

From: LNAPPS1.USOGE@oge.gov
To: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
Subject: IMPORTANT - ACTION NEEDED - New Nominee Assigned - Begin Review & Send 1st Set of Comments - Ryan Zinke
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:00:10 AM

Nominee, Ryan Zinke, has been assigned to you.

ACTION: Within 2 days, please begin your review of the report and send the first set of comments/questions to the agency (by email or phone). If you need additional time, please contact Teresa or Deb.

Please log completion of this step into FDTS by entering a date and then clicking the forward routing button to save and mark this step complete.

Remember to add a new Progress Report for this nominee and update the progress at the end of each week until the report and EA have been precleared.

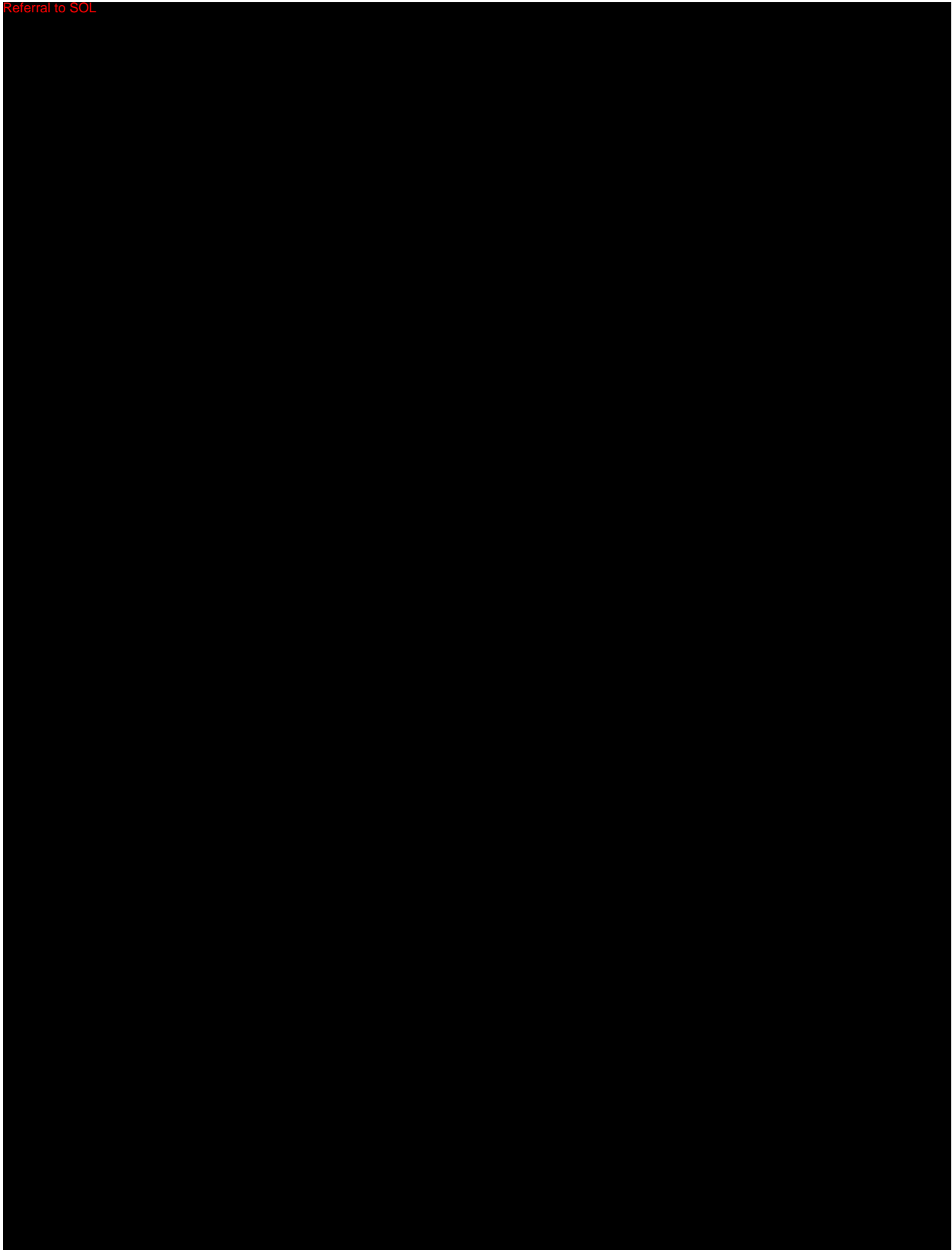
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From: [Integrity.gov](https://integrity.gov)
To: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
Subject: Integrity.gov: Report Pending Action
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 10:01:54 AM

A 2017 Nominee report for Zinke, Ryan is pending your action as OGE Nominee Reviewer. You may access the report by logging into integrity at <https://integrity.gov>.

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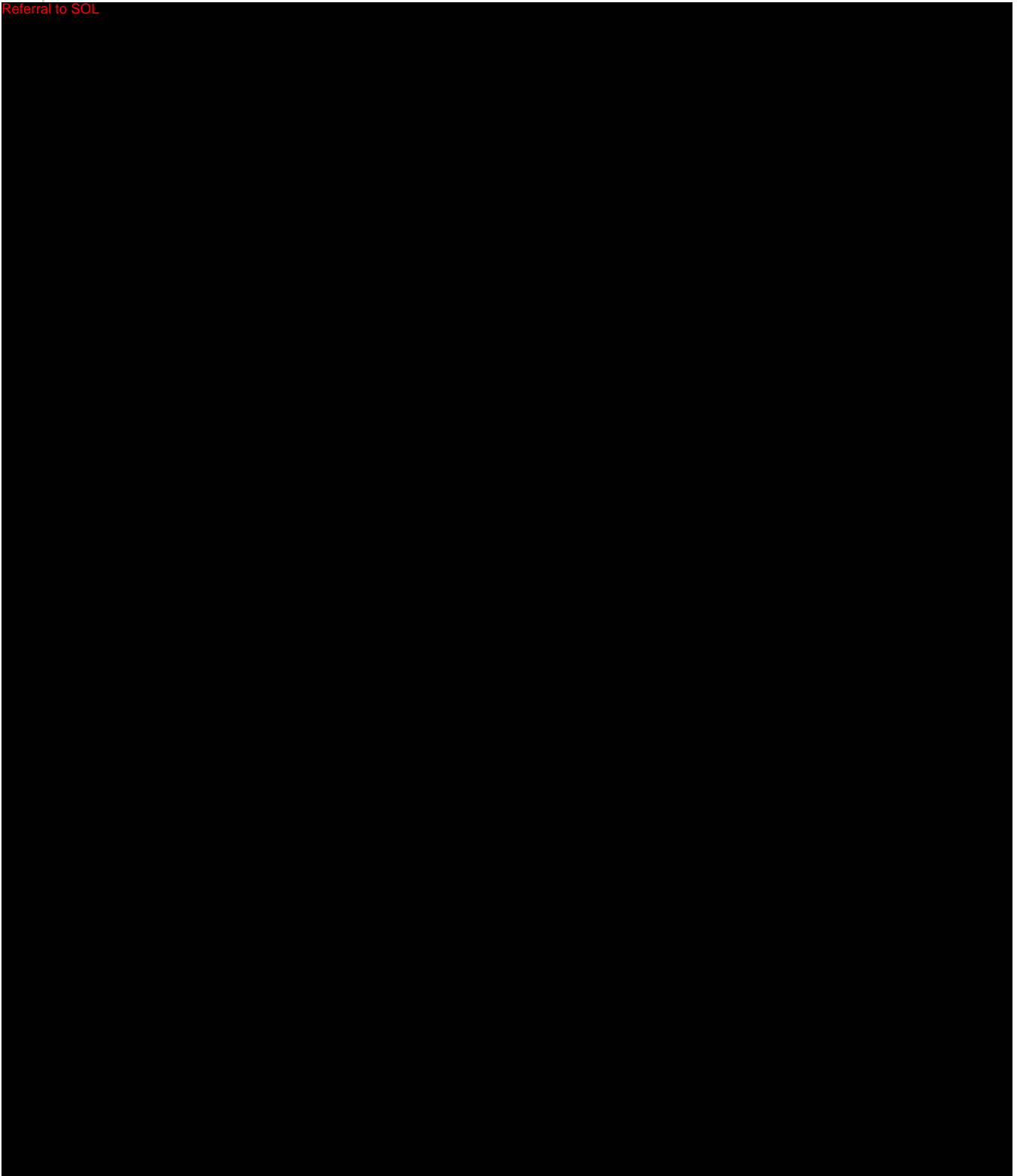
On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 12:10 PM, Teresa L. Williamson <twillia@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Ed,

Lorna Syme is the OGE Reviewer for Mr. Zinke. She can be reached at (202) 482-9277 or by email (she's cc:'d on this email).

Thanks! Teresa

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: ["Edward McDonnell"](#)
Subject: nominee report
Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 2:44:20 PM
Attachments: [Initial Questions Zinke.docx](#)

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Ed:

Attached are my initial comments. Let me know if I can do anything to help!

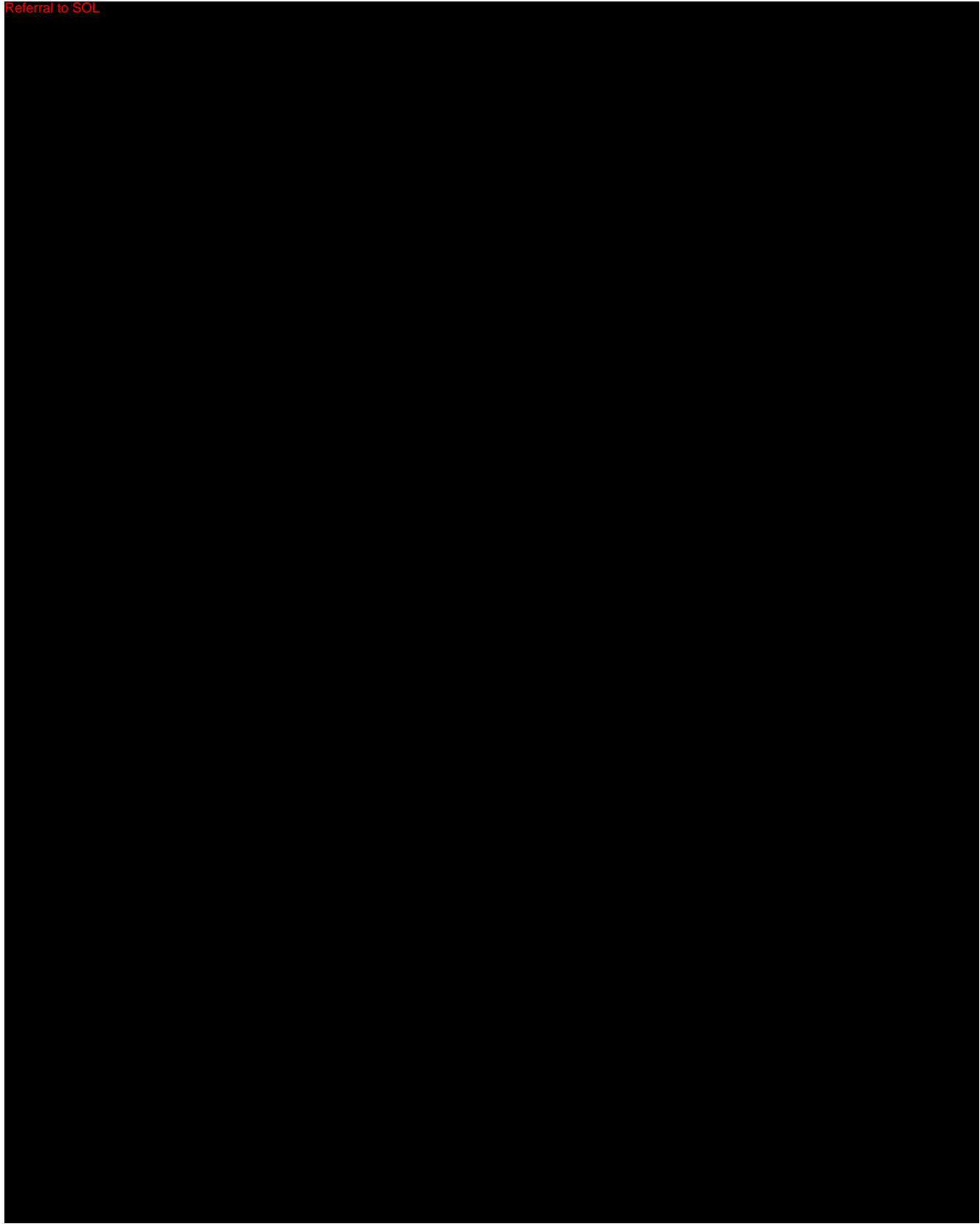
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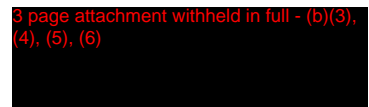
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On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 2:44 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

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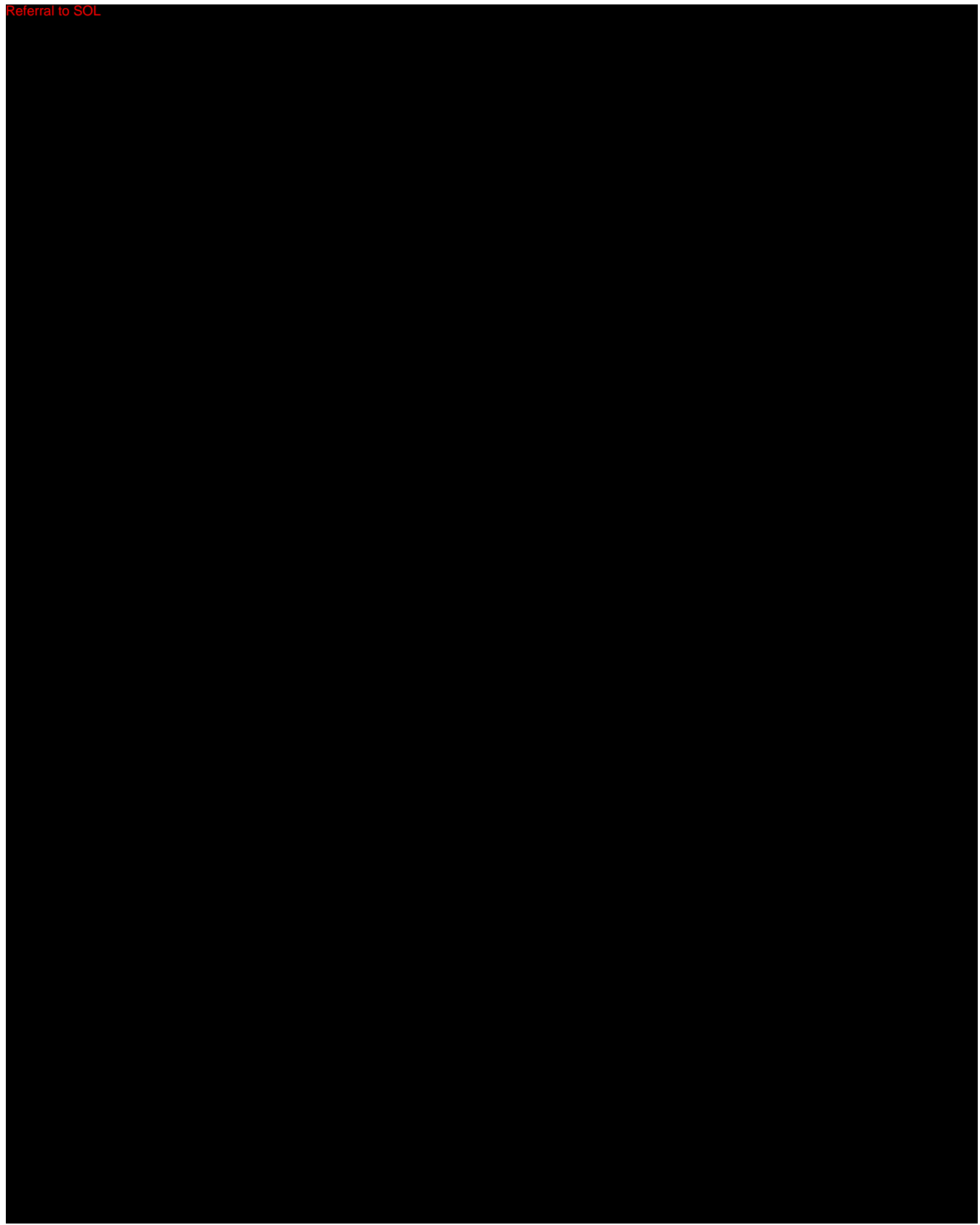
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On Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Ed:

Would you please confirm with the filer that he or a representative will be available to work on the report next week. We need to keep this report moving.

Thanks!

Lorna

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On Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 11:23 AM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

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From: [Emory A. Rounds III](#)
To: "James Carroll"
Subject: RE: Emory needs Zinke's contact info
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 11:59:27 AM

No "rep" then?

From: James Carroll (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 11:58 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Fwd: Emory needs Zinke's contact info

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From: **Emily Mallon** (b) (6) >
Date: Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 11:55 AM
Subject: Re: Emory needs Zinke's contact info
To: James Carroll (b) (6)

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On Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 11:54 AM, James Carroll (b) (6) > wrote:
May I please have Zinke's personal cell phone number?

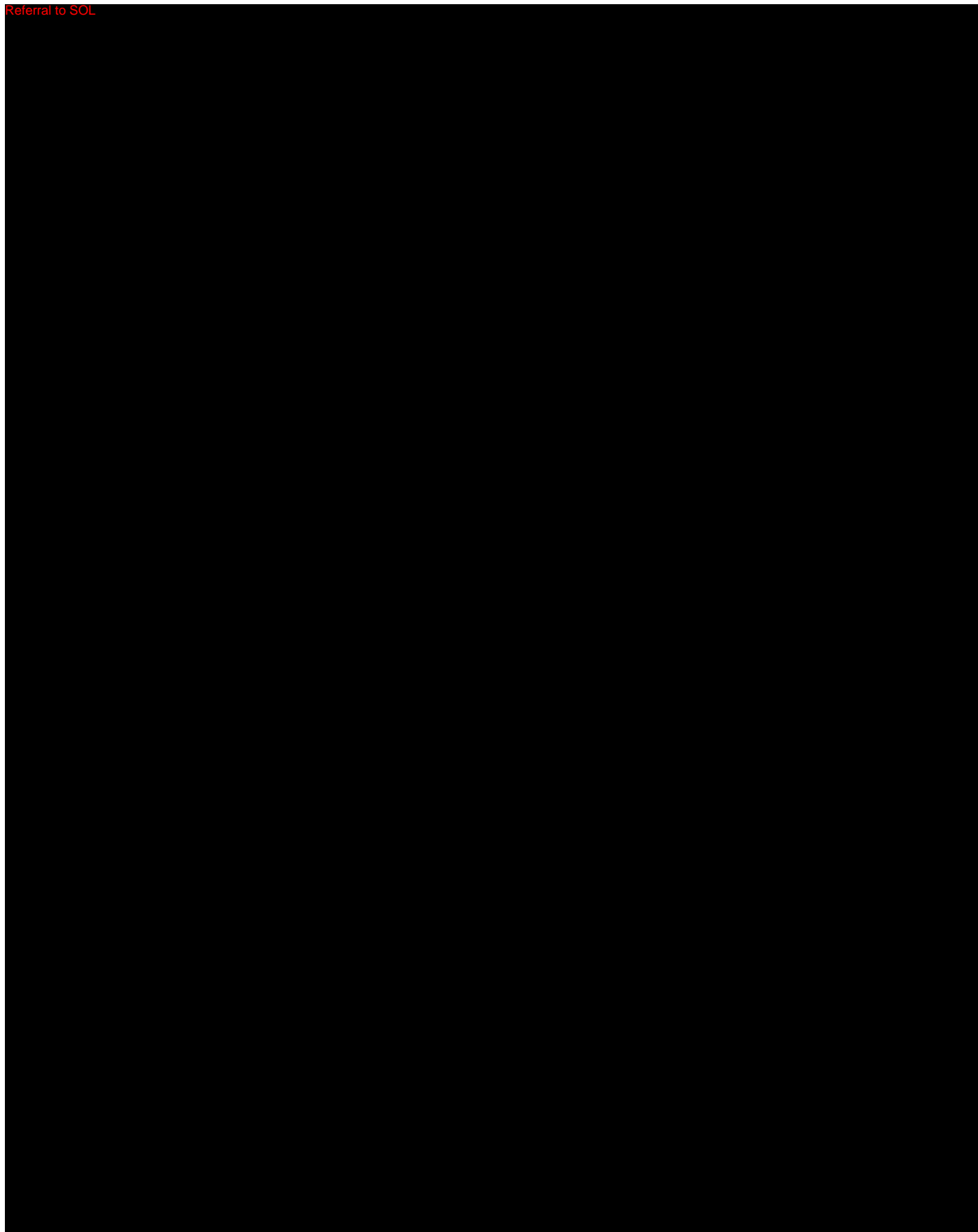
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From: **Rene Augustine** (b) (6) >
Date: Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM
Subject: Emory needs Zinke's contact info
To: James Carroll (b) (6) >

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Emily Mallon
Presidential Transition Team

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On Fri, Dec 23, 2016 at 1:10 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

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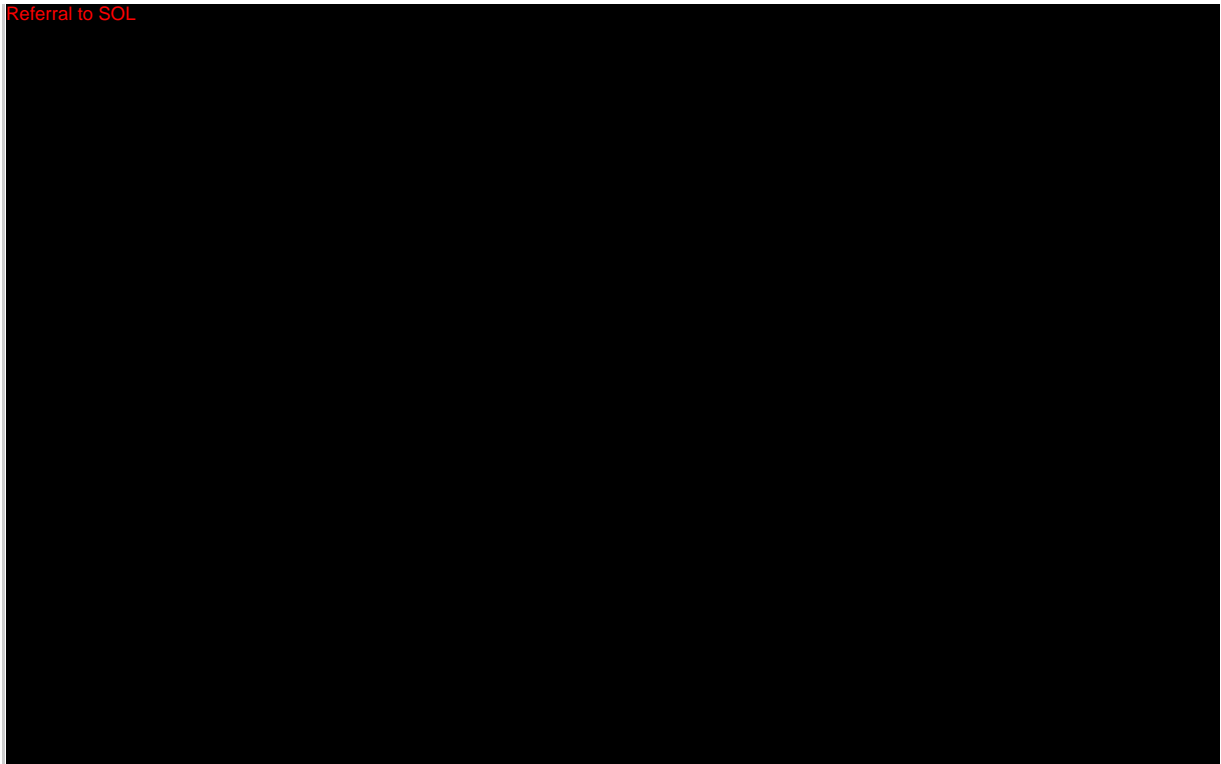
Can I go ahead and make some of the edits to the report (adding some of the (b)(3), (6) etc.)? You will be able to review all of my changes – but it might be faster if we are making the changes as they come in.

