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Thanks for reaching out.

The AG filed this friend of the court brief because the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision overstepped its constitutional responsibility, encroached on the authority of the Pennsylvania legislature, and violated the plain language of the Election Clauses. *See* U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 2; *id.* art. II, § 1, cl. 4.

As noted in the brief, Louisiana and the nine other states who filed have at least two compelling interests in the outcome of this case:

First, the States have a strong interest in safeguarding the separation of powers among state actors in the regulation of Presidential elections. The U.S. Constitution's Election Clauses reflect a carefully calibrated balance of power among state actors, and they assign specific functions to the "Legislature thereof" in each State. Our system of federalism relies on separation of powers to preserve liberty at every level of government, and the separation of powers in the Election Clauses is no exception to this principle. The States thus have a strong interest in preserving the proper roles of state legislatures and state courts in the administration of federal elections, and thus safeguarding the individual liberty of their citizens.

Second, States outside Pennsylvania have a strong interest in preventing the effective invalidation of their own voters' choices through illegal voting in Pennsylvania. This Court has long recognized that "in the context of a Presidential election," "the impact of the votes cast in each State is affected by the votes cast for the various candidates in other States." *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 794–95 (1983). "For the President and the Vice President of the United States are the only elected officials who represent all the voters in the Nation."

You may get direct quotes from the AG by watching a press conference he participated in yesterday: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIEbxZdLw5Q&feature=emb_title

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Respondents.

JOSEPH B. SCARNATI, III, ET AL.
Petitioners,

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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST OF *AMICI*
CURIAE AND SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT**

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision overstepped its constitutional responsibility, encroached on the authority of the Pennsylvania legislature, and violated the plain language of the Election Clauses. *See* U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 2; *id.* art. II, § 1, cl. 4. Worse still, the decision exacerbated the risk of mail-in ballot fraud by permitting mail-in ballots that are not postmarked or have no legible postmark to be received and counted several days after the election. The decision provided a window of time after Election Day, when the preliminary results were announced, in which unscrupulous actors could attempt to influence a close Presidential election in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. And it enhanced the opportunities for fraud by requiring boards of elections to count late-received ballots even if there is no evidence that those ballots were cast before Election Day, because they have no legible postmark.

Amici are the States of Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Texas. *Amici* have at least two compelling interests in the outcome of this case. *First*, the States have a strong interest in safeguarding the separation of powers among state actors in the regulation of Presidential elections. The U.S. Constitution's Election Clauses reflect a carefully calibrated balance of power among state actors, and they assign specific functions to the "Legislature thereof" in each State. *Id.* Our system of federalism relies on separation of powers to preserve liberty at every level of government, and the separation of powers in the Election Clauses is no exception to this principle. The States thus have a strong interest in

preserving the proper roles of state legislatures and state courts in the administration of federal elections, and thus safeguarding the individual liberty of their citizens.

Second, States outside Pennsylvania have a strong interest in preventing the effective invalidation of their own voters' choices through illegal voting in Pennsylvania. This Court has long recognized that "in the context of a Presidential election," "the impact of the votes cast in each State is affected by the votes cast for the various candidates in other States." *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 794–95 (1983). "For the President and the Vice President of the United States are the only elected officials who represent all the voters in the Nation." *Id.*

The decision below raises two concerns about illegal voting. First, ballots cast outside the clear and unambiguous rules established by the Pennsylvania legislature are illegal. Second, by exacerbating the risks of fraud, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision raises the specter of late voting that is not just illegal, but outright fraudulent. As this Court has stated: "Every voter" in a federal election, "whether he votes for a candidate with little chance of winning or for one with little chance of losing, has a right under the Constitution to have his vote fairly counted, without its being distorted by fraudulently cast votes." *Anderson v. United States*, 417 U.S. 211, 227 (1974). Regardless of the election's outcome, only *legal* ballots should be counted.

As with other separation-of-powers provisions in the Constitution, the Election Clauses' explicit allocation of authority to state legislatures to regulate federal elections is a structural check on governmental power that preserves liberty.

Encroachment on this authority by another state actor undermines the specific design for separation of powers in the Constitution. The violation of separation of powers in this case threatens the liberty of all Americans, not just Pennsylvanians. And it diminishes one of their most precious liberties—the right to vote for President of the United States.¹

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITIONS

“Our constitutional system of representative government only works when the worth of honest ballots is not diluted by invalid ballots procured by corruption.” U.S. Dep’t of Justice, *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses* (8th ed. Dec. 2017), at 1. “When the election process is corrupted, democracy is jeopardized.” *Id.* “Every voter” in a federal election, “whether he votes for a candidate with little chance of winning or for one with little chance of losing, has a right under the Constitution to have his vote fairly counted, without its being distorted by fraudulently cast votes.” *Anderson*, 417 U.S. at 227.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision overstepped its constitutional authority and encroached on the authority granted to the Pennsylvania legislature by the plain text of the U.S. Constitution’s Election Clauses. *See* U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 2; *id.* art. II, § 1, cl. 4. It thus undermined Americans’ liberty by violating the separation of powers set forth in the Election Clauses.

The decision also aggravated the risks of fraud, abuse, and the appearance of fraud and abuse in

¹ This brief is filed under Supreme Court Rule 37.4, and all counsel of record received timely notice of the intent to file this amicus brief under Rule 37.2.

voting by mail in Pennsylvania. It permitted unscrupulous actors to know results reported on Election Day before deciding to pursue fraudulent activities. It enhanced opportunities for such illicit acts by ordering boards of elections to count mail-in ballots even if they have no postmark or no legible postmark, and thus no indication that they were sent on or before Election Day.

These choices undermined public confidence in the Presidential election in Pennsylvania and created unwarranted opportunities for fraud. This Court should grant expedited review and reverse the decision below.

I. The Election Clauses’ Separation-of-Powers Provisions Safeguard Liberty.

Article II requires that each State “shall appoint” its Presidential electors “in such Manner as the *Legislature thereof* may direct.” U.S. CONST. art. II, § 1, cl. 4 (emphasis added); *see also id.* art. I, § 4, cl. 2 (providing that, in each State, the “Legislature thereof” shall establish “[t]he Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives”).

Thus, “in the case of a law enacted by a state legislature applicable not only to elections to state offices, but also to the selection of Presidential electors, the legislature is not acting solely under the authority given it by the people of the State, but by virtue of a direct grant of authority made under Art. II, § 1, cl. 2, of the United States Constitution.” *Bush v. Palm Beach Cty. Canvassing Bd.*, 531 U.S. 70, 76 (2000). “[T]he state legislature’s power to select the manner for appointing electors is plenary.” *Bush v. Gore*, 531 U.S. 98, 104 (2000). And a state supreme

court cannot invoke a state constitution to circumscribe that legislative power. *Palm Beach Cty. Canvassing Bd.*, 531 U.S. at 77.

Here, “[t]he Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has issued a decree that squarely alters an important statutory provision enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature pursuant to its authority under the Constitution of the United States to make rules governing the conduct of elections for federal office.” *Republican Party of Pennsylvania v. Boockvar*, No. 20-542, 2020 WL 6304626, at *1 (U.S. Oct. 28, 2020) (Statement of Alito, J.). In doing so, the Court (1) admitted that the Legislature’s Election Day deadline was unambiguous, (2) conceded that the Election Day deadline was constitutional on its face, (3) relied on the slimmest of evidentiary rationales for its decision, (4) departed its own prior holding on the exact same question just a few months earlier, and (5) disregarded an admirably clear severability clause that was enacted by the Pennsylvania legislature for the very purpose of *preventing* Pennsylvania courts from making such post-hoc changes to Pennsylvania’s mail-in voting system. *See id.* at *1–2; *see also* App. 43a, 44a, 45a–47a, 48a & n.26. The decision also contradicted the overwhelming weight of authority from other courts, including this Court, that have addressed the same question during this election cycle. *See infra* Part III.

In the course of this jurisprudential misadventure, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court encroached upon the “plenary” authority of the Pennsylvania legislature over the conduct of the Presidential election in that State. *Bush*, 531 U.S. at 104. This encroachment on the authority explicitly granted to another state actor in the regulation of

Presidential elections constitutes a clear violation of the separation of powers. “[I]n the context of a Presidential election, state-imposed restrictions implicate a uniquely important national interest. For the President and the Vice President of the United States are the only elected officials who represent all the voters in the Nation.” *Anderson*, 460 U.S. at 794–795.

In every other context, this Court has recognized that the separation-of-powers provisions in the Constitution, which allocate authority to specific governmental actors to the exclusion of others, are designed to preserve liberty. “It is the proud boast of our democracy that we have ‘a government of laws, and not of men.’” *Morrison v. Olson*, 487 U.S. 654, 697 (1988) (Scalia, J., dissenting). “The Framers of the Federal Constitution . . . viewed the principle of separation of powers as the absolutely central guarantee of a just Government.” *Id.* “Without a secure structure of separated powers, our Bill of Rights would be worthless, as are the bills of rights of many nations of the world that have adopted, or even improved upon, the mere words of ours.” *Id.* “The purpose of the separation and equilibration of powers in general . . . was not merely to assure effective government but to preserve individual freedom.” *Id.* at 727.

This principle of preserving liberty applies both to the horizontal separation of powers among the branches of government, and the vertical separation of powers between the federal government and the States. “The federal system rests on what might at first seem a counterintuitive insight, that ‘freedom is enhanced by the creation of two governments, not one.’” *Bond v. United States*, 564 U.S. 211, 220–21

(2011) (quoting *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706, 758 (1999)). “[F]ederalism secures to citizens the liberties that derive from the diffusion of sovereign power.” *Bond*, 564 U.S. at 221 (2011) (quoting *New York v. United States*, 505 U.S. 144, 181 (1992)). “Federalism also protects the liberty of all persons within a State by ensuring that laws enacted in excess of delegated governmental power cannot direct or control their actions.” *Id.* Moreover, “federalism enhances the opportunity of all citizens to participate in representative government.” *FERC v. Mississippi*, 456 U.S. 742, 789 (1982) (O’Connor, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part). “Just as the separation and independence of the coordinate branches of the Federal Government serve to prevent the accumulation of excessive power in any one branch, a healthy balance of power between the States and the Federal Government will reduce the risk of tyranny and abuse from either front.” *Gregory v. Ashcroft*, 501 U.S. 452, 458 (1991).

The Election Clauses’ grant of authority to state *Legislatures* implements both horizontal and vertical separation of powers. The Clauses allocate to each State—not to federal actors—the authority to dictate the manner of selecting Presidential electors. And within each State, they explicitly allocate that authority to a single branch of state government: to the “Legislature thereof.”

It is no accident that the Constitution allocates such authority to state Legislatures, rather than executive officers such as Governors, or judicial officers such as state Supreme Courts. The Constitutional Convention’s delegates frequently recognized that the Legislature is the branch most responsive to the People and most democratically

accountable. *See, e.g.,* Robert G. Natelson, *The Original Scope of the Congressional Power to Regulate Elections*, 13 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 1, 31 (2010) (collecting ratification documents expressing that state legislatures were most likely to be in sympathy with the interests of the people); Federal Farmer, No. 12 (1788), *reprinted in* 2 THE FOUNDERS' CONSTITUTION (Philip B. Kurland & Ralph Lerner eds., 1987) (arguing that electoral regulations “ought to be left to the state legislatures, they coming far nearest to the people themselves”); THE FEDERALIST NO. 57, at 350 (C. Rossiter, ed. 2003) (Madison, J.) (stating that the “House of Representatives is so constituted as to support in its members an habitual recollection of their dependence on the people”); *id.* (stating that the “vigilant and manly spirit that actuates the people of America” is greatest restraint on the House of Representatives).

Democratic accountability in the method of selecting the President of the United States is a powerful bulwark safeguarding individual liberty. By identifying the “Legislature thereof” in each State as the regulator of elections for federal officers, the Election Clauses prohibit the very arrogation of power over Presidential elections by non-legislative officials that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court perpetrated in this case. By violating the Constitution’s separation of powers, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court undermined the liberty of all Pennsylvanians, and, in this Presidential election, the liberty of all Americans.

II. Voting by Mail Creates Unique Risks of Fraud, Including in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision suffers from another critical defect: it enhanced the

risks of fraudulent voting by mail. Overwhelming public evidence demonstrates that voting by mail presents unique opportunities for fraud and abuse, opportunities which unscrupulous actors have often exploited. The decision below exacerbated these risks.

For decades, responsible observers have cautioned about the grave risks of fraud in voting by mail. In *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, this Court held that fraudulent voting “perpetrated using absentee ballots” demonstrates “that not only is the risk of voter fraud real but that *it could affect the outcome of a close election.*” *Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd.*, 553 U.S. 181, 195-96 (2008) (opinion of Stevens, J.) (emphasis added).

The Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform emphasized the same concern. The bipartisan Commission—co-chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James A. Baker—determined that “[a]bsentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.” BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN U.S. ELECTIONS: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON FEDERAL ELECTION REFORM, at 46 (Sept. 2005).² According to the Carter-Baker Commission, “[a]bsentee balloting is vulnerable to abuse in several ways.” *Id.* These abuses include interception of blank ballots, “pressure” and “intimidation” of elderly and vulnerable voters, “vote buying schemes” that are “far more difficult to detect when citizens vote by mail,” and ballot tampering by third-party operatives after a ballot is marked. *Id.* The Commission noted that “absentee balloting in other states has been a major source of fraud.” *Id.* at

² Available at <https://www.legislationline.org/download/id/1472/file/-3b50795b2d0374cbef5c29766256.pdf>.

35. And the Commission recommended that “States ... need to do more to prevent ... absentee ballot fraud.” *Id.* at v.

The most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Manual on *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses*, published by its Public Integrity Section, highlights the very same concerns. See U.S. Dep’t of Justice, *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses* (8th ed. Dec. 2017), at 28-29 (“DOJ Manual”).³ The Manual states: “Absentee ballots are particularly susceptible to fraudulent abuse because, by definition, they are marked and cast outside the presence of election officials and the structured environment of a polling place.” *Id.* The Manual reports that “the more common ways” that election-fraud “crimes are committed include ... [o]btaining and marking absentee ballots without the active input of the voters involved.” *Id.* at 28. And the Manual notes that “[a]bsentee ballot frauds” committed both with and without the voter’s participation are “common.” *Id.* at 29.

Similarly, the U.S. Government Accountability Office concluded that many crimes of election fraud likely go undetected. In 2014, discussing election fraud, the GAO reported that “crimes of fraud, in particular, are difficult to detect, as those involved are engaged in intentional deception.” GAO-14-634, *Elections: Issues Related to State Voter Identification Laws* 62-63 (U.S. Gov’t Accountability Office Sept. 2014).⁴

³ Available at <https://www.justice.gov/criminal/file/1029066/download>.

⁴ Available at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/670/665966.pdf>.

Despite the difficulties of detecting fraud schemes, recent experience contains many well-documented examples of absentee ballot fraud. For example, the News21 database, which was compiled to *refute* arguments that voter fraud is prevalent, found 491 known and reported cases of absentee ballot fraud over the 12-year period from 2000 to 2012—approximately 41 cases per year. See News21, *Election Fraud in America* (visited Nov. 6, 2020).⁵ This database reports that “Absentee Ballot Fraud” was “[t]he most prevalent fraud” in America, comprising “24 percent (491 cases)” of all cases reported in the public records surveyed. *Id.* Moreover, the database indicates that this number undercounts the total incidence of reported cases of absentee ballot fraud, because it was based on public-record requests to state and local government entities, many of which did not respond. *Id.*

Likewise, the Heritage Foundation’s online database of election-fraud cases—which includes only a “sampling” of cases that resulted in an *adjudication* of fraud, such as a criminal conviction or civil penalty—identified 207 cases of proven “fraudulent use of absentee ballots” in the United States. The Heritage Foundation, *Election Fraud Cases* (visited Nov. 6, 2020).⁶ This database identifies 24 cases of proven election fraud in Pennsylvania, including four cases of criminal convictions for fraudulent use of

⁵ Available at <https://votingrights.news21.com/interactive/election-fraud-data-base/&xid=17259,15700023,15700124,15700149,15700186,1570191,15700201,15700237,15700242>

⁶ Available at https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud/search?combine=&state=All&year=&case_type=All&fraud_type=24489&page=12.

absentee ballots in Pennsylvania since 2010. *See id.* Again, this database undercounts the incidence of cases of election fraud: “The Heritage Foundation’s Election Fraud Database presents a sampling of recent proven instances of election fraud from across the country. This database is not an exhaustive or comprehensive list.” *Id.*

The public record abounds with recent examples of such fraudulent absentee-ballot schemes, including many examples in *amici* States, and many examples in Pennsylvania. For example, in November 2019, the mayor of Berkeley, Missouri was indicted on five felony counts of absentee ballot fraud for changing votes on absentee ballots to help him and his political allies to get elected. Brian Heffernan, *Berkeley Mayor Hoskins Charged with 5 Felony Counts of Election Fraud*, ST. LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO (Nov. 21, 2019).⁷ Mayor Hoskins’ scheme included “going to the home of elderly ... residents” to harvest absentee ballots, “filling out absentee ballot applications for voters and having his campaign workers do the same,” and “altering absentee ballots” after he had procured them from voters. *Id.* Again, in 2016, a State House race in Missouri was overturned amid allegations of widespread absentee-ballot fraud that had occurred across multiple election cycles in the same community. Sarah Fenske, *FBI, Secretary of State Asking Questions About St. Louis Statehouse Race*, RIVERFRONT TIMES (Aug. 16, 2016).⁸ One candidate stated that it was widely known in the community

⁷ Available at <https://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/berkeley-mayor-hoskins-charged-5-felony-counts-election-fraud#stream/0>

⁸ Available at <https://www.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2016/08/16/fbi-secretary-of-state-asking-questions-about-st-louis-statehouse-race>.

that the incumbent ran an “absentee game” that resulted in the mail-in vote tipping the outcome in her favor in multiple close elections. *Id.*

Other States have similar experiences. In 2018, a federal Congressional race was overturned in North Carolina, and eight political operatives were indicted for fraud, in an absentee-ballot fraud scheme that sufficed to change the outcome of the election. Richard Gonzales, *North Carolina GOP Operative Faces New Felony Charges That Allege Ballot Fraud*, NPR.ORG, (July 30, 2019).⁹ The indicted operatives “had improperly collected and possibly tampered with ballots,” and were charged with “improperly mailing in absentee ballots for someone who had not mailed it themselves.” *Id.*

In the North Carolina case, the lead investigator testified that the investigation was “a continuous case” over two election cycles, and that the scheme involved collecting absentee ballots from voters, altering the absentee ballots, and forging witness signatures on the ballots. *See In re: Investigation of Irregularities Affecting Counties Within the 9th Congressional District*, North Carolina Board of Elections, Evidentiary Hearing, at 2-3.¹⁰ The investigators described it as a “coordinated, unlawful, and substantially resourced absentee ballots scheme.” *Id.* at 2. According to the investigators’ trial presentation, the investigation involved 142 voter interviews, 30 subject and witness interviews, and subpoenas of documents, financial records, and phone

⁹ Available at <https://www.npr.org/2019/07/30/746800630/north-carolina-gop-operative-faces-new-felony-charges-that-allege-ballot-fraud>.

¹⁰ Available at https://images.radio.com/wbt/Voter%20ID_%20Website.pdf.

records. *Id.* at 3. The perpetrators collected absentee ballots and falsified ballot witness certifications outside the presence of the voters. *Id.* at 10, 13. The congressional election at issue was decided by margin of less than 1,000 votes. *Id.* at 4. The scheme involved the submission of well over 1,000 fraudulent absentee ballots and request forms. *Id.* at 11. The perpetrators took extensive steps to conceal the fraudulent scheme, which lasted over multiple election cycles before it was detected. *Id.* at 14.

