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Robin Arkley, II
President & Chief Executive Officer
Security National Master Holding Company, LLC
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Dear Mr. Arkley:

According to recent investigative reporting, in July 2008, you provided a gift of lodging to Justice Samuel Alito in connection with a fishing trip in Alaska. The reporting also identified similar instances in which you provided gifts of free travel and lodging to Justice Antonin Scalia. Neither Justice Alito nor Justice Scalia reported these gifts on their annual financial disclosure forms, in apparent contravention of the Supreme Court's April 25, 2023, "Statement on Ethics Principles and Practices," which asserts that Justices since 1991 "have followed" the financial disclosure requirements provided in the Judicial Conference regulations, and other applicable obligations.

The Judicial Conference is a body established by Congress, which maintains an ongoing interest in the Conference's proper functioning and execution of statutory requirements enacted by Congress. Moreover, the Senate Judiciary Committee is considering legislation to strengthen the ethical rules and standards that apply to the Justices of the Supreme Court. The information we request below will help identify specific shortcomings in the "Statement on Ethics Principles and Practices," as well as current law, that legislation needs to address. For these reasons, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but no later than July 25, 2023:

1. An itemized list of all gifts, payments, and items of value exceeding $415 given by you, or by entities you own or control or for which you have served as a partner, director, or officer, to any Justice of the Supreme Court or a member of the Justice's family, including the name of the Justice, the approximate dollar amount of each item, and the date it was extended.

2. An itemized list of all transportation or lodging provided by you, or any entity you own or control or for which you have served as a partner, director, or officer, to a Justice of the Supreme Court or a member of the Justice's family, including the name of the Justice, the date the transportation or lodging was provided, the mode of transportation provided, the itinerary traveled, any lodging provided, and the approximate dollar value of the transportation or lodging.

3. An account of how you came to provide Justice Alito with a gift of free lodging in July 2008, including who invited Justice Alito, when you learned of that invitation, when you learned that you would be attending the trip to Alaska, and the names of other attendees.

4. An itemized list of any other instance in which you have lodged or traveled with any Justice of the Supreme Court or a member of the Justice's family, including the name of the Justice, the date of the lodging or transportation, the mode of transportation provided, the itinerary traveled, the approximate dollar value of the transportation or lodging, an account of how you came to accompany the Justice or the member of their family, any role you played in inviting the Justice or other attendees, and the names of other attendees.

Sincerely,

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE
Chair, Subcommittee on
Federal Courts, Oversight,
Agency Action, and Federal
Rights

RICHARD J. DURBIN
Chair, Senate Committee on
the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
       Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable John N. Kennedy
       Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and
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