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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the Administration, I am pleased to present for Congressional consideration 12 legislative proposals concerning anti-corruption. Taken together, this anti-corruption package meaningfully enhances the U.S. Government's ability to deliver accountability for corrupt acts, which impact the United States and countries around the world. The package would strengthen a range of modalities—from law enforcement tools, to sanctions, to visa restrictions—in order to effectively counter corruption in an increasingly robust and holistic manner. The enclosed proposals are as follows:

- (1) Proposal to guard against money laundering of foreign crimes by making a foreign crime a predicate for money laundering if the same conduct is already a domestic predicate for money laundering;
- (2) Proposal to preserve proceeds of foreign kleptocracy in support of foreign investigations;
- (3) Proposal to authorize the United States to use forfeited property to remediate the harms of kleptocracy, human rights violations and abuses, war crimes, and armed aggression in asset recovery actions;
- (4) Proposal to preserve assets located abroad for recovery by clarifying authority for seizure warrants;
- (5) Proposal to add certain criminal offenses involving corruption, human rights Violations and abuses, war crimes, sanctions and export control violations, and illicit foreign election contributions as “racketeering activities” under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and as predicates for Title III interception of wire and oral communications;
- (6) Proposal to leverage foreign partners’ ability to recover proceeds of kleptocracy;

- (7) Proposal to eliminate "first brought" venue requirement;
- (8) Proposal to enable foreign requests for assistance in criminal investigations and prosecutions;
- (9) Suspension of Limitations to Permit the United States to Obtain Foreign Evidence;
- (10) Proposal to facilitate forfeitures of property involved in or facilitating sanctions violations, human rights violations, and war crimes;
- (11) Proposal to extend the statute of limitations from five years to ten years for civil and criminal enforcement actions brought by OFAC under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Trading with the Enemy Act; and
- (12) Proposal to add enablers of corruption as a category for visa ineligibility.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that enactment of these legislative proposals would be consistent with the program of the President. The Department of Justice appreciates your consideration of the anti-corruption package and looks forward to working with Congress on this legislative action.

Sincerely,

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