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Dear Open Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Texas public records laws.

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Looking back over the past three years, President Donald Trump and the Administration, working alongside our State and local partners, have delivered unprecedented results for the American people ([President Donald J. Trump Has Delivered Record Breaking Results for the American People in His First Three Years in Office](#)). This starts with the economy. On January 30, 2020, the Bureau of Economic Analysis released its advance estimate for United States GDP for the fourth quarter of 2019 and the entire calendar year. The release estimates that real GDP grew 2.1 percent at an annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 2.3 percent over the four quarters of 2019 (see [United States GDP Growth Continues Exceeding Expectations](#)). 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.



Below, please find information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments – Partnering on Regulatory Innovation, Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization, Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment, Combatting Human Trafficking, and Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic, just to name a few. As we begin a new year, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs looks forward to continuing to work with you on issues pertinent to your States and communities and on advancing shared goals and priorities. We will, of course, continue to send timely updates, such as this, hold briefing calls, and convene meetings and roundtables here at the White House. Below, please find additional information on ongoing priorities and accomplishments. We welcome your feedback and input. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

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Partnering on Regulatory Innovation



In his first week in office, President Trump issued a challenge to his Administration: For every new regulation introduced, 2 old ones must be cut. The result to date, Federal agencies issued 372 deregulatory actions and only 44 new significant regulatory actions, far exceeding the 2:1 goal with an 8.5:1 ratio for deregulatory to significant regulatory actions. On

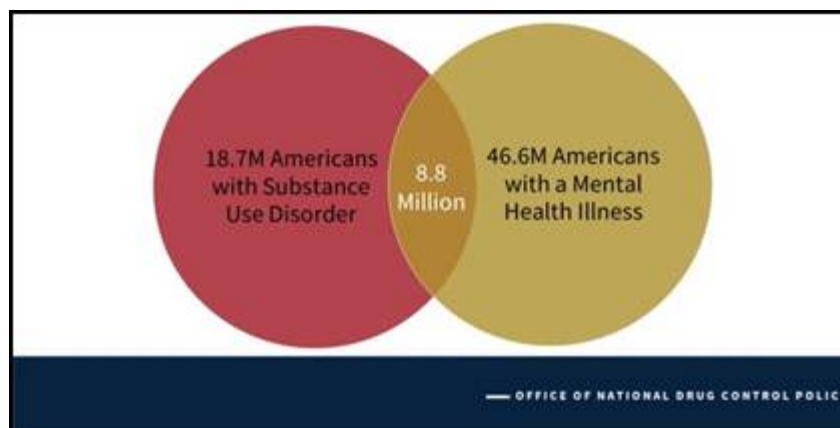
January 23, 2020, the Administration announced a **new, clear definition for “waters of the United States” (i.e. WOTUS)** thus delivering on President Trump’s promise to finalize a revised WOTUS definition that protects the nation’s navigable waters from pollution and will result in economic growth across the country. Read more [here](#). On January 9, 2020, President Trump announced a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 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. Read more [here](#). Also see State and local engagement in support [here](#). In October 2019, President Donald Trump announced the **Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**. The Initiative builds on the Administration’s deregulatory success and momentum by engaging State, local, and Tribal leaders on reducing the number of regulations and associated costs across the country (more [here](#)). If you are interested in joining us as a *public champion* in this endeavor, please let us know! Also find a recent article on the Administration’s deregulatory efforts here: [Trump Issues Fewest Regulations in 44 Years, Third Record Low](#).

Driving Rural Prosperity and Urban Revitalization



The Trump Administration is committed to empowering local communities through innovative approaches to urban revitalization and rural prosperity. In November 2019, Secretary Elaine Chao and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced \$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](#). 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](#).

