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FRANKFORT, KY – At its meeting today the Executive Branch Ethics Commission presented Carmine G. Iaccarino, of the Public Protection Cabinet, with its annual Outstanding Ethics Officer Award for 2017. The Commission established this annual award program in 2015 to recognize an individual serving as a designated Ethics Officer for an executive branch agency for his or her outstanding achievement and contributions in promoting the ethical conduct of executive branch employees.

Mr. Iaccarino was awarded for his efforts to enforce the Executive Branch Code of Ethics while serving as an Ethics Officer for the Public Protection Cabinet and implement policies and procedures for the effective enforcement of the Ethics Code. Mr. Iaccarino serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Legal Services with the Public Protection Cabinet. Since Mr. Iaccarino became an Ethics Officer in 2016, he has demonstrated a remarkable concern for ensuring that his agency and its employees not only follow the Ethics Code, but operate beyond the dictates of the Code. He has been very conscientious to verify that his agency's established policies are above reproach and, if found to be deficient, he has taken on the painstaking task of reforming them. He has been a consistent seeker of advice from the Commission staff, often on a weekly to monthly basis. He is also first to ensure that his agency shines a light on errant public servants when they do stray from following the Ethics Code. He has referred several matters for the Commission's review as possible violations of the Ethics Code in the past two years. It is therefore only fitting that he receives this award.

Mr. Iaccarino is a graduate of The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, and The George Washington University. Mr. Iaccarino began his legal career at the United States Social Security Administration Office in Washington, D.C., working as an attorney for the Office of Appellate Operations. Upon moving to Kentucky, Mr. Iaccarino began his litigation

career at a mid-size law firm in Lexington. A resident of Woodford County, Mr. Iaccarino resides with his wife and two children on a small farm.