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Office of Ethics

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SUBJECT: Ethics Review of Appointees to the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

As part of the nomination vetting process, each of the 20 experts appointed to serve on the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee completed and submitted a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450), which I reviewed for potential conflicts of interest and impartiality concerns as defined by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 and its implementing regulations, as well as compliance with all other pertinent federal ethics laws and regulations. As a result of my review of the information provided to me, I concluded that none of the 20 committee members reported any entries on their OGE Form 450 that would prevent them from being appointed and providing the complete range of duties required of a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee member in full compliance with the federal ethics rules applicable to Special Government Employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Tobin".

Andrew Tobin
Deputy Director
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