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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Mr. Evers:

Attached please find documents responsive to your public records requests for the following:

- “1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, text messages, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between (a) any of the individuals listed below and (b) Attorney General Ashley Moody, or anyone communicating on her behalf, such as a scheduler or assistant:**
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 - iv. Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen**
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 - vii. Solicitor General Noel Francisco**
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 - ix. Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, or anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an assistant or scheduler**
 - x. Attorney General of South Carolina Alan Wilson, or anyone communicating on his behalf, such as an assistant or scheduler**
 - xi. Any employee or representative of the Republican Attorney’s General Association, including any communications with an email address ending in republicanags.com**

Please provide all responsive records from December 1, 2019, through February 10, 2020.

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This office has compiled the responsive non-exempt public records materials, as of the date of the requests, and has attached the records to this email for production.

In connection with this response to your public records requests, please note the following:

- The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from disclosure under the public records law. *See* Section 119.071(4)(d)2.a., Florida Statutes.

The attached documents will serve to complete your public records requests to this office. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (850) 414-3634 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Nicholas J. Weilhammer

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Attachments: Records

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Subject: FW: 2020.01.31 Guest in Oval
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 3:27:21 PM

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Subject: WAVES
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:36:47 PM

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Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:32:06 PM

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Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:29:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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Preview Call: State of the Union

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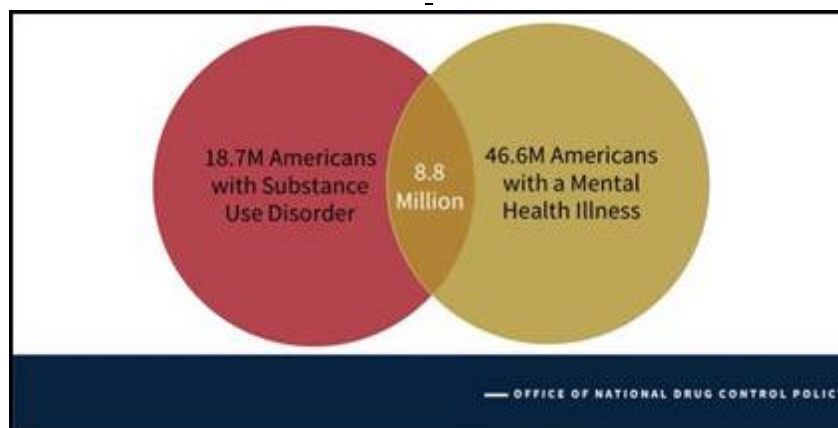
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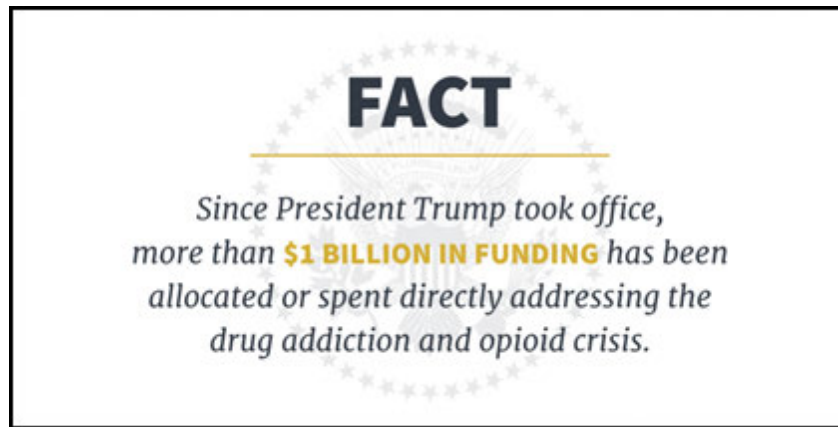
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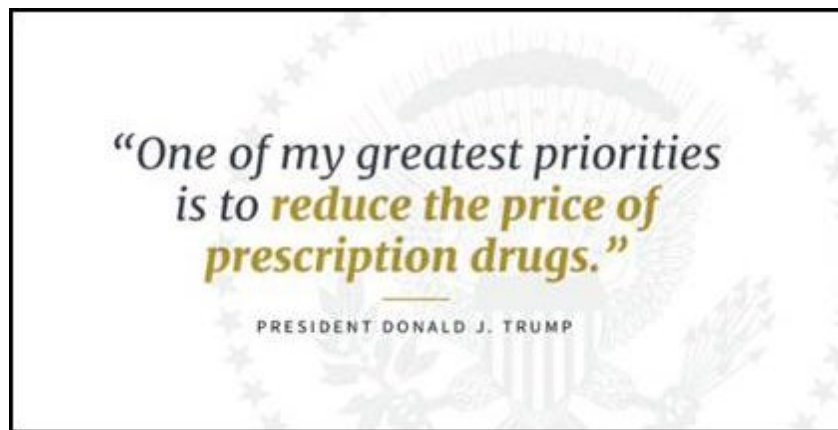
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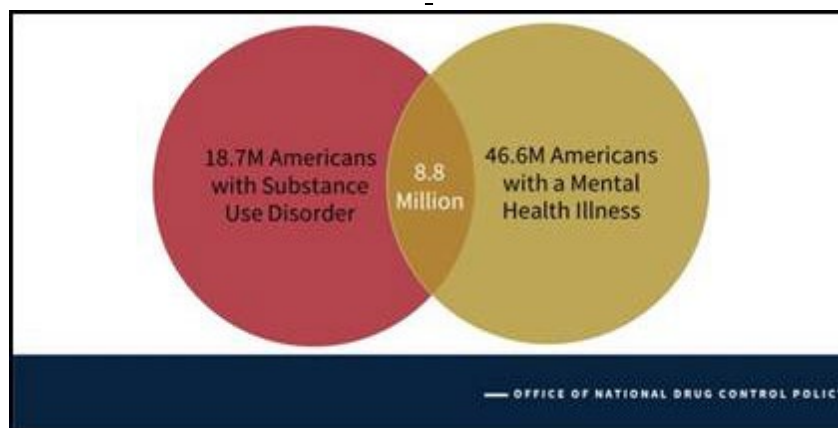
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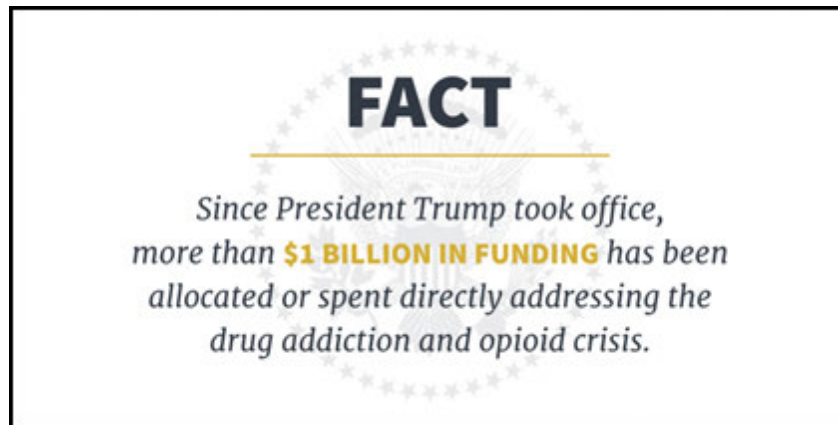
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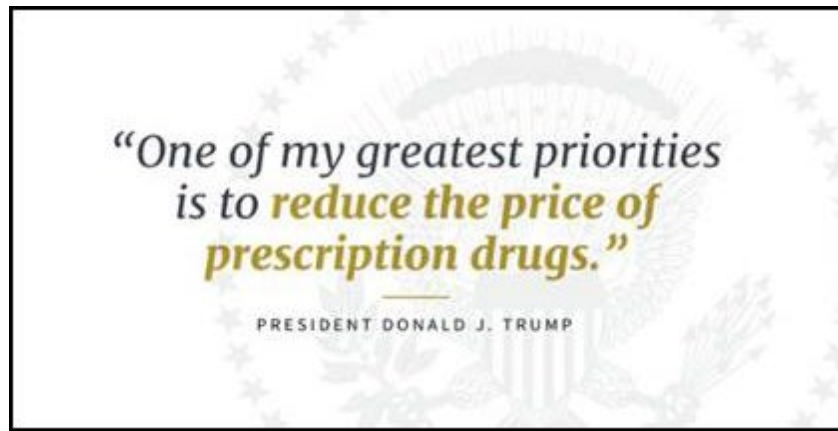
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From: [The White House Social Office RSVP](#)
To: [Lauren Cassedy](#)
Subject: RE: AG Moody office staff
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:26:09 AM

Good morning,

We have received Attorney General Moody's RSVP information. Please note that invitations are individual to the recipient, so unfortunately staff cannot accompany guests to the event. Thank you for understanding.