Lorna

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From: **Ryan Zinke** <(b) (6)>

Date: Fri, Dec 23, 2016 at 12:34 PM

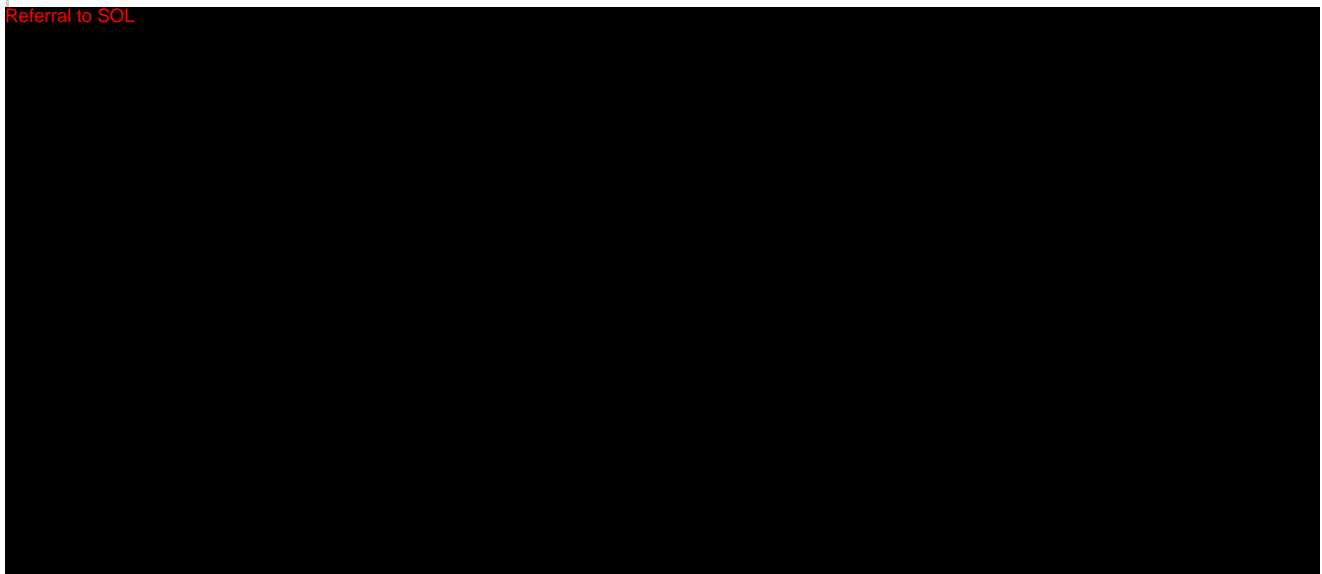
Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

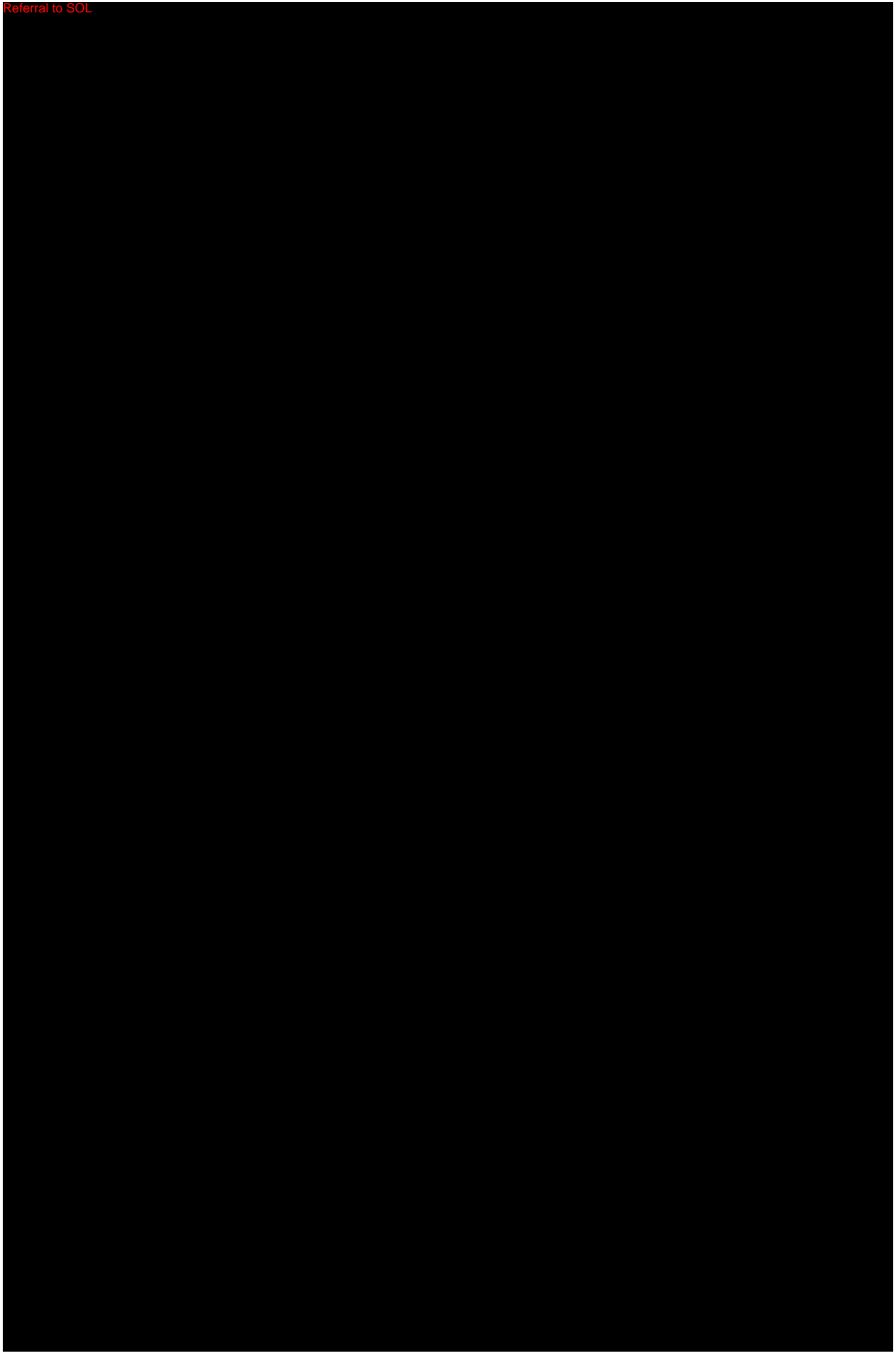
To: "McDonnell, Edward" <(b) (6)>

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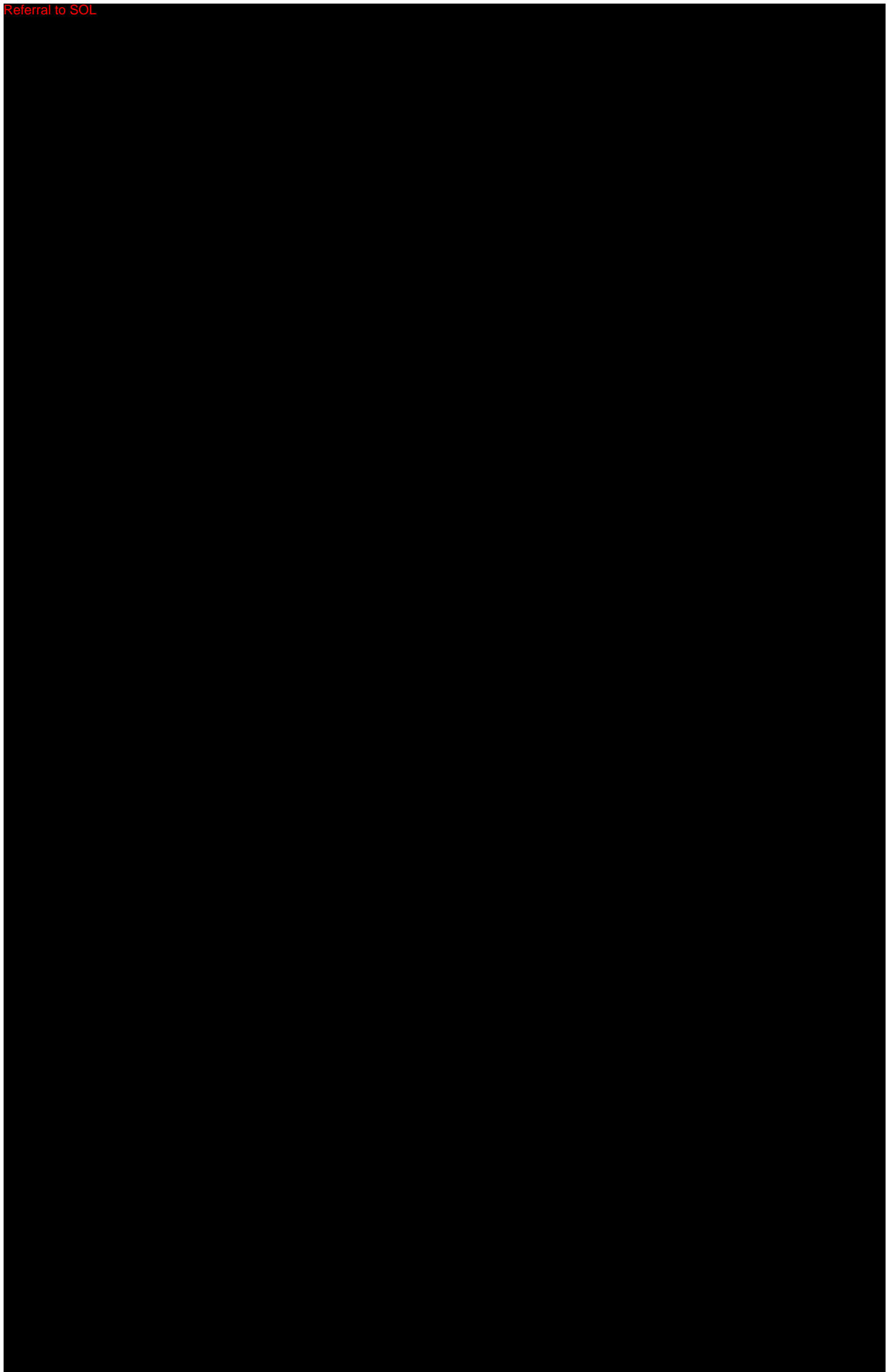
Edward, attached are the answers to the questions as requested. I have not entered the information into the online OGE form as I am waiting for review and comment of the questions. I will be in DC on the 30th of December through confirmation. Pls let me know if there is anything else u need. I am available via cel (b) (6) anytime. Better to text and I will call back. Merry Christmas. z

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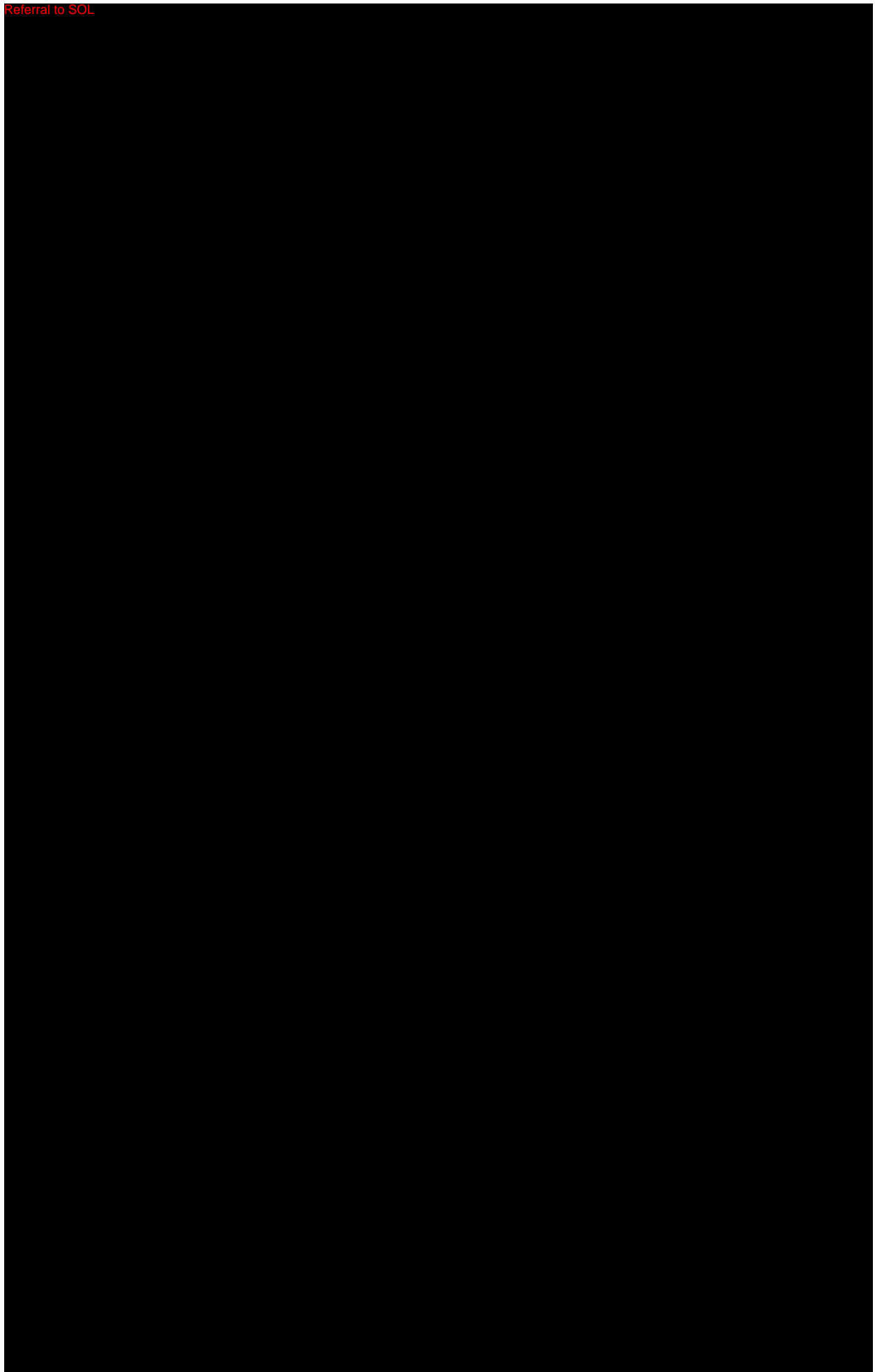


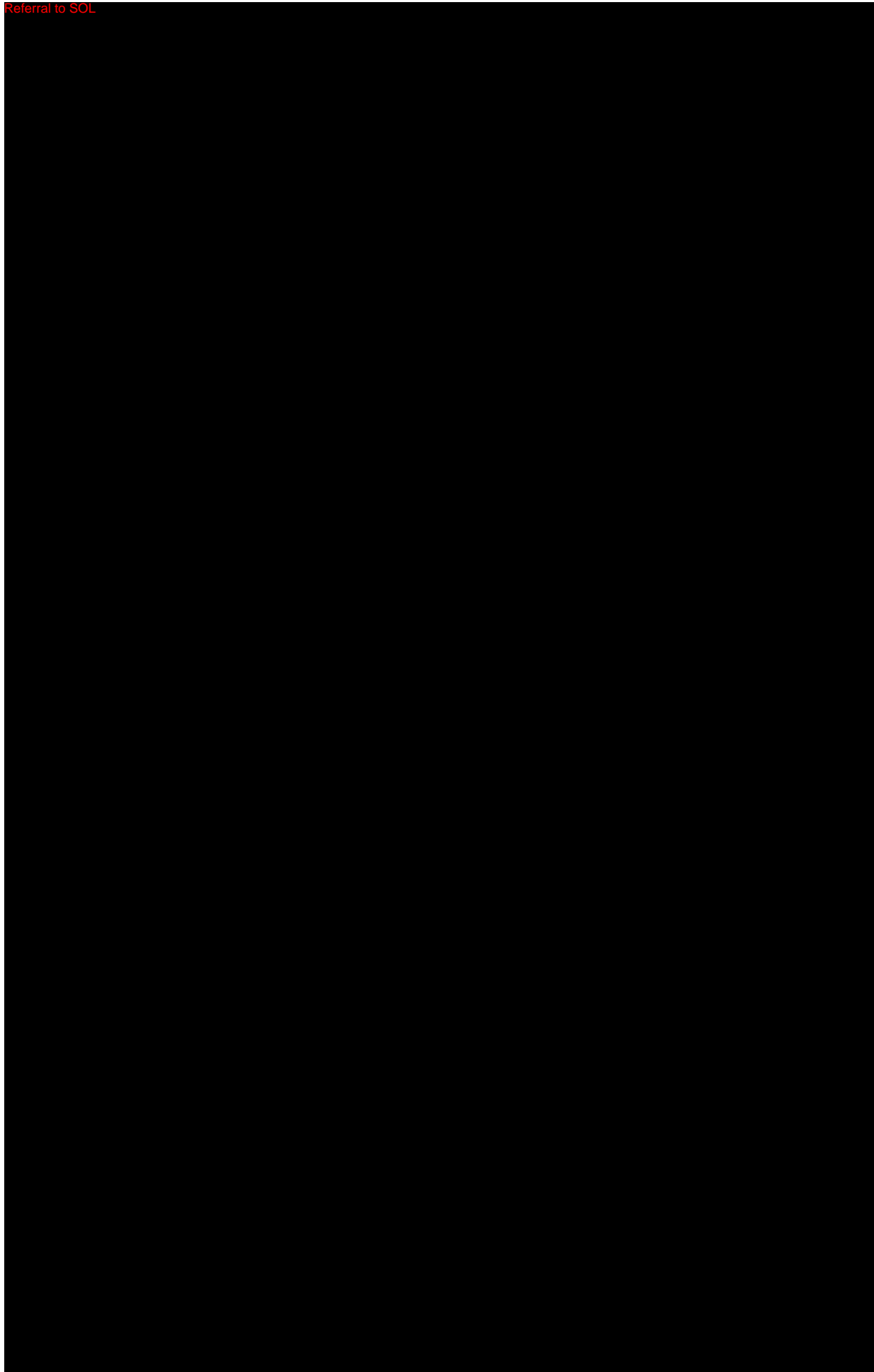
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On Dec 23, 2016, at 11:16 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Hi Ed:

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I went ahead and made some changes to the 278e in Integrity. Please see attached for my notes on the changes I made and questions that I have based on his responses (my comments are in red).

Please feel free to call if you want to discuss any of my comments. I will also be checking my emails periodically throughout the day.

