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April 17, 2020

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Dear Mr. Behnke:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 823083 (OOG# 041-20).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for e-mails between named governor's office employees and employees of the White House during a stated period of time, as well as all e-mails between named governor's office employees and employees of certain departments within the White House pertaining to a specified topic during a stated period of time. You indicate the governor's office is redacting certain information pursuant to section 552.136(c) of the Government Code.¹ You state the governor's office is releasing some information to the requestor. Although, you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of the information at issue may implicate the interests of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (the "IGA"). Accordingly, you state the governor's office notified the IGA of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the IGA explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. Therefore, the governor's office may not withhold the submitted information based on any

¹ Section 552.136 of the Government Code permits a governmental body to withhold the information described in section 552.136(b) without the necessity of seeking a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.136(c). If a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with section 552.136(e). *See id.* § 552.136(d), (e).

interest the IGA may have in the information. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the governor's office must release the submitted information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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State Leaders and Staff,

Big news this week on the USMCA, the growing economy, and the agriculture community. Please see below for the latest and greatest!

All Former U.S. Secretaries Of Agriculture Since President Reagan's Administration Announced Support For The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

This includes former Secretaries John Block (Reagan), Mike Espy (Clinton), Dan Glickman (Clinton), Ann Veneman (W. Bush), Mike Johanns (W. Bush), Ed Shafer (W. Bush), and Tom Vilsack (Obama). *More information [here](#).* Statements on the announcement are listed below.

- ☐ Governor Doug Burgum (ND): "Former Gov. Ed Schafer gets the importance of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement to our farmers and rural economy, as do all of his fellow former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture. It's time to bring this to a vote and allow Congress to ratify the #USMCANow!" [Source](#)
- ☐ Governor Pete Ricketts (NE): "Thank you @SecJohanns! #USMCANow." [Source](#)
- ☐ Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson (MS): "USMCA is a great opportunity to increase trade and benefits Mississippi farmers and agriculture producers. I stand with Secretary Perdue and other past Ag Secretaries in support of #USMCA." [Source](#)
- ☐ Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt (WV): "Glad to see USDA Secretaries under the last five Presidents support the #USMCA. Clearly, we all understand how important this is to international trade. #USMCANow" [Source](#)

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Announces Final Rule to Modernize and Improve the Recruitment of American Workers for Temporary Agricultural Jobs

DOL's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has issued a [Final Rule](#) aimed at helping Americans find open agricultural jobs by modernizing the labor market test for H-2A temporary agricultural labor certification in the *Federal Register*. You can find U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Perdue's statement on administration actions to streamline H-2A process [here](#). DOL's full press release [here](#).

DOL's Electronic Recruitment Rule will:

- ☐ Rescind the requirements to advertise a job opening in the newspaper
- ☐ Expand and enhance electronic job register
- ☐ Utilize State Workforce Agencies to promote job openings

CEA Report on the State of Homelessness in America

"In several previous CEA reports, we have documented large economic value to the U.S. economy from the deregulatory agenda. CEA's report today on the state of homelessness in America continues this effort by focusing on how government barriers in the housing market limit supply and thereby raises prices. These barriers can be reduced by deregulation that increases competition on the supply side, reduces prices, and thereby lowers homelessness. The

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Trump administration is working to reverse the failed policies of the past, and instead implement policies that address the underlying causes of homelessness." [Report](#)

Reuters: Solid U.S. retail sales ease economic growth concerns

U.S. retail sales increased more than expected in August, pointing to solid consumer spending that should continue to support a moderate pace of economic growth. The report from the Commerce Department on Friday could further allay financial market concerns of a recession, which have been fueled by a year-long trade war between the United States and China as well as slowing global growth. [More here.](#)

Other Recent Actions from State Leaders Supporting USMCA

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) members passed a resolution urging Congress to approve the USMCA in 2019

Farmers, ranchers, foresters, and agribusinesses are eager to see the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) ratified as quickly as possible. Swift ratification will increase export opportunities for producers and provide a much-needed boost to the farm economy. NASDA urges Congress to vote to approve the USMCA before the end of 2019. [Resolution](#)

Letter from NASDA CEO Barb Glenn to Congressional Leadership

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is a vital trade agreement for the U.S. food and agriculture industry. Last year, food and agriculture exports to Canada and Mexico were valued at close to \$45 billion.¹ The USMCA will further enhance export opportunities by increasing market access for U.S. products and modernizing trade standards. [Letter](#)

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT: ARIZONA GOV. DUCEY PUSHES NEW NORTH AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT

Speaking Monday from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington alongside Chamber officials and business leaders from Arizona and New York, Republican Gov. Doug Ducey noted that four of the state's nine representatives in the House along with both of its senators have voiced public support for the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which was finalized last year but is awaiting congressional approval. "To say it frankly, America and Arizona's businesses are beyond ready to ratify the USMCA," Ducey said Monday, noting that trade with Canada and Mexico supports more than 228,000 jobs throughout Arizona. Ducey's appearance follows a recent town hall at which he called on attendees to "help us with" Arizona's five House representatives who have yet to publicly back the USMCA. It also comes on the heels of a letter published last week by the presidents of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona that cited a "critical need" for the agreement's passage. "Arizona owes much of its prosperity to the trade and relationships with Mexico and Canada that its people have developed over many generations," University of Arizona President Robert Robbins said in the letter. "It is time to reaffirm the importance of those historic economic, cultural and social ties and renew economic integration of North America's three nations through ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement." [More here.](#)

GOV. ERIC HOLCOMB (R-IN) IN EVANSVILLE COURIER & PRESS: USMCA DEAL IS CRUCIAL TO HOOSIER ECONOMY

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was ratified by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993. In the 26 years since, the need to update and amend the agreement has become clear. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is a comprehensive, 21st century trade agreement that protects Hoosier workers and encourages free and fair trade. I urge the United States Congress to ratify this agreement, and I will work with our Indiana Congressional delegation to demonstrate the positive impact the new agreement will have on our state. [More here.](#)

LT. GOVERNORS DAN FOREST (R-NC) AND PAM EVETTE (R-SC) IN NORTH STATE JOURNAL [RALEIGH, NC]: Congress Should Pass USMCA

For months, our two states and the nation have debated our country's proposed new trade deal, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). While there is always a give and take when it comes to negotiations, what both North and South Carolinians need to know is that this deal is a win for our region. As lieutenant governors, one of our main responsibilities is to promote economic growth, and under the new provisions negotiated in the USMCA, the agreement will greatly benefit our states and improve trade conditions for our business communities. [More here.](#)

FORMER SEN. HEIDI HEITKAMP (D-ND) AND PHIL COX IN THE HILL: APPROVING THE USMCA MUST BE AT THE TOP OF CONGRESS'S FALL CHECK LIST

"What do American workers and businesses need to be successful today? More jobs, higher paychecks, new

opportunities in their communities, and access to the global market. If approved by Congress, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement — known as the USMCA — will deliver all of this for our country. The USMCA is a free trade agreement with our neighbors in Canada and Mexico that will bring wages, worker protections, and supply chains into the 21st century.” [More here.](#)

WEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER KENT LEONHARDT IN WEST VIRGINIA RECORD: CONGRESS MUST SUPPORT WEST VIRGINIA FARMERS, RATIFY USMCA

