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The President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: 2023 Presidential Rank Awards Recognition

Dear Mr. President:

I commend you on your September 28 speech, at the McCain Institute, that addressed our democracy and civil institutions. As career senior executives are fundamental and critical to the viability of both, I urge you to consider my following request. I ask that you to take the opportunity to further demonstrate your administration's commitment to career senior executives and the federal workforce by meeting with, and personally thanking your 2023 Presidential Rank Award (PRA) recipients.

The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is a non-partisan, non-profit professional association which represents the interests of career federal executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES), those in Senior Level (SL), Scientific and Professional (ST) and equivalent positions and other senior career federal leaders. SEA believes an independent, competent civil service and public workforce is a vital element of our democracy, ensuring fair treatment of all citizens and equitable delivery of benefits and services without regard to partisan political affiliation. Since the end of the Reagan administration, SEA has taken the lead in recognizing PRA recipients, and has consistently invited Administrations to join and support our efforts.

Again, SEA encourages you to invite this year's PRA recipients to the White House and recognize their extraordinary accomplishments and exceptional service to their agencies and the American People. Doing so will send a powerful message to your civil service workforce. In addition, your action, in this case, can strengthen and influence the cohesion and collaboration of senior career and political leaders across the government as they embark upon continuing to fulfill their roles and responsibilities during the 2024 Presidential election cycle.

Thank you for considering my request. SEA Director of Policy and Outreach Jason Briefel (jason.briefel@seniorexecs.org) is available to your staff for further conversation, as desirable.

Sincerely,

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