Sincerely,
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From: Lauren Cassedy <Lauren.Cassedy@myfloridalegal.com>
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To: The White House Social Office RSVP <SocialOfficeRSVP@who.eop.gov>
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To: [Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Reminder: State/White House Comms Call
Date: Friday, January 24, 2020 11:09:37 AM

All –

As a reminder, we will be having our State Communications/White House Communications messaging call **today at 12:00 PM ET**. I have provided the dial-in information below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Sarah

Participant Dial-In: (202) 395-6392
Participant Code: 231 0375

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To: [Erica Geiger](#)
Cc: [Kelly, Lynn L. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] HT Event follow up
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:14:56 AM

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From: [The White House Social Office](#)
To: [Erica Geiger](#)
Subject: Important Info for the Summit on Human Trafficking - January 31, 2020
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:45:20 AM
Attachments: [Guest Access Map.pdf](#)

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. The event is expected to conclude around 1:30 p.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.**

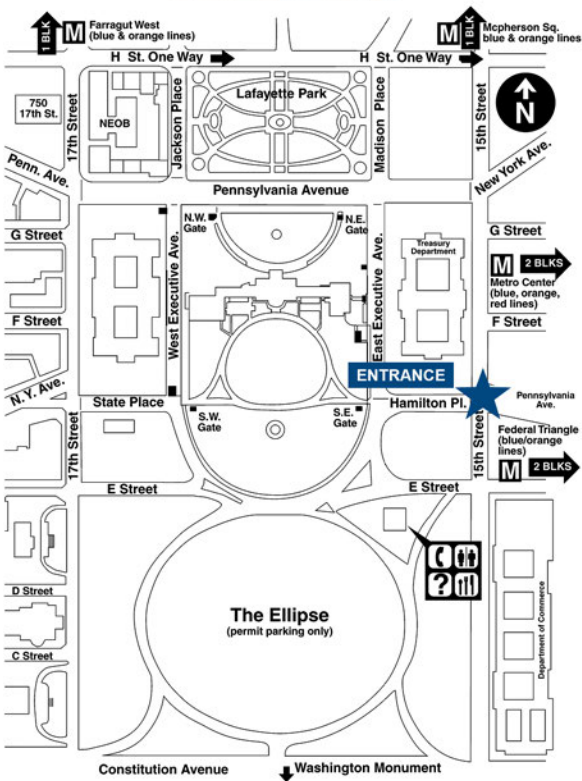
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The suggested attire is business.

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

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] HT Event follow up
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:11:22 AM

Okay, we are checking on getting her on a later flight so she has time for press after POTUS ends the event. Thanks so much, will keep you posted.

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From: [The White House Social Office RSVP](#)
To: [Erica Geiger](#)
Subject: Summit on Human Trafficking - January 31, 2020
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5:53:29 PM

Dear Attorney General Moody,



*The President
invites you to attend the
Summit on Human Trafficking:
Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the
Trafficking Victims Protection Act
to be held at
The White House
on Friday, January 31, 2020
at ten-thirty o'clock*

Southeast Entrance

*Please respond via this link
Kindly direct any questions to
The Social Secretary
The White House
(202)456-2510
SocialOfficeRSP@who.eop.gov*

**Please note this invitation is individual to the recipient and non-transferable*

From: [Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: CEQ Announces Details of First Public Hearing on Proposed Rule to Modernize NEPA Regulations
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:28:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Today, the Council on Environmental Quality announced the details of the first public hearing on its proposal to comprehensively update the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. The hearings will take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in Denver, CO. **If you would like to attend, please see the below release, which includes registration instructions.** We hope that you can join to share your comments on how these proposed reforms are important to your States and localities.

Background: On January 9, 2020, President Donald J. Trump delivered remarks on the latest step his Administration is taking to reverse burdensome regulations. The President announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) from the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ) that will modernize the National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) regulations to promote more efficient, effective, and timely NEPA reviews of infrastructure projects that will increase our Nation's economic competitiveness and improve the quality of life of our citizens. NEPA regulations have not been comprehensively updated in over 40 years. Meanwhile, the time taken to complete an environmental impact statement is now almost 5 years on average, and for highways has averaged over 7 years. Securing approval for roads, bridges, airports, railways, and waterways has been significantly hindered under the existing regulations. The NPRM would, among other changes, establish time limits of 2 years for completion of environmental impact statements and one year for completion of environmental assessments. You can find more information [here](#).

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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.
- 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](#).
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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:
 - Council on Environmental Quality
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] HT Event follow up
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 9:29:03 AM

Awesome. Thanks so much William. Will the invite be coming to my email or to her scheduler's? We are working on her calendar for next week so as soon as we are able to get the information on the invite with timing we would appreciate it.

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Subject: ICYMI: President Trump Announces Withdrawal of the Water Supply Rule
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 7:15:05 PM
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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.

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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 administrated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

From: [Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: President Donald J. Trump is Safeguarding the Right to Religious Freedom for Students and Organizations
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 3:22:54 PM
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The Trump Administration is taking action to further safeguard students' constitutionally protected right to pray in school. On Thursday, January 16 – National Religious Freedom Day ([Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day, 2020](#)) – President Trump announced updated guidance regarding protected prayer and religious expression in public schools. The update will help safeguard students' rights by giving education providers and students the most current information concerning prayer in public schools. The President also announced the Administration's issuing nine proposed rules to protect religious organizations from unfair and unequal treatment by the Federal government. Below, please find additional information. Feel free to share with your colleagues.

🐦 **President Trump:** [“The government must never stand between the people and God.”](#)

🐦 **Secretary Betsy DeVos:** [“Grateful to @POTUS for his continued leadership on this important issue.”](#)

🐦 **Secretary Alex Azar:** [“Today's proposed rule would help ensure that religious and non-religious organizations are treated equally in @HHSgov-supported programs.”](#)

Proposed Agency Actions

Department of Education: [U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Education Institutions, Provides Updated School Prayer Guidance](#)

Department of Labor: [U.S. Department of Labor Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations in U.S. Department of Labor-Supported Social Service Programs](#)

Department of Agriculture: [USDA Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations](#)

Department of Health and Human Services: [HHS Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations in HHS Supported Social Service Programs](#)

Department of Homeland Security: [DHS Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations in DHS-Supported Social Service Programs](#)

Department of Justice: [DOJ Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-based Organizations and Guidance on School Prayer](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs: [VA Announces Proposed Rule Regarding Equal Treatment of Faith-based Organizations in VA-Supported Social Service Programs](#)

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January 16, 2020



Our Founders understood that no right is more fundamental to a peaceful, prosperous, and virtuous society than the right to follow one's religious convictions. - President Donald J. Trump

PROTECTING PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: President Donald J. Trump remains committed to protecting every student's constitutional right to pray in school.

- The Trump Administration is taking action to further safeguard students' constitutionally protected right to pray in school.
- President Trump is updating Federal guidance regarding protected prayer and religious expression in public schools, which has not been issued since 2003.
 - The update will help safeguard students' rights by giving education providers and students the most current information concerning prayer in public schools.
- To receive Federal funds, local educational agencies must confirm that their policies do not prevent or interfere with the constitutionally-protected rights outlined in the guidance.
- The updated guidance will help improve individuals' ability to file a complaint if they are denied the ability to participate in protected religious expression.
- The new guidance makes clear that students can read religious texts or pray during recess and other non-instructional periods, organize prayer groups, and express their religious beliefs in their assignments.

PROMOTING EQUAL TREATMENT: The Administration is working to ensure that our Nation's religious organizations are treated equally by the Federal government.

- The Administration is issuing nine proposed rules to protect religious organizations from unfair and unequal treatment by the Federal government.
 - The proposed rules would eliminate burdensome Obama-era requirements that unfairly imposed unique regulatory burdens only on religious organizations.
- The Office of Management and Budget is also releasing a memo requiring Federal agencies to ensure that the grant-making practices of state recipients of Federal funding comply with the First Amendment.
- The Trump Administration is committed to ensuring religious organizations can compete on a level playing field for funding, without discrimination.

CHAMPIONING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: These actions build on President Trump's longstanding commitment to safeguarding the fundamental right to religious freedom.

- During his first year in office, President Trump signed an Executive Order upholding religious liberty and the right to engage in religious speech.
- President Trump signed an Executive Order recognizing the essential contributions of faith-based organizations and establishing the Faith and Opportunity Initiative.
- The Administration continues to unequivocally stand up for religious liberty in the courts.
- President Trump reversed the Obama-era policy that prevented the government from providing disaster relief to religious organizations.
- Last year, President Trump hosted a Global Call to Protect Religious Freedom event at the United Nations and called on the international community and business leaders to work to protect religious freedom around the world.
- The Administration has stood up for religious liberty around the world, partnering with local and faith-based organizations to provide assistance to vulnerable religious minorities.

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Subject: FW: INVITATION: Impeachment Update and Briefing Call (TODAY, 12:00 PM ET)
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 11:47:12 AM
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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 11:27 AM
Subject: INVITATION: Impeachment Update and Briefing Call (TODAY, 12:00 PM ET)



You are invited to attend a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials TODAY – Friday, January 17 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time to discuss President Donald J. Trump's work for the American people, while Democrats send over the weakest impeachment articles in history to the Senate. More details will be provided on the call. *This call invite is non-transferable.*

Call Registration

- **Date:** Friday, January 17
- **Time:** 12:00PM Eastern Time (note your respective time zone)
- **Registration:** [RSVP Link](#)
- **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.

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"The only thing Speaker Pelosi has achieved with this sham, illegitimate impeachment process, is to prove she is focused on politics instead of the American people. The Speaker lied when she claimed this was urgent and vital to national security because when the articles passed, she held them for an entire month in an egregious effort to garner political support. She failed and the naming of these managers does not change a single thing.

President Trump has done nothing wrong. He looks forward to having the due process rights in the Senate that Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats denied to him, and expects to be fully exonerated. In the meantime, after President Trump signs the historic China Trade Deal greatly benefiting the people of this country, he will continue working and winning for all Americans, while the Democrats will continue only working against the President.” – Stephanie Grisham

What You Need To Know | Democrats Are Sending the Weakest Impeachment Articles in History to the Senate

Democrats have manufactured the weakest impeachment case in America’s history.