Lorna

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: "McDonnell, Edward"
Subject: Nominee report
Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 6:53:15 PM
Attachments: [Draft ethics agreement Zinke.docx](#)

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(3), (4), (5), (6)

Ed:

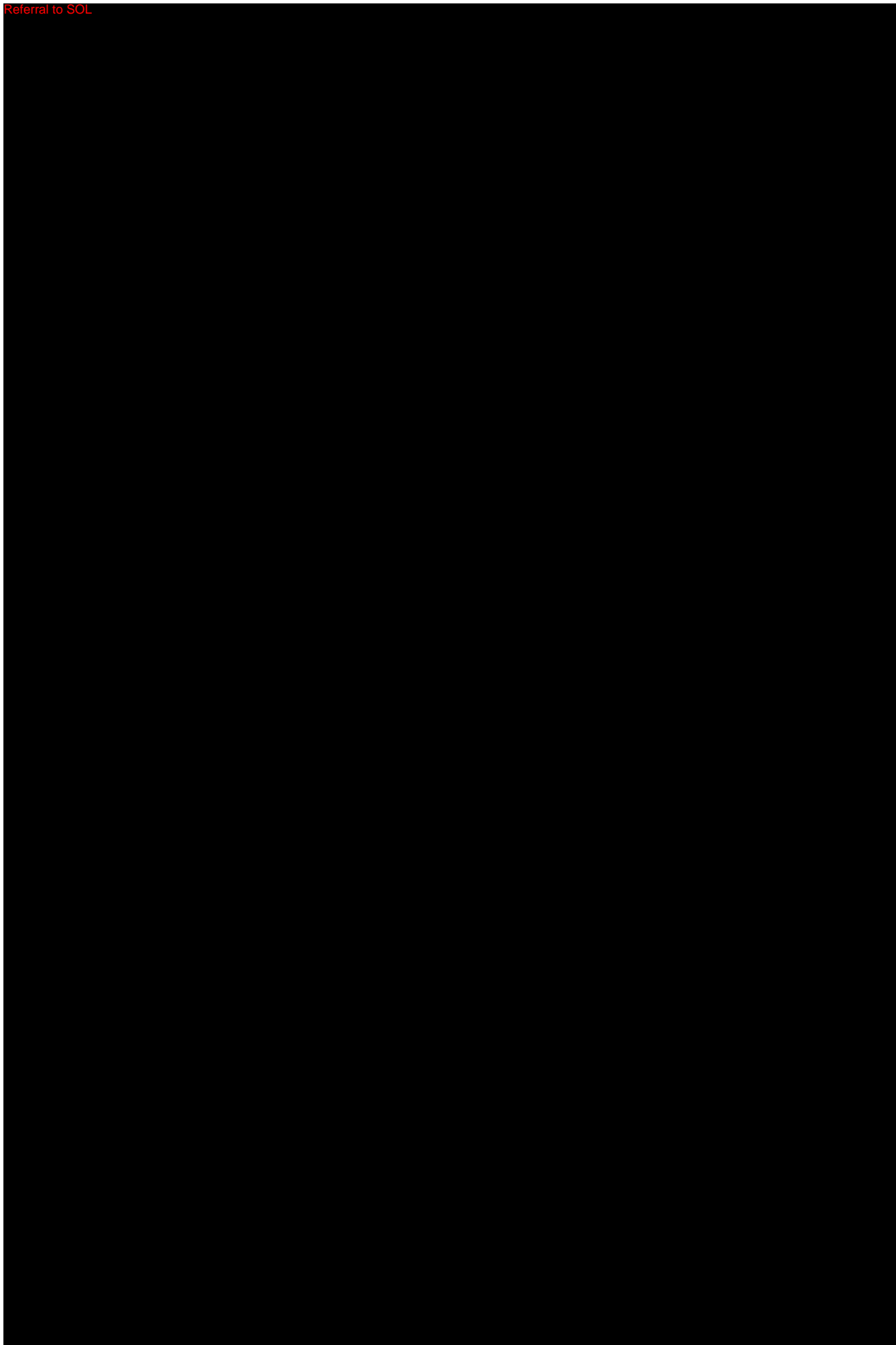
Attached is a draft ethics agreement for your review (I wouldn't share it with the filer yet).

In drafting the ethics agreement and preparing my notes, I have a few additional follow-up questions for the filer.

(b)(3), (5), (6)



Thanks very much!
Lorna



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From: **Ryan Zinke** (b) (6) >

Date: Tue, Dec 27, 2016 at 4:20 PM

Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

To: "McDonnell, Edward" (b) (6)

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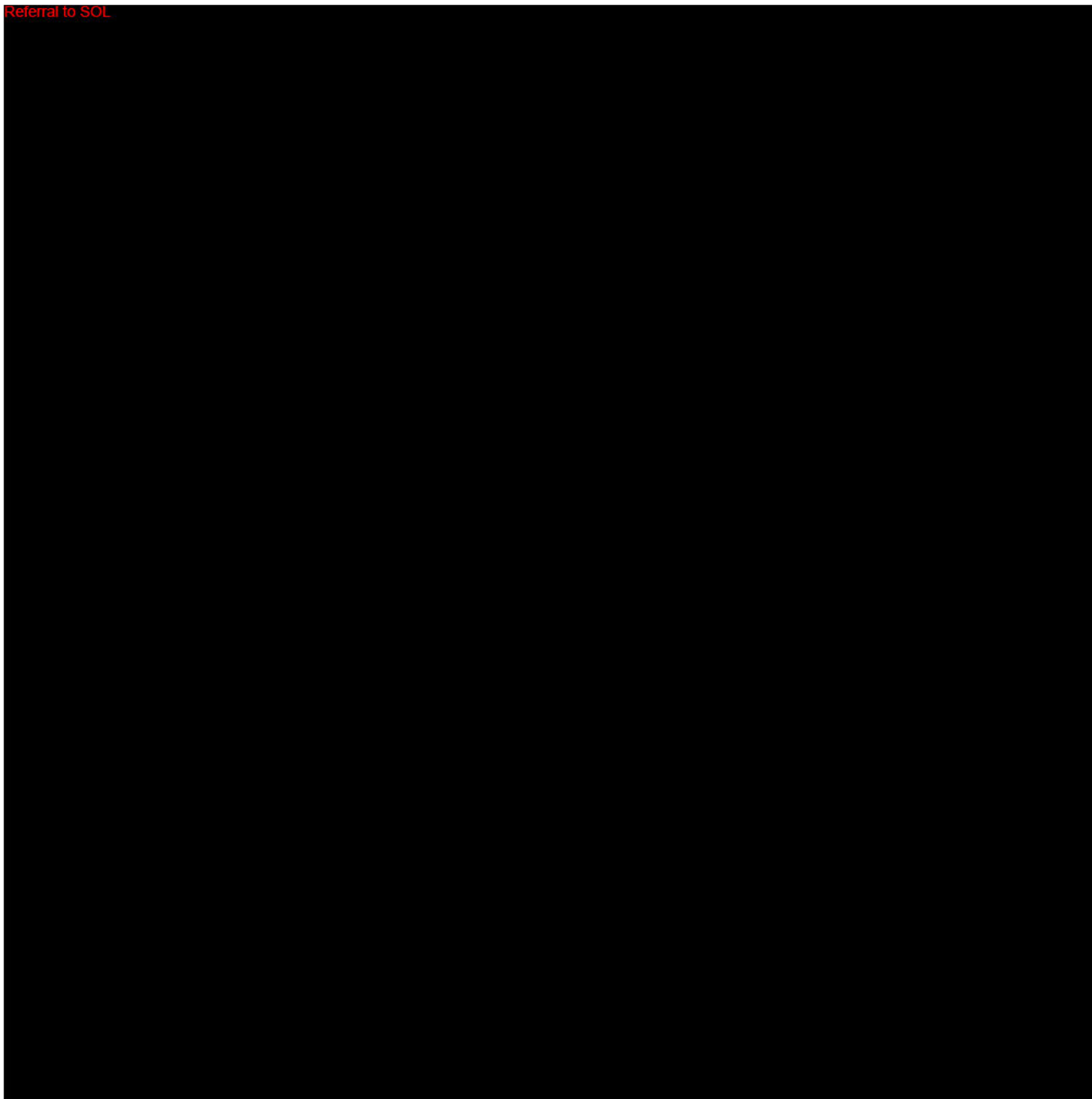
Ed, attached are the responses. (b)(3), (4), (6)



Please let me know if

there is anything else you need. I will be in DC on the 30th of December through confirmation and inauguration. z

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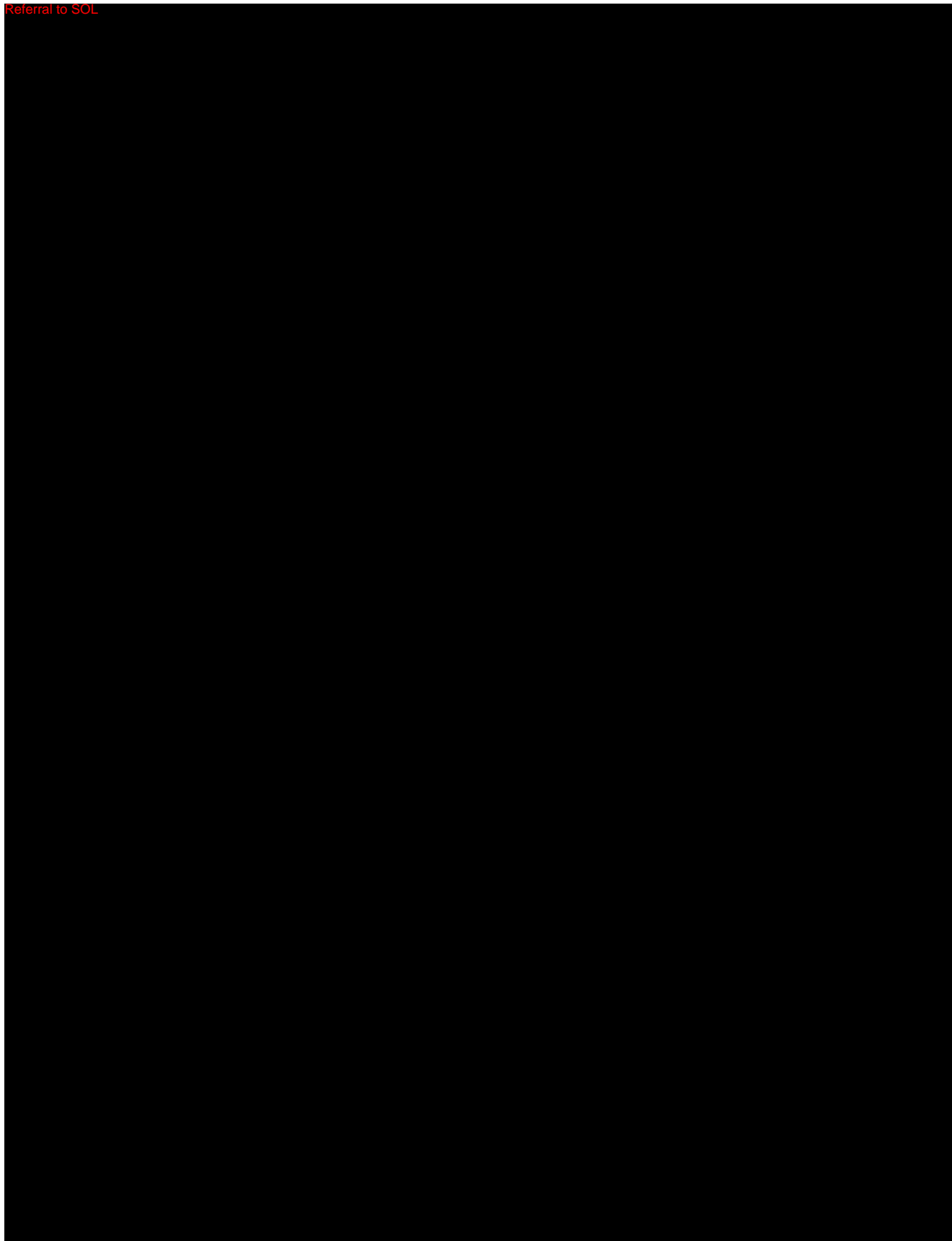
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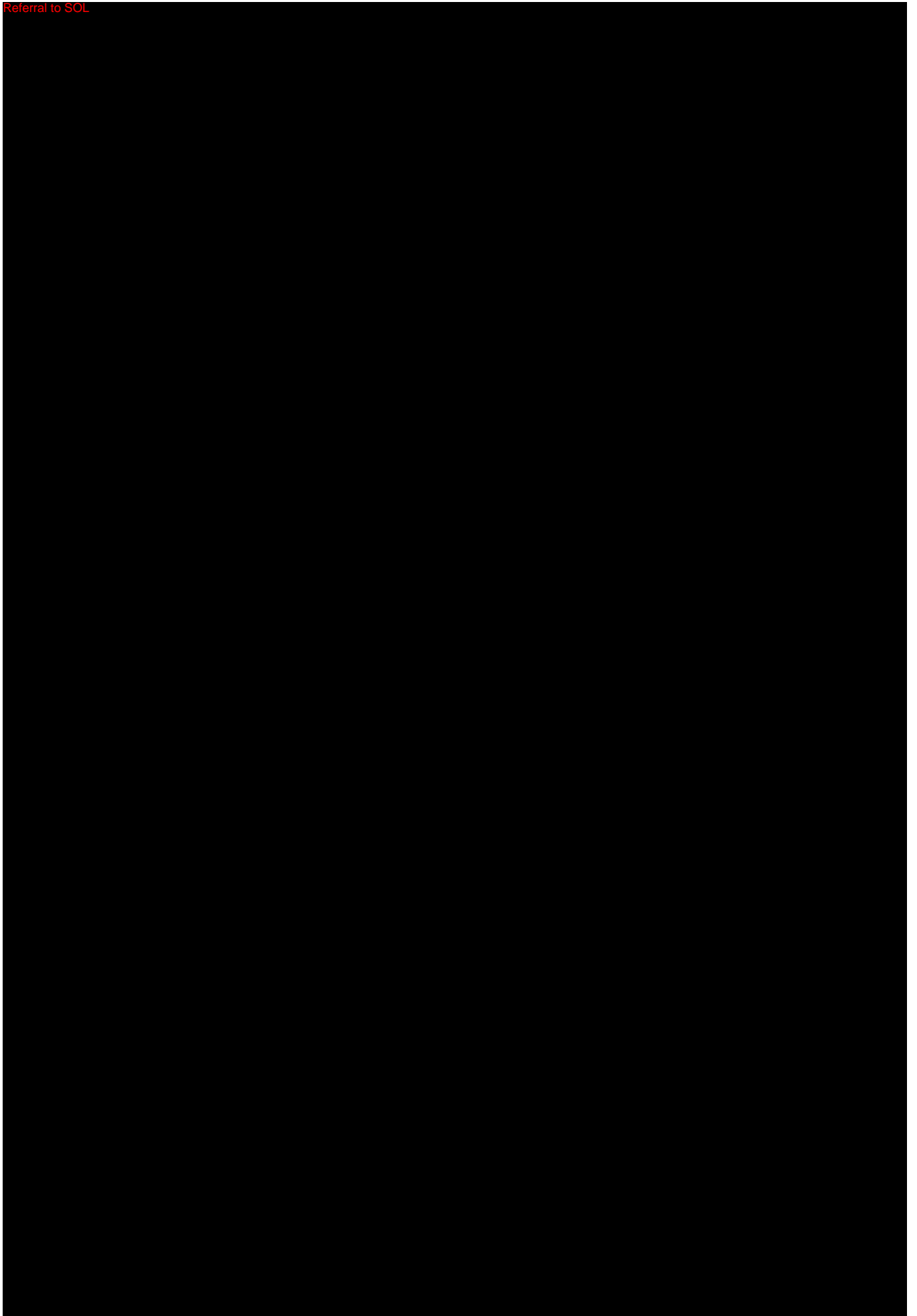


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On Wed, Dec 28, 2016 at 4:02 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

It can be either N/A or No. Either works in this case – just not “yes”. Your preference.



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On Wed, Dec 28, 2016 at 10:08 AM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Ed:

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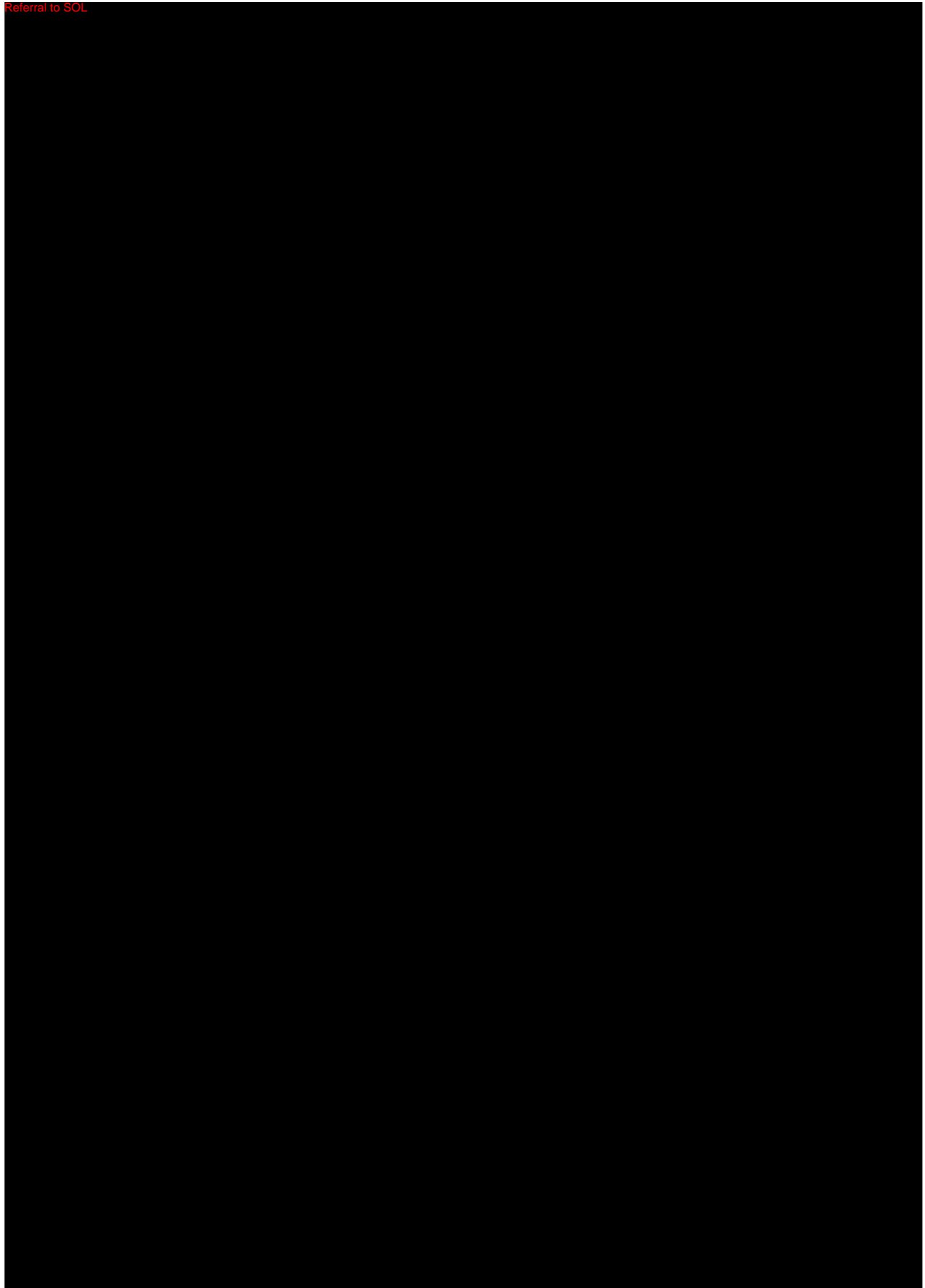
Based on his latest responses, I have a couple of questions regarding the (b)(3), (6)

(b)(3), (4), (5), (6)

I'm also attaching the latest draft so you and the filer can see the latest changes. The filer should let us know if there is anything that needs to be changed on the report.

Lorna

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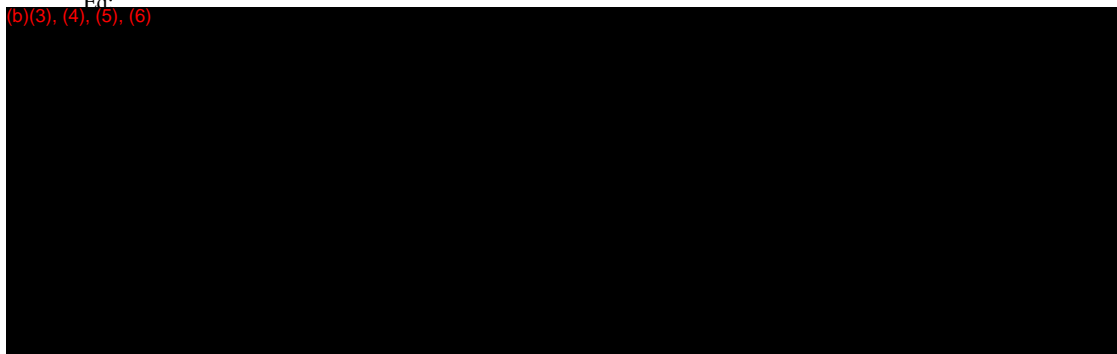
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On Dec 30, 2016, at 6:52 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Ed:

(b)(3), (4), (5), (6)



Thank you so much. I think we are really close. Please let me know when you are ready to discuss the ethics agreement.
Lorna

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: ["McDonnell, Edward"](#)
Cc: ["Melinda J Loftin"](#)
Subject: RE: Nominee OGE Form 278e
Date: Sunday, January 01, 2017 10:39:09 AM

Happy New Year!

Questions look good to me.

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I'm hoping we can send this up for preclearance early in the week.