Similarly, in 2016, a politician in the Bronx was indicted and pled guilty to 242 counts of election fraud based on an absentee ballot fraud scheme. Ben Kochman, *Bronx politician pleads guilty in absentee ballot scheme for Assembly election*, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (Nov. 22, 2016).¹¹ Despite pleading guilty to 242 felonies involving absentee ballot fraud in an election that was decided by two votes, the defendant received no jail time and vowed to run for office again after a short disqualification period. *Id.*

The increases in mail-in voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic increased such opportunities for fraud. For instance, in May 2020, the leader of the New Jersey NAACP called for an election in Paterson, New Jersey to be overturned due to widespread mail-in ballot fraud. See Jonathan Dienst et al., *NJ NAACP Leader Calls for Paterson Mail-In Vote to Be Canceled Amid Corruption Claims*, NBC NEW YORK (May 27, 2020).¹² “Invalidate the election. Let’s do it again,”

¹¹ Available at <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/bronx-pol-pleads-guilty-absentee-ballot-scheme-article-1.2884009>.

¹² Available at <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/politics/nj-naACP-leader-calls-for-paterson-mail-in-vote-to-be-canceled-amid-fraud-claims/2435162/>.

[the NAACP leader] said amid reports more than 20 percent of all ballots were disqualified, some in connection with voter fraud allegations.” *Id.*

Hundreds of other reported cases highlight the same concerns about the vulnerability of voting by mail to fraud and abuse. Most notable here, the public reports indicate recurring issues of absentee-ballot fraud in Pennsylvania in particular. *See, e.g.,* Alex Rose, *Collingsdale man charged with voter fraud*, DELAWARE COUNTY TIMES (Nov. 21, 2018) (*available at* <https://bit.ly/356c5wd>) (perpetrator confessed to having third parties sign absentee ballots of deceased voters); Joseph Kohut, *Gallagher resigns from Taylor council pleads guilty to three charges*, THE TIMES-TRIBUNE (Apr. 3, 2015) (*available at* <https://bit.ly/36i3HcJ>); T. Ove, *Ex-Harmer police chief pleads guilty to ballot tampering*, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (Sept. 26, 2014) (*available at* <https://bit.ly/32j4HMk>) (defendant “admitted that he violated election laws by soliciting absentee ballots for his wife and a running mate in the 2009 Democratic primary for township supervisor”); *Com. v. Bailey*, 775 A.2d 881, 883 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2001) (candidate convicted of absentee ballot fraud); Bill Heitzel, *Six of seven charges against Austin Murphy dismissed*, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (June 22, 1999) (*available at* <https://bit.ly/2I9KlxU>) (grand jury found that three individuals “forged absentee ballots for nursing home residents,” amid allegations that “fraudulent voting has been practiced for decades, is widespread and benefits several entrenched elected officials” in the county); *Marks v. Stinson*, No. CIV. A. 93-6157, 1994 WL 146113, at *7–22 (E.D. Pa. Apr. 26, 1994) (documenting a coordinated and extensive campaign of absentee ballot fraud).

Just a few weeks ago, a Missouri court considered extensive expert testimony reviewing absentee-ballot fraud cases like these, and it aptly summarized their common features. *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Judgment in Mo. State Conference of the NAACP v. State*, No. 20AC-CC00169-01 (Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri Sept. 24, 2020), *aff'd*, 607 S.W.3d 728 (Mo. banc Oct. 9, 2020). The court held that cases of absentee-ballot fraud “have several common features that persist across multiple recent cases: (1) close elections; (2) perpetrators who are candidates, campaign workers, or political consultants, not ordinary voters; (3) common techniques of ballot harvesting, (4) common techniques of signature forging, (5) fraud that persisted across multiple elections before it was detected, (6) massive resources required to investigate and prosecute the fraud, and (7) lenient criminal penalties.” *Id.* at 17. The court concluded that “fraud in voting by mail is a recurrent problem, that it is hard to detect and prosecute, that there are strong incentives and weak penalties for doing so, and that it has the capacity to affect the outcome of close elections.” *Id.* For the same reasons, this Court should also recognize that “the threat of mail-in ballot fraud is real.” *Id.* at 2.

III. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Decision Exacerbated the Risks of Ballot Fraud.

In addition to violating the Election Clauses, the decision below exacerbated the risks fraud and abuse in mail-in voting in Pennsylvania. First, it created a post-election window of time during which nefarious actors could wait and see whether the Presidential election would be close, and whether perpetrating

fraud in Pennsylvania would be worthwhile. Second, it enhanced the opportunities for fraud by mandating, in a cursory footnote, that late ballots must be counted even when they are not postmarked or have no legible postmark, and thus there is no evidence they were mailed by Election Day. This decision created needless vulnerability to actual fraud and undermined public confidence in a Presidential election.

First, the U.S. Department of Justice's Manual on *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses* emphasizes that election fraud typically occurs when the parties anticipate a close election, creating a strong motive to try to flip the outcome of the election through fraudulent activity. DOJ Manual, at 2-3, 27. As the Manual states, "the conditions most conducive to election fraud are close factional competition within an electoral jurisdiction for an elected position that matters." *Id.* at 2-3. "Election fraud does not normally occur in jurisdictions where one political faction enjoys widespread support among the electorate, because in such a situation it is usually unnecessary or impractical to resort to election fraud in order to control local public offices." *Id.* at 27. "Instead, election fraud occurs most frequently when there are fairly equal political factions, and when the stakes involved in who controls public offices are weighty." *Id.* "In sum, election fraud is most likely to occur in electoral jurisdictions where there is close factional competition for an elected position that matters." *Id.*

The cases of absentee-ballot fraud discussed above confirm the DOJ's insight. They repeatedly show that the motive for absentee-ballot fraud is strongest, and fraud is most likely to occur, when the expected outcome of the decision is close. For example, the

notorious absentee-ballot fraud in the 2018 North Carolina congressional race occurred in an election that was decided by less than 1,000 votes of over 280,000 cast. The Hoskins indictment in St. Louis, Missouri occurred after a series of elections that were decided by tiny margins of less than 100 votes. The indictment of Bronx assemblyman Hector Ramirez occurred after an election that was decided by two votes. The public record contains many other similar examples of absentee ballot fraud in close elections.

In a typical Presidential election, it is often hard to predict in advance whether the outcome will be close in any particular State, and whether that State's decision will affect the outcome of the election. But the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in this case created a window of time for unscrupulous actors to wait and see until after Election Day whether the outcome would be close enough—both in Pennsylvania, and in the nation as a whole—to make attempting fraud worthwhile.

To be sure, certain designated categories of ballots, such as military and overseas ballots, may be received after Election Day in any election, and for good reasons. But the Pennsylvania decision here extended that post-Election Day deadline to many more voters in Pennsylvania. And, in the process, it stripped away critical safeguards against fraud, as discussed below. Combined, these factors created an unnecessary risk of fraud in voting by mail.

Second, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision enhanced the opportunities to commit such fraud. Footnote 26 of the Supreme Court's decision states as follows:

We likewise incorporate the Secretary's recommendation addressing ballots received

within this period that *lack a postmark or other proof of mailing*, or for which *the postmark or other proof of mailing is illegible*. Accordingly, in such cases, we conclude that a ballot received on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2020, will be *presumed to have been mailed by Election Day* unless a preponderance of the evidence demonstrates that it was mailed after Election Day.

App. 48a, n.26 (emphases added). In other words, the court ordered that any ballot received within three days after Election Day would be deemed timely cast even if there was no evidence that it was submitted before Election Day. *Id.*

As the numerous cases discussed above show, *see supra* Part II, fraud in voting by mail frequently involves the interception, alteration, and fraudulent submission of absentee or mail-in ballots. This was true in the North Carolina absentee-ballot fraud scheme in 2018, in both Missouri examples discussed above, in the Bronx assemblyman scheme, and in some of the Pennsylvania examples cited above, among many others. *See supra* Part II. Many such schemes have occurred in recent years, and that they have evaded detection over multiple election cycles. It is unknown how many such schemes may simply go undetected permanently. The Pennsylvania court's decision, therefore, needlessly exacerbated the risk of fraudulent voting.

Finally, there was no strong reason to create these risks of fraud. The Pennsylvania decision in this case is an outlier that rests on a feeble justification of putative mailing delays, unsupported by hard evidence. Many similar cases in States across the country sought to extend Election-Day receipt

deadlines, and the vast majority of them were rejected. *See, e.g., Dem. Nat’l Comm. v. Wisc. State Leg.*, No. 20A66 (U.S. Oct. 26, 2020) (affirming the Court of Appeals’ stay of a six-day extension to receive ballots after Election Day). As the Seventh Circuit stated, “laws setting an Election-Day deadline for receipt of all ballots are valid during a pandemic, as they are valid without one.” *Common Cause Indiana v. Lawson*, 977 F.3d 663 (7th Cir. 2020); *see also Org. for Black Struggle v. Ashcroft*, No. 20-3121, 2020 WL 6257167, at *3 (8th Cir. Oct. 23, 2020); *New Georgia Project v. Raffensperger*, 976 F.3d 1278, 2020 WL 5877588 (11th Cir. 2020); *Arizona Democratic Party v. Hobbs*, 976 F.3d 1081, 2020 WL 5903488 (9th Cir. 2020); *Dem. Nat’l Comm. v. Wisc. State Leg.*, No. 20A66 (U.S. Oct. 26, 2020); *League of Women Voters of Delaware, Inc. v. Dep’t of Elections*, No. CV 2020-0761-SG, 2020 WL 5998161, at *4 (Del. Ch. Oct. 9, 2020); *All. for Retired Americans v. Sec’y of State*, 2020 WL 625526, *7 (Me. Oct. 23, 2020); *League of Women Voters of Michigan v. Sec’y of State*, No. 353654, 2020 WL 3980216, at *12 (Mich. Ct. App. July 14, 2020), *appeal denied*, 946 N.W.2d 307 (Mich. 2020); *DCCC v. Ziriox*, No. 20-CV-211-JED-JFJ, 2020 WL 5569576, at *20 (N.D. Okla. Sept. 17, 2020).

CONCLUSION

This Court should grant the petitions, grant expedited review, and reverse the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s judgment.

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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | October 30, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), please find the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update; Bi-Weekly Call Readout
- Highest GDP Economic Growth on Record
- Resource Guide: Promoting Rural Prosperity in America
- White House Delegation Meetings with Tribal Governments in Arizona and New Mexico
- Interior Department's \$336 Billion Economic Impact and 1.9 Million Jobs + Other Updates
- Standards for Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies
- Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Safe School Re-openings

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#).

✘ **William Crozer (Deputy Director, WH IGA):** [Since 2017, President @realDonaldTrump and the entire Administration have forged unprecedented partnerships with State, Local, and Tribal Officials from across the country to better address shared challenges and build upon shared opportunities. Just a few examples...](#)

As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Seema Verma, *Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Dr. Nancy Messonnier, *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC*
- Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, *Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA*

Ambassador Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force

Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
- ☐ **North Dakota Health:** [Burgum Welcomes Dr. Deborah Birx Back to North Dakota to Discuss Coronavirus Challenges, Response](#)

On testing, Dr. Birx noted that nursing homes staff and residents are receiving routine testing. For universities and colleges, Dr. Birx has seen campuses applying one of two approaches - conduct primary testing and contact tracing to identify asymptomatic students or random testing. Dr. Birx said both are adequate responses, but it is important to note the

call to action of working together to stop the spread, particularly among asymptomatic individuals.

Seema Verma (Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services): Administrator Verma provided an update on Medicare Open Enrollment where consumers can now preview 2021 healthcare plans and prices on [HealthCare.gov](#) before open enrollment begins on November 1. Last week, CMS [released a report](#) showing the third consecutive year of improving market conditions under the Trump Administration's new policies. Three years of declining average second lowest cost silver plan (benchmark plan) premiums have combined to deliver an 8% premium reduction across HealthCare.gov since the 2018 coverage year. Many consumers coming to HealthCare.gov will also find they have more options given that issuer participation has also increased for the third year in a row. The percentage of HealthCare.gov enrollees with access to only one issuer is decreasing from 29% in 2018 to 4% in 2021 and more than three quarters of HealthCare.gov enrollees will have access to at least three issuers in 2021. Find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Administrator Verma also highlighted the Trump Administration's ongoing efforts around healthcare price transparency. On October 29, CMS, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury issued a historic final rule on price transparency, helping to ensure every American knows how much their healthcare will cost in advance and allowing them to make fully informed and value-conscious decisions. The rule requires most private health plans, including group health plans and individual health insurance market plans to disclose pricing and cost-sharing information and fulfills a key element of President Trump's [Executive Order](#) on price and quality transparency. Read more [here](#) and find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
- [Premiums for healthcare.gov Plans Are Lower for Third Consecutive Year](#)

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

✖ **Secretary Alex Azar (HHS):** [Today \[October 28\] we announced \\$333 million in first round performance payments to over 10,000 nursing homes. These nursing homes are being recognized for demonstrating significant reductions in COVID-19 related infections and deaths between August and September.](#)

✖ **ADM Brett Giroir (HHS):** [Great news: of 14,677 skilled nursing facilities, 99.3% facilities report the ability to test ALL STAFF for #COVID19 this week. We will continue to partner with @CMSGov @SeemaCMS to do everything possible to protect our seniors!](#)

Dr. Nancy Messonnier (Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC): Dr. Messonnier provided an update on [Operation Warp Speed](#) and the vaccine distribution process. She emphasized that all 64 jurisdictions have submitted their vaccine distribution plans, and the CDC has provided appropriate feedback. Dr. Messonnier highlighted that the Federal government is working in close coordination with local health departments to determine the number of doses allotted to jurisdictions for when the vaccine becomes available. There will also be on site vaccine services in rural parts of the country. Finally, Dr. Messonnier reinforced the importance of receiving a flu vaccine this year and provided an update on seasonal influenza vaccine supply & distribution (more resources [here](#)).

✖ **Stephen Hahn (Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration):** [FDA is working hard to facilitate the development and availability of safe and effective vaccines for #COVID19. Here's a quick primer on the vaccine development process.](#)

□ **Watch:** [PSA from FDA Commissioner Hahn on vaccine development](#)

Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA: Administrator Freeman-Adcock discussed the Administration's significant investment in rural communities and announced the roll out of the White House [rural prosperity guide](#) to support rural America (*more below*). She discussed various USDA programs supporting rural prosperity many of which can be found [here](#).

Additional Updates

Operation Warp Speed Spurring Job Growth in American Communities: At the start of the pandemic, Maine quickly became the world leader in producing essential COVID-19 testing and creating good paying jobs. For example, since April, the communities of Scarborough and Westbrook were awarded a \$760 million contract with Abbott Laboratories growing from 325 to 2,000 employees and today, producing 50 million tests a month. Similarly, Puritan was awarded over \$126 million to produce swabs needed for rapid testing to a 96 year old family run company. Through historic private sector, state, and federal government partnerships, the Trump Administration's "all job creation is local" strategy is demonstrating economic growth and improving wages for the people of Maine. Read more [here](#).

Indian Health Service Receives 150,000 additional BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests: The Indian Health Service has received an additional 150,000 Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Card rapid point-of-care COVID-19 tests allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will support efforts to increase testing in tribal communities where there have been recent increases in new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak. Surge testing is one of many tools the Administration is utilizing now to assist Tribal leadership to reduce community spread. More than a million COVID-19 tests have been conducted throughout the Indian health system, a number equivalent to 65% of the IHS user population. This exceeds the overall U.S. testing rate of 43%. Data from testing is used to guide response efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Announces Second Phase of FY 2020 Drug-Free Communities Grant Awards: Friday, October 30, the White House Office of National

Drug Control Policy (ONDCP announced a second phase of Fiscal year 2020 grants for Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program of approximately \$24 million in continued funding for 192 current DFC Support program grant recipients advocating substance use prevention among youth across the United States. The grants announced today join the [340 continuation grants](#) and nearly \$42.5 million in support announced last month, with a third and final phase of funding to be announced later this year. Read more [here](#).

✖ **First Lady Melania Trump:** [Encouraging our youth to #BeDrugFree is a top priority for this Administration. Today @ONDCP announced approx \\$24 million in continued funding for Drug-Free Communities programs across the country to help make this possible! #BeBest](#)

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 40 Governors-only calls and 1,014 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants.

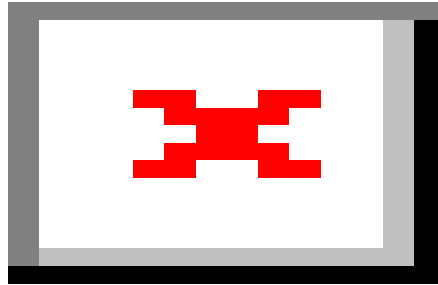
Highest GDP Growth on Record

THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEBACK

After releasing his plan to [reopen America safely](#) in April, President Trump remarked that prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States had “built the greatest economy anywhere in the world . . . and we’re going to build it again.” **On Thursday, October 29, the Department of Labor released U.S. GDP numbers for the third quarter of 2020 showing growth of 7.4 percent (33.1 percent at an annual rate).** This represents the largest single quarter of economic growth on record and roughly twice the prior record of 3.9 percent (16.7 percent at an annual rate) set in the first quarter of 1950.

Since April, over 11.4 million jobs have been gained, recovering more than half of jobs lost because of lockdowns. Bottom line, the economic recovery is beating expectations and outpacing the recovery of the Great Recession. The CBO projected the unemployment rate would still be above 10 percent in December but is well under 10 percent. Retail sales are already above pre-pandemic levels, many construction and

manufacturing jobs have been recovered, and business activity is at a 20-month high. What does this mean? More jobs and healthier economies in YOUR COMMUNITIES.



☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow: "Since the data going back to 1947, we've never had anything remotely close to this... this thing was kicking on all cylinders."](#) 

☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow says the Trump agenda gave momentum to businesses!](#)

Under the President and this Administration's leadership, America achieved record levels of growth and economic prosperity and we will do so again.

☐ Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 33.1% in the third quarter, beating expectations and achieving an all-time high increase.

☐ The third quarter rise in GDP is nearly double the previous record that was set 70 years ago.

☐ Real consumer spending led the way with an increase of 40.7%, breaking all previous records.

☐ The economy saw massive increases in business investment (20.3%), residential investment (59.3%), and inventory investment (adding 6.6. percentage points to GDP).

✖ **Council of Economic Advisers:** [While the pandemic has impacted every country around the world, the United States suffered the least severe contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of 2020 as the Euro Area's contraction was 1.5 times as severe.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Council of Economic Advisers - September Jobs Report Shows American Grit](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Economic Comeback Under President Trump Breaks 7--Year Record](#)

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Building on the foundational work of the Task Force, on Wednesday, October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on disaster natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

Trump Administration Invests \$891 Million in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in 43 States: Wednesday, October 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) an investment of \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across 43 states. These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents.

Trump Administration Invests \$871 Million in Rural Community Facilities in 43 States and Guam: Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) of \$871 million to improve critical community facilities in communities across 42 States and Guam. These investments will be for such purposes as to build or upgrade schools, libraries, clinics, and public safety facilities.

FCC Announces Biggest and Boldest Step Yet to Expand Rural Broadband: Thursday, October 30, the Federal Communications Commission launched the first phase of its new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, which will provide internet companies with \$20 billion in subsidies over the next 10 years to build out broadband networks in underserved parts of the country. The funding will connect roughly 10 million Americans who do not have any internet access or are on slow speeds. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

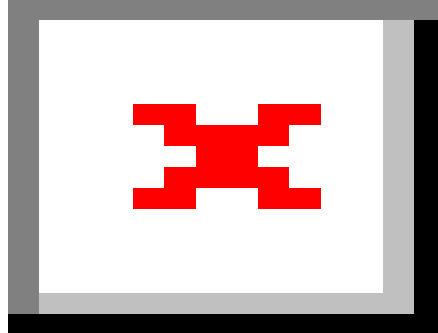
White House Leads Senior Delegation Visit to Arizona and New Mexico for Government-to-Government Meetings with Tribes

This week, a delegation of Senior White House and Administration Officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for government-to-government meetings with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As a sign of respect for the largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the delegation visited Window Rock, the seat of government for the Navajo Nation in Northeast Arizona. The delegation participated in working sessions with Senior Navajo Executive Branch and Council leaders, including Vice President Myron Lizer, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Speaker Seth Damon, and Delegates Mark Freeland, Jimmy Yellowhair, Paul Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Charlaine Tso, Pernell Halona, Wilson Stewart Jr., Otto Tso, Jamie Henio, and Raymond Smith.

