



SHIMP FOR PRESIDENT 2028

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PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6

OPERATION PUBLIC TRUST — GOVERNMENT-WIDE ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

Public office is a public trust. The executive branch shall maintain strong, impartial systems for identifying, reporting, investigating, and addressing credible evidence of bribery, fraud, theft of Federal funds, kickbacks, conflicts of interest, obstruction, false statements, procurement corruption, and other violations of Federal criminal or ethics laws. No person shall receive preferential treatment because of political affiliation, office, rank, wealth, personal relationship, or institutional status.

Sec. 2. Operation Public Trust.

There is established within the executive branch an initiative to be known as Operation Public Trust. The Attorney General, in coordination with appropriate Inspectors General and executive agencies, shall strengthen lawful mechanisms for receiving and referring credible allegations of corruption or criminal misuse of Federal office, programs, contracts, grants, or funds.

Sec. 3. Mandatory Referral of Credible Evidence.

Agency heads shall establish procedures requiring employees with official responsibility for compliance, auditing, contracting, grants, or financial oversight to refer credible evidence of potential Federal criminal conduct to the appropriate Inspector General, law-enforcement agency, or Department of Justice component in accordance with applicable law. A referral is not a finding of guilt and shall not predetermine an investigative or prosecutorial outcome.

Sec. 4. Independent Investigative Review.

Inspectors General shall retain the independence and authorities provided by law. Agency leadership shall not improperly obstruct, suppress, delay, alter, or conceal information from a lawful Inspector General or criminal investigation. Matters involving potential conflicts within an agency shall be referred or coordinated in a manner consistent with applicable recusal, ethics, and investigative requirements.

Sec. 5. Department of Justice Review.

The Attorney General shall ensure that corruption referrals within Federal jurisdiction are evaluated promptly and impartially. Where evidence warrants investigation, the appropriate Department of Justice component or Federal law-enforcement agency shall proceed consistent with law. Charging decisions shall remain individualized and governed by the evidence, applicable statutes, constitutional protections, and Department of Justice prosecution standards.

Sec. 6. Procurement, Grant, and Program Integrity.

Executive agencies shall strengthen controls designed to detect bribery, kickbacks, bid manipulation, undisclosed conflicts, false claims, diversion of grant funds, fraudulent invoices, and other corrupt practices involving Federal money. Agencies shall coordinate with contracting officers, suspension and debarment officials, Inspectors General, and law-enforcement authorities where appropriate.

Sec. 7. Financial Conflicts and Ethics Compliance.

Agency ethics officials shall enforce applicable financial-disclosure, recusal, gift, outside-employment, and conflict-of-interest requirements. Suspected criminal violations shall be referred through appropriate channels. Administrative ethics violations and criminal offenses shall be distinguished and handled under their respective legal standards.

Sec. 8. Whistleblower and Witness Protection.

No executive-branch official or employee may retaliate against a person for making a disclosure protected by Federal whistleblower law or for lawfully cooperating with an Inspector General, law-enforcement agency, congressional oversight body, or other authorized investigation. Agencies shall inform employees of applicable reporting channels and protections.

Sec. 9. Preservation of Evidence.

Upon reasonable notice of a lawful investigation, audit, subpoena, litigation hold, or other preservation obligation, agencies shall take appropriate measures to preserve relevant records, communications, financial data, contracting files, and other evidence. Nothing in this section expands investigative authority beyond that provided by law.

Sec. 10. Declination and Case Documentation.

The Attorney General shall maintain procedures for appropriate internal documentation of significant prosecutorial decisions, including declinations, consistent with Department policy. Such documentation shall support accountability while protecting grand-jury secrecy, investigative information, privacy, classified information, and prosecutorial independence.

Sec. 11. Public Accountability Reporting.

Within 180 days and annually thereafter, the Attorney General, OMB, and participating Inspectors General shall provide an aggregate report, to the extent permitted by law, describing significant anti-corruption enforcement activity, referrals, recoveries, convictions or civil resolutions after final disposition, and systemic vulnerabilities identified. Uncharged individuals shall not be publicly characterized as guilty.

Sec. 12. Recovery of Federal Funds.

Agencies shall use lawful civil, administrative, contractual, and criminal remedies to recover Federal funds obtained or retained through proven fraud or corruption when recovery is authorized and cost-effective. Recovered funds shall be deposited, credited, or otherwise handled as required by law.

Sec. 13. Equal and Nonpartisan Enforcement.

Investigations and enforcement decisions under this order shall not be initiated, declined, accelerated, delayed, or otherwise manipulated for the purpose of benefiting or harming a political candidate, political party, elected official, critic, supporter, or other person because of political views or affiliations. Enforcement shall rest on jurisdiction, facts, evidence, and law.

Sec. 14. Implementation.

Within 120 days, the Attorney General, in consultation with OMB and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency as appropriate, shall issue implementation guidance identifying referral standards, coordination procedures, conflict safeguards, performance metrics, and any statutory recommendations necessary to improve Federal anti-corruption enforcement.

Sec. 15. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall impair authority or independence granted by law to an Inspector General, executive department or agency, or Federal prosecutor.

(b) Nothing in this order directs the investigation or prosecution of any named person, predetermines guilt, or alters the constitutional rights of any subject or defendant.

(c) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law, prosecutorial ethics, due process, privacy protections, and available appropriations.

(d) This order creates no right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity against the United States or any other person.

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Date: _____

Signature: _____