Lorna

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Date: Sun, Jan 1, 2017 at 7:10 PM

Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

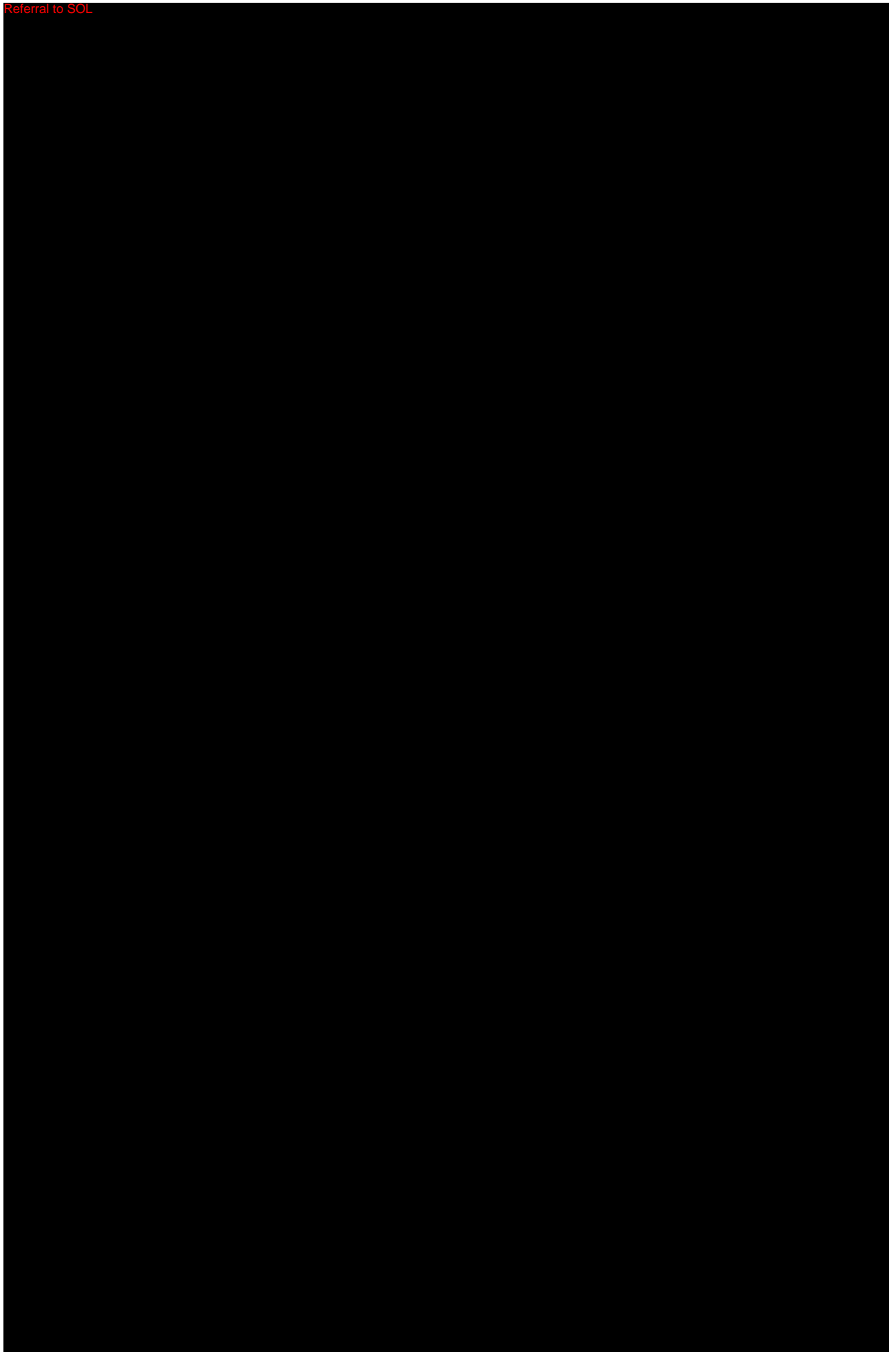
To: "McDonnell, Edward" (b) (6)

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: ["McDonnell, Edward"](#)
Cc: ["Melinda J Loftin"](#)
Subject: RE: Nominee OGE Form 278e
Date: Monday, January 02, 2017 2:03:33 PM
Attachments: [Draft ethics agreement Zinke.docx](#)
[1.2.17.draft.278e.pdf](#)

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Ed,

Sorry – just saw your emails from yesterday.

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[Redacted] I would like to share this draft with my supervisor before we share with the filer. Maybe we can talk tomorrow about the conflicts analysis if you have that ready?

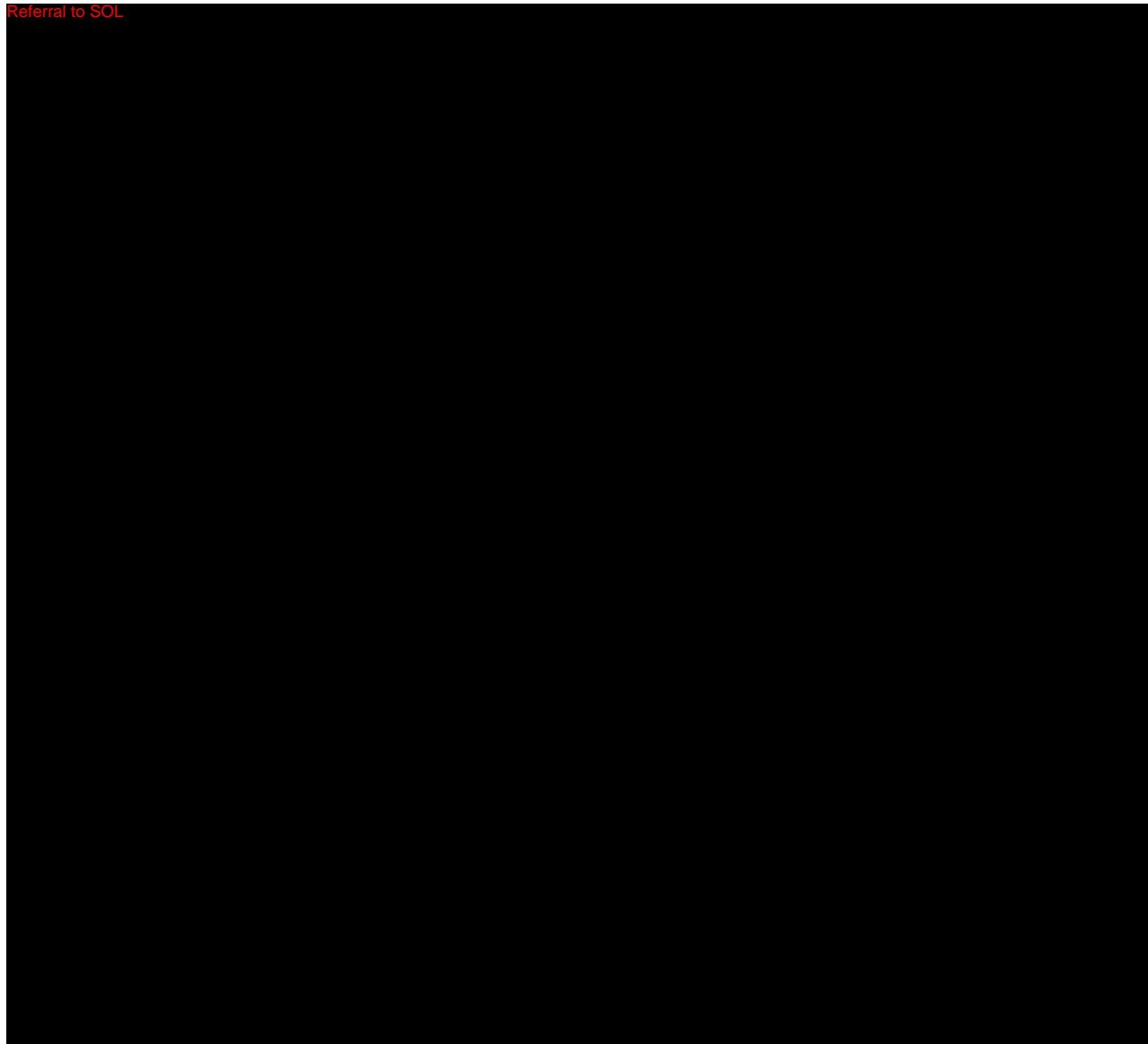
Thanks!

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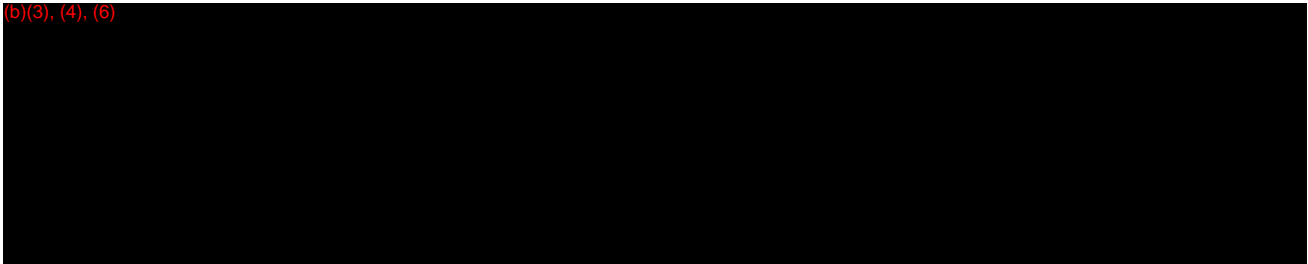
From: ryanzinke (b) (6) >

Date: Sun, Jan 1, 2017 at 2:30 PM

Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

To: "McDonnell, Edward" <(b) (6)>

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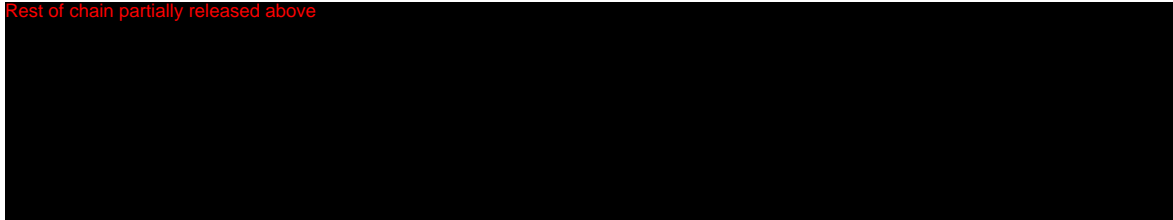


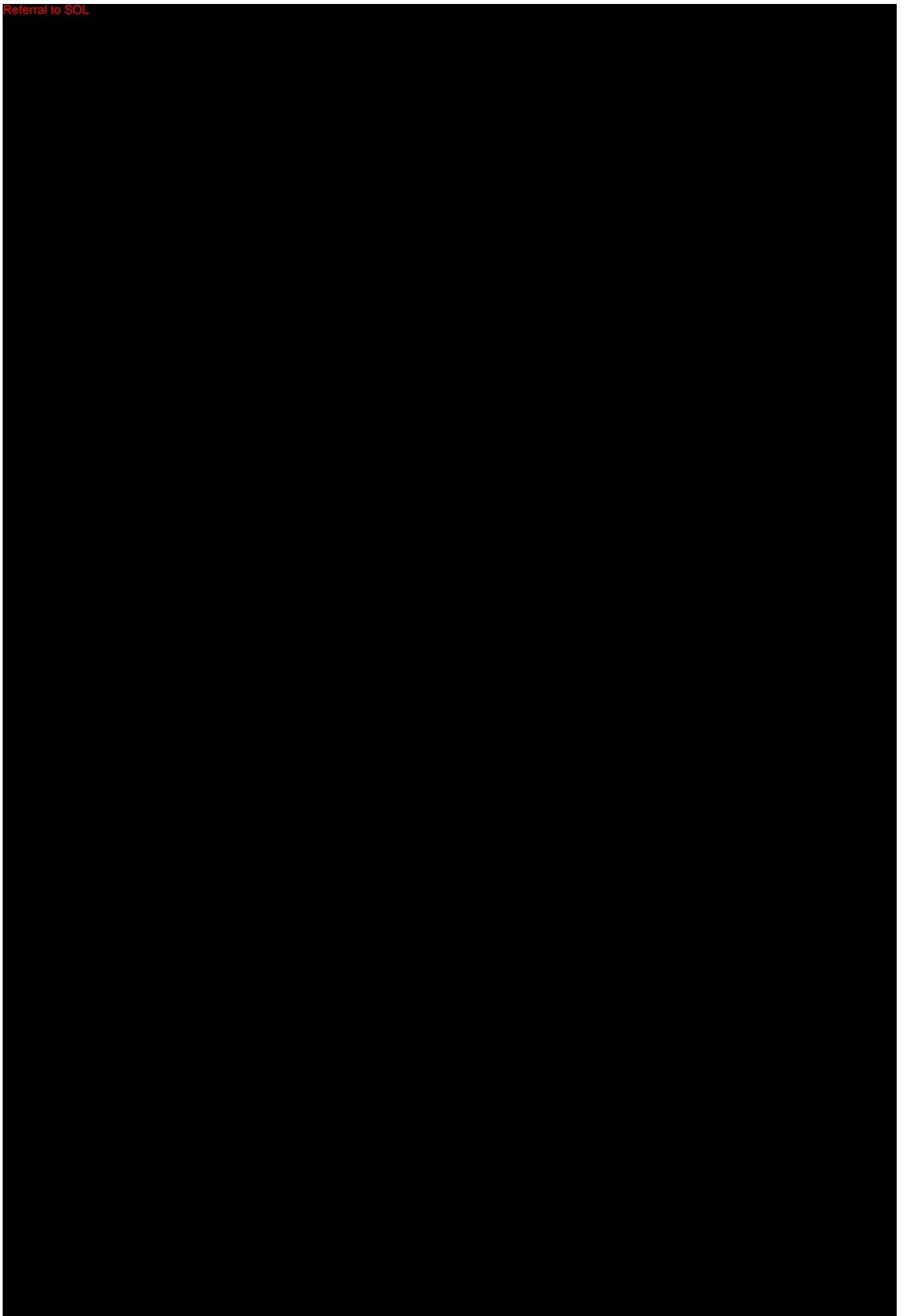
Let's talk about the (b)(3), (6) to clarify any points. what is you cell?

Z

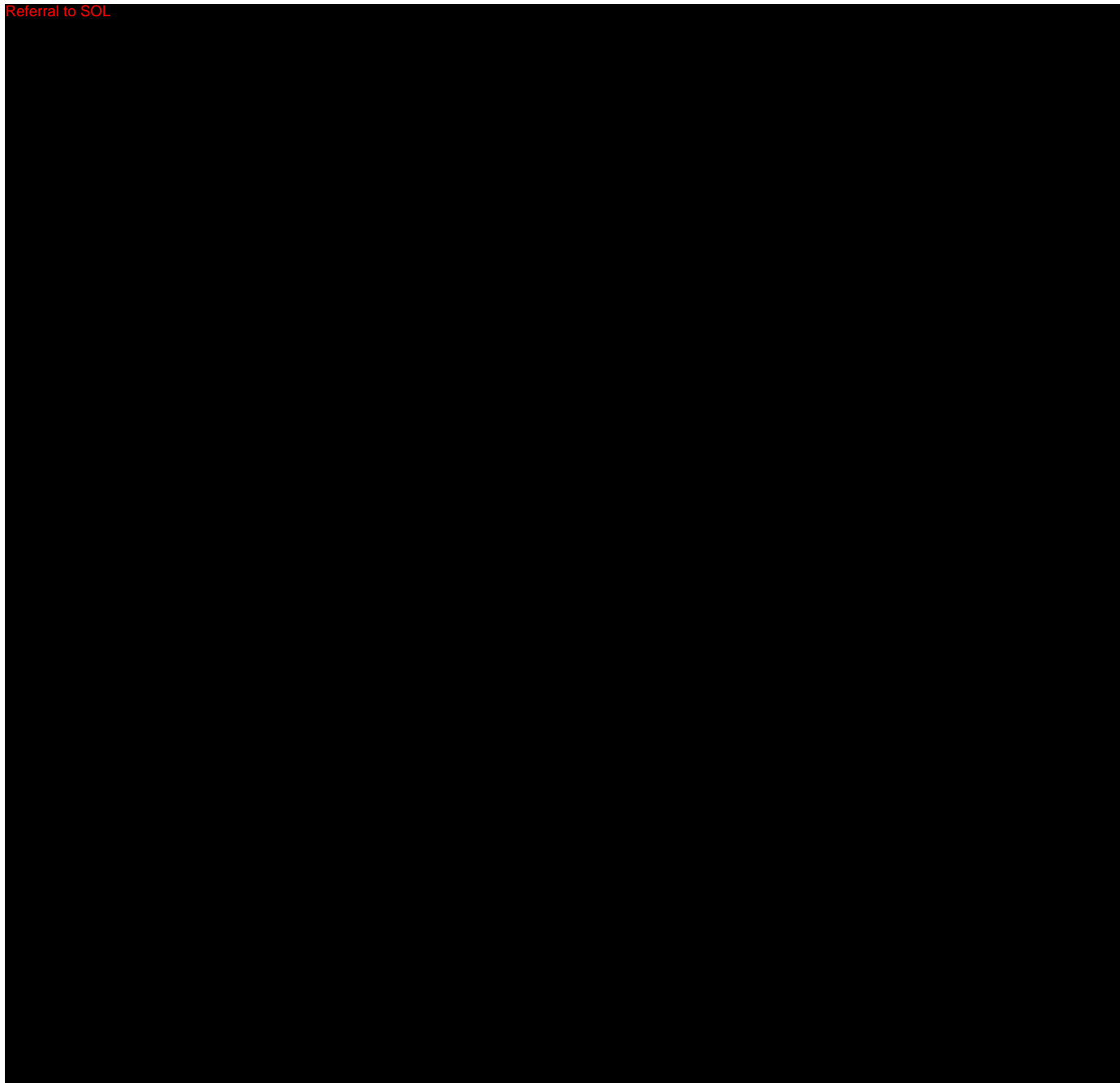
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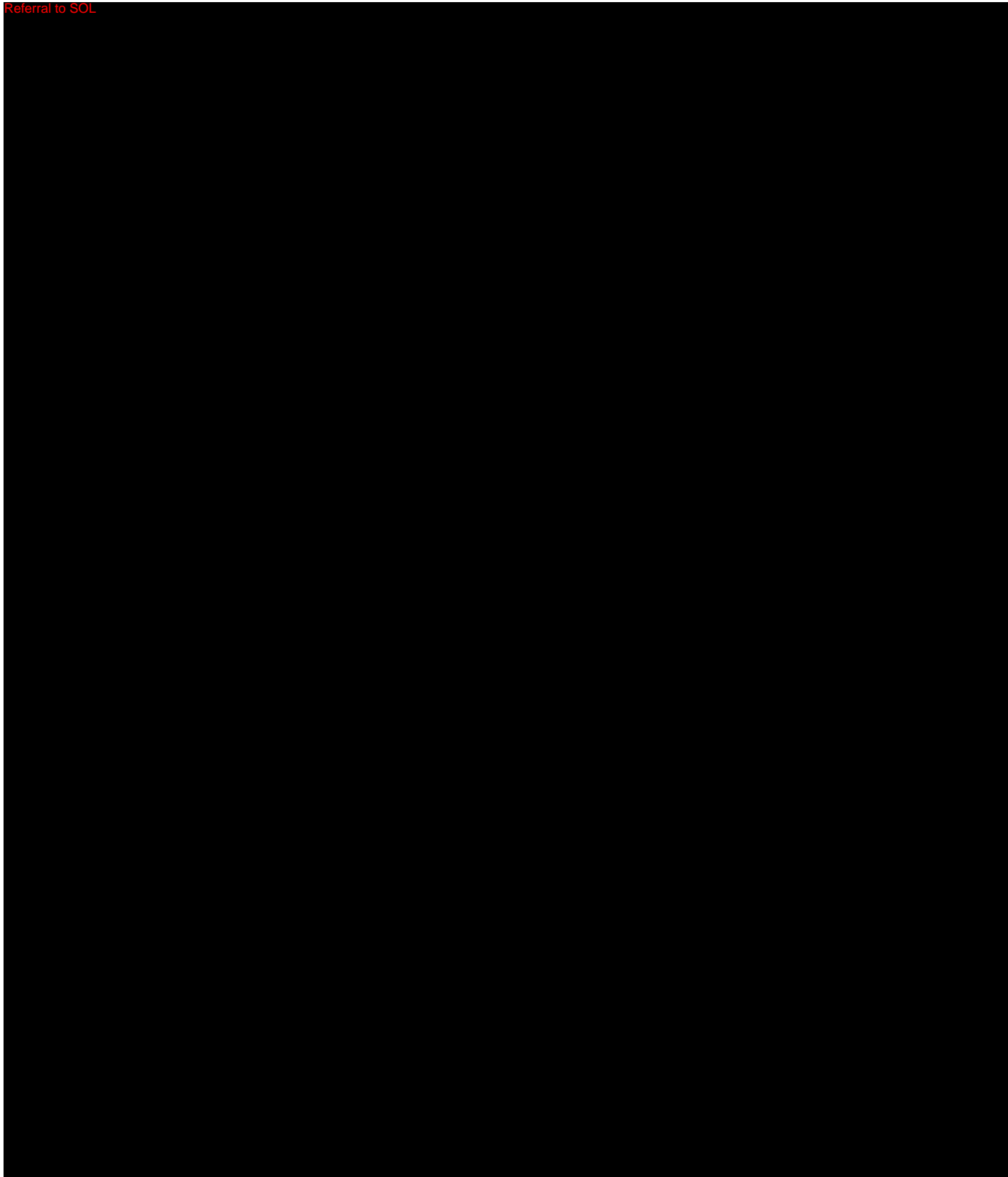
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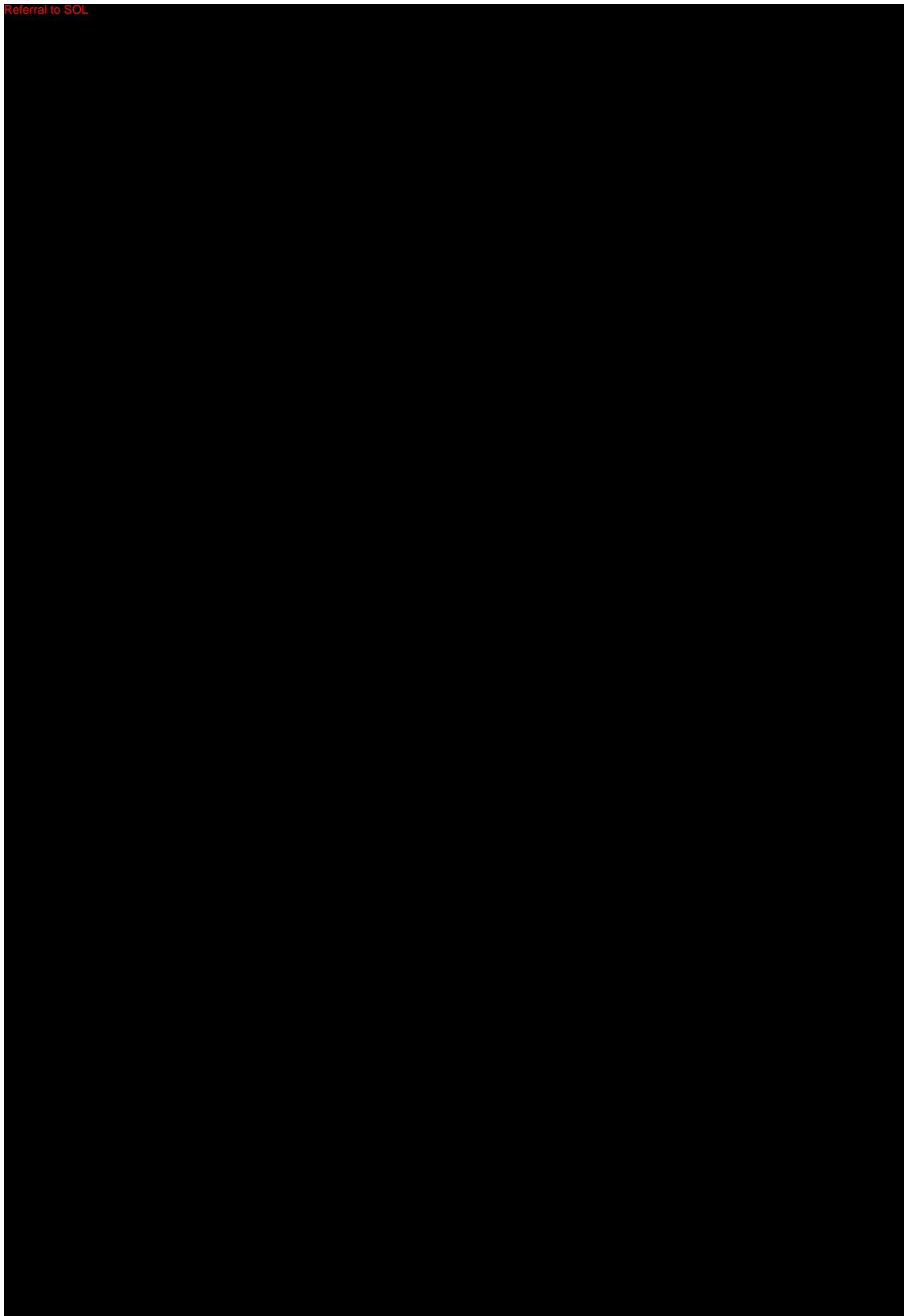
From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: ["McDonnell, Edward"](#)
Cc: ["Melinda J Loftin"](#)
Subject: RE: Nomination
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:13:17 PM

Sounds great – thank you!