The discussions focused on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and safer communities in the Navajo Nation and on President Trump's recently released policy agenda for Indian Country entitled - [***Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More.***](#)

❑ **Read More:** [**President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country**](#)



☒ **Vice President Myron Lizer (Navajo Nation):** Navajo leaders advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership. Ahé'hee President @realDonaldTrump for your White House Administration to visit the Navajo Reservation.

☒ **Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney (DOI):** Quyanaqpak @NNVP Lizer @NavajoCouncil #NNSpeakerDamon for a productive G2G discussion on @POTUS NA policy strategy #ForgottenNoMore . Thank you for the invitation! #Honored to sit in your chambers, learn about NN challenges and partnership opportunities. #AHÉHEE'!

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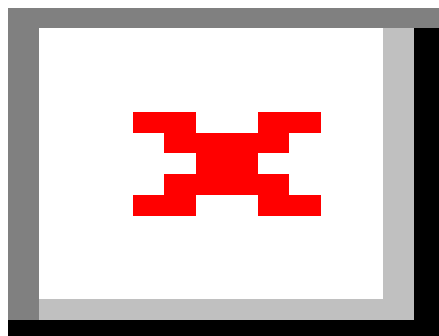
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Interior Secretary David Bernhardt addresses the Trump Administration's commitment to increasing recreational opportunities and protecting the National Park Service.

□ **Watch:** [U.S. Department of the Interior celebrates historic feats for conservation & public lands!](#)

□ **The Center Square (AZ):** [DOI activities in Nevada contributed billions to the state's economy last year, agency report says](#)

□ **APG Wisconsin:** [U.S. Department of Interior efforts added \\$658 million to Wisconsin's economic output in 2019](#)

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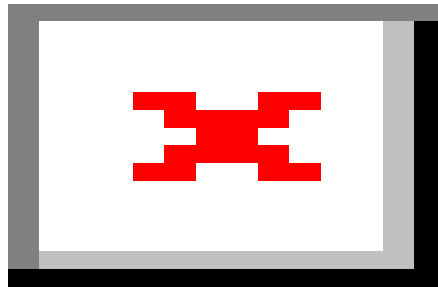
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Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies

On Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - though the U.S. Department of Justice - **announced** Standards for Certification that will be used by credentialing bodies so they can begin certifying thousands of law enforcement agencies over the next three months. The Standards of Certification are a result of President Trump's June **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities**.



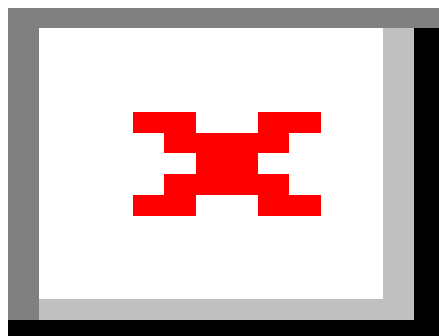
To learn more about the Executive Order, please click the [video](#) to watch an interview with Assistant to the President Ja’Ron Smith and Attorney General William P. Barr.

✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

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Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✖ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

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- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
- Justice Barrett is the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

❑ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

❑ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | October 30, 2020

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update; Bi-Weekly Call Readout
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We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#).

✖ **William Crozer (Deputy Director, WH IGA):** [Since 2017, President @realDonaldTrump and the entire Administration have forged unprecedented partnerships with State, Local, and Tribal Officials from across the country to better address shared challenges and build upon shared opportunities. Just a few examples...](#)

As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Seema Verma, *Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Dr. Nancy Messonnier, *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC*
- Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, *Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA*

Ambassador Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force

Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
- ☐ **North Dakota Health:** [Burgum Welcomes Dr. Deborah Birx Back to North Dakota to Discuss Coronavirus Challenges, Response](#)

On testing, Dr. Birx noted that nursing homes staff and residents are receiving routine testing. For universities and colleges, Dr. Birx has seen campuses applying one of two approaches - conduct primary testing and contact tracing to identify asymptomatic students or random testing. Dr. Birx said both are adequate responses, but it is important to note the

call to action of working together to stop the spread, particularly among asymptomatic individuals.

Seema Verma (Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services): Administrator Verma provided an update on Medicare Open Enrollment where consumers can now preview 2021 healthcare plans and prices on [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) before open enrollment begins on November 1. Last week, CMS [released a report](#) showing the third consecutive year of improving market conditions under the Trump Administration's new policies. Three years of declining average second lowest cost silver plan (benchmark plan) premiums have combined to deliver an 8% premium reduction across HealthCare.gov since the 2018 coverage year. Many consumers coming to HealthCare.gov will also find they have more options given that issuer participation has also increased for the third year in a row. The percentage of HealthCare.gov enrollees with access to only one issuer is decreasing from 29% in 2018 to 4% in 2021 and more than three quarters of HealthCare.gov enrollees will have access to at least three issuers in 2021. Find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Administrator Verma also highlighted the Trump Administration's ongoing efforts around healthcare price transparency. On October 29, CMS, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury issued a historic final rule on price transparency, helping to ensure every American knows how much their healthcare will cost in advance and allowing them to make fully informed and value-conscious decisions. The rule requires most private health plans, including group health plans and individual health insurance market plans to disclose pricing and cost-sharing information and fulfills a key element of President Trump's [Executive Order](#) on price and quality transparency. Read more [here](#) and find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
- [Premiums for healthcare.gov Plans Are Lower for Third Consecutive Year](#)

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

✖ **Secretary Alex Azar (HHS):** [Today \[October 28\] we announced \\$333 million in first round performance payments to over 10,000 nursing homes. These nursing homes are being recognized for demonstrating significant reductions in COVID-19 related infections and deaths between August and September.](#)

✖ **ADM Brett Giroir (HHS):** [Great news: of 14,677 skilled nursing facilities, 99.3% facilities report the ability to test ALL STAFF for #COVID19 this week. We will continue to partner with @CMSGov @SeemaCMS to do everything possible to protect our seniors!](#)

Dr. Nancy Messonnier (Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC): Dr. Messonnier provided an update on [Operation Warp Speed](#) and the vaccine distribution process. She emphasized that all 64 jurisdictions have submitted their vaccine distribution plans, and the CDC has provided appropriate feedback. Dr. Messonnier highlighted that the Federal government is working in close coordination with local health departments to determine the number of doses allotted to jurisdictions for when the vaccine becomes available. There will also be on site vaccine services in rural parts of the country. Finally, Dr. Messonnier reinforced the importance of receiving a flu vaccine this year and provided an update on seasonal influenza vaccine supply & distribution (more resources [here](#)).

✖ **Stephen Hahn (Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration):** [FDA is working hard to facilitate the development and availability of safe and effective vaccines for #COVID19. Here's a quick primer on the vaccine development process.](#)

☐ **Watch:** [PSA from FDA Commissioner Hahn on vaccine development](#)

Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA: Administrator Freeman-Adcock discussed the Administration's significant investment in rural communities and announced the roll out of the White House [rural prosperity guide](#) to support rural America (*more below*). She discussed various USDA programs supporting rural prosperity many of which can be found [here](#).

Additional Updates

Operation Warp Speed Spurring Job Growth in American Communities: At the start of the pandemic, Maine quickly became the world leader in producing essential COVID-19 testing and creating good paying jobs. For example, since April, the communities of Scarborough and Westbrook were awarded a \$760 million contract with Abbott Laboratories growing from 325 to 2,000 employees and today, producing 50 million tests a month. Similarly, Puritan was awarded over \$126 million to produce swabs needed for rapid testing to a 96 year old family run company. Through historic private sector, state, and federal government partnerships, the Trump Administration's "all job creation is local" strategy is demonstrating economic growth and improving wages for the people of Maine. Read more [here](#).

Indian Health Service Receives 150,000 additional BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests: The Indian Health Service has received an additional 150,000 Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Card rapid point-of-care COVID-19 tests allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will support efforts to increase testing in tribal communities where there have been recent increases in new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak. Surge testing is one of many tools the Administration is utilizing now to assist Tribal leadership to reduce community spread. More than a million COVID-19 tests have been conducted throughout the Indian health system, a number equivalent to 65% of the IHS user population. This exceeds the overall U.S. testing rate of 43%. Data from testing is used to guide response efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Announces Second Phase of FY 2020 Drug-Free Communities Grant Awards: Friday, October 30, the White House Office of National

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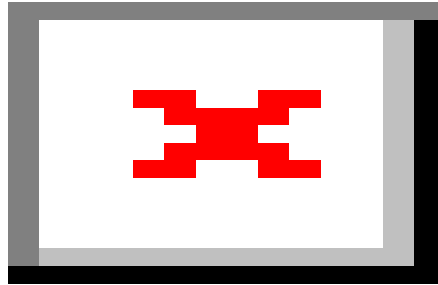
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After releasing his plan to [reopen America safely](#) in April, President Trump remarked that prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States had “built the greatest economy anywhere in the world . . . and we’re going to build it again.” **On Thursday, October 29, the Department of Labor released U.S. GDP numbers for the third quarter of 2020 showing growth of 7.4 percent (33.1 percent at an annual rate).** This represents the largest single quarter of economic growth on record and roughly twice the prior record of 3.9 percent (16.7 percent at an annual rate) set in the first quarter of 1950.

Since April, over 11.4 million jobs have been gained, recovering more than half of jobs lost because of lockdowns. Bottom line, the economic recovery is beating expectations and outpacing the recovery of the Great Recession. The CBO projected the unemployment rate would still be above 10 percent in December but is well under 10 percent. Retail sales are already above pre-pandemic levels, many construction and

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Under the President and this Administration's leadership, America achieved record levels of growth and economic prosperity and we will do so again.

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✖ **Council of Economic Advisers:** [While the pandemic has impacted every country around the world, the United States suffered the least severe contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of 2020 as the Euro Area's contraction was 1.5 times as severe.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Council of Economic Advisers - September Jobs Report Shows American Grit](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Economic Comeback Under President Trump Breaks 7--Year Record](#)

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

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✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

Trump Administration Invests \$891 Million in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in 43 States: Wednesday, October 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) an investment of \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across 43 states. These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents.

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Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

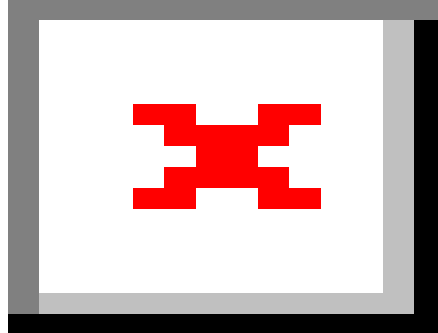
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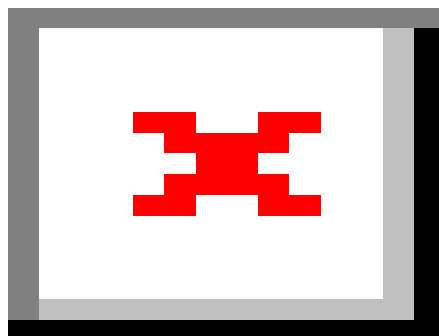
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✖ **U.S. Department of the Interior:** [Interior conserves America's natural resources & heritage, supports Tribal communities & helps power the nation. In FY 2019, production & activities on public lands supported a \\$336 billion economic output & an estimated 1.9 million jobs. #DOIDelivers](#)



Interior Secretary David Bernhardt addresses the Trump Administration's commitment to increasing recreational opportunities and protecting the National Park Service.

□ **Watch:** [U.S. Department of the Interior celebrates historic feats for conservation & public lands!](#)

□ **The Center Square (AZ):** [DOI activities in Nevada contributed billions to the state's economy last year, agency report says](#)

□ **APG Wisconsin:** [U.S. Department of Interior efforts added \\$658 million to Wisconsin's economic output in 2019](#)

Additionally, **starting on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and every day onward, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans will be granted free access to national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior.** The new announcement broadens that benefit to more than 20 million more individuals in recognition of their service and sacrifice on behalf of the country.

□ **Read More:** [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

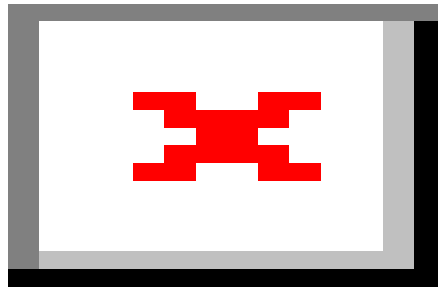
Starting Next Month

✖ **Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI): The @realDonaldTrump Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.**

Lastly, while Secretary Bernhardt visited the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge In Iowa, he signed a **Secretary's Order** that waives entrance fees to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior for 5th grade students and their families from now until Aug. 31, 2021. More information about the Every Kid Outdoors Program can be found **here** and **here**.

Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies

On Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - though the U.S. Department of Justice - **announced** Standards for Certification that will be used by credentialing bodies so they can begin certifying thousands of law enforcement agencies over the next three months. The Standards of Certification are a result of President Trump's June **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities**.



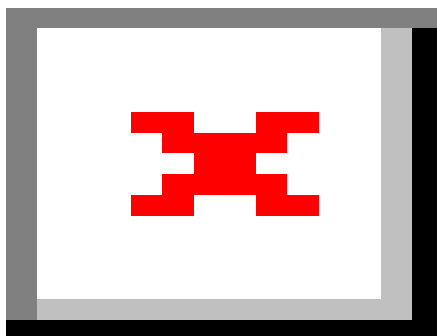
To learn more about the Executive Order, please click the [video](#) to watch an interview with Assistant to the President Ja’Ron Smith and Attorney General William P. Barr.

✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

Over the next 90 days, at least 3,000 law enforcement agencies will be certified by independent credentialing agencies. These agencies will conduct independent reviews of law enforcement policies and procedures, which, in turn, will ensure accountability, enhance citizen confidence and trust in law enforcement, and help correct internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

☐ **Read More:** [President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps To Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement And Their Communities](#)

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✖ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

Court:

- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
- Justice Barrett is the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

❑ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

❑ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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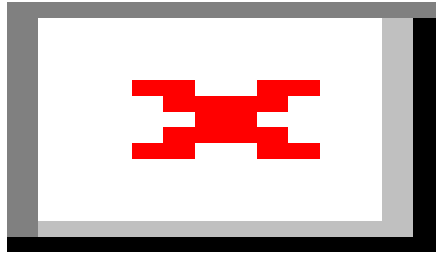


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Supporting Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Technologies to Protect American Jobs, Economic Opportunity, and National Security

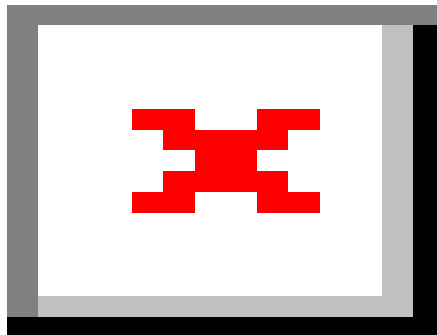
On Saturday, October 31, President Donald J. Trump signed a [Memorandum on Protecting Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and National Security for All Americans](#).

☒ **Secretary Dan Brouillette (DOE):** [Today President @realDonaldTrump signed bold policy for reliable, affordable energy which is essential for our well-being, our economic strength, our global competitiveness, and our national security.](#)



This action sets forth policies to protect American jobs, economic opportunities, and national security by ensuring appropriate support of hydraulic fracturing and other innovative technologies for the use of domestic natural resources. In support of these policies, the memorandum directs the Administration to assess the potential effects of efforts to ban or restrict the use of technologies like fracking. Fracking — when used lawfully and responsibly, with appropriate attention to environmental, health, and safety protections — is vital not just to our domestic prosperity but also to our national security.

▣ **The White House:** [A cumbersome Obama-era rule that placed onerous burdens on fracking was rescinded in 2017, enabling the industry to provide both energy and jobs across Pennsylvania and drive the Commonwealth's number two export—exceeding \\$1.4 billion in 2019! American Energy First!](#)



The President, joined by Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt, Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette, Senator Ted Cruz, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, and U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, signs presidential permits for vital pipeline and railway infrastructure on our nation's border on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the Double Eagle Oil Rig in Midland, Texas.

☐ **Read More:** [Restoring America's energy dominance - By Representative Chris Paddie Chairman, Texas House Energy Resources Committee](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Lea County \(NM\) Commissioner Long Thanks President Trump for Energy Economy Help](#)

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What You Need to Know

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN JOBS: President Donald J. Trump will continue to defend the jobs and interests of American workers in energy and other key industries.

- President Trump is fighting misguided attacks on hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) and other innovative energy and natural-resources technologies.
- Due to public calls to ban or restrict such technologies, the President has directed his Administration to assess the potential effects of such bans or restrictions on American citizens.
- The Administration will assess the potential consequences of fracking bans – such as job losses – on Americans who are directly or indirectly benefiting from the energy industry and other industries, including mining for sand and other minerals.
 - The President wants to protect these jobs and help out-of-work Americans

who are seeking good jobs.

- No responsible public official should sacrifice vast numbers of American jobs and livelihoods to appease domestic radicals and curry favor with foreign powers.

SECURE AND AFFORDABLE AMERICAN ENERGY: President Trump will continue to ensure Americans have access to dependable, affordable energy to power their homes, cars, and lives.

- In 2019, the Council of Economic Advisers estimated that fracking and other innovations had reduced energy prices and saved Americans \$203 billion per year, or \$2,500 each year for a family of four.
 - These savings disproportionately benefit low-income households, who spend a large share of their incomes on energy.
- Banning or restricting such technologies would increase the prices of gasoline, electricity, heating, and air conditioning.
 - These increases would greatly harm senior citizens, middle- and lower-income Americans, and others on fixed-incomes.
- In addition to assessing the potentially devastating effects of fracking restrictions on American jobs and workers, the Administration will assess potential effects on consumers, property owners, local governments, schools, hospitals, and medical clinics.

PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY: President Trump will continue to put America First and will guard United States national security through energy independence.

- Reliable, affordable energy is essential to our Nation's well-being, our economic strength and global competitiveness, and our national security.
- The President is opposed to misguided policies that would take us back to the days of vulnerable dependence on foreign oil and natural gas.
- As a result of the President's continued push for energy independence and new technologies, our country recently became a net energy exporter for the first time since 1952, with American energy exports reaching an all-time high last year.
- The United States is now the world's leading producer of both oil and natural gas.

- Crude oil production set record highs both last year and the year before, leaping past the previous record set in 1970.
- The Trump Administration has increased exports of American liquefied natural gas (LNG) by nearly five-fold and has issued more than 20 long-term authorizations for LNG exports.
 - LNG exports are reducing the trade deficit by \$10 billion each year and are on pace to reduce the trade deficit by \$30 billion per year by 2030.
- At the same time, America is a world leader in clean air and in reducing energy-related CO2 emissions.
 - Our Nation's air quality has improved by 77 percent over the last 50 years, including 7 percent under President Trump.
 - In 2019, the United States had the largest absolute decline in energy-related CO2 emissions of any country in the world.
- Through his strong leadership and common-sense policies, President Trump has proven that energy production and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand.

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National Native American Heritage Month

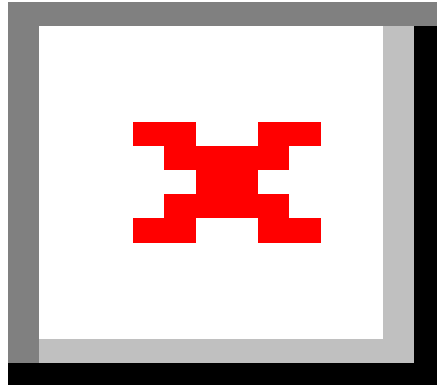
On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

Their cherished legacy, rich cultures, and heroic history of military service inspire us all. In November, as we recommit to supporting Native American Tribes and people, we resolve to work side-by-side with their leaders to secure stronger, safer communities and preserve their sacred heritage for future generations.

▣ **Indian Affairs:** [On October 30, President Trump issued a proclamation designating November 2020 as National Native American Heritage Month. We celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality & character of our Nation.](#)

The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the

Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.



