

ADDENDUM A: The "Government First" Ethics Protocol

1. Direct Alignment with "Zero-Taxpayer" Goals

- **Fiscal Self-Sufficiency:** By tying permanent employment status to the agency's ability to operate solely on fines, you create an internal incentive for high-performance auditing.
- **No Administrative Bloat:** The mandate to hire only for technical roles—specifically **Robotics, Fiscal Auditing, and Agriculture**—ensures the 5% fine set-aside is spent on results rather than bureaucracy.

2. Elimination of Regulatory Capture

- **The "Government-Only" Rule:** Prohibiting stocks, commodities, and digital assets prevents officials from "shorting" companies they are about to audit or favoring industries where they hold a stake.
- **90-Day Clean Slate:** The mandatory divestiture period provides a clear, measurable window for compliance, making it easy for the **DOJ Inspector General** to verify integrity during the pilot phase.

3. Structural Integrity & Public Trust

- **Evidence-Based Retention:** The 24-month "proof period" acts as a quality-control mechanism, ensuring the FIC doesn't become a landing spot for political appointees who lack the technical skills to manage the **Digital Ledger** or **Federal Truth Archive**.
- **Sunset Provision Support:** Because the Act terminates in five years unless public trust increases by 5%, these strict ethics rules are your strongest argument for why that trust will actually grow.

FIC Official Compliance & Ethics Affirmation

Official Name: _____

Role: _____

Date of Appointment: _____

1. Investment & Asset Disclosure

- ☐ **Private Interest Ban:** I affirm that I do not own, trade, or hold any "Covered Investments," including individual stocks, commodities, or digital assets.
- ☐ **Approved Holdings only:** I certify that my current portfolio consists solely of U.S. Treasury instruments, diversified mutual funds (without individual control), or government retirement plans.
- ☐ **90-Day Divestiture Agreement:** I agree to sell or transfer any non-compliant private-sector investments into approved government-only accounts within 90 days of this date.

2. Mission-Critical Operational Standards

- ☐ **Technical Certification:** I acknowledge my role is certified as necessary for the FIC mission, specifically supporting **Fiscal Auditing, Robotics, or Agriculture**.
- ☐ **Anti-Bloat Mandate:** I understand that the FIC is funded via a **five-percent set-aside of collected fines** and that no taxpayer funds are authorized for my position.
- ☐ **Duty of Inquiry:** I accept the legal "Duty of Inquiry" and understand that ignoring obvious red flags or contradictory data in official filings constitutes a "Fraudulent Statement".

3. Performance & Tenure Requirements

- ☐ **24-Month Proof Period:** I acknowledge that my first two years constitute a trial period to prove my ability to uphold the "Zero-Taxpayer" mission.
- ☐ **Self-Sufficiency Clause:** I understand that permanent status is contingent upon my work directly supporting the FIC's ability to operate solely on fines rather than taxpayer appropriations.
- ☐ **Public Trust Alignment:** I recognize that my conduct directly impacts the **Section 15 Sunset Provision**, which requires a five-percentage-point increase in public trust for the agency to continue beyond five years.

4. Legal Acknowledgments

- ☐ **Covered Statements:** I am aware that any written or sworn oral statements I make in official filings or budgets are legally "Covered Statements" subject to Federal Court enforcement.
- ☐ **Penalties for Fraud:** I understand that knowingly making a fraudulent statement can result in fines up to **\$500,000**, removal from office, and forfeiture of my federal pension.

Signature of Official: _____

Verified by (DOJ Inspector General/Ex Officio): _____