- Democrats have failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by President Trump.
- As Professor Turley stated, “this impeachment would stand out among modern impeachments as the shortest proceeding, with the thinnest evidentiary record, and the narrowest grounds ever used to impeach a president.”
- For the first time in the history of our republic, no allegation of criminal wrongdoing was included in the articles of impeachment

Democrats failed to come up with any actual wrongdoing so they had to manufacture a baseless “abuse of power” allegation against the President.

- They have produced nothing that shows that President Trump withheld aid or a meeting to pressure Zelensky to investigate Burisma, the 2016 election, or Hunter Biden.
- There is absolutely no evidence that the President did anything to impact the 2020 election.
- President Zelensky has repeatedly stated that he was never pressured to do anything.
- Democrats’ build their entire case on hearsay, conjecture, and assumptions.
 - Most of the witnesses they relied on had never even met the President, much less discussed the aid with him.
- President Trump released the transcripts of his calls with President Zelensky, which clearly show everything was perfect.
 - President Trump did what he always does when dealing with foreign leaders: advocate on behalf of America’s interests.
- In the end, the aid was released and President Trump met with Zelensky without any preconditions.

Democrats’ outrageous obstruction claims are completely unfounded and set a dangerous precedent for the separation of powers.

- Charging President Trump with obstruction of Congress makes a mockery out the U.S. Constitution and bucks longstanding precedent.
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Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 11:19:09 AM
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- President Zelensky has repeatedly stated that he was never pressured to do anything.
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 - Most of the witnesses they relied on had never even met the President, much less discussed the aid with him.
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Subject: HT Event follow up
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 10:19:00 AM

Thanks for the call. I appreciate you working on this for us. Just to update you, AG Moody has made Human Trafficking one of her top initiatives this past year in office. I wanted to send you some links to show how the AG has led the state in these efforts. Thanks again!

[Attorney General Moody Selected to Lead National Human Trafficking Committee](#)
[Florida Scores "A" Grade in Human Trafficking Prevention Efforts](#)
[AG Moody Launches Support Organization to the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking](#)
[TIME: AG Moody No Room for Trafficking](#)
[AG Moody and Uber to Host HT Education Ahead of Super Bowl](#)
[Truckers Being Trained to Spot Human Trafficking](#)
[Attorney General Moody: You Can Stop HT](#)
[New Atty General Ashley Moody Addresses Human Trafficking](#)



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From: [Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO](#)
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Subject: Update: State/White House Comms Call Today
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 9:45:15 AM

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Thank you,
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From: [Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: INVITATION (REMINDER): Embargoed Briefing Call on the Water Supply Rule (January 17)
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020 7:02:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



On Friday, January 17, please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for a embargoed briefing call regarding an update on the Water Supply Rule. Please note that this invitation is intended for a limited audience and is non-transferable. If you have already RSVP'd, please disregard this email.

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Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020 1:15:10 PM
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Subject: RE: President Trump Proposes Rule to Modernize & Accelerate Environmental Reviews Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 9:49:00 AM
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Subject: President Trump Proposes Rule to Modernize & Accelerate Environmental Reviews Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



On January 9, 2020, President Donald J. Trump delivered remarks on the latest step his Administration is taking to reverse burdensome regulations. The President announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) from the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ) that will modernize the National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) regulations to promote more efficient, effective, and timely NEPA reviews of infrastructure projects that will increase our Nation's economic competitiveness and improve the quality of life of our citizens. This action is great news for families frustrated with traffic, farmers wanting to help feed the world, and small business owners interested in reducing transportation costs to better serve their customers.



You can watch the January 9, 2019 announcement by clicking above.

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Additional Information

- **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM):** Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act ([here](#))
- **Fact Sheet, Background, & Press Release:** CEQ's Proposal to Modernize its NEPA Implementing Regulations ([here](#))
- **More Information on NEPA Modernization** ([here](#))

Statements of Support

County Commissioner Libby Szabo (Jefferson County, CO): “The NEPA process has become egregious and bureaucratic over the years. It is always a good thing to reevaluate rules and regulations from time to time to make sure they are known and fair and are up to date with how business is done. I’m glad to see the EPA is making this a priority.”

County Judge/Executive & First Vice President of the National Association of Counties Gary Moore (Boone County, KY): “On behalf of the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) and the 120 counties we represent, I am writing to express our support for the Administration’s proposal to modernize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). KACo supports efforts to minimize overly burdensome federal regulations that slow down improvements to infrastructure, impede economic development and increase costs . . . We affirm that the proposed rule would facilitate more efficient, effective, and timely NEPA reviews by simplifying and clarifying requirements, while continuing to protect the environment.”

County Commissioner & President of the National Association of Counties Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County, NE): “Counties own and maintain 45 percent

of the nation's road miles and nearly four out of ten of the nation's bridges. We operate public safety systems, including emergency response and 9-1-1 call centers, and a host of other critical infrastructure. Douglas County balances responsible environmental stewardship with other community needs like public safety, infrastructure and economic development. Unnecessarily onerous, inefficient NEPA regulations often hinder our ability to meet residents' needs. We stand ready to continue to work with our federal partners on regulatory reform that strengthens infrastructure and the economy while preserving sensible environmental safeguards."

County Sheriff & President of the New Mexico Association of Counties Mark Cage (Eddy County, NM): "New Mexico Counties recognize the importance of providing protections for the environment and the nation's limited resources. We appreciate efforts to streamline NEPA processes and keep regulatory reform free from unnecessary burdens and delays that make it difficult for local governments to engage effectively."

Highway Superintendent & Highway Superintendent Tim Hens (Genesee County, NY): "We welcome reforms that will allow for local governments to address our nation's aging infrastructure in a timely manner. These reforms will aid counties in their ability to utilize federal funds for road and bridge expansion, repair and rehabilitation more efficiently and expeditiously. We applaud the President and Administration and look forward to working together to ensure these common-sense reforms provide a regulatory landscape that will improve project delivery times while maintaining the environmental protections important to our communities."

County Commissioner Randy Maluchnik (Carver County, MN): "Streamlining the permitting process is a win for the Carver County economy. We welcome the reforms offered by the administration, which will allow us to create and sustain our infrastructure, grow our economy and continue to protect our environment."

County Commissioner Cindy Bobbit (Grant County, OK): "Deregulation will improve and bring back into balance federal regulations, especially on the issues around the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA has not been changed since 1970 and what we see today still maintains all environmental requirements but cuts down the timetable for approval to save time and money. Money saved is money earned and 100% of the people are the benefactors."

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President Donald J. Trump Is Committed to Modernizing Environmental Policies and Paving the Way for Vital Infrastructure Improvements

The administration is committed to ensuring that we are good stewards of our environment, while supporting American prosperity. - President Donald J. Trump



MODERNIZING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS: President Donald J. Trump is modernizing environmental regulations to deliver infrastructure projects that will improve our communities.

- The Administration is proposing a rule to modernize and accelerate environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) so that infrastructure can be built in a timely, efficient, and affordable manner.
 - Modernizing environmental regulations will help bring new infrastructure projects to our communities that benefit American workers, farmers, and families.
- The proposed rule would establish time limits of 2 years for completion of environmental impact statements and 1 year for completion of environmental assessments.
- The proposal specifies page limits, promotes information sharing through modern technology, and better defines environmental effects and other key terms.
- The proposed rule would reduce unnecessary burdens and delays for environmental reviews.
- Agencies would be allowed to establish procedures for adopting another agency's determinations to increase efficiency.
- The proposed rule would improve collaboration with State, local, and tribal governments.

IMPROVING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE: Outdated environmental regulations have tied up vital infrastructure improvements across the country for too long.

- It is important for our national economic prosperity and for the wellbeing of all our communities that these regulations be reformed.
- Regulations guiding NEPA processes have not been comprehensively updated in over 40 years.
- Since 1978, the Council on Environmental Quality has made only one limited substantive amendment to the regulations, in 1986.
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ADVANCING A SMART REGULATORY AGENDA: The President is delivering on his promise to transform our government and reform regulations to work for the American people.

- The President has far exceeded his promise to cut two existing regulations for every new one.
 - The Trump Administration has taken nearly eight deregulatory actions for every new significant regulatory action.
- The President's historic regulatory reform is projected to deliver a \$3,100 income increase for American households in the coming years.
- President Trump's Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation is working to cut outdated regulations, advance occupational licensing reform, and align Federal and State regulation.
- The President signed an executive order to establish a One Federal Decision policy to create more efficient and effective environmental decisions for infrastructure projects.
- The President is rolling back the previous administration's overreaching regulations, including providing relief to farmers by repealing the Obama-era Waters of the United States Rule.

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Sending you NEPA now!

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Hey William,

For clarification, do you have more information re: NEPA? Last week you sent a request for AG Moody to champion President Trump's deregulatory efforts.

I have a quote for you for the deregulatory efforts. Please see below for that. Since the NEPA issue is separate, will you provide more information on that so we can work on that as well for you?

Attorney General Ashley Moody (FL): I applaud President Trump's order to federal agencies to cut red tape. In Florida, we have shown how continuous, critical review of regulations can unleash economic growth, spark innovation and promote freedom.

Will you let us know when the rollout goes out so we can let our comms folks know here? Thanks so much. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or need more- 813-600-7225

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No problem!

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Thank you! Our Chief Deputy AG is working with the AG to get you a quote ASAP. Sorry about the delay!

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Erica – looping back re NEPA. Would the AG be willing to provide a quote? We are compiling a *What They Are Saying* document. Would be great if he would share as well. Have included two examples below. I can follow-up regarding the other ask about the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation.

