

THE WHITE HOUSE

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To Director Campbell

Last year we worked closely with Congress to pass The Ethics in Government Act, which sets important ethical standards for Federal employees. It will stand as a landmark statute in providing the public with greater confidence and trust in the way in which the Federal government operates.

It is essential that the Act be implemented as effectively, fairly, and promptly as possible. I am pleased that you are taking steps to ensure such an implementation.

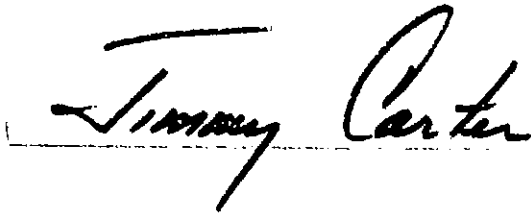
The regulations which you have approved provide sound and equitable interpretations of the Act. The technical amendments to the Act that you have proposed clarify important provisions and should eliminate legitimate concerns of Federal employees about certain post-employment restrictions.

When these are taken together, there should be no doubt that the intent of the Act will be fulfilled, and the public confidence in the conduct of government affairs will rest on a firmer foundation. Of equal importance, Federal employees interested in serving the public will not be harmed in future private employment by the requirements of the Act.

It is important that you work closely with the Congressional leaders to gain rapid enactment of the technical amendments. The Act's implementation should not be delayed. That can be avoided through prompt Congressional approval of the technical amendments.

I am ready to help you in any way necessary to encourage Congressional action. We need a strong, but fair, Ethics Act; and the enactment of these technical amendments, together with the regulations, will ensure the public as well as Federal employees of such a balanced approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

The Honorable Alan K. Campbell
Director
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Washington, D.C.