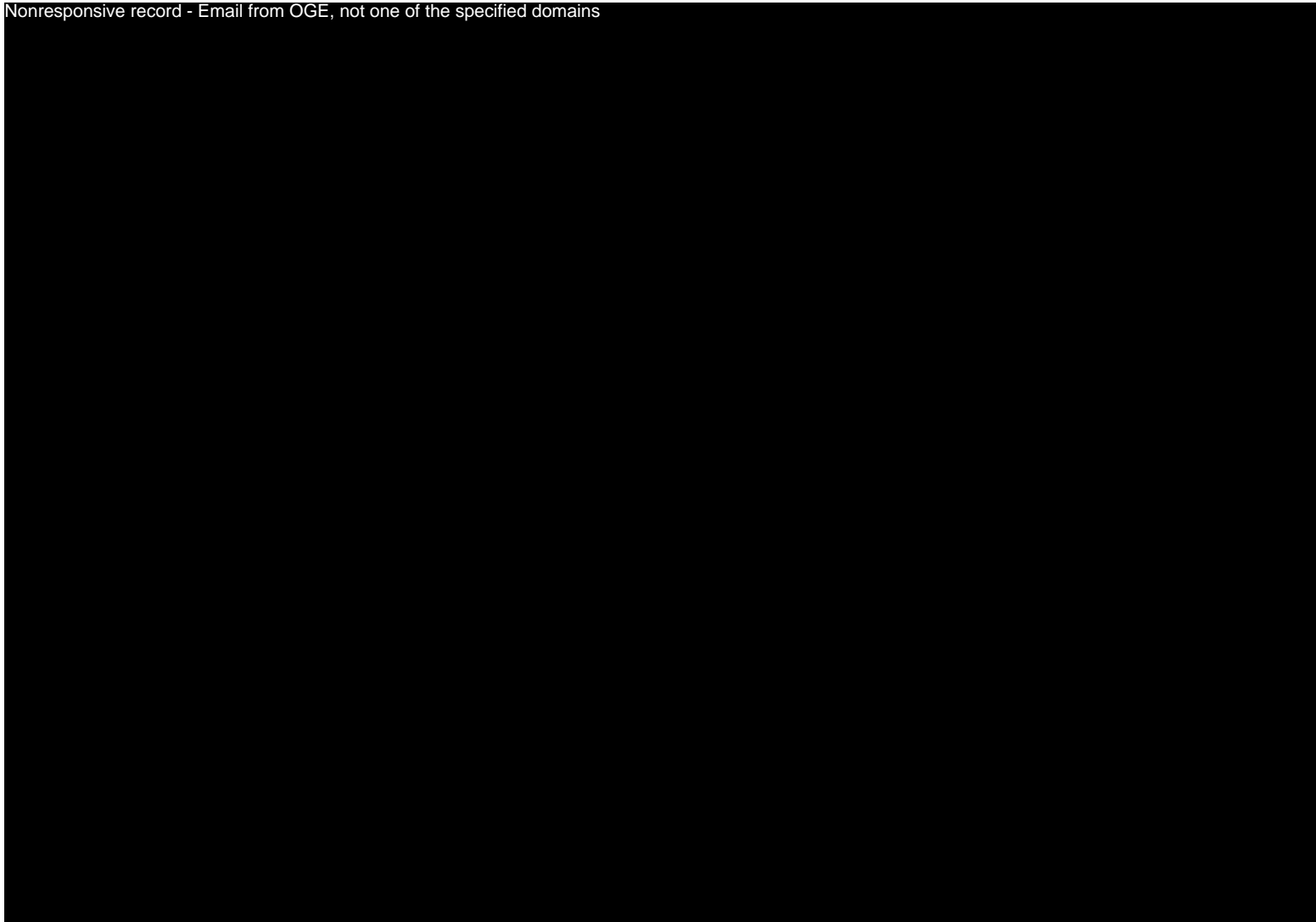
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Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

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Kehli Cage

From: Swartz, Christopher J. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 4:13 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: question

Dave-

Dana and I are trying to loop back on the question I posed on my VM. Would mind giving me a call at (b) (6) or calling her?

Christopher J. Swartz

Ethics Counsel

Office of the White House Counsel

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Quick Call

Walt, just following up on my voicemail, I was hoping to catch up with you sometime today or tomorrow to discuss some procedural issues and to ensure we are working together smoothly. Just let me know of a good time to speak. Stefan.

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:56 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: 5:00 call

Sure. I will be at my desk.

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From: Holtgrewe, Catherine M. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:55 PM


To: (b)(5), (b)(6)

Cc: David J. Apol; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO

Subject: RE: (b)(5), (b)(6) Memorandum

Hi, (b)(5),
(b)(6)

I sent your information to the OA for next steps. (b)(5)



We are looking forward to having you join us!

Thanks,
Catherine

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From: Holtgrewe, Catherine M. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Cheryl D. McMillan; Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Cc: (b)(5), (b)(6); David J. Apol
Subject: RE: (b)(5), (b)(6) Memorandum

My apologies. A corrected memorandum is attached.

Thanks,
Catherine

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From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Cheryl D. McMillan
Cc: Holtgrewe, Catherine M. EOP/WHO
Subject: FW: (b)(5), (b)(6) Memorandum

Attached is the memo. Can you please sign and return?

