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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Extension of Time for Filing of 2020 Annual Public Financial Disclosure Reports

Pursuant to the provisions of section 2634.201(g) of Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the designated ethics officials, we have determined that, in light of the efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, good cause exists to grant a 45-day extension to the annual public financial disclosure report (OGE Form 278e) deadline. As a result, the deadline for submitting your 2020 annual public financial disclosure report is now Monday, June 29, 2020.

Your OGE Form 278e for 2020 (which covers calendar year 2019) has already been assigned in the electronic financial disclosure reporting system Integrity. Please note that if you were appointed on or after November 2, 2019, you are not required to file an annual report this year.

In making the decision to extend the time for filing, we considered the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on White House staff. Efforts to respond to the pandemic have required staff members to work long hours to address the health and economic consequences impacting all Americans. Financial records may not be readily accessible if financial advisors, accounting firms, or other holders of financial records are closed. Further, the Internal Revenue Service has extended the filing deadline for federal taxes, and states have also given filing extensions.

We are available to assist with any questions you have or information you need to submit your annual public financial disclosure report. If you or your designee have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.