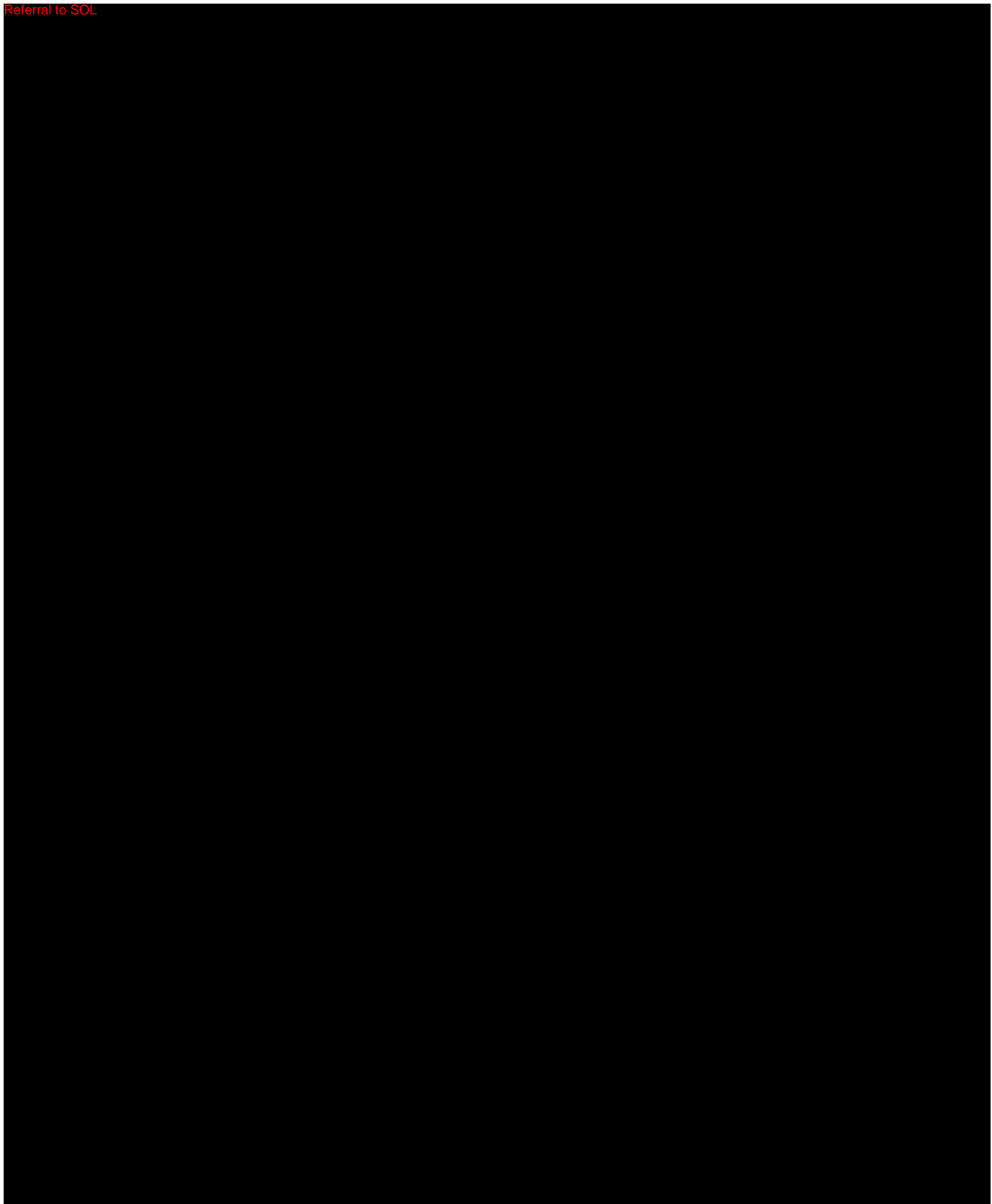
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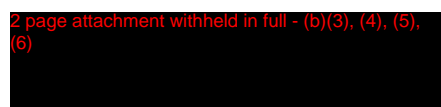
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On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 5:47 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Ed:

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Please see attached ethics agreement draft with OGE's suggested changes.

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Lorna

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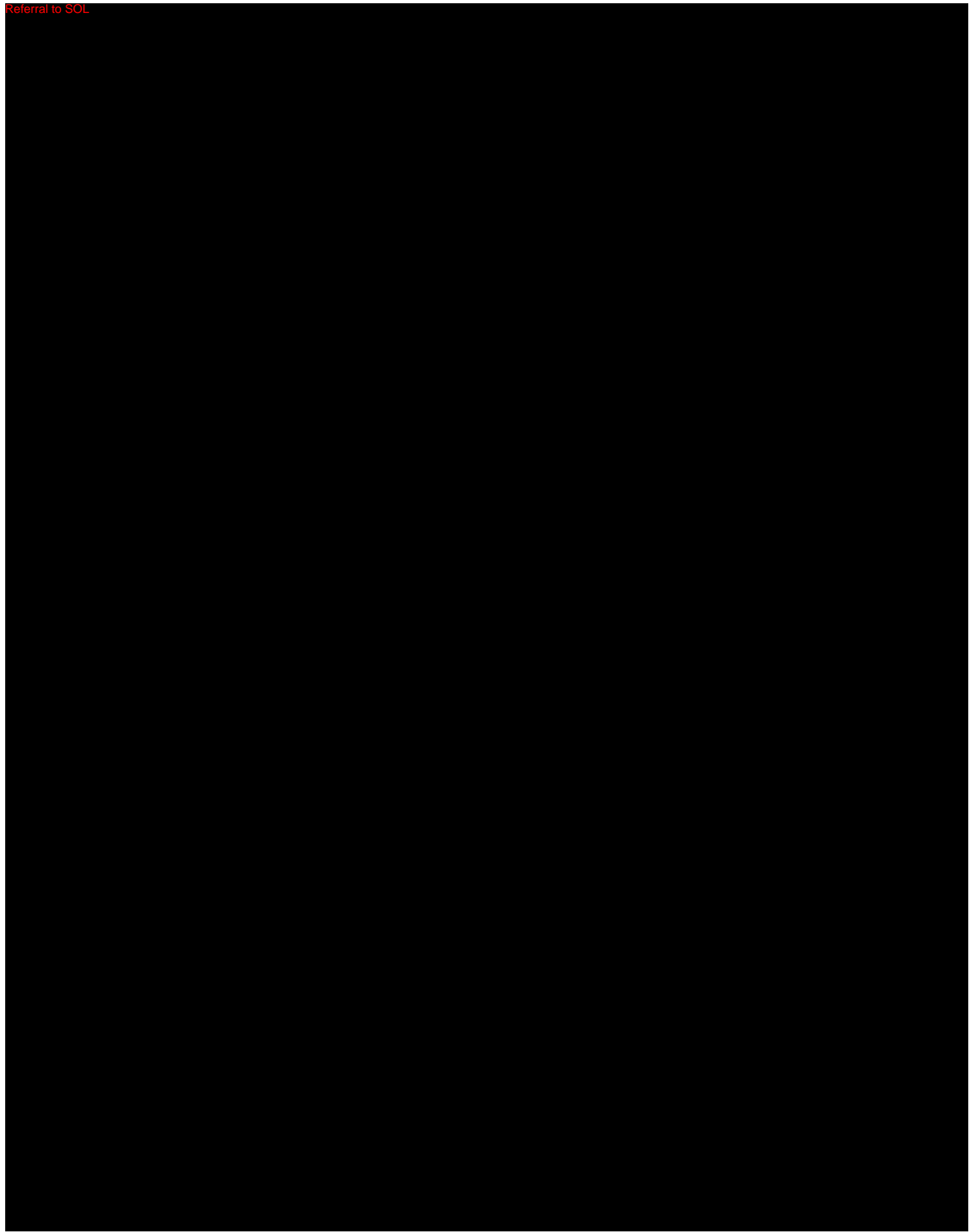
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Date: Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 6:32 PM

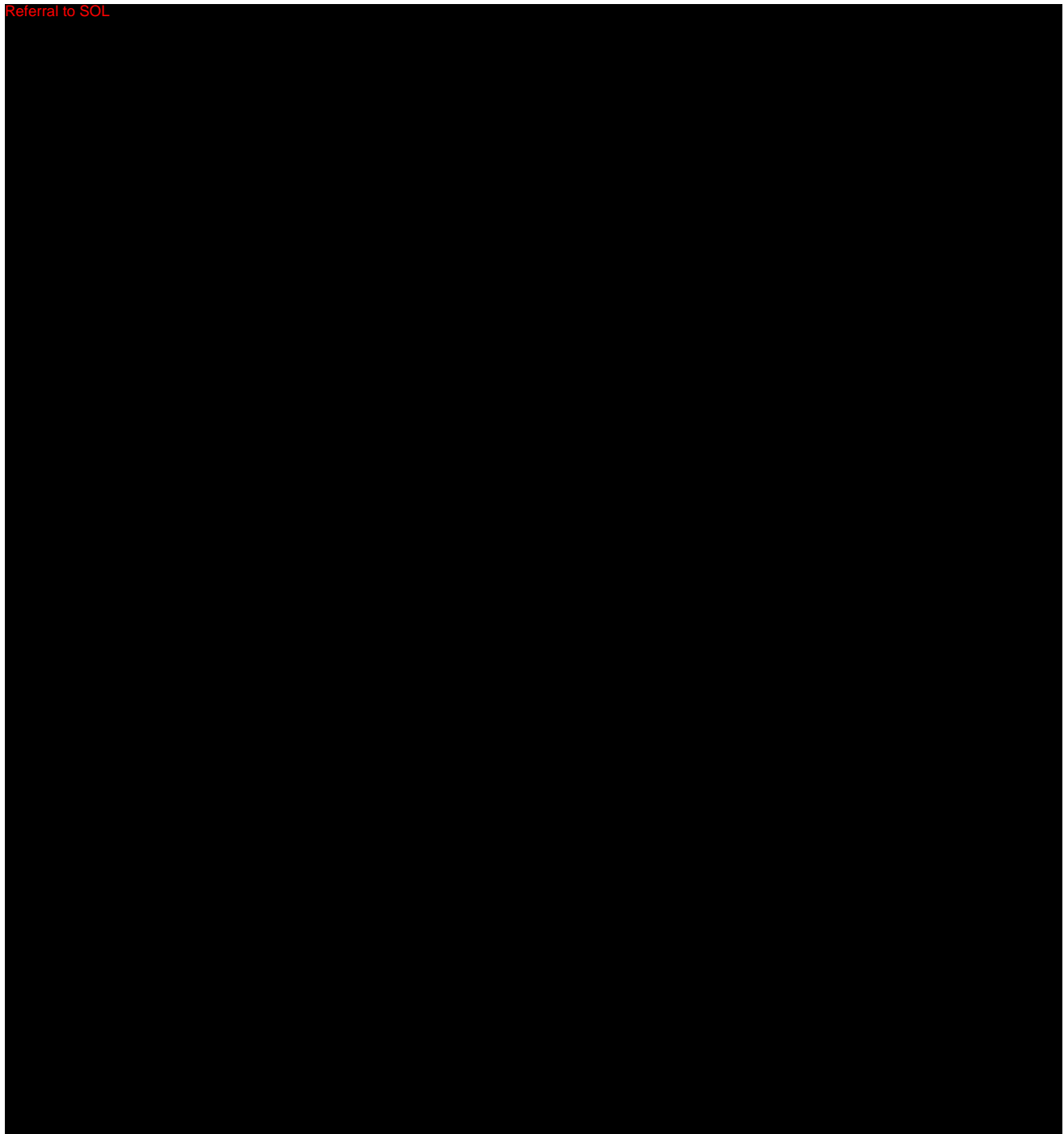
Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

To: "McDonnell, Edward" (b) (6)

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Ed, attached is the version that legal has reviewed. Also, (b)(3), (6)
all the best, z

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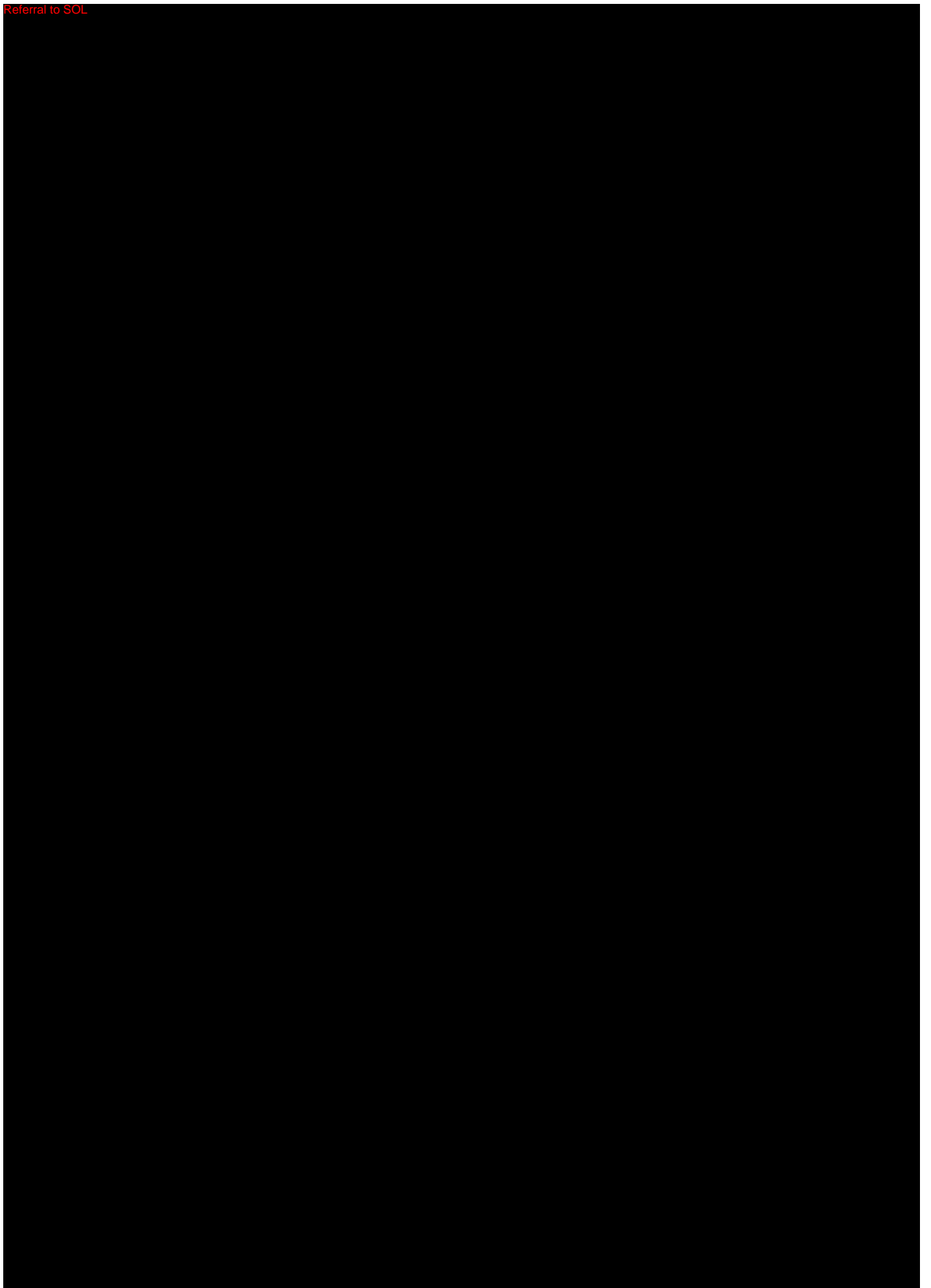
On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 12:23 AM, ryanzinke (b) (6) > wrote:

Thanks ed. I will call tomorrow. I think we are almost there. z

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From: ryanzinke ^{(b) (6)} >

Date: Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Subject: Re: Nominee OGE Form 278e

To: "McDonnell, Edward" ^{(b) (6)}

All good. thank u!