- **Attorney General Chris Carr (GA):** “We applaud President Trump’s efforts to modernize the National Environmental Policy Act, which in its current form has proven to be frustratingly complex and overly burdensome. Transparency, efficiency and predictability are critical to ensuring Georgia’s and America’s continued success, and we think this effort will clarify and enhance coordination as states, local communities and the private sector work to plan, finance, build and maintain infrastructure projects all across our nation and right here at home.”
- **Attorney General Patrick Morrissey (WV):** These terrible delays increase costs and drive down the availability of well-paying jobs. By shortening the average delay, President Trump’s proposal will lead to more new roads, higher wages for West Virginia families and a better quality of life for everyone.”

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I’m sure she would be supportive of these issues, she is traveling today and tomorrow, so I might not have a definitive answer before Monday COB. I will try to get her on the phone if I can. Thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Erica Geiger <Erica.Geiger@myfloridalegal.com>
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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO

Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 5:09 PM

Subject: Invitation: Follow up Discussion on the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation (Tuesday, November 26)



On Monday, November 18, Vice President Mike Pence hosted a conference call launching the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Reform**. The Vice President was joined by Senior Administration Officials - including Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought, National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow, and Domestic Policy Council Director Joe Grogan – and more than 40 State and

local leaders from across the country. The Initiative is led by the Vice President and extends historic regulatory reform at every level of government. The Initiative will help accelerate American energy and infrastructure, advance occupational licensing reform, transform American communities, and put citizens over paperwork. Over the next year, federal leaders will regularly interact with, support, and solicit feedback from Initiative champions on key priorities.

As a follow up to the initial launch and discussion, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join a call with White House Senior Staff on **Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. EST**. The purpose of this call is to continue the conversation around deregulatory efforts at the State and local level and how to promote deregulatory efforts across the country. Please find call registration information below as well as helpful guidance. We welcome additional suggestions for State or local leaders that would be interested in this Initiative.

Briefing Call

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 26
- **Time:** 1:00PM ET
- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP HERE](#) to receive call-in information. You will receive the dial-in information upon providing your RSVP.
- **Purpose:** Discussion on the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation with Champion Governors, State, Local, and Tribal Leaders

ASK: To facilitate conversation and the exchange of ideas, we ask that you share with us example of actions in your State or local government focused on the Initiative's workstreams.

Advancing Occupational Licensing Reform

- Example: Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ) signed legislation making Arizona the first state in the Nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses.
- Example: Gov. Tom Wolf (PA) signed legislation requiring licensing boards to issue licenses to a person who holds the same license in another state and meets similar requirements.
- Example: State Senate President Larry Obhof (OH) – joined by State Senators Rob McColley (OH), Kristina Roegner (OH) – introduced legislation under which Ohio boards and commissions will recognize occupational licenses obtained in other states. "People who want to move to Ohio should be able to find employment without jumping through unnecessary layers of red tape," said Obhof. "The Ohio Senate will continue to champion policies that remove needless barriers to growth and opportunity, and I appreciate Senator McColley's and Senator Roegner's leadership on this effort."

Transforming America's Communities through Smarter Regulations

- Example: Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA) vetoed a regulation requiring

housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid dis-incentivizing development.

- Example: Gov. Jared Polis (CO) created Co-invest.co to highlight businesses seeking capital, funds seeking investors and real estate opportunities to partner with the federal opportunity zones.

Accelerating Infrastructure & Energy Deployment through Permitting Reform & Alignment

- Example: The Pennsylvania House of Representatives established a task force to determine the next phases of infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the demands of expanding industries and a growing economy without putting any additional burdens on taxpayers.



Putting People Over Paperwork -- Reducing the Volume and Costs of Regulations

- Example: Gov. Brad Little (ID) signed the Red Tape Reduction Act, requiring agencies to repeal, simplify, or justify two rules for each new rule issued – similar to E.O. 13771.
- Example: Gov. Brian Kemp (GA) established the Georgians First Commission, to review State regulations, policies, and procedures to streamline government, and remove inefficiencies

Fact Sheet | President Trump's Historic Deregulation Is Benefitting All Americans

The Trump Administration is working to restore the balance of power back to the states and 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.
- Sixteen pieces of deregulation legislation signed by President Trump are expected to increase annual real incomes by more than \$40 billion.
- The Trump Administration's deregulatory efforts will help save American households an estimated \$3,100 each year.
- 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 Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align State and Federal regulations.
 - The initiative will work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the

country who are championing occupational licensing reforms, which is especially important for military spouses, and other deregulatory efforts.

RESTORING FREEDOM AND TRANSPARENCY: The President is working to protect Americans from overregulation and administrative abuse.

- 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.
 - In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threatened a family with up to \$20 million in fines just for building an environmentally-friendly pond for their horses.
 - A 77-year-old Navy veteran was imprisoned and ordered to pay \$130,000 after the EPA declared several small ponds he created as federally protected navigable waters.

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.

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" [Source](#) Governor Ducey also released a policy brief highlight

the “5 Ways Arizona Is Reducing Regulations For Hardworking Arizonans” [Source](#)

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 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 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 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<<<;](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.”

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As a follow up to the initial launch and discussion, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join a call with White House Senior Staff on **Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. EST.** The purpose of this call is to continue the conversation around deregulatory efforts at the State and local level and how to promote deregulatory efforts across the country. Please find call registration information below as well as helpful guidance. We welcome additional suggestions for State or local leaders that would be interested in this Initiative.

Briefing Call

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 26
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ASK: To facilitate conversation and the exchange of ideas, we ask that you share with us example of actions in your State or local government focused on the Initiative's workstreams.

Advancing Occupational Licensing Reform

- Example: Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ) signed legislation making Arizona the first state in the Nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses.
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housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid dis-incentivizing development.

- Example: Gov. Jared Polis (CO) created Co-invest.co to highlight businesses seeking capital, funds seeking investors and real estate opportunities to partner with the federal opportunity zones.

Accelerating Infrastructure & Energy Deployment through Permitting Reform & Alignment

- Example: The Pennsylvania House of Representatives established a task force to determine the next phases of infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the demands of expanding industries and a growing economy without putting any additional burdens on taxpayers.



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- Example: Gov. Brad Little (ID) signed the Red Tape Reduction Act, requiring agencies to repeal, simplify, or justify two rules for each new rule issued – similar to E.O. 13771.
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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.
- Sixteen pieces of deregulation legislation signed by President Trump are expected to increase annual real incomes by more than \$40 billion.
- The Trump Administration's deregulatory efforts will help save American households an estimated \$3,100 each year.
- 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 Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align State and Federal regulations.
 - The initiative will work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the

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RESTORING FREEDOM AND TRANSPARENCY: The President is working to protect Americans from overregulation and administrative abuse.

- 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.
 - In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threatened a family with up to \$20 million in fines just for building an environmentally-friendly pond for their horses.
 - A 77-year-old Navy veteran was imprisoned and ordered to pay \$130,000 after the EPA declared several small ponds he created as federally protected navigable waters.

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.
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Secretary of State Paul Pate (IA): “Government should be helping businesses grow and thrive, not stand as a barrier to prosperity. When we burden businesses with too much bureaucratic red tape, we stand in the way of progress.”

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.”

Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (IN): “Burdensome regulations can crush business and stifle the economy, which ultimately hits everyone in their pocketbooks. Thankfully, Indiana’s strong conservative leadership and pro-growth policies have repeatedly pushed our state to the top of nearly every list for its welcoming business climate. It’s great to see President Trump continue to cut through the blizzard of red tape in

Washington, D.C., and stand up for American workers and job creators. We look forward to working on this new initiative to do our part in making all levels of government more efficient, accountable and transparent.”

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (MI): “President Trump’s goal of right-sizing our federal government aligns with work being done in Michigan by the Senate Republican Caucus to review our existing laws and figure out what works, what needs to be revised, and what needs to go. The Michigan Senate Republican Caucus has made oversight a top priority. All too often, government passes laws and regulations and never revisits the policies to determine what works and what needs to be changed. Fewer laws equal more freedoms for us all. Oversight will be a focus throughout our term as we work to ensure government truly works for the people.”

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.”

Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (NC): “Since Republicans took control over the North Carolina legislature in 2011, we’ve taken aim at the regulatory mess left behind after a century of rule by the Democratic Party. Unnecessary and protectionist regulations are a hidden tax, and by reforming the regulatory landscape we’ve been able to create a boom decade in North Carolina. It’s great to see President Trump’s leadership on this issue at the national level.”

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.”

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.”

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I have a quote for you for the deregulatory efforts. Please see below for that. Since the NEPA issue is separate, will you provide more information on that so we can work on that as well for you?

Attorney General Ashley Moody (FL): I applaud President Trump's order to federal agencies to cut red tape. In Florida, we have shown how continuous, critical review of regulations can unleash economic growth, spark innovation and promote freedom.

Will you let us know when the rollout goes out so we can let our comms folks know here? Thanks so much. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or need more- 813-600-7225

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As a follow up to the initial launch and discussion, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join a call with White House Senior Staff on **Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. EST**. The purpose of this call is to continue the conversation around deregulatory efforts at the State and local level and how to promote deregulatory efforts across the country. Please find call registration information below as well as helpful guidance. We welcome additional suggestions for State or local leaders that would be interested in this Initiative.

Briefing Call

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 26
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- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP HERE](#) to receive call-in information. You will receive the dial-in information upon providing your RSVP.
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ASK: To facilitate conversation and the exchange of ideas, we ask that you share with us example of actions in your State or local government focused on the Initiative's workstreams.

