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## Obama-Biden Transition Project Memorandum on Receipt of Gifts

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To: Presidential Transition Team  
From: Office of General Counsel  
Subject: Receipt of Gifts

Individuals, corporations, and others may show their support for President-elect Obama and Vice-President elect Biden by sending gifts to them personally, or to a member of their families. Please note that any gift given to President-elect Obama, Vice-President elect Biden, or any member of their families, is subject to the below Presidential Transition Team ("PTT") policy on gifts.

- The PTT will not accept any gift of any value for President-elect Obama, Vice-President elect Biden, or any member of their families. Any gifts sent to the PTT or given to PTT staff for forwarding must be returned to the donor.
- If returning a gift to its original donor would create an uncomfortable situation or would be impractical, please contact Astri Kimball at [REDACTED]. If circumstances permit, the gift may be donated to charity.
- A gift given to the President-elect or the Vice-President elect's spouse or child will be attributed to the President-elect and Vice-President-elect and should be returned, unless the giver has an independent, personal relationship with the recipient spouse or child.
- Gifts of any value that are intended as in-kind contributions to the PTT, as opposed to the President-elect and Vice-President elect personally, should be returned.
- Also, all members of the PTT are subject to restrictions on the gifts they receive, of any value.
- PTT members may not accept any gifts of any value from federally-registered lobbyists.
- Pursuant to Paragraph 12 of the Transition Code of Ethical Conduct, no PTT member will accept a gift with a value of over \$20 from a) anyone who is seeking a job with the federal government; b) a federal employee in any agency or department within the scope of their Transition responsibilities; c) any person or organization that conducts activities regulated by or has a matter pending before an agency or department within the scope of their Transition responsibilities; or d) any person or organization under circumstances where it may reasonable appear that the gift is being given in order to influence their decisions, advice, or recommendations or actions.
- The Code does not bar gifts from family members or close personal friends to PTT members if a prior relationship and history of gift giving establish that the gift is not intended unduly to influence the recipient.



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