

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: June 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Limited Waiver of Paragraph 7 of the Ethics Pledge

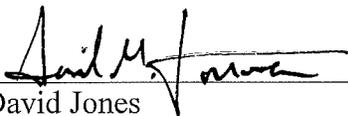
Official: Kyle M. Liske
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After reviewing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's limited waiver request memorandum, I hereby waive the requirements of paragraph 7 of the Ethics Pledge for Mr. Kyle M. Liske to allow him to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials with respect to the implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 ("the Farm Bill"); immigration labor reform that provides for a reliable and legal agricultural workforce under the H-2A visa program; and rebuilding infrastructure and expanding broadband access in rural communities. I have determined that it is in the public interest to grant this limited waiver because Mr. Liske's experience working with American farmers and ranchers and understanding of their unique needs and challenges make him an ideal person to assist the Secretary of Agriculture in supporting American producers to attain efficient and sustainable agricultural production.

In light of the importance of the aforementioned efforts to the Administration and the Department of Agriculture, a limited waiver of the provisions of paragraph 7 of the Ethics Pledge (contained in Section 1 of Executive Order 13770) is justified for Mr. Liske to enable him to advise the Secretary of Agriculture. Accordingly, I authorize Mr. Liske to participate personally and substantially in matters in the specific issue areas of the implementation of the Farm Bill, the H-2A visa program, and rebuilding infrastructure and expanding broadband access in America's rural communities. This is a limited waiver and, aside from these three specific issue areas, Mr. Liske will remain subject to the requirements of paragraph 7 of the Ethics Pledge for those other specific issue areas identified on his former employer's Lobbyist Disclosure Act reports.

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In addition, I understand that Mr. Liske will otherwise comply with the remainder of the requirements imposed by the President's Ethics Pledge and with all preexisting government ethics rules.



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