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

Dear Mr. Cusick:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure report of Robert R. Almonte. President Obama has announced his intent to nominate Mr. Almonte to serve as the United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas. We have conducted a thorough review of the nominee's report and have counseled him on the government ethics rules.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), Mr. Almonte will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on his own financial interests or those of any other person whose interests are imputed to him, unless he first obtains a written waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). Mr. Almonte understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to him: his spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which he is a limited or general partner; any organization in which he serves as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Upon confirmation, Mr. Almonte will resign from his position with the Texas Narcotic Officers Association. For a period of one year from his resignation, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which the Texas Narcotic Officers Association is a party or represents a party, unless he is first authorized to participate pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Mr. Almonte engages in consulting as a sole proprietor, doing business as Narcotics Training Specialists. Upon confirmation, he will cease all consulting work. During his appointment as United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, Narcotics Training Specialists will remain dormant and will not advertise. Mr. Almonte will not perform any services for the

business, except that he will comply with any requirements involving legal filings, taxes and fees that are necessary to maintain the business while it is in an inactive status. As a United States Marshal, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Narcotics Training Specialists. In addition, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former client is a party or represents a party, for a period of one year after last providing service for that client, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

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

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you may so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the Ethics Agreement above signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on 3/23, 2010, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this and any other ethics agreement.



Robert R. Almonte

Date: 3/23, 2010