On October 20, President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country. The plan- [***Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!***](#) - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country and outlines an ambitious agenda for the future to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities in Indian Country. White House and Senior Administration officials recently traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

□ **Read More from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney: [President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country](#)**

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Tribal Country

"We remain committed to preserving and protecting Native American cultures, languages, and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all Native Americans." –

President Donald J. Trump

The Trump Administration has prioritized support for Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **\$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery. On September 24, the Administration **prioritized** the distribution of 300,000 newly developed BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service (IHS). And on October 29, the Administration **announced** an additional 150,000 allocation to the IHS.
- The Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

The Trump Administration has delivered on important cultural priorities for Indian Country.

- President Trump signed legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia.
- Negotiated an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- Repatriated **a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- Advanced **an updated eagle remains policy** allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.
- Announced a comprehensive, multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items to Native American communities.

The Trump Administration has promoted Tribal self-determination in education and provided Native American children with access to high-quality education options.

- The Trump Administration created the “**Accessing Choices in Education**” grant competition and awarded over \$24 million to empower dozens of Tribes and their families to decide which education services will best support their children.
- In the Federal Charter School Programs, the Trump Administration **prioritized high-quality charter schools** with a mission to address the unique educational needs of Native American students using instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history.
- To promote Tribal self-determination in education, the Trump Administration provided grants to **support both the establishment and development of Tribal Education Agencies**. Through these grants, Tribal Education Agencies will recruit and retain educators, promote the availability of work-based learning experiences or career exploration, and build capacity to open a charter school or to operate a BIE school.
- The Trump Administration has **prioritized both new and existing Native**

American language programs.

President Trump is committed to addressing crime, promoting public safety, and supporting victims in Native American communities to ensure Native Americans are forgotten no more.

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a [proclamation](#) in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second [proclamation](#) on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.
- **President Trump [signed](#) an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.
- President Trump **signed *Savanna’s Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently [allocated](#) more than \$295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling \$922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work [released](#) its recommendations in

July 2020.

- **Allocated \$150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

The Trump Administration is committed to investing important resources into Native American communities across the country and ensuring that no community is left behind.

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, **President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 6, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update: 40th COVID-19 Governors-Only Call
- Economic Update - October Jobs Numbers; The Recovery Continues
- President's Advisory 1776 Commission
- USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

- Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime
- Indian Affairs Update
- Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

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**Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing
on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices**

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries [here](#).

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the [Provider Relief Fund](#) closed today, November 6. More [here](#). The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Doug Hoelscher, *Assistant to the President & Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infections Disease (NIAID), HHS*
- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production, & Distribution, OWS*
- *Additional Federal Participants*

Ambassador Deborah Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the nation, and discussed her recent visits to states in the upper Midwest and western United States, meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Dr. Anthony Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments and the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process.

✖ **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:** [The 2021 Open Enrollment Period is now open and runs until December 15. Visit HealthCare.gov to enroll or renew your health insurance coverage for 2021.](#)

Secretary Alex Azar and WH IGA Director Hoelscher led a discussion with General Gustave Perna (Operation Warp Speed) and Governors on federal efforts in coordination with state and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The discussion focused on planning efforts for areas such as vaccine supply-chain management; funding for state, local, and tribal governments; federal commitment to cover costs for vaccine recipients; coordination with providers; the 64 public health jurisdictions' responsibilities; prioritization of vaccine administration with focus on vulnerable communities; and information management. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution plans to the CDC earlier in October, and CDC provided feedback on these iterative, ongoing documents to states earlier this week.

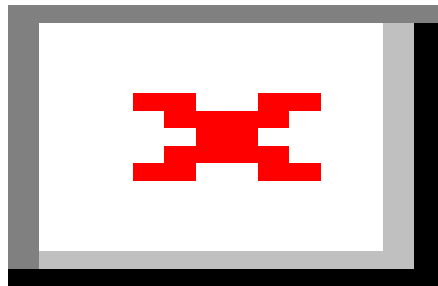
✖ **CDC Flu:** [Nearly 165 million doses of #fluvaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season have been distributed in the U.S. Flu activity is still low, but it's important to get vaccinated before flu starts spreading in your community. Find a vaccine today.](#)

Several governors highlighted best practices and provided additional perspective on their distribution planning efforts, including Governor Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas), Governor John Bel Edwards (Louisiana), Governor Greg Abbott (Texas), and Governor Phil Murphy (New Jersey).

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 40 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. These briefings total more than 55 hours that included governors sharing best

practices and asking questions more than 350 times. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



On Friday, November 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released October's jobs report showing a continued recovery of the U.S. economy. U.S. employers brought back more jobs than expected in October and the unemployment rate improved by a greater than anticipated margin.

- ✓ Non-farm payrolls rose by +638,000 vs. 530,000 expected
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
- ✓ Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
- ✓ Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

✖ **The White House:** [EXCEPTIONAL jobs numbers out today, another testament to the strength of the U.S. economy under President @realDonaldTrump! 638,000 jobs added in October-beating expectations AGAIN-while the unemployment rate plummeted to 6.9 percent!](#)

WH Council of Economic Advisers: [The unemployment rate is now lower than at any point during the first term of the last administration. It took over 4 years from the prior recession peak for unemployment to hit 6.9%. The strong decrease came even as more Americans were entering the labor force.](#)

✖ **SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza:** [More good news for American workers from the October #jobsreport](#)

→ ☐ 638,000 jobs added

→ ☐ Unemployment rate fell to 6.9%

→ ☐ 12.1 million jobs added to the American economy since April

Since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.1 million jobs - over 5 in 10 (54.5%) of pandemic job losses in just 6 months. The leisure & hospitality industry – which faced particularly sharp pandemic-related job losses – has now added back 4.8 million jobs, recovering 6 in 10 (58.1%) of pandemic job losses as of October.

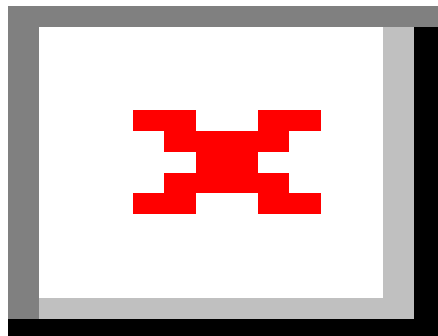
The unemployment rate plummeted in October to 6.9 percent with strong employment gains for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Since the April peak of 14.7%, the unemployment rate has dropped by 7.8 percentage points. The African American unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, the Hispanic American rate fell by 1.5 percentage points, and the Asian American rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

☐ **Read More:** [The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations](#)

President's Advisory 1776 Commission

On Monday, November 2, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) establishing the President's Advisory 1176 Commission. The Commission will work to improve understanding of the history and the principles of the founding of the United States among our Nation's rising generations. Within a year, the Commission will produce a report regarding the core principles of America's founding and how these principles may be understood to further the blessings of liberty and promote our continuing efforts to form a more perfect Union. Learn more [here](#).

☒ **President Donald J. Trump: [Just signed an order to establish the 1776 Commission. We will stop the radical indoctrination of our students, and restore PATRIOTIC EDUCATION to our schools!](#)**



President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event brought together historians, scholars, and educators to discuss our Nation's approach to teaching American history and to assist

educators across the country. During the conference, the President announced the formation of the **1776 Commission** to better enable America's rising generations understand our history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding.

□ **Read More:** [Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020](#)

□ **Watch:** [White House Conference on American History](#)

□ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks at the White House Conference on American History](#)

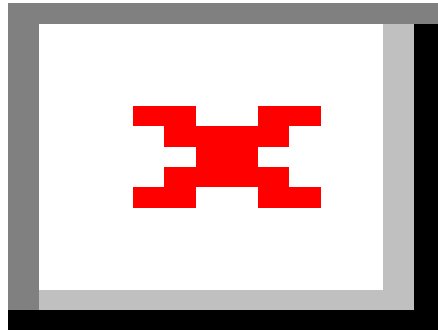
The Trump Administration remains committed to encouraging educators to teach the constitution and believes our children must learn from American history so that the next generation can continue to form a more perfect union. Under President Trump's leadership, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) **awarded** \$40.3 million in CARES Act economic stabilization grants to over 300 institutions, spanning all 50 states.

To bolster these efforts, NEH **awarded** over \$185,000 to the [National Association of Scholars](#) (NAS) and [AAT Education](#) (AAT). NAS will survey popular history books used to teach America's children, and AAT will create a more engaging and inspiring U.S. history curriculum. This grant will allow for esteemed historians and educators to develop curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

On Monday, November 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **delivered to Congress** its priority list of deferred maintenance projects for **Great American Outdoors Act** (GAOA) funding in fiscal year 2021. The **project list** includes 556 projects totaling more than \$285 million in Federal investment.

These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its \$5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments and other partners in a [Shared Stewardship](#) framework, these projects will benefit from millions in partner contributions that will further bolster the funding provided under GAOA.



President Trump [signed](#) the GAOA on August 4, 2020—a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America’s national parks and public lands. The GAOA will protect and enhance the economies of numerous gateway communities that surround our public lands by restoring and maintaining critical access and infrastructure. The bill was a part of a strong push by President Trump to prioritize the conservation and stewardship of our public lands.

❑ **Op-Ed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue:** [Opening and Accessing America’s Great Outdoors](#)

❑ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks on Preserving Our National](#)

Trump Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime

On Monday, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJJP) [announced the award](#) of more than \$458 million in grant funding to support State, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

✖ **DOJ Office of Justice Programs:** [OJP announces more than \\$458 million in grant funding to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.](#)

This funding continues the Trump Administration's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety through efforts like [Operation Legend](#). In the two years before President Trump took office, America had experienced a precipitous rise in crime, particularly in serious violent crime. The President elevated community safety to the top of his domestic agenda and crime rates have fallen steadily since. Recent data from the FBI and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for 2019 show a drop in crime and serious victimization for the third year in a row. However, a number of cities are experiencing conspicuous countertrends. These grants will bolster crime-fighting efforts in those communities and in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Also, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting nominations for the **38th Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering missing and abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. More [here](#).

Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

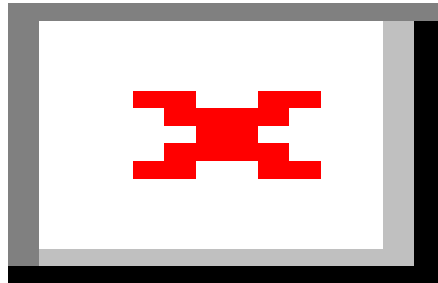
The U.S. Department of Energy [released](#) a formalized process for Tribes and eligible tribal entities to request a cost share reduction for awards issued under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy). Please [see this letter](#) from Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mark W. Menezes.

[The Office of Indian Energy](#) has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than \$85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical assistance to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives which help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions.

For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy [website](#).

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live [here](#).



✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.](#)

✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth](#)

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

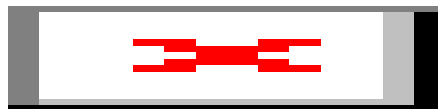
The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-

to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5, Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' [new policy](#) expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more [here](#).

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America



On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House: [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

❑ **Op-Ed by Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, WH Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, WH Office of Intergovernmental Affairs):** [Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors](#)

❑ **Read More:** [Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year](#)

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White House IGA National COVID-19 Briefing Call *for State, local, and Tribal officials*

In observance of Veterans Day, 2020, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is rescheduling the National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials. Below, please find updated registration instructions for the call as well as information on Veterans Day, 2020.

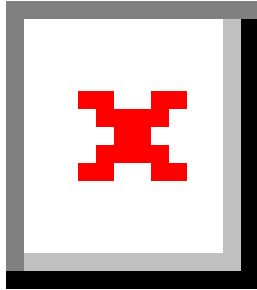
National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

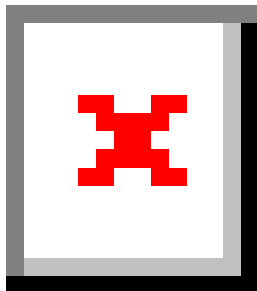
Call-In Registration: ****if you previously registered for the 11/11 call, you do not need to re-register**** [CLICK HERE](#)

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Vice President Mike Pence: [HUGE NEWS:](#)
[Thanks to the public-private partnership forged by](#)
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[trial is EFFECTIVE, preventing infection in 90% of its volunteers.](#)

Read More: [Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Is Looking 90% Effective](#)



HHS Secretary Alex Azar: [Big news: Pfizer](#)
[published data this morning showing its coronavirus vaccine may be more than](#)
[90% effective. This is unprecedented progress just 10 months after the viral](#)
[sequence was published and is a result of the whole-of American effort this](#)

Administration has led.

Last week, HHS responded to Governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution efforts. Those responses can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries [here](#).

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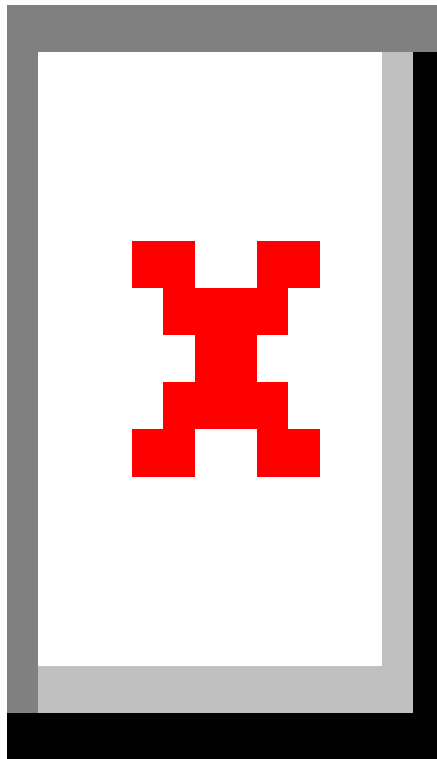
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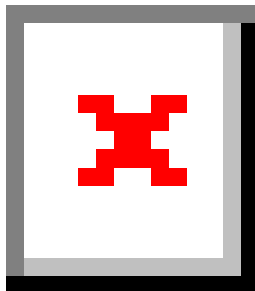
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Veterans Day 2020

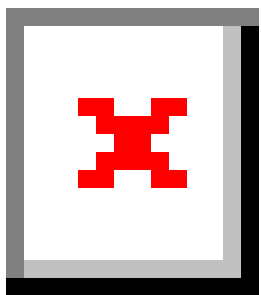


On November 11, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend and preserve our precious liberty. As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all - [Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2019](#)

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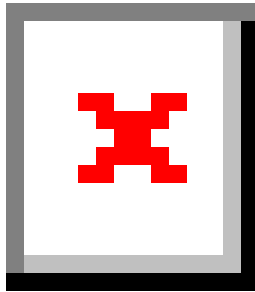


The White House: [Today, the White House hosted a conference of nearly 200 Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, and State, local, and Tribal Veterans champions, to honor the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community!](#)

Veterans Day 2020

Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Regional Observances: The Veterans Day National Committee also recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites [here](#).



Interior Secretary David

Bernhardt: [The @realDonaldTrump](#)

[Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.](#)

Read More: [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

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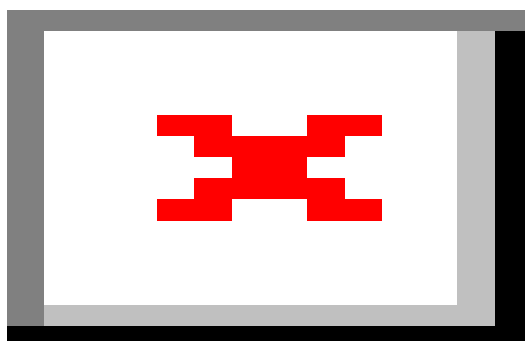
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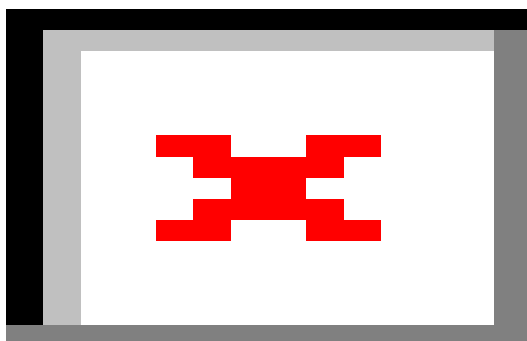
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Veterans Day 2020 ☐☐

Today, November 11, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we honor America's veterans for their service and sacrifice to the country.



America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since



- ☐ **Watch:** [Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty](#)
- ☐ **Read More:** [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020](#)
- ☒ **Department of Defense:** [On #VeteransDay, join us in saluting the men and women who have given selflessly and sacrificed in service to our country. We thank you. Learn more about Veterans Day: <https://go.usa.gov/x7R85>](#)

the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen selflessly placed lives, well-being, and security of others before their own. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them beyond measure.

✶ **VA Secretary Robert Wilkie:** [Veterans Day is about much more than shopping](#)

□ Beginning this Veterans Day, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families [free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones fought to protect](#). It's a tangible way we can honor the service & sacrifice of those who've worn our country's uniform.

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Today, November 11, the Smithsonian [celebrated of the opening National Native American Veterans Memorial](#). The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions. [Learn More Here](#).

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11.

If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** [CLICK HERE](#)

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial

- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in

this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

☐ Vaccine Announcement

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics. Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

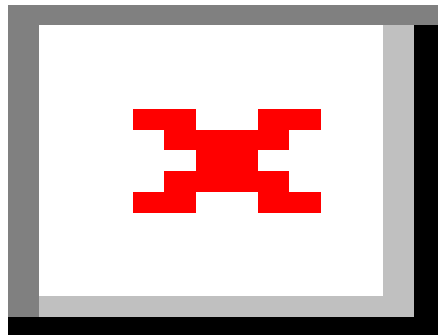
☐ Watch: President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed

☒ **White House:** The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.

☒ **Vice President Pence:** We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.

On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

☐ **Read More:** Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study



Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's [Operation Warp Speed](#) goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

❑ **Ivanka Trump:** [@realDonaldTrump's Operation Warp Speed, launched in May, is a massive scientific, industrial + logistical endeavor unlike anything seen since the Manhattan Project to expedite the development, manufacturing and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine!](#) ❑

❑ [Click here to watch Secretary Azar's latest interview on Operation Warp](#)

Speed

✓ Fact Sheet: [Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)

□ AP News: [Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective](#)

Antibody Treatment Authorization

Also on November 9, through Operation Warp Speed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the investigational monoclonal antibody treatment *bamlanivimab* for adult and pediatric patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19. While the safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy continues to be evaluated, *bamlanivimab* was shown in clinical trials to reduce COVID-19 related hospitalization or emergency room visits in patients at high risk for disease progression within 28 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

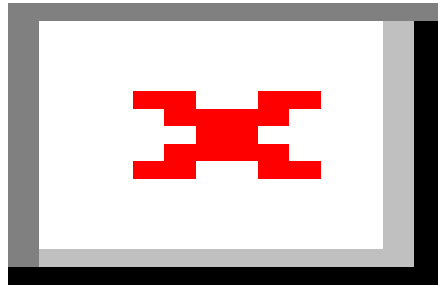
□ Read More: [FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19](#)

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): [BREAKING: Authorization of this new Eli Lilly antibody treatment is a significant step forward in treating patients and bridging us to the rollout of safe and effective vaccines, with all of these efforts made possible by #OperationWarpSpeed.](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that starting Wednesday, November 11, Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage of monoclonal antibodies to treat coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) with no cost-sharing during the public health emergency (PHE).

▣ Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): [“Today, @CMSGov is announcing a historic, first-of-its kind policy that drastically expands access to #COVID19 monoclonal antibodies to beneficiaries without cost sharing.”](#)

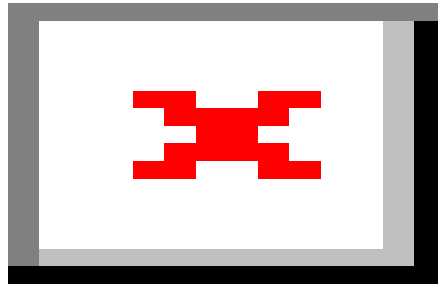
□ **Read More:** [CMS Takes Steps to Ensure Medicare Beneficiaries Have Wide Access to COVID-19 Antibody Treatment](#)



Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Veteran's Day 2020

On Wednesday, November 11, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the entire Administration celebrated Veterans Day, 2020 and recognized the sacrifice and bravery of our Nation's veterans.

