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Mark Sullivan
Director, United States Secret Service
245 Murray Drive, Building 410
Washington, DC 20223

Dear Director Sullivan:

Media services have reported that Vice President Joseph Biden has appointed Donald T. Stapley Jr., an elected member of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, to a task force to oversee implementation of the Economic Recovery Act. We are writing to express our concern about this, as we doubt that either President Obama or Vice President Biden were aware, at the time of this appointment, that Mr. Stapley is currently under indictment by a Maricopa County grand jury for 118 counts of perjury, forgery, false swearing, and filing an incomplete and/or false financial disclosure statement here in Arizona. This indictment was issued in November 2008.

In addition, Mr. Stapley is at the center of an ongoing and active investigation by our offices regarding potential bribery related to his receipt of more than \$1.2 million in undisclosed compensation from business associate Conley Wolfswinkel. Wolfswinkel was convicted of federal bank fraud charges in the 1990s.

Given the sensitive and important nature of the task force, including its responsibility for directing the disbursement of large amounts of federal funds, and the nature of the allegations against Mr. Stapley, we concluded we should at least bring these matters to the attention of your agency and the administration so that, at a minimum, your agency might take any security or administrative measures you deem appropriate.

If we can be any assistance to you or anyone else in the administration regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Arpaio
Maricopa County Sheriff

Andrew P. Thomas
Maricopa County Attorney