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Walter M. Shaub, Jr
Director
Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Director Shaub,

Thank you for your service. I write today to call your attention to the recent actions of a member of the White House senior staff, Ms. Kellyanne Conway.

In an appearance this morning on the Fox News program "Fox & Friends," Ms. Conway made the following remarks regarding the Ivanka Trump fashion line: "Go buy Ivanka's stuff, is what I would tell you. It's a wonderful line. I own some of it. I fully – I'm going to just, I'm going to give a free commercial here: Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online."

Ms. Conway's endorsement of any privately owned business – let alone a company owned by an immediate family member of her employer, the President of the United States – is a clear violation of federal ethics law. The regulations in this area are quite clear. Title 5, Section § 2635.702 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations states:

"An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of which the employee is an officer or member, and persons with whom the employee has or seeks employment or business relations."

Ms. Conway's comments are a clear violation of the letter and spirit of the law. Given President Trump's apparent view that federal ethics rules do not apply to his office, I respectfully request the Office of Government Ethics to investigate this incident. Pursuant to Title 5, Section § 2638.503 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, I urge you to immediately notify the White House of the violation of government ethics law in order to prompt corrective action.

Addressing this early and egregious violation is critical to ensuring the Administration's future adherence to the law.

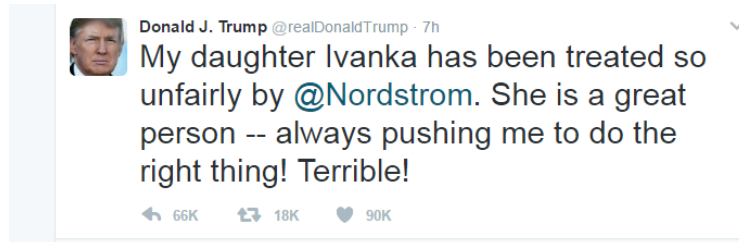
Sincerely,



Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress

02/08/17 at approximately 4:05 p.m.
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Walter Shaub and David Apol initiated a call with Stefan Passantino of the White House Counsel's Office regarding POTUS's tweet concerning the decision of Nordstrom to stop carrying a family member's line of products:



During the call, we reiterated OGE's recommendation that POTUS should conduct himself as though he is covered by the Standards of Conduct, including 2635.702.

(b) (5)

Stefan responded that he understood our concerns.

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From: [David J. Apol](#)
To: [Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [Director of OGE](#)
Subject: Calls regarding Nordstrom statements
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 11:40:43 AM

Stefan,

This email is to confirm the content of the two calls we had yesterday afternoon and this morning.

Walt and I initiated the discussion yesterday regarding the President's tweet concerning the decision of Nordstrom to stop carrying his daughter's line of products. During the call, we reiterated OGE's recommendation that the President should conduct himself as though he is covered by the Standards of Conduct, including 2635.702 (Misuse of Position). (b) (5)

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After Kellyanne Conway encouraged the public to buy the products of the President's daughter this morning, you initiated a call to me. You expressed that you wanted to reassure OGE that, as the Counsel to the President for Ethics and Compliance, you will be taking appropriate action to address her conduct and that of the individuals we discussed yesterday. I thanked you initiating this call and for your reassurance. I also recommended that you counsel all White House staff regarding the misuse of position rule.

In light of the attention this issue has drawn and the volume of calls OGE is receiving, we discussed that OGE will need to be able to reassure the public that we are addressing this issue with you. You stated that you understood and did not want to interfere.

As I indicated in our phone call, we need you to follow up after you address this matter by informing OGE of whatever action you take. Please let me or Walt know as soon as possible what action is taken.

Dave

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Open Interaction

Interaction Number: 11324	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-10
Title*	Questions concerning potential violations ethics rules and laws (Univision)
Question*	<p>My name is Claudia Uceda, and I am with Univision television network. I'm hoping you can help provide me with answers to a couple of questions.</p> <p>There have been numerous statements by public officials from both parties expressing opinions about whether the president and members of his administration have broken ethics rules or laws.</p> <p>1. Are you investigating the president or any members of the White House staff?</p> <p>2. Members of congress have sent a letter asking for an investigation of Kellyanne Conway after she said during a national TV interview, "go buy Ivanka's stuff." What will happen with that request? What will the next step(s) be?</p> <p>3. The President's Twitter account shows a retweet from the Donald Trump personal account, in which he criticizes Nordstrom's decision to stop selling Ivanka Trump's merchandise. What are/were your actions in this that particular case?</p>
Update	
Categories*	Enforcement
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Claudia
Last Name	Uceda
Title	Reporter, Univision television network
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	(b) (5)
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone
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Resolution Information (current status = Open)	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	
Response*	
Complexity (level)	<input type="button" value="[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]"/>
Time Spent (hours)	
Contributor	

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Update	02/14/2017 01:46:35 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/14/2017 09:22:17 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 02:22:50 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 10:53:35 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
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Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/10/2017 05:14:46 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11266	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Comment about clothing endorsement by Conway (Daily Dot)
Question*	<p>Today on Fox and Friends, Kellyanne Conway urged viewers to buy Ivanka Trump's clothing line: https://twitter.com/AndrewKirell/status/829679277033394176</p> <p>That is possibly in violation of a federal statute that states "An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity." Link here (https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/5/2635.702)</p> <p>Does the Office of Government Ethics consider White House counselor a public office? If so, do these comments violate federal law?</p>
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Internal
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	David
Last Name	Covucci
Title	Editor The Daily Dot
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	<p>I had a general ethics discussion with the reporter to include such topics as: the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the misuse prohibitions themselves, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I also discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal contact procedures in this matter.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)</p>
Complexity (level)	(b) (5)
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
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Interaction History Log	
Closed	02/16/2017 08:36:06 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11265	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Comment about Conway's appearance and ethics rules application (ABC News)
Question*	Reaching out to see if the OGE has any comment on Kellyanne Conway's appearance on Fox News this morning, where she explicitly told viewers to buy products from Ivanka Trump's company. Would this be considered a rule violation of this OGE regulation? https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Regulations/5D633072D0B2DB5085257E96006A90E7 Will there be any contact to the White House about this?
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Alexander
Last Name	Mallin
Title	Reporter
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I had a general discussion with the reporter concerning the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the prohibitions in this rule, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I also discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal contact procedures in this matter. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
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Date	2017-02-16
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Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/09/2017 11:12:56 AM by Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11378	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-10
Title*	Accessing WH 278 reports
Question*	<p>where can i find kellyanne Conway, trump and bannon's financial disclosure reports.</p> <p>if they are not public, why would that be, would not make sense.\</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>
Update	
Categories*	278s
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Public Citizen
First Name	(b) (6)
Last Name	(b) (6)
Title	
Position	
Email	
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Suzanne L. Meyer
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Suzanne L. Meyer

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-15
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	<p>Found the Obama admin. reports but not the Trump ones. Dan pointed out that they will ultimately be there once reviewed within the allotted time frame, including any extensions given.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Dear Mr. (b) (6)</p> <p>Thank you for your email to Contact OGE.</p> <p>President Trump's reports can be accessed from our Presidential Candidate's page here: https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/Presidential+Candidates (Note: once he files his first annual report as President – due May 15, 2018 – that report will be available on the President and Vice President page.</p> <p>For White House staff, including Ms. Conway and Mr. Bannon, those reports are due to the White House 30 days from the date the official assumes the position, although that due date can be extended by an agency by up to 90 days. Once received, the White House should review and certify the reports within 60 days before submitting them to OGE for final certification. Those reports will also be available through OGE's online 201 system once they are received, reviewed and certified by OGE.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Contact OGE U.S. Office of Government Ethics (Assigned to: Suzanne L. Meyer)</p>
Complexity (level)	1

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Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	Daniel L. Skalla
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
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Now Assigned: Suzanne L. Meyer	02/15/2017 10 22:48 AM by Suzanne L. Meyer

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11326	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-13
Title*	Questions about OGE investigation (CNN Money)
Question*	Reporter wanted to check-in on some procedural matters about the review of Kelly Anned Conway matter.
Update	
Categories*	Enforcement
Origin Of Interaction*	Phone
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Jill
Last Name	Disis
Title	Reporter, CNN Money
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-13
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I told the reporter that OGE had no comment about the particular matter in question. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11360	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-14
Title*	Request for interview with the Director (Hardball with Chris Matthews)
Question*	Is OGE director Walter Shaub available to come on Hardball tonight for a conversation with Chris Matthews about Kellyanne Conway's possible ethics violation in regard to the mention in an interview of Ivanka Trump's clothing line?
Update	
Categories*	Other
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Carol
Last Name	Ross Joynt
Title	Producer Hardball with Chris Matthews
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I informed the reporter that OGE had declined her interview request. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11242	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Questions about President's tweet (NBC News)
Question*	Reporter has a question about the President's recent tweet. The question subsequently followed with a question concerning the comments made by Kellyanne Conway.
Update	
Categories*	Other
Origin Of Interaction*	Phone
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Hallie
Last Name	Jackson
Title	Reporter, NBC News
Position	
Email	none provided.
Phone	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes	On 2/9, I had a discussion with Peter Alexander about subsequent comments by KAC: (b) (6)
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	The reporter who had contacted me was not in the office. Therefore, I spoke to Peter Alexander on 2/9/17 about this matter. I had a general ethics discussion with the reporter to include such topics as: the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the misuse prohibitions themselves, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I also discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal contact procedures in this matter. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

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Update	02/10/2017 08:55:40 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/09/2017 03:11:00 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/09/2017 03:10:33 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/08/2017 04:08:45 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
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Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/08/2017 02:52:47 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11358	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-14
Title*	Confirmation on Hill report that Shaub wrote to White House (Government Executive)
Question*	The reporter was seeking confirmation on a Hill report that Director Shaub wrote a letter to the White House on Kellyanne Conway's punishment.
Update	
Categories*	Enforcement, Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Charles
Last Name	Clark
Title	Senior Correspondent, Government Executive
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I informed the reporter that OGE had sent a letter to the Congressional Committee and to the DAEO for the White House. I also answered a few general questions that the reporter had concerning the the above letters. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11267	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Response to promotion by Counselor to the President (CNN)
Question*	<p>I'm going on-air this morning with a story about Kellyanne Conway, the counselor to the President, promoting Ivanka's product line. Several outside ethics experts say he may have violated the following section of US code § 2635.702 Use of public office for private gain.</p> <p>An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of which the employee is an officer or member, and persons with whom the employee has or seeks employment or business relations. The specific prohibitions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section apply this general standard, but are not intended to be exclusive or to limit the application of this section.</p> <p>(a) Inducement or coercion of benefits. An employee shall not use or permit the use of his Government position or title or any authority associated with his public office in a manner that is intended to coerce or induce another person, including a subordinate, to provide any benefit, financial or otherwise, to himself or to friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity.</p>
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Christina
Last Name	Alesci
Title	Reporter, Turner com
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	<p>I had a general ethics discussion with the reporter to include such topics as: the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the misuse prohibitions themselves, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I also discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal contact procedures in this matter.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)</p>
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
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11265	Resolved	Comment about Conway's appearance and ethics rules application (ABC News)	Press/Alexander Mallin - Reporter	02/09/2017	02/09/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11266	Resolved	Comment about clothing endorsement by Conway (Daily Dot)	Press/David Covucci - Editor The Daily Dot	02/09/2017	02/09/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11267	Resolved	Response to promotion by Counselor to the President (CNN)	Press/Christina Alesci - Reporter, Turner.com	02/09/2017	02/09/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11270	Resolved	Comment on potential ethics violation (CBS News)	Press/Jackie Alemany - White House Reporter	02/09/2017	02/09/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11271	Resolved	Comment on potential ethics violation (New York Daily News)	Press/Meera Jagannathan - Features Writer, New York Daily News	02/09/2017	02/09/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11313	Resolved	Requesting information on action taken and about any notice of deficiency	Public Citizen/Kevin Bradley (from Sixth District, Georgia)	02/10/2017	02/13/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11324	Open	Questions concerning potential violations ethics rules and laws (Univision)	Press/Claudia Uceda - Reporter, Univision television network	02/10/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11326	Resolved	Questions about OGE investigation (CNN Money)	Press/Jill Disis - Reporter, CNN Money	02/13/2017	02/13/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11358	Resolved	Confirmation on Hill report that Shaub wrote to White House (Government Executive)	Press/Charles Clark - Senior Correspondent, Government Executive	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11359	Resolved	Requesting for copy of letter sent to White House (New York Times)	Press/Elizabeth Williamson - Editorial Board, National Politics	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11360	Resolved	Request for interview with the Director (Hardball with Chris Matthews)	Press/Carol Ross Joynt - Producer Hardball with Chris Matthews	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11363	Resolved	Request for information about a response to OGE letter (Reuters)	Press/Emily Stephenson - Reporter, Reuters	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone
11378	Resolved	Accessing WH 278 reports	Public Citizen(b) (6)	02/10/2017	02/15/2017	Suzanne L. Meyer
11384	Resolved	Seeking Director's letter to White House Legal Counsel (WWD)	Press/Kristi Ellis - Washington Bureau Chief, WWD Reporter, Women's Wear Daily	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11359	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-14
Title*	Requesting for copy of letter sent to White House (New York Times)
Question*	I understand that OGE has provided guidance to the WH on Kellyanne Conway's promotion of Ivanka Trump's clothing line... Is it possible to get a copy of that guidance?
Update	
Categories*	Enforcement, Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Elizabeth
Last Name	Williamson
Title	Editorial Board, National Politics
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I informed the reporter on how to access OGE's letter to the Congressional Committee and to the DAEO for the White House. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
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Division(s) assigned: GCLPD



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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11270	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Comment on potential ethics violation (CBS News)
Question*	I was reaching out for comment from your office about Kellyanne Conway's (KAC) violation of federal rules this morning by advertising Ivanka Trump's clothing line on TV.
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Jackie
Last Name	Alemanly
Title	White House Reporter
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I had a general discussion with the reporter concerning the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the prohibitions in this rule, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal contact procedures in this matter. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	02/12/2017 05:19:43 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/09/2017 02:46:21 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

Create	02/09/2017 11 31:49 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/09/2017 11 31:49 AM by Vincent J. Salamone

Division(s) assigned: GCLPD



AIMS Agency Information Management System

Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11271	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-09
Title*	Comment on potential ethics violation (New York Daily News)
Question*	<p>I was hoping you could provide an OGE comment on Kellyanne Conway possibly having violated the rule prohibiting federal employees from using their public office to plug products.</p> <p>From Conway's remarks re: Ivanka Trump's line this morning on Fox News (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QdYiivDE9s): "I'm going to give a free commercial here: Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online." "Go buy Ivanka's stuff."</p> <p>From the Office of Government Ethics rule § 2635.606: "An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of which the employee is an officer or member, and persons with whom the employee has or seeks employment or business relations." (https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title5-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title5-vol3-sec2635-702.pdf)</p> <p>And does the OGE have any response to CREW's complaint calling for an investigation and disciplinary action + Rep. Elijah Cummings' letter requesting the House Oversight Committee make a referral to your office?</p> <p>CREW letter: http://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/09174155/Conway-letter-2-9-17.pdf</p> <p>Cummings letter: https://democrats-oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2017-02-09.EEC%20to%20Chaffetz%20re%20Conway%20Trump%20Endorsement.pdf</p>
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Meera
Last Name	Jagannathan
Title	Features Writer, New York Daily News
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-09
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	<p>I had a general discussion with the reporter concerning the application of the misuse of position rule to White House employees, the nature of the prohibitions themselves, the fact OGE is not an investigative or disciplinary agency, OGE's process when it learns of potential ethical violations, and the kinds of disciplinary actions that may be imposed by the employing agency. I discussed recent OGE tweets including the fact that OGE was following its normal procedures in this matter.</p> <p>(Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)</p>
Complexity (level)	1

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Time Spent (hours)	1-4 hours
Contributor	
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Interaction History Log	
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Update	02/09/2017 03 50:10 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/09/2017 03:40:24 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/09/2017 02:19:02 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Create	02/09/2017 11 34:34 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/09/2017 11 34:34 AM by Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11313	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-10
Title*	Requesting information on action taken and about any notice of deficiency
Question*	He would like to know if the Director has issued a notice of deficiency regarding the Kelly Anne Conway incident of yesterday. He fully supports the bi-partisan letter from Congress and would like to know if the Director has taken action regarding that letter.
Update	
Categories*	Enforcement, Ethics Program Administration
Origin Of Interaction*	Phone
Source*	Non-Agency Public Citizen
First Name	(b) (6)
Last Name	(b) (6)
Title	
Position	
Email	none provided
Phone	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-13
Resolution Category*	No Response Sent
Response*	I showed this interaction to Diana and Jennifer for instructions on how to proceed. I told them both that it was not clear if this person was a member of Congress (which does not appear to be the case based on my research). I contacted the individual and left a message. Subsequently, this individual indicated that a call back was not necessary. He just wanted to encourage the Director in the office to be a little more assertive and proactive on press releases, twitter feeds, etc. He thinks its incumbent upon the Director to take a public stance to show that he is coaching, and involved in potential ethical violations so the office at least appears to be doing its job. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div> <div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div> </div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

Reopen Information	
Date	2017-02-13
Reason	Delete redundant material.

Interaction History Log	
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Reopen	02/13/2017 04:15:55 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Closed	02/13/2017 04:13:15 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 03:10:34 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 01:13:05 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 01:11:02 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/13/2017 09 51:25 AM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/12/2017 06 20:53 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/10/2017 01 30:04 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/10/2017 01 29:41 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Create	02/10/2017 01 24:28 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/10/2017 01 24:28 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11384	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-14
Title*	Seeking Director's letter to White House Legal Counsel (WWD)
Question*	I am a reporter with Women's Wear Daily here in Washington and I am requesting a copy of the letter that Director Schaub wrote today to the White House Legal counsel, regarding recommendations on Kellyanne Conway. I have seen news reports and I wanted to see if you could please send me a copy of the letter.
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position, Other
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Kristi
Last Name	Ellis
Title	Washington Bureau Chief, WWD Reporter, Women's Wear Daily
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	I informed the reporter about how to gain access to a copy of the letter that Director Schaub wrote to the White House regarding Kellyanne Conway. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	02/16/2017 12 07:37 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/15/2017 12 52:39 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Update	02/15/2017 12 09:15 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

Update	02/15/2017 12:08:58 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Create	02/15/2017 12:08:21 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
Now Assigned: Vincent J. Salamone	02/15/2017 12:08:21 PM by Vincent J. Salamone

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AIMS Agency Information Management System

Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 11363	
Initiation Date*	2017-02-14
Title*	Request for information about a response to OGE letter (Reuters)
Question*	Have y'all received a response from the White House to Director Shaub's letter about Kellyanne Conway?
Update	
Categories*	Misuse of Position, Other
Origin Of Interaction*	Email
Source*	Non-Agency Press
First Name	Emily
Last Name	Stephenson
Title	Reporter, Reuters
Position	
Email	(b) (6)
Phone	
Other Contact Notes	
Assignment	Vincent J. Salamone
Watching	
Temporary Notes	
created by:	Vincent J. Salamone

Resolution Information	
Resolution Date*	2017-02-14
Resolution Category*	Resolved
Response*	OGE had no comment on her first question. I also answered some general questions she had concerning the administrative process discussed in the letter to the Congressional Committee and to the DAEO at the White House. (Assigned to: Vincent J. Salamone)
Complexity (level)	<div></div> <div>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</div>
Time Spent (hours)	0-1 hour
Contributor	
reopen	

Interaction History Log	
Closed	02/14/2017 09:46:55 PM by Vincent J. Salamone
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From: [Jim Robertson](#)
To: [Agency Wide](#)
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, February 10, 2017
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 12:12:56 PM

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and resumed post-cloture consideration of the nomination of Steven Mnuchin to be secretary of the Treasury.

The House is not in session.

Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News

The Federal Times reports that the chief of staff to a former congresswoman pleaded guilty to fraud charges related to a college scholarship fraud scheme he allegedly operated with the congresswoman. His admission of guilt now implicates the congresswoman in the fraud scheme. [Chief of staff implicates congresswoman in \\$800K scholarship fraud](#)

Politico and *The Hill* report that the chairman of the House government oversight committee received candid feedback from his constituents at a town hall meeting, particularly on the subject of conflicts of interest. [Chaffetz booed at rowdy town hall](#) [Protesters swarm Chaffetz town hall](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report on the recent, nationally televised endorsement of a Trump family member's business by an advisor of President Trump. [Conway apologized to Trump for promoting Ivanka brand: report](#) [Kellyanne Conway apologized to Donald Trump after Ivanka clothing line comments](#) *The Washington Post* reports that, according to the White House press office, Conway had been "counseled" on the matter [White House says Conway has been 'counseled' after touting Ivanka Trump's products](#); In a related note, *The Hill* reports that President Trump believed the press office's statement was unfair to Conway. [Report: Trump upset at Spicer for saying Conway was 'counseled'](#) And *Politico* reports that, in an interview with *Fox News*, Conway offered that the President fully supports her. [Conway says Trump backs her '100 percent' in Ivanka flap](#)

Multiple outlets also discuss the strain on OGE's website that coincided with the above-referenced episode. [Office of Government Ethics website breaks after Conway promotes Ivanka's brand](#) [Kellyanne Conway's Plug for Ivanka's Fashion Line Draws Fire, Crashes Ethics Office Website](#) [Government Ethics Office Website Crashes Under Too Much Traffic — Again](#) [US Government Ethics site crashes as Trump's Counselor breaks federal ethics law on national TV](#)

TPM reports that the ranking member of the House government oversight committee sent the committee chairman a letter requesting that the committee refer to OGE the matter of recent endorsement statements made on national television by Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to President Trump. [Cummings Asks Chaffetz To Look Into Conway Plugging Ivanka Trump's Line](#) [Cummings Asks Chaffetz to Refer Top Trump Aide for Potential Disciplinary Action](#) Read the letter [here](#). Multiple outlets report that the committee chairman and ranking member sent to OGE's director a letter requesting that OGE review the matter and, in light of the

additional challenge raised by the conflict of interest for the President, recommend to the White House appropriate disciplinary action. [Top oversight lawmakers ask ethics office to recommend discipline for Conway](#) [Chaffetz, Cummings: Kellyanne Conway Appeared to Violate Ethics Law](#) [Chaffetz, Cummings Ask OGE To Review Conway's Possible Ethics Violations](#) Read the letter [here](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's possible conflicts of interest. [White House leans into Trump Inc.](#) [Saudis foot tab at Trump hotel](#) [Oversight lawmakers continuing push for more information on GSA lease and Trump hotel](#) [Deutsche Bank Remains Trump's Biggest Conflict of Interest Despite Settlements](#) [Japanese PM's Golf Trip To Trump Resort Hits Ethical Sand Trap](#) [The Ethics Of Trump Hosting Japan's Shinzo Abe At Mar-A-Lago](#) [Trump And His Lackeys Land In Biggest Ethics Quagmire Yet With Nordstrom Dustup](#)

The Hill reports that an Emerson College poll of 617 registered voters shows that the Trump Administration enjoys greater trust ratings than the news media. The poll was conducted February 5-6. [Trump administration seen as more truthful than news media: poll](#)

Multiple outlets report on the confirmation status of nominees. [Senate confirms Obamacare opponent Price to lead health department](#) [Tom Price Becomes Leader of Crusade to Roll Back Obamacare](#) [Polarizing HHS nominee confirmed by Senate on party-line vote](#) [Trump's Treasury pick clears procedural Senate vote](#)

Politico reports that Chuck Cooper is withdrawing his name from consideration as the next solicitor general. According to the article, there were only two names on the short list and Cooper's withdrawal would open the door for the remaining finalist, George Conway – spouse of Kellyanne Conway. [Cooper withdraws from solicitor general consideration](#)

Federal News Radio reports that the EPA has issued its employees a reminder on the ethics rules, especially in the context of making public statements and expressing themselves on social media. [EPA reminds employees: Ethics policies haven't changed](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

Government Executive discusses civil service reform efforts. [Chaffetz Discusses Civil Service and Benefits Reforms With Trump at White House](#) [Senate Overseer Promises Reforms to Federal Pay, Performance Management and Discipline](#)

Hearing of Interest

Judicial Transparency and Ethics
House Judiciary — Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet
Subcommittee Hearing
Feb. 14, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: February 9-10

Senate: February 20-24

From: [Brandon A. Steele](#)
To: [Agency Wide](#)
Cc: [News Clippings](#)
Subject: Legislative Update for Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:00:33 PM

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and was expected to consider the nomination of Linda E. McMahon to be administrator of the Small Business Administration. A vote on the nomination was expected at approximately 11 a.m.

The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 428) that would require the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a private survey along the Red River separating Texas and Oklahoma.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets discuss OGE's response to Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings. [Ethics office: White House should investigate Conway for Ivanka Trump plug](#) [Ethics office calls on White House to discipline Conway](#) [Office of Government Ethics recommends the White House investigate Kellyanne Conway](#) [Ethics Office Tells White House to Investigate and Discipline Kellyanne Conway](#) [U.S. Ethics Office Calls on White House to Investigate Kellyanne Conway's Ivanka Trump Endorsement](#) [Ethics office tells White House to investigate Conway for Ivanka plug](#) [US Office of Government Ethics recommends investigation, possible discipline of Kellyanne Conway](#) [White House Should Probe Conway's Nordstrom Comments: U.S. Ethics Office](#) [Government Watchdog Presses Jason Chaffetz To Investigate Kellyanne Conway Himself](#) [The Office of Government Ethics wants Kellyanne Conway to be disciplined](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump doesn't take kindly to limits on his power and conflicts of interest](#) [THE UTTERLY INSUFFICIENT EFFORTS TO SEPARATE TRUMP FROM HIS BUSINESSES](#) [TRUMP'S SONS INSIST "PAPA BEAR" IS CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROOF](#) [Donald Trump faces more conflict of interest questions after China trademark win](#)

Outlets report on various aspects of the transition. [McConnell Lines Up Slew of Cabinet Nominee Votes](#) [Treasury Secretary Confirmed Despite Outrage From Democrats](#) [Labor Dept. employees urge vote against Puzder nomination](#) [Secret Service director retiring, led agency amid turmoil](#) [Senate confirms Trump's picks for Treasury, VA secretaries](#)

POGO recommends that OGE be allowed more authority in order to be more effective. [Unmuzzle the Ethics Watchdog](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

Fed Smith reports on additional guidance issued by OPM on the hiring freeze. [OPM Releases Additional Hiring Freeze Guidance](#)

Government Executive opines that without an OMB Director agencies may face budget uncertainty as the CR expires in April. [Agencies Could See Deeper, Faster Cuts Than Previously Contemplated](#)

Government Executive discusses the efforts to sunset the Election Assistance Commission. [The Federal Voting Agency Republicans Want to Kill](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: February 20-24

Senate: February 20-24

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



February 13, 2017

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
2471 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 9, 2017, requesting that the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) review statements made by Kellyanne E. Conway regarding the business interests of the President's daughter, act promptly on any findings, and report back to the Committee with a recommendation for disciplinary action if warranted.¹ Prior to receiving your letter, OGE had begun consulting with the White House regarding this matter, pursuant to OGE's regulations for addressing potential violations by individual employees of the executive branch.² This letter is to explain the applicable legal process and to confirm that OGE will take the actions you request in your letter.

As you know, Congress has not provided OGE with any actual investigative authority or resources for hiring investigators. Unlike the Committee, OGE cannot issue subpoenas, question witnesses, compel the production of documents, or take action against individuals who refuse to cooperate.³ Unlike employing federal agencies, OGE cannot take disciplinary action against an executive branch employee other than an OGE employee.⁴ Thus, OGE is limited with respect to the actions it can take.

When OGE has reason to believe that an employee may have violated the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (Standards of Conduct), the law

¹ OGE received a similar letter from Representative Ted W. Lieu, as well as a separate letter signed by 42 Members of Congress.

² See 5 C.F.R. part 2638, subpart E.

³ See 5 U.S.C. app. § 402.

⁴ See *id.*

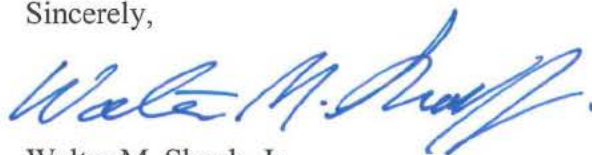


authorizes OGE to make only an informal recommendation that the employing agency investigate the matter and consider taking disciplinary action against the employee.⁵ In the enclosed letter to the Designated Agency Ethics Official for the White House, OGE exercises this authority and requests a response by February 28, 2017.

Only in the event that this informal process fails to resolve the matter does the law authorize OGE to recommend disciplinary action.⁶ Even in that case, however, Congress limited OGE's authority by requiring that, before OGE may make a recommendation, OGE must provide the employee with written notice of the alleged violation and an opportunity to respond either orally or in writing.⁷ Congress also required OGE to establish a formal procedure for the employee's response, which OGE has established through regulations that provide the employee 30 days to respond.⁸ Thereafter, OGE's General Counsel is required to provide OGE's Director with written findings and recommendations, which the Director must carefully consider before issuing a nonbinding recommendation that the employing agency take disciplinary action against the employee.⁹ OGE is also authorized to notify the President if the agency fails to take appropriate disciplinary action; however, such notice would be ineffective in this case because any decision not to take disciplinary action will have been made by the President.¹⁰

OGE will move deliberately to complete this process as expeditiously as possible. As explained above, however, completing the legal process that Congress established for OGE will likely take until late April or early May, due to the legally mandated timeframes involved. OGE will report back to you as promptly as possible thereafter.

Sincerely,



Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director

Enclosure

⁵ 5 U.S.C. app. § 402(f)(2)(A)(ii)(I); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.503.

⁶ 5 U.S.C. app. § 402(f)(2)(B); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.504.

⁷ 5 U.S.C. app. § 402(f)(2)(B)(ii)(I); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.504(b)(1).

⁸ 5 U.S.C. app. § 402(f)(2)(B)(ii)(II); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.504(c).

⁹ 5 U.S.C. § 402(f)(2)(A)(iv)(I); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.504(d), (e).

¹⁰ 5 U.S.C. § 402(f)(2)(A)(iv)(II); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.504(e)(2).

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



February 13, 2017

Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
and Designated Agency Ethics Official
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Passantino:

I write to you in your capacity as the Designated Agency Ethics Official for the White House, pursuant to written designation by President Donald J. Trump on January 24, 2017. I am following up on your conversation on February 9, 2017, with David J. Apol, General Counsel of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) regarding Kellyanne E. Conway, Special Counselor to the President.

During the conversation on February 9, 2017, Mr. Apol requested that you notify OGE of any disciplinary or other corrective action taken by the White House in connection with Ms. Conway's public statements regarding the business interests of the President's daughter, Ivanka Trump.¹ Subsequently, OGE received a letter from Chairman Jason E. Chaffetz (R-Utah) and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings (D-Maryland) of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform asking OGE to review Ms. Conway's statements, act promptly on any findings, and report back to the Committee with a recommendation for disciplinary action if warranted.²

Although Press Secretary Sean Spicer stated during a press conference on February 9, 2017, that, "Kellyanne has been counseled, and that's all we're going to go with," OGE has not yet received notification of any disciplinary or other corrective action against Ms. Conway.³ When OGE has reason to believe that an employee may have violated the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (Standards of Conduct), OGE is authorized to recommend that the employing agency investigate the matter and consider taking disciplinary

¹ See 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702.

² OGE received a similar letter from Representative Ted W. Lieu, as well as one signed by 42 Members of Congress.

³ *White House: Conway has been 'counseled' for urging people to buy Ivanka's products*, POLITICO, Feb. 9, 2017, available at <http://www.politico.com/video/2017/02/white-house-conway-has-been-counseled-for-urging-people-to-buy-ivankas-products-062202> (video). See also Louis Nelson, *White House: Conway has been 'counseled' for urging people to buy Ivanka's products*, POLITICO, Feb. 9, 2017, available at <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/02/kellyanne-conway-ivanka-nordstrom-white-house-react-234856>; Drew Harwell, Tom Hamburger and Rosalind S. Helderman, *White House says Conway has been "counseled" after touting Ivanka Trump's products*, The Washington Post, Feb. 9, 2017, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/conway-may-have-broken-key-ethics-rule-by-touting-ivanka-trumps-products-experts-say/2017/02/09/fd1cc64a-eeda-11e6-b4ff-ac2cf509efe5_story.html?utm_term=.5cd0f41fd54c.



action against the employee.⁴ Under the present circumstances, there is strong reason to believe that Ms. Conway has violated the Standards of Conduct and that disciplinary action is warranted.

At issue is the section of the Standards of Conduct prohibiting employees from misusing their official positions.⁵ The misuse of position prohibition is rooted in the first principle of the government ethics program.⁶ Established by Executive Order of President George H. W. Bush and codified in OGE's government-wide regulations, this principle holds that, "Public service is a public trust, requiring employees to place loyalty to the Constitution, the laws and ethical principles above private gain."⁷ Executive branch officials should use the authority entrusted to them for the benefit of the American people and not for private profit.

The facts as OGE understands them are as follows. You previously advised OGE that all new senior White House appointees received their required initial ethics training. OGE's regulations require that initial ethics training must cover the misuse of position prohibition, as one of four mandatory subjects.⁸ On the morning of Thursday, February 9, 2017, the hosts of a news program interviewed Ms. Conway from the White House's James S. Brady Briefing Room.⁹ She was unquestionably appearing in her official capacity.¹⁰ She used that interview, however, as an opportunity to market Ms. Trump's products, stating, "*Go buy Ivanka's stuff, is what I would tell you. I hate shopping, I'm going to go get some myself today.*"¹¹ Shortly thereafter, she added: "*This is just a wonderful line. I own some of it, I fully – I'm going to give a free commercial here. Go buy it today everybody, you can find it online.*"¹² As Ms. Conway made these statements, she appeared on screen in a tight frame between the official seal of the White House and the American flag.¹³

These facts, if true, would establish a clear violation of the prohibition against misuse of position. I note that OGE's regulation on misuse of position offers as an example the hypothetical case of a Presidential appointee appearing in a television commercial to promote a product.¹⁴ Ms. Conway's actions track that example almost exactly. Therefore, I recommend that the White House investigate Ms. Conway's actions and consider taking disciplinary action against her.

⁴ 5 U.S.C. app. § 402(f)(2)(A)(ii); 5 C.F.R. § 2638.503.

⁵ See 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702.

⁶ See 5 C.F.R. part 2635, subpart G.

⁷ E.O. 12,674, sec. 101(g) (Apr. 12, 1989) (as modified by Executive Order 12731); 5 C.F.R. § 2635.101(b)(1).

⁸ 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(1)(iii).

⁹ Richard Pérez-Peña and Rachel Abrams, *Kellyanne Conway Promotes Ivanka Trump Brand, Raising Ethics Concerns*, The New York Times, Feb. 9, 2017, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/09/us/politics/kellyanne-conway-ivanka-trump-ethics.html>.

¹⁰ One of the program's hosts introduced her to viewers as "Kellyanne Conway, Special Counselor to the President of the United States." *Kellyanne Conway addresses rumors about Sean Spicer's job, Fox & Friends*, Feb. 9, 2017, available at http://video.foxnews.com/v/5316971350001/?playlist_id=930909787001#sp=show-clips (video: relevant portion begins at approximately 0:08) ("Fox Video Clip").

¹¹ See Fox Video Clip (beginning at approximately 8:40).

¹² See *id.* (beginning at approximately 9:25).

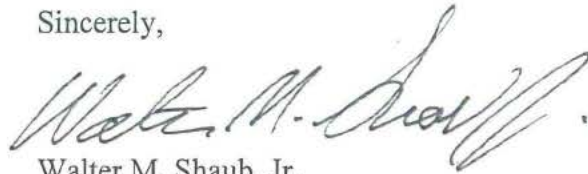
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Stefan C. Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
and Designated Agency Ethics Official
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I request that you notify OGE in writing of the findings of your investigation and any disciplinary or other corrective taken in connection with this matter by February 28, 2017.¹⁵ Please be advised that OGE will share a copy of that written notification with Representatives Chaffetz and Cummings.

Sincerely,



Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director

cc. Mr. Donald F. McGahn II
Counsel to the President

Rep. Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Minority Member
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¹⁵ See 5 U.S.C. app. § 403(a)(2).

From: [Walter M. Shaub](#)
To: Don McGahn (b)(6) ["Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO"](#)
Cc: [David J. Apol](#)
Subject: Letter from OGE Director W. Shaub to S. Passantino
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:49:48 PM
Attachments: [Letter from OGE Director to White House DAEO 2-13-17.pdf](#)

Don and Stefan,

Attached is a letter regarding Kellyanne Conway, as a follow up to Stefan's conversation with Dave Apol on Thursday. The original will follow via United States mail. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Walt

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.

Director

U.S. Office of Government Ethics

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February 9, 2017

The Honorable Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
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1201 New York Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Shaub:

Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway gave a public interview this morning that raised extremely serious concerns. During the interview, Conway advertised and endorsed a commercial line of products associated with President Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump.¹ Conway was acting in her official capacity, was identified as "Counselor to President Trump," and gave the interview at the White House in front of the White House seal.² During the interview, Conway discussed the decision by some U.S. companies to cease sales of products from Ivanka's fashion line, which is named after Ivanka and in which she holds an ownership stake.³

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From: Leslie Garvey, POGO (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Investigate Kellyanne Conway and White House Social Media Director



“Shilling for the Trump family’s business interests is not what taxpayers are paying senior White House officials to do,” says Scott Amey, POGO General Counsel.



[POGO to Attorney General: Investigate Kellyanne Conway and White House Social Media Director](#)

“Shilling for the Trump family’s business interests is not what taxpayers are paying senior White House officials to do. People need to be confident the president and his staff are working for the public good rather than the private gain of his family,” says Scott Amey, POGO General Counsel.

“Although the president and vice president are likely exempted from some of the rules on ethical standards for executive officials, they very much apply to everyone else inside the White House.”

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Read coverage of POGO's letter in:

[The New York Times](#) | Trump Backs Aide Who Promoted His Daughter's Fashion on TV

[ABC](#) | House Oversight Committee Asks for Review of Conway's Endorsement of Ivanka Trump Brand

[Fox News](#) | White House taking bipartisan heat for Ivanka-Nordstrom comments



[Bipartisan Leadership of House Oversight Committee Urges Punishment of Conway](#)

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz and Ranking Member Elijah Cummings asked that the Office of Government Ethics recommend disciplinary action against Kellyanne Conway after her public endorsement of the Ivanka Trump brand.

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[New Freeze on Regulations Leaves Nuclear Whistleblowers Out in the Cold](#)

The Department of Energy has issued a stay on the implementation of a rule that would have allowed the Department to impose civil penalties against contractors who retaliate against whistleblowers.

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[Trump Orders Review of Wall Street Ethics Rule](#)

The Trump administration may be rolling back a financial adviser conflict of interest rule that requires advisers to put “their clients’ best interest before their own profits” when advising consumers about their retirement savings.

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[Pentagon Leadership Roles Being Filled with Defense Industry Reps](#)

Continuing to rely on the military-industrial complex to fix the problems it profits from is unlikely to result in the kinds of reforms necessary to rein in wasteful Pentagon spending.

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[Pentagon Won't Release Its Plan to Get Rid of Slush Fund](#)

The war spending budget, called the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account, was intended to fund unexpected costs of our wars overseas — not become a slush fund that allows Congress and the

Pentagon to circumvent spending caps meant to rein in out-of-control spending.

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POGO in the News

Marketplace

What will it take to throw out two regulations for every new one?

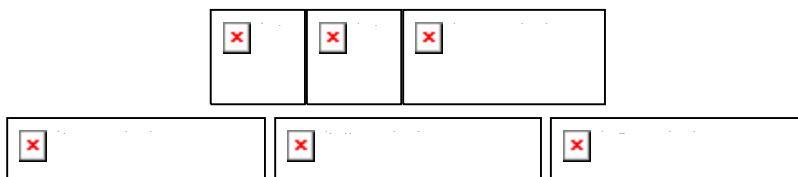
Rule-making is serious business, though Sean Moulton with the Project on Government Oversight said it never seems to get the love it deserves. “I know laws really get all the attention,” he said. “They are sexy. Everyone wants to cheer about a law getting signed by the president, but the reality is regulations are where the rubber meets the road.”

Politico

Trump blasts Nordstrom for dropping Ivanka’s clothing line

Trump has maintained there are no conflict of interest laws that relate to him, and that may be true in this case, said Scott Amey, the general counsel for the Project on Government Oversight, a nonpartisan independent watchdog organization.

Amey said the tweet should raise questions within the administration on whether similar statements are appropriate and if they honor the president’s word that he would isolate himself from the family business. “It does cause me to scratch my head because it doesn’t seem like an appropriate statement for the president of the United States to make,” he said. “To debate these things publicly doesn’t seem to be an appropriate way for the president to spend his time.”



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From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Contact OGE
Cc: Integrity
Subject: Citizen's Report to Integrity@oge.gov of conflict of interest

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For action deemed appropriate.