Transforming Mental Health Delivery and Treatment



President Trump and the Administration are committed to delivering 21st century mental health treatment. In partnership with States, the Trump Administration has granted 27 State institution for mental disease (IMD) exclusion Medicaid waivers for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and recently granted the first serious mental illness (SMI)

and/or serious emotional disturbance Medicaid waiver to Washington, D.C. with several States expected to follow soon. In December 2019, President Trump attended the White House Summit on Transforming Mental Health Treatment to Combat Homelessness, Violence, and Substance Abuse. You can find the President's remarks [here](#) and coverage from C-SPAN [here](#).

Combatting Human Trafficking



President Trump has made it a priority to leverage every resource of the Federal government to end the scourge of human trafficking. On December 31, 2019, President Trump issued a **Proclamation on National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** ([here](#)). The **President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons** works tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and prevent future crime. You can read more [here](#). President Trump will also propose a \$42 million budget to expand support for victims of human trafficking and to boost investigations and prosecutions (more [here](#)).

Supporting Working Families

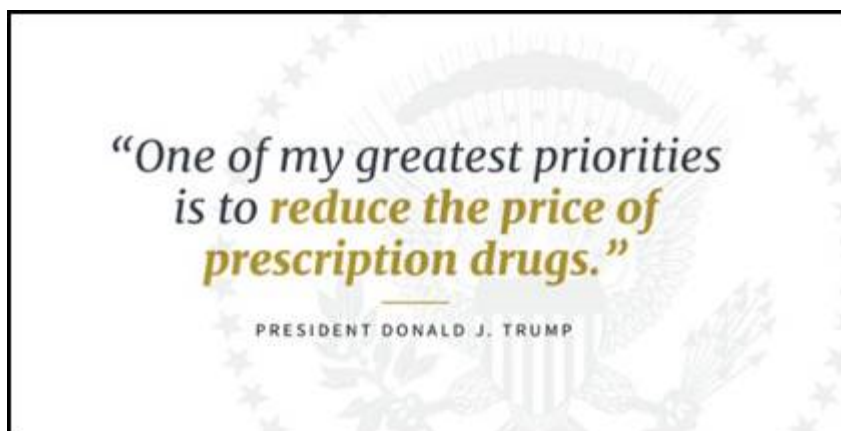


President Trump and the Administration are focused on making sure the U.S. is the best place in the world to conduct business, work, and raise a family. On December 12, President Trump and Ivanka Trump hosted a White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Family Leave. In addition to championing the Administration's 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. You can find a **Fact Sheet** [here](#), a **Recap of the Summit** [here](#), and the **White House Principles for Child Care Reform** [here](#). You can also find a paper from the Council of Economic Advisors on The Role of Affordable Child Care in Promoting Work Outside the Home [here](#).

Addressing the Opioid (and Drug) Epidemic

When President Trump took office, the opioid crisis was devastating communities across America. Nearly 64,000 Americans died from a drug overdose in 2016 alone. On Thursday, January 30, the Administration announced the release of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2018 mortality statistics that showed a 4.1% nationwide decline in drug overdose deaths for the first time in 29 years and a rise in life expectancy for the first time in four years. Read more [here](#). Also see more on the Administration's efforts to ending America's Opioid Crisis [here](#). In October 2019, the 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 announced \$4.5 million in Combating Opioid Overdose through Community-Level Intervention (COOCLI) grants to 14 programs across the country (more [here](#)).

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices



Since President Trump took office, one of the Administration's top priorities has been to reduce the price of prescription drugs. According to the Council of Economic Advisors, prescription drug prices continue to fall and are over 2 percent below their peak. Increased generic drug approvals under this Administration continue driving price reductions. The CEA report can be found [here](#). Other actions taken by the Administration include HHS issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that, if finalized, would allow for the importation of certain prescription drugs from Canada (more [here](#)). The NPRM would allow states and certain other non-federal government entities to submit importation program proposals to the FDA for review and authorization.

Expanding Trade



On Wednesday, January 29, President Trump signed the **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**. The USMCA replaces the outdated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and delivers on the President's promise to deliver fairer and more reciprocal trade for the American people. Read more [here](#). In January, President Trump also secured a historic **Phase One Trade Agreement with China** (more [here](#)). Read State and local elected officials support for the agreement [here](#). Additionally, Japan's Parliament approved the **U.S. – Japan Trade Deal** 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 (more [here](#)).

