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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request to the FEC (2020-064)

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RE: Your Freedom of Information Act Request to the FEC (2020-064)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This email responds to the request you filed for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received by the Federal Election Commission's (FEC) FOIA Requester Service Center on May 4, 2020. Your request sought various communications from January 1, 2019 between "Commissioners Hunter, Walther, Weintraub and Petersen; anyone serving as General Counsel; anyone serving as Staff Director; or anyone serving as Chief of Staff to the aforementioned officials," and any of the following:

- Donald J. Trump for President (donaldtrump.com, victory.donaldtrump.com, trump.com, donaldjtrump.com)
- Trump Make America Great Again Committee
- Trump Victory
- America First Action (alapac.org, prochcpas.com, redprintstrategy.com)
- America First Policies (americafirstpolicies.org)
- Republican National Committee (gop.com, rnchq.com)
- Great America Committee (greatamericacommittee.com)
- Great America PAC (GreatAmericaPAC.com)

- Great America Alliance (greatamericaalliance.com)
- 45 Committee (45committee.com)
- Committee to Defend the President (committeetodefendthepresident.com, dan@political.law, decapitolstrategies)
- Brad Parscale
- Parscale Strategies (parscaledigital.com, gilesparscale.com, parscale.com)
- Thomas (Tommy) Hicks
- William Stepien (wstepien@aol.com, wstepien1@aol.com)
- Linda McMahon (wwe.com, wwecorp.com, mcmahonventures.com, mcm06.com)
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- Hope Hicks
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- Kayleigh McEnany
- Ronna McDaniel

We have searched our records and located documents responsive to your request, which we are releasing in part. Attached to this response is a 9-page PDF that contains responsive records. These records include redactions pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects from disclosure information in personnel, medical, and similar files that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

We are therefore granting your request in part.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Christine McClarin, at (202) 694-1485 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You may appeal any adverse FOIA determination. Any such appeal must be filed in writing and should follow the guidelines set forth in 11 C.F.R. § 4.8. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at FOIA@fec.gov, or (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Steve Hajjar
FOIA Requester Service Center

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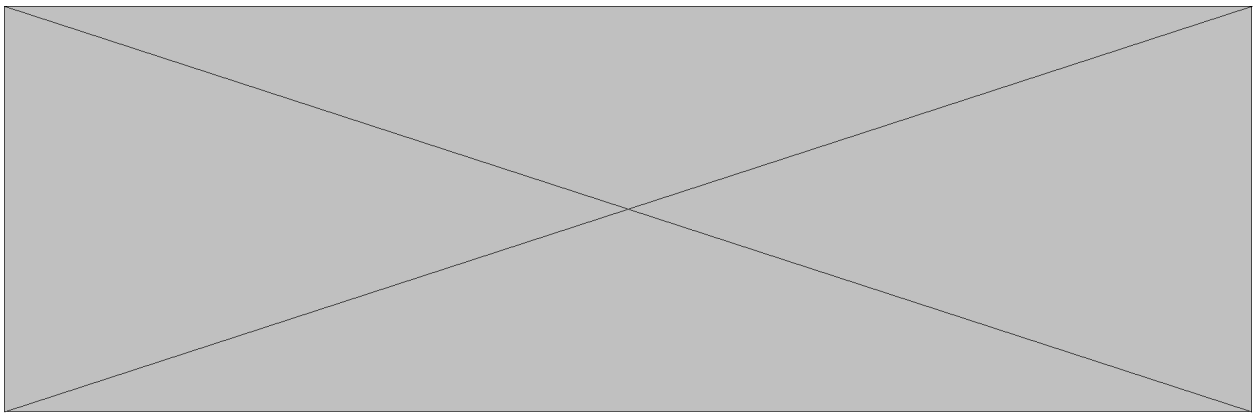
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Subject: Invitation to Feb. 21 Reception at FEC



Chair Ellen L. Weintraub
Welcomes you to celebrate
FEC 2019 (finally!)
Come check out our new digs,
See old friends,
Start a conversation with someone new!

Invitation not exclusive –
Lawyers, Advocates, Journalists, Politicians,
Political nerds of all stripes are welcome!

Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, February 21
3-5 PM

Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street N.E.,
Washington, DC 20002

Please RSVP to rsvp@fec.gov by February 19.

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Join us!

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From:Ellen Weintraub
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Sent:2019-09-11T16:15:03.0000000Z
Subject:Invitation to Symposium on Disinformation

Dear Tinna,

I am writing to personally invite you or your designees to participate in a symposium that I am hosting at the FEC on *Digital Disinformation and the Threat to Democracy: Information Integrity in the 2020 Elections*. PEN America and the Cyber Policy Center's Global Digital Policy Incubator at Stanford University are co-conveners.