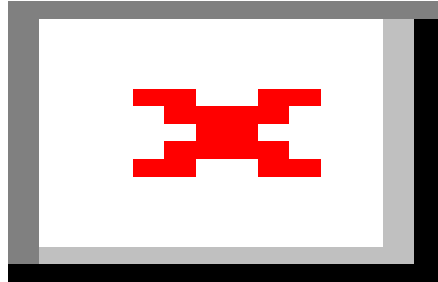


America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since the first days of our founding. They have defeated tyrants, eliminated terrorists, and secured freedom at home and abroad. Their courage and fortitude in the face of adversity serve as an example for all Americans. On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen selflessly placed lives, well-being, and security of others before their own. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them beyond measure.

☐ **Read More:** [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020](#)

☒ **The White House:** [On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.](#)

☐ **Watch:** [Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty](#)



☐ **Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie:** [How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans](#)

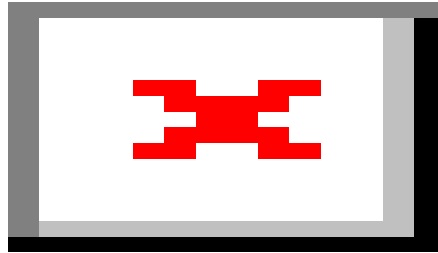
☐ **Watch:** [Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie](#)

☐ Beginning on Veterans Day, 2020, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families [free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones fought to protect](#). It's a tangible way we can honor the service & sacrifice of those who've worn our country's uniform.

☐ **Read More:** [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

Native American Heritage Month 2020

On November 11 - Veterans Day - the Smithsonian [celebrated the opening of the National Native American Veterans Memorial](#), the first national memorial dedicated solely to Native American veterans. The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions.



The \$15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Other sponsors include Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Calista Corporation, and Doyon, Limited, all of which are Alaska Native corporations. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Employees and Supporters also contributed, as Pratt is a retired forensic artist and a retired investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

□ **Read More:** [Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal](#)

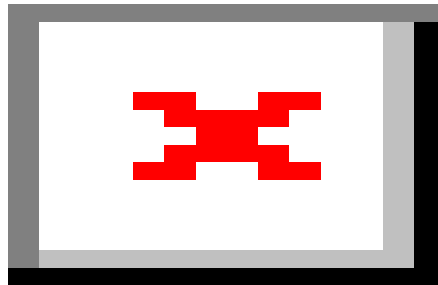
In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year, the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.

▣ **Vice President Mike Pence:** [Honored to meet with Native American Veterans](#)

Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!

National Apprenticeship Week 2020

On Friday, November 6, President Trump issued a [Presidential Proclamation on National Apprenticeship Week](#) to help provide American workers tangible skills and an industry-recognized credential. Apprenticeships strengthen our Nation's economy and help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and we further our commitment to bolstering opportunity as we continue our economic comeback.



□ **Watch:** [You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!](#)

On Thursday, November 12, Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos ratified a Joint Declaration of Intent with their German counterparts concerning cooperation on apprenticeships, vocational education and training. The signing, during National Apprenticeship Week, represents the

firm commitment of the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education in advancing the Trump Administration's pledge to create a highly skilled 21st century workforce providing well-paying jobs for American workers.

The new Joint Declaration of Intent will create more formal structures and strategies for the United States and Germany to cooperate on apprenticeship and vocational education including encouraging businesses to establish quality apprenticeship programs in both countries; increasing access to work-based learning, including apprenticeships, for students and workers; fostering cooperative efforts among state and local governments, companies, trade and industry groups, non-profit organizations, unions, and other stakeholders to develop industry-driven apprenticeships and career and technical education systems; and facilitating bilateral exchanges of apprentices and trainers.

✘ **Department of Labor:** [During National Apprenticeship Week, @USDOL advances its commitment to expanding apprenticeship opportunities for U.S. workers by signing a Joint Declaration with Germany to cooperate in establishing apprenticeship programs in both countries.](#)
[#NAW2020](#)

✘ **Secretary Wilbur Ross (DOC):** [The @realDonaldTrump Administration's level of cooperation on apprenticeship programs with Germany comes at a critical time as both of our countries are experiencing an economic resurgence.](#)

✘ **Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed):** [This admin is rethinking workforce prep by expanding on-the-job learning & apprenticeship opportunities—our dynamic economy demands it. Great to join @SecGeneScalia, @SStumpOCTAE, @JohnnyCTaylorJr for a discussion on how educators & employers can partner to better serve students.](#)

Since President Trump took office, over 660,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Learn more about apprenticeships at [apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov).

□ **Read More:** [U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education Sign Six Party Joint Declaration of Intent with Germany](#)

Last month, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced additional funding for the Federal Work Study (FWS) Experimental Sites, an initiative which expands earn-and-learn opportunities for students by removing barriers to off-campus jobs, allowing students to work more hours, and permitting institutions to pay students for work-based learning such as apprenticeships, externships, and clinical rotations.

□ **Read More:** [U.S. Department of Education Announces Additional Funding For Earn-and-Learn Opportunities to Prepare Postsecondary Students for Career Success](#)

DOJ Releases Report on Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies

On Monday, November 9, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services published a Report entitled, "**Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies.**"

In December 2019, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services held a day-long forum to discuss recruitment and retention challenges for smaller and more rural law enforcement agencies, as these agencies often handle a broader array of duties than urban departments and, owing to their small size, tend to spend more time per officer on service and crime prevention. The forum's 32 participants included police chiefs, captains, lieutenants, academic experts, researchers, and agency directors of state police standards. This published report reflects the input of the forum's diverse group of participants regarding the challenges faced by small and rural agencies and the strategies that have proven to be successful for some small and rural agencies.

□ **Report:** [Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies](#)

📄 **COPS Office (DOJ): [NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies."](#) #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing**

Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies

On Thursday, November 12, President Trump signed an Executive Order to protect American investors from funding Communist Chinese military companies, including those designated by the Department of Defense in June and August of 2020. Below you will find additional information including the Executive Order and National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien's statement.

“Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to protect American investors from funding Communist Chinese military companies, including those designated by the Department of Defense in June and August of 2020. Many of these companies are publicly traded on stock exchanges around the world, and individual investors in the United States can unknowingly provide funds to them through passive institutional investment vehicles such as mutual funds and retirement plans. The President's action serves to protect American investors from unintentionally providing capital that goes to enhancing the capabilities of the People's Liberation Army and People's Republic of China intelligence services, which routinely target American citizens and businesses through cyber operations, and directly threaten the critical infrastructure, economy, and military of America and its allies and partners around the world. President Trump has no higher priority than the security of the American people.”

📄 **Read More: [Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies](#)**

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White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | October 30, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), please find the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update; Bi-Weekly Call Readout
- Highest GDP Economic Growth on Record
- Resource Guide: Promoting Rural Prosperity in America
- White House Delegation Meetings with Tribal Governments in Arizona and New Mexico
- Interior Department's \$336 Billion Economic Impact and 1.9 Million Jobs + Other Updates
- Standards for Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies
- Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Safe School Re-openings

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#).

✖ **William Crozer (Deputy Director, WH IGA):** [Since 2017, President @realDonaldTrump and the entire Administration have forged unprecedented partnerships with State, Local, and Tribal Officials from across the country to better address shared challenges and build upon shared opportunities. Just a few examples...](#)

As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Seema Verma, *Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Dr. Nancy Messonnier, *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC*
- Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, *Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA*

Ambassador Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force

Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
- ☐ **North Dakota Health:** [Burgum Welcomes Dr. Deborah Birx Back to North Dakota to Discuss Coronavirus Challenges, Response](#)

On testing, Dr. Birx noted that nursing homes staff and residents are receiving routine testing. For universities and colleges, Dr. Birx has seen campuses applying one of two approaches - conduct primary testing and contact tracing to identify asymptomatic students or random testing. Dr. Birx said both are adequate responses, but it is important to note the

call to action of working together to stop the spread, particularly among asymptomatic individuals.

Seema Verma (Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services): Administrator Verma provided an update on Medicare Open Enrollment where consumers can now preview 2021 healthcare plans and prices on [HealthCare.gov](#) before open enrollment begins on November 1. Last week, CMS [released a report](#) showing the third consecutive year of improving market conditions under the Trump Administration's new policies. Three years of declining average second lowest cost silver plan (benchmark plan) premiums have combined to deliver an 8% premium reduction across HealthCare.gov since the 2018 coverage year. Many consumers coming to HealthCare.gov will also find they have more options given that issuer participation has also increased for the third year in a row. The percentage of HealthCare.gov enrollees with access to only one issuer is decreasing from 29% in 2018 to 4% in 2021 and more than three quarters of HealthCare.gov enrollees will have access to at least three issuers in 2021. Find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Administrator Verma also highlighted the Trump Administration's ongoing efforts around healthcare price transparency. On October 29, CMS, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury issued a historic final rule on price transparency, helping to ensure every American knows how much their healthcare will cost in advance and allowing them to make fully informed and value-conscious decisions. The rule requires most private health plans, including group health plans and individual health insurance market plans to disclose pricing and cost-sharing information and fulfills a key element of President Trump's [Executive Order](#) on price and quality transparency. Read more [here](#) and find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
- [Premiums for healthcare.gov Plans Are Lower for Third Consecutive Year](#)

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

✖ **Secretary Alex Azar (HHS):** [Today \[October 28\] we announced \\$333 million in first round performance payments to over 10,000 nursing homes. These nursing homes are being recognized for demonstrating significant reductions in COVID-19 related infections and deaths between August and September.](#)

✖ **ADM Brett Giroir (HHS):** [Great news: of 14,677 skilled nursing facilities, 99.3% facilities report the ability to test ALL STAFF for #COVID19 this week. We will continue to partner with @CMSGov @SeemaCMS to do everything possible to protect our seniors!](#)

Dr. Nancy Messonnier (Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC): Dr. Messonnier provided an update on [Operation Warp Speed](#) and the vaccine distribution process. She emphasized that all 64 jurisdictions have submitted their vaccine distribution plans, and the CDC has provided appropriate feedback. Dr. Messonnier highlighted that the Federal government is working in close coordination with local health departments to determine the number of doses allotted to jurisdictions for when the vaccine becomes available. There will also be on site vaccine services in rural parts of the country. Finally, Dr. Messonnier reinforced the importance of receiving a flu vaccine this year and provided an update on seasonal influenza vaccine supply & distribution (more resources [here](#)).

✖ **Stephen Hahn (Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration):** [FDA is working hard to facilitate the development and availability of safe and effective vaccines for #COVID19. Here's a quick primer on the vaccine development process.](#)

□ **Watch:** [PSA from FDA Commissioner Hahn on vaccine development](#)

Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative

Service, USDA: Administrator Freeman-Adcock discussed the Administration's significant investment in rural communities and announced the roll out of the White House [rural prosperity guide](#) to support rural America (*more below*). She discussed various USDA programs supporting rural prosperity many of which can be found [here](#).

Additional Updates

Operation Warp Speed Spurring Job Growth in American Communities: At the start of the pandemic, Maine quickly became the world leader in producing essential COVID-19 testing and creating good paying jobs. For example, since April, the communities of Scarborough and Westbrook were awarded a \$760 million contract with Abbott Laboratories growing from 325 to 2,000 employees and today, producing 50 million tests a month. Similarly, Puritan was awarded over \$126 million to produce swabs needed for rapid testing to a 96 year old family run company. Through historic private sector, state, and federal government partnerships, the Trump Administration's "all job creation is local" strategy is demonstrating economic growth and improving wages for the people of Maine. Read more [here](#).

Indian Health Service Receives 150,000 additional BinaxNOW COVID-19

Tests: The Indian Health Service has received an additional 150,000 Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Card rapid point-of-care COVID-19 tests allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will support efforts to increase testing in tribal communities where there have been recent increases in new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak. Surge testing is one of many tools the Administration is utilizing now to assist Tribal leadership to reduce community spread. More than a million COVID-19 tests have been conducted throughout the Indian health system, a number equivalent to 65% of the IHS user population. This exceeds the overall U.S. testing rate of 43%. Data from testing is used to guide response efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Announces Second Phase of FY 2020 Drug-Free

Communities Grant Awards: Friday, October 30, the White House Office of National

Drug Control Policy (ONDCP announced a second phase of Fiscal year 2020 grants for Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program of approximately \$24 million in continued funding for 192 current DFC Support program grant recipients advocating substance use prevention among youth across the United States. The grants announced today join the [340 continuation grants](#) and nearly \$42.5 million in support announced last month, with a third and final phase of funding to be announced later this year. Read more [here](#).

✖ **First Lady Melania Trump:** [Encouraging our youth to #BeDrugFree is a top priority for this Administration. Today @ONDCP announced approx \\$24 million in continued funding for Drug-Free Communities programs across the country to help make this possible! #BeBest](#)

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 40 Governors-only calls and 1,014 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants.

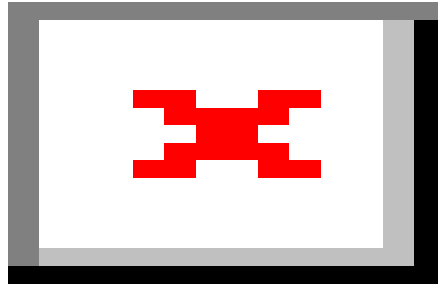
Highest GDP Growth on Record

THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEBACK

After releasing his plan to [reopen America safely](#) in April, President Trump remarked that prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States had “built the greatest economy anywhere in the world . . . and we’re going to build it again.” **On Thursday, October 29, the Department of Labor released U.S. GDP numbers for the third quarter of 2020 showing growth of 7.4 percent (33.1 percent at an annual rate).** This represents the largest single quarter of economic growth on record and roughly twice the prior record of 3.9 percent (16.7 percent at an annual rate) set in the first quarter of 1950.

Since April, over 11.4 million jobs have been gained, recovering more than half of jobs lost because of lockdowns. Bottom line, the economic recovery is beating expectations and outpacing the recovery of the Great Recession. The CBO projected the unemployment rate would still be above 10 percent in December but is well under 10 percent. Retail sales are already above pre-pandemic levels, many construction and

manufacturing jobs have been recovered, and business activity is at a 20-month high. What does this mean? More jobs and healthier economies in YOUR COMMUNITIES.



☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow: "Since the data going back to 1947, we've never had anything remotely close to this... this thing was kicking on all cylinders."](#) 

☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow says the Trump agenda gave momentum to businesses!](#)

Under the President and this Administration's leadership, America achieved record levels of growth and economic prosperity and we will do so again.

☐ Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 33.1% in the third quarter, beating expectations and achieving an all-time high increase.

☐ The third quarter rise in GDP is nearly double the previous record that was set 70 years ago.

☐ Real consumer spending led the way with an increase of 40.7%, breaking all previous records.

☐ The economy saw massive increases in business investment (20.3%), residential investment (59.3%), and inventory investment (adding 6.6. percentage points to GDP).

✖ **Council of Economic Advisers:** [While the pandemic has impacted every country around the world, the United States suffered the least severe contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of 2020 as the Euro Area's contraction was 1.5 times as severe.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Council of Economic Advisers - September Jobs Report Shows American Grit](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Economic Comeback Under President Trump Breaks 7--Year Record](#)

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Building on the foundational work of the Task Force, on Wednesday, October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on disaster natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

Trump Administration Invests \$891 Million in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in 43 States: Wednesday, October 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) an investment of \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across 43 states. These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents.

Trump Administration Invests \$871 Million in Rural Community Facilities in 43 States and Guam: Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) of \$871 million to improve critical community facilities in communities across 42 States and Guam. These investments will be for such purposes as to build or upgrade schools, libraries, clinics, and public safety facilities.

FCC Announces Biggest and Boldest Step Yet to Expand Rural Broadband: Thursday, October 30, the Federal Communications Commission launched the first phase of its new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, which will provide internet companies with \$20 billion in subsidies over the next 10 years to build out broadband networks in underserved parts of the country. The funding will connect roughly 10 million Americans who do not have any internet access or are on slow speeds. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

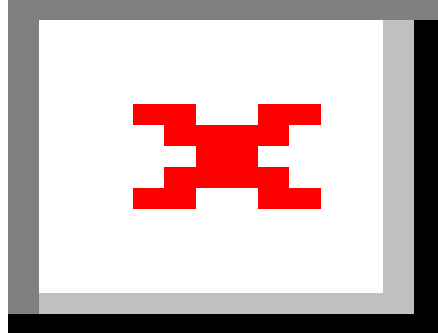
White House Leads Senior Delegation Visit to Arizona and New Mexico for Government-to-Government Meetings with Tribes

This week, a delegation of Senior White House and Administration Officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for government-to-government meetings with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As a sign of respect for the largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the delegation visited Window Rock, the seat of government for the Navajo Nation in Northeast Arizona. The delegation participated in working sessions with Senior Navajo Executive Branch and Council leaders, including Vice President Myron Lizer, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Speaker Seth Damon, and Delegates Mark Freeland, Jimmy Yellowhair, Paul Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Charlaine Tso, Pernell Halona, Wilson Stewart Jr., Otto Tso, Jamie Henio, and Raymond Smith.

The discussions focused on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and safer communities in the Navajo Nation and on President Trump's recently released policy agenda for Indian Country entitled - [***Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More***](#).

□ **Read More:** [**President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country**](#)



☒ **Vice President Myron Lizer (Navajo Nation):** [Navajo leaders advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership. Ahé'hee President @realDonaldTrump for your White House Administration to visit the Navajo Reservation.](#)

☒ **Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney (DOI):** [Quyanaqpak @NNVP Lizer @NavajoCouncil #NNSpeakerDamon for a productive G2G discussion on @POTUS NA policy strategy #ForgottenNoMore . Thank you for the invitation! #Honored to sit in your chambers, learn about NN challenges and partnership opportunities. #AHÉHEE'!](#)

☒ **Office of Justice Programs (DOJ):** [PDAAG Katie Sullivan visited with the Navajo Nation today, to speak at a @WhiteHouse hosted event about providing support to the Navajo people during the #COVID pandemic, as part of an even bigger commitment from @TheJusticeDept to help keep tribal communities safe.](#)

During the proceedings, on behalf of President Donald J. Trump, the delegation presented Navajo leaders with the “2020 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat

Trafficking in Persons” for their leadership in combating human trafficking on tribal lands, and for bringing greater awareness of the realities of human trafficking in Native communities. The Trump Administration has worked closely with Tribal leaders across the Nation on the issue of human trafficking and on the issue of missing and murdered Native Americans, which President Trump was the first President to recognize via a formal proclamation. The President signed an Executive Order in November 2019 to form [Operation Lady Justice](#) to systematically and aggressively address the too-long overlooked issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

✖ **24th Navajo Nation Council:** [Navajo leaders share priorities and recommendations with Federal delegation during Navajo Nation consultation.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Navajo Leaders Advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership.](#)

The Federal delegation [participated](#) in the opening of the Navajo Nation’s Little Singer Community School, which received over \$27 million in Federal funding to build a facility that will improve the educational experience for Navajo children. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the Hopi Tribe to [announce](#) the advancement of an important water quality project and with leaders of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - including President Martin Harvier and Ricardo Leonard - to tour the construction of the River People Health Center to improve health care access for Native Americans.