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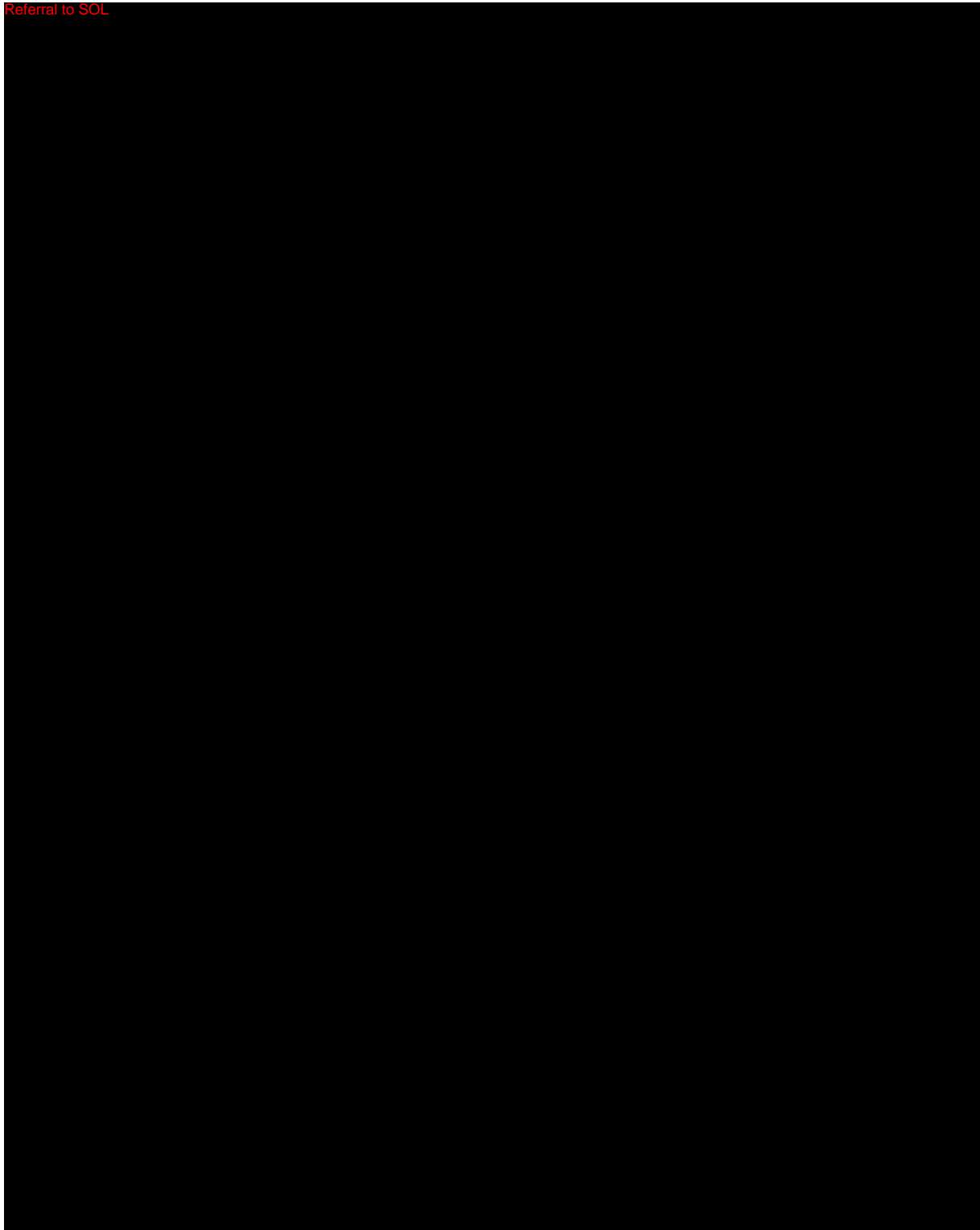
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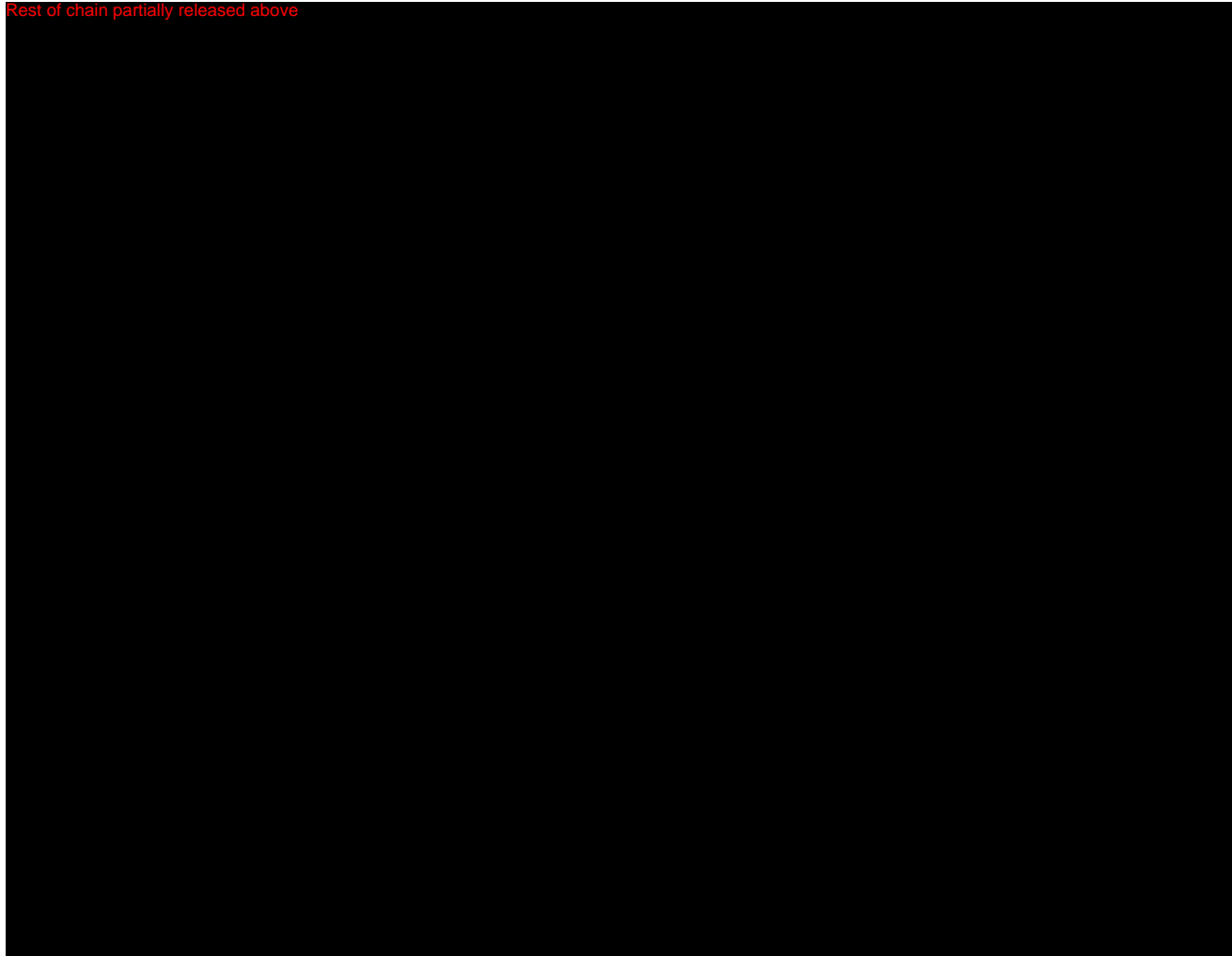


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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: [Seth Jaffe](#)
Subject: FW: (b)(3), (6)
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 12:20:52 PM
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Seth:

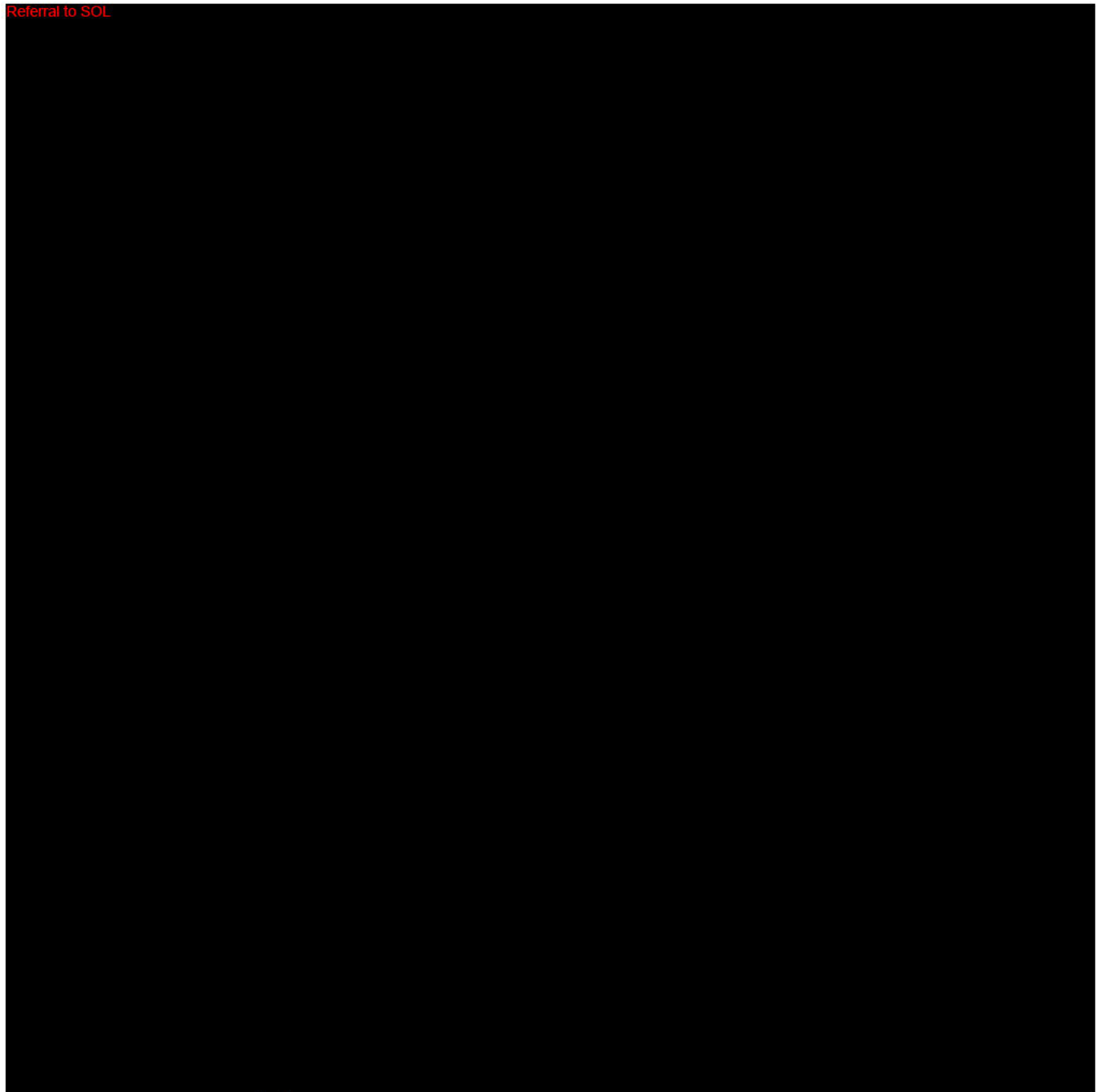
Do you think we could discuss at your earliest convenience? (b) (5)

Thanks!

Lorna

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From: ryanzinke ^{(b) (6)} [redacted]

Date: Thu, Jan 5, 2017 at 9:23 AM

Subject: Fwd: ^{(b)(3), (6)} [redacted]

To: Edward McDonnell ^{(u) (v)} [redacted]

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From: "DeVito, Vincent" (b) (6) >
Date: 05/01/2017 08:58 (GMT-05:00)
To: "The Hon. Ryan Zinke" (b) (6)
Subject: (b)(3), (6)

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: "McDonnell, Edward"
Cc: "Melinda J Loftin"
Subject: Nominee
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:24:55 PM
Attachments: [278 for preclearance Zinke.pdf](#)
[ethics agreement for preclearance.docx](#)

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(4), (5), (6)

Versions for preclearance review. Please let me know asap if there are any concerns.

Thanks!

Lorna

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From: [Emory A. Rounds III](#)
To: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
Subject: Re: call
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 3:22:00 PM

Hold off for now please.

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From: Lorna A. Syme
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: call

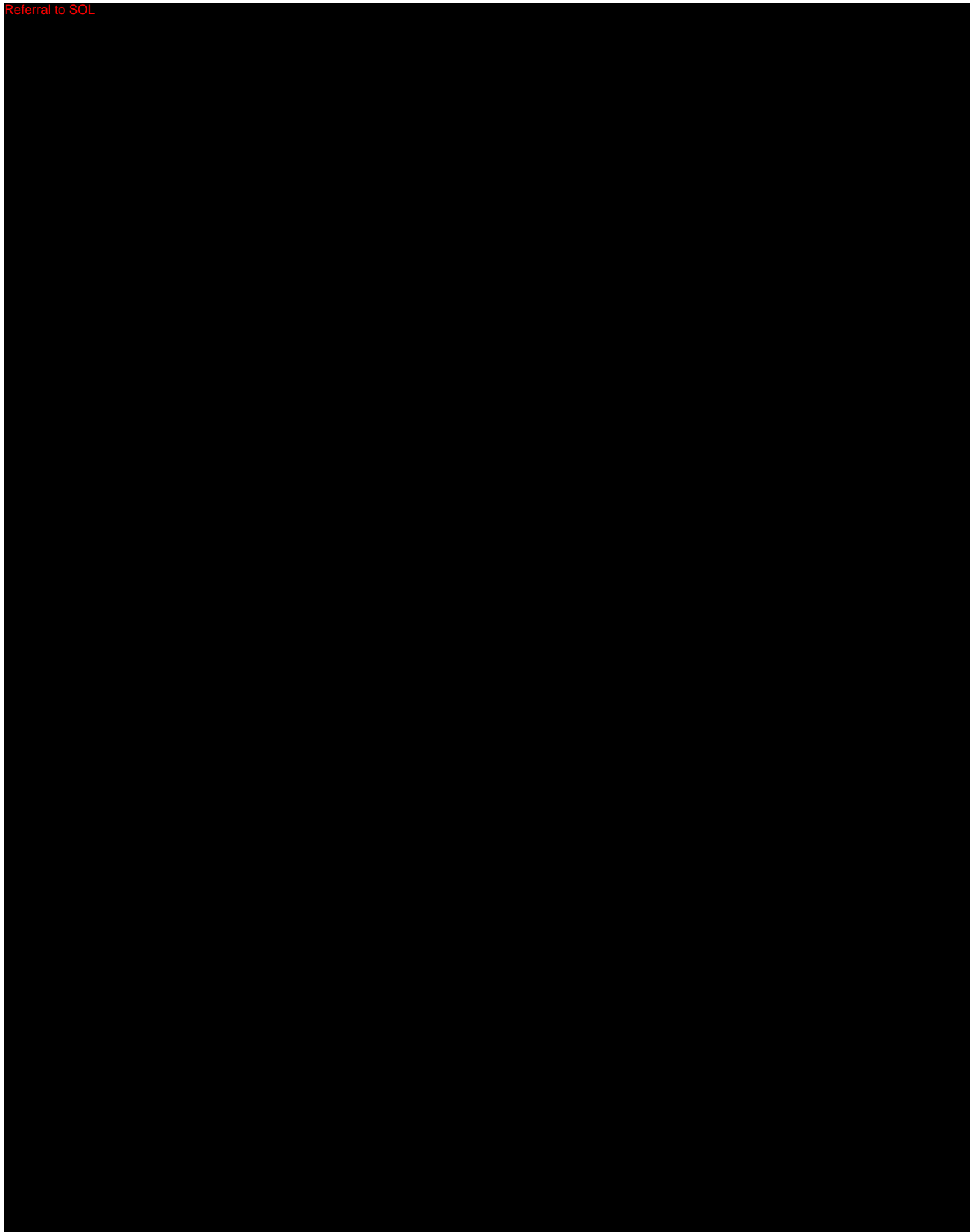
Hi Emory:

Just confirming that I can respond to a Deeno Laprageto (spelling?) from the transition counsel's office on the status of Zinke?

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From: ryanzinke (b) (6)

Date: Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 7:36 AM

Subject: Fwd: Ethics approval

To: Edward McDonnell (b) (6)

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----- Original message -----

From: "DeVito, Vincent" <(b) (6)>

Date: 05/01/2017 09:37 (GMT-05:00)

To: "The Hon. Ryan Zinke" (b) (6), Scott Hommel

(b) (6) >

Subject: Ethics approval

Attached.

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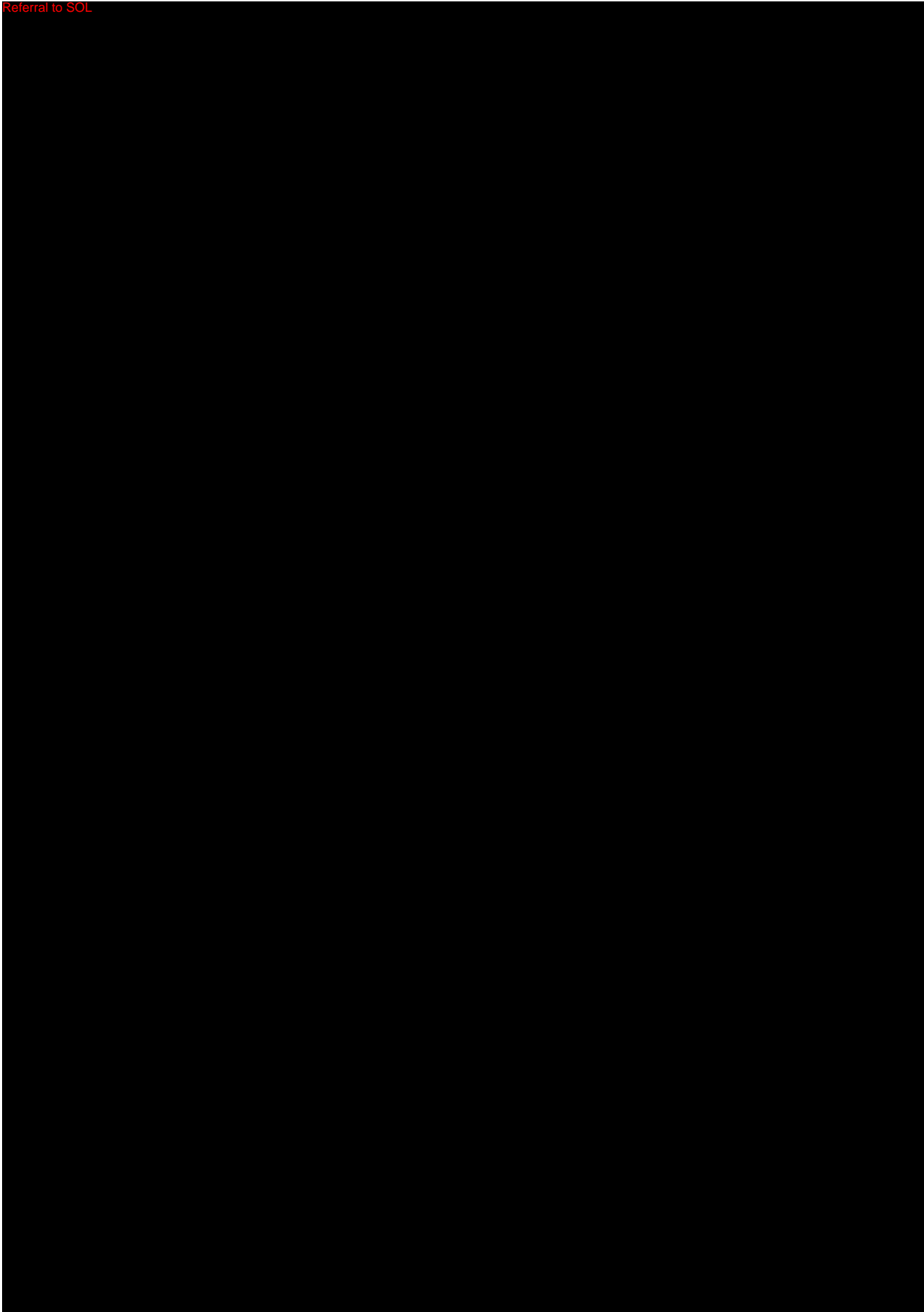
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On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 7:54 AM, ryanzinke ^{(b) (6)} > wrote:
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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: ["McDonnell, Edward"](#)
Subject: cover letter language
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:04:03 AM

Some suggested language:

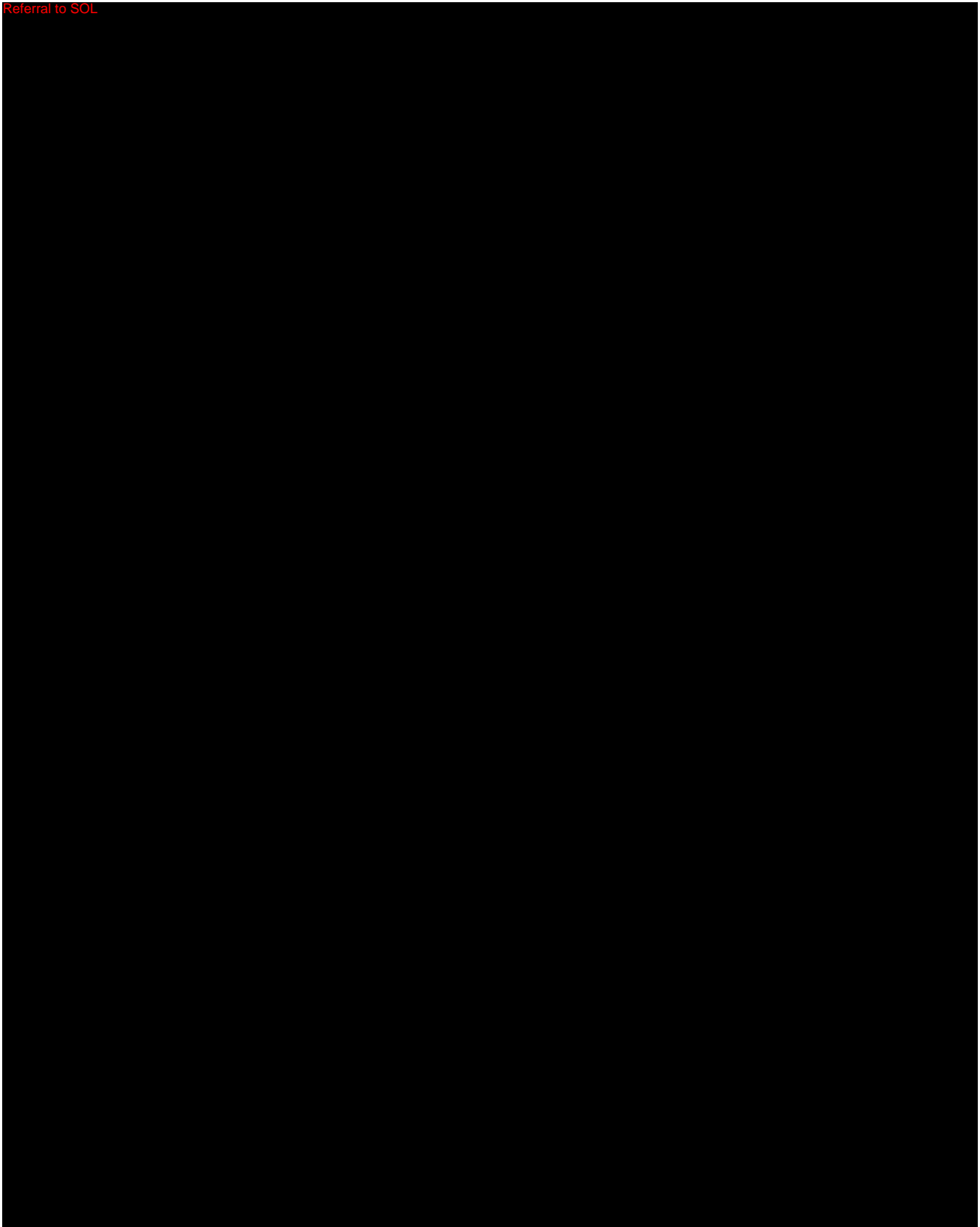
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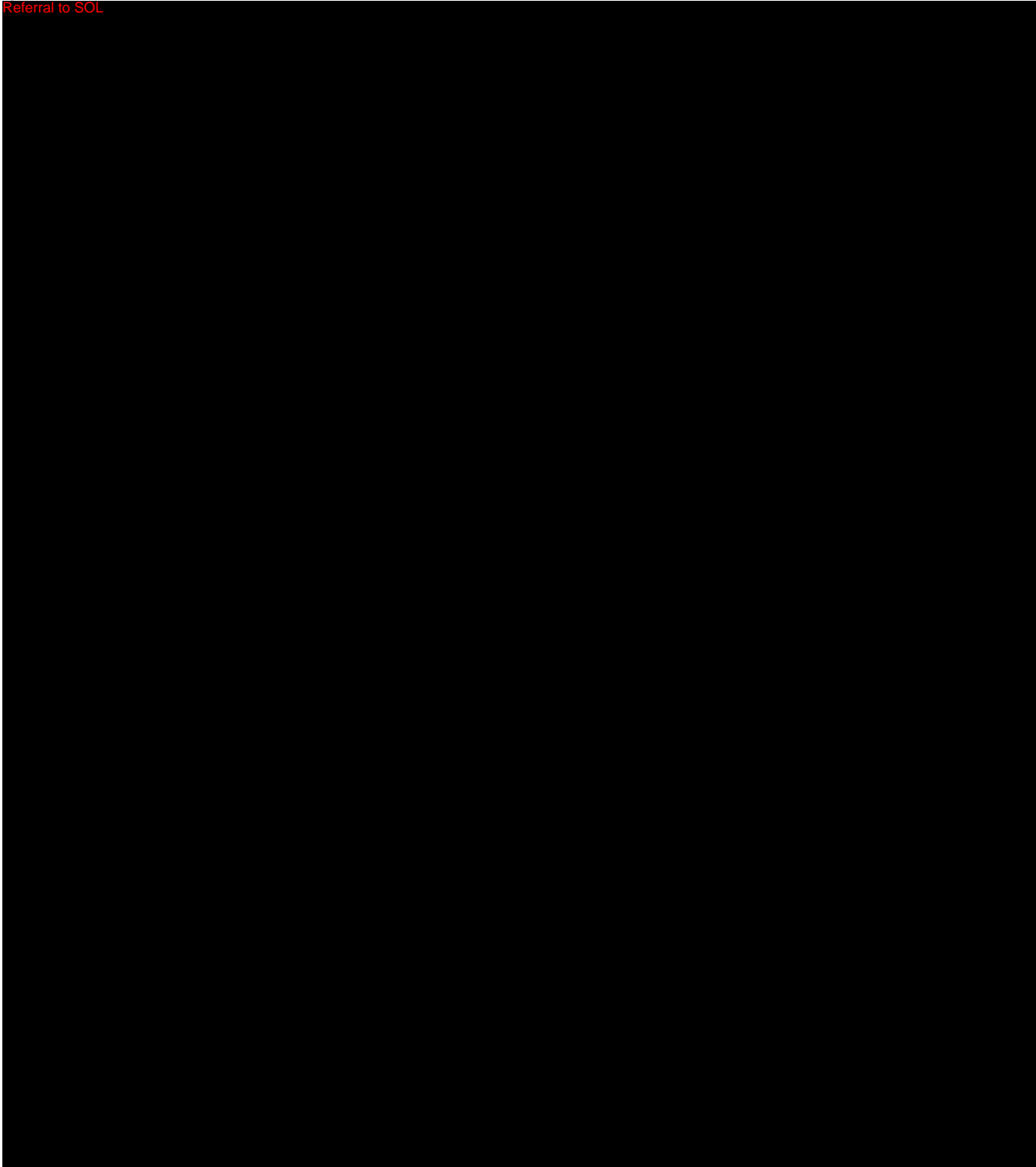
Ed:

