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MEMORANDUM

TO: Designated Agency Ethics Officials

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SUBJECT: Presidential Memorandum on Ethical Conduct

President George W. Bush, as one of his first official acts, issued a memorandum to agency heads asking them to ensure that all personnel within their departments and agencies are familiar with, and faithfully observe, applicable ethics laws and regulations. He also asks them to thank the personnel of their agencies for "their commitment to maintain the highest standards of integrity in Government as we serve the American people." The memorandum includes a specific reiteration of the 14 "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees" that are set forth in Executive Order 12674 and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.101(b). I am pleased to pass along to you the President's strong support for our program as we embark upon a new administration.

With respect to post-employment activities, the Memorandum notes that lobbying and other forms of representation by former executive branch employees will be subject to the restrictions of 18 U.S.C. § 207.

A copy of President Bush's Memorandum is attached.

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