“West Virginia farmers, as well as all the rest of the hard-working men and women who grow our food in the United States, are proud people. They do not ask for a lot, just the ability to sell what they grow at a sustainable price. The president’s efforts to level the playing field are a welcome change from administrations’ past and its time Congress shows the same support to our farmers by ratifying the USMCA agreement. We can no longer allow foreign nations to use the American farmer as a trade pawn. The farming community has waited long enough.” [More here.](#)

GOVERNOR, AGRICULTURE LEADERS, UNL CHANCELLOR SAY NEBRASKANS “WIN” WITH USMCA:

Governor Pete Ricketts (NE), Nebraska agriculture groups (Farm Bureau, Corn Growers, Daily Association, Wheat Board, Pork Producers, Soybean Association, Cattlemen, Grain Sorghum), and University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) Chancellor held a press conference supporting USMCA. Gov. Ricketts said, “A combination of flooding, low commodity prices, and trade negotiations have made for a very tough time for agriculture recently. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement is critical for our country and growing key trade relationships. Now it’s time for Congress to step up and do their part by approving the USMCA.” [More here.](#)

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State Leaders and Staff,

On Monday, October 28, President Donald J. Trump will address the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) at its annual conference in Chicago, IL. The President will discuss the Administration's strong record on law enforcement, the historic First Step Act legislation, and economic actions taken to reduce crime and recidivism. **President Trump will also sign an Executive Order on the *Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice*.**

Please join the White House Office of American Innovation, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Office of Public Liaison, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to preview President Trump's remarks and the Executive Order on the *Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice*. Please note that this call is embargoed. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Briefing Call

☐ **Date:** Monday, October 28, 2019

☐ **Time:** 10:30AM ET

☐ **Registration:** [Click Here](#)

☐ **Note:** You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details to the email address you use to register.

Thanks,
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Trump Administration Letter to Governors -- 07-25-2019.pdf



Team Texas,

Yesterday, President Trump announced a new initiative led by Vice President Pence (the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation) to restore the balance of power back to the states and to liberate the forgotten men and women of America from burdensome regulations. Below you will find additional information specifically how your Governor can participate, and what state and local leaders are saying about the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation.

How Your Governor Can Participate in the Initiative

1. Highlight State Successes to Advance Occupational Licensing Reform or Reduce the Number of Regulations and Costs and areas you intend to focus on in the year-ahead
2. Send Us Ideas to Empower States (See Attached Letter – July 25, 2019 Trump Administration Letter to Governors)
3. Provide Us Ideas to Improve the Nexus Between State and Federal Regulations

Where To Send Successes and/or Ideas ® White House Intergovernmental Affairs to Zach Swint (Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov).



More Information

- **Fact Sheet on the Initiative:** White House Fact Sheet on President Trump's Historic Deregulation. ([link](#))
- **Trump Administration Letter to Our Nation's Governors:** On July 25, 2019, Senior Trump Administration Officials sent a letter to our Nation's governors seeking input on reducing unnecessary burdens on hardworking American families, workers, and businesses. We welcome a response to all or any of the questions in the letter. (see attachment)
- **Slide Deck (2 pages):** Outlines the goals and some state successes on regulatory innovation. (see attachment)
- **Results:** President Trump's deregulatory efforts have already **slashed regulatory costs by nearly \$50 billion**, with savings reaching **\$220 billion** once major actions are fully implemented. These efforts will help save American households an estimated **\$3,100 each year**.



More from the Cabinet Meeting

Acting Director of the Office of Management & Budget, Russ Vought

"The Vice President is going to be leading this initiative with governors to really multiply the efforts that they're doing on the state level — things like occupational licensing — to make sure that a hairdresser in Montana doesn't have to — when she moves, doesn't have to go through a thousand hours of training when she moves to Idaho. That's the kind of thing that we want to multiply between the states and the federal government to be able to really expand on the work that you've (President Trump) been doing."



We recognize that we are not alone in our regulatory reform efforts, many State, local, and tribal leaders have made significant progress in removing regulatory burdens. We look forward to your participation in this initiative. Below you will find more information from what governors and other state leaders are saying.

Thanks,

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What They Are Saying – State and Local Leaders

- **Governor Doug Ducey (AZ):** "I am pleased to see @realDonaldTrump create the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation. #Arizona has been proud to lead on reducing unnecessary regulation and burdensome red tape. I look forward to collaborating on further ideas! @POTUS" ([link](#)) Governor Ducey also released a policy brief highlighting the "5 Ways Arizona Is Reducing Regulations For Hardworking Arizonans" ([link](#))
- **Governor Bryan Kemp (GA):** "By reducing red tape, demanding transparency, and repealing ridiculous regulations, President Trump is empowering job creators and entrepreneurs in every corner of our great nation. Thanks to his business-friendly administration, our country is experiencing unmatched economic growth, opportunity, and prosperity. Through this historic and long overdue deregulation, American families are saving nearly \$3,100 a year. I applaud the President's bold leadership that will ensure a bright and prosperous future for generations of hardworking Americans. As the top state for business for the sixth consecutive year, Georgia followed the President's lead by creating the Georgians First Commission – a volunteer group of experienced businesspeople from a wide

variety of Peach State industries. This commission will look for ways state government can streamline operations, slash regulations, and propose real solutions to ultimately make Georgia the best state in the nation for small business."

- **Governor Matt Bevin (KY):** "Over the past four years, Kentucky has experienced firsthand the transformative results of eliminating burdensome, outdated government regulations. Our historic Red Tape Reduction initiative has already cut or amended more than twenty-seven percent of all state administrative regulations, paving the way for unprecedented economic growth and opportunity for Kentuckians. We are honored to work closely with President Trump and Vice President Pence on the new Governor's Initiative on Regulatory Innovation to continue moving Kentucky and America forward."
- **Governor Kim Reynolds (IA):** "@POTUS understands that states are the best laboratories for policy reform. His Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation will help reduce excessive regulations, cut costs, and drive even greater economic prosperity!" [\(link\)](#)
- **Governor Phil Bryant (MS):** "I am proud to support @realDonaldTrump and @VP in establishing the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation." [\(link\)](#) "Like the President, Mississippi has increased economic opportunities and created jobs by cutting burdensome regulations and ensuring that occupational licensing promotes competition and encourages innovation." [\(link\)](#)
- **Governor Mike Parson (MO):** "The @WhiteHouse announced President Trump's historic deregulation initiative will save \$220 billion once fully implemented! Here in Missouri, we recently completed the state's largest deregulation effort, eliminating nearly 1 out of every 5 state regulations. #economicgrowth" [\(link\)](#)
- **Governor Henry McMaster (SC):** "We are thankful for a President who knows the hurdles that regulations can present to businesses. Thank you @realDonaldTrump for putting @mike_pence in charge of this important initiative; as a former governor who knows how to get stuff done he's the best man for the job." [\(link\)](#)
- **Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (SC):** "As a businesswoman, I know firsthand how regulations can be a burden to employers & stifle growth. Many thanks to @realDonaldTrump and @mike_pence for their leadership in announcing the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation & extending reform to State and local levels." [\(link\)](#)
- **Attorney General Jeff Landry (LA):** "On behalf of Louisiana consumers, workers, and job creators – I applaud President Trump for continuing to fulfil his promise of cutting burdensome red tape and unleashing the American economy. Unconstitutional, job-killing regulations unnecessarily inflate the price of consumer goods, depress employee wages, and imperil job security. This wonderful initiative will further propel our Nation down the path of prosperity. As Louisiana's chief legal officer – I look forward to assisting President Trump in this effort to remove more needless, outdated, and duplicative regulations, rules, and restrictions."
- **Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (AR):** "I applaud President Trump's commitment to reducing unlawful and unnecessary regulatory burdens that have harmed job growth and the American economy. This bold vision has provided states like Arkansas with more flexibility on issues related to the EPA's Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Air Act, allowing local leaders instead of federal bureaucrats to determine the best management plans for our precious resources. Partnering with President Trump, we have reignited the entrepreneurial spirit of America by rescinding burdensome regulations issued by the unconstitutional Consumer Financial Protection Bureau."
- **Senate President Larry Obhof (OH):** "I applaud the Trump Administration for its new initiative to encourage States and localities to get rid of unnecessary red tape and regulation. Regulatory reforms on the national level have played a key role in strengthening our nation's economy over the past three years. We believe that similar reforms will help States unlock their potential for economic growth and job creation. In Ohio, we recently enacted the 1-in, 2-out rule, requiring the repeal of two existing regulations for each new regulation that is proposed. I encourage other States to do the same."
- **Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield (MI):** "We have seen incredible success in Michigan because of the smart regulatory changes and tax reforms that empowered our small business community and finally got government out of the way of hard-working Americans. I am glad to see President Trump continue to deliver on his promises and launch this important initiative to bring the same successful policies to Washington. His policies have spurred our nation's great economic recovery."
- **Speaker of the House Scott Bedke (ID):** "I am greatly encouraged by the President's efforts to rein in Washington's regulatory overreach. In Idaho, we have been doing just that for many years. In fact, every Executive Branch agency rule that is promulgated comes back to the Legislature for our approval. This assures that the citizens of Idaho have a say in regulatory rules, which have the full force and effect of law. This makes our state government agencies transparent and accountable to the taxpayers of Idaho. It's the right thing to do."
- **Wisconsin State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (WI):** "I would like to thank President Trump for moving forward on this important initiative. It's great to hear that our chief executive wants to address the problems often associated with overreaching regulations across all levels of government. In Wisconsin, we eliminated unnecessary and