Advancing Occupational Licensing Reform

- Example: Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ) signed legislation making Arizona the first state in the Nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses.
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- Example: Gov. Jared Polis (CO) created Co-invest.co to highlight businesses seeking capital, funds seeking investors and real estate opportunities to partner with the federal opportunity zones.

Accelerating Infrastructure & Energy Deployment through Permitting Reform & Alignment

- Example: The Pennsylvania House of Representatives established a task force to determine the next phases of infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the demands of expanding industries and a growing economy without putting any additional burdens on taxpayers.



Putting People Over Paperwork -- Reducing the Volume and Costs of Regulations

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- 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.
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 - The Trump Administration's deregulatory efforts will help save American households an estimated \$3,100 each year.
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 - The initiative will work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the country who are championing occupational licensing reforms, which is especially important for military spouses, and other deregulatory efforts.

RESTORING FREEDOM AND TRANSPARENCY: The President is working to protect Americans from overregulation and administrative abuse.

- 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.
 - In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threatened a family with up to \$20 million in fines just for building an environmentally-friendly pond for their horses.
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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.
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Thank you! Our Chief Deputy AG is working with the AG to get you a quote ASAP. Sorry about the delay!

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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.”

Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (NC): “Since Republicans took control over the North Carolina legislature in 2011, we’ve taken aim at the regulatory mess left behind after a century of rule by the Democratic Party. Unnecessary and protectionist regulations are a hidden tax, and by reforming the regulatory landscape we’ve been able to create a boom decade in North Carolina. It’s great to see President Trump’s leadership on this issue at the national level.”

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Date: Friday, January 10, 2020 11:23:18 AM

All –

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Best,
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I'm sure she would be supportive of these issues, she is traveling today and tomorrow, so I might not have a definitive answer before Monday COB. I will try to get her on the phone if I can. Thank you!

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On Monday, November 18, Vice President Mike Pence hosted a conference call launching the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Reform**. The Vice President was joined by Senior Administration Officials - including Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought, National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow, and Domestic Policy Council Director Joe Grogan – and more than 40 State and local leaders from across the country. The Initiative is led by the Vice President and extends historic regulatory reform at every level of government. The Initiative will help accelerate American energy and infrastructure, advance occupational licensing reform, transform American communities, and put citizens over paperwork. Over the next year, federal leaders will regularly interact with, support, and solicit feedback from Initiative champions on key priorities.

As a follow up to the initial launch and discussion, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join a call with White House Senior Staff on **Tuesday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. EST**. The purpose of this call is to continue the conversation around deregulatory efforts at the State and local level and how to promote deregulatory efforts across the country. Please find call registration information below as well as helpful guidance. We welcome additional suggests for State or local leaders that would be interested in this Initiative.

Briefing Call

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 26
- **Time:** 1:00PM ET
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- **Purpose:** Discussion on the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation with Champion Governors, State, Local, and Tribal Leaders

ASK: To facilitate conversation and the exchange of ideas, we ask that you share with us example of actions in your State or local government focused on the Initiative's workstreams.

Advancing Occupational Licensing Reform

- Example: Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ) signed legislation making Arizona the first state in the Nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses.
- Example: Gov. Tom Wolf (PA) signed legislation requiring licensing boards to issue licenses to a person who holds the same license in another state and meets similar

requirements.

- Example: State Senate President Larry Obhof (OH) – joined by State Senators Rob McColley (OH), Kristina Roegner (OH) – introduced legislation under which Ohio boards and commissions will recognize occupational licenses obtained in other states. “People who want to move to Ohio should be able to find employment without jumping through unnecessary layers of red tape,” said Obhof. “The Ohio Senate will continue to champion policies that remove needless barriers to growth and opportunity, and I appreciate Senator McColley’s and Senator Roegner’s leadership on this effort.”

Transforming America’s Communities through Smarter Regulations

- Example: Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA) vetoed a regulation requiring housing developers to build more low-income units in each development to avoid dis-incentivizing development.
- Example: Gov. Jared Polis (CO) created Co-invest.co to highlight businesses seeking capital, funds seeking investors and real estate opportunities to partner with the federal opportunity zones.

Accelerating Infrastructure & Energy Deployment through Permitting Reform & Alignment

- Example: The Pennsylvania House of Representatives established a task force to determine the next phases of infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the demands of expanding industries and a growing economy without putting any additional burdens on taxpayers.



Putting People Over Paperwork -- Reducing the Volume and Costs of Regulations

- Example: Gov. Brad Little (ID) signed the Red Tape Reduction Act, requiring agencies to repeal, simplify, or justify two rules for each new rule issued – similar to E.O. 13771.
- Example: Gov. Brian Kemp (GA) established the Georgians First Commission, to review State regulations, policies, and procedures to streamline government, and remove inefficiencies

Fact Sheet | President Trump’s Historic Deregulation Is Benefitting All Americans

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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.
- Sixteen pieces of deregulation legislation signed by President Trump are expected to

increase annual real incomes by more than \$40 billion.

- The Trump Administration's deregulatory efforts will help save American households an estimated \$3,100 each year.
- 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 Mike Pence, aims to cut regulations and costs, advance occupational licensing reform, and better align State and Federal regulations.
 - The initiative will work with State, local, and tribal leaders from across the country who are championing occupational licensing reforms, which is especially important for military spouses, and other deregulatory efforts.

RESTORING FREEDOM AND TRANSPARENCY: The President is working to protect Americans from overregulation and administrative abuse.

- 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.
 - In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) threatened a family with up to \$20 million in fines just for building an environmentally-friendly pond for their horses.
 - A 77-year-old Navy veteran was imprisoned and ordered to pay \$130,000 after the EPA declared several small ponds he created as federally protected navigable waters.

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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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 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 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 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](#)

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- **Call-In 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.
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Subject: RE: Human Trafficking Event
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:27:00 AM

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His aide's name and number is: Chase Daniels, 727-277-6226

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Subject: Update: State/White House Comms Call
Date: Friday, December 20, 2019 11:52:40 AM

All -- a **Senior Administration Official will be joining today's call to provide topline messaging and hear from you on ways the Trump Administration can partner on your messaging.**

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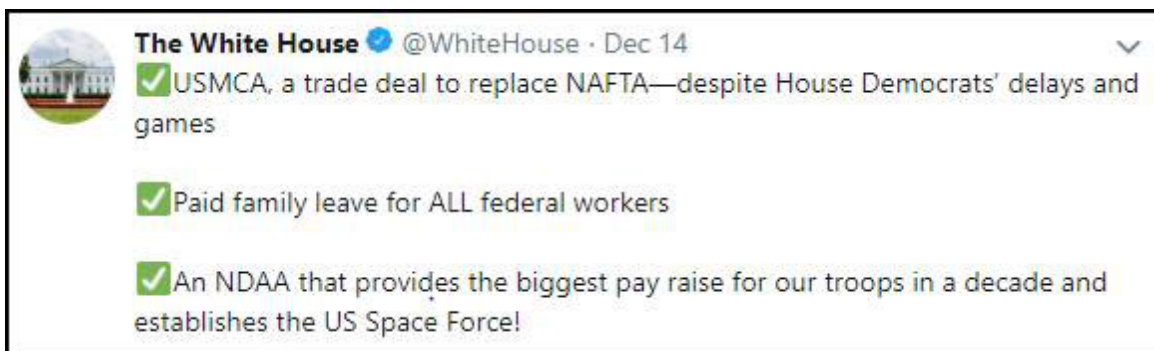
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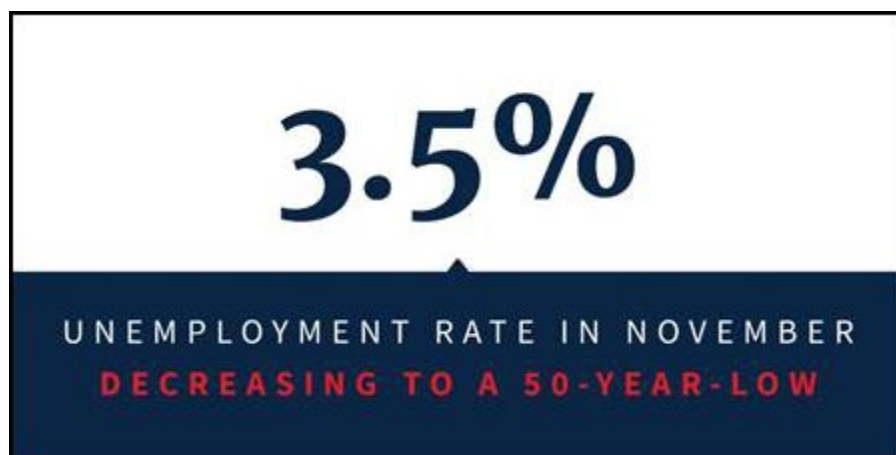


While the Democrat-controlled Congress remains sidetracked by impeachment, President Donald Trump continues to deliver results for the American people. Last week, President Trump “collected the most agenda wins yet,” according to the [Washington Times](#), including clinching Congressional Democrat support for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), winning backing for the creation of the United States Space Force, reaching a final, targeted trade agreement with China, securing and signing an Executive Order to further the fight against the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States. More information on these – and other – accomplishments below. We would also like to flag an article from the *Wall Street Journal* - [Trump’s Impeachment Rebuke Bookended by Policy Victories](#).