Thank you,
George

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Trump Administration conflict of interest
Importance: High

Please, please do something about the Trump Administration's flagrant conflicts of interest. (1) President Trump tweets about his daughter's fashion line on both his personal and POTUS accounts; (2) KellyAnne Conway promotes that fashion line and encourages Americans to buy it; (3) Donald Trump's name is still on the Trump Hotel lease; and (4) Mar-A-Lago has doubled it's dues.

This is insanity! Any other administration would have already crumbled if they had abused their power in this way.

STOP THE MADNESS.

(b) (6)

From: Alina Selyukh [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 2:08 PM
To: USOGE
Subject: FOIA request

To whom it may concern:

This is a request for records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request a copy of each email or text message sent or received on Feb. 9, 2017, and Feb. 10, 2017, by any of the following OGE employees – in communication with any and all employees of the OGE, of the White House, of the Justice Department, of Congress, of the Government Accountability Office, of the FBI, of the Office of Special Counsel, of the Trump Organization or of Morgan Lewis (aka Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP) – related to Kellyanne Conway's remarks promoting Ivanka Trump's brand – OR containing references to abuse or misuse of power rules.

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Michael Hanson
Danny Lowery

Timothy Mallon
Leonard Upson
Shelley K. Finlayson
Diana J. Veilleux
Brandon Steele
Heidi Fischer
Elizabeth Horton
Jennifer Matis

This is a request for news reporting purposes. I agree to pay up to \$25 for applicable fees associated with this request if necessary. Please release all segregable releasable records.

Also, please, feel free to reach me at any time at (b) (6)

Thank you and all best,
Alina

 Alina Selyukh | (b) (6) | [bio + latest stories](#)

Brandon A. Steele

From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: Conflict of interest (sent to Integrity Help Desk)

Thank you.

George Hancock
Integrity Manager
Program Counsel Division
Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Conflict of interest

Ms, Conway's urging to buy Ivanka Trump's clothing line is clearly a violation of law. Please investigate and follow through as necessary. I am a voter in the (b) (6) area.

Brandon A. Steele

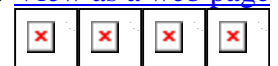
From: GovExec Today (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:40 AM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: [GRAYMAIL] The growing list of attempted hiring freeze exemptions; pressure to discipline Kellyanne Conway

Ethics Office Pressures White House to Discipline Kellyanne Conway. Four dozen lawmakers had questioned her on-site commercial for Ivanka Trump products.

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GovExec Today
February 15, 2017



[Ethics Office Pressures White House to Discipline Kellyanne Conway](#) **// Charles S. Clark**

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OPM encourages agencies to continue recruiting and posting openings, despite freeze.

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Andrew Puzder, Trump's pick for Labor, isn't famous for being a friend to workers.

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Shrinking the workforce through attrition is guaranteed only to produce a federal bureaucracy badly out of step with the government we want.

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From: Elizabeth D. Horton
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Thursday, February 9, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and resumes consideration of the nomination of Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., to be secretary of Health and Human Services.

The House meets in a pro forma session.

Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News

Federal News Radio reports that the Department of Education joins the Environmental Protection Agency and the Election Assistance Commission with bills in Congress with the goal of closing down the agency. [Education Dept. added to list of agencies some lawmakers want to kill](#)

Federal News Radio and *FCW* report that members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requested unredacted documents related to President Trump's stake in the Washington, D.C. luxury hotel that's leasing the property from the General Services Administration. [Oversight lawmakers continuing push for more information on GSA lease and Trump hotel \(Federal News Radio\)](#); [Oversight Dems renew bid for Trump lease info \(FCW\)](#)

The Hill reports that the Office of Congressional Ethics included a defense of its policies governing investigations of lawmakers in a quarterly report after House members tried to weaken it at the start of the new Congress last month. [Ethics office defends practices after GOP push to dismantle it](#)

The Journal reports that a subtle change to how new members are chosen for the Office of Congressional Ethics' (OCE) board, which authorizes its investigations, is raising concerns among accountability and ethics organizations that believe it could make the OCE more vulnerable to partisanship and in the process, weaken its investigations of misconduct by lawmakers. [Under-the-radar change to congressional ethics watchdog may weaken it](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Federal News Radio reports that a supervisory agent at the Bureau of Land Management used his law enforcement status to get three tickets to the Burning Man festival which the Interior inspector general says is a violation of the statutory ban on soliciting gifts from prohibited sources. [Cheatin' BLM agent singled at Burning Man](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Trump's official counselor, Kellyanne Conway, may have broken a key ethics rule when she told TV audiences to "go buy Ivanka's stuff" since federal employees are banned from using their public office to endorse products. [Conway may have broken key ethics rule by touting Ivanka Trump's products, experts say \(The Washington Post\)](#); [Conway promotes Trump daughter's merchandise: 'Go buy Ivanka's stuff' \(The Hill\)](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Trump's tweet criticizing Nordstrom raises ethics concerns. [Trump's Nordstrom tweet raises ethics concerns \(Washington Examiner\)](#); [After Nordstrom dumps Ivanka, Trump lashes out, fueling charges of conflict \(The Japan Times\)](#); [Trump blasts Nordstrom for dropping Ivanka's clothing line \(Politico\)](#); [Obama ethics czar: Trump's Nordstrom tweet an 'abuse' of presidency \(The Hill\)](#); [Trump's Nordstrom attack revives business ethics concerns \(Reuters\)](#); [Why Trump's Nordstrom Tweet May Have Crossed An Ethical Line \(Fast Company\)](#)

Business Insider reports that Sen. Bob Casey referred President Donald Trump's tweet about Nordstrom to the Office of Government Ethics for review. [Democratic senator refers Trump's tweet attacking Nordstrom to government ethics office](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of labor has proposed avoiding conflicts of interest by resigning as CEO of his fast food empire, selling off hundreds of holdings and recusing himself from government decisions in which he has a financial interest, according to his ethics filings with the government. [Labor secretary nominee addresses conflicts of interest \(Fox Business\)](#); [Trump's Labor pick lays out plans to avoid conflict of interest \(The Hill\)](#); [Puzder says he'd quit as CEO if confirmed as labor secretary \(The Washington Post\)](#)

NPR reports on President Trump's revocable trust. [Ethics Experts Find Holes In Trump's Firewall Against Conflicts](#)

Independent reports that ethics watchdogs are worried the First Lady seems to be inappropriately trying to profit from a high-profile position that is usually centered on public service. [Donald Trump's family use the White House for business enterprises 'like the Kardashians used reality TV'](#)

PBS and *AZ Central* report that President Trump's choice to be the top U.S. health official bought and sold health care company stocks often enough as a member of Congress to warrant probes by both federal securities regulators and the House ethics committee. [HHS pick Tom Price made 'brazen' stock trades while his committee was under scrutiny \(PBS\)](#); [New stock questions plague HHS nominee Tom Price as confirmation vote nears \(AZ Central\)](#)

Inside Climate News reports that a watchdog group has filed a lawsuit against President Trump's nominee to head the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, for denying access to past communications he has had with fossil fuel companies and related advocacy groups and funders. [EPA Nominee Pruitt Sued by Watchdog Group for Emails With Fossil Fuel Backers](#)

NMPolitics.net reports that when Rep. Heather Wilson, President Trump's pick for Secretary of the Air Force, left Congress in 2009, she went to work as a paid consultant for a subsidiary of weapons-contracting giant Lockheed Martin and helped them to craft a lobbying strategy meant to avoid having to compete for the renewal of a government contract that brought in huge profits. [Air Force nominee Wilson helped contractor seek more federal funds](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

Multiple outlets report that several advocacy groups have sued the Trump administration over the president's executive order to restrict federal agencies' ability to issue regulations. [Advocacy Groups Sue Trump Over One In, Two Out Regulatory Policy \(Government Executive\)](#); [Groups sue to block president's government regulations order \(Federal Times\)](#); [Trump sued over '1-in-2-out' regulations order \(The Hill\)](#)

Hearing of Interest

Judicial Transparency and Ethics
House Judiciary — Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet
Subcommittee Hearing
Feb. 14, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: February 9-10
Senate: February 20-24

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Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Google Alert - government ethics



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[Office of **Government Ethics** website crashes; traffic surge blamed on 'recent events'](#)

Washington Times

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[Forty-Two House Democrats Urge Office of **Government Ethics** to Examine Kellyanne Conway's ...](#) - urbanmilwaukee (press release)

[Trump defends Conway as 'merely sticking up' for Ivanka amidst accusations of **ethics** violations](#) - Chicago Tribune

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Ethics experts say Burr's hiring is a troubling example of how the new ... legal meaning, which has been detailed by the Office of **Government Ethics**.






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MarketWatch




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WNYC

... Kellyanne Conway followed up on that by overtly telling people to buy her products in what seems like a clear violation of **government ethics** laws.

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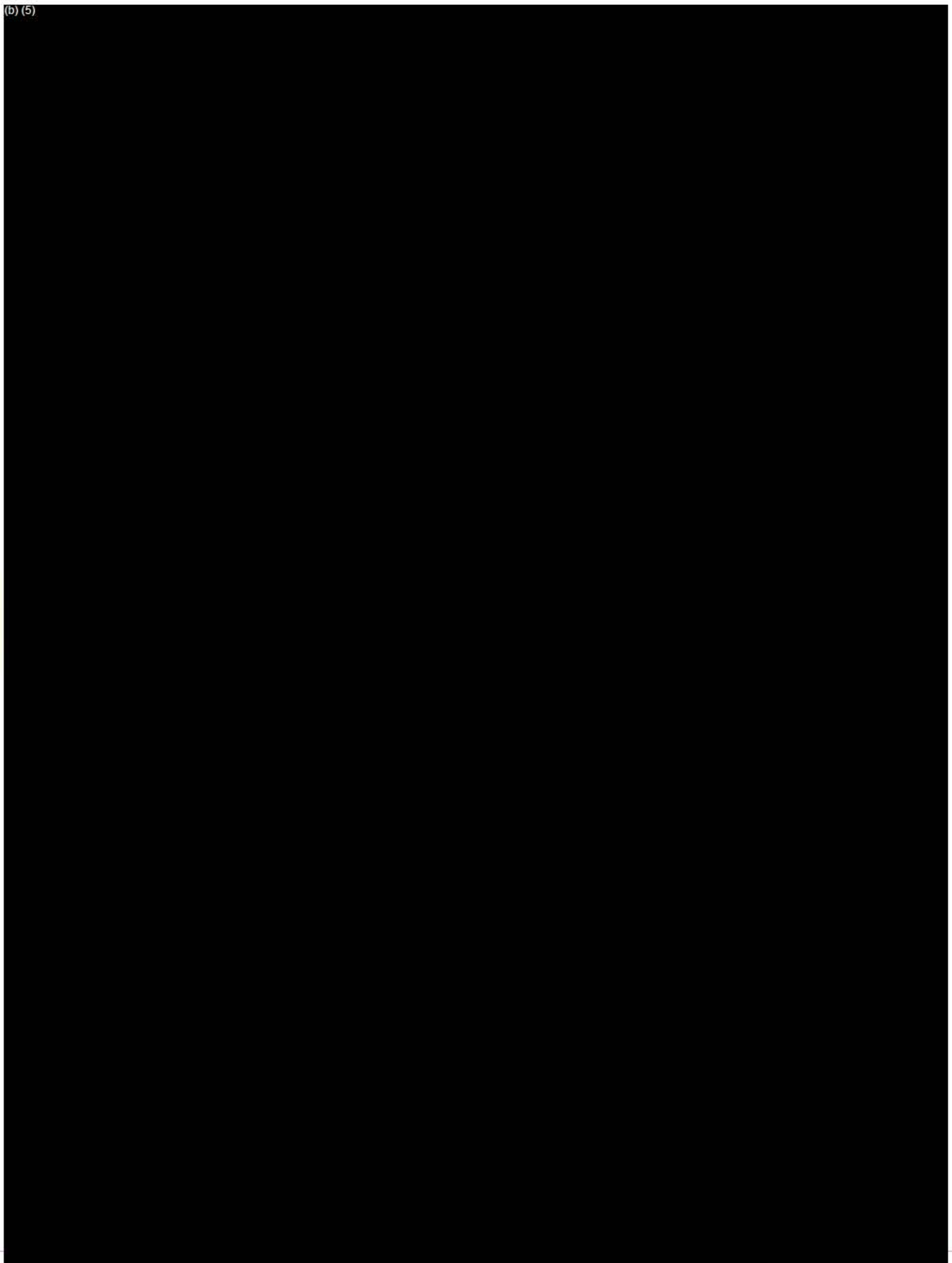
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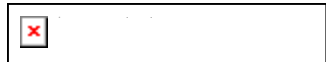
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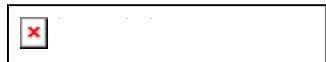
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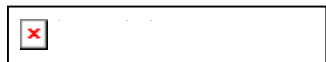
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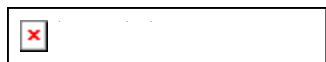
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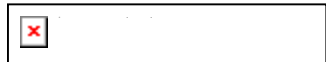
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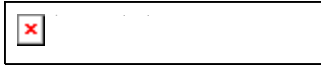
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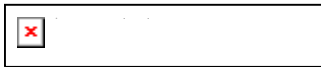
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[Office of government ethics on KOMO-SEA \(ABC\) - Seattle, WA](#)

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KOMO 4 News 6:00am (News)

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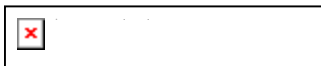
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FOX5 News This Morning (News)

... white house.. the office of government ethics says there is a "strong reason to believe" president trump's ...



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[Office of government ethics on KCPQ-SEA \(FOX\) - Seattle, WA](#)

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Q13 Fox News This Morning---Early Edition (News)

... for a majority of the day. back to you. >>> the office of government ethics recommending the white house take disciplinary action against one of donald trump's top advisers, kellyanne conway ...



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[Office of government ethics on KABC-LA \(ABC\) - Los Angeles, CA](#)

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Eyewitness News 6AM (News)

... special report right here. phillip: the office of government ethics is calling for an investigation into kelly ann conway. in a letter to white house attorneys, the committee said ...



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[Office of government ethics on KGWN \(CBS\) - Cheyenne, WY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on KTVD \(MyTV\) - Denver, CO](#)

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9News at 7am (News)

... wasn't told until 11 days later. >>> the office of government ethics says that they want to investigate the counselor to the president, kellyanne conway, a letter was made ...



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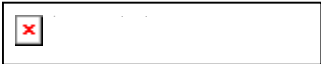
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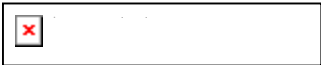
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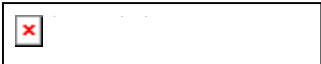


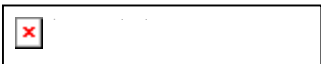
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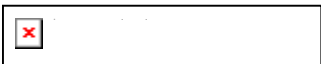
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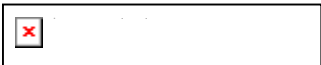
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Fox 26 Morning News First at Seven (News)
... return the monument to its previous size.the office of government ethics says a top advisor to president trump should be investigated. kellyanne conway is facing criticism for a tv interview ...

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Daybreak (News)
... t-v interview. the office of government ethics says doing that - likely violated ethics rules - and conway should be disciplined. ...

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Good Day Arkansas (News)

... monday night. ((susanne)) the office of government ethics says there is "strong reason" to believe counselor 'kellyanne conway' has violated ethics rules. ...



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[Office of government ethics on WTMJ-AM \(Radio\) - Milwaukee, WI](#)

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... products or services ABC these very Bruce's I kept the Office of Government Ethics said there is strong reason to believe Conway violated ethics rules and recommended disciplinary action against her The data Brenda Dancy resting with a federal ...



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[Office of government ethics on KCSB-FM \(Radio\) - Santa Barbara, CA](#)

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... will have more on flynn's resignation after headline the office of government ethics says counselor to the president kellyanne conway committed a clear violation of federal ethics rules when she used a tv appearance on fox and friends last week ...



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[Office of government ethics on KOTV \(CBS\) - Tulsa, OK](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WLUK \(FOX\) - Green Bay, WI](#)

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... in a public letter ... the office of government ethics says it has reason to believe conway violated the rules for federal ...



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FOX23 News This Morning (News)

... fox 23 news. >>> in a developing story, the office of government ethics is calling for an investigation into president trump's top advisor. they say their evidence is ...



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[Office of government ethics on KXND \(FOX\) - Minot, ND](#)

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Business First with Angela Miles (Other)

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[Office of government ethics on WITI-MILW \(FOX\) - Milwaukee, WI](#)

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FOX 6 Wake-Up News at 8 (News)

... president pence wasn't told until two weeks later. the office of government ethics says that presidential counselor kellyanne conway should be investigated. she's facing criticism for a t-v ...



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[Office of government ethics on KCSB-FM \(Radio\) - Santa Barbara, CA](#)

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... have his counselor kellyanne conway can you comment on this latest news of the office of government ethics and saying she violated the law that that the counselor violate the law of the federal ethics rules when she used a tv appearance on fox ...



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[Office of government ethics on KFYI-AM \(Radio\) - Phoenix, AZ](#)

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... I do have one question that's come from all of us Yes why can the Office of Government Ethics only recommend and not just punish themselves I don't know that they have I don't know that they have the power to set what could they do her ...



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[Office of government ethics on KCSB-FM \(Radio\) - Santa Barbara, CA](#)

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... did exactly that she violated the federal relations very clear last week i wrote a letter to the office of government ethics asked me to take action very pleased that yesterday they wrote a letter saying that the white house needs to investigate and discipline kellyanne conway ...



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Daybreak (News)

... in a t-v interview. the office of government ethics says doing that - likely violated ethics rules - and conway should be disciplined. the white house has already said ...



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... but my bet my point if they repeat myself the bigger point is the government of the Office of Government Ethics is a waste of resources curious if they don't have investigation power if they don't have enforcement authority what's though ...



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... secretary then our director in charge United States Office of Government Ethics was the current one was appointed by President Obama if he had unfortunate power will be the first position would be filled with a new president ...



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[Office of government ethics on CLTV - Chicago, IL](#)

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News at 8:30 (News)

... accessory line. the office of government ethics sent a letter to the white house yesterday, ...



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[Office of government ethics on WZVN-FTM \(ABC\) - Fort Myers, FL](#)

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ABC7 News @ 9AM (News)

... votops christ ina the office of government ethics thinks kellyanne conway should be investigated. conway faces criticism for a t-v interview appearance she made last week. ...



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[Office of government ethics on KYW-AM \(Radio\) - Philadelphia, PA](#)

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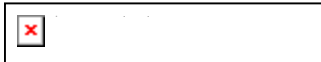
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[Office of government ethics on KTBC-AUS \(FOX\) - Austin, TX](#)

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Good Day Austin (News)

... against russia.### the director of the office of government ethics is asking the white house to investigate and punish kellyanne conway. last week, conway went on fox and ...



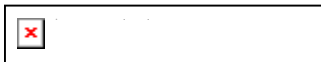
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[Office of government ethics on BBC World - U.K. National](#)

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Impact Asia With Mishal Husain (News)

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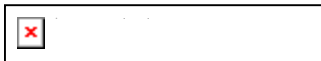
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[Office of government ethics on WFLD-CHI \(FOX\) - Chicago, IL](#)

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Good Day Chicago (News)

... elections. >>> meanwhile, the office of government ethics sent a letter to the white house saying conway likely violated ethics rules and says she should be disciplined. the white house says she has ...

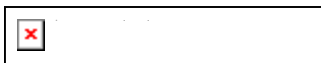


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[Office of government ethics on WEAA-FM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)

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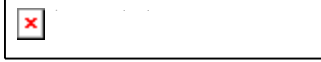
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Today in Florida (News)

... another top trump staffer under scrutiny. office of government ethics recommending that kellyanne conway, counselor to the president, be disciplined for this. ...



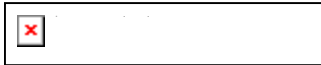
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[Office of government ethics on WXIX-CIN \(FOX\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)

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FOX19 Morning News Extra (News)

... the director of the office of government ethics has sent a letter to the white house... saying the administration ...



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[Office of government ethics on Bay News 9 - Tampa Bay, FL](#)

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Bay News 9 Your Midday News at 9 (News)

... headquartered. the office of government ethics says one of president trump's top advisors should be ...



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[Office of government ethics on WHKT 1650 AM - Norfolk, VA](#)

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... when his white house was quick to the recommendation comes from the office of government ethics after conway endorse divided from fashion line during a television interview last week government ethics watchdog is calling for the white house to investigate and possibly discipline ...