Rebuilding Our Nation's Military



President Trump [signed](#) the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** that delivers on his pledge to rebuild our military by signing legislation authorizing \$716 billion for our national defense. The legislation also supports our civilian workforce by providing up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave to nearly all Federal employees to help recruit the best and brightest for years to come (more [here](#)).

Advancing Criminal Justice Reform



President Trump 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](#).

Supporting Indian Country



The White House hosted a Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans that honored the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community (more [here](#)). President Trump 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](#)). President Trump [signed](#) legislation supporting tribal sovereignty and native culture (more [here](#)).

Developing Opportunity Zones



Treasury and IRS [issued](#) final regulations implementing the Opportunity Zones tax incentive. SBA 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.

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
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Subject: Statement from the President on Texas v. Azar Ruling

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Attorneys General –

Below, please find a Statement by the President regarding today's decision in *Texas v. Azar*. Also below is a pertinent Fact Sheet on how the President will continue to work to provide Americans with better care at lower cost.

Sincerely,

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Statement by the President

December 18, 2019

Today's decision in Texas v. Azar is a win for all Americans and confirms what I have said all along: that the individual mandate, by far the worst element of Obamacare, is unconstitutional.

This decision will not alter the current healthcare system. My Administration continues to work to provide access to high-quality healthcare at a price you can afford, while strongly protecting those with pre-existing conditions. The radical healthcare changes being proposed by the far left would strip Americans of their current coverage. I will not let this happen. Providing affordable, high-quality healthcare will always be my priority. They are trying to take away your healthcare, and I am trying to give the American people the best healthcare in the world.

President Donald J. Trump Applauds The Circuit Court's Decision and Will Continue Working to Provide Americans With Better Care at Lower Cost

December 18, 2019

We're creating a healthcare system that protects vulnerable patients, makes healthcare more affordable, gives you more choice and control, and delivers the high-quality care Americans deserve. - President Donald J. Trump

A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: The 5th Circuit Court delivered a victory for the American people by ruling against a key part of Obamacare.

- In the case of *Texas v. Azar*, the 5th Circuit ruled that a key part of Obamacare – the individual mandate – is unconstitutional.
- The decision is expected to be litigated over the course of the next year.
- While this is a great victory for the American people, there will be no immediate changes to your healthcare insurance while the case proceeds.
- The decision is a positive step toward moving away from Obamacare, which has failed the American people for too long.
- President Trump is committed to protecting Americans with preexisting conditions and will continue working to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of our healthcare system, as the courts continue to consider this case.

OBAMACARE FAILED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: In addition to its unconstitutionality, Obamacare has failed the American people by increasing costs and reducing choices.

- While the Obama administration and Congressional Democrats promised Obamacare would lower premiums by \$2,500, costs have soared.
- Obamacare has severely limited Americans' ability to choose the best healthcare plan for them.
 - Despite promises from President Obama and Congressional Democrats, millions of Americans lost their coverage and doctors after Obamacare was implemented.
- Obamacare has utterly failed to provide reliable, comprehensive care for all Americans.
 - In 2017, 25.6 million Americans still lacked insurance.
 - In 2018, only 12.5 million people were enrolled in Obamacare-compliant plans, falling far short of CBO's 2013 projection of 27 million.

IMPROVING CARE FOR ALL: The President is working to deliver a healthcare system that protects the vulnerable, provides affordability, ensures choice and control for patients, and delivers high-quality care.