burdensome state regulations that stood in the way of economic growth and established new oversight measures in the rule making process. Our efforts are paying off for the state by saving tax dollars, ensuring an ongoing review of the administrative code and allowing for more transparency of costly regulations before they go into place. I look forward to having Wisconsin elected leaders partner with the Trump Administration in streamlining regulations, aligning state and federal requirements, and reforming occupational licensing.” [\(link\)](#)

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Follow-up discussion for Corpus Christi inquiry.

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Dear Governor Abbott and Senior Staff,

The Trump Administration is committed to advancing the State-Federal partnership. As we did the past two years, we are again conducting a short survey to determine your governor.s shared 2020 State-Federal priorities to help establish the agenda for the 2020 White House Business Session with our Nation's Governors. The results of the survey will help facilitate a productive dialogue on key shared priorities throughout 2020. The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs appreciates each governor providing perspective. **We ask that you, or a senior member of your team, complete the survey by Friday, January 10 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** Last year, 50 governors provided responses which helped incorporate broad perspective into programming and outreach.

SURVEY LINK You can find the short four-question survey to complete [HERE](#). You can view dialog questions in the survey by clicking **Show Dialog Questions** at the bottom of the survey.

Responses from each State are not intended for external distribution. We will soon provide additional information regarding formal programming for the White House Business Session, which will be held on Monday, February 10.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs appreciates each Governor providing perspective on their priorities. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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(Thursday 1/9/20, 3:00PM ET)

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On Thursday, January 9, please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for a briefing call on immigration modernization and infrastructure investment. The call will preview forthcoming Administration policy proposals. Please note that this is a limited audience to promote discussion and conversation, and the invitation is non-transferable.

Call Registration

- ☐ **Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2019
- ☐ **Time:** 3:00 PM ET
- ☐ **Registration:** [RSVP HERE](#)
- ☐ **Note:** You must RSVP to join the call. Upon successful registration, you will receive dial-in details *to the email address you use to register*. Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information.
- ☐ **Media:** The call is off-the-record and not intended for press purposes.

Background: In May, President Trump outlined an immigration plan that will turn America's broken immigration system from a source of national division into a point of pride and national unity. The President's plan consists of two parts: First, it recognizes that full border security is the bedrock of any functioning immigration system and proposes functional, operational, and structural reforms to strengthen America's border infrastructure and laws. Second, it creates a new merit-based legal immigration system that protects American wages and safety net programs, prioritizes immediate families, and creates a fair and transparent process for immigration to America.

Best,

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Governor.s Chiefs of Staff, State-Federal Directors, and Schedulers,



*President Donald J. Trump
invites your Governor to participate in the*

WHITE HOUSE BUSINESS SESSION WITH OUR NATION'S GOVERNORS

**Monday, February 10, 2020
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*RSVP to Olivia Imhoff
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by January 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further logistical information will be provided by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

A light breakfast will be provided for the governors upon their arrival at the White House. Governors will participate in breakout sessions with Senior Administration Officials and a discussion with President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

In line with past precedence and due to space limitations, governors will not be allowed to bring staff to the business session.

Other Programming to Note:

Governors Lunch at the Naval Observatory with the Vice President and Second Lady

- ☐ Date: Friday, February 7, 2020
- ☐ Location: United States Naval Observatory
- ☐ Your office will receive a formal invitation from the Vice President and Second Lady's Office. Please reference that invitation for details and RSVP instructions.

White House Formal Dinner with our Nation's Governors and First Spouses

- ☐ Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020
- ☐ Location: The White House
- ☐ Your office received an email and hard copy invitation from the White House Social Office. Please reference that invitation for details RSVP instructions.

Please reach out to White House Intergovernmental Affairs directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: INVITE: Briefing Call TODAY (1/9) at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time



State Leaders and Staff,

You are invited to a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials **TODAY** **Thursday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time** regarding efforts modernize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. The briefing call will provide more information.

Briefing Call

- ☐ **Date:** TODAY . Thursday, January 9
- ☐ **Time:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time
- ☐ **Call-In Registration:** [RSVP HERE](#) (Note: to attend the briefing call, please register using the link. You will receive the dial-in information once you register.

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Subject: Statements of Support Ask: January 15 Signing of an Agreement Between the United States and China

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Governors' Senior Staff,

Tomorrow, President Donald J. Trump will attend the signing of the historic Phase One Trade Agreement with China at the White House. The Agreement requires structural reforms to China's economic and trade regime in the areas of intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, financial services, and currency and foreign exchange. The agreement will deliver an incredible boost to American manufacturers, service providers, farmers, and more. Tomorrow's signing is a significant step forward in achieving fair and balanced trade practices. We will have more information throughout the day tomorrow, but we would welcome your governors' statement of support.

Statements of Support Ask: We welcome your statements of support by 3:00 p.m. ET tomorrow on this historical action via interviews, social media, or providing one directly to me to include in the White House's "What They Are Saying" document that will be released.

We very much appreciate your boss' partnership on USMCA and other key trade priorities.

Thanks,
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fact Sheet – President Donald J. Trump Has Secured a Historic Phase One Trade Agreement with China

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NEGOTIATING A HISTORIC AGREEMENT: President Donald J. Trump has reached a historic phase one trade agreement with China.

- As a result of President Donald J. Trump's leadership, the United States reached a historic and enforceable phase one agreement with China that achieves progress on a number of critical fronts.
- China has agreed to structural reforms in areas of intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, financial services, and currency and foreign exchange.
- The agreement includes a strong dispute resolution system to ensure effective implementation and enforcement.
 - As a result, we will be able to ensure full enforcement of this phase one agreement and the reforms it includes.
- As a part of this agreement, the United States has agreed to significantly modify its Section 301 tariffs.

