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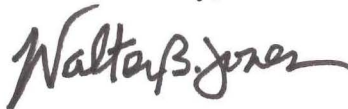
Dear Director Shaub:

I was troubled to recently read about a possible conflict of interest involving White House senior advisor Jared Kushner and a visa program intended to lure wealthy investors to the United States. The New York Times story "Kushner Family Stands to Gain From Visa Rules in Trump's First Major Law" is one of many stories that details the Kushner family's extensive ties to the troubled EB-5 visa program.

In attempting to attract Chinese investors to invest in Kushner family properties through the EB-5 visa program, Mr. Kushner's sister Nicole Meyer touted her brother's connections to his father-in-law President Donald J. Trump earlier this month. According to the Times story, the solicitation came "just hours after" the FY 2017 Omnibus was signed into law, which extended the program through the end of the fiscal year. Director Shaub, this raises serious questions about the nature of Mr. Kushner's role in the White House and his counsel on a myriad of issues with which his family may have conflicts of interest. I want to know if this situation is in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 208, which prohibits executive branch employees from advising on policies which have a financial interest to the employee or his family. If you determine that there is a possible violation of law I hope you will take the proper action based on your authority.

Thank you for your time and for your service. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
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