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Mr. Adam J. Rappaport  
Chief Counsel and Assistant Director  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
455 Massachusetts Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: OSC File No. HA-17-2986

Dear Mr. Rappaport:

This letter is in response to the complaint you filed with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) alleging that White House Director of Social Media Dan Scavino Jr. violated the Hatch Act. Specifically, you alleged that on April 1, 2017, Mr. Scavino, while invoking his official position at the White House posted a tweet calling for the defeat of Representative Justin Amash in a primary election. OSC has concluded that this activity violated the Hatch Act. Accordingly, we issued Mr. Scavino a warning letter. In addition, we note that Mr. Scavino was recently counseled about the Hatch Act by the Office of the White House Counsel. A review of Mr. Scavino's personal Twitter account since that time did not reveal any new violations.

Finally, Mr. Scavino has been advised that if in the future he engages in prohibited political activity while employed in a position covered by the Hatch Act, we will consider such activity to be a willful and knowing violation of the law, which could result in further action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1215.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 254-3674.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Galindo-Marrone".

Ana Galindo-Marrone  
Chief, Hatch Act Unit