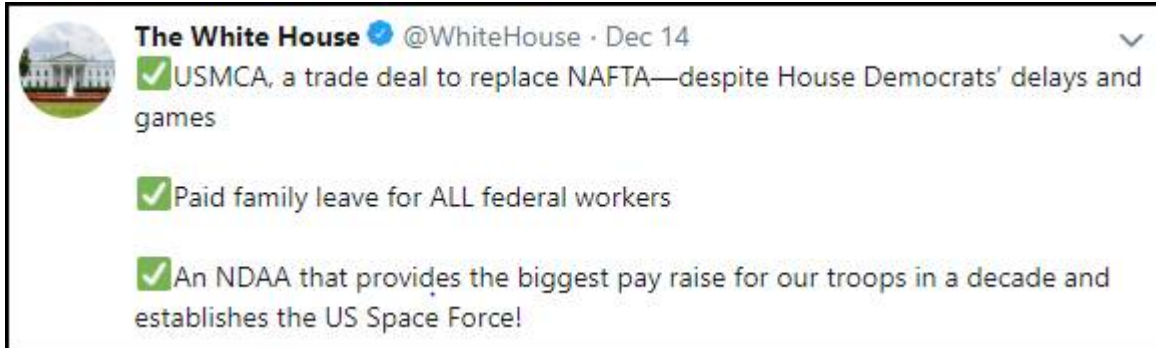
- President Trump is increasing choices for consumers by expanding Association Health Plans, Health Reimbursement Arrangements, and short-term plans.
- President Trump is taking action to increase price transparency, empowering patients to make informed decisions about their healthcare.
- The President's efforts to reduce drug prices have resulted in the largest single-year drop in prescription drug prices in more than half a century.
- President Trump will protect Americans with preexisting conditions.
- The President has taken action to protect and improve Medicare for our seniors.
- President Trump is committed to promoting innovative treatments for American patients.
 - President Trump has taken action to improve kidney health and treatment, increase funding for and expand access to treatment for those struggling with addiction, step up pediatric cancer research, work on eliminating the HIV epidemic, and more.

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From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
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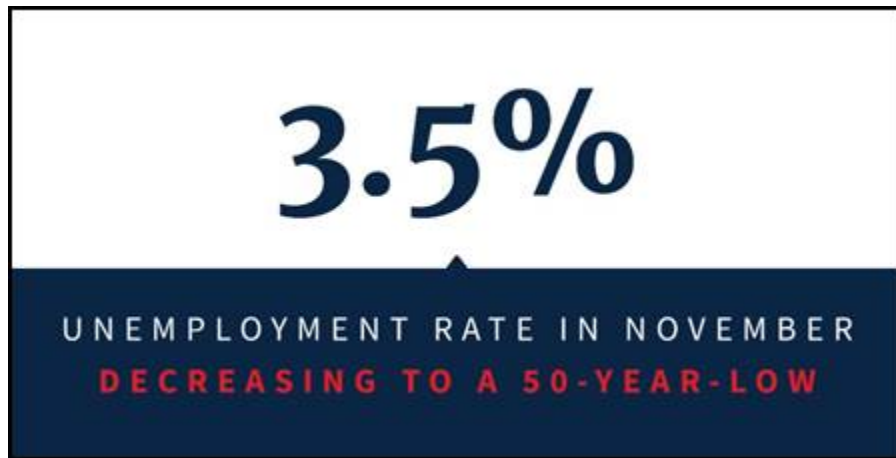
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While the Democrat-controlled Congress remains sidetracked by impeachment, President Donald Trump continues to deliver results for the American people. Last week, President Trump “collected the most agenda wins yet,” according to the [Washington Times](#), 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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What You Need To Know: President Trump Continues to Deliver Results for the American People
December 16, 2019



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 UMSCA](#).



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 Principals 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:

- Attended the 2019 North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) Organization Summit and continued to that NATO member countries are fulfilling their commitment to 2 percent defense spending. More [here](#) (New York Post: [Trump Is Trying to Save NATO by Demanding Members Pay a Fair Share](#)).
- 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](#).
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- 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 Borrissov 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, 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](#).

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Subject: Statement from the President on Texas v. Azar Ruling

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Attorneys General –

Below, please find a Statement by the President regarding today's decision in *Texas v. Azar*. Also below is a pertinent Fact Sheet on how the President will continue to work to provide Americans with better care at lower cost.

