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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on  
Investigations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Johnson:

This responds to your letter to the Department of Justice (Department), dated May 9, 2022, regarding the employment of certain Department employees and regarding certain actions that may or may not have been taken by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware.

With respect to your perception of issues regarding the prior employment of Department employees, this letter follows four prior letters raising similar issues dated February 3, 2021, March 9, 2021, July 13, 2021, and November 10, 2021, to which the Department responded on February 19, 2021, March 22, 2021, July 13, 2021, and February 2, 2022, respectively. As the Department explained in those responses, Department attorneys receive ethics and professional responsibility training as appropriate, sign a pledge to maintain public trust in government, and are subject to the Department's scrupulous ethics and recusal protocols. While the Department appreciates your interest in this matter, consistent with its policies, it will not be able to provide you with any further information regarding Department officials' employment or specific recusal decisions.

With respect to your remaining inquiries, while the Department strives to provide Congress with as much information as possible to satisfy its oversight interests, the Department also has a longstanding policy, spanning Administrations, not to confirm, deny, or comment on individual matters that may be under investigation, except under limited circumstances not applicable here. This policy is critical to protecting the due process rights of individuals who

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may potentially be under investigation; ensuring the integrity of the Department's investigations by keeping them free from outside influence; and complying with the Department's legal and ethical obligations pursuant to the rules of federal procedure, rules of professional responsibility, and applicable court orders.

We hope this information is helpful. While we are unable to provide anything further on these topics, please do not hesitate to contact us on other matters where we may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Hyun", is positioned above the printed name.

Peter S. Hyun  
Acting Assistant Attorney General