- These successful phase one negotiations have begun important progress towards rebalancing our trade relationship with China.

SECURING A TREMENDOUS VICTORY: This historic agreement is a tremendous victory for the American economy – especially American farmers, manufacturers, and innovators.

- This phase one agreement will greatly benefit both the American economy and the global economy as a whole.
- The agreement will deliver an incredible boost to American manufacturers, service providers, farmers, and more.
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 - The first steps included in this agreement will provide protections for American innovators and inventors.
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WORKING FOR FAIRER TRADE: President Trump continues to deliver on his promise to negotiate better trade deals for the American people.

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- The President renegotiated NAFTA and is replacing it with the USMCA – the largest and most comprehensive trade agreement in history.
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Statement from Ambassador Lighthizer and Secretary Mnuchin

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Subject: Important Info for the Summit on Human Trafficking - January 31, 2020

Attachments: Guest Access Map.pdf

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We are delighted you will be joining us at the White House for the Summit on Human Trafficking: Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Please carefully read the information below to ensure there are no delays in the entry process.

We have attached access details for the Southeast Gate, located at 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place, NW. **Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and no guests will be permitted after 10:15 a.m.**

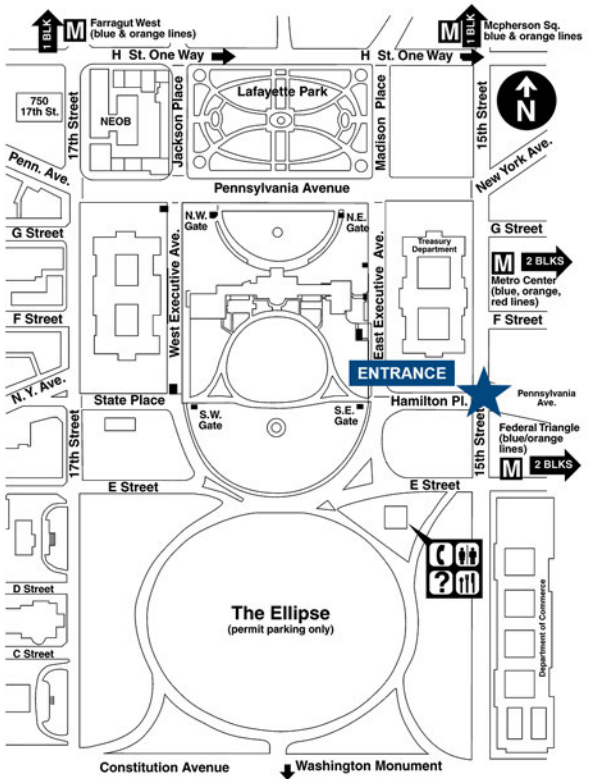
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The suggested attire is business.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to hosting you at the White House.

Sincerely,

The White House Social Office



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State Leaders and Staff,

You are invited to a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials **TODAY – Wednesday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time** regarding the signing of a trade agreement between the United States and China. Below you will find additional information. In addition, the briefing call will provide more information.

Briefing Call

- ☐ **Date:** TODAY . Wednesday, January 15
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Statement from Ambassador Lighthizer and Secretary Mnuchin

United States and China Reach Phase One Trade Agreement

Washington, DC – The United States and China have reached an historic and enforceable agreement on a Phase One trade deal that requires structural reforms and other changes to China’s economic and trade regime in the areas of intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, financial services, and currency and foreign exchange. The Phase One agreement also includes a commitment by China that it will make substantial additional purchases of U.S. goods and services in the coming years. Importantly, the agreement establishes a strong dispute resolution system that ensures prompt and effective implementation and enforcement. The United States has agreed to modify its Section 301 tariff actions in a significant way.

“President Trump has focused on concluding a Phase One agreement that achieves meaningful, fully-enforceable structural changes and begins rebalancing the U.S.-China trade relationship. This unprecedented agreement accomplishes those very significant goals and would not have been possible without the President’s strong leadership,” said United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

“Today’s announcement of a Phase One agreement with China is another significant step forward in advancing President Trump’s economic agenda. Thanks to the President’s leadership, this landmark agreement marks critical progress toward a more balanced trade relationship and a more level playing field for American workers and companies,” said Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin.

The United States first imposed tariffs on imports from China based on the findings of the Section 301 investigation on China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The United

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States will be maintaining 25 percent tariffs on approximately \$250 billion of Chinese imports, along with 7.5 percent tariffs on approximately \$120 billion of Chinese imports.

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Attachments: Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility.pdf

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Second Lady Karen Pence and Senior Administration Officials will be holding a **briefing call TODAY at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time on the President's Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility including efforts to advance occupational licensing reform**, especially for military spouses and the working men and women of America who want to climb the economic ladder.

☐ **Call-In Registration:** [RSVP HERE](#)

Attached you will find the Principles that will be discussed on the briefing call.

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Subject: INVITE: Briefing Call TOMORROW (1/17) at 1:30 PM ET – White House Principles on Workforce Freedom & Mobility



State Leaders and Staff,

You are invited to a briefing call with Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence and Senior Administration

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Officials TOMORROW – Friday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time regarding the White House Principles on Workforce Freedom & Mobility. This call will detail the White House Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility *including efforts to advance occupational licensing reform*, especially for military spouses and the working men of women of America who want to climb the economic ladder.

On October 21, at the Cabinet Meeting, the Trump Administration announced the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to every level of government. This initiative, led by Vice President Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align local, state and federal regulations. The initiative is working with a bipartisan group of State, local, and tribal leaders from across the country who are championing deregulatory and smarter regulation activity.

The briefing call will provide more information.

Briefing Call Details

- ☐ **Date:** TOMORROW . Friday, January 17
- ☐ **Time:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time
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PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT

On June 13, 2019, President Donald Trump hosted a bipartisan group of governors from across the country to discuss workforce reform and efforts to improve professional licensure and promote worker mobility. On December 16, 2019, President Trump, Vice President Pence and several Administration leaders met with 10 initiative champions, including seven governors to further develop initiative activities and publicize the important work.

Fact Sheet – What You Need To Know | Building on President Trump's Historic Deregulation at Every Level of Government

The Trump Administration, in partnership with state, local, and tribal government leaders is working to liberate the forgotten men and women of America from burdensome regulations.

HISTORIC DEREGULATION: Since taking office, President Donald J. Trump has led historic deregulation efforts to roll back red tape that burdened Americans and stifled economic growth.

- ☐ Under the President's leadership, the Administration has cut 8 and a half regulations for every new rule, far exceeding his promise to cut two regulations for every new one.
- ☐ President Trump's deregulatory efforts have already slashed regulatory costs by nearly \$50 billion, with savings reaching \$220 billion once major actions are fully implemented.

- The Trump Administration's deregulatory efforts will help save American households an estimated \$3,100 each year.
- President Trump is increasing accountability and transparency at Federal agencies to stop the costly administrative abuse that hurts American families and small businesses.
- Under the previous administration, agencies too often abused their power by surprising Americans with penalties based on unlawful and secret interpretations of regulations.

GOVERNORS' INITIATIVE ON REGULATORY INNOVATION: The Initiative aims to bring important regulatory reform led by the Administration across the country.