Sincerely,

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This decision will not alter the current healthcare system. My Administration continues to work to provide access to high-quality healthcare at a price you can afford, while strongly protecting those with pre-existing conditions. The radical healthcare changes being proposed by the far left would strip Americans of their current coverage. I will not let this happen. Providing affordable, high-quality healthcare will always be my priority. They are trying to take away your healthcare, and I am trying to give the American people the best healthcare in the world.

President Donald J. Trump Applauds The Circuit Court's Decision and Will Continue Working to Provide Americans With Better Care at Lower Cost

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We're creating a healthcare system that protects vulnerable patients, makes healthcare more affordable, gives you more choice and control, and delivers the high-quality care Americans deserve. - President Donald J. Trump

A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: The 5th Circuit Court delivered a victory for the American people by ruling against a key part of Obamacare.

- In the case of *Texas v. Azar*, the 5th Circuit ruled that a key part of Obamacare – the individual mandate – is unconstitutional.
- The decision is expected to be litigated over the course of the next year.
- While this is a great victory for the American people, there will be no immediate changes to your healthcare insurance while the case proceeds.
- The decision is a positive step toward moving away from Obamacare, which has failed the American people for too long.
- President Trump is committed to protecting Americans with preexisting conditions and will continue working to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of our healthcare system, as the courts continue to consider this case.

OBAMACARE FAILED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: In addition to its unconstitutionality, Obamacare has failed the American people by increasing costs and reducing choices.

- While the Obama administration and Congressional Democrats promised Obamacare would lower premiums by \$2,500, costs have soared.
- Obamacare has severely limited Americans' ability to choose the best healthcare plan for them.
 - Despite promises from President Obama and Congressional Democrats, millions of Americans lost their coverage and doctors after Obamacare was implemented.
- Obamacare has utterly failed to provide reliable, comprehensive care for all Americans.
 - In 2017, 25.6 million Americans still lacked insurance.
 - In 2018, only 12.5 million people were enrolled in Obamacare-compliant plans, falling far short of CBO's 2013 projection of 27 million.

IMPROVING CARE FOR ALL: The President is working to deliver a healthcare system that protects the vulnerable, provides affordability, ensures choice and control for patients, and delivers high-quality care.

- President Trump is increasing choices for consumers by expanding Association Health Plans, Health Reimbursement Arrangements, and short-term plans.
- President Trump is taking action to increase price transparency, empowering patients to make informed decisions about their healthcare.
- The President's efforts to reduce drug prices have resulted in the largest single-year drop in prescription drug prices in more than half a century.
- President Trump will protect Americans with preexisting conditions.
- The President has taken action to protect and improve Medicare for our seniors.
- President Trump is committed to promoting innovative treatments for American patients.
 - President Trump has taken action to improve kidney health and treatment, increase funding for and expand access to treatment for those struggling with addiction, step up pediatric cancer research, work on eliminating the HIV epidemic, and more.

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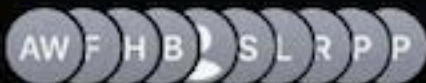
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Fri, Jan 17, 1:27 PM

Alan Wilson

Hello everyone. Just wanted to get y'all a heads up that we're about to circulate a letter to go to the US Senate. This is basically a legal position on the lack of constitutionality of the articles of impeachment and will serve somewhat as an amicus. We are about to circulate a copy of this letter and if you were interested in signing on then let us know by the close of business on Tuesday. It should be coming to your staff shortly. If you have questions feel free to call me. Alan Wilson

Jeff Landry

Thank for your work

Thank you, Alan

Alan Wilson



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Thank you, Alan

Alan Wilson

Sean and several others have been helping out.... it's a first draft

AW

Tim Fox

Good deal Alan. Thank you. I'm interested in signing on.
Tim

TF

Leslie Rutledge

Great. Thanks, Alan!