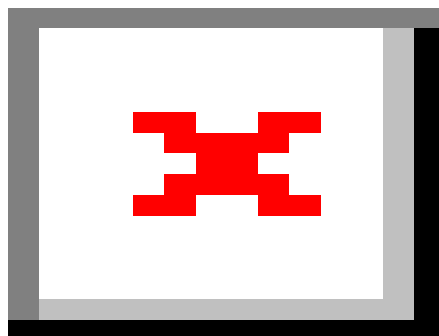
✖ **Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Doug Hoelscher:** [Honored to represent President @realDonaldTrump in meetings with Tribal leaders including the Navajo Nation \(@NavajoCouncil & @NNVP Lizer\), Hopi Tribe leaders, and now on way to Salt River Pima-Maricopa in Arizona.](#)
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Trump Administration's Interior Supports \$336 Billion in Economic Activity and 1.9 Million Jobs

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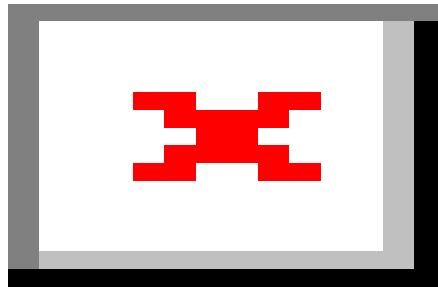
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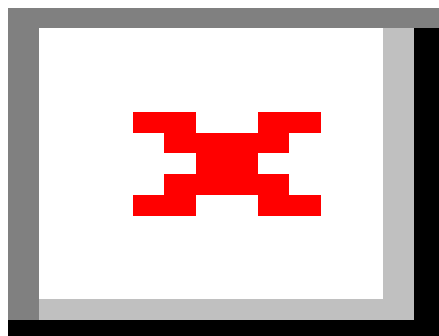
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✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

Over the next 90 days, at least 3,000 law enforcement agencies will be certified by independent credentialing agencies. These agencies will conduct independent reviews of law enforcement policies and procedures, which, in turn, will ensure accountability, enhance citizen confidence and trust in law enforcement, and help correct internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

☐ **Read More:** [President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps To Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement And Their Communities](#)

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✕ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

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- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
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Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

☐ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

☐ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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for State, local, and Tribal officials | October 30, 2020

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We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#).

✖ **William Crozer (Deputy Director, WH IGA): [Since 2017, President @realDonaldTrump and the entire Administration have forged unprecedented partnerships with State, Local, and Tribal Officials from across the country to better address shared challenges and build upon shared opportunities. Just a few examples...](#)**

As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Seema Verma, *Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Dr. Nancy Messonnier, *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC*
- Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, *Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA*

Ambassador Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force

Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
- ☐ **North Dakota Health:** [Burgum Welcomes Dr. Deborah Birx Back to North Dakota to Discuss Coronavirus Challenges, Response](#)

On testing, Dr. Birx noted that nursing homes staff and residents are receiving routine testing. For universities and colleges, Dr. Birx has seen campuses applying one of two approaches - conduct primary testing and contact tracing to identify asymptomatic students or random testing. Dr. Birx said both are adequate responses, but it is important to note the

call to action of working together to stop the spread, particularly among asymptomatic individuals.

Seema Verma (Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services): Administrator Verma provided an update on Medicare Open Enrollment where consumers can now preview 2021 healthcare plans and prices on [HealthCare.gov](#) before open enrollment begins on November 1. Last week, CMS [released a report](#) showing the third consecutive year of improving market conditions under the Trump Administration's new policies. Three years of declining average second lowest cost silver plan (benchmark plan) premiums have combined to deliver an 8% premium reduction across HealthCare.gov since the 2018 coverage year. Many consumers coming to HealthCare.gov will also find they have more options given that issuer participation has also increased for the third year in a row. The percentage of HealthCare.gov enrollees with access to only one issuer is decreasing from 29% in 2018 to 4% in 2021 and more than three quarters of HealthCare.gov enrollees will have access to at least three issuers in 2021. Find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Administrator Verma also highlighted the Trump Administration's ongoing efforts around healthcare price transparency. On October 29, CMS, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury issued a historic final rule on price transparency, helping to ensure every American knows how much their healthcare will cost in advance and allowing them to make fully informed and value-conscious decisions. The rule requires most private health plans, including group health plans and individual health insurance market plans to disclose pricing and cost-sharing information and fulfills a key element of President Trump's [Executive Order](#) on price and quality transparency. Read more [here](#) and find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
- [Premiums for healthcare.gov Plans Are Lower for Third Consecutive Year](#)

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

✖ **Secretary Alex Azar (HHS):** [Today \[October 28\] we announced \\$333 million in first round performance payments to over 10,000 nursing homes. These nursing homes are being recognized for demonstrating significant reductions in COVID-19 related infections and deaths between August and September.](#)

✖ **ADM Brett Giroir (HHS):** [Great news: of 14,677 skilled nursing facilities, 99.3% facilities report the ability to test ALL STAFF for #COVID19 this week. We will continue to partner with @CMSGov @SeemaCMS to do everything possible to protect our seniors!](#)

Dr. Nancy Messonnier (Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC): Dr. Messonnier provided an update on [Operation Warp Speed](#) and the vaccine distribution process. She emphasized that all 64 jurisdictions have submitted their vaccine distribution plans, and the CDC has provided appropriate feedback. Dr. Messonnier highlighted that the Federal government is working in close coordination with local health departments to determine the number of doses allotted to jurisdictions for when the vaccine becomes available. There will also be on site vaccine services in rural parts of the country. Finally, Dr. Messonnier reinforced the importance of receiving a flu vaccine this year and provided an update on seasonal influenza vaccine supply & distribution (more resources [here](#)).

✖ **Stephen Hahn (Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration):** [FDA is working hard to facilitate the development and availability of safe and effective vaccines for #COVID19. Here's a quick primer on the vaccine development process.](#)

☐ **Watch:** [PSA from FDA Commissioner Hahn on vaccine development](#)

Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA: Administrator Freeman-Adcock discussed the Administration's significant investment in rural communities and announced the roll out of the White House [rural prosperity guide](#) to support rural America (*more below*). She discussed various USDA programs supporting rural prosperity many of which can be found [here](#).

Additional Updates

Operation Warp Speed Spurring Job Growth in American Communities: At the start of the pandemic, Maine quickly became the world leader in producing essential COVID-19 testing and creating good paying jobs. For example, since April, the communities of Scarborough and Westbrook were awarded a \$760 million contract with Abbott Laboratories growing from 325 to 2,000 employees and today, producing 50 million tests a month. Similarly, Puritan was awarded over \$126 million to produce swabs needed for rapid testing to a 96 year old family run company. Through historic private sector, state, and federal government partnerships, the Trump Administration's "all job creation is local" strategy is demonstrating economic growth and improving wages for the people of Maine. Read more [here](#).

Indian Health Service Receives 150,000 additional BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests: The Indian Health Service has received an additional 150,000 Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Card rapid point-of-care COVID-19 tests allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will support efforts to increase testing in tribal communities where there have been recent increases in new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak. Surge testing is one of many tools the Administration is utilizing now to assist Tribal leadership to reduce community spread. More than a million COVID-19 tests have been conducted throughout the Indian health system, a number equivalent to 65% of the IHS user population. This exceeds the overall U.S. testing rate of 43%. Data from testing is used to guide response efforts to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Announces Second Phase of FY 2020 Drug-Free Communities Grant Awards: Friday, October 30, the White House Office of National

Drug Control Policy (ONDCP announced a second phase of Fiscal year 2020 grants for Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program of approximately \$24 million in continued funding for 192 current DFC Support program grant recipients advocating substance use prevention among youth across the United States. The grants announced today join the [340 continuation grants](#) and nearly \$42.5 million in support announced last month, with a third and final phase of funding to be announced later this year. Read more [here](#).

✖ **First Lady Melania Trump:** [Encouraging our youth to #BeDrugFree is a top priority for this Administration. Today @ONDCP announced approx \\$24 million in continued funding for Drug-Free Communities programs across the country to help make this possible! #BeBest](#)

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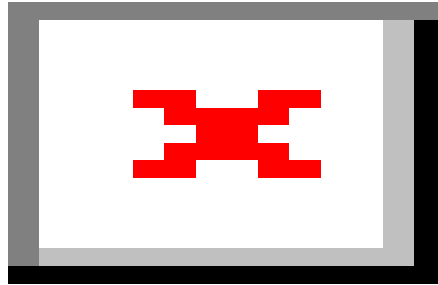
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After releasing his plan to [reopen America safely](#) in April, President Trump remarked that prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States had “built the greatest economy anywhere in the world . . . and we’re going to build it again.” **On Thursday, October 29, the Department of Labor released U.S. GDP numbers for the third quarter of 2020 showing growth of 7.4 percent (33.1 percent at an annual rate).** This represents the largest single quarter of economic growth on record and roughly twice the prior record of 3.9 percent (16.7 percent at an annual rate) set in the first quarter of 1950.

Since April, over 11.4 million jobs have been gained, recovering more than half of jobs lost because of lockdowns. Bottom line, the economic recovery is beating expectations and outpacing the recovery of the Great Recession. The CBO projected the unemployment rate would still be above 10 percent in December but is well under 10 percent. Retail sales are already above pre-pandemic levels, many construction and

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Under the President and this Administration's leadership, America achieved record levels of growth and economic prosperity and we will do so again.

☐ Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 33.1% in the third quarter, beating expectations and achieving an all-time high increase.

☐ The third quarter rise in GDP is nearly double the previous record that was set 70 years ago.

☐ Real consumer spending led the way with an increase of 40.7%, breaking all previous records.

☐ The economy saw massive increases in business investment (20.3%), residential investment (59.3%), and inventory investment (adding 6.6. percentage points to GDP).

✖ **Council of Economic Advisers:** [While the pandemic has impacted every country around the world, the United States suffered the least severe contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of 2020 as the Euro Area's contraction was 1.5 times as severe.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Council of Economic Advisers - September Jobs Report Shows American Grit](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Economic Comeback Under President Trump Breaks 7--Year Record](#)

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Building on the foundational work of the Task Force, on Wednesday, October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on disaster natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

Trump Administration Invests \$891 Million in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in 43 States: Wednesday, October 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) an investment of \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across 43 states. These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents.

Trump Administration Invests \$871 Million in Rural Community Facilities in 43 States and Guam: Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) of \$871 million to improve critical community facilities in communities across 42 States and Guam. These investments will be for such purposes as to build or upgrade schools, libraries, clinics, and public safety facilities.

FCC Announces Biggest and Boldest Step Yet to Expand Rural Broadband: Thursday, October 30, the Federal Communications Commission launched the first phase of its new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, which will provide internet companies with \$20 billion in subsidies over the next 10 years to build out broadband networks in underserved parts of the country. The funding will connect roughly 10 million Americans who do not have any internet access or are on slow speeds. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

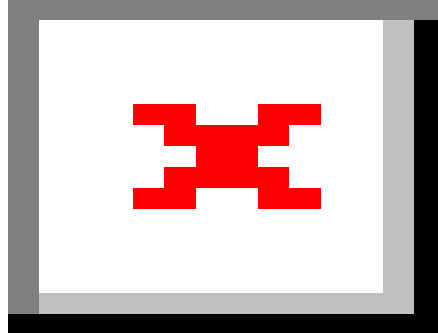
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This week, a delegation of Senior White House and Administration Officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for government-to-government meetings with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As a sign of respect for the largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the delegation visited Window Rock, the seat of government for the Navajo Nation in Northeast Arizona. The delegation participated in working sessions with Senior Navajo Executive Branch and Council leaders, including Vice President Myron Lizer, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Speaker Seth Damon, and Delegates Mark Freeland, Jimmy Yellowhair, Paul Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Charlaime Tso, Pernell Halona, Wilson Stewart Jr., Otto Tso, Jamie Henio, and Raymond Smith.

The discussions focused on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and safer communities in the Navajo Nation and on President Trump's recently released policy agenda for Indian Country entitled - [***Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More.***](#)

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✖ **Vice President Myron Lizer (Navajo Nation):** [Navajo leaders advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership. Ahé'hee President @realDonaldTrump for your White House Administration to visit the Navajo Reservation.](#)

✖ **Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney (DOI):** [Quyanaqpak @NNVP Lizer @NavajoCouncil #NNSpeakerDamon for a productive G2G discussion on @POTUS NA policy strategy #ForgottenNoMore . Thank you for the invitation! #Honored to sit in your chambers, learn about NN challenges and partnership opportunities. #AHÉHEE'!](#)

✖ **Office of Justice Programs (DOJ):** [PDAAG Katie Sullivan visited with the Navajo Nation today, to speak at a @WhiteHouse hosted event about providing support to the Navajo people during the #COVID pandemic, as part of an even bigger commitment from @TheJusticeDept to help keep tribal communities safe.](#)

During the proceedings, on behalf of President Donald J. Trump, the delegation presented Navajo leaders with the “2020 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat

Trafficking in Persons” for their leadership in combating human trafficking on tribal lands, and for bringing greater awareness of the realities of human trafficking in Native communities. The Trump Administration has worked closely with Tribal leaders across the Nation on the issue of human trafficking and on the issue of missing and murdered Native Americans, which President Trump was the first President to recognize via a formal proclamation. The President signed an Executive Order in November 2019 to form [**Operation Lady Justice**](#) to systematically and aggressively address the too-long overlooked issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

✖ **24th Navajo Nation Council:** [**Navajo leaders share priorities and recommendations with Federal delegation during Navajo Nation consultation.**](#)

☐ **Read More:** [**Navajo Leaders Advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership.**](#)

The Federal delegation [**participated**](#) in the opening of the Navajo Nation’s Little Singer Community School, which received over \$27 million in Federal funding to build a facility that will improve the educational experience for Navajo children. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the Hopi Tribe to [**announce**](#) the advancement of an important water quality project and with leaders of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - including President Martin Harvier and Ricardo Leonard - to tour the construction of the River People Health Center to improve health care access for Native Americans.

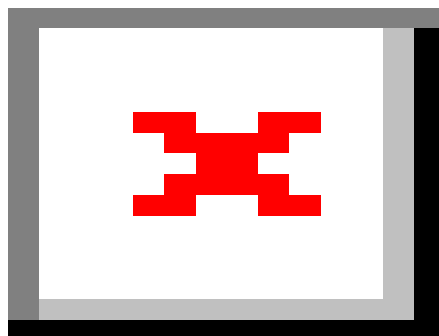
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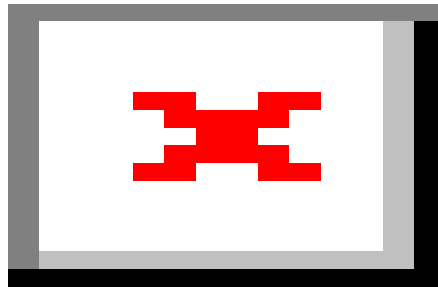
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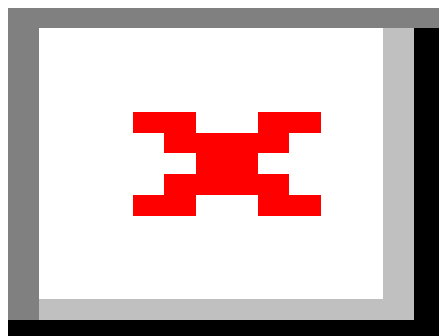
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✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

Over the next 90 days, at least 3,000 law enforcement agencies will be certified by independent credentialing agencies. These agencies will conduct independent reviews of law enforcement policies and procedures, which, in turn, will ensure accountability, enhance citizen confidence and trust in law enforcement, and help correct internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

☐ **Read More:** [President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps To Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement And Their Communities](#)

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✖ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

Court:

- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
- Justice Barrett is the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

❑ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

❑ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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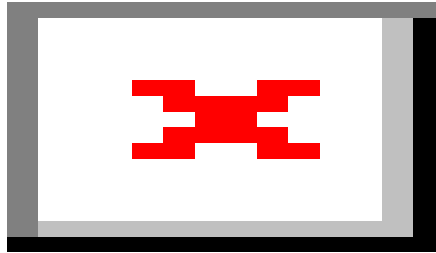


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Supporting Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Technologies to Protect American Jobs, Economic Opportunity, and National Security

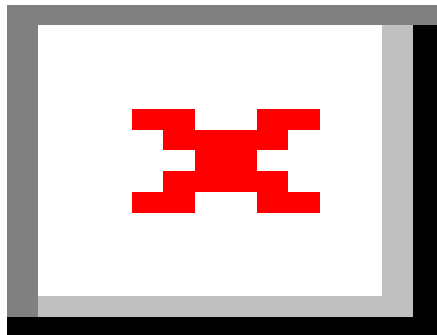
On Saturday, October 31, President Donald J. Trump signed a [Memorandum on Protecting Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and National Security for All Americans](#).

☐ **Secretary Dan Brouillette (DOE):** [Today President @realDonaldTrump signed bold policy for reliable, affordable energy which is essential for our well-being, our economic strength, our global competitiveness, and our national security.](#)



This action sets forth policies to protect American jobs, economic opportunities, and national security by ensuring appropriate support of hydraulic fracturing and other innovative technologies for the use of domestic natural resources. In support of these policies, the memorandum directs the Administration to assess the potential effects of efforts to ban or restrict the use of technologies like fracking. Fracking — when used lawfully and responsibly, with appropriate attention to environmental, health, and safety protections — is vital not just to our domestic prosperity but also to our national security.

▣ **The White House:** [A cumbersome Obama-era rule that placed onerous burdens on fracking was rescinded in 2017, enabling the industry to provide both energy and jobs across Pennsylvania and drive the Commonwealth's number two export—exceeding \\$1.4 billion in 2019! American Energy First!](#)



The President, joined by Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt, Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette, Senator Ted Cruz, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, and U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, signs presidential permits for vital pipeline and railway infrastructure on our nation's border on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the Double Eagle Oil Rig in Midland, Texas.

☐ **Read More:** [Restoring America's energy dominance - By Representative Chris Paddie Chairman, Texas House Energy Resources Committee](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Lea County \(NM\) Commissioner Long Thanks President Trump for Energy Economy Help](#)

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What You Need to Know

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN JOBS: President Donald J. Trump will continue to defend the jobs and interests of American workers in energy and other key industries.

- President Trump is fighting misguided attacks on hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) and other innovative energy and natural-resources technologies.
- Due to public calls to ban or restrict such technologies, the President has directed his Administration to assess the potential effects of such bans or restrictions on American citizens.
- The Administration will assess the potential consequences of fracking bans – such as job losses – on Americans who are directly or indirectly benefiting from the energy industry and other industries, including mining for sand and other minerals.
 - The President wants to protect these jobs and help out-of-work Americans

who are seeking good jobs.

- No responsible public official should sacrifice vast numbers of American jobs and livelihoods to appease domestic radicals and curry favor with foreign powers.

SECURE AND AFFORDABLE AMERICAN ENERGY: President Trump will continue to ensure Americans have access to dependable, affordable energy to power their homes, cars, and lives.

- In 2019, the Council of Economic Advisers estimated that fracking and other innovations had reduced energy prices and saved Americans \$203 billion per year, or \$2,500 each year for a family of four.
 - These savings disproportionately benefit low-income households, who spend a large share of their incomes on energy.
- Banning or restricting such technologies would increase the prices of gasoline, electricity, heating, and air conditioning.
 - These increases would greatly harm senior citizens, middle- and lower-income Americans, and others on fixed-incomes.
- In addition to assessing the potentially devastating effects of fracking restrictions on American jobs and workers, the Administration will assess potential effects on consumers, property owners, local governments, schools, hospitals, and medical clinics.

PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY: President Trump will continue to put America First and will guard United States national security through energy independence.

- Reliable, affordable energy is essential to our Nation's well-being, our economic strength and global competitiveness, and our national security.
- The President is opposed to misguided policies that would take us back to the days of vulnerable dependence on foreign oil and natural gas.
- As a result of the President's continued push for energy independence and new technologies, our country recently became a net energy exporter for the first time since 1952, with American energy exports reaching an all-time high last year.
- The United States is now the world's leading producer of both oil and natural gas.

- Crude oil production set record highs both last year and the year before, leaping past the previous record set in 1970.
- The Trump Administration has increased exports of American liquefied natural gas (LNG) by nearly five-fold and has issued more than 20 long-term authorizations for LNG exports.
 - LNG exports are reducing the trade deficit by \$10 billion each year and are on pace to reduce the trade deficit by \$30 billion per year by 2030.
- At the same time, America is a world leader in clean air and in reducing energy-related CO2 emissions.
 - Our Nation's air quality has improved by 77 percent over the last 50 years, including 7 percent under President Trump.
 - In 2019, the United States had the largest absolute decline in energy-related CO2 emissions of any country in the world.
- Through his strong leadership and common-sense policies, President Trump has proven that energy production and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand.