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Associate Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel
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From: Block, Monica J. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO; (b)(5), (b)(6)
Cc: Cheryl D. McMillan; David J. Apol
Subject: RE: (b)(5), (b)(6) detail

Adding Kirk (who is wearing the WH personnel hat at the moment) and Irene Porada (OA HR guru) to help here. Thanks!

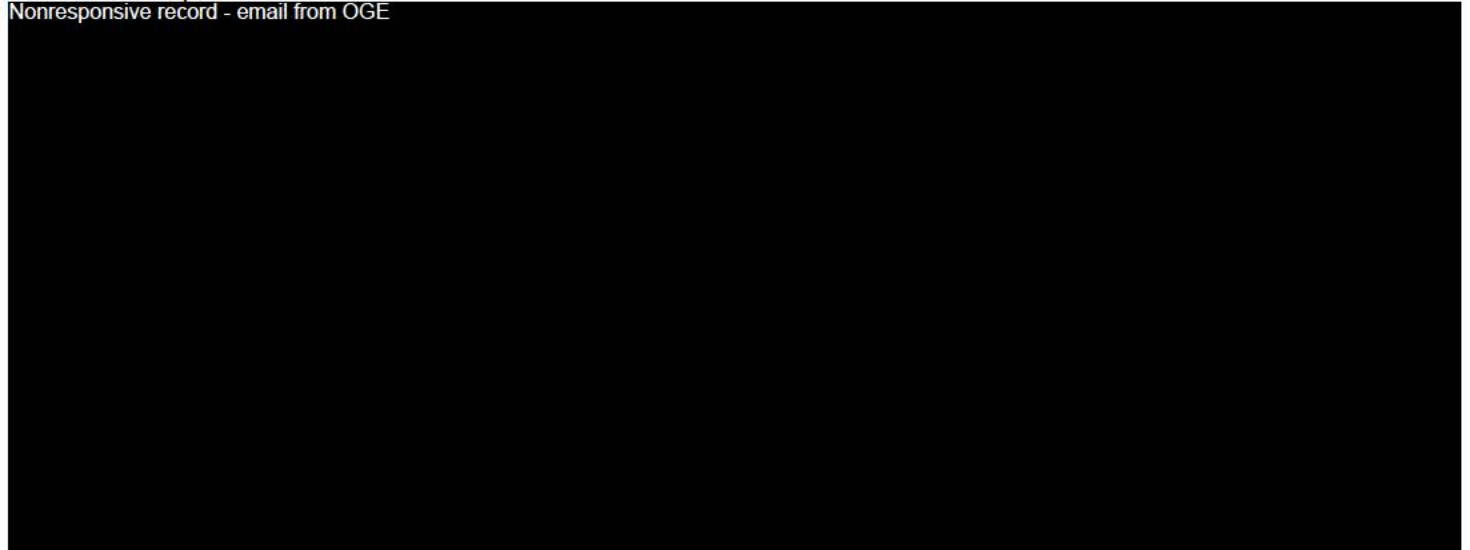
From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:06 PM
To: (b)(5), (b)(6)
Cc: Cheryl D. McMillan ; David J. Apol ; Block, Monica J. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: (b)(5), (b)(6) detail

Monica


We need (b)(5), (b)(6) to come in board as soon as possible. Can you expedite this?

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From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:28 PM
To: David J. Apol; Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO
Cc: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: RE: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

Thank you. In this same document should we list an alternate or delegate?

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:51 AM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

Adding Jim who will be working with us.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Ethics & Compliance Office of the White House Counsel

-----Original Message-----

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:25 AM
To: 'David J. Apol' <djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

Are you free for me to call at 11:30?

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 3:52 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

Hello David. I have [\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6)) and have an official email. When you get a chance tomorrow morning, I would like to connect to ensure we are on the same page with regard to high priority CD's. I would also like to finalize our conversation regarding [\(b\) \(5\)](mailto:(b) (5)). It will probably make sense to set up a call with Walt Shaub tomorrow as well. My official cell is [\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6)).

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO; David J. Apol
Subject: RE: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

David - nice to meet you. If you have a draft or a prior designation document, please send it over. Also, could you please connect me with the right people who are in charge of your help desk? Thanks. J

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From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:12 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Certificates of Divestiture and Other Issues

Thank you David. I am available this afternoon between 2:00 and 4:00 (currently). When would work for your team? I would also like to invite Jim Schultz to join us as he is our Alternate Designated Ethics Officer.

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From: [Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [David J. Apol](#)
Cc: [Director of OGE](#)
Subject: Re: Pledge disucssion
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:27:41 PM

Sorry, still in another meeting. Is 4:00 still an option?

Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
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On Jan 30, 2017, at 3:00 PM, David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov> wrote:

Either works for us. Let's say 3:30.

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO [(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:48 PM
To: David J. Apol
Cc: Director of OGE
Subject: Re: Pledge disucssion

How's 3:30 or 4:00?

Stefan C. Passantino
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On Jan 30, 2017, at 2:26 PM, David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Stefan,

Sorry I missed your call. Would you be available to talk with us this afternoon? We are available at any time. 3:00?

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From: [Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [David J. Apol](#)
Cc: [Director of OGE](#)
Subject: RE: Time for a call
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:01:00 PM

Calling now.

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Walter M. Shaub

From: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Director of OGE
Subject: Accepted: Phone Call with OGE

Walter M. Shaub

From: Schultz, James D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 9:02 PM
To: Director of OGE
Subject: Accepted: Phone Call with OGE