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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. # 889831

Dear Mr. Evers,

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 5, 2020, in which “All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (A) the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) officials and (B) the Executive Office of the President (EOP) officials:

- A. DOL Officials
 - a) Secretary, Eugene Scalia
 - b) Deputy Secretary, Patrick Pizzella
 - c) Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Loren Sweatt
 - d) Anyone serving as White House Liaison or agency point of contact for the coronavirus task force
- B. EOP Officials
 - a) Vice President, Mike Pence
 - b) National Security Advisor, Robert O’Brien
 - c) Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor, Matthew Pottinger
 - d) Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff, Robert Blair
 - e) Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Joseph Grogan
 - f) Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Coordination, Christopher Liddell
 - g) Director of the National Economic Council, Larry Kudlow
 - h) White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, Deborah Birx
 - i) Press Secretary, Katie Miller (formerly Katie Waldman)
 - j) Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Kelvin Droegemeier”

Your request was received in our office on March 5, 2020, and assigned FOIA tracking number 889831. A search for responsive records of the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) was conducted based on your request. Results from the search presented the below attached responsive records:

- 5 pages are being released without redactions, and
- 1 page which have been redacted in part under to 5 U.S.C. § 522(b)(6) which permits the withholding of personnel, medical and similar files when disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact the **OSEC FOIA Team** at OSEC-FOIA@dol.gov. In addition, it would be helpful to include the tracking number in any submission or to have it available at the time of communication.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you have several options available to you. You may contact the Department's FOIA Public Liaison at dolpublicliaison@dol.gov for assistance resolving disputes. Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), within the National Archives and Records Administration, to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

You can also reach that office by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202-741-5770 or by calling toll-free 1-877-684-6448.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal. Your appeal must be received by the Solicitor of Labor within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial denial letter. Address your appeal to the following office:

Attn: Freedom of Information Act Appeal
Solicitor of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Room N-2420

Washington, D.C. 20210

Your appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeal@dol.gov or by fax to 202-693-5538. Appeals submitted to any other address will not be accepted. Your appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal. It should also include a copy of the original request, the response to your request, and any supporting statement or arguments. The appeal letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line, should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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Thomas DeBusk
 Administrative Officer

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From: [Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [Pizzella, Patrick - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Campana, Alexandra D. EOP/WHO](#); [DeValliere, Ian C. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Re: Scalia's talking points
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:00:19 PM

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2020, at 11:08 AM, Pizzella, Patrick - OSEC <pizzella.patrick@dol.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks---here you go.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

> Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 5:18 PM

> To: Pizzella, Patrick - OSEC <pizzella.patrick@dol.gov>

> Subject: Scalia's talking points

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> Hey can you share the Secretary's tps that he using on employment and the economy? He crushed it on
foxbusiness

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> Sent from my iPhone

> <February 21 Tps.docx>

February 21, 2020

Talking Points

ECONOMIC REPORT

LEADING AN ECONOMIC RESURGENCE: President Trump has reversed the failed economic policies of old and ushered in a new era of economic prosperity for the United States.

- Real GDP growth under President Trump has beaten the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) projections every year and exceeded the rate of the previous Administration's expansion.
- 5 million more jobs have been added than the CBO projected prior to the 2016 election.
 - The economy added more jobs in 2019 alone than the CBO projected would be created during the President's first three years in office.
- The unemployment rate is 1.4 percentage points lower than the CBO's pre-election projection.

CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITY: Thanks to the President's policies, millions of jobs have been added to our economy, creating new opportunity for every American.

- 6.6 million jobs have been created nationwide since January 2017.
- Last year, the unemployment rate reached its lowest level in half a century.
- Unemployment rates for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Americans without a high school degree, and disabled Americans have logged record lows.
- The Trump economy is bringing workers off the sidelines after they were left behind for years.
 - The prime-age labor force has expanded by 2.3 million under President Trump after shrinking by almost 1.6 million under the previous administration.

LIFTING UP ALL AMERICANS: President Trump's pro-growth policies are reducing inequality and benefiting Americans who were previously left behind.

- Nearly 2.5 million Americans have been lifted out of poverty, including nearly 1.4 million children.
- The poverty rates for African Americans and Hispanic Americans hit new lows in 2018.

- Wages are rising faster for the bottom 10 percent of earners than for the top 10 percent of earners, and wage growth for employees has surpassed wage growth for managers.
- Since President Trump's historic tax reform, the lowest earners have enjoyed faster wage gains than every other income group.
- The net wealth held by the bottom half of households has grown by 47 percent—more than three times the rate of increase for the top 1 percent of households.

DELIVERING REAL GAINS FOR FAMILIES: American families are benefiting from President Trump's pro-growth policies.

- Real household wealth has increased by nearly \$12 trillion since the start of 2017.
- The President's historic efforts to cut costly regulations are projected to increase household incomes by \$3,100 a year.
- The President is expanding affordable healthcare and child care options for families.
 - Eliminating the individual mandate penalty, expanding Association Health Plans, and expanding short-term plans are expected to generate \$450 billion in economic benefits.