All of these accomplishments follow the release of impressive jobs numbers showing hiring surging in November and wages rising. The economy added 266,000 jobs in November, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) monthly Employment Situation Report. November’s impressive gain greatly exceeded median market expectations by 44 percent and brought 2019’s average monthly job creation to 180,000. Since President Trump’s election, the economy has added more than 7 million jobs—5.1 million more jobs than the Congressional Budget Office projected in its final forecast before the 2016 election. Because of the Trump Administration’s pro-growth policies, high labor demand is leading to increased employment and growing wages as businesses raise pay to attract workers. Nominal average hourly earnings increased at a 3.1 percent rate year-over-year, making

November the 16th consecutive month that this measure of wage growth has been above 3 percent. Before the start of this streak, nominal average hourly wage gains had not reached 3 percent in more than 10 years. You can read more here ([November Job Gains Once Again Smash Expectations](#)) and here ([Pro-Growth Economic Policies Benefit Previously Left Behind Americans the Most](#)).



As a reminder, the office of Intergovernmental Affairs is the primary liaison between the White House and State and local elected officials. We work with our stakeholders on issues pertinent to their States and localities as well as on shared priorities. These priorities include economic and workforce development ([Pledge to America's Workers](#)), trade ([USMCA](#)), rural prosperity and community revitalization ([opportunity zones](#)), and criminal justice reform and community safety. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be helpful.

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United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

Canada and Mexico are our first and third largest exports markets for United States food and agricultural products, making up 28 percent of total food and agricultural exports in 2017. These exports support more than 325,000 American jobs. In November 2018, President Trump signed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) delivering on his promise to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and protect American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers. The USMCA is a 21st century, high-standard agreement that modernizes the 25-year-old NAFTA and supports mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and robust economic growth in North America. Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA) motioned for the USMCA to be brought to the U.S. House of Representatives floor for a vote thus paving the way for passage of the agreement. You can find the **Agreement's Text** [here](#), pertinent **Fact Sheets** [here](#), and **Support from State and local elected officials** [here](#) and [here](#). Also note a recent op-ed from Vice President Mike Pence: [The Time Has Come. Congress, Pass the USMCA.](#)



United States and China Phase One Trade Agreement

On Friday, December 13, President Donald J. Trump announced that the United States has finalized the Phase One Trade Agreement with China. 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 deal also includes a commitment by China to future purchases of U.S. goods and services, plus a strong dispute resolution system that ensures prompt and effective implementation and enforcement. While the United States will modify its tariff actions on China, 25% tariffs will remain on approximately \$250 billion of Chinese imports and 7.5% tariffs on approximately \$120 billion of Chinese imports. You can find **Details of the Agreement** [here](#) and a pertinent **Fact Sheet** [here](#).



Agreement on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) – United States Space Force

On Wednesday, December 11, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), a \$738 billion defense policy bill. The NDAA advances many of President Trump's key priorities, including a 3.1 percent pay raise for our troops – the biggest pay raise in a decade, provides up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave for Federal employees, ensuring survivors of deceased service members receive the benefits they deserve, and establishing the United States Space Force. The establishment of the U.S. Space Force as the sixth Armed Service of the United States, under the Air Force, fulfills one of President Trump's top priorities and is a bold, strategic step toward guaranteeing American space dominance. You can find a **Fact Sheet** on the U.S. Space Force [here](#). Also see a recent op-ed from Vice President Mike Pence here ([It's Time for Congress to Establish the Space Force](#)).



Paid Family Leave for Government Employees and Outlining Principles for Childcare Reform

President Trump and the Administration are focused on making sure the U.S. is the best place in the world to conduct business, work, and raise a family. On December 12, President Trump and Ivanka Trump hosted a White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Family Leave. In addition to championing the Administration's work with Congress to secure paid parental leave for all Federal employees in the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, the President and Ivanka outlined principles for common sense, innovative child care policy reforms and practices that increase access to quality care, choice, and flexibility for America's working parents. "Our goal is simple," the President said. "We want to expand child care options and reduce unnecessary regulations so that parents can choose the best care for their children, including, and very importantly, in-home and faith-based care." Since January 2017, there has been significant progress in implementing the President's working families agenda, including doubling the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per child and expanding refundability, establishing bipartisan consideration of national paid family leave, and signing into law the largest ever increase in funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), representing a major new investment in child care affordability. The President's budget requests have prioritized child care and paid parental leave to support working families. You can find a [Fact Sheet here](#), a [Recap of the Summit here](#), and the [White House Principles for Child Care Reform here](#).



Executive Order On Combating Anti-Semitism

During this year's State of the Union Address, President Trump promised to "never ignore the vile poison of anti-Semitism, or those that spread its venomous creed." On December 11, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism. The Executive Order makes it clear that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies to anti-Semitic discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. It also adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of anti-Semitism, which states that it is "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." The Executive Order also directs Federal agencies to identify other ways the Government can use nondiscrimination authorities to address anti-Semitism. You can find the text of the Executive Order [here](#) and a Fact Sheet [here](#). Also find an op-ed from Jared Kushner (Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor) [here](#) – NYT: [President Trump Is Defending Jewish Students](#).

Senate Confirms President Trump's 50th Federal Appeals Court Judge

On Wednesday, December 11, the United States Senate confirmed the 50th appeals court judge appointed by President Trump, helping to fulfill his promise to remake the federal bench with a conservative bent. Lawrence VanDyke, tapped for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, cleared the Senate by 51-44, making him the 50th judicial nominee appointed to a federal circuit court since the president took office in January of 2017. By comparison, President Obama appointed 55 federal circuit court judges in all of his eight years. You can read more [here](#) (Washington Times: [Senate Confirms Trump's 50th Federal Appeals Court Judge](#)) and find a **Fact Sheet** on President Trump's Appointing a Historic Number of Federal Judges [here](#).

What You Need To Know: While House Democrats Focus on Impeachment, President Trump Continues to Deliver Results for the American People

December 5, 2019



With few legislative days left in the year and the Democrat-controlled House focused on impeachment instead of any real agenda for working Americans, President Trump continues to work hard for the American people securing wins on trade, infrastructure, healthcare, and criminal justice reform. Since the beginning of the Democrats' impeachment inquiry in September, President Trump has, among other accomplishments:

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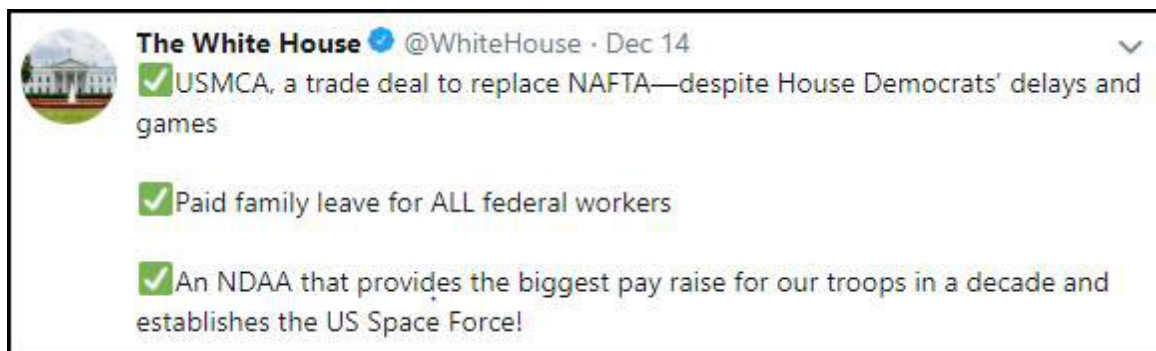
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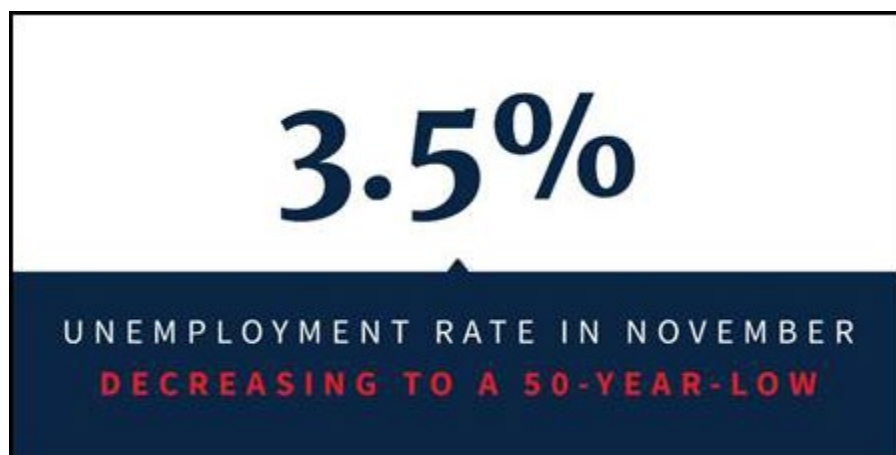


