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PROGRAM ADVISORY

TO: Designated Agency Ethics Officials

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SUBJECT: Revised Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws (118th Congress)

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) provides the Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws (Compilation) as an essential resource for Designated Agency Ethics Officials and other ethics officials to help ensure compliance with the Ethics in Government Act and other statutory requirements.

The 118th Congress passed legislation affecting ethics statutes in the Compilation. This Program Advisory details changes in the updated Compilation, which is available on OGE's website at [www.oge.gov/compilation](http://www.oge.gov/compilation).

**Changes to Ethics Statutes Reflected in the Compilation**

Initially, the 118th Congress enacted legislation to amend the primary criminal bribery statute, 18 U.S.C. § 201, by including provisions prohibiting foreign officials from demanding bribes.<sup>1</sup> However, later in the 118th Congress, these provisions were moved from 18 U.S.C. § 201 to the criminal statute governing demands by foreign officials for bribes, 18 U.S.C. § 1352, by the Foreign Extortion Prevention Technical Corrections Act.<sup>2</sup> OGE's Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws has been revised accordingly and updated to include 18 U.S.C. § 1352.

At the end of the 118th Congress, Public Law 118-159 updated the criminal conflict of interest definitions, 18 U.S.C. § 202, and the criminal prohibition of the supplementation of salary, 18 U.S.C. § 209, to reference the United States Space Force.<sup>3</sup>

The Compilation also includes updated footnotes related to civil monetary penalties, which are adjusted annually by [inflation-adjustment rulemaking of OGE](#).

If you have questions about this Program Advisory, the [updated Compilation](#), or other legislative matters, please contact Grant Anderson at 202-482-9318 or [Grant.Anderson@oge.gov](mailto:Grant.Anderson@oge.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, [H.R. 2670](#), Pub. L. No. 118-31, § 5101, 137 Stat. 136 (2023).

<sup>2</sup> Foreign Extortion Prevention Technical Corrections Act, [S. 4548](#), Pub. L. No. 118-78, 138 Stat. 1512 (2024).

<sup>3</sup> Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, [H.R. 5009](#), Pub. L. No. 118-159, § 568 (2024).