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(4), (5), (6)

I apologize but the (b)(3), (6) had a dangling § symbol and they have asked me to correct it for the final. So please see attached corrected version.

Lorna

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On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

The precleared ethics agreement is attached.

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Thanks!

Lorna

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:06 AM
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
Cc: Lorna A. Syme; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Sandra S. Mabry; Keith Labeledz; Teresa L. Williamson; Rodrick T. Johnson; Emory A. Rounds III; 'Edward McDonnell'
Subject: PRECLEARED: Ryan Zinke

Annie, Ryan Zinke is precleared.

Lorna, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

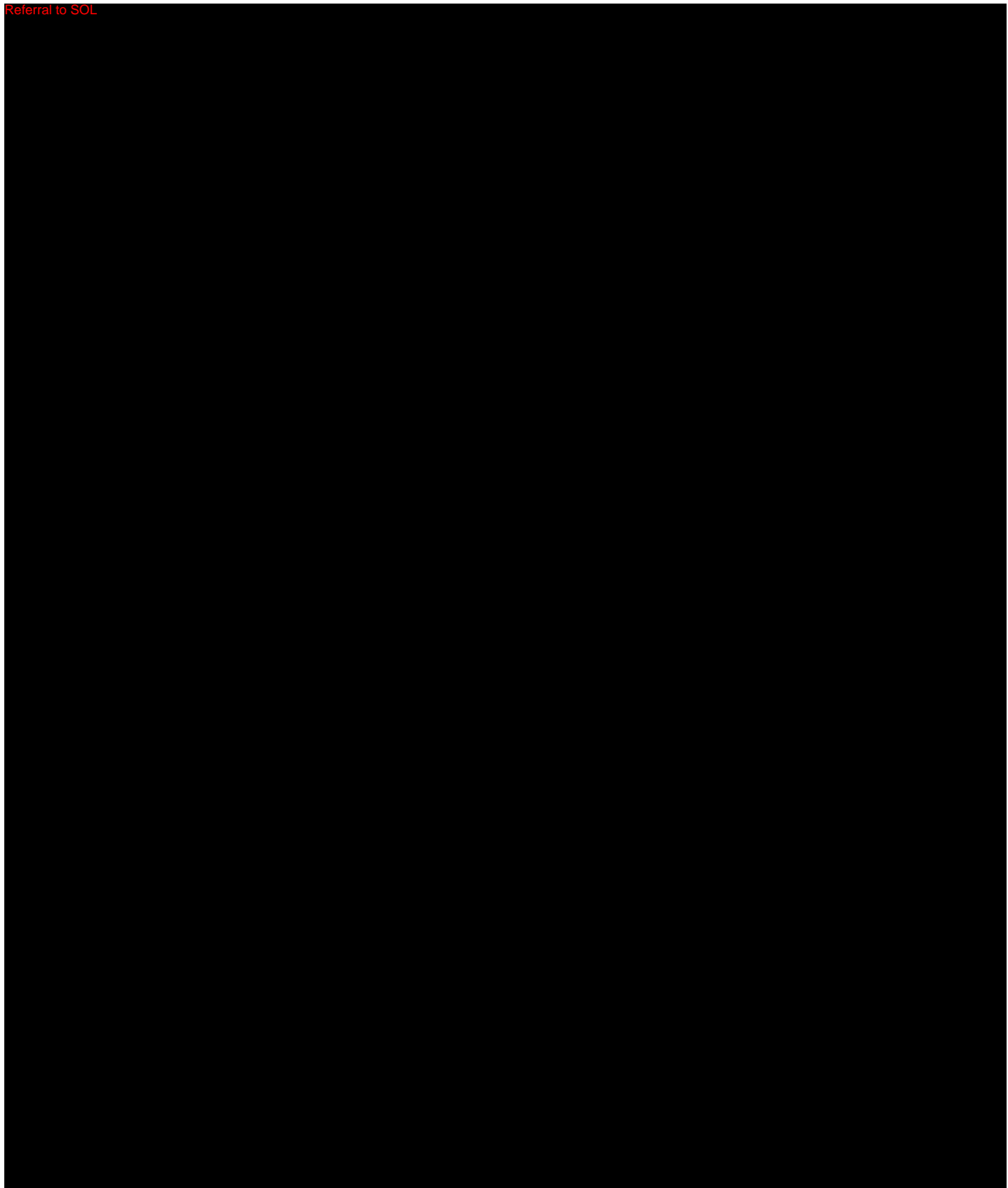
Thanks!

Deb

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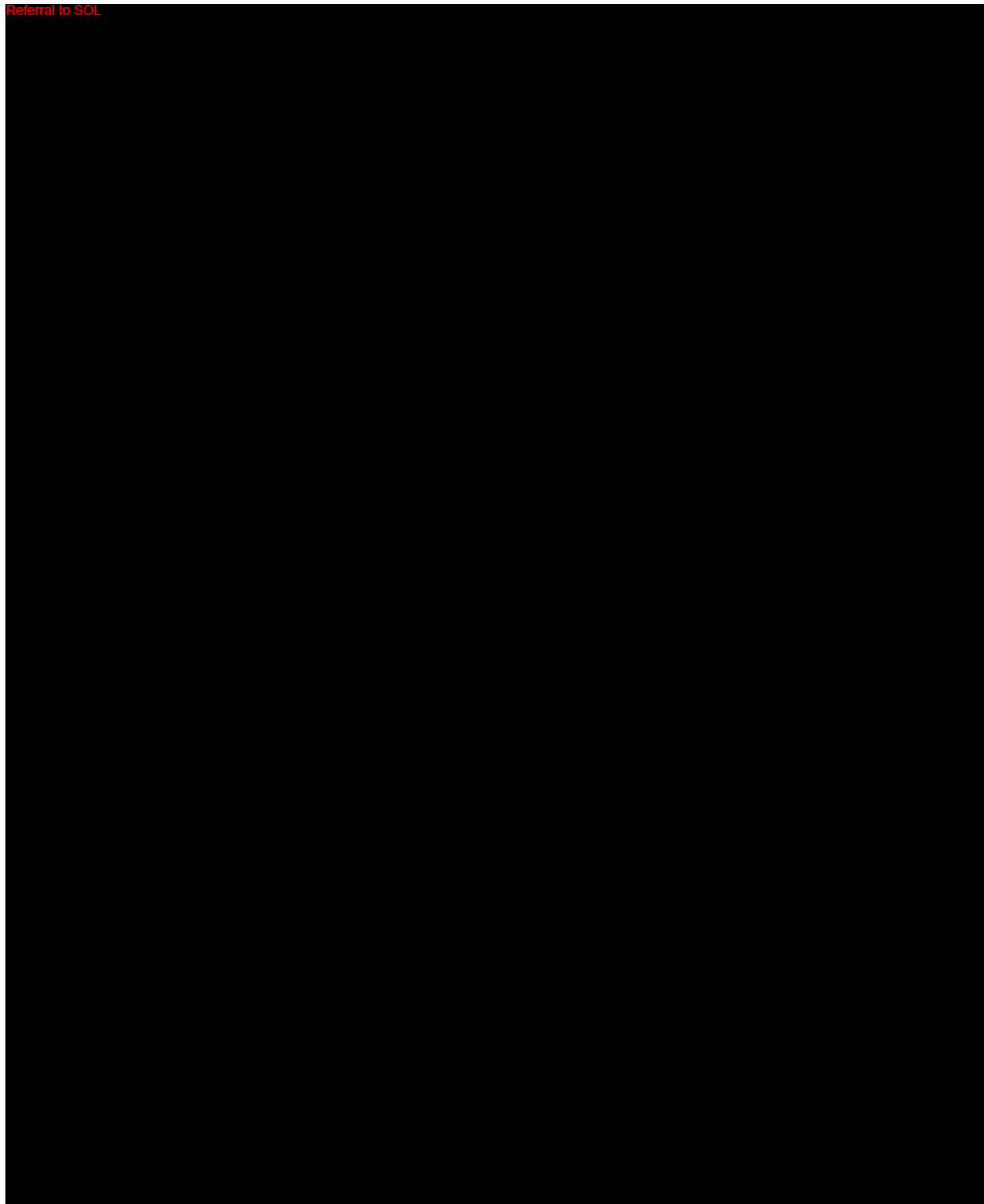


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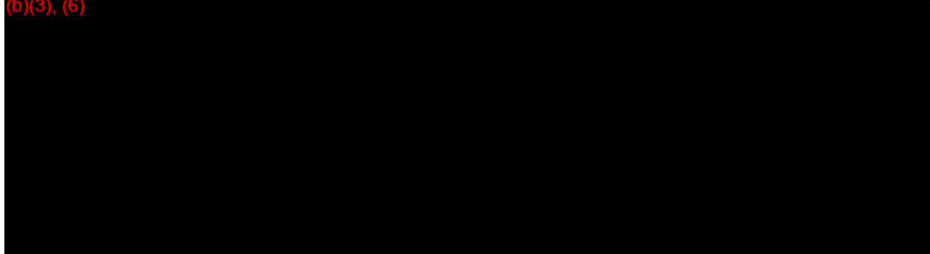
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On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 9:04 AM, ryanzinke^{(b) (6)} > wrote:
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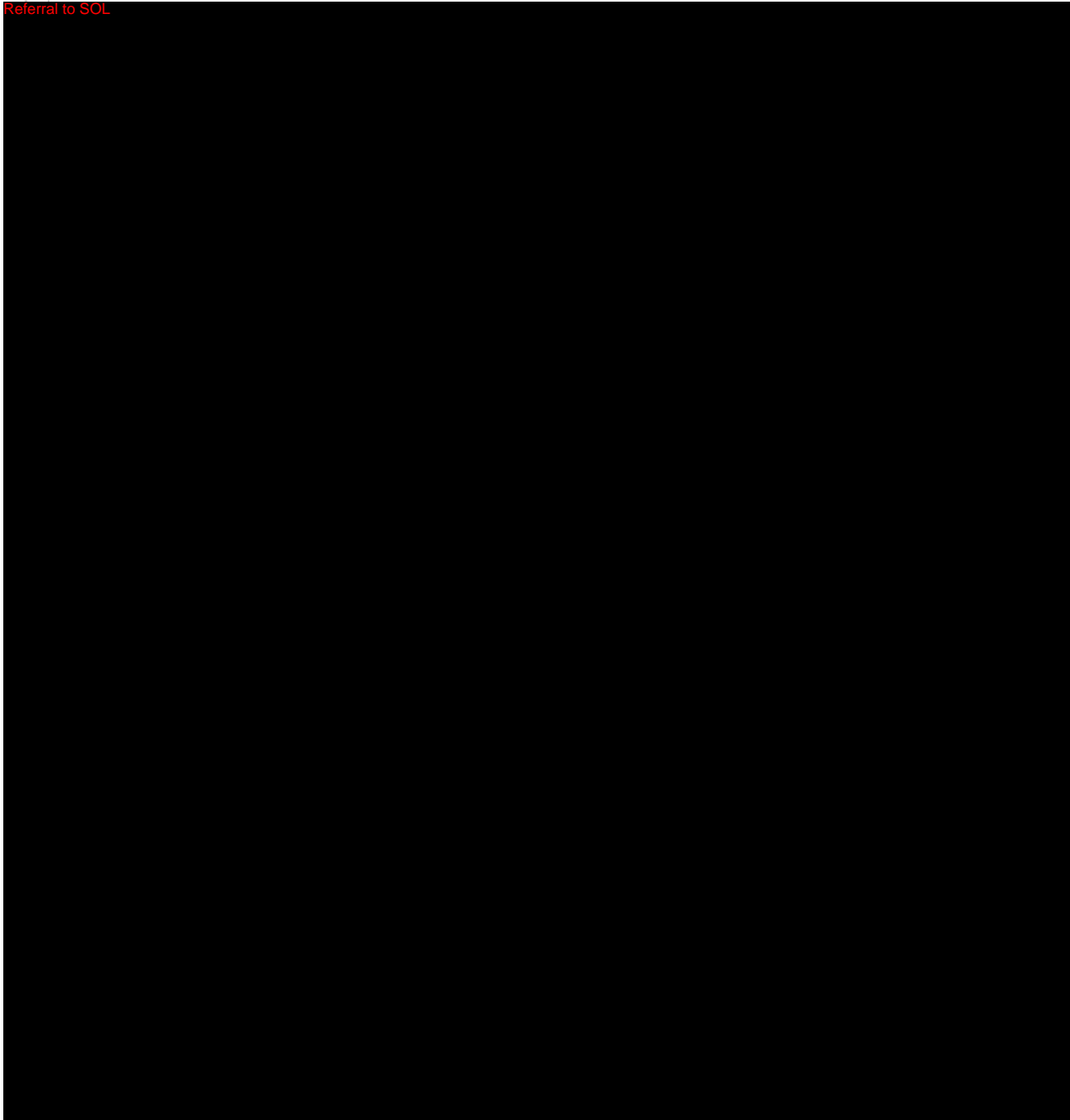


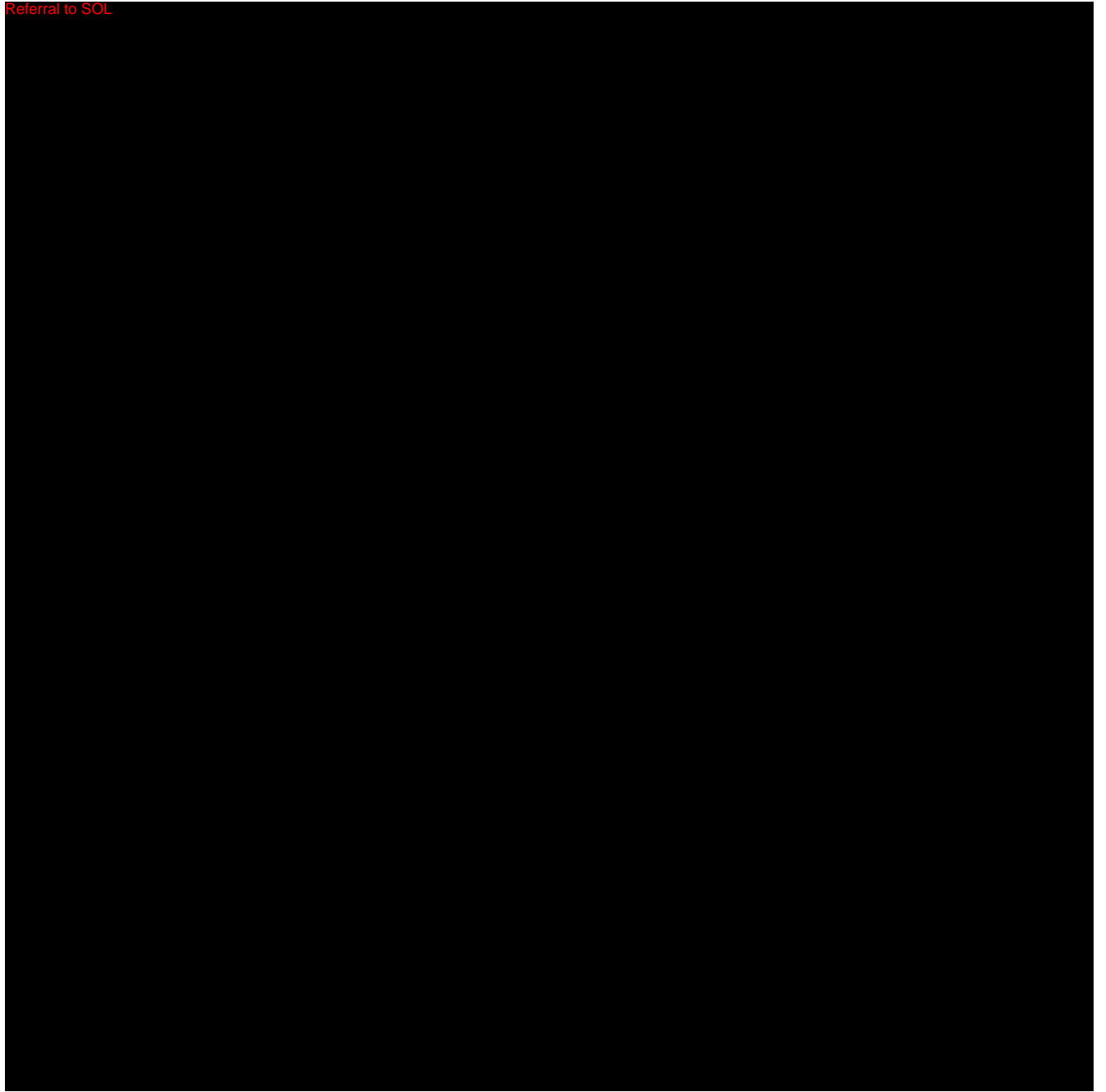
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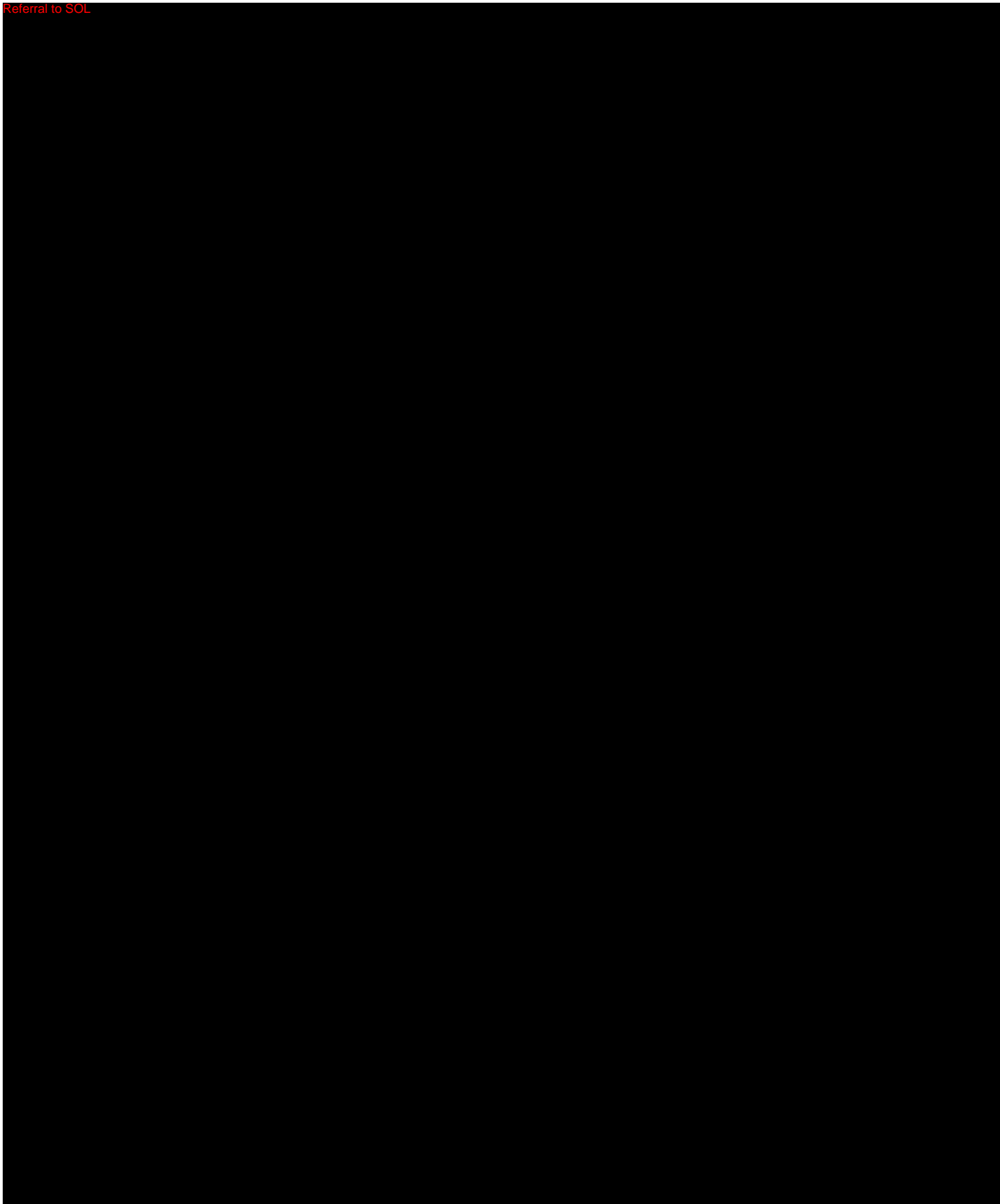
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On Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 9:51 AM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

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We have received word from the transition team authorizing us to forward Representative Zinke's paperwork to the Senate Committee. Please have the filer sign/date the ethics agreement and submit his 278e report in Integrity. Your DAEO or ADAEO should certify the report in Integrity and then forward the signed ethics agreement and your agency cover letter to us at your earliest convenience. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Lorna

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#)
Subject: RE: Representative Ryan Zinke
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:09:53 AM

I've already contacted them and asked them to get us the paperwork asap.

