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LEGAL ADVISORY

TO: Designated Agency Ethics Officials

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SUBJECT: Revised Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws Reflecting Legislation Enacted in the 115th Congress

The 115th Congress passed legislation affecting ethics and other government integrity statutes contained in the U.S. Office of Government Ethics' (OGE) "Compilation of Federal Ethics Laws" (Compilation). This Legal Advisory describes the changes in OGE's updated Compilation. The Compilation is available on OGE's website at www.oge.gov/compilation.

Legislative Changes to Ethics Statutes Reflected in the Compilation

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 amended section 105(b)(3)(E) of the Ethics in Government Act to provide ten more years before the expiration of a section that allows for redactions of certain sensitive information in judicial employee reports.¹
- Legislation amended the STOCK Act to rename it after Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter.²
- The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 repealed the Independent Payment Advisory Board for Medicare and removed a section in 18 U.S.C. § 207 related to the Board.³

Legislative Changes to Related Statutes Reflected in the Compilation

- The Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act of 2018 amended the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require lobbyists to disclose convictions for bribery, extortion, embezzlement, illegal kickbacks, tax evasion, fraud, conflicts of interest, making false statements, perjury, or money laundering.⁴

¹ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141, 132 Stat. 1051 (2018).

² The Act can now be cited as either the "Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act" or the "STOCK Act." See To rename the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 in honor of Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Pub. L. No. 115-277, 132 Stat. 4167 (2018).

³ Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-123, 132 Stat. 298 (2018).

⁴ Justice Against Corruption on K Street Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-418, 132 Stat. 5440 (2019).

- The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 updated the Hatch Act penalties in 5 U.S.C. § 7326 to allow any combination of the penalties listed to be used.⁵

In addition, the Compilation includes updated footnotes related to civil monetary penalties, which are adjusted annually by inflation-adjustment rulemaking of OGE.

The updated Compilation is available on OGE's website here: www.oge.gov/compilation. OGE will also publish a legal advisory analyzing the significant trends during the 115th Congress, including those continuing into the 116th Congress. If you have questions about this Legal Advisory, the Compilation, or other legislative matters, please contact Diana Veilleux at (202) 482-9203 or djveille@oge.gov.

⁵ National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-91, 131 Stat. 1626 (2017).