LR

Curtis Hill

Very Good! Thank you and I look forward to seeing it soon!

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Lynn Fitch

Great! Thank you so much
Alan!

LF

Ken Paxton

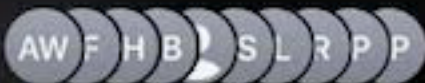
Excellent

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Fri, Jan 17, 4:19 PM

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Thank you Alan

Sat, Jan 18, 9:53 PM

Doug Peterson

Very well done Alan & Sean

Tim Fox

Montana will join the letter Alan. Do we need to advise as such through any other channel? Tim

Alan Wilson

We are going to do an initial tally tomorrow guys ...will let y'all know... thank you!

West Virginia will join. We have some suggested edits as we just did a big impeachment case in our state that the US Sup Ct denied cert on.

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Jason Ravensborg

South Dakota is in- Jason (as Tim said if you need something more official just let me know)

JR

[REDACTED]

Great job, South Carolina!

[REDACTED]

Alaska will join the letter. You can put us in it. Kevin

Great work

Alan Wilson

Thanks guys!!!

Leslie Rutledge

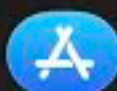
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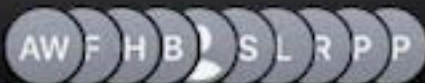
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Sun, Jan 19, 10:52 AM

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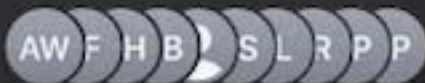
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Dave Yost

Thanks for leading, Alan! Ohio agrees with AZ suggestions and will offer a few additional points this afternoon. Dave

Jeff Landry

I am hoping to visit with AZ to discuss their edits.

Sun, Jan 19, 6:39 PM

Mark Brnovich

I spoke to Jeff. I explained my concerns. My SG sent around our suggestions to your respective SGs or COS last



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Mark Brnovich

I spoke to Jeff. I explained my concerns. My SG sent around our suggestions to your respective SGs or COS last night. I guess we can discuss on tomorrow's call.

MB

Dave Yost



We sent our thoughts as well. I think we can get there

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Jeff Landry

RLDF is setting up one for I believe 2pm eastern

JL

Sun, Jan 19, 8:36 PM

Jason Ravensborg

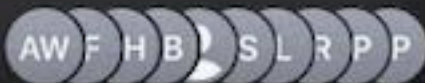
Is there a call?...i see Mark mentioned that..hadn't seen that before...

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Mon, Jan 20, 3:11 PM

Alan Wilson

In case you didn't get Matt Gates number on the call it is [REDACTED]. Text him the email of who you want on the distro list for this letter.

AW

Doug Peterson

Done

DP

Daniel Cameron

Sorry I missed you guys. Just finished up a MLK church service in Louisville. I'll be on the call tomorrow.

DC

Daniel

Wed, Jan 22, 7:27 PM

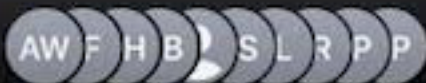
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Thu, Jan 23, 9:48 AM

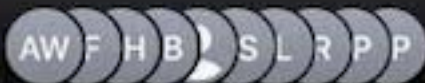
Ken Paxton

Thank you for taking the time



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Ken Paxton

Thank you for taking the time to send that, Patrick. You and I have worked through many issues—sometimes, like brothers, where there was a struggle—but almost always on the same page. Undoubtedly, in this world of politics, frustrations flare and our momentary emotions get the best of us; we have all been there. I hope that you know my desire is always to defend the things that matter to us, despite the politics. I always want to work to accomplish the best for our group, and for you and I hope that you know that. I have a duty to Texas and to Texans, and I also strive to work for the betterment of our RAGA family. Your comments are well received, and I look forward to moving ahead in a spirit of



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KP

Curtis Hill

Thank you gentlemen!
Well said and well done!

CH

Herbert Slatery

What Curtis said.

HS

Jeff Landry



JL

Wayne Stenehjem



WS



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