- On October 21, the ***Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation*** was announced at the Cabinet meeting to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to every level of government. This initiative, led by Vice President Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align State and Federal regulations.
- State, local, and tribal leaders from across the Nation who are participating in the initiative, including championing occupational licensing reforms, which is especially important for military spouses. Some recent announcements include:
 - Governor Brad Little recently announced that Idaho had simplified 75 percent of rules in their administrative code in one year, becoming one of the least-regulated states in country.
 - Ohio State Senators, including Senate President Larry Obhof, recently announced legislation to recognize occupational licenses obtained in other states.
 - Governor Chris Sununu of New Hampshire signed an executive order that streamlines and expedites the process of licensing and credentialing applications for individuals who are providing services under the Medicaid to Schools Program.

WORKSTREAMS: The Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation will work with state, local, and tribal leaders in key areas to bring economic opportunity to all.

- Advancing occupational licensing reform through military spouses recognitions to universal occupational licensing recognition.
- Transforming America's communities through smarter regulations to expand affordable housing options and economic investments in forgotten communities.
- Accelerating infrastructure and energy deployment through permitting reform and alignment.
- Putting people over paperwork by reducing the volume and costs of regulations.

BENEFITTING ALL AMERICANS: President Trump's deregulation efforts are offering real benefits in Americans' daily lives.

- American workers are benefitting as the President's deregulation helps unleash the American economy, leading to more than 6 million new jobs, rising wages, and low unemployment.

- Deregulation is saving small businesses from wasting time and money on compliance costs.
- President Trump has helped lift the burden of overregulation off American farmers by following through on his promise to repeal the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule.
- Americans are gaining access to more affordable healthcare options thanks to the Administration's regulatory reform. The Administration has worked to expand affordable coverage options through association health plans, short-term plans, and health reimbursement arrangements.
- President Trump is working to boost American auto producers and provide savings for consumers by replacing the Obama-era Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) regulations.

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The President's Principles on Workforce Freedom and Mobility

On October 21, 2019, the Trump Administration announced the *Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation* to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to every level of government. This initiative, led by Vice President Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs; advance occupational licensing reform; and better align local, State and Federal regulations. The initiative facilitates the Federal Government's work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the country who are championing deregulatory and smarter regulatory activity.

Expanding workforce freedom and mobility through occupational licensing reform will directly benefit working families. Overly burdensome occupational licensing regulations hurt job creation, increase consumer costs, and slow economic growth. Too often, occupational licensing requirements protect practitioners from competition rather than protecting the public from harm. Onerous regulations can reduce worker mobility, hurt low-income Americans, and burden military spouses particularly.

While, our nation currently has the lowest unemployment rate in over 50 years, accompanied by growing wages, particularly for those with lower incomes, President Donald J. Trump is committed to further supporting the American worker, and calls on State and local leaders to adopt a set of common-sense workforce freedom and mobility principles. Through reforms based on these principles, we will empower workers and lower costs for American families.

Principle 1: States and territories should eliminate unnecessary occupational licensing regulations.

Principle 2: States and territories should ensure that all occupational licensing regulations, including those currently in force, are the least restrictive necessary to protect consumers from significant and substantiated harm, ensure worker safety, and promote competition.

Principle 3: States and territories should ensure that occupational licensure boards consider the negative effects of any proposed regulation on consumers and job seekers.

Principle 4: States and territories should recognize the occupational licenses of other States and territories for those individuals who hold a license in good standing and who have not been subject to any complaint or discipline related to their license.

Principle 5: States and territories should eliminate requirements that needlessly prevent individuals with a criminal record from earning a living in a field unrelated to their criminal conviction.

Principle 6: States and territories should take immediate action to ensure that military spouses who accompany their spouses on permanent change-of-station orders are not adversely affected by occupational licensing regulations.

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Subject: What You Need To Know | House Democrats' Impeachment Articles Are an Affront to the Constitution and Our Democracy

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Governors' Senior Staff,

The Articles of Impeachment submitted by House Democrats are a dangerous attack on the right of the American people to freely choose their President. This is a brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election and interfere with the 2020 election—now just months away. The highly partisan and reckless obsession with impeaching the President began the day he was inaugurated and continues to this day. Below you will find additional information.

- ☐ [The Honorable Donald J. Trump Response](#) (*more below or see here to read the full answer*)
- ☐ [Statement from the Press Secretary Announcing the President's Senate Trial Counsel](#) (*more below*)
- ☐ [Trial Memorandum of President Donald J. Trump](#) (*more below or view the full trial memorandum click here*)
- ☐ [Fact Sheet – What You Need To Know | House Democrats' Impeachment Articles Are an Affront to the Constitution and Our Democracy](#) (*more below*)

The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, Hereby Responds

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Statement from the Press Secretary Announcing the President's Senate Trial Counsel

Friday, President Donald J. Trump announced his Senate trial counsel, led by Counsel to the President Pat A. Cipollone and Jay Alan Sekulow. Mr. Cipollone and Mr. Sekulow will be joined by the following attorneys:

- Kenneth Starr, Former Solicitor General of the United States, Former Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Former Independent Counsel
- Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard Law School
- Pam Bondi, Special Advisor to the President and Former Attorney General of Florida
- Jane Serene Raskin, Private Counsel to President Donald J. Trump
- Eric D. Herschmann, Kasowitz, Benson, Torres LLP
- Robert Ray, Partner, Thompson and Knight, LLP, and Former Independent Counsel.

President Trump has done nothing wrong and is confident that this team will defend him, the voters, and our democracy from this baseless, illegitimate impeachment. The Articles of Impeachment House Democrats have adopted threaten grave and lasting damage to our institutions and to our Nation. The President looks forward to the end of this partisan and unconstitutional impeachment. It's time for Congress to turn its attention back to the work of the American people and leave sham political investigations like this one in the past.

Trial Memorandum of President Donald J. Trump

The Articles of Impeachment now before the Senate are an affront to the Constitution and to our democratic institutions. The Articles themselves—and the rigged process that brought them here—are a brazenly political act by House Democrats that must be rejected. They debase the grave power of impeachment and disdain the solemn responsibility that power entails. Anyone having the most basic respect for the sovereign will of the American people would shudder at the enormity of casting a vote to impeach a duly elected President. By contrast, upon tallying their votes, House Democrats jeered until they were scolded into silence by the Speaker. The process that brought the articles here violated every precedent and every principle of fairness followed in impeachment inquiries for more than 150 years. Even so, all that House Democrats have succeeded in proving is that the President did absolutely nothing wrong. All of this is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn. To view the full trial memorandum click [HERE](#).

Fact Sheet – What You Need To Know | House Democrats' Impeachment Articles Are an Affront to the Constitution and Our Democracy

The White House released a memorandum on House Democrats' fatally flawed impeachment articles ahead of the upcoming Senate proceedings.

House Democrats' articles of impeachment are baseless, politically driven, and unprecedented. It is time for the Senate to swiftly reject this sham.

- House Democrats have debased the grave power of impeachment and shown disdain for the solemn duty they have.
- House Democrats ran an entirely unprecedented process that broke with every principle of fairness in an effort to overturn the results of the 2016 election and interfere in 2020

- This impeachment is a dangerous abuse of the Constitution. The Senate should swiftly reject these articles.

House Democrats' articles fail to identify any impeachable offense by the President.

- House Democrats manufactured this “abuse of power” article after all their other outlandish claims fell completely flat.
- Their abuse of power article does not meet the threshold of “high crimes and misdemeanors” laid out in the Constitution.
 - The article fails to allege any violation of law whatsoever.
- Despite what House Democrats may claim in the “obstruction of Congress” article, asserting well-established legal principles and immunities is not impeachable.
 - Every action the President took in response to House Democrats' requests relied on the advice from the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel.