JANUARY JOBS REPORT

- **225,000 jobs created in January**
 - **President Trump's pro-growth policies are delivering for American workers**
 - **6.6 million jobs** created in the U.S. since January 2017
- **3.6% unemployment rate in January 2019**
 - **23 consecutive months where the unemployment rate has remained at or below 4%**
 - The unemployment rates for African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Americans with disabilities, and Americans with less than a high school diploma all hit record lows in 2019.
- **22 straight months of more job openings than job seekers**
 - 6.4 million job openings (December 2019)

- Job seekers: 5.9 million (January 2020)
- American workers continue to come off the sidelines and back into the labor force thanks to the opportunities they are seeing in today's economy.
 - Labor force participation rate: 63.4% (+0.2%) (January 2020)
 - Highest since June 2013
- January year-over-year wage growth was 3.1%
 - 18 months of 3% or more
- January year-over-year wage growth was 3.3% for production and non-supervisory workers
 - **“Blue Collar Boom”**
- Revision: -514,000
- U-6 Data
 - **Lowest U-6 rate ever recorded for the beginning of the year**
 - U-6 for January 2017 was 9.3%
 - U-6 for December 2019 was 6.7%
 - Historically, the U-6 rate goes up in January

STATE OF THE UNION

- Under the Trump Economy, previously left behind Americans are seeing the fastest gains.
- Wages are rising faster for workers, those without a college degree, the bottom 10 percent of earners, and African Americans.
- The lowest income workers have seen the fastest pay increase.
- More Americans are employed today than ever before.
- We have gained more than **12,000** factories in 3 years under President Trump after losing 60,000 factories during the 16 years of the last two presidents.
- African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Americans with a disability, workers without a high school diploma - unemployment rates reached the lowest levels on record.

- Millennials have gained **2 million** jobs, and their wages are have grown nearly **5 percent** annually.
- Median household income is at the highest level ever recorded.
- Almost **2.5 million** Americans have risen out of poverty including **1.4 million** children.
- To help struggling areas in every state, the Republican tax cut created opportunity zones to encourage the creation of new jobs in areas where they are needed most.

President Donald J. Trump is upholding his promise to rejuvenate the economy and deliver a new era of prosperity for American workers.

- President Trump’s pro-growth agenda of tax cuts, deregulation, trade reform, and energy independence has delivered incredible results over the past 3 years.
- The President’s policies are lifting up American workers and providing new opportunities and hope to millions of Americans.
- Job creation is booming, incomes are rising for workers across all levels, and poverty is falling thanks to President Trump’s actions.

The booming economy is creating millions of jobs for American workers.

- Unemployment has fallen to historic lows, and there are more job openings than job seekers for the first time on record.
- The unemployment rate has dropped to levels unseen in half a century.
- Americans of all backgrounds are thriving thanks to this economic revival.
 - The unemployment rates for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans have all reached record lows under President Trump.
 - The unemployment rate for women reached its lowest level in nearly 70 years.
- Under President Trump, the bottom half of households in our Nation have seen their net worth grow by 47%—more than three times faster than the top 1%.

President Trump is dedicated to equipping American workers with the education and training they need to excel in in-demand careers.

- President Trump is calling on Congress to support his plan to provide vocational training at every single high school in America.

- The President is encouraging private-sector investments with his Pledge to America's Workers, prompting more than 400 companies to pledge jobs and educational opportunities for nearly 15 million American workers.
 - This includes training in cutting-edge areas like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, cybersecurity, and secure 5G so workers are able to thrive in the jobs of tomorrow.
- The President released common sense occupational licensing reform principles calling on State and local leaders to improve the economic mobility of American workers.
- Thanks to the President's strong commitment, Americans are coming off the sidelines and thriving in today's booming economy.

USMCA

- The USMCA delivers a strong win for America's workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses.
- The USMCA will create between **176,000** and **589,000** new American jobs, according to the independent International Trade Commission.
- The agreement not only keeps most tariffs between the three countries at zero, it also does more than any prior agreement to eliminate non-tariff barriers and unfair subsidies.
- The USMCA will help address longstanding trade imbalances.
- Under the USMCA, 75% of a qualifying vehicle must be genuinely produced in North America and 40 to 45% of the vehicle must be built by workers making at least an average of \$16 an hour. That means more jobs for American workers.
- USMCA is projected to generate an estimated \$34 billion in new automotive manufacturing investments and **76,000** automotive industry jobs in the United States in five years.
- Unfair restrictions by Canada on American dairy, wheat, and wine producers will finally end, so American farmers and dairy producers will have fairer access to the Canadian market for their products.
- New, cutting-edge rules on intellectual property and digital trade will help American businesses and innovators continue to thrive in the modern economy.