The symposium will be held at the FEC's headquarters in Washington, D.C. (1050 First Street, NE) on Tuesday, September 17. We are bringing together leading figures from major tech companies and social media platforms, scholars, researchers, and journalists. We are hoping to have representatives from both the Republican and Democratic party committees.

Disinformation has been used by foreign adversaries seeking to illegally intervene in our elections and often is conveyed in ways that mask its true source. We are aiming for an in-depth and solutions-oriented discussion on fighting the disinformation that risks further corroding our democracy. Confirmed speakers thus far include **Sen. Mark Warner** (D-VA) and **Rep. Stephanie Murphy** (D-FL), who have each advanced proposals addressing deep fakes and enhancing election security, and **former DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff**. Also participating will be Camille Francois of Graphika, Katie Harbath of Facebook, Kevin Kane of Twitter, Ginny Badanes of Microsoft, Nate Miller of Avaaz, Laura Rosenberger of the Alliance for Securing Democracy, and Clement Wolf of Google.

The goal of the symposium is to identify effective policy approaches and practical tools in advance of the 2020 election. There will be a public-facing program from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (agenda below). At the end of the public program, speakers will be invited to continue the discussion over lunch, in hopes that bringing together a high level group of stakeholders in a non-adversarial setting might result in some positive proposals to address this important topic. You would be most welcome to make comments at the public program (need not be lengthy or elaborate), participate in the smaller group discussion, or both!

- AGENDA:**
- 8:00: Doors open
 - 8:30 – 9:00: Coffee & registration
 - 9:00 – 9:15: Introduction: Framing the challenge
 - 9:15 – 9:45: Keynote: Senator Mark Warner of Virginia
 - 9:45 – 11:00: Session 1: Understanding the challenge: How disinformation and new technologies affect the way we think & what we have learned from the international experience
 - 11:00 – 12:45: Session 2: Facing the challenge in the U.S.: Solutions in the fight to save the 2020 elections
 - 12:45 – 1:00: Closing and next steps

I hope that you will be willing to join our discussion on September 17 to inform our deliberations and guide our conclusions. Please feel free to call me with any questions, and do let me know if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Symposium Invitation: Digital Disinformation and the Threat to Democracy

SYMPOSIUM:

***Digital Disinformation and the Threat to Democracy:
Information Integrity in the 2020 Elections***

As the technology for manipulation of information steadily advances, and malicious outsiders and foreign influence operators resort to the dissemination of false and altered content, the threat to our democratic process grows. If we collectively fail to contain this problem in 2020, disclosure will be undermined and public faith in our elections may be difficult to restore.

Please join me for an exciting and very topical symposium, *Digital Disinformation and the Threat to Democracy: Information Integrity in the 2020 Elections*. I'm hosting the event with PEN America and the Global Digital Policy Incubator of Stanford's Cyber Policy Center. The symposium will be held at the FEC's headquarters in Washington, D.C. (1050 First Street, NE) on **Tuesday, September 17, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM**.

This symposium will bring together leading figures from major tech companies and social media platforms, scholars, researchers, journalists, and national political organizations for an in-depth and solutions-oriented discussion on fighting the disinformation that risks further corroding our democracy. Among the speakers will be **Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.)** and **Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.)**, who have each advanced proposals addressing deep fakes and enhancing election security, and **former DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff**. Also participating will be Camille Francois of Graphika, Katie Harbath of Facebook, Kevin Kane of Twitter, Ginny Badanes of Microsoft, Nate Miller of Avaaz, and Laura Rosenberger of the Alliance for Securing Democracy, and Clement Wolf of Google.

Doors open at 8 AM. We encourage you to arrive early to leave time for security procedures. Please RSVP here by Friday, September 13: <https://pen.org/event/digital-disinformation-2020-elections/>

The event will be live-streamed at: <https://www.fec.gov/disinformation>

AGENDA

8:00 Doors open

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee & registration

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction: Framing the challenge

9:15 – 9:45 Keynote: Senator Mark Warner of Virginia

9:45 – 11:00 Session 1: Understanding the challenge: How disinformation and new technologies affect the way we think & what we have learned from the international experience

11:00 – 12:45 Session 2: Facing the challenge in the U.S.: Solutions in the fight to save the 2020 elections

12:45 – 1:00 Closing and next steps

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Thank you!

Regards,

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