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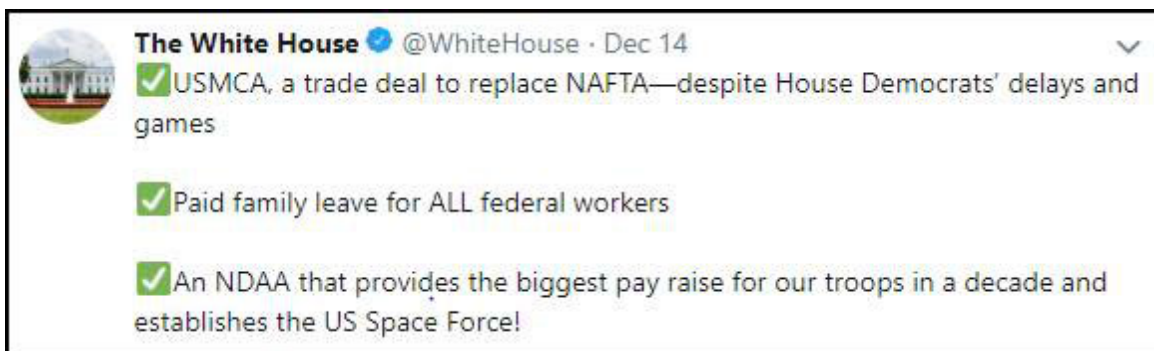
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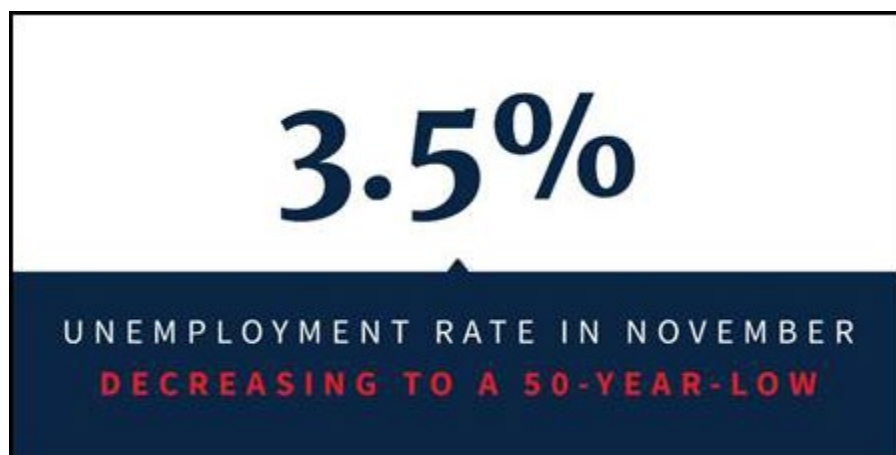


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Subject: Canceled: Government Comms Call
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To: [Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [Schroeder, Allie F. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: RE: Reminder: State Leaders/White House Comms Call
Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 11:40:52 AM

All –

We apologize for the inconvenience, but **this call is going to be rescheduled for early next week.**

Please stay tuned for an updated dial-in time and RSVP link. If you have any questions in the meantime, Allie (cc'd) or I will be more than happy to answer them.

Thank you,
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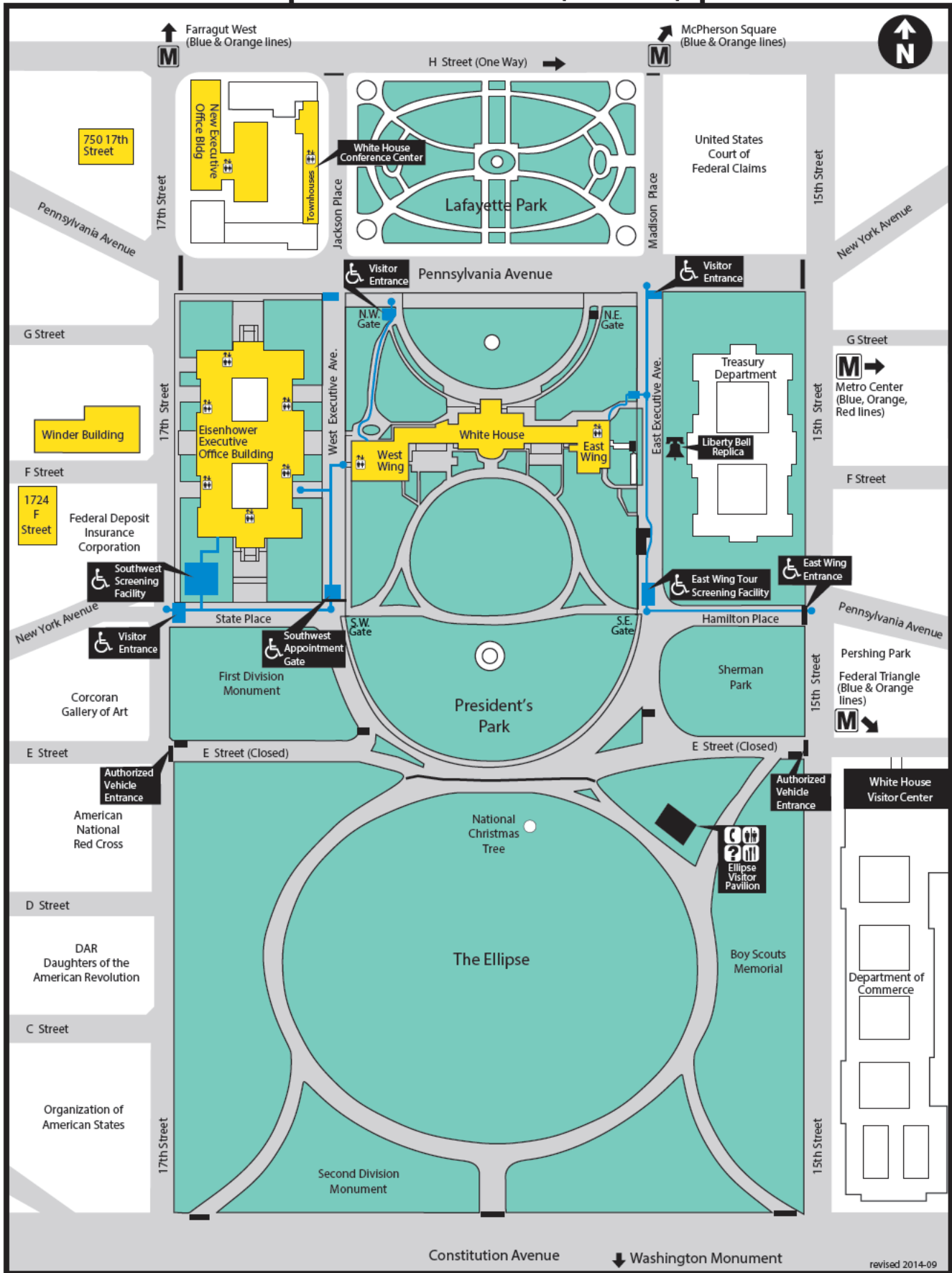
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Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 3:31:41 PM
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Please note that the below invitation was shared with your Attorney General for a briefing at the White House on Monday, December 9 from 1:00-2:00PM. All details are below, including registration information. We have also provided a dial-in line for Attorneys General that will not be in Washington or for Senior Staff. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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Subject: INVITATION: Attorneys General Briefing (Monday, December 9)



Attorneys General –

We look forward to hosting you on Monday, December 9 at 1:00PM for a policy roundtable with Senior Administration Officials. Registration information is below. Please plan to arrive in time to pass through security and begin the meeting promptly at 1:00. We are unable to accommodate additional staff or security details. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. We are also including a call-in option for Attorneys General and/or Senior Staff that are unable to join us at the White House.

Briefing Registration Information

- **Date:** Monday, December 9, 2019
- **Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET
- **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) – Room 172
- **Registration:** [RSVP Here](#)
- **Notes:** Your registration information *must* match your government issued ID (i.e. legal name as printed). Acceptable forms of identification include a valid United States driver's license or a valid passport from another country.

Arrival Instructions: On Monday, December 9, please arrive at the Southwest Gate,

located at 17th Street and State Place NW. Please plan to arrive with enough time to process through security and begin the meeting promptly at 1:00PM ET. After passing through security, please proceed to Room 172 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

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From: [Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Reminder: State/White House Comms Call
Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 9:58:10 AM

All –

As a reminder, we will be having our State Communications/White House Communications messaging call today at 12:00 PM ET. I have provided the dial-in information below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Sarah

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From: [Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: What You Need To Know: While House Democrats Focus on Impeachment, President Trump Continues to Deliver Results for the American People
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:26:04 AM
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This week, President Trump was in London meeting with world leaders as part of the 2019 North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) Organization Summit. Among other objectives, President Trump continued to work – successfully – in ensuring that NATO member countries are fulfilling their commitment to 2 percent defense spending. Per the New York Post, “Since 2006, each member nation has been supposed to spend 2 percent of GDP on defense. Yet only the United States and two other members hit that mark in 2014, when NATO formally re-committed to the goal. Now eight European countries are on track to meet it this year: Britain, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania.” You can read more [here](#).



Meanwhile, back in Washington with only a few legislative days left in the year, House leadership has all but tabled any real agenda for working Americans. This includes passing the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA), which enjoys [broad, bipartisan support](#) from across the country, advancing infrastructure and healthcare priorities, and passing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). **Yet, President Trump continues to work hard for the American people securing wins on trade, infrastructure, healthcare, and criminal justice reform.** Since the beginning of the Democrats’ impeachment inquiry, President Trump has, among other accomplishments:

- Signed an Executive Order (Executive Order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare to Put Patients First) promoting healthcare transparency to lowers costs. More [here](#).