House Democrat's impeachment was irredeemably flawed from the very start.

- House Democrats defied all past precedent by not holding a vote at the outset.
- The inquiry began with unfair and unprecedented proceedings in the Intelligence Committee – running secret hearings in the basement and denying the President all due process.
 - The President was not afforded the right to have counsel present, to cross examine witnesses, to call witnesses, or to present evidence.
- When the impeachment circus moved to the Judiciary Committee, House Democrats once again denied the President his rights.
 - The Judiciary Committee's only role was to ram through impeachment to meet their pre-determined timeline and their pre-determined outcome.
- Their goal was never to ascertain the truth, it was to impeach the President no matter the facts.

House Democrats simply have no evidence to support their outrageous claims.

- House Democrats do not have a single piece of evidence that the President ever conditioned security assistance or a meeting on any investigations.
- As Professor Turley noted, this impeachment is the “thinnest evidentiary record, and the narrowest grounds ever used to impeach a president.”
- They have rested their entire case on the false premise that there could be no legitimate reason to ask about possible Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election or the Biden-Burisma affair.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: ICYMI: President Trump Announces Withdrawal of the Water Supply Rule

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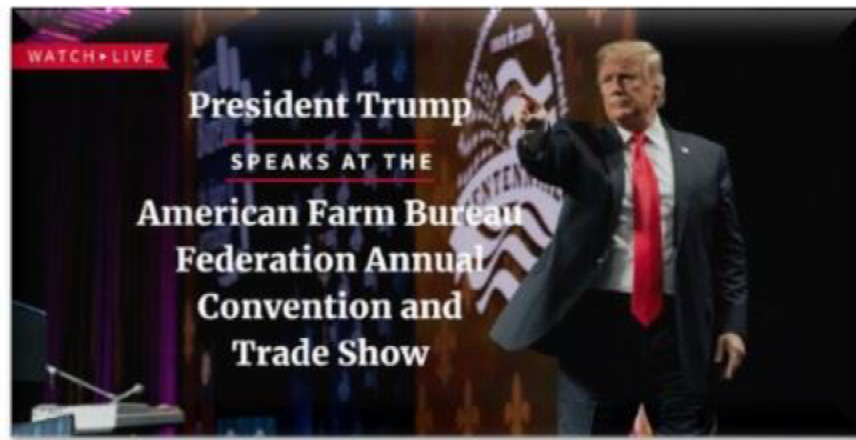


On January 19, 2020 during remarks at the American Farm Bureau Federation conference in Austin, TX, President Donald J. Trump announced that he was directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the Water Supply Rule. "I am proud to announce that I am taking another step to protect the water rights of American farmers and ranchers . . . and allow states to manage their water resources based on their own needs and based on what their farmers and ranchers want," President Trump stated.



The White House: [@realDonaldTrump](#) is taking steps to protect the water rights of American farmers and ranchers!

Promulgated by the Obama Administration and published for comment on December 16, 2016, the Water Supply Rule sought to clarify the Corps' policies governing the use of its reservoir projects for domestic, municipal, and industrial water supply by defining key terms under the Flood Control Act of 1944 and the Water Supply Act of 1958. Since its promulgation, the Trump Administration received considerable, bipartisan input from Federal-State-local and Tribal stakeholders expressing concern over the Rule's impact on the administration of States' water laws, the traditional balance of State and Federal authorities, and appropriate consultations. The withdrawal of the rule is a victory for America's farmers, ranchers, and landowners across the country.



You can view President Trump's remarks from the American Farm Bureau Federation Conference by clicking above. You can view a transcript [here](#).

The President's announcement is a continuation of his promise to transform out government and reform regulations to work for the American people. You can find more on the Administration's commitment to cut outdated regulations and align Federal and State regulations ([here](#)). Also see more information on President Trump's January 9, 2020 announcement regarding the modernization of the National Environmental Policy Act ([here](#)). Below, please find additional information on the withdrawal of the Water Supply Rule.

Thanks,

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U.S. Army Withdraws Water Supply Rule

January 21, 2020

WASHINGTON -- The Hon. R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, today directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the "Use of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reservoir Projects for Domestic, Municipal & Industrial Water Supply," also known as the Water Supply Rule.

"In coordination with the administration and the intent to have a lighter federal touch, the Corps is withdrawing the proposed water supply rule," James said. "We have heard feedback from our partners, and the withdrawal of the rule will enable us to determine the best approach to address this complicated issue."

In 2016, the Department of the Army issued a notice of proposed rulemaking for the Water Supply Rule that sought to clarify the Corps' policies governing the use of its reservoir projects for domestic, municipal and industrial water supply by defining key terms under the Flood Control Act of 1944 and the Water Supply Act of 1958 in order to account for court decisions, legislative provisions and other developments related to the exercise of these authorities.

However, due to several issues raised by states, tribes and other stakeholders concerning inconsistent pricing methodologies, reallocation approval levels, agreement approval levels, and difficulty getting real estate instruments, Mr. James instructed the Corps in September 2019 that the Army would refrain from issuing a final rule for a minimum of six months in order to allow for additional coordination with states, tribes and other stakeholders.

Upon withdrawal of the Water Supply Rule, the Army will consider how best to address water supply issues in order to address stakeholder concerns by simplifying, clarifying and streamlining provisions and processes to achieve better consistency and address long-standing policy issues.

"We have been working with our partners to find solutions to these difficult issues for a long time," James said. "We intend to use their input to reevaluate how best to clarify issues related to water supply."

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works establishes policy direction and provides supervision of the Army functions relating to all aspects of the civil works program administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

https://www.army.mil/article/231866/us_army_withdraws_water_supply_rule

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Subject: CEQ Announces Details of First Public Hearing on Proposed Rule to Modernize NEPA Regulations

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State Leaders and Staff,

If you have a State Leader willing and interested to participate in this, we encourage them to sign up by following the information below. Registration for the public hearing starts today at 1:30 p.m.

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CEQ Announces Details of First Public Hearing on Proposed Rule to Modernize NEPA Regulations

Hearing will be held on February 11th in Denver, CO

Contact: (Daniel.J.Schneider@ceq.eop.gov)

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Council on Environmental Quality is announcing the details of the first public hearing on its proposal to comprehensively update its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations for the first time in over 40 years.

What: Public hearing on CEQ's proposal to Update the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA.

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2020. There will be a morning and afternoon session available for registration.

☐ The morning hearing session will convene at 9 am and will conclude at Noon MST.

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- ☐ The afternoon hearing session will convene at 1 pm and will conclude at 4 pm MST.

Where: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202

Registration Information: Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing, either as a speaker or as a listener, must register in advance on Eventbrite. The same individual cannot register for multiple tickets. Free tickets to both sessions will be available at the links below at 1:30 pm EST (11:30 am MST), today, January 22, 2020.

- ☐ Tickets for the morning session (9 am-Noon MST) will be available [HERE](#).
- ☐ Tickets for the afternoon session (1 pm-4 pm MST) will be available [HERE](#).

Background: In 2017, President Trump issued [Executive Order 13807](#) establishing a One Federal Decision policy, including a two-year goal for completing environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects, and directing CEQ to consider revisions to modernize its regulations. In 2018, CEQ issued an [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (ANPRM) requesting comment on potential updates to its regulations. CEQ received over [12,500 comments](#), which informed CEQ's proposed rule.

