UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST WAIVER FOR MARGOT ROGERS

FROM: Susan Winchell
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SUBJECT: Waiver from Restrictions Related to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Pursuant to the authority delegated under Section 3 of Executive Order 13490 and for the reasons stated in the attached memorandum and after consultation with the Counsel to the President, I hereby certify that a waiver of the restrictions of paragraph 2 of the ethics pledge is in the public interest for appointee Margot Rogers in the position of Senior Counselor to the Secretary of Education in the Department of Education. Margot Rogers shall not be restricted from participating in any particular matter involving specific parties that is directly and substantially related to her former employer, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This waiver does not otherwise affect Ms. Rogers's obligation to comply with other provisions of the Ethics Pledge or with all other pre-existing government ethics rules.

Signed _____ Date 3/23/09
Susan Winchell
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