- Hosted a Roundtable on Youth Vaping and the Electronic Cigarette Epidemic. More [here](#).
- Announced the Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation, which builds on the Administration's successful regulatory reform agenda by engaging State, local, and Tribal leaders on reducing the number of regulations and associated costs across the country. More [here](#).
- Signed an Executive Order establishing a task force to address the rash of violence against missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. More [here](#).
- Hosted the White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans, which honored the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community. More [here](#).
- Secured a trade deal with Japan in October that will provide staged reduction of Japanese tariffs for more than \$2 billion worth of U.S. beef and pork, matching access now granted to the 11 Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact countries. On Wednesday, December 4, Japan's Parliament approved the trade deal. More [here](#).
- Championed criminal justice reform at the 2019 Second Step Presidential Justice Forum in Columbia, SC. In 2018, President Trump signed the groundbreaking First Step Act which enacted reforms that make our justice system fairer and help former inmates successfully return to society. More [here](#).
- Signed into law the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, the first animal cruelty bill of his presidency. More [here](#).
- Signed into law the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019, which reaffirms and amends the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992. More [here](#).
- Signed into law the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act, which directs the U.S. Department of the Treasury to issue \$1 coins honoring the history of the women's suffrage movement. More [here](#).
- Hosted the Prime Minister Borissov of the Republic of Bulgaria for bilateral meetings. More [here](#).

The Administration also continues to deliver results.

- Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced in November \$900 million in historic investment in American infrastructure. More [here](#). DOT also announced the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative, which is designed to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure. More [here](#).
- Secretary Ben Carson and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated over \$2.3 billion to support long-term disaster recovery processes to 15 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands to help those areas recover from natural disasters. More [here](#).
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture continues to roll out \$600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. A list of announced awards can be found [here](#).
- The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced an initial round of 150 new grants for its Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program. The 150 grants represent a total Federal investment of over \$18 million to community coalitions. More [here](#). ONDCP also recently announced \$4.5 million in Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-Level Intervention (COOCLI) grants to 14 programs across the country. More [here](#).
- U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Sonny Perdue secured two significant trade wins with Brazil and China in November. Brazil agreed to implement its obligation under the World Trade Organization (WTO) to establish a tariff rate quote (TRD) for wheat. More [here](#). China announced it was lifting its ban on U.S. poultry and poultry products. More [here](#).

- The Small Business Administration finalized a rule to implement changes to the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program that will make the program more attractive to small business and encourage them to invest in HUBZone communities and hire HUBZone residents. More [here](#).
- The White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council launched [opportunityzones.gov](https://www.opportunityzones.gov), a comprehensive website designed to serve as an information hub for the opportunity zones initiative established as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. More [here](#). The Council has already identified over 190 Federal programs where targeting, preference, or additional support could be granted to Opportunity Zones. More [here](#).

Below, please find additional information on how President Trump and the Administration continue to deliver results for the American people while Democrats on Capitol Hill continue to waste time on impeachment.

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What You Need To Know | Democrats Waste Time on Impeachment While President Trump Works for the American People

In the 64 days since Nancy Pelosi announced the start of this baseless impeachment sham, Democrats have completely abandoned their duty to the American people while President Trump continues to deliver results.

More than two months later, Democrats still have produced no evidence of wrongdoing by the President.

- After hours and hours wasted on public and secret hearings, they couldn't produce a single piece of evidence showing the President did anything wrong.
- President Zelensky himself has made clear that he didn't know about the aid being withheld at the time of the July 25th call and he felt no pressure.
- Multiple witnesses denied ever hearing from the President about a quid pro quo for the aid or about any preconditions for a White House meeting with Zelensky.
- The aid was released and the President met with Zelensky at the UN General Assembly – yet no investigations were launched.

While Democrats obsess over impeachment, the American people are waiting for Congress to do something that will actually have a positive impact on their lives.

- Instead of working on issues that will actually impact Americans' lives – Democrats have been consumed by impeachment.
- Democrats have failed to do anything to help American families struggling with high drug prices.
- Democrats have done nothing to help rebuild the failing roads and bridges in our communities.
- Democrats apparently care about impeachment more than USMCA – which would create thousands of jobs for American workers and bring billions in investment to our economy.

President Trump, however, has continued to work every single day to help build a safer and more prosperous future for all Americans.

- The President secured two massive trade agreements with Japan that will boost agricultural exports and strengthen digital trade between our two countries.
- President Trump reached a new landmark in his historic remaking of the judiciary – having now appointed 1 in 4 Circuit Court judges.
- At President Trump's direction, our incredible military launched a successful mission to bring the founder of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, to justice.
- The President took action to require hospitals and insurers to provide more price transparency to patients – helping Americans make informed decisions about their own healthcare.
- President Trump's pro-growth policies continue to spur an economic resurgence – with all major stock market indexes hitting record highs, unemployment remaining near a half century low, and workers seeing rising wages.
- The President continued to combat the opioid crisis, launching a new online tool to help Americans struggling with addiction access treatment and announcing 150 new grants to prevent youth substance use.

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Subject: INVITATION: White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence & Substance Abuse (December 19)
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:43:03 PM
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Attorney General Moody,

On Thursday, December 19, the White House is hosting a **Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence & Substance Abuse**. This event will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and experts to share their perspectives on how the federal government can drive improvements in responding to SMI. The Summit will involve State, local, and tribal officials, treatment practitioners and mental health professionals, law enforcement leaders, and patient and reform advocates. Space is limited and will be allocated in order of RSVP's. We would welcome the most appropriate person from your office to join for this event. **RSVP's need to be received by Monday, December 9.** Please note that this invitation is non-transferable.

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Conference Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

Please note that it is essential that all information is submitted accurately. The information you submit must exactly match what is listed on your government issued identification that you will be required to present to Secret Service before entry onto White House grounds.

An Informational Call about the Summit will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Register [HERE](#) to receive call-in information.** The informational call will preview the Summit including logistical details, goals of the Summit, topics of conversation, etc.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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What if the link does not work? If the registration link provided does not work or will not properly load, try using a different browser. If you are still unable to register, please contact White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs staff.

Is this invitation transferable? No, this invitation is non-transferable unless discussed with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Any information submitted from an uninvited guest will not be processed.

What items are permissible/non-permissible? You'll be able to bring purses, backpacks, phones, etc. Luggage is allowed. Prohibited items include guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size. If you are unsure about a certain item, please feel free to reach out to our office for clarification.

Is lodging and/or transportation provided? No, registered attendees are responsible for their own accommodations, meals, and transportation to Washington, D.C. and throughout the duration of their visit. Due to federal regulations, we are unable to provide you with recommendations for travel and accommodations. Bottled water will be provided during the conference portion of the event. Lunch is not provided.

Where do I go? All events will take place on the White House complex. We will provide further information approximately one week ahead of the event date.

How do I get around Washington, D.C.? For travel and transportation in Washington, D.C., taxis and ride sharing services are readily available. The metro is also a convenient way to travel. The closest metro stops are Federal Triangle and Farragut West. More information on the metro, including travel times and maps, can be found by clicking [here](#).

What media is permissible? You are permitting to take photos during the White House Tour as well as the conference. Videos are not permitted.

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Is lodging and/or transportation provided? No, registered attendees are responsible for their own accommodations, meals, and transportation to Washington, D.C. and throughout the duration of their visit. Due to federal regulations, we are unable to provide you with recommendations for travel and accommodations. Bottled water will be provided during the conference portion of the event. Lunch is not provided.

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From: [Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO](#)
To: [John Guard](#)
Cc: [Erica Geiger](#); [Catherine McNeill](#)
Subject: INVITATION: White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence & Substance Abuse (December 19)
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:43:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)



Attorney General Moody,

On Thursday, December 19, the White House is hosting a **Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence & Substance Abuse**. This event will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and experts to share their perspectives on how the federal government can drive improvements in responding to SMI. The Summit will involve State, local, and tribal officials, treatment practitioners and mental health professionals, law enforcement leaders, and patient and reform advocates. Space is limited and will be allocated in order of RSVP's. We would welcome the most appropriate person from your office to join for this event. **RSVP's need to be received by Monday, December 9.** Please note that this invitation is non-transferable.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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You are invited to attend the

White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence & Substance Abuse

with Senior Administration Officials and Policymakers on

**Thursday, December 19, 2019
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

If you are able to attend, please submit your information in the secure form by **1:00 PM on Monday, December 9**. The secure form can be accessed via the link provided below. Space is limited and RSVP's will be honored in the order they are received. Note that this invitation is intended for designated State and local elected officials and is non-transferable.

Conference Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

Please note that it is essential that all information is submitted accurately. The information you submit must exactly match what is listed on your government issued identification that you will be required to present to Secret Service before entry onto White House grounds.

An Informational Call about the Summit will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Register [HERE](#) to receive call-in information.** The informational call will preview the Summit including logistical details, goals of the Summit, topics of conversation, etc.

A list of frequently asked questions is outlined below. Please consult this list before reaching out to White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs staff. More information, including arrival instructions (i.e. address and times) will be forthcoming. Pertinent event updates will be sent to the email address that you register with. For additional questions, please contact Olivia Imhoff at Olivia.P.Imhoff2@who.eop.gov.

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From: [2019 Christmas Reception 3](#)
Subject: RSVP Reminder - White House Christmas Reception - December 6, 2019
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:00:01 AM

Good morning,

This is a friendly reminder to RSVP for a White House Christmas Reception on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

We ask that you **please RSVP by today at 6:00 p.m.** If you are unable to attend, please submit your regrets through the linked-invitation below.

Thank you for your assistance.



*The President and Mrs. Trump
request the pleasure of your company
at a Holiday Reception
to be held at
The White House
on Friday, December 6, 2019
at two o'clock*

Southeast Entrance

*Please respond via this link
for yourself and your guest*

Kindly direct any questions to

*The Social Secretary
The White House*

*2019ChristmasReception3@who.eop.gov
(202) 456-6336*