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[Office of government ethics on KYW-AM \(Radio\) - Philadelphia, PA](#)

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... about contact between Trump AIDS Russian officials during the U.S. presidential Election I'm reading the Office of Government Ethics recommends closer look at Kellyanne Conway comments about Ivanka

Trump's clothing line I'm Deborah Dre guess Sept reaches out to commuters this morning ...



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[Office of government ethics on KUIK Radio - Portland, OR](#)

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... more from greg claxton the recommendation comes from the office of government ethics after conway endorsed by uncontrolled fashion line during a television interview last week the government ethics watchdog is calling for the white house to investigate and possibly discipline conway ...



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necn News 10AM (News)

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[Office of government ethics on Bay News 9 - Tampa Bay, FL](#)

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Bay News 9 Your Midday News at 10 (News)

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... House to take action over some recent comments from White House counselor Kellyanne Conway I endeavor Rodriguez the Office of Government Ethics is recommending the White House investigate and possibly discipline Kellyanne Conway over these remarks she made Fox news about about the trumps clothing law ...



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[Office of government ethics on CLTV - Chicago, IL](#)

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News at 10:30 (News)

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... were in constant communication during the campaign with a known Russian operatives the Office of Government Ethics recommends closer look at Kellyanne Conway comments and body on Trump's clothing line I'm Deborah Rodrigues I'm Chris Johanson a multi million dollar makeover for one of the ...



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[Office of government ethics on KEYT \(ABC\) - Santa Barbara, CA](#)

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KEYT Newschannel 3 at 11AM (News)

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[Office of government ethics on WRC-DC \(NBC\) - Washington, D.C.](#)

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News4 Midday (News)

... >>> kellyanne conway could be in trouble with the office of government ethics. the director of the office warned there is strong reason to believe conway violated ethics rule and over a tv interview she ...



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[Office of government ethics on WCAU-PHI \(NBC\) - Philadelphia, PA](#)

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NBC10 News Today 11am (News)

... fashion line during a tv interview. the office of government ethics made a letter public yesterday telling white house lawyers to make it clear at the end of the the matter. ...



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[Office of government ethics on KABC-AM \(Radio\) - Los Angeles, CA](#)

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... clothing line I still can't believe this happened in a letter to the White House director of the Office of Government Ethics road there's a quote strong reason to believe that Conway violated rules against misusing a position that quote disciplinary action is warranted the chairman of the House

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[Office of government ethics on KXNT NewsRadio 840 - Las Vegas, NV](#)

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... the government which government ethics laws do not allow now oh gee eating Office of Government Ethics They don't have any power who accused to charge and try any body so it all they can do is is point out ...



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[Office of government ethics on KFSM \(CBS\) - Fort Smith, AR](#)

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5NEWS at Noon (News)

... campaign." april -- the office of government ethics is urging the white house to consider disciplinary actions against kellyanne conway over her public endorsement of ivanka ...



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T.D. Jakes (Other)

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[Office of government ethics on WHKT 1650 AM - Norfolk, VA](#)

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... investigate president from counselor kellyanne conway here's more from greg claxton the recommendation comes from the office of government ethics after conway endorsed a block from a fashion line during a television interview last week an ethics watchdog is calling for the ...



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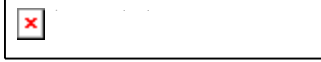


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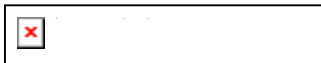
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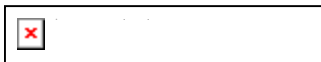
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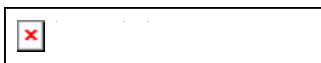
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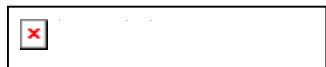


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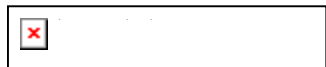
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FOX 43 News This Morning (News)

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Subject: FW: Improper conduct by federal employee - endorsing business in political interview

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Another misspent to Integrity Help Desk.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:36 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Improper conduct by federal employee - endorsing business in political interview

Good evening,

I would like to request an investigation into the conduct of Kelly Anne Conway for endorsing products from the clothing and shoe line of the President's daughter during a televised interview related to her role as a federal employee and advisor in the executive branch. This is unethical and illegal.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Nassif, Marybeth (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 7:05 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux
Subject: OGE Website

Good Morning,

Could you provide to me a summary of what happened yesterday that caused the OGE website to crash? If possible could you let me know how much traffic your webpage can hold and what is the standard for an agency your size? How will OGE correct the situation to prevent future crashes.

Also, is there OGE follow up on the Conway comments and GSA lease?

Thanks so much.
Marybeth

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Director of OGE
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:00 PM
To: (b)(6) Krista Boyd
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Letter from OGE Director to HOCR Chairman and Ranking Member
Attachments: Letter from OGE Director to HOCR Chairman and Ranking Member.pdf

Please find attached a letter from OGE Director Walter M. Shaub, Jr. in response to the letter received from Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings on February 9, 2017. The original will follow by courier. Please contact Shelley Finlayson, OGE's Chief of Staff, with any questions at (202) 482-9314.

Thank You,

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: FW: Letter from OGE Director W. Shaub to S. Passantino
Attachments: Letter from OGE Director to White House DAEO 2-13-17.pdf

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:50 PM
To: (b)(6) Don McGahn'; 'Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO'
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: Letter from OGE Director W. Shaub to S. Passantino

Don and Stefan,

Attached is a letter regarding Kellyanne Conway, as a follow up to Stefan's conversation with Dave Apol on Thursday. The original will follow via United States mail. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Walt

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Director
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Email: walter.shaub@oge.gov

Brandon A. Steele

From: Elizabeth D. Horton
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Monday, February 13, 2017

The Senate reconvenes at 12:00 p.m.

The Senate reconvenes at noon and is expected to resume consideration of the nomination of Steven Mnuchin to be secretary of the Treasury. Roll call votes are expected at 7 p.m. on the Mnuchin nomination and on the nomination of David Shulkin to be secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The House reconvenes at 2:00 p.m.

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News

Roll Call discusses the absence of a current director of the Office of Management and Budget and its effect on the budget. [It's Huge: Trump Administration Sets Record with Empty OMB Director Slot](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

CNN Money cites the Office of Government Ethics in reporting the number of federal workers accused of violating government ethics rules in 2015 and the disciplinary actions they faced. [Here's what happens when you violate government ethics rules](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [How Kellyanne Conway is in hot water over Ivanka brand promotion \(The Christian Science Monitor\)](#); [The Week Of Blurred Lines Between President Trump And Businessman Trump \(NPR\)](#); [Trump's south Florida estate raises ethics questions \(Yahoo\)](#); [Deutsche Bank remains Trump's biggest conflict of interest \(The CT Mirror\)](#); [Trump's 'Winter White House' raises more conflict of interest accusations \(WION\)](#); [Report: Firm lobbying for Saudi Arabia paid guest's bill at Trump hotel \(AOL\)](#)

A.V. Club reports that President Trump's counselor was "'counseled' by the Office of Government Ethics" for telling taxpayers to buy a line of products. [Kmart and Sears don't want to be associated with Ivanka Trump, either](#)

International Business Times reports that President Donald Trump's nominee to head the U.S. Department of Labor personally owed millions of dollars to a convicted bank that is relying on the same department to waive sanctions for its crimes. [Donald Trump's Labor Secretary Pick Andrew Puzder Owed Millions To UBS As Bank Seeks Waiver From Sanctions](#)

The Week opines that the White House's recent executive order extending the lobbying ban on executive branch officials is unlikely to stem the lobbying "revival" predicted by a leading lobbyist. [Why President Trump is a godsend for lobbyists](#)

Propublica discusses the new ethics pledge and how a former lobbyist was able to take a job in the government as a result of President Donald Trump's revision of ethics rules in place during the Obama administration. The article notes that the pledge cites a part of the U.S. Code that does not exist. [Trump's Watered-Down Ethics Rules Let a Lobbyist Help Run an Agency He Lobbied](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

Government Executive reports that the White House has started rolling out reform ideas in the areas of federal pay and moving current government functions to the private sector. The article notes that a review of federal employees' compensation will not focus on one area or agency, but instead "at how government as a whole operates." [White House Floats Federal Employee Pay Reform, Privatization in Name of Innovation](#)

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Brandon A. Steele

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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Jon Skladany, Susanne Grooms
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
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Brandon A. Steele

From: Matthew A. Marinec
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Subject: Final Letters
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Attached, per Shelley's request.

Thanks,
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[Office of **Government Ethics** asks White House to investigate Kellyanne Conway](#)

ABC News

The Office of **Government Ethics** is calling on the White House to investigate the actions of counselor to the president, Kellyanne Conway, less than a ...

[Government Ethics Watchdog Urges Trump to Investigate Conway and Consider Disciplining Her](#) - Mother Jones

[Office of **Government Ethics**: Discipline Kellyanne Conway](#) - CBS News

[Office of **Government Ethics**: 'Strong Reason' to Think Conway Violated Rules](#) - NBCNews.com

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The Week Magazine

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[House panel takes on impeachment power, local **government ethics** reforms](#)

SaintPetersBlog (blog)

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: Kellyann Conway ethics violation (sent to Integrity Help Desk)

Thank you,

George Hancock
Integrity Manager
Program Counsel Division
Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Kellyann Conway ethics violation

Please accept this email to register my concern about the probably ethics violation by Kellyann Conway, Donald Trump's staff member, who is using her public office to promote products sold under the Ivanka Trump label.

I am also concerned that Donald Trump is using his public office to disparage Nordstrom's department store because they decided to discontinue the Trump line of products.

I understand that these are ethics violations and I think you for investigating.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jennifer Matis
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Wednesday, February 15, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and is expected to resume consideration of a joint resolution (H J Res 40) that would disapprove of and nullify a rule that adds certain Social Security recipients with mental impairments who use a "representative payee" because they cannot manage their benefit payments to a list of people prohibited from purchasing firearms. Votes are expected starting at approximately 10:30 a.m. on passage of the joint resolution and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a resolution (H J Res 42) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule that limits the ability of states to require drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants, a resolution (H J Res 66) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule exempting certain state-administered savings programs for nongovernmental employees from ERISA requirements, and a resolution (H J Res 67) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule exempting the savings programs of certain political subdivisions of states from ERISA requirements.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

More outlets report on OGE's response to Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings regarding Kellyanne Conway. [OGE recommends White House investigate Trump adviser for ethics violation \(Federal News Radio\)](#); [Ethics Office Asks White House to Probe Kellyanne Conway \(Roll Call\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics: 'Strong Reason' to Think Conway Violated Rules \(NBC News\)](#); [One afternoon, 3 investigations? The Trump White House's ominous day \(WP "The Fix"\)](#); [Conway Should Be Investigated For Plugging Ivanka Trump Products, Ethics Agency Says \(NPR\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics: Discipline Kellyanne Conway \(CBS News\)](#); [Ethics Office Pressures White House to Discipline Kellyanne Conway \(GovExec\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics asks White House to investigate Kellyanne Conway \(ABC News\)](#); [Government Ethics Watchdog Urges Trump to Investigate Conway and Consider Disciplining Her \(Mother Jones\)](#); [Ethics office recommends White House investigate and possibly discipline Kellyanne Conway \(LA Times\)](#); [Ethics Office Calls for White House Probe Into Kellyanne Conway's Ivanka Trump Remarks \(WSJ "Washington Wire"\)](#); [Ethics Office to White House: Punish Kellyanne Conway for Ivanka "Commercial" \(Slate\)](#); [White House Counsel Donald McGahn under scrutiny for Trump ethics problems \(NY Daily News\)](#); [Ethics office urges White House to consider punishing Conway for Ivanka Trump comments \(CNBC\)](#)

PolitiFact reports on statements made by Senator Schumer about Rex Tillerson, citing Director Shaub's comments about Tillerson's ethics agreement. [PolitiFact: Did top Democrat miss the news on Tillerson?](#)

The Daily Caller reports that former acting Federal Transit Administration (FTA) chief Carolyn Flowers may have violated federal conflict-of-interest laws. [Obama-Era Appointee Likely Breached Ethics Laws With \\$650 Million Grant](#)

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Federal News Radio reports on the President's budget request. [Erik Wasson: February budget deadline missed. What's next?](#)

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Brandon A. Steele
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Agency Wide
Cc: News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Tuesday, February 14, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and was expected to consider the nomination of Linda E. McMahon to be administrator of the Small Business Administration. A vote on the nomination was expected at approximately 11 a.m.

The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 428) that would require the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a private survey along the Red River separating Texas and Oklahoma.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets discuss OGE's response to Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings. [Ethics office: White House should investigate Conway for Ivanka Trump plug](#) [Ethics office calls on White House to discipline Conway](#) [Office of Government Ethics recommends the White House investigate Kellyanne Conway](#) [Ethics Office Tells White House to Investigate and Discipline Kellyanne Conway](#) [U.S. Ethics Office Calls on White House to Investigate Kellyanne Conway's Ivanka Trump Endorsement](#) [Ethics office tells White House to investigate Conway for Ivanka plug](#) [US Office of Government Ethics recommends investigation, possible discipline of Kellyanne Conway](#) [White House Should Probe Conway's Nordstrom Comments: U.S. Ethics Office](#) [Government Watchdog Presses Jason Chaffetz To Investigate Kellyanne Conway Himself](#) [The Office of Government Ethics wants Kellyanne Conway to be disciplined](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump doesn't take kindly to limits on his power and conflicts of interest](#) [THE UTTERLY INSUFFICIENT EFFORTS TO SEPARATE TRUMP FROM HIS BUSINESSES](#) [TRUMP'S SONS INSIST "PAPA BEAR" IS CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROOF](#) [Donald Trump faces more conflict of interest questions after China trademark win](#)

Outlets report on various aspects of the transition. [McConnell Lines Up Slew of Cabinet Nominee Votes](#) [Treasury Secretary Confirmed Despite Outrage From Democrats](#) [Labor Dept. employees urge vote against Puzder nomination](#) [Secret Service director retiring, led agency amid turmoil](#) [Senate confirms Trump's picks for Treasury, VA secretaries](#)

POGO recommends that OGE be allowed more authority in order to be more effective. [Unmuzzle the Ethics Watchdog](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

Fed Smith reports on additional guidance issued by OPM on the hiring freeze. [OPM Releases Additional Hiring Freeze Guidance](#)

Government Executive opines that without an OMB Director agencies may face budget uncertainty as the CR expires in April. [Agencies Could See Deeper, Faster Cuts Than Previously Contemplated](#)

Government Executive discusses the efforts to sunset the Election Assistance Commission. [The Federal Voting Agency Republicans Want to Kill](#)

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Subject: FW: Kellyanne Connway

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Another sent to Integrity Help Desk.

Thank you.

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Kellyanne Connway

To Whom It May Concern,

I urge the Committee to press the issue of a possible ethics violation by Kellyanne Conway. I am a voting citizen of (b) (6), and would like to see something done about this blatant disregard to the law.

Thank you for your time,

(b) (6)

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Diana Veilleux
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:48 PM
To: 'Nassif, Marybeth'
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Response to February 10 E-Mail
Attachments: Director's Letter to HOCR Leadership with WH Attachment.pdf

Hi Marybeth

To respond to your question, the term “user session” is the same thing as a “visit” to a website, and refers to the presence of a user with a specific IP address [on a website](#). The number of user sessions per day is one measure of how much traffic a website has.

Also, attached please find a copy of the letter (with an attachment) issued by the Director in response to an inquiry by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee about an ethics issue involving the Counselor to the President.

Best Regards,

Diana J. Veilleux

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Chief

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From: Nassif, Marybeth [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Diana Veilleux
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: RE: Response to February 10 E-Mail

Hi Diana,

Thanks for the response and the charts. Can you clarify what “# of sessions” are?

Marybeth

From: Diana Veilleux [<mailto:djveille@oge.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Nassif, Marybeth [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson <skfinlay@oge.gov>
Subject: Response to February 10 E-Mail

Good Evening Marybeth

Please find below responses to your most recent inquiry:

- Website

As the attached data demonstrates, OGE has received unprecedented and therefore unanticipated demands for information and resources from the public and the media, including unparalleled levels of demand for access to OGE's website. This extraordinary level of public interest and concern is largely being driven by events and activities outside of OGE's control. Despite this enormous unanticipated strain on OGE's resources, OGE's staff has acted swiftly to continue to be responsive to public demands despite being significantly constrained by the lack of our requested FY17 funding level. For example, OGE's IT staff took immediate actions to mitigate the website access problem by: increasing the amount of traffic available to enter the website; and reducing automated traffic, such as web crawlers and bots, that reduce traffic capacity.

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- Ethics Issues regarding the Counselor to the President

With regard to the potential ethics issue of the Counselor to the President, please be advised that the Director is issuing a response to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's recent correspondence about this matter. We will forward you a link when it is published on OGE's website.

- GSA Lease

OGE has no involvement in or jurisdiction over the GSA lease matter."

Best Regards,

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From: Nicole Stein

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:00 PM

To: Shelley K. Finlayson; Diana Veilleux

Subject: Data Charts

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From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Michael Hanson
Cc: Integrity
Subject: Report of Broken Link:
<https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/Resources/Where+to+Report+Misconduct>

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Mike:

Another to Integrity Help Desk on OGE website broken link.

Thank you,
George

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: See below

What is going on? Below is the email I sent to the OGE this morning and the OGE's response telling me I had to send my email to <https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/Resources/Where+to+Report+Misconduct>. HOWEVER, that site has apparently been shut down. How do I file a misconduct complaint to the office that oversees misconduct when that office shuts down their website?

Sincerely,

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This is the email I sent to the OGE this morning:

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:30 AM

To: 'ContactOGE@oge.gov'

Subject: Kellyanne Conway broke the law

Kellyanne Conway broke the law § 2635.702 Use of public office for private gain when she endorsed Ivanka Trump's clothing line on TV and advertised where to purchase her products.

I hope you do not dismiss this concern and will take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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§ 2635.702 Use of public office for private gain.

An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of which the employee is an officer or member, and persons with whom the employee has or seeks employment or business relations. The specific prohibitions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section apply this general standard, but are not intended to be exclusive or to limit the application of this section.

This is the email I received from the OGE this morning in response to my email directing me to :
<https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/Resources/Where+to+Report+Misconduct>.

From: Contact OGE [<mailto:contactoge@oge.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:30 AM

To:

Subject: Automatic reply: Kellyanne Conway broke the law

Thank you for your email to the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE). We appreciate hearing from you and want to acknowledge and thank you for contacting our office. To learn more about our office and the work that we do, please visit our website at www.oge.gov.

OGE oversees the executive branch ethics program and works with a community of ethics practitioners made up of over 4,500 ethics officials in more than 130 agencies to implement that program. When government decisions are made free from conflicts of interest, the public can have greater confidence in the integrity of executive branch programs and operations.

Please note: OGE does not handle complaints of misconduct, nor does OGE have investigative or prosecutorial authority. OGE's mission is one of prevention. To find out where to report an allegation of misconduct, please visit <https://www.oge.gov/Web/OGE.nsf/Resources/Where+to+Report+Misconduct>.

Unfortunately, due to high volume, we are not able to respond directly to all emails. However, we thank you once again and will do our best to respond to specific inquiries.

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From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: Kelly Ann Conway

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Another sent to Integrity Help Desk.

Thank you.

From: (b) (6) r [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: Kelly Ann Conway

I believe Kelly Ann Conway is in violation of Federal law for using the public office for private gain with her remarks on the Ivanka clothing line.

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Skladany, Jon (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Cc: Casey, Sharon; Grooms, Susanne Sachsman
Subject: letter from Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings to Director Shaub
Attachments: Letter to OGE re Conway Endorsement FINAL.PDF

Hi Shelley,

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings to Director Shaub regarding Kellyanne Conway's recent statements related to Ivanka Trump's product line. Please confirm that you received the letter, and let us know if you have any questions. You can reach me at (b) (6) or Susanne at (b) (6)

Thanks,

Jon

Brandon A. Steele

From: Google Alerts (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 7:02 AM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Google Alert - government ethics



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WGBA-TV

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Cummings and the House Oversight Committee's GOP chair, Jason Chaffetz, sent a joint letter Thursday to the Office of **Government Ethics** asking ...

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Brandon A. Steele
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Follow up Tweet

If OGE is phone conferencing with oversight leadership, I recommend (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

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Best regards,

Brandon A. Steele
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From: Integrity
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: Kellyanne Conway 5 C.F.R. 2635.702. Investigation

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Another sent to Integrity Help Desk.

Thank you.

From: (b) (6) [mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Integrity
Subject: Kellyanne Conway 5 C.F.R. 2635.702. Investigation

I request that the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) investigate and take appropriate enforcement actions as to whether Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President, violated 5 C.F.R. 2635.702, "Use of public office for private gain."