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National Native American Heritage Month

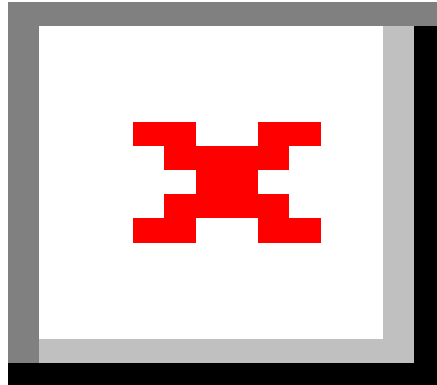
On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

Their cherished legacy, rich cultures, and heroic history of military service inspire us all. In November, as we recommit to supporting Native American Tribes and people, we resolve to work side-by-side with their leaders to secure stronger, safer communities and preserve their sacred heritage for future generations.

▣ **Indian Affairs:** [On October 30, President Trump issued a proclamation designating November 2020 as National Native American Heritage Month. We celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality & character of our Nation.](#)

The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the

Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.



On October 20, President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country. The plan-
[***Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!***](#) - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country and outlines an ambitious agenda for the future to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities in Indian Country. White House and Senior Administration officials recently traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

□ **Read More from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney: [President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country](#)**

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Tribal Country

"We remain committed to preserving and protecting Native American cultures, languages, and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all Native Americans." –

President Donald J. Trump

The Trump Administration has prioritized support for Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **\$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery. On September 24, the Administration **prioritized** the distribution of 300,000 newly developed BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service (IHS). And on October 29, the Administration **announced** an additional 150,000 allocation to the IHS.
- The Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

The Trump Administration has delivered on important cultural priorities for Indian Country.

- President Trump [signed](#) legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia.
- [Negotiated](#) an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- [Repatriated](#) **a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- [Advanced](#) **an updated eagle remains policy** allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.
- [Announced](#) a comprehensive, multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items to Native American communities.

The Trump Administration has promoted Tribal self-determination in education and provided Native American children with access to high-quality education options.

- The Trump Administration created the “**Accessing Choices in Education**” grant competition and awarded over \$24 million to empower dozens of Tribes and their families to decide which education services will best support their children.
- In the Federal Charter School Programs, the Trump Administration **prioritized high-quality charter schools** with a mission to address the unique educational needs of Native American students using instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history.
- To promote Tribal self-determination in education, the Trump Administration provided grants to **support both the establishment and development of Tribal Education Agencies**. Through these grants, Tribal Education Agencies will recruit and retain educators, promote the availability of work-based learning experiences or career exploration, and build capacity to open a charter school or to operate a BIE school.
- The Trump Administration has **prioritized both new and existing Native**

American language programs.

President Trump is committed to addressing crime, promoting public safety, and supporting victims in Native American communities to ensure Native Americans are forgotten no more.

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a [proclamation](#) in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second [proclamation](#) on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.
- **President Trump [signed](#) an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.
- President Trump **signed *Savanna’s Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently [allocated](#) more than \$295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling \$922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work [released](#) its recommendations in

July 2020.

- **Allocated \$150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

The Trump Administration is committed to investing important resources into Native American communities across the country and ensuring that no community is left behind.

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, **President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 6, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update: 40th COVID-19 Governors-Only Call
- Economic Update - October Jobs Numbers; The Recovery Continues
- President's Advisory 1776 Commission
- USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

- Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime
- Indian Affairs Update
- Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

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**Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing
on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices**

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries [here](#).

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the [Provider Relief Fund](#) closed today, November 6. More [here](#). The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Doug Hoelscher, *Assistant to the President & Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infectious Disease (NIAID), HHS*
- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production, & Distribution, OWS*
- *Additional Federal Participants*

Ambassador Deborah Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the nation, and discussed her recent visits to states in the upper Midwest and western United States, meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Dr. Anthony Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments and the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process.

✖ **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:** [The 2021 Open Enrollment Period is now open and runs until December 15. Visit HealthCare.gov to enroll or renew your health insurance coverage for 2021.](#)

Secretary Alex Azar and WH IGA Director Hoelscher led a discussion with General Gustave Perna (Operation Warp Speed) and Governors on federal efforts in coordination with state and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The discussion focused on planning efforts for areas such as vaccine supply-chain management; funding for state, local, and tribal governments; federal commitment to cover costs for vaccine recipients; coordination with providers; the 64 public health jurisdictions' responsibilities; prioritization of vaccine administration with focus on vulnerable communities; and information management. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution plans to the CDC earlier in October, and CDC provided feedback on these iterative, ongoing documents to states earlier this week.

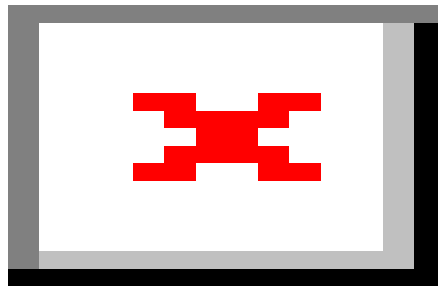
✖ **CDC Flu:** [Nearly 165 million doses of #fluvaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season have been distributed in the U.S. Flu activity is still low, but it's important to get vaccinated before flu starts spreading in your community. Find a vaccine today.](#)

Several governors highlighted best practices and provided additional perspective on their distribution planning efforts, including Governor Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas), Governor John Bel Edwards (Louisiana), Governor Greg Abbott (Texas), and Governor Phil Murphy (New Jersey).

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 40 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. These briefings total more than 55 hours that included governors sharing best

practices and asking questions more than 350 times. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



On Friday, November 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released October's jobs report showing a continued recovery of the U.S. economy. U.S. employers brought back more jobs than expected in October and the unemployment rate improved by a greater than anticipated margin.

- ✓ Non-farm payrolls rose by +638,000 vs. 530,000 expected
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
- ✓ Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
- ✓ Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

✖ **The White House:** [EXCEPTIONAL jobs numbers out today, another testament to the strength of the U.S. economy under President @realDonaldTrump! 638,000 jobs added in October-beating expectations AGAIN-while the unemployment rate plummeted to 6.9 percent!](#)

WH Council of Economic Advisers: [The unemployment rate is now lower than at any point during the first term of the last administration. It took over 4 years from the prior recession peak for unemployment to hit 6.9%. The strong decrease came even as more Americans were entering the labor force.](#)

✖ **SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza:** [More good news for American workers from the October #jobsreport](#)

→ ☐ 638,000 jobs added

→ ☐ Unemployment rate fell to 6.9%

→ ☐ 12.1 million jobs added to the American economy since April

Since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.1 million jobs - over 5 in 10 (54.5%) of pandemic job losses in just 6 months. The leisure & hospitality industry – which faced particularly sharp pandemic-related job losses – has now added back 4.8 million jobs, recovering 6 in 10 (58.1%) of pandemic job losses as of October.

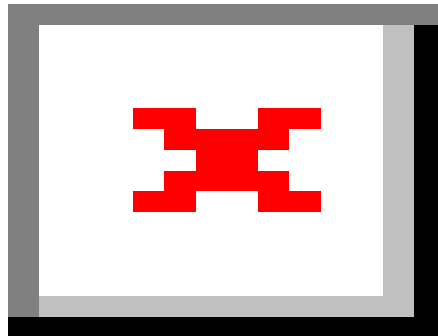
The unemployment rate plummeted in October to 6.9 percent with strong employment gains for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Since the April peak of 14.7%, the unemployment rate has dropped by 7.8 percentage points. The African American unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, the Hispanic American rate fell by 1.5 percentage points, and the Asian American rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

☐ **Read More:** [The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations](#)

President's Advisory 1776 Commission

On Monday, November 2, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) establishing the President's Advisory 1176 Commission. The Commission will work to improve understanding of the history and the principles of the founding of the United States among our Nation's rising generations. Within a year, the Commission will produce a report regarding the core principles of America's founding and how these principles may be understood to further the blessings of liberty and promote our continuing efforts to form a more perfect Union. Learn more [here](#).

✘ **President Donald J. Trump: [Just signed an order to establish the 1776 Commission. We will stop the radical indoctrination of our students, and restore PATRIOTIC EDUCATION to our schools!](#)**



President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event brought together historians, scholars, and educators to discuss our Nation's approach to teaching American history and to assist

educators across the country. During the conference, the President announced the formation of the **1776 Commission** to better enable America's rising generations understand our history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding.

□ **Read More:** [Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020](#)

□ **Watch:** [White House Conference on American History](#)

□ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks at the White House Conference on American History](#)

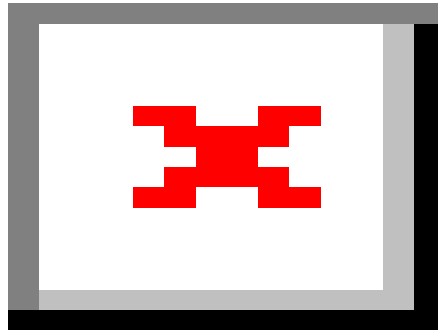
The Trump Administration remains committed to encouraging educators to teach the constitution and believes our children must learn from American history so that the next generation can continue to form a more perfect union. Under President Trump's leadership, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) **awarded** \$40.3 million in CARES Act economic stabilization grants to over 300 institutions, spanning all 50 states.

To bolster these efforts, NEH **awarded** over \$185,000 to the [National Association of Scholars](#) (NAS) and [AAT Education](#) (AAT). NAS will survey popular history books used to teach America's children, and AAT will create a more engaging and inspiring U.S. history curriculum. This grant will allow for esteemed historians and educators to develop curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

On Monday, November 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **delivered to Congress** its priority list of deferred maintenance projects for **Great American Outdoors Act** (GAOA) funding in fiscal year 2021. The **project list** includes 556 projects totaling more than \$285 million in Federal investment.

These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its \$5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments and other partners in a [Shared Stewardship](#) framework, these projects will benefit from millions in partner contributions that will further bolster the funding provided under GAOA.



President Trump [signed](#) the GAOA on August 4, 2020—a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America’s national parks and public lands. The GAOA will protect and enhance the economies of numerous gateway communities that surround our public lands by restoring and maintaining critical access and infrastructure. The bill was a part of a strong push by President Trump to prioritize the conservation and stewardship of our public lands.

❑ **Op-Ed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue:** [Opening and Accessing America’s Great Outdoors](#)

❑ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks on Preserving Our National](#)

Trump Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime

On Monday, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJJP) [announced the award](#) of more than \$458 million in grant funding to support State, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

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This funding continues the Trump Administration's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety through efforts like [Operation Legend](#). In the two years before President Trump took office, America had experienced a precipitous rise in crime, particularly in serious violent crime. The President elevated community safety to the top of his domestic agenda and crime rates have fallen steadily since. Recent data from the FBI and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for 2019 show a drop in crime and serious victimization for the third year in a row. However, a number of cities are experiencing conspicuous countertrends. These grants will bolster crime-fighting efforts in those communities and in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Also, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting nominations for the **38th Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering missing and abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. More [here](#).

Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

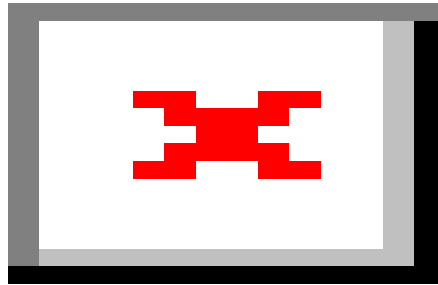
The U.S. Department of Energy [released](#) a formalized process for Tribes and eligible tribal entities to request a cost share reduction for awards issued under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy). Please [see this letter](#) from Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mark W. Menezes.

[The Office of Indian Energy](#) has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than \$85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical assistance to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives which help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions.

For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy [website](#).

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live [here](#).



✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.](#)

✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth](#)

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

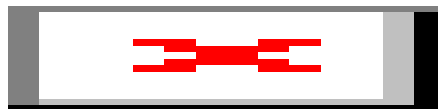
The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-

to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5, Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' [new policy](#) expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more [here](#).

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America



On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House: [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

☐ **Op-Ed by Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, WH Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, WH Office of Intergovernmental Affairs): [Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors](#)**

☐ **Read More: [Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year](#)**

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White House IGA National COVID-19 Briefing Call *for State, local, and Tribal officials*

In observance of Veterans Day, 2020, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is rescheduling the National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials. Below, please find updated registration instructions for the call as well as information on Veterans Day, 2020.

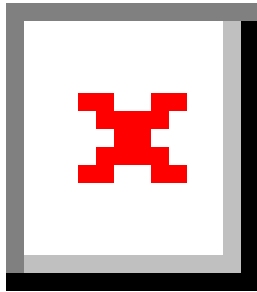
National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

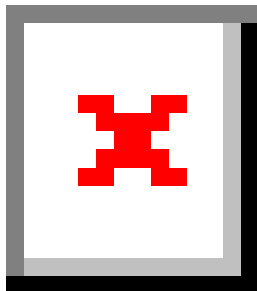
Call-In Registration: ****if you previously registered for the 11/11 call, you do not need to re-register**** [CLICK HERE](#)

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Vice President Mike Pence: [HUGE NEWS:](#)
[Thanks to the public-private partnership forged by](#)
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[trial is EFFECTIVE, preventing infection in 90% of its volunteers.](#)

Read More: [Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Is Looking 90% Effective](#)



HHS Secretary Alex Azar: [Big news: Pfizer](#)
[published data this morning showing its coronavirus vaccine may be more than](#)
[90% effective. This is unprecedented progress just 10 months after the viral](#)
[sequence was published and is a result of the whole-of American effort this](#)

Administration has led.

Last week, HHS responded to Governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution efforts. Those responses can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries [here](#).

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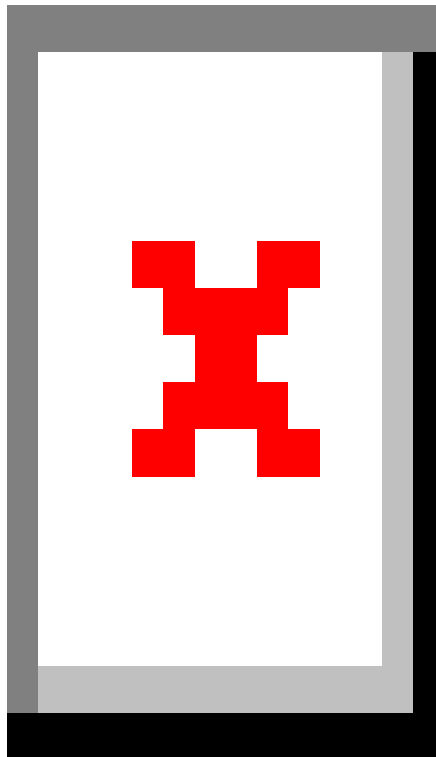
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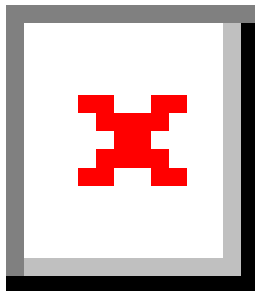
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Veterans Day 2020

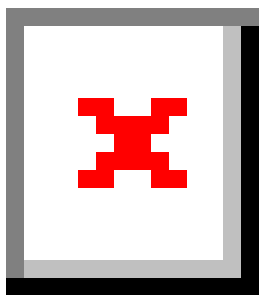


On November 11, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend and preserve our precious liberty. As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all - [Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2019](#)

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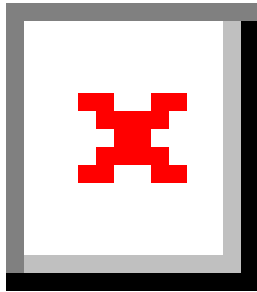


The White House: [Today, the White House hosted a conference of nearly 200 Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, and State, local, and Tribal Veterans champions, to honor the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community!](#)

Veterans Day 2020

Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Regional Observances: The Veterans Day National Committee also recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites [here](#).



Interior Secretary David

Bernhardt: [The @realDonaldTrump](#)

[Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.](#)

Read More: [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

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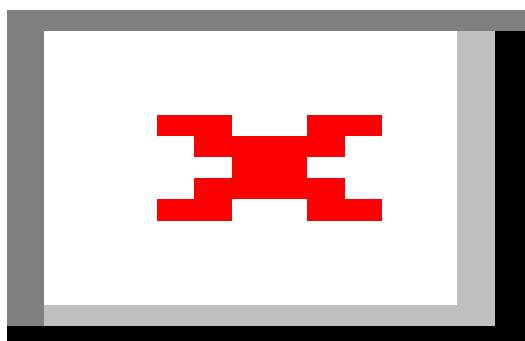
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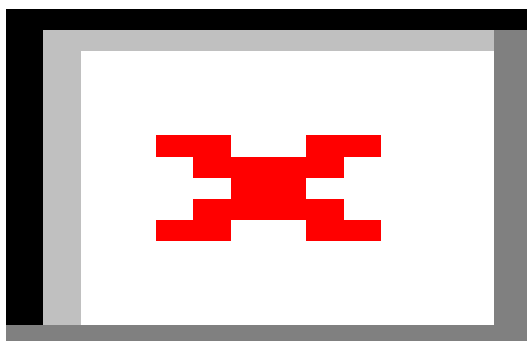
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Veterans Day 2020 □□

Today, November 11, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we honor America's veterans for their service and sacrifice to the country.



America's veterans have fought to defend our country, its values, and its interests since



- ☐ **Watch:** [Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty](#)
- ☐ **Read More:** [Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2020](#)
- ☒ **Department of Defense:** [On #VeteransDay, join us in saluting the men and women who have given selflessly and sacrificed in service to our country. We thank you. Learn more about Veterans Day: <https://go.usa.gov/x7R85>](#)

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✶ **VA Secretary Robert Wilkie:** [Veterans Day is about much more than shopping](#)

□ Beginning this Veterans Day, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families [free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones fought to protect](#). It's a tangible way we can honor the service & sacrifice of those who've worn our country's uniform.

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Today, November 11, the Smithsonian [celebrated of the opening National Native American Veterans Memorial](#). The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions. [Learn More Here](#).

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11.

If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** [CLICK HERE](#)

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update
- Veterans Day, 2020
- National Native American Veterans Memorial

- National Apprenticeship Week 2020
- DOJ Report on Recruiting in Rural Agencies
- Addressing the Threat from Chinese Military Companies

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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in

this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

□ Vaccine Announcement□

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics. Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

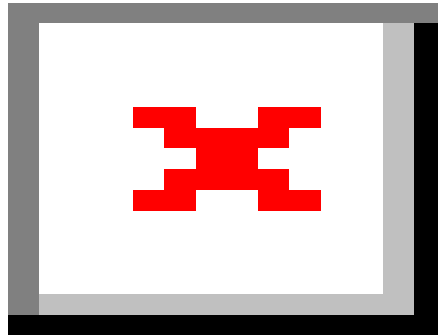
□ **Watch:** [President Trump delivers remarks on Operation Warp Speed](#)

▣ **White House:** [The average development timeline for a vaccine can take 8-12 years. Through Operation Warp Speed, we're doing it in less than one year—5X faster than the fastest vaccine development in history.](#)

▣ **Vice President Pence:** [We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.](#)

On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

□ **Read More:** [Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study](#)



Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's [Operation Warp Speed](#) goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

✖ **Ivanka Trump:** [@realDonaldTrump's Operation Warp Speed, launched in May, is a massive scientific, industrial + logistical endeavor unlike anything seen since the Manhattan Project to expedite the development, manufacturing and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine!](#) ✖

❑ [Click here to watch Secretary Azar's latest interview on Operation Warp](#)

Speed

✓ Fact Sheet: [Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)

□ AP News: [Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective](#)

Antibody Treatment Authorization

Also on November 9, through Operation Warp Speed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the investigational monoclonal antibody treatment *bamlanivimab* for adult and pediatric patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19. While the safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy continues to be evaluated, *bamlanivimab* was shown in clinical trials to reduce COVID-19 related hospitalization or emergency room visits in patients at high risk for disease progression within 28 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

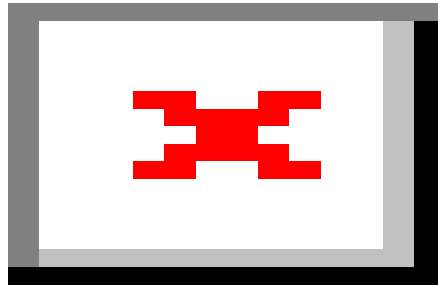
□ Read More: [FDA Authorizes Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19](#)

Secretary Alex Azar (HHS): [BREAKING: Authorization of this new Eli Lilly antibody treatment is a significant step forward in treating patients and bridging us to the rollout of safe and effective vaccines, with all of these efforts made possible by #OperationWarpSpeed.](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that starting Wednesday, November 11, Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage of monoclonal antibodies to treat coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) with no cost-sharing during the public health emergency (PHE).