On January 10, 2020, CEQ published a notice of proposed rulemaking comprehensively modernizing its NEPA regulations for the first time in over 40 years.

- ☐ A fact sheet on the proposed rule can be found [HERE](#).
- ☐ Text of the proposed rule can be found [HERE](#).

CEQ is also planning on making a public webcast presentation of its proposed rule available on its websites in advance of the public hearing. Comments on CEQ's proposed rule should be submitted on or before March 10, 2020.

You may submit comments via any of the following methods:

- ☐ Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0003.
- ☐ By Fax: 202-456-6546
- ☐ By mail:
 - o Council on Environmental Quality
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****Staff will not be allowed to accompany the Governor to the ceremony. Staff may wait in the EEOB during the event.****

- Security Detail/Driver's Information: <https://events.whitehouse.gov/?rid=TG9JV2VD43>

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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Subject: CONFIRMED: United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Signing (Wednesday, January 29)

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On Wednesday, January 29, President Donald Trump will sign the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) at the White House. **You are confirmed to attend this event and should have received an invitation from the White House Social Office with RSVP instructions.** If you did not receive an invitation, please check your junk/spam folder. More information on the USMCA is below.

In conjunction with the event/announcement, **we would like to share statements from attendees (and others) to be included in a White House *What They Are Saying* compendium.** This will be released following the event. Please share those with our office no later than COB Tuesday, January 28 if you would like one included. We also welcome statements if you are unable to join. In addition, we hope that you will share a press release and/or social media highlighting the importance of the agreement and its impact on your respective States/localities.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement



Background: Following a monumental signing of the Phase One Trade Agreement with China, President Donald J. Trump has delivered another trade win for American workers with the Senate's passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The trade agreement, which has now been approved by both chambers of Congress with unprecedented bipartisan support, 89-10 in the Senate and 385-41 in the House, will replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) fulfilling a core promise the President made to the American people. USMCA, which the President successfully negotiated over a year ago, rebalances trade between the three countries and will support mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and robust economic growth in North America. You can find the Agreement's Text [here](#), pertinent Fact Sheets [here](#), and Support from State and Local Elected Officials [here](#) and [here](#).

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Subject: INVITE: Briefing Call TODAY at 1:00 PM ET

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Good morning,

Please join us for a conference call with Senior White House Officials **TODAY**  **Thursday, January 23, at 1:00 PM ET** regarding updates to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

To attend the conference call, please fill out the link below. You will receive dial-in information once you register.

Call Information

- ☐ **Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2020
- ☐ **Time:** 1:00 PM ET
- ☐ **Call-In Registration:** [RSVP HERE](#)

Best,
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Subject: INVITE: Briefing Call on National School Choice Week - Tomorrow, January 28 at 5:30 PM ET

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Good evening,

It is National School Choice Week (January 26 through February 2, 2020)! Please join us for a briefing call on School Choice Week with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives Brooke Rollins on Tuesday, January 28, at 5:30 PM ET. President Donald J. Trump is committed to empowering families with education choice and delivering on his promise to improve our country's education system.

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ADVANCING EDUCATION FREEDOM: President Donald J. Trump remains committed to expanding school choice for America's children.

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- ☐ Despite a significant increase in Federal funding per student, results are flat.
- ☐ Assessments show that student achievement has failed to improve over two decades.
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- ☐ Thousands of families want access to greater school choice, but are currently being denied.
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Subject: Important Info for Remarks by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of the State of Israel - January 28, 2020

Attachments: Guest Access Map.pdf

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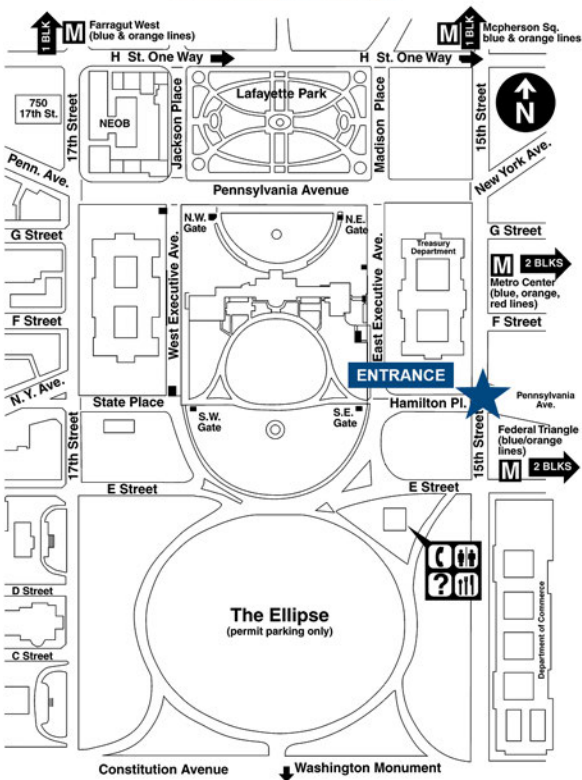
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Wes,

Thanks again for the Governor.s attendance today, we really appreciate the partnership. Allie mentioned you had a few questions on the Governors Initiative on Regulatory Innovation. Please find that below, and feel free to give me a call with any questions.

What It Means to be a Champion

There is no financial or time commitment to being a champion. Your Governor is a strong advocate for deregulation and smart regulation, and we want to include any Governors, State leaders, local leaders, and tribal leaders as Champions for this important initiative. At some point in the near future, the White House will publicly release our Champions list and we would like to include your Governor on that list. We will provide a heads up on the release of that list.

Regards,

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Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation

Overview: On October 21, the Administration announced a Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation to extend the President's historic regulatory reform to State and local levels. This initiative led by Vice President

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Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align local, state and federal regulations. The initiative will work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the country who are championing deregulatory and smarter regulation activity.

On November 18, Vice President Pence and several Trump Administration leaders held a kick-off call with over 40 initiative champions, including 10 governors to begin coordination on this important work. On December 16, President Trump, Vice President Pence and several Administration leaders met with 10 initiative champions, including seven governors to further develop initiative activities and publicize the important work. As of December 16, over 160 State, local, and tribal leaders (including 17 governors) have agreed to serve as Initiative champions and more continue to step forward.

Over the next year, Administration leaders will participate in a series of events and programming with state, local, and tribal leaders to drive further deregulatory momentum at every level of government.

Initiative Purpose: To drive economic growth, improve government responsiveness, empower state, local and tribal leaders, and liberate the forgotten men and women of America from burdensome regulations. The initiative aims to cut regulations and costs, better align state-federal regulations and permitting, and ease burdens on hardworking Americans.

Initiative Workstreams:

• Putting People Over Paperwork

- *Scope Statement:* Reducing the number and costs of regulations, streamlining paperwork burdens for small businesses, improving transparency for healthcare consumers, two-for-one legislation or executive orders, mechanisms to prevent bureaucratic bloat over time, etc.
- *Recent Examples:* Gov. Brad Little (R, ID) recently announced cutting and simplifying 75 percent of Idaho's Administrative Code becoming one the one of the least regulated states in the Nation. Ohio legislators and Gov. DeWine enacted a 2-for-1 requirement into the State's most recent budget agreement.

• Advancing Workforce Freedom and Mobility

- *Scope Statement:* Passing occupational licensure reciprocity across states, eliminating unnecessary licensure, reducing licensure fees, etc.
- *Recent Examples:* Gov. Doug Ducey (R, AZ) signed occupational licensure reciprocity into law in 2018. Ohio legislators are currently advancing occupational licensure reciprocity from other states.