On February 9, 2017, White House Counselor Conway made a television appearance on Fox News in which she endorsed the product line of Ivanka Trump and encouraged viewers to buy Trump's products. Specifically, Conway said on live television: "This is just wonderful line," she told Fox & Friends. "I own some of it. I fully—I'm going to give a free commercial here. Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online."

Such a product endorsement and sales pitch by an employee of the federal government appears to run afoul of 5 C.F.R. 2635.702, which expressly prohibit employees from making such product endorsements.

Please proceed with an investigation and take appropriate enforcements actions to ensure that all employees of the federal government abide by the conflict of interest laws and regulations.

Thank you,

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Brandon A. Steele

From: GovExec Today (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 5:41 AM
To: Jennifer Matis
Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Civil service reform gains traction; another ethic storm; elusive wall plans

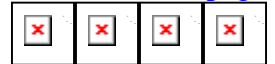
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A spokesman says the department has no information to share.

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Grand jury accepts Justice Department allegations against Harold Martin.

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From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: kellyanne conway (sent from Integrity Help Desk)

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Thank you.

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From: (b) (6) y [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: kellyanne conway

as a private citizen, how do i lodge a complaint about a federal employee violating government ethics laws?

kellyanne conway should not be advertising ivanka trump clothing

Brandon A. Steele

From: Seth Jaffe
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Subject: FOIA 17/192 198 and 199

From: Mallin, Alexander W. [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Seth Jaffe
Subject: ABC News Inquiry

Hi Seth,

Reaching out to see if the OGE has any comment on Kellyanne Conway's appearance on Fox News this morning, where she explicitly told viewers to buy products from Ivanka Trump's company.

Would this be considered a rule violation of this OGE regulation?

<https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Regulations/5D633072D0B2DB5085257E96006A90E7>

Will there be any contact to the White House about this?

Thanks,

Alex

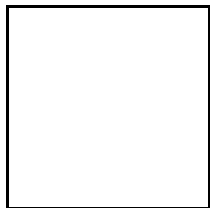
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From: Seth Jaffe
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:48 AM
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Subject: FOIA 17/192 198 & 199

From: Results@TVEyes-Alerts.com [mailto:Results@TVEyes-Alerts.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Seth Jaffe
Subject: New MMS Alert - office of government ethics

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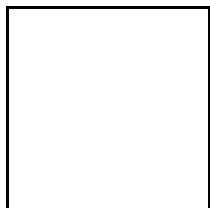


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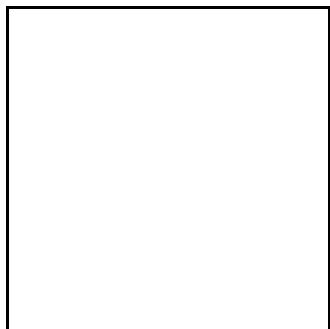


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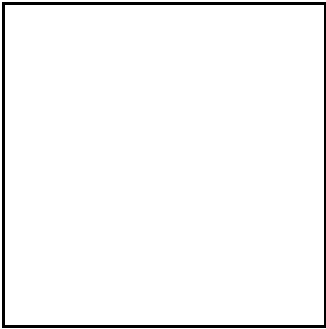
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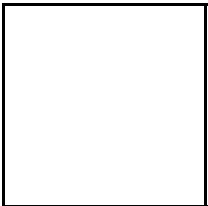
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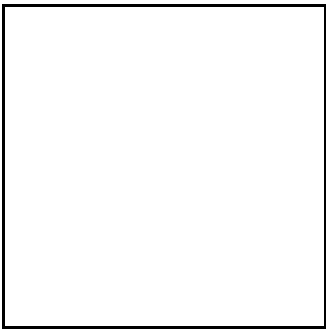


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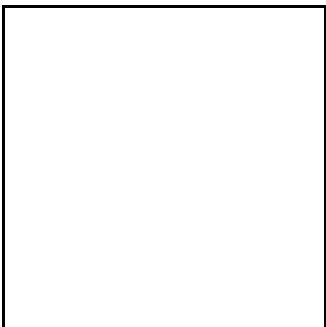
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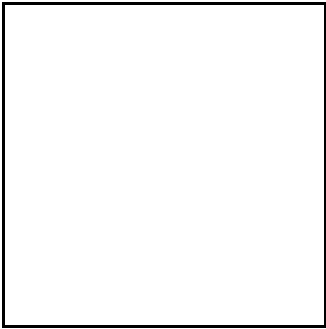


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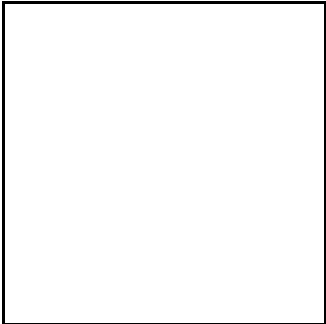
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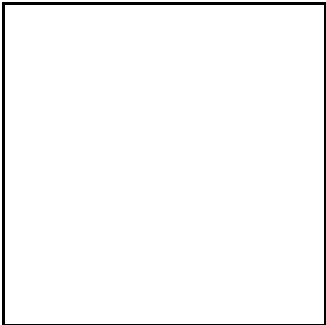
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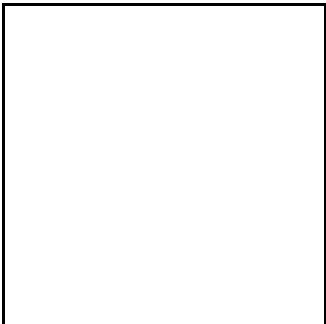
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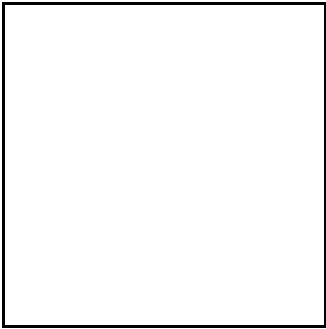
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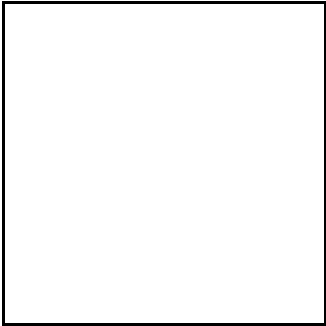
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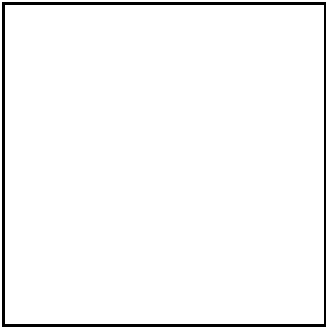
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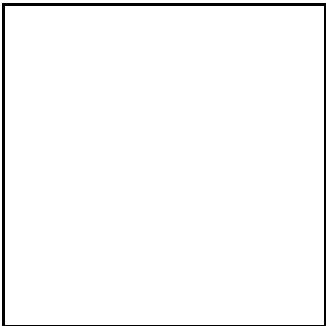
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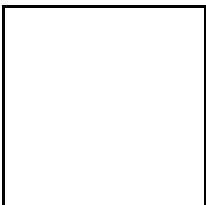
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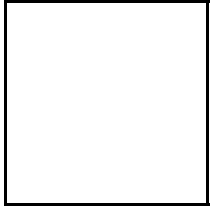
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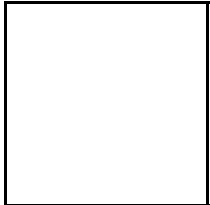


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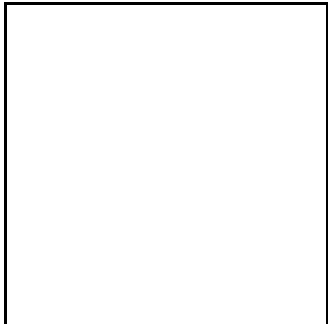


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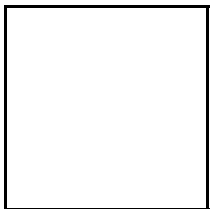
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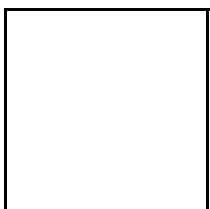


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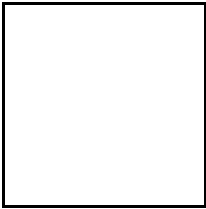
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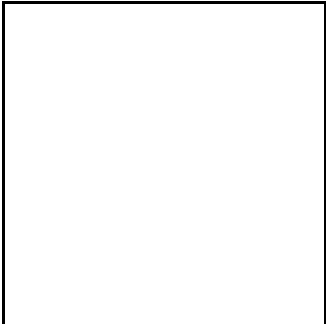


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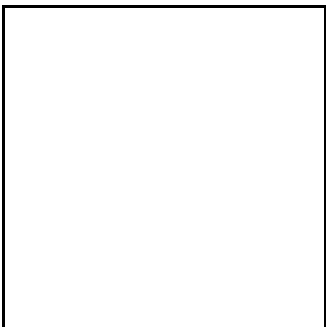
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America's News HQ (News)

... times now and in part because some paperwork is coming from the office of government ethics. governments have their eye on him. he saw the job they did on betsy devos. ...



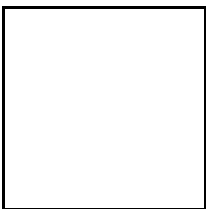
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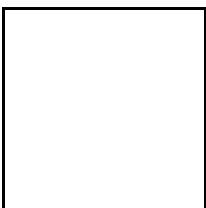


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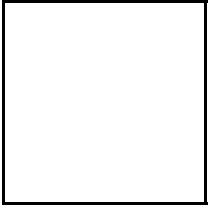
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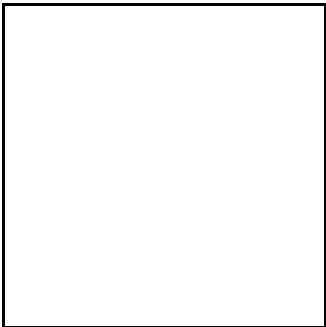


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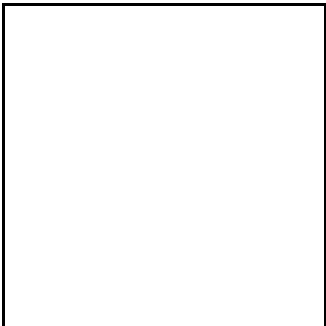
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Erin Burnett OutFront (News)

... a letter on the house oversight committee and asking the office of government ethics to review, prompting backlash that wasn't exactly back peddling. >> we're reviewing that internally. ...



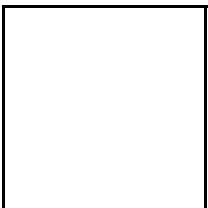
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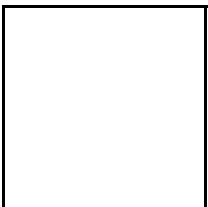


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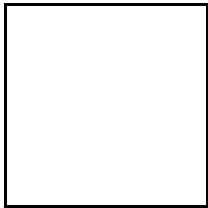


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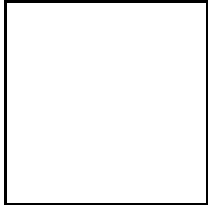


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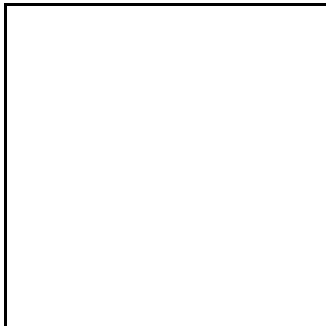


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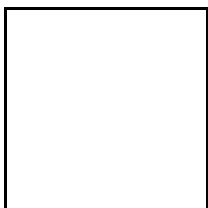
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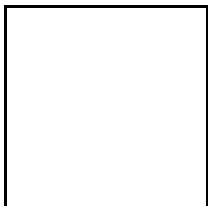


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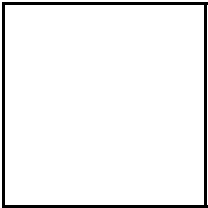


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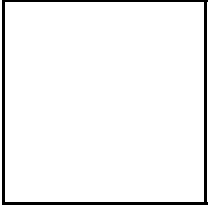


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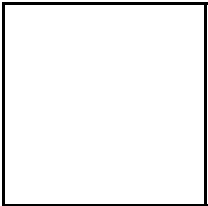


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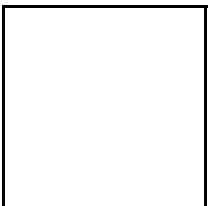


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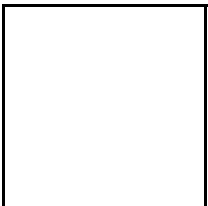


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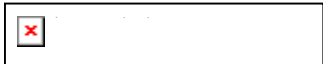


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... another one of the president's close aides is facing scrutiny. the office of government ethics has asked the white house to investigate and possibly discipline kellyanne conway. ethics officials say there's ...

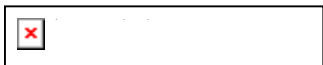


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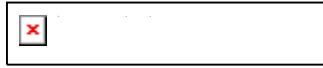


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Tucker Carlson Tonight (News)

... halt the flybys. finally, the office of government ethics counselor kellyanne conway saying theyey broke the laws on fox and friends last week, the oge is a recommending disciplinary ...



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CNN Newsroom (News)

... just calls for kellyanne conway to be censured. this is the office of government ethics. the reality is in a normal administration, that would be the biggest scandal of a year. ...



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... scrutiny from the feds. the office of government ethics recommends the white house investigate and discipline conway ...



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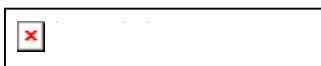


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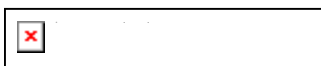
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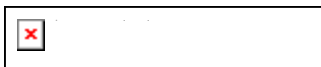
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BBC News (News)

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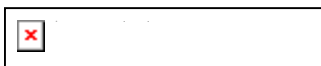
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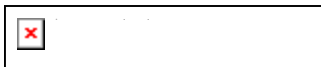
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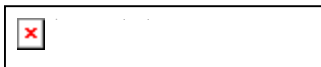
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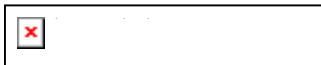
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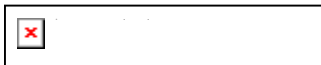
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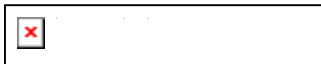
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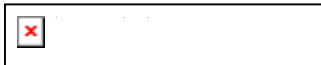
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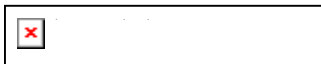
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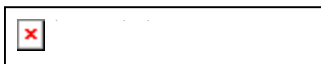
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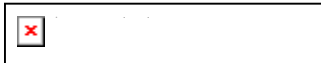
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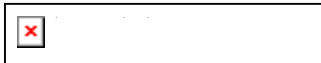
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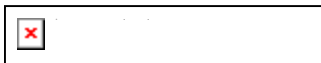
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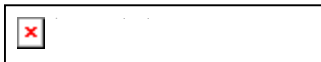
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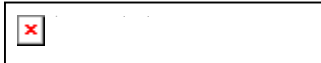
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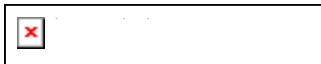
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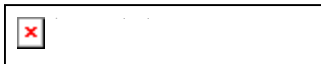
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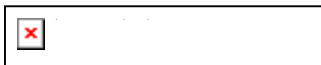
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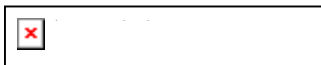
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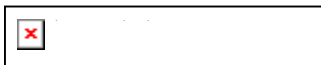
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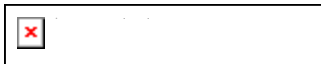
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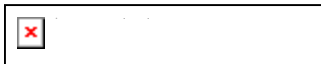
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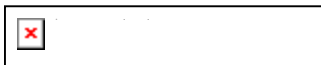
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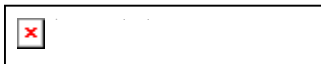
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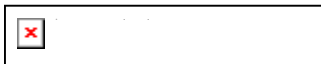
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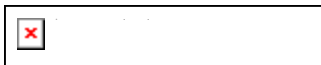
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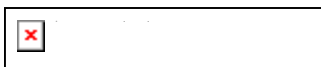
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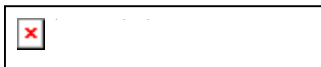
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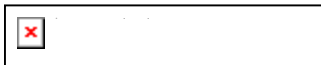
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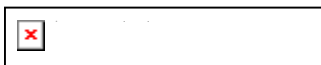
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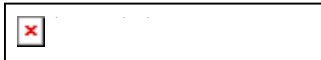
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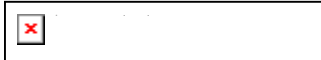
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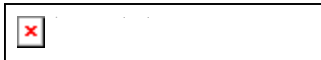
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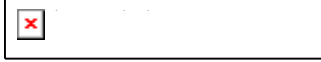
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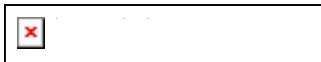
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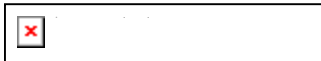
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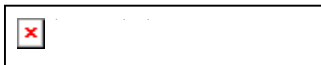
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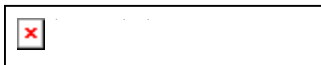
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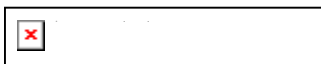
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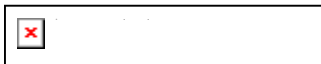
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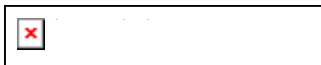
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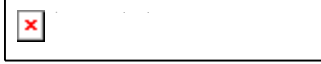


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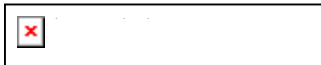
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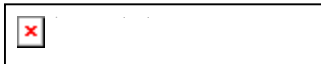
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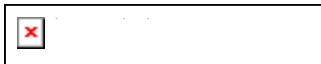
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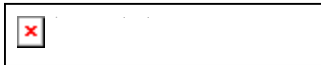
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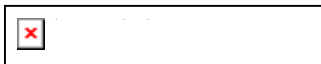
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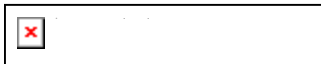
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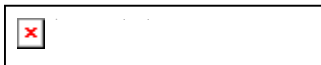
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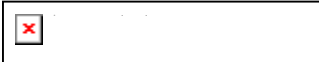
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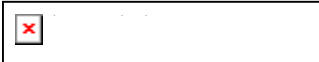
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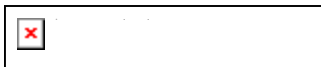
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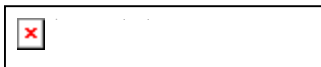
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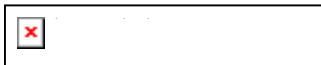
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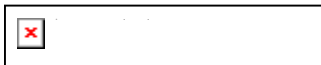
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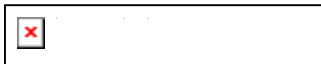
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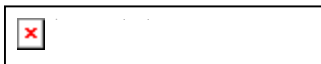
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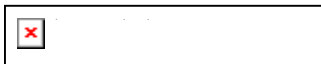
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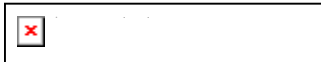
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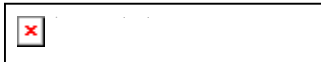
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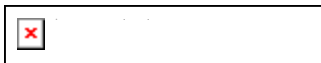
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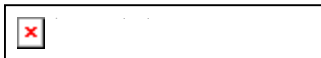


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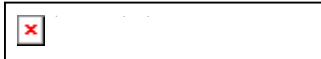


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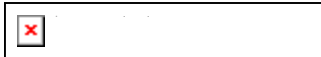


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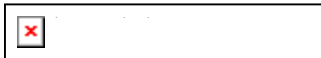


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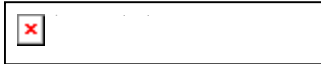


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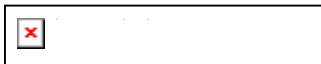


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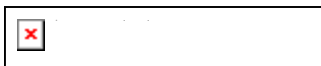


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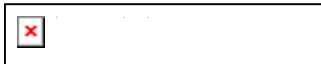
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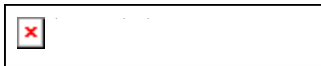


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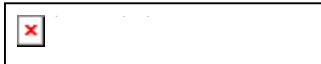


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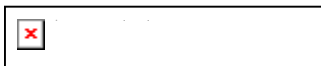


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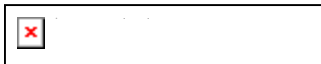


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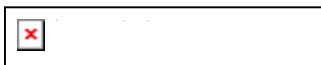


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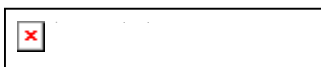


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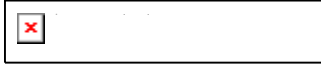
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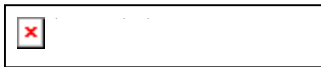


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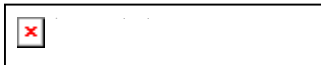


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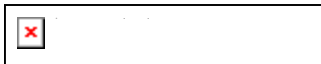


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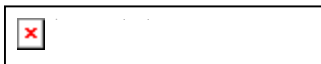


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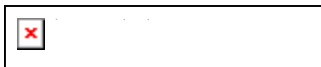
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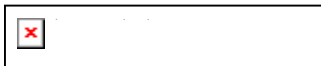


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Subject: FW: ABC News Inquiry

From: Mallin, Alexander W. [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Seth Jaffe
Subject: ABC News Inquiry

Hi Seth,

Reaching out to see if the OGE has any comment on Kellyanne Conway's appearance on Fox News this morning, where she explicitly told viewers to buy products from Ivanka Trump's company.