▣ Administrator Seema Verma (CMS): [“Today, @CMSGov is announcing a historic, first-of-its kind policy that drastically expands access to #COVID19 monoclonal antibodies to beneficiaries without cost sharing.”](#)

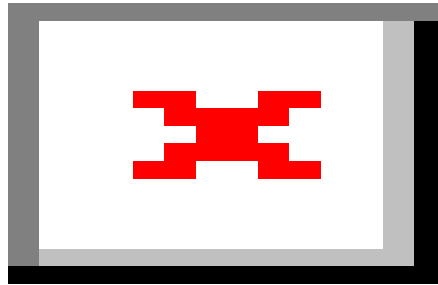
□ **Read More:** [CMS Takes Steps to Ensure Medicare Beneficiaries Have Wide Access to COVID-19 Antibody Treatment](#)



Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 1,014 COVID-19 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants in the most robust Federal-State collaboration in modern American history.

Veteran's Day 2020

On Wednesday, November 11, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the entire Administration celebrated Veterans Day, 2020 and recognized the sacrifice and bravery of our Nation's veterans.

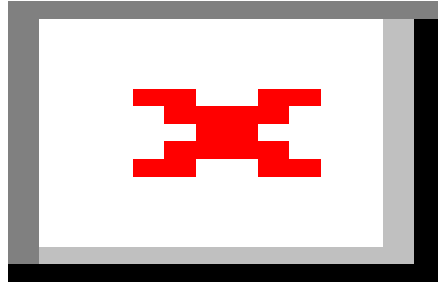


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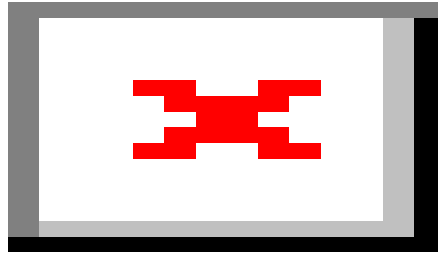
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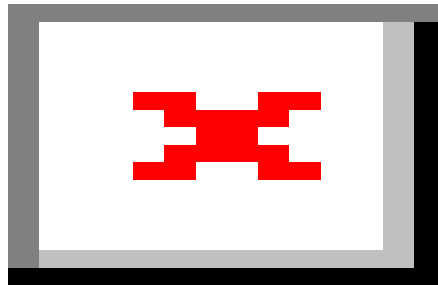
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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 13, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: *Please note that this call was originally scheduled for November 11.

If you previously registered, you do not need to re-register** [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update
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COVID-19 Update

On behalf of the White House and entire Administration, we appreciate your partnership in

this all-of-America effort to respond to and recover from COVID-19. Below, find pertinent announcements regarding Federal support and coordination efforts.

□ Vaccine Announcement□

On Friday, November 13, President Trump delivered an update from the Rose Garden announcing that the United States will be able to **provide vaccines to 20 million Americans in December** as a result of the unprecedented public-private partnership under Operation Warp Speed and military support for deploying logistics. Operation Warp Speed will deploy a safe, effective vaccine first to frontline workers and the most vulnerable. The Trump Administration initiated the single greatest mobilization in U.S. history—pioneering, developing, and manufacturing COVID-19 therapies and vaccines in record time.

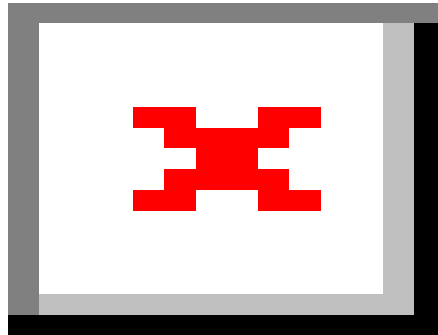
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▣ **Vice President Pence:** [We are proud to report, pending FDA approval, the @pfizer vaccine will be available before the year is out. It is an unprecedented medical mobilization and we commend the Operation Warp Speed team for developing a safe and effective vaccine for the American people.](#)

On Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its Coronavirus vaccine is 90 percent effective in preventing infection in over 90% of its volunteers from the Phase 3 clinical study. This unprecedented progress is a result of the Trump Administration's all-of-America, whole-of-government effort to respond to COVID-19.

□ **Read More:** [Pfizer and Biontech Announce Vaccine Candidate against Covid-19 Achieved Success in First Interim Analysis from Phase 3 Study](#)



Ahead of Pfizer's big announcement, Vice President Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Monday, November 9, to discuss Pfizer's partnership with Operation Warp Speed to deliver a safe and effective vaccine.

In July, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. for large-scale production and nationwide delivery of 100 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. following the vaccine's successful manufacture and approval. The agreement also allows the U.S. government to acquire an additional 500 million doses. This approach helps meet the U.S. government's [Operation Warp Speed](#) goal to begin delivering 300 million of doses of safe and effective vaccine to the American people by January 2021.

✘ **Ivanka Trump:** [@realDonaldTrump's Operation Warp Speed, launched in May, is a massive scientific, industrial + logistical endeavor unlike anything seen since the Manhattan Project to expedite the development, manufacturing and distribution of a coronavirus vaccine!](#) ✘

☐ [Click here to watch Secretary Azar's latest interview on Operation Warp](#)

Speed

✓ Fact Sheet: [Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)

□ AP News: [Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective](#)

Antibody Treatment Authorization

Also on November 9, through Operation Warp Speed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the investigational monoclonal antibody treatment *bamlanivimab* for adult and pediatric patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19. While the safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy continues to be evaluated, *bamlanivimab* was shown in clinical trials to reduce COVID-19 related hospitalization or emergency room visits in patients at high risk for disease progression within 28 days after treatment when compared to placebo.

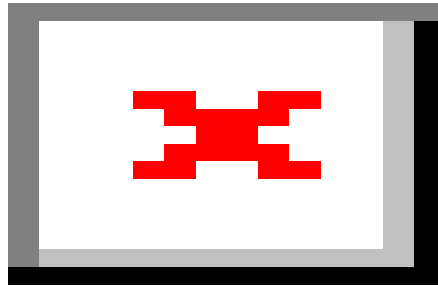
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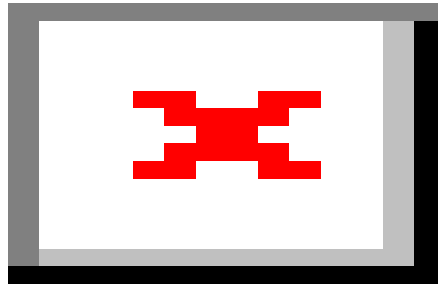
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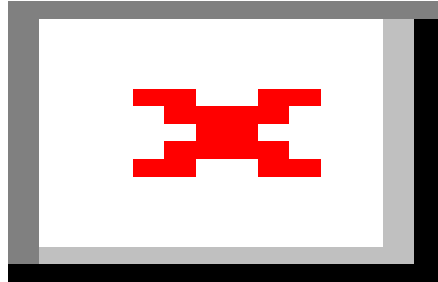


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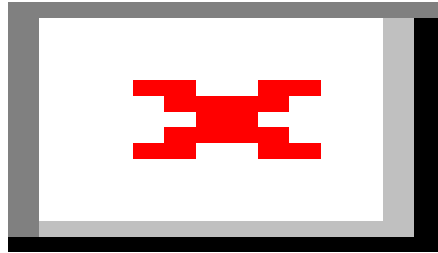
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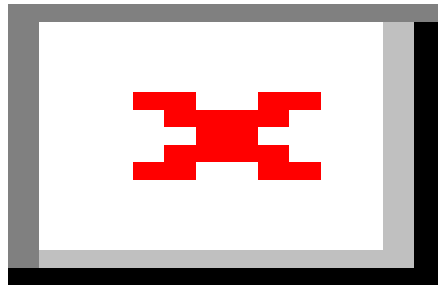
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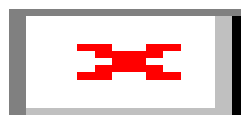
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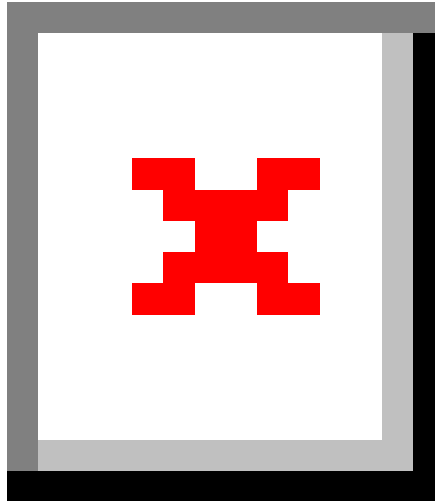
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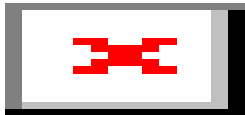
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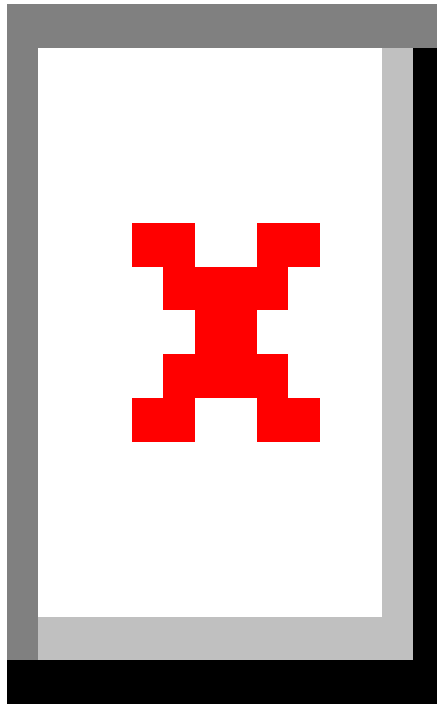
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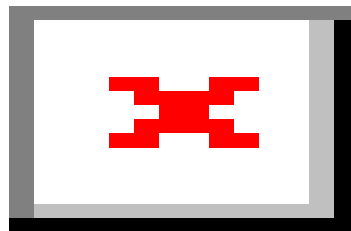
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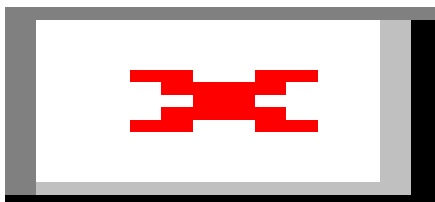
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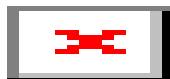


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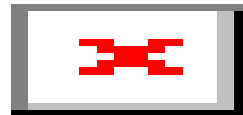


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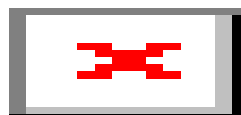
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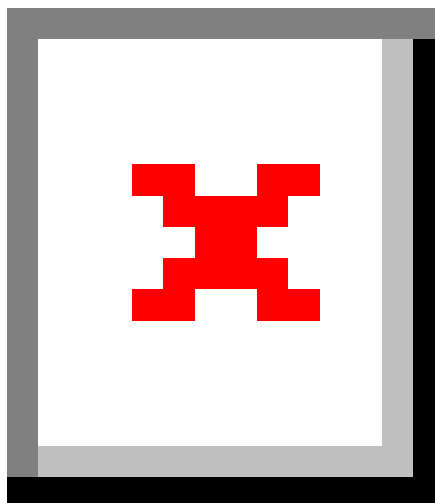
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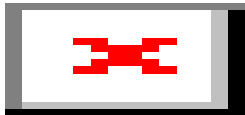
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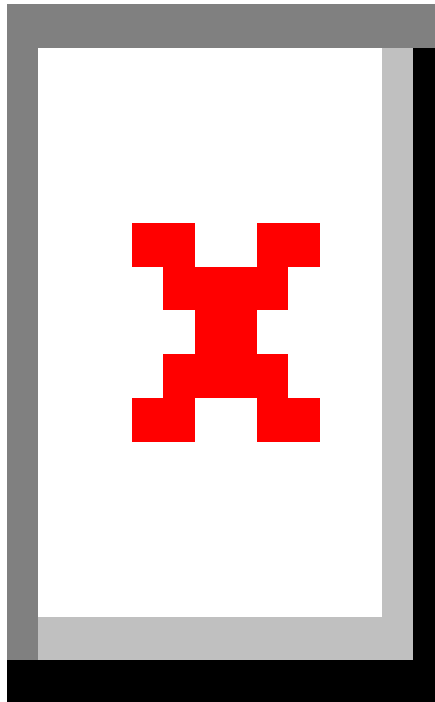
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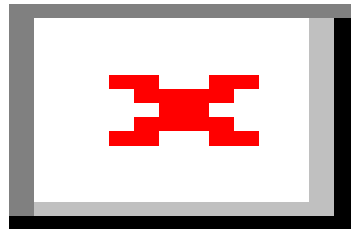
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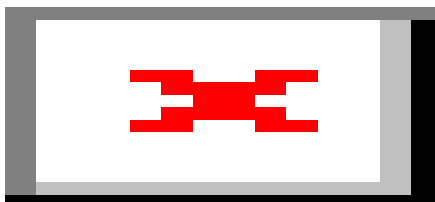
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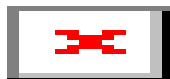


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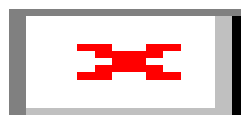


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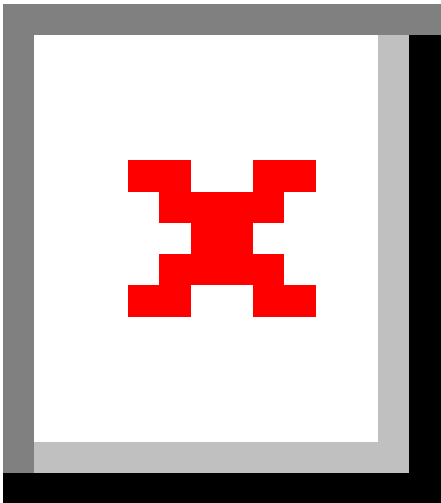
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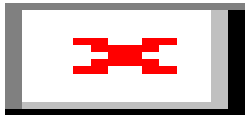
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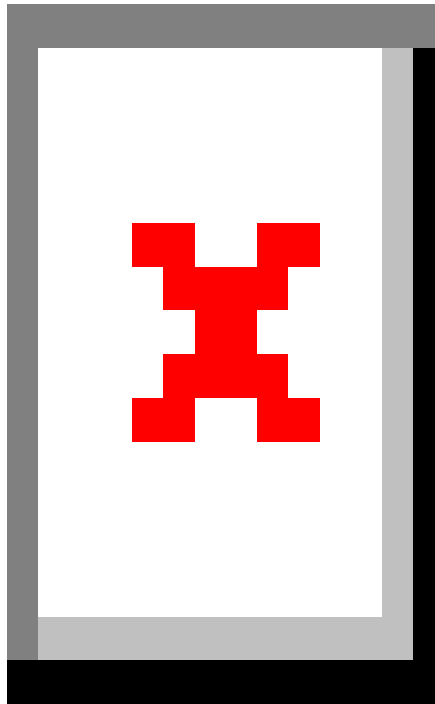
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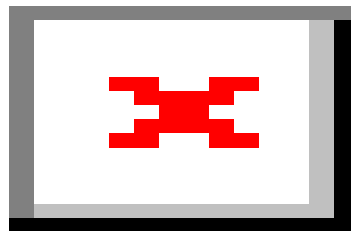
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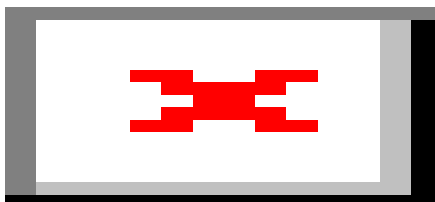
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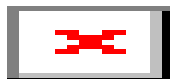


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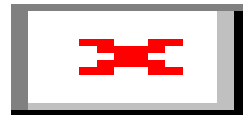


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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

White House Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | October 30, 2020

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This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update; Bi-Weekly Call Readout
- Highest GDP Economic Growth on Record
- Resource Guide: Promoting Rural Prosperity in America
- White House Delegation Meetings with Tribal Governments in Arizona and New Mexico
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- Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Safe School Re-openings

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#).

✖ **William Crozer (Deputy Director, WH IGA): [Since 2017, President @realDonaldTrump and the entire Administration have forged unprecedented partnerships with State, Local, and Tribal Officials from across the country to better address shared challenges and build upon shared opportunities. Just a few examples...](#)**

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Seema Verma, *Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*
- Dr. Nancy Messonnier, *Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC*
- Rebeckah Freeman-Adcock, *Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA*

Ambassador Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force

Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
- ☐ **North Dakota Health:** [Burgum Welcomes Dr. Deborah Birx Back to North Dakota to Discuss Coronavirus Challenges, Response](#)

On testing, Dr. Birx noted that nursing homes staff and residents are receiving routine testing. For universities and colleges, Dr. Birx has seen campuses applying one of two approaches - conduct primary testing and contact tracing to identify asymptomatic students or random testing. Dr. Birx said both are adequate responses, but it is important to note the

call to action of working together to stop the spread, particularly among asymptomatic individuals.

Seema Verma (Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services): Administrator Verma provided an update on Medicare Open Enrollment where consumers can now preview 2021 healthcare plans and prices on [HealthCare.gov](#) before open enrollment begins on November 1. Last week, CMS [released a report](#) showing the third consecutive year of improving market conditions under the Trump Administration's new policies. Three years of declining average second lowest cost silver plan (benchmark plan) premiums have combined to deliver an 8% premium reduction across HealthCare.gov since the 2018 coverage year. Many consumers coming to HealthCare.gov will also find they have more options given that issuer participation has also increased for the third year in a row. The percentage of HealthCare.gov enrollees with access to only one issuer is decreasing from 29% in 2018 to 4% in 2021 and more than three quarters of HealthCare.gov enrollees will have access to at least three issuers in 2021. Find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Administrator Verma also highlighted the Trump Administration's ongoing efforts around healthcare price transparency. On October 29, CMS, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury issued a historic final rule on price transparency, helping to ensure every American knows how much their healthcare will cost in advance and allowing them to make fully informed and value-conscious decisions. The rule requires most private health plans, including group health plans and individual health insurance market plans to disclose pricing and cost-sharing information and fulfills a key element of President Trump's [Executive Order](#) on price and quality transparency. Read more [here](#) and find a helpful Fact Sheet [here](#).

Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
- [Premiums for healthcare.gov Plans Are Lower for Third Consecutive Year](#)

- [Trump Administration Acts to Ensure Coverage of Life-Saving COVID-19 Vaccines & Therapeutics](#)

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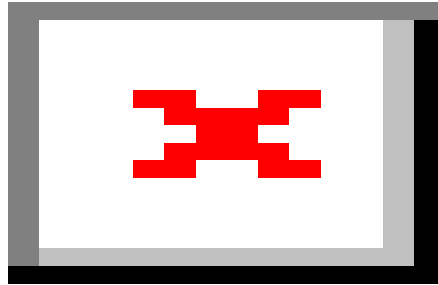
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THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEBACK

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Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

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✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

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FCC Announces Biggest and Boldest Step Yet to Expand Rural Broadband: Thursday, October 30, the Federal Communications Commission launched the first phase of its new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, which will provide internet companies with \$20 billion in subsidies over the next 10 years to build out broadband networks in underserved parts of the country. The funding will connect roughly 10 million Americans who do not have any internet access or are on slow speeds. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