• Unleashing American Energy Dominance

- *Scope Statement:* Eliminate duplicative regulatory reviews, ensure more efficient coordination of reviews at the Federal, State, and Local levels of government, reform National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules to improve review efficiency, etc.
- *Recent Examples:* Chairman Sage, Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, is working with the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Bernhardt to eliminate bureaucratic layers for the

- Southern Ute Tribe to independently develop their robust natural resources more expeditiously. Governor Jim Justice (R, WV) issued an executive order expediting permitting processes.
- **Transforming America's Communities**
 - *Scope Statement:* Reducing regulatory burdens in opportunity zones, eliminating burdens to broadband deployment, reducing reentry burdens for individuals leaving the criminal justice system, reducing unnecessary burdens that prevent access to affordable childcare reducing regulatory burdens that decrease healthcare competition in communities (i.e. certification of need requirements), etc.
 - *Recent Examples:* Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA) vetoed a regulation requiring housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid disincentivizing development. Governor Ron DeSantis (R, FL) signed legislation eliminating the certificate of need requirement for general hospitals, complex medical rehabilitation beds, and tertiary hospital services, allowing choice and competition to thrive. Mayor Paul TenHaken (Sioux Falls, SD) created a licensing system allowing telecommunications to equip light poles with cellular antennas, which incentivized 5G deployment.

Examples of Statements from Initiative Champions:

- **Governor Doug Ducey (AZ):** I am pleased to see @realDonaldTrump create the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation. #Arizona has been proud to lead on reducing unnecessary regulation and burdensome red tape. I look forward to collaborating on further ideas! @POTUS [Source](#) Governor Ducey also released a policy brief highlight the "5 Ways Arizona Is Reducing Regulations For Hardworking Arizonans" [Source](#)
- **Governor Pete Ricketts (NE):** WATCH: Honored to join President @realDonaldTrump to discuss how we are cutting red tape to create more opportunity for Nebraskans and Americans across the country. <https://www.facebook.com/ABCNews/videos/2490730347806992/>. [Source](#). Thank you to President @realDonaldTrump for hosting governors at the @WhiteHouse to talk about how the Trump Administration and our states are rolling back red tape to create opportunity and make government work for the people! [Source](#)
- **Governor-elect Tate Reeves (MS):** On our way to meet with President Trump, Vice President Pence, and other leaders today. I promised to make Mississippi's voice heard, and we're blessed to have a President who cares about our state. President Trump is working hard on behalf of all Americans. It was an honor to meet with him yesterday and advocate for the people of Mississippi. We are going to have a tremendous partnership. Grateful for a President who knows and cares for our state. [Source](#)
- **Governor Brad Little (ID):** It was an honor to meet with @realDonaldTrump and @VP today to discuss the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation. Idaho leads the way in #RedTapeReduction as the least-regulated state in America! @WhiteHouse #IDpol #IDGov. [Source](#) and [Governor Little Press Release](#) I appreciate President @realDonaldTrump for inviting me to share how Idaho achieved historic regulatory cuts this year! I am proud Idaho is leading in the area of regulatory reform and providing a template for other states and the federal government to follow. @WhiteHouse #IDpol [Source](#)
- **Governor Kristi Noem (SD):** → People over paperwork ← Thank you, President Trump, for hosting me at the White House yesterday to talk about ways the federal and state governments can work together to

- streamline regulations and licensing processes for our citizens. @realDonaldTrump @WhiteHouse @VP [Source](#)
- **State Representative Jim Townsend (NM):** It was truly an honor to meet with the President and Vice President. The fact that they are engaging New Mexico when it comes to reducing our regulatory burden across all sectors of our economy is not only encouraging, but welcome. The President's leadership has helped create 7 million jobs during the past three years and I look forward to continue working with his team to move New Mexico forward in a more prosperous direction. [Source](#)
- **Senate President Larry Obhof (OH):** President Trump's historic regulatory reforms have reduced unnecessary burdens on our families and businesses and played a key role in strengthening our economy, said Obhof. I appreciated the opportunity today to talk directly with the President and the Vice President about the work we are also doing in Ohio to remove red tape and put Ohioans to work. [Press Release](#)
- **Governor Brian Kemp (GA):** "By reducing red tape, demanding transparency, and repealing ridiculous regulations, President Trump is empowering job creators and entrepreneurs in every corner of our great nation. I applaud the President's bold leadership that will ensure a bright and prosperous future for generations of hardworking Americans. As the top state for business for the sixth consecutive year, Georgia followed the President's lead by creating the Georgians First Commission – a volunteer group of experienced businesspeople from a wide variety of Peach State industries."
- **Governor Kim Reynolds (IA):** "@POTUS understands that states are the best laboratories for policy reform. His Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation will help reduce excessive regulations, cut costs, and drive even greater economic prosperity!" [Source](#)
- **Governor Mike Parson (MO):** "The @WhiteHouse announced President Trump's historic deregulation initiative will save \$220 billion once fully implemented! Here in Missouri, we recently completed the state's largest deregulation effort, eliminating nearly 1 out of every 5 state regulations. #economicgrowth" [Source](#)
- **Governor Phil Bryant (MS):** "I am proud to support @realDonaldTrump and @VP in establishing the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation." [Source](#) Like the President, Mississippi has increased economic opportunities and created jobs by cutting burdensome regulations and ensuring that occupational licensing promotes competition and encourages innovation. [Source](#)
- **Governor Doug Burgum (ND):** "Grateful for @POTUS's commitment to cutting burdensome red tape w/the Governor's Initiative on Regulatory Innovation. In #NorthDakota, we're providing occupational license reciprocity for trailing military spouses & studying other ways to remove barriers to attracting workforce." [Source](#)
- **Governor Pete Ricketts (NE):** "Thank you to @POTUS for your laser like focus on slashing red tape and creating opportunity for working families." [Source](#) From teaching to hair braiding, the Legislature and I have teamed up to cut back on numerous unnecessary licensing requirements for great jobs here in Nebraska. Read more about our work here: <https://bit.ly/33T5DW7> #GrowNE [Source](#)
- **Governor Mike DeWine (OH):** "The Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation created by @POTUS is getting results. As of today, the #Ohio Common Sense Initiative has reviewed 2,464 business-impacting rules, which will help us break down regulatory barriers in state government." @WhiteHouse @LtGovHusted [Source](#)
- **Governor Henry McMaster (SC):** "We are thankful for a President who knows the hurdles that regulations can present to businesses. Thank you @realDonaldTrump for putting @mike_pence in charge of this important initiative; as a former governor who knows how to get stuff done he's the best man for the job." [Source](#)
- **Governor Gary Herbert (UT):** "It's always good news when the federal government wants to work with governors to cut red tape. Utah leads way in occupational licensing reform - we've made it easier for military spouses to keep working when they arrive in Utah, without going through burdensome licensing processes."
- **Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (SC):** "As a businesswoman, I know firsthand how regulations can be a burden to employers & stifle growth. Many thanks to @realDonaldTrump and @mike_pence for their leadership in

- announcing the Governors Initiative on Regulatory Innovation & extending reform to State and local levels. [Source](#)
- **Lt. Governor Dan Forest (NC):** Innovation will always be more effective than regulation. In NC, we're proud to end burdensome regulations that stifle our economy. Thank you @realDonaldTrump & @mike_pence for your approach at the federal level, and I look forward to working with you. [Source](#)

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