Would this be considered a rule violation of this OGE regulation?

<https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Regulations/5D633072D0B2DB5085257E96006A90E7>

Will there be any contact to the White House about this?

Thanks,

Alex

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[Office of government ethics on KNOW-FM \(Radio\) - Minneapolis, MN](#)

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... chief it is written a letter insisting the white house referred the matter to the office of government ethics for review unlike the president conway is subject to government ethical conduct standards where state employees shall not use their office for the endorsement of any product ...



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[Office of government ethics on 101.9 WDET \(radio\) - Detroit, MI](#)

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... democratic leader elijah cummings are writing letters to the office of government ethics for review and to present a truck chief said referring to a fox news interview in which kelly ann conway urged people to go by upon the trumps ...



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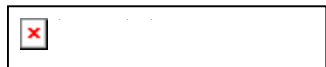


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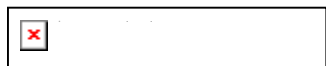
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Public Affairs Events (Other)

... with respect to reporting to the committee and the office of government ethics, i would just issues, ethical issues that are say i think i have described serious enough on their own. however, it took no small amount ...



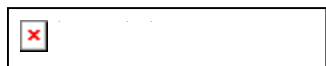
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Public Affairs Events (Other)

... the congressman's financial disclosure to the office of government ethics. and because it's the office of government ethics disclosure that's posted on the public web site so the public can see the ...



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... price on december 15, 2016, and filed with the office of government ethics and a letter from congressman price to the office of government ethics, dated february 7, 2017, amending his public ethics disclosures. ...

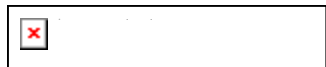


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[Office of government ethics on KUOW-FM \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)

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... they have made money there have been there was quite a long period of time in the office of government ethics had signed off on the yet so there there is still a question mark over both them therefore the democrats are slow walking both them as they did ...



[Office of government ethics on KDFW-DAL \(FOX\) - Dallas,](#)

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Fox 4 News at 9 (News)

... committee said the white house must refer the matter to the office of government ethics for review. a spokeswoman said he believes conway merely sticking up from an ivanka ...



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[Office of government ethics on WTOP-DC \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.](#)

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... on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics jury binder Capitol Hill another late overnight early morning on the Senate floor with a captain's pick awaiting approval this morning president Trump adding another member to his ...

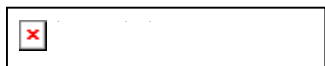


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[Office of government ethics on KNX-AM \(Radio\) - Los Angeles, CA](#)

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... be an endorsement several members of Congress already placed a formal request to the Office of Government Ethics to investigate Conway Christie wins came extend 70 News CBS Friday down bluebloods New York's first family have cops serves and protects do ...



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[Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable](#)

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CNN Newsroom Live (News)

... getting them what they want. chaffetz assigned a letter to the office of government ethics offering them to investigate the kellyanne conway issue and that may have been because he is feeling pressure from the public ...



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[Office of government ethics on WINS-AM - New York, NY](#)

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... the White House must refer the matter to the office of government ethics respond Gerry Bob Lande by the way the ethics office website crashed Thursday after so many people log onto weighing and on the northeastern long aisle under the Long Beach Island ...



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... utah republican jason chaffetz joined with ranking democrat on the watchdog committee in a letter thursday the u.s. office of government ethics k you are eric newman has in a meeting ...



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Office of government ethics on WOR-AM (Radio) - New York, NY

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... Meanwhile ranking members of the House oversight Committee have sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics calling for an investigation into the comment made by Conway this is Republican Congressman Jason Chaffetz of Utah I want to make sure it's so ...



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Office of government ethics on KXLH (CBS) - Helena, MT

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CBS Overnight News (News)

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... Trump's fashion brand during a TV interview in a letter to the Office of Government Ethics the Democratic Cummings and Republican Utah congressman Jason Chaffetz say they want a review of Conway's statements and report on possible disciplinary action Cummings says it appears to be a textbook violation of ...



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[Office of government ethics on KXII \(CBS\) - Sherman, TX](#)

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News 12 @ Ten (News)

... overnight committee sent a letter to the office of government ethics calling on them to determine whether conway should be disciplined. the final say will be ...

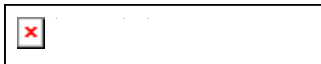


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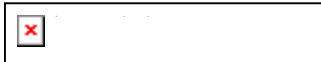
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[Office of government ethics on City Pulse 24 - Ontario, Canada](#)

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CP24 (Other)

... slam the business. the -- must referred to the office of government ethics for review. sean spicer was asked today whether konway's statement violated federal ethics ...



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[Office of government ethics on WJW-CLE \(FOX\) - Cleveland, OH](#)

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Fox 8 News at 10PM (News)

... today. a letter was sent to the office of government ethics to determine whether she should be disciplined. >> ed the president absolutely stands ...

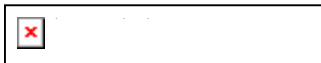


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... called Conway's plug wrong an acceptable over the line said the White House was referred to the office of government ethics for review and White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer was asked about this council and that's all we're going to go she think ...



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[Office of government ethics on Fox 46 Carolinas - Charlotte, NC](#)

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Fox 46 News 10pm (News)

... for dropping his daughter's fashion line. the office of government ethics is looking into the matter. brien: mississippi lawmakers are moving ahead with proposal to add firing squad, ...

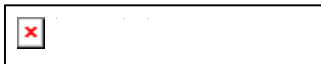


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... think council on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics first injury vote lighter winds news time in 35 the Jersey shore and found a person ...



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[Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ](#)

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News 12 New Jersey (News)

... responsibility and ethics in washington, have asked the office of government ethics to investigate. says a the fast-food cheaainh-marabyy 'hasv e ...



[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)

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The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (News)

... she might even lose her job. so, the problem here is that the office of government ethics making a recommendation. guess who gets to decide the ultimate sanction. donald trump. ...



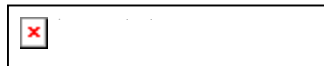
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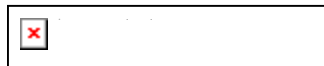
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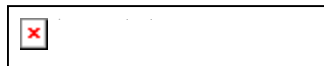
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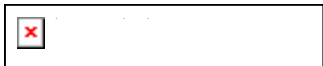
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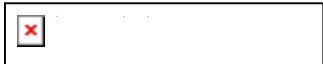
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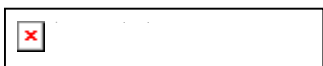
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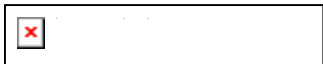
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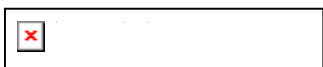
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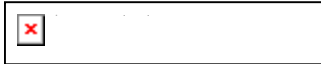
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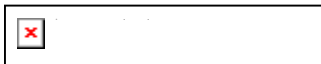
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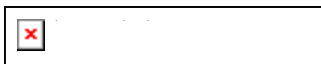
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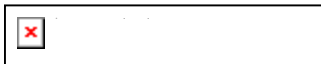
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[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)

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... with the wiser Cummings the ranking member Mike committee to the White House and the Office of Government Ethics this Let's break away too far I should have never happened there's no excuse or a better darn well never happen again Alabama's attorney general was a statesman ...



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[Office of government ethics on WTAQ-AM \(Radio\) - Green Bay, WI](#)

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[Office of government ethics on KSWO \(ABC\) - Wichita Falls, TX](#)

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ABC News Overnight (News)

... satisfied. he's demanding a full review from the office of government ethics, writing "conway's statements clearly violate the ethical principles for federal employees and are unacceptable." ...



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[Office of government ethics on WBAY \(ABC\) - Green Bay, WI](#)

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World News Now (News)

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[Office of government ethics on City Pulse 24 - Ontario, Canada](#)

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CP24 (Other)

... slam the business. the -- must referred to the office of government ethics for review. sean spicer was asked today whether konway's statement violated federal ethics ...



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[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)

02/10/2017 02:30:52

... ranking members of the House oversight Committee sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics going for an investigation into a comment made by our House Kessler Kellyanne Conway and Thursday morning TV interview lawyers people to buy a vault at Trump's commercial ...



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[Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable](#)

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CNN Newsroom Live (News)

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[Office of government ethics on CNN - U.S. Cable](#)

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CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (News)

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[Office of government ethics on WINS-AM - New York, NY](#)

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... think council on that subject case it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics cars but the jury both lender Jersey shore man's found the person wrote translating message in a bottle this thing to exchange text messages and Stewart round ...



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[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)

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... Democrat Elijah Cummings hard jointly sending a letter to the White House and the Office of Government Ethics for referring And Commons has asked the congressional panel to review or Kelly Evans actions ...



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[Office of government ethics on WTOP-DC \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.](#)

02/10/2017 02:38:36

... eye on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics jury vote Under Capitol Hill wave scene controversy is over Confederate statues in many places in Virginia including Alexandria and loving County now there's another one in Charlotte ...



[Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ](#)

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News 12 New Jersey (News)

... responsibility and ethics in washington, have asked the office of government ethics to investigate. the fast-food chain--arby's says a ...



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[Office of government ethics on WWRL 1600 \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WGMD-FM \(Radio\) - Salisbury, MD](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WFLA-AM \(Radio\) - Tampa Bay, FL](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WOR-AM \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)

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... Meanwhile ranking members of the House oversight Committee sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics and calling for an investigation into the comment made by Conway this is Republican Congressman Jason Chaffetz R Utah I'm sure it's a little late I ...



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[Office of government ethics on News/Talk 570 - Syracuse, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WHIO-AM - Dayton, OH](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WTAG-AM - Springfield, MA](#)

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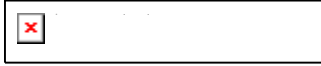
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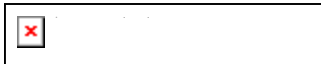
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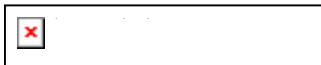
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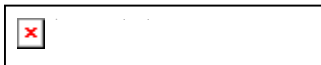
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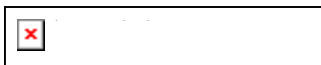
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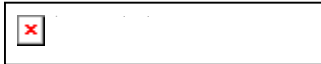
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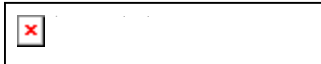
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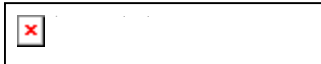
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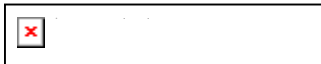
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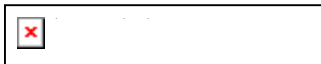
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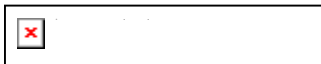
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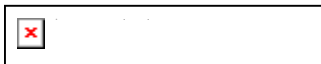
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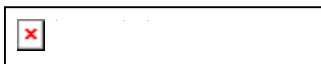
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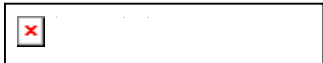
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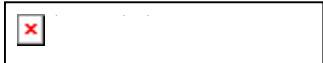
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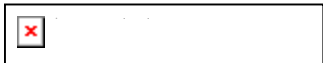
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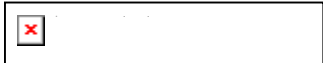
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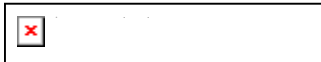
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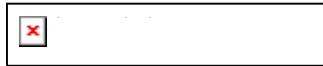


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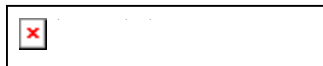
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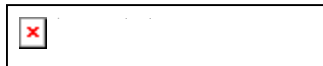
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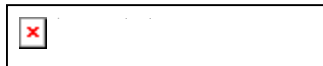
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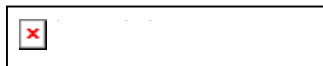
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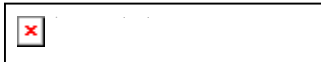
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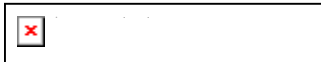
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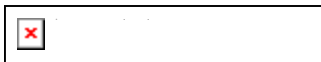
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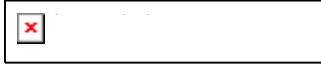
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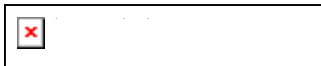
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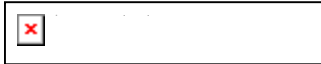
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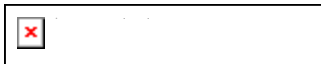
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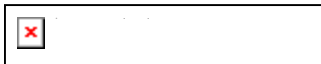
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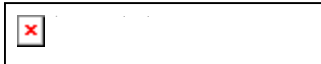


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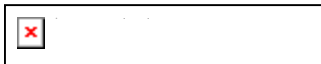
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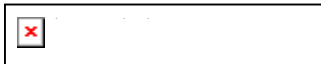
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[Office of government ethics on WXYZ-DET \(ABC\) - Detroit, MI](#)

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World News Now (News)

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[Office of government ethics on WCFT-BIRM \(ABC\) - Birmingham, AL](#)

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The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (Other)

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[Office of government ethics on WJW-CLE \(FOX\) - Cleveland, OH](#)

02/10/2017 03:18:22

Fox 8 News at 10PM (News)

... today. a letter was sent to the office of government ethics to determine whether she should be disciplined. >> ed the president absolutely stands ...



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[Office of government ethics on WKYC-CLE \(NBC\) - Cleveland, OH](#)

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Channel 3 News at 11 (News)

... >> reporter: the independent office of government ethics flooded with calls and e-mails. the website crashing. the white house says ...



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[Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ](#)

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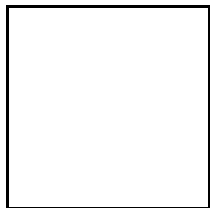
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Brandon A. Steele

From: Seth Jaffe
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Subject: FOIA 17/192 198 & 199

From: Results@TVEyes-Alerts.com [<mailto:Results@TVEyes-Alerts.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Seth Jaffe
Subject: New MMS Alert - office of government ethics

Media Alert From TVEyes Media Monitoring Suite

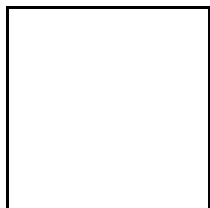


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[Office of government ethics on WYPR-FM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)

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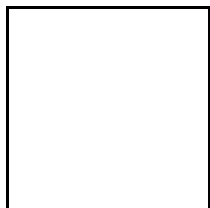


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February 9, 2017

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that the Committee refer for review and potential disciplinary action statements made on national television by Kellyanne Conway, the Counselor to President Donald Trump, that directly promoted and endorsed the President's daughter's private business. This appears to be a textbook violation of government ethics laws and regulations enacted to prevent the abuse of an employee's government position.

During an interview on Fox News this morning, Ms. Conway appeared in her official capacity in front of the official White House seal. She stated that Ivanka Trump had "developed another fully, unbelievably, entrepreneurial, wildly successful business that bears her name." She added: "Go buy Ivanka's stuff is what I would tell you. I hate shopping, I'm going to go get some myself today." She continued: "It's a wonderful line. I own some of it. I fully, I'm going to just give a free commercial here. Go buy it today everybody. You can find it online."¹

In 1966, Congress passed and the President signed a federal ethics law, set forth in 5 U.S.C. §7301, which states: "The President may prescribe regulations for the conduct of employees in the executive branch." In 1989, President George H.W. Bush issued Executive Order 12674 setting forth "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees." One of the key principles in that Executive Order is that employees "shall not use public office for private gain."²

In addition, federal regulations implementing the law provide as follows:

An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement

¹ *Fox & Friends*, Fox News (Feb. 9, 2017) (online at <http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/02/09/kellyanne-conway-ivanka-trump-retailers-go-buy-her-stuff>).

² Executive Order No. 12674, Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees (Apr. 12, 1989).

of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity.³

Under the section of these regulations entitled "Corrective Action Involving Individual Employees," the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has authority to review potential violations and recommend discipline ranging from suspension to loss of pay to removal.⁴

Don W. Fox, the former General Counsel and Acting Director of OGE, stated during an interview with the Washington Post: "Conway's encouragement to buy Ivanka's stuff would seem to be a clear violation of rules prohibiting misuse of public office for anyone's private gain." He also warned:

This is jaw-dropping to me. This rule has been promulgated by the federal Office of Government Ethics as part of the Standards of Conduct for all executive branch employees and it applies to all members of the armed forces as well.⁵

Since the Committee has direct jurisdiction over the ethics laws applicable to White House employees, I request that the Committee make an official referral of this matter to the Office of Government Ethics and request that it report back to the Committee as soon as possible with its findings.

I would appreciate a response to this request by the close of business on February 10, 2017. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

³ 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702.

⁴ 5 C.F.R. § 2638 (E).

⁵ *Conway May Have Broken Key Ethics Rule by Touting Ivanka Trump's Products, Experts Say*, Washington Post (Feb. 9, 2017) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/conway-may-have-broken-key-ethics-rule-by-touting-ivanka-trumps-products-experts-say/2017/02/09/fd1cc64a-eeda-11e6-b4ff-ac2cf509efe5_story.html?utm_term=.3b031d5e42ee).

From: [Skladany, Jon](#)
To: [Director of OGE](#); [Grooms, Susanne Sachsman](#)
Cc: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from OGE Director to HOCR Chairman and Ranking Member
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:25:56 PM

Received. Thank you.

From: Director of OGE [mailto:director@oge.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:58 PM

To: Skladany, Jon; Grooms, Susanne Sachsman

Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson

Subject: Letter from OGE Director to HOCR Chairman and Ranking Member

Please find attached a letter from OGE Director Walter M. Shaub, Jr. in response to the letter received from Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings on February 9, 2017. The original will follow by courier. Please contact Shelley Finlayson, OGE's Chief of Staff, with any questions at (202) 482-9314.

Thank You,

Matthew Marinec, M.P.P.

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From: [Boyd, Krista](#)
To: [Director of OGE](#)
Cc: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from OGE Director to HOCR Chairman and Ranking Member
Date: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:08:43 PM

Response received, thank you.

From: Director of OGE [mailto:director@oge.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:00 PM

To: Boyd, Krista

Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson

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From: [Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [David J. Apol](#)
Cc: [Director of OGE](#)
Subject: RE: Time for a call
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:01:00 PM

Calling now.

STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance & Ethics
Office of the White House Counsel
(b) (6)

From: David J. Apol [mailto:djapol@oge.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Passantino, Stefan C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Cc: Director of OGE <director@oge.gov>
Subject: Time for a call

We need to discuss on an issue that has come up. Can we talk soon?

