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Commissioner Astrue Signs President's Ethics Pledge

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced that he has voluntarily signed President Obama's *Ethics Pledge*, an action required only of new political appointees in this Administration. Commissioner Astrue was confirmed by the Senate in 2007 for a six-year term.

"I gladly signed President Obama's *Ethics Pledge* because I strongly support the President's view that we serve only the interests of the American people. As the President has stated, 'The American people deserve more than simply an assurance that those who are coming to Washington will serve their interests. They also deserve to know that there are rules on the books to keep it that way. They deserve a government that is truly of, by and for the people."

To view a signed copy of the pledge, click <u>here</u>.

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