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Dear Mr. Lofthus:

The United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has conducted a follow-up review of the nominee financial disclosure process at the Department of Justice Headquarters (DOJ Main) and the United States Marshals Service (USMS) to determine how the recommendations from our September 2012 report have been addressed.

OGE recommended that DOJ Main document its ethics agreement process and consider ways to formalize notification of compliance, including using existing internal DOJ resources. During our follow-up review DOJ Main cited several actions to improve the ethics agreement process, including prioritizing and tracking the major steps in the ethics agreement process, notifying new employees of ethics agreement compliance requirements, and maintaining a calendar notification system to ensure timely compliance and notification to OGE. Since the issuance of OGE's September 2012 report, OGE has received timely notification of ethics agreement compliance from DOJ Main. OGE considers DOJ Main's actions responsive to the recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is closed.

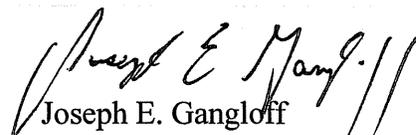
OGE recommended that USMS reassess its ethics agreement process, develop a plan for the post-election period, and consider strategies to put a higher priority on this aspect of nominee processing. In its response, the Department of Justice stated that USMS would make ethics agreement compliance a higher priority. During the follow-up, OGE also found USMS to have improved timeliness in ethics agreement compliance and notification. USMS continues to refine its internal procedures to reduce the time between ethics agreement compliance and OGE notification. OGE considers USMS's actions responsive to the recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is closed.

Based on OGE's follow-up, we have determined that DOJ Main and USMS have adequately addressed the recommendations from the September 2012 report. OGE will continue to monitor the results of these revised ethics agreement procedures and work with DOJ to help ensure timely ethics agreement compliance and notification. Thank you for your assistance

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during the follow-up process. Please contact me at 202-482-9220 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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