David J. Apol
General Counsel
U.S. Office of Government Ethics
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Brandon A. Steele

From: Integrity
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Contact OGE
Subject: FW: ethics complaint sent to Integrity Help Desk

Thank you,

George Hancock
Integrity Manager
Program Counsel Division
Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Integrity
Subject: ethics complaint

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my concerns regarding Mr. Trump and Ms. Conway's use of their positions to promote Ivanka Trump's products. I am sure you are aware that Conway recently stated in a Fox & Friends interview, "I'm just gonna give a free commercial here, go buy it today, you can buy it online." It is my understanding that Part 2635, Subpart G of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch states that "An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives..." It is unacceptable for this administration to violate its role in this and so many other ways regarding personal financial gain and countless conflicts of interest.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

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From: [Brandon A. Steele](#)
To: (b) (6) America Bridge
Subject: Clarification of Your FOIA Request of February 9, 2017
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:50:00 AM

On February 9, 2017, you submitted a FOIA request for, inter alia, "certain referral letters submitted to the Office of Government Ethics from February 9, 2017 through February 10, 2017." Because the term "referral letter" is vague we wanted to clarify what type of letter you are looking for. Referral letters could include emails or other correspondence received from the general public on those dates. Please clarify the type of document you are looking for.

Best regards,

Brandon A. Steele
Attorney Advisor
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From: [Brandon A. Steele](#)
To: (b) (6) Muck Rock
Subject: Clarification of your FOIA Request of February 14, 2017
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:58:00 AM

We received your FOIA request of February 14, 2017, in which you asked for, inter alia, "communications relating to or mentioning Kelly Anne Conway." Communications is broad and would include inquiries from the general public, the news media, and daily legislative update emails that include current events. Because of the volume of contacts from the general public and the news media we have not been able to as of yet log them all. Are you looking for these records or would you be willing to exclude them from your request?

Best regards,

Brandon A. Steele
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Washington, D.C. 20005
bastele@oge.gov

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From: [Ken Klippenstein](#)
To: [Brandon A. Steele](#)
Subject: Re: Clarification of your FOIA Request of February 14, 2017
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:24:26 PM

Dear Brandon,

Thanks for your helpful reply. I understand many requests are overly burdensome and that requesters refuse to work with agencies in good faith to narrow things so I certainly don't want to do that! Your suggestion to narrow my search to only communications with the White House sounds great. No need to include Congress just yet. Let me know if there's anything else I could do to make this search easier.

Thanks for your assistance,
Ken Klippenstein

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On Feb 16, 2017, at 10:22 AM, Brandon A. Steele <bastele@oge.gov> wrote:

We received your FOIA request of February 14, 2017, in which you asked for "any and all records relating to OGE's 2/14/17 call for the White House to investigate" a specific White House employee. We note that "any and all records" is broad and would encompass inquiries from the media and general public and daily email news alerts. Were these the types of records you were looking for or would you be open to narrowing your search to communications with the White House and Congress regarding the matter?

Best regards,

Brandon A. Steele
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Thursday, February 9, 2017

Attn: OGE FOIA Officer
Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005-3917
Fax: 202-482-9237
Email: usoge@oge.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

The following request is being made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am requesting copies of the following:

Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Between The Office Of Government Ethics And Kellyanne Conway On February 9, 2017. I am requesting incoming-and-outgoing email correspondence between the Office of Government Ethics and Kellyanne Conway on February 9, 2017. The search for correspondence with the Office of Government Ethics should be confined to the following staff positions and/or offices:

- Ethics Law Office
- General Counsel's Office
- Shelley Finlayson: Chief of Staff
- Walter Shaub: Director
- Don Fox: General Counsel and Deputy Director
- Seth Jaffe: Chief of Ethics Law and Policy Branch
- Brandon Bunderson: Executive Branch Liaison

Referral Letters Submitted To The Office Of Government Ethics On The Topic Of Kellyanne Conway. I am requesting copies of referral letters submitted to the Office of Government Office from February 9, 2017 through February 10, 2017 that are on the topic of ethics violations committed by Kellyanne Conway.

I realize that certain costs may be applicable to this request. Please contact me when you can provide a payment amount for my requests. In the meantime, I authorize an initial expense cap of \$100 to be accrued. To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities.

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents, should you withhold any. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release.

(b) (6)



If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, I would request that you please refer this request, or any relevant portion of this request, to the appropriated installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive that information via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I request to receive the information in paper form.

You may fax your response to (b) (6) or email it to (b) (6). If you wish to call (b) (6) please do so between 9AM and 6PM (EST).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pat Dennis & Kathleen Casey

American Bridge 21st Century

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From: [Voorhees, Josh](#)
To: [USOGE](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 6:15:10 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I hereby request a copy of any complaint filed with the Office of Government Ethics against Donald J. Trump, Kellyanne Conway, or Sean Spicer, including but not limited to concerns about using public office for personal gain. Please limit this request to records generated or received between Jan. 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of the requested documents. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that this request is being made for news-reporting purposes and is not for commercial use. I am a full-time journalist employed by *Slate* magazine, and as such I have a reasonable expectation of publication.

I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or by flash drive, CD-ROM, or other data storage device if not. I agree to pay up to \$25 for applicable fees associated with this request if necessary. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me before processing my request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by email at (b) (6), or by phone at (b) (6). I look forward to receiving your response within the 20 day statutory time period.

Sincerely,

Josh Voorhees

Senior writer | Slate.com

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From: [Alina Selyukh](#)
To: [USOGE](#)
Subject: FOIA request
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 2:07:50 PM

To whom it may concern:

This is a request for records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request a copy of each email or text message sent or received on Feb. 9, 2017, and Feb. 10, 2017, by any of the following OGE employees – in communication with any and all employees of the OGE, of the White House, of the Justice Department, of Congress, of the Government Accountability Office, of the FBI, of the Office of Special Counsel, of the Trump Organization or of Morgan Lewis (aka Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP) – related to Kellyanne Conway's remarks promoting Ivanka Trump's brand – OR containing references to abuse or misuse of power rules.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Dale A. Christopher
Barbara A. Mullen-Roth
Lori Kelly
Heather A. Jones
Seth Jaffe
Elaine Newton
Vincent J. Salamone
Monica Ashar
Rachel Dowell
Leigh J. Francis
Patrick Lightfoot
Kimberly Sikora Panza
Christopher Swartz
Rodrick Johnson
Emory Rounds
James T. Cooper
Edith M. Brown
Michael Hanson
Danny Lowery

Timothy Mallon
Leonard Upson
Shelley K. Finlayson
Diana J. Veilleux
Brandon Steele
Heidi Fischer
Elizabeth Horton
Jennifer Matis

This is a request for news reporting purposes. I agree to pay up to \$25 for applicable fees associated with this request if necessary. Please release all segregable releasable records.

Also, please, feel free to reach me at any time at (b) (6)

Thank you and all best,
Alina

 Alina Selyukh | (b) (6) | [bio+ latest stories](#)

From: [Eder, Steve](#)
To: [USOGE](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request - NY Times
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 11:47:02 PM

Hi - I'm writing to request records held by the Office of Government Ethics under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am seeking all memos or correspondence circulated by staff of the Office of Government Ethics from Nov. 8, 2016- present regarding the following individuals:

- Gary Cohn
- Stephen Bannon
- Reince Preibus
- Kellyanne Conway

Please provide all responsive records in digital/electronic formats, where possible.

I'm making this request as a reporter of The New York Times, a news organization. As such, I would ask for expedited processing, if such a request is necessary at this time, as we are seeking documents in the public interest.

Thanks,
Steve Eder

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[Steve Eder](#)
New York Times

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The James Madison Project

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<http://www.JamesMadisonProject.org>

February 10, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

OGE FOIA Officer
Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20005-3917

Re: FOIA Request – Kellyanne Conway

To whom it may concern:

This is a request on behalf of The James Madison Project (“JMP”) and the MSNBC Legal Unit (“MSNBC”)(hereinafter referred to jointly as “the Requesters”) under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.* This request seeks copies of Office of Government Ethics (“OGE”) records, including cross-references, regarding remarks made by White House Counselor Kellyanne Conway (“Ms. Conway”) on February 9, 2017.

The scope of the search should include the following:

- 1) Communications received by OGE from Congressional personal offices and/or committee offices, including but not limited to complaints or recommendations for possible disciplinary action;
- 2) Communications received by OGE staff from U.S. Government officials, including but not limited to complaints or recommendations for possible disciplinary action;
- 3) Communications received by OGE staff from members of the media, including but not limited to inquiries regarding possible disciplinary action;
- 4) Communications received by OGE staff from non-governmental U.S. citizens, including but not limited to inquiries regarding possible disciplinary action;

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- 5) Communications disseminated by OGE staff – including verbal communications memorialized in writing – responding to communications received by OGE that fall within the scope of categories #1-4.

OGE can limit the timeframe of its search from February 9, 2017, up until the date the agency begins conducting actual searches for responsive records. The Requesters expressly reject any effort by OGE to set the end date for conducting searches as the date of acceptance of this FOIA request. The scope of the searches should not be limited to OGE-originated records and should be construed to include records that are currently in the possession of a U.S. Government contractor for purposes of records management. The scope of the search should include communications sent or received using the Agency Information Management System or equivalent systems of communication within the U.S. Government.

For context, on February 9, 2017, during a television interview in which Ms. Conway was speaking from the White House Press Room, she publicly advocated for the public to purchase products from Ivanka Trump's clothing line. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/was-kellyanne-conway-s-ivanka-trump-fashion-line-plug-legal-n718831> (last accessed February 10, 2017). House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Jason Chaffetz and Ranking Minority Member Elijah Cummings issued a joint letter to the White House and OGE asking for a review of Ms. Conway's actions and to report on whether disciplinary action is recommended for violation of ethics restrictions. <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/legal-experts-conway-violated-ethics-rules-tv-endorsement/story?id=45376786> (last accessed February 10, 2017). White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer indicated that Ms. Conway had been "counseled". https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/conway-may-have-broken-key-ethics-rule-by-touting-ivanka-trumps-products-experts-say/2017/02/09/fd1cc64a-eeda-11e6-b4ff-ac2cf509efe5_story.html?utm_term=.2317161e0578 (last accessed February 10, 2017).

The Requesters are pre-emptively waiving any objection to the redaction of the names of any U.S. Government officials below a GS-14 position or whom otherwise were not acting in a supervisory position. The Requesters similarly waive any objection to redactions of the names of any U.S. Government contractors in a position of authority similar to that of a GS-13 series civilian employee or below.

In terms of all other third parties who work or worked for the U.S. Government and whose names appear in records responsive to this request, the Requesters submit that the privacy interests of those individuals have been diminished by virtue of their involvement in one or more of the U.S. Government functions described above as falling within the scope of this request. There is a recognized inverse relationship between the position of authority that a government employee holds and the strength of that employee's privacy interests. See Stern v. FBI, 737 F.2d 84, 92 (D.C. Cir. 1984); Jefferson v. Dep't of Justice, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26782, *11 (D.D.C. Nov. 14, 2003); see also Perlman v. Dep't of Justice, 312 F.3d 100, 107-109 (2d. Cir.

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2002)(setting forth five factors to consider in weighing government employee's privacy interests against public interest in disclosure, including employee's rank and whether information sheds light on a government activity).

The work performed by these U.S. Government third parties (whether they be Government officials or contractors) was part of their official responsibilities on behalf of the U.S. Government and was not of a personal nature. They were charged with assessing and evaluating the applicable ethical rules that applied to Ms. Conway, and responding to inquiries asking about Ms. Conway's actions, including the possibility of recommending disciplinary action. Given that responsive records memorializing the work they performed will shed light on government activity, it would be reasonable to conclude that the relevant third parties' respective (and diminished) privacy interests are outweighed by the public interest in disclosure of the information indexed to their name.¹

In terms of Ms. Conway herself, we respectfully submit that any categorical privacy interests she may have in responsive records are outweighed by the public interest in disclosure. The fact that Ms. Conway made these remarks, that she was counseled for them, and that at least one Congressional committee has sought input from OGE regarding potential disciplinary action are already matters of public record. Ms. Conway serves in a senior level position within the White House and is bound by the same ethical restrictions as all other officials within the U.S. Government. There is a legitimate and overriding interest in understanding how OGE handled this particular situation.

For the same public interest reasons outlined above, we are also requesting a waiver of or, at a minimum, a reduction in fees. At a minimum, both JMP and MSNBC qualify – in their own respective right – for designation as representatives of the news media.

JMP is a non-partisan organization dedicating to promoting government accountability and the reduction of secrecy. <http://jamesmadisonproject.org/> (last accessed August 7, 2015). MSNBC is a cable and satellite television network that is owned by Comcast and that is more specifically a unit of the NBCUniversal Television Group division of NBC Universal. The MSNBC Legal Unit in particular reports on national legal stories, including but not limited to U.S. Government policy and ethics. <http://www.msnbc.com/> (last accessed December 9, 2016).

The Requesters have the ability to disseminate information on a wide scale and intend to use information obtained through this FOIA request in an original work, particularly through news articles and media broadcasts by MSNBC. According to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii),

¹ We acknowledge, of course, that some redactions or narrowly focused withholdings might ultimately be appropriate as the OGE processes the responsive records.

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the term ‘a representative of the news media’ means any person or entity that gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience.

The Requesters can demonstrate their intent and ability to publish or otherwise disseminate information to the public. See Nat’l Security Archive v. Dep’t of Defense, 880 F.2d 1381, 1386 (D.C. Cir. 1989). MSNBC – whether through its website, the website of NBC News, and/or the television channels of either MSNBC or NBC – maintains the ability to produce news articles and television broadcasts explaining the content of any responsive records received as part of this request. In the event that fees are ultimately assessed, do not incur expenses beyond \$25 without first contacting our office for authorization.

Finally, and again in reliance upon the same public interest reasons outlined above, the Requesters are seeking expedited processing of their FOIA request. FOIA permits expedited processing when a “compelling need” exists. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v). Specifically, “compelling need” means “with respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.” Id. at § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II).

The records responsive to this FOIA request clearly qualify as information regarding U.S. Government activity that the public has an urgent and active need to know. The Trump Administration has already faced ethical quandaries within its first few weeks, including ongoing issues surrounding President Trump’s own possible conflict of interest problems. <http://www.ibtimes.com/political-capital/trump-white-house-appears-kill-obamas-ethics-rule-appointees-may-not-be-signing> (last accessed February 10, 2017); <http://www.govexec.com/excellence/promising-practices/2016/11/gsas-trump-hotel-lease-debacle/133424/> (last accessed December 2, 2016); <http://www.vox.com/2017/1/11/14238556/trump-press-conference-conflicts-interest> (last accessed January 20, 2017). There is a compelling need to understand how OGE is providing guidance and input regarding the ethical obligations of even the most senior advisors to President Trump.

If OGE denies all or part of this request, please cite the specific exemptions you believe justify your refusal to release the information or permit the review and notify us of your appeal procedures available under the law. We request that any documents or records produced in response to this request be provided in electronic (soft-copy) form wherever possible. Acceptable formats are .pdf, .jpg, .gif, .tif. Please provide soft-copy records by email or on a CD if email is not feasible. However, the Requesters do not agree to pay an additional fee to receive records on a CD, and in the instance that such a fee is required, the Requesters will accept a paper copy of responsive records.

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Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (b) (6) or via e-mail at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

/s/

Bradley P. Moss
Deputy Executive Director

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James Madison, 1822

From: [Ken Klippenstein](#)
To: [USOGE](#)
Subject: FOIA request
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:18:28 PM

Dear FOIA Officer:

I would like to request any and all records relating to OGE's 2/14/17 [call for](#) the White House to investigate Kellyanne Conway for endorsing Ivanka Trump's merchandise. As I am not sure what this may entail, I would be open to narrowing my request to make the search less burdensome for you - please advise if my request is overly broad.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter,
Ken Klippenstein

From: (b) (6) Muck Rock
To: USOGE
Subject: [GRAYMAIL] Freedom of Information Request: OGE and Conway
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:37:06 PM

February 14, 2017
Office of Government Ethics
OGE FOIA Officer
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 500,
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3917

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

Please disclose all communications, including email and print (incoming and outgoing) relating to or mentioning Kellyanne Conway, including communications received from or sent to Mrs. Conway between 1/20/2017 and the present day.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brandy Zadrozny

Filed via MuckRock.com
E-mail (Preferred): (b) (6)

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock

(b) (6)

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

From: [Emily.Stephenson](#) (b) (6)
To: [USOGE](#)
Subject: FOIA REQUEST -- OGE-White House communications
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 6:33:33 PM

Hi, my name is Emily Stephenson, and I would like to submit a FOIA request for documents from the Office of Government Ethics.

Please provide records of all emails, letters, faxes or other written communications between the Office of Government Ethics and any White House officials during the period from Feb. 7-Feb. 14 and including any or all of the following words: "Nordstrom" "Trump" "Ivanka" "Kellyanne" "Conway" "tweet" "brand" and "disciplinary."

I am a reporter requesting this information for news-gathering purposes. This information is critical to helping readers understand OGE's communications with the White House about Kellyanne Conway's Feb. 9 comments encouraging Americans to buy Ivanka Trump's brand and about Donald Trump's tweets on the subject. This is an ongoing news story with potential ethics fallout for the White House.

Because I am requesting this information in my capacity as a journalist, I ask that you waive all fees. I am willing to pay up to \$25 for my request if the waiver is denied.

I ask that you reply to this request as quickly as possible because it pertains to a story in the news and to the ethics activities of the president of the United States.

I prefer to receive these records electronically. Please provide the documents in batches if that will speed the response time.

Please contact me at (b) (6) with any questions. Thank you for your help,

Emily

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Emily Stephenson

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February 16, 2017

Melissa Golden, Lead Paralegal and FOIA Specialist
Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.-Room 5511
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

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FOIA Requester Center (HIF)
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, N.W.-Room 7308
Washington, D.C. 20405-0001

(b) (6)

FOIA Requester Service Center
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.-Room 5415
Washington, D.C. 20415-7900

(b) (6)

OGE FOIA Officer
Office of Government Ethics
Suite 500
1201 New York Avenue, NW.
Washington, DC 20005-3917
usoge@oge.gov

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

To whom it may concern:

The Campaign Legal Center submits this request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, for records pertaining to executive branch employees who may violate 5 C.F.R. 2635.702.

I. Background

On February 9, speaking from the White House briefing room, President Trump senior advisor Kellyanne Conway used an interview with Fox News to promote the business of the president's daughter, Ivanka Trump: "Go buy Ivanka's stuff, is what I would tell you. 'I'm going to give a free commercial here: Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online.'"¹

This product endorsement, made in Conway's official capacity, amounted to a facial violation of 5 C.F.R. 2635.702,² prompting criticism from both Republicans and Democrats in Congress.³ The controversy generated significant public attention—in fact, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) website crashed following the "extraordinary volume of contacts from citizens" expressing concern about the ethics violation.⁴

The White House stated publicly that it "counseled" Conway on the violation, yet, according to the *New York Times*, "Sean Spicer, the president's press secretary, would not elaborate on what the counseling entailed."⁵

On February 13, OGE Director Walter Shaub wrote in a letter to the White House that "there is strong reason to believe" Conway violated the Standards of Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch and recommended disciplinary action.⁶ The letter also noted that OGE had not yet been notified of any disciplinary or other corrective action against Conway.

Records likely to be disclosed in response to this request will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of how the Trump administration responded to this ethics violation, and what forms of training and guidance have been provided to executive branch employees about using public office for private gain, among other matters of public interest.

II. Requested Records

CLC is requesting copies of all following records:

- All training or education materials regarding 5 C.F.R. 2635.702 provided to Kellyanne Conway;

¹ Richard Perez Pena and Rachel Abrams, *Kellyanne Conway Promotes Ivanka Trump Brand, Raising Ethics Concerns*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 9, 2017), https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/09/us/politics/kellyanne-conway-ivanka-trump-ethics.html?_r=0.

² § 2635.702 Use of public office for private gain: An employee shall not use his public office for his own private gain, for the endorsement of any product, service or enterprise, or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom the employee is affiliated in a nongovernmental capacity, including nonprofit organizations of which the employee is an officer or member, and persons with whom the employee has or seeks employment or business relations.

³ Gideon Resnick, *Kellyanne Conway Torched for Ivanka Infomercial*, DAILY BEAST (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/02/09/kellyanne-conway-torched-for-ivanka-infomercial.html>.

⁴ Kyle Cheney, *Office of Government Ethics website breaks after Conway promotes Ivanka's brand*, POLITICO (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/02/office-of-government-ethics-breaks-down-234857>.

⁵ Perez Pena and Abrams, *supra* note 1.

⁶ Letter from Walter M. Shaub, Jr., Director of OGE, to Stefan Passantino, Deputy Counsel to the President and Designated Ethics Official (Feb. 13, 2017), <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2017/images/02/14/office-of-government-ethics-to-white-house-feb-13-2017.pdf?iid=EL>.

- All correspondence pertaining to Kellyanne Conway's endorsement of Ivanka Trump's brand (excluding correspondence received from the general public);
- All records pertaining to the counseling provided to Kellyanne Conway or other executive branch employees who may violate or have violated 5 C.F.R. 2635.702;
- All legal opinions, memoranda, advisories, or other records addressing 5 C.F.R. 2635.702;
- All training materials and educational and policy memoranda, advisories, or evaluations regarding 5 C.F.R. 2635.702;
- All training materials and educational and policy memoranda, advisories, or evaluations pertaining to 5 C.F.R. 2635.702;
- All correspondence with White House Counsel Don McGahn.

This request encompasses both digital and physical records.

Please note that this request applies to all emails, sent and received, on governmental email addresses, as well as to all emails, sent and received, on all other email addresses and accounts used to conduct official business.

The timeframe for this request is November 9, 2016 to February 16, 2017.

To the extent that any of the requested records may be considered "personnel . . . [or] similar files," such records may only be withheld under FOIA Exemption 6 if disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C.A. § 552(b)(6).⁷ This requires "a balancing of the individual's right to privacy against the preservation of the basic purpose of the Freedom of Information Act 'to open agency action to the light of public scrutiny.'" *Dep't of Air Force v. Rose*, 425 U.S. 352, 372 (1976); accord *Dep't of State v. Ray*, 502 U.S. 164 (1991). Under this exemption, "the presumption in favor of disclosure is as strong as can be found anywhere in the Act." *Arieff v. Dep't of Navy*, 712 F.2d 1462, 1467 (D.C. Cir. 1983). The privacy invasion must be tangible and substantial, 425 U.S. at 380, n.19 (1976), and high-level public officials such as Ms. Conway have a diminished privacy interest, which is further diminished when the underlying conduct and the fact of the investigation is already public knowledge. *Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. U.S. Dep't of Justice*, 746 F.3d 1082, 1092 (D.C. Cir. 2014); see also *Hardy v. Dep't of Def.* No. CV-99-523-TUC-FRZ (D. Ariz. Aug. 27, 2001). Relevant factors in conducting a FOIA balancing test include the rank of the public official involved and the seriousness of the misconduct alleged. 746 F.3d at 1094-96. Here, the already-diminished privacy interests of officials who may have violated the ethics code are not outweighed by the substantial public interest in learning about how the executive branch responds to the use of public office to benefit the private interests of the President and his family.

⁷ The requested records cannot fall under the "Law Enforcement Records" exemption at 5 U.S.C.A. § 552(b)(7) since a violation of 5 C.F.R. 2635.702 will not result in civil or criminal sanctions. *Stern v. F.B.I.*, 737 F.2d 84, 88-9 (D.C. Cir. 1984).

If some portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, please provide an index of the withheld materials as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1972).

III. Application for Fee Waiver or Limitation of Fees

A. The request is made for non-commercial purposes and will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government.

FOIA provides that the agency shall furnish requested records without or at reduced charge if “disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

As described above in Part I, the requested materials involve matters of significant public interest. Records likely to be disclosed in response to this request will contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of what guidance has been provided to executive branch employees about the use of public office for private gain and how the White House has responded to apparent violations of these ethics provisions, among other matters of public interest. These details are not already publicly available and the records would provide a more thorough public understanding of the operations of the administration.

CLC will use records responsive to this request in the creation of widely disseminated materials and analysis that will educate the public about these matters and the operations of the government. CLC anticipates analyzing the materials gathered through this FOIA request to develop reports,⁸ write blogs,⁹ and author op-eds.¹⁰ CLC’s research and reports are widely disseminated on its blog,¹¹ through its own website,¹² through social media platforms like

⁸ See, e.g. Lawrence M. Noble and Brendan M. Fischer, *Funding the Presidential Nominating Conventions: How a Trickle of Money Turned Into a Flood*, Campaign Legal Center (July 26, 2016), <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/sites/default/files/Funding%20the%20Presidential%20Nominating%20Conventions%20Report.pdf>.

⁹ See, e.g., Brendan M. Fischer, *How Trump’s Plan to Repeal the Johnson Amendment Could Unleash ‘Super Dark Money’ Into Our Elections*, Campaign Legal Center blog (Feb. 3, 2017), <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/how-trump-s-plan-repeal-johnson-amendment-could-unleash-super-dark-money-our-elections>; *Filling the Swamp: Inauguration and Transition Funding*, Campaign Legal Center blog (Jan. 19, 2017), <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/filling-swamp-inauguration-and-transition-funding>;

¹⁰ See e.g. Trevor Potter, *Donald Trump Hasn’t Solved Any of His Conflicts of Interest*, WASH. POST (Jan. 11, 2017), https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2017/01/11/donald-trump-hasnt-solved-any-of-his-conflicts-of-interest/?utm_term=.0e80b538fb8f.

¹¹ See Campaign Legal Center blog at <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/262>.

¹² See Campaign Legal Center “Reference Materials” library, <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/research/reference-materials>.

Facebook¹³ and Twitter,¹⁴ and regular emails to its supporters, among other communications outlets.¹⁵

CLC staff have significant knowledge in ethics and government accountability, and news media regularly rely upon CLC's analysis and expertise,¹⁶ including on stories related to the executive order at issue in this request.¹⁷ In addition to its own blogs and reports, CLC anticipates analyzing the requested records and disseminating the materials among traditional news outlets.

Requester CLC is a non-profit public interest organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and this request is made for non-commercial purposes.

As such, we request that any applicable fees associated with this request be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). A fee waiver in this instance would fulfill Congress' intent in amending the FOIA. *See Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rossotti*, 326 F.3d 1309, 1312 (D.C. Cir. 2003) ("Congress amended FOIA to ensure that it be liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters." (quotation marks omitted)).

B. CLC qualifies for a fee waiver as a "representative of the news media."

CLC additionally requests that it not be charged search or review fees for this request because the organization meets the definition of a "representative of the news media" for purposes of the FOIA, since CLC "gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II)-(III).

As the D.C. Circuit has held, the "representative of the news media" test is focused on the requestor rather than the specific FOIA request. *Cause of Action v. F.T.C.*, 799 F.3d 1108, 1121 (D.C. Cir. 2015). CLC satisfies this test because (as noted in Part III(A)) CLC applies its expertise and editorial skills to turn raw materials into reports, articles, and op-eds that are widely disseminated on its blog,¹⁸ through its own website,¹⁹ through social media platforms and

¹³ <https://www.facebook.com/CampaignLegalCenter/>

¹⁴ <https://twitter.com/CampaignLegal>

¹⁵ See Campaign Legal Center blog at MEDIUM, <https://medium.com/clc-blog>.

¹⁶ See e.g. Manu Raju, *Trump's Cabinet Pick Invested in Company, Then Introduced a Bill to Help It*, CNN (Jan. 17, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/16/politics/tom-price-bill-aiding-company/>; Christina Wilkie and Paul Blumenthal, *Trump Just Completely Entangled His Business and the U.S. Government* HUFFINGTON POST (Jan. 11, 2017), http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-business-conflicts-of-interests-treasury_us_5876928de4b092a6cae4ec7b; Emma Brown and Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, *Betsy DeVos's ethics review raises further questions for Democrats and watchdogs*, WASH. POST (Jan. 24, 2016)

¹⁷ See, e.g., Bill Allison and Ben Brody, *Trump's Ethics Order Seen as Boost for Shadow Lobbying*, BusinessWeek (Jan. 30, 2017) <https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2017-01-30/trump-s-ethics-order-seen-as-potential-boost-for-shadow-lobbying>; Isaac Arnsdorf, *Trump Lobbying Ban Weakens Obama Rules*, POLITICO (Jan. 28, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/01/trump-lobbying-ban-weakens-obama-ethics-rules-234318>.

¹⁸ See Campaign Legal Center blog at <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/262>.

regular emails to its supporters, and through other communications outlets.²⁰ CLC additionally applies editorial skill to analyze and disseminate materials to other news media outlets, which regularly cite and rely upon CLC's work. The D.C. Circuit has held that an requester may qualify as a news media entity if it "'distribute[] [its] work' by issuing press releases to media outlets in order to reach the public indirectly" 799 F.3d. at 1125-26.

Courts have found that other organizations with functionally similar missions and engaged in similar public education activities qualify as "representatives of the news media," even if engaged in litigation or other advocacy beyond educating the public about the operations of government. *See e.g. Cause of Action v. F.T.C.*, 799 F.3d 1108, 1121-25 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (finding a public interest advocacy organization that comments to other media outlets about documents it obtains under FOIA a news media requester); *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DOJ*, 133 F. Supp. 2d 52, 53-54 (D.D.C. 2000) (finding "public interest law firm" Judicial Watch a news media requester); *Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. V. DOD*, 241 F. Supp. 2d 5, 10-15 (D.D.C. 2003) (finding nonprofit public interest group that published a biweekly email newsletter a news media requester).

"It is critical that the phrase 'representative of the news media' be interpreted broadly if the act is work as expected, . . . In fact, *any person or organization which regularly publishes or disseminates information to the public . . . should qualify for waivers as a 'representative of the news media.'*" 132 Cong. Rec. S14298 (daily ed. Sept. 30, 1986), cited in *Nat'l Sec. Archive v. U.S. Dep't of Def.*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1386 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

In the event the fee waiver is not granted, I may not be charged for the first two hours of search time, or for the first hundred pages of duplication. Please contact me and advise me of the cost of this request if processing costs exceed \$100.

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I request that the processing of this request be expedited. Additionally, in order to expedite delivery of these requested documents and in order to reduce possible fees incurred, I am requesting that these documents be delivered to me either digitally via email (in PDF format), or on a data disk via the U.S. Postal Service.

Please email copies of responsive documents to:

Bfischer@campaignlegalcenter.org

Or, please mail copies of responsive documents to:

¹⁹ See Campaign Legal Center "Reference Materials" library, <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/research/reference-materials>.

²⁰ See Campaign Legal Center, MEDIUM, <https://medium.com/clc-blog>.

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Should you elect, for any reason, to withhold, redact, or deny the release of any record responsive to this request, I request that you provide me with an explanation for each withholding/redaction, along with pertinent legal citations.

Please confirm the receipt of this request and provide me with an estimate of processing time.

Thank you,

/s/

Brendan Fischer

Associate Counsel

Campaign Legal Center

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From: [Bradley P. Moss, Esq.](#)
To: [Brandon A. Steele](#)
Cc: ["Mark Zaid"](#)
Subject: RE: Clarification of your FOIA Request of February 13, 2017
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:54:58 AM

Brandon –

I'm not inclined to consent to the narrowing outlined below. That said, in the interest of expediting the process, we will accept interim production, particularly if certain categories have been fully processed already.

Regards,

Brad

From: Brandon A. Steele [mailto:bastele@oge.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:44 AM
To: 'Bradley P. Moss, Esq' (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Clarification of your FOIA Request of February 13, 2017

Right.

From: Bradley P. Moss, Esq [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Cc: Mark S. Zaid
Subject: Re: Clarification of your FOIA Request of February 13, 2017

Brandon --

I assume this is in reference to our request concerning Kellyanne Conway?

Brad

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2017, at 11:04 AM, Brandon A. Steele <basteete@oge.gov> wrote:

We received your FOIA request of February 13, 2017, in which you asked, inter alia, for communications received from the media and from the general public. While processing your request it was determined that because of the volume of media and general public contacts there is a backlog and they have not all yet been recorded in our system. Would you be open to amending your request to limit this portion of your request to only those contacts from the media and general public that have been processed so far?

Best regards,

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A 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation

February 14, 2017

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
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RE: PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Dear Director Shaub:

I write on behalf of Cause of Action Institute (“CoA Institute”), a nonprofit strategic oversight group committed to ensuring that government decision-making is open, honest, and fair.¹ In carrying out its mission, CoA Institute uses various investigative and legal tools to educate the public about the importance of government transparency and accountability. In light of recent events, CoA Institute is concerned that both the Office of Government Ethics (“OGE”) and the public, including legal and ethics experts, may be confused about the coverage of the OGE regulations concerning product endorsements. Although many commenters have claimed OGE’s ethics regulations extend to presidential advisors, such as Kellyanne Conway, our review of the relevant statutes and regulations concludes that such individuals may not be covered. Unfortunately, OGE’s recent letter to Congress and the White House Designated Ethics Officer fails to address this potential problem with the current rules. We in no way endorse or approve of Ms. Conway’s actions; however, that does not mean that they were illegal or in violation of your ethics rules. We write today to petition OGE to initiate a rulemaking correcting or clarifying these regulations.

BACKGROUND

Appearing on Fox News last week, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway encouraged viewers to “[g]o buy Ivanka’s stuff, is what I would tell you . . . I’m

¹ See CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE, *About*, www.causeofaction.org/about/.

going to give it a free commercial here, go buy it today.”² Many government watchdogs, including us here at CoA Institute, perked up upon hearing this. There are, as you know, strict rules prohibiting the endorsement of products by government employees.³ In light of those rules, Ms. Conway’s comments seemed, on their face, to be clearly illegal. Indeed, many attorneys and ethics experts have publicly suggested that Ms. Conway violated the law and should be held accountable.⁴ Don W. Fox, who formerly served as general counsel and acting director of OGE, claimed this was “a clear violation of rules prohibiting misuse of public office for anyone’s private gain.”⁵ Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) promptly filed an ethics complaint with your office, citing Ms. Conway’s comments.⁶ Most importantly, the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“OGR”) sent a letter to you asking for an investigation.⁷ You responded by letter today, indicating you have opened such an investigation.⁸

As a government watchdog, we here at CoA Institute share in the concerns about Ms. Conway’s conduct. Government employees working on the taxpayer dime should not be using their official position to endorse a product or provide “free commercials.” Ms. Conway’s comments were wholly inappropriate, especially given her relationship to the presumed beneficiary. For a great number of Executive Branch employees, this conduct would almost certainly be illegal. However, upon review of the relevant regulations and statutes, we believe that OGE regulations may not extend to cover Ms. Conway’s conduct given her employment in the White House. In light of this, OGE needs to analyze its existing regulations and conduct a rulemaking to correct or clarify them.

² Joe Concha, *Conway Promotes Trump Daughter’s Merchandise: ‘Go buy Ivanka’s stuff’*, THE HILL (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://bit.ly/2kX8Al9>.

³ 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702.

⁴ See, e.g., Linda Qiu, *What You Need to Know About Kellyanne Conway’s Endorsement of Ivanka Trump Products*, POLITIFACT (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://bit.ly/2IMMrUX>; Rob Torno, *Former Ethics Czar: Kellyanne Conway Broke the Law on Fox News*, PHILLY.COM (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://bit.ly/2knmg9Y>.

⁵ Drew Harwell, Tom Hamburger, and Rosalind S. Helderman, *White House Says Conway has been ‘Counseled’ After Touting Ivanka Trump’s Products*, WASH. POST (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://wapo.st/2ldByxG> (quoting former OGE general counsel and former acting director

⁶ Letter from Noah Bookbinder, Exec. Dir., CREW, to Walter M. Shaub, Jr., Dir., OGE, & Donald F. McGahn, White House Counsel (Feb. 9, 2017), available at <http://bit.ly/2IHv9LO>.

⁷ Max Greenwood, *Top Oversight Lawmakers Ask Ethics Office to Recommend Discipline for Conway*, THE HILL (Feb. 9, 2017), <http://bit.ly/2k8ECvo>.

⁸ Letter from Walter Shaub, Dir., OGE, to Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, OGR, & Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member, OGR, (Feb. 13, 2017), available at <http://bit.ly/2kPYnXg>.

DISCUSSION

The relevant regulation, 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702, bars an “employee” from engaging in product promotion. 5 C.F.R. § 2635.102 defines “employee” as “any officer or employee of an agency, including a special Government employee.” 5 U.S.C. § 105 reads, “For the purposes of this title, ‘Executive Agency’ means an Executive Department, a Government corporation, and an independent establishment.” The White House is obviously not a “Government Corporation.” Furthermore, “Executive Department” is defined by an exhaustive list in 5 U.S.C. § 101 that does not include the White House or any of its offices. The analysis, then, centers on whether or not the White House Office is an “independent establishment.”

The statutory definition of independent establishment is confusing and ambiguous.⁹ However, the D.C. Circuit tackled this quagmire in *Haddon v. Walters*, 43 F.3d 1488 (D.C. Cir. 1995). There, the court evaluated whether the Executive Residence qualifies as an independent establishment for the purposes of a Title VII claim.

First, we note that elsewhere Congress has used the term “independent establishment” in distinction to the Executive Residence. Specifically, Congress has authorized “[t]he head of any department, agency, or independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government [to] detail, from time to time, employees of such department, agency, or establishment to the White House Office, the *Executive Residence at the White House*, the Office of the Vice President, the Domestic Policy Staff, and the Office of Administration.” 3 U.S.C. § 112 (1988) (emphasis added). That Congress distinguished the Executive Residence from the independent establishments, whatever they may be, suggests that Congress does not regard the Executive Residence to be an independent establishment, as it uses that term.

Id. at 1490.

The court held that Congress referred to an “independent establishment” and the “Executive Residence” as two separate entities. Right next to Executive Residence on that same, distinguished list is the “White House Office.” Following the D.C. Circuit’s reasoning, the White House Office is also not an independent establishment. Therefore, because the White House Office does not fall into either of

⁹ See, e.g., Mark Liberman, *An Independent Establishment is an Establishment which is Not Part of an Independent Establishment*, Language Log (Apr. 20, 2011), available at <http://bit.ly/2lgObYC>.

the other two covered categories, Government Corporations and Executive Departments, it appears that 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702 may not cover Kellyanne Conway as Counselor to the President.¹⁰

Unfortunately, your February 13, 2017 letter does not take any of the above into account. You indicate that you will be opening an investigation into Ms. Conway, citing 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702. In an enclosed letter, you also encourage the White House to open its own investigation.¹¹ The regulations and examples you cite in the enclosure deal with presidential appointees who are plainly covered by the statutory definitions set above.¹² You provide no legal analysis indicating why Ms. Conway would be covered by this regulation or if it extends to the White House. Given OGE's stated mission, you must immediately address this issue.¹³

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 553(e), CoA Institute petitions OGE to act swiftly and initiate an exploratory process and rulemaking to correct or clarify covered persons under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702. This rulemaking could take the form of an amended regulation or an explanatory guidance document. It is possible that there are statutory or constitutional bars that prevent OGE from regulating the conduct of White House staff, especially staff serving at the pleasure of the President. It is also possible that OGE reaches the legal conclusion that Ms. Conway is already covered by the existing regulation, despite CoA Institute's analysis suggesting otherwise. If either are the case, OGE must make this abundantly clear in its regulations, letters to agency ethics officials, and public-facing documents. Given recent events, Executive Branch officials and the American public must be able to clearly understand how relevant ethics laws and regulations apply to the White House. It is OGE's duty as the government's top ethics agency to clarify the scope of its regulatory coverage and instill confidence in the public.¹⁴

¹⁰ The regulation is clear, however, that it does not apply to the President or the Vice President, creating more confusion in how to read it given the statutory definitions.

¹¹ Letter from Walter Shaub, Dir., OGE, to Stefan C. Passantino, Designated Agency Ethics Official, White House (Feb. 13, 2017), *available at* <http://bit.ly/2kPYnXg>.

¹² *Id.* (OGE cites Example 1 from 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702(c), which references an independent agency commissioner, not a White House official).

¹³ *See* 5 C.F.R. § 2600.101(a) ("OGE exercises leadership in the executive branch of the Federal Government to prevent conflicts of interest on the part of executive branch employees and resolve those conflicts of interest that do occur.").

¹⁴ *Id.* ("OGE fosters high ethical standards for executive branch employees which, in turn, strengthens the public's confidence that the Government's business is conducted with impartiality and integrity.").

Director Walter M. Shaub
February 14, 2017
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Thank you for your swift attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this petition, please contact me by telephone at (b) (6) or by e-mail at (b) (6).

Sincerely,

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Eric R. Bolinder
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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



February 17, 2017

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Dear Mr. Bolinder:

I am in receipt of your February 14, 2017, letter expressing concern that employees of the White House Office may not be covered by 5 C.F.R. part 2635. This letter is to reassure you that their coverage is well settled.¹ In addition, regulations applicable to the White House Office provide that, "Employees of the Executive Office of the President are subject to the executive branch-wide standards of ethical conduct at 5 CFR part 2635...." 3 C.F.R. § 100.1.²

Sincerely,

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¹ See, e.g., 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(h), example 1 (illustrating applicability of the Standards of Conduct to White House employees).

² See also 64 Fed. Reg. 12,881 (Mar. 16, 1999) (acknowledging that 5 C.F.R. part 2635 "superseded" EOP's former standards of conduct and "established uniform standards of ethical conduct that apply to all executive branch personnel").