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

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Teresa L. Williamson; Lorna A. Syme; Sandra S. Mabry
Subject: FW: Representative Ryan Zinke

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

From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Ryan Zinke

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
Annie

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From: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
To: [Teresa L. Williamson](#)
Subject: FW: Nominee Paperwork
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:39:14 PM
Attachments: [Zinke, Ryan - Ethics Agreement.pdf](#)
[Zinke, Ryan - OGE Nom Letter.pdf](#)

Attachments released below

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January 10, 2017

Melinda Loftin
Designated Agency Ethics Official
and Director, Ethics Office
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, MS 7346
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Loftin:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Department of Interior.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation. For a period of one year after my resignation, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know this entity is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my positions with Continental Divide International, LLC, and become a non-managing member of this entity. During my appointment to the position of Secretary, I will not manage this entity or provide any other services to it. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from it. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Continental Divide International, LLC, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with Double Tap, LLC, and I will become a non-managing member of this entity. During my appointment, I will not manage this entity or provide any other services to it. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from it. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter

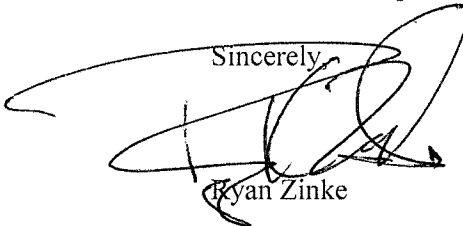
that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Double Tap, LLC, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

I receive royalties from Thomas Nelson for sales of my book, *American Commander: Serving a Country Worth Fighting For and Training the Brave Soldiers Who Lead the Way*. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know Thomas Nelson is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

My spouse has a vested beneficial interest in, and receives property management fees from, a family trust with underlying assets consisting of rental properties and an undeveloped lot, all of which are located in Santa Barbara, CA. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of this trust, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

If I am confirmed as Secretary of the Department of the Interior, I am aware that I am prohibited by 30 U.S.C. § 1211(f) from holding a financial interest in any surface or underground coal mining operation. Additionally, I am aware that my position is subject to the prohibitions against holding any financial interest in federal lands or resources administered or controlled by the Department of the Interior extended to me by supplemental regulation 5 C.F.R. § 3501.103.

Finally, I have 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.

Sincerely,

Ryan Zinke

From: LNAPPS1.USOGE@oge.gov
To: [Sandra S. Mabry](#)
Subject: IMPORTANT - ACTION NEEDED - Nomination Package Forwarded to Sandy for Review - Ryan Zinke
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:46:46 PM

Nomination package for Ryan Zinke has been forwarded for review.

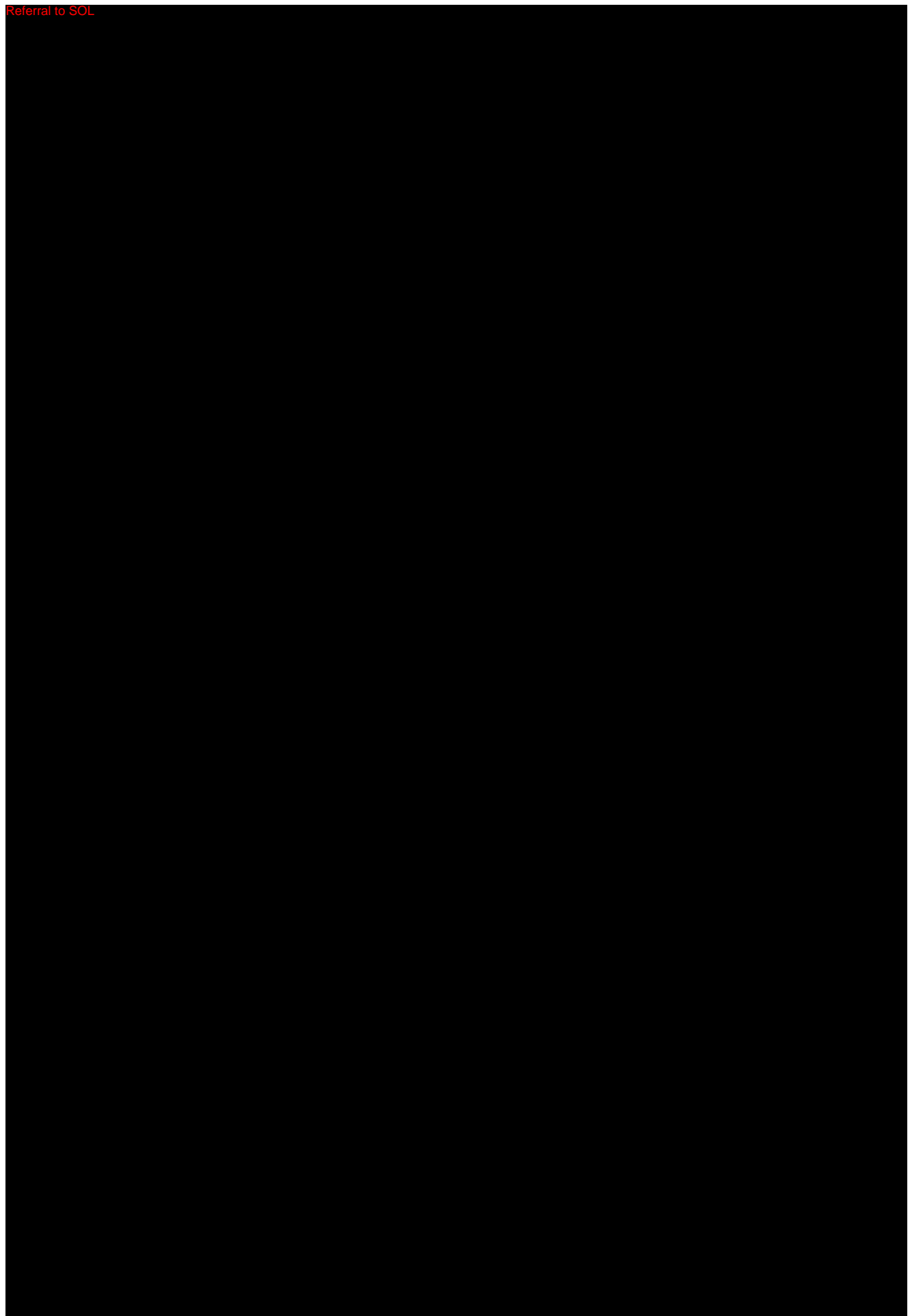
ACTION: Review nomination package and initial paper routing slip. Log completion of this step into FDTS by clicking the forward routing button to save and mark this step complete.

Drop the paper folder off in General Counsel's office.

The link below will take you to the FDTS record.

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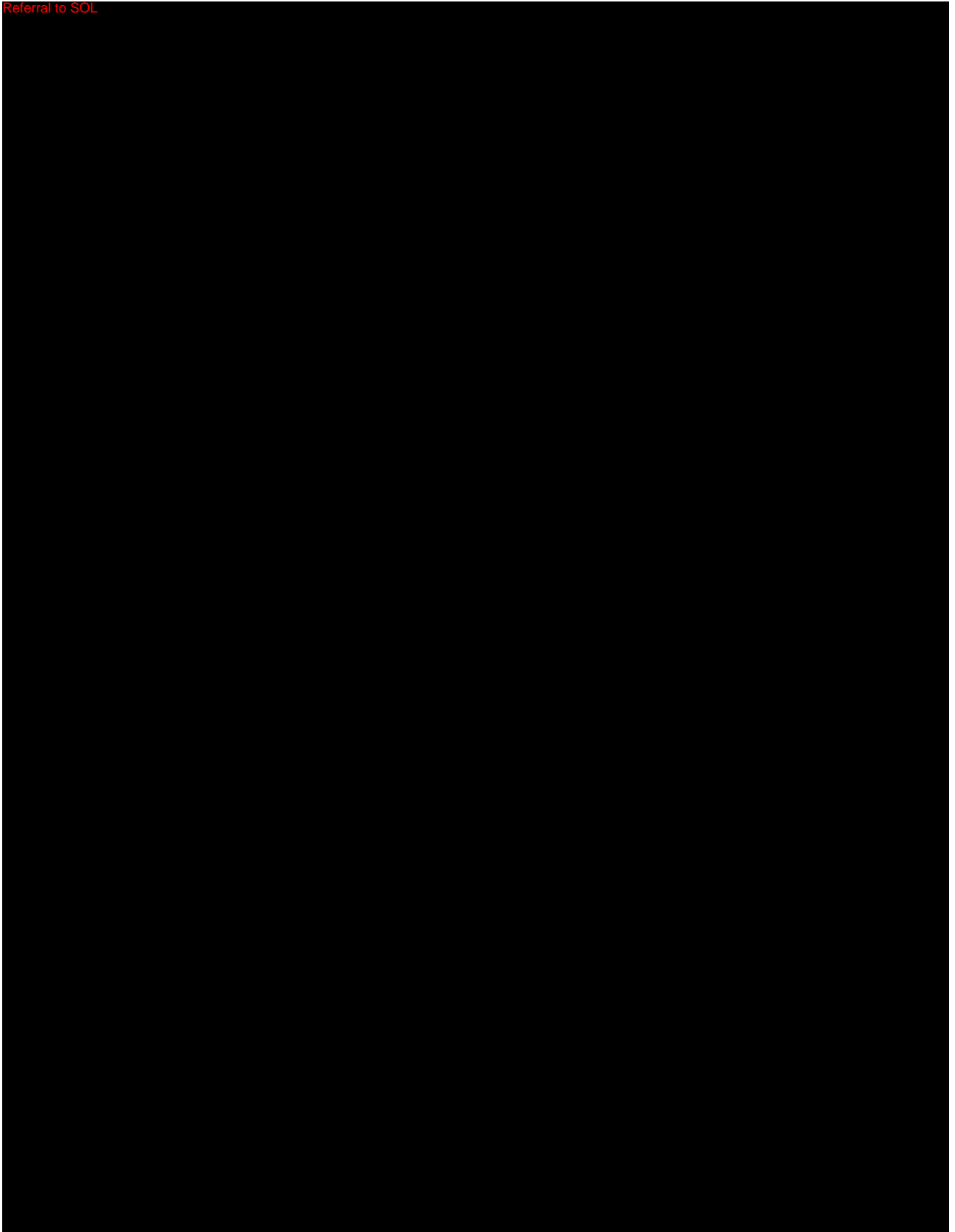
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On Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Ed:

Just FYI. We sent the documents to the committee yesterday. This is your courtesy copy.

Lorna

From: Teresa L. Williamson
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme; 'McDonnell, Edward'
Subject: Public Financial Disclosure Report of Ryan Zinke

Good Afternoon,

Final EA and final senate letter released below.
278 financial disclosure report withheld in full - (b)
(3) - Available at <https://extapps2.oge.gov/201/Presiden.nsf/PAS%20Index?OpenView>

I've attached the financial disclosure package for Ryan Zinke. President-Elect Trump has announced his intention to nominate Mr. Zinke for the position of Secretary, Department of the Interior.

Thanks!

Teresa Williamson

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On Jan 13, 2017, at 4:53 PM, Hommel, Scott  wrote:

Thank you.

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On Jan 13, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> wrote:

Got it – thanks!

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From: "Hommel, Scott"



Date: January 13, 2017 at 4:30:17 PM EST

To: Edward McDonnell

(b) (6)

Subject: 5 Day Letter

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Ed,

Please see attached. Original signed and notarized letter and a copy being hand delivered right now as instructed. Please confirm receipt. Thanks.

Scott

Scott C. Hommel
Chief of Staff
Rep. Ryan Zinke – Montana

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From: [Teresa L. Williamson](#)
To: [Lorna A. Syme](#)
Subject: FW: NEW NOMINATION - January 20, 2017
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:32:07 PM
Importance: High

From: Teresa L. Williamson
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Lorna A. Syme; Rachel K. Dowell; Sandra S. Mabry; Keith Labedz; Leigh J. Francis; Jim Robertson; Jack MacDonald; Stephanie Nonluecha; Megan V. Khaner; Patrick J. Lightfoot; Kimberly L. Sikora Panza; Elaine Newton; Monica M. G. Ashar
Cc: LEGTEAM; Emory A. Rounds III; Brandon L. Bunderson; Vincent Salamone; Steven Corbally; Grace A. Clark; Cheryl L. Kane-Piasecki; Deborah J. Bortot; Dale A. Christopher; Nicole Stein; Daniel L. Skalla; Elizabeth D. Horton; Wendy G. Pond; Heather A. Jones; Diana Veilleux; Seth Jaffe; David A. Meyers; Ciara M. Guzman; Patrick Shepherd; Rodrick T. Johnson; Kimberley H. Kaplan; Christopher J. Swartz; Jaideep Mathai
Subject: NEW NOMINATION - January 20, 2017
Importance: High

The following nominations have been posted on THOMAS. You will be contacted separately regarding any actions required regarding these nominations.

Thanks! Teresa

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Kim Sikora Panza (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

(b) (5)

PN49 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Seema Verma** — **Department of Health and Human Services**
Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, vice Marilyn B. Tavenner.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Finance

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Kim Sikora Panza (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN53 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **David Friedman** — **Department of State**

David Friedman, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Leigh (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN45 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Todd M. Ricketts** — **Department of Commerce**

Todd M. Ricketts, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Stephanie (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN42 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Robert Lighthizer** — **Executive Office of the President**

Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Finance

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN39 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **David J. Shulkin** — **Department of Veterans Affairs**

David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Elaine (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN38 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Andrew F. Puzder** — **Department of Labor**

Andrew F. Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Labor.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - (b) (5)

PN52 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Terry Branstad** — **Department of State**

Terry Branstad, of Iowa, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - (b) (5)

PN47 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Jay Clayton** — **Securities and Exchange Commission**

Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021, vice Daniel M. Gallagher, Jr. (term expired).

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - (b) (5)

PN46 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Vincent Viola** — **Department of Defense**

Vincent Viola, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Eric Kenneth Fanning.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Armed Services

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - (b) (5)

PN41 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Daniel Coats** — **Office of the Director of National Intelligence**

Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, vice James R. Clapper, Jr.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Intelligence

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN28 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Steven T. Mnuchin** — **International Monetary Fund**

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, vice Jacob Joseph Lew, resigned.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

(b) (5)

PN27 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Steven T. Mnuchin** — **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank, vice Jacob Joseph Lew, resigned.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN26 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Steven T. Mnuchin** — **Department of the Treasury**

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Finance

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Stephanie (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN51 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Nikki R. Haley** — **United Nations**

Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Stephanie (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN50 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Nikki R. Haley** — **Department of State**

Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Rachel (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN48 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Linda E. McMahon** — **Small Business Administration**

Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, vice Maria Contreras-Sweet, resigned.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Stephanie (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN44 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Scott Pruitt** — **Environmental Protection Agency**

Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN43 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Mike Pompeo** — **Central Intelligence Agency**

Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, vice John Owen Brennan.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Intelligence

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Considered by Senate. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Stephanie (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN40 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **John F. Kelly** — **Department of Homeland Security**

John F. Kelly, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - **Confirmed by the Senate** by Yea-Nay Vote. 88 - 11. Record Vote Number: 30. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Megan (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN37 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Elisabeth Prince DeVos** — **Department of Education**

Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Jim (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN36 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **James Richard Perry** — **Department of Energy**

James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Sandy (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN35 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Elaine L. Chao** — **Department of Transportation**

Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Monica (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN34 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Benjamin S. Carson Sr.** — **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Patrick (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN33 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Thomas Price** — **Department of Health and Human Services**

Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Finance

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Keith (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

PN32 — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Wilbur L. Ross Jr.** — **Department of Commerce**

Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Lorna (INTEGRITY) (b) (5)

[PN31](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Ryan Zinke** — **Department of the Interior**

Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Jack (*INTEGRITY*) ^{(b) (5)}

[PN30](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Jeff Sessions** — **Department of Justice**

Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Judiciary

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Monica (*INTEGRITY*) ^{(b) (5)}

[PN29](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **James Mattis** — **Department of Defense**

James Mattis, of Washington, to be Secretary of Defense.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - **Confirmed by the Senate** by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 1. Record Vote Number: 29. ([All Actions](#))

NOMINATION - OGE Reviewer: Leigh (*INTEGRITY*) ^{(b) (5)}

[PN25](#) — 115th Congress (2017-2018) — **Rex W. Tillerson** — **Department of State**

Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State.

Date Received from President: 01/20/2017

Committee: Foreign Relations

Latest Action: 01/20/2017 - Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. ([All Actions](#))

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



JAN 10 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, I enclose a copy of the financial disclosure report filed by Ryan Zinke. President-Elect Trump has announced his intention to nominate Mr. Zinke for the position of Secretary, Department of the Interior.

We have reviewed the report and have obtained advice from the agency concerning any possible conflict in light of its functions and the nominee's proposed duties. Also enclosed is an ethics agreement outlining the actions that the nominee will undertake to avoid conflicts of interest. Unless a date for compliance is indicated in the ethics agreement, the nominee must fully comply within three months of confirmation with any action specified in the ethics agreement.

Based thereon, we believe that this nominee is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing conflicts of interest.

Sincerely,

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

January 10, 2017

Melinda Loftin
Designated Agency Ethics Official
and Director, Ethics Office
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, MS 7346
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Loftin:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Department of Interior.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation. For a period of one year after my resignation, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know this entity is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my positions with Continental Divide International, LLC, and become a non-managing member of this entity. During my appointment to the position of Secretary, I will not manage this entity or provide any other services to it. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from it. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Continental Divide International, LLC, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with Double Tap, LLC, and I will become a non-managing member of this entity. During my appointment, I will not manage this entity or provide any other services to it. Instead, I will receive only passive investment income from it. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter

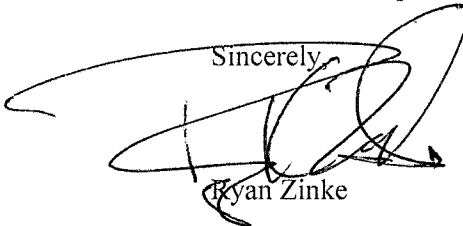
that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Double Tap, LLC, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

I receive royalties from Thomas Nelson for sales of my book, *American Commander: Serving a Country Worth Fighting For and Training the Brave Soldiers Who Lead the Way*. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know Thomas Nelson is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

My spouse has a vested beneficial interest in, and receives property management fees from, a family trust with underlying assets consisting of rental properties and an undeveloped lot, all of which are located in Santa Barbara, CA. As Secretary, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of this trust, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

If I am confirmed as Secretary of the Department of the Interior, I am aware that I am prohibited by 30 U.S.C. § 1211(f) from holding a financial interest in any surface or underground coal mining operation. Additionally, I am aware that my position is subject to the prohibitions against holding any financial interest in federal lands or resources administered or controlled by the Department of the Interior extended to me by supplemental regulation 5 C.F.R. § 3501.103.

Finally, I have 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.

Sincerely,

Ryan Zinke

From: Teresa L. Williamson [mailto:tlwillia@oge.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 1:51 PM

To: Bender, Stuart - OE

Subject: Points of Contact for Nominee Packages

Importance: High

Hi Stuart,

I hope you are doing well. We want to make sure we have a point of contact during the holidays on any new nominees that come in. Would you please provide contact information for staff from your

office that will be working on the nominee packages over the next few weeks.

Thanks!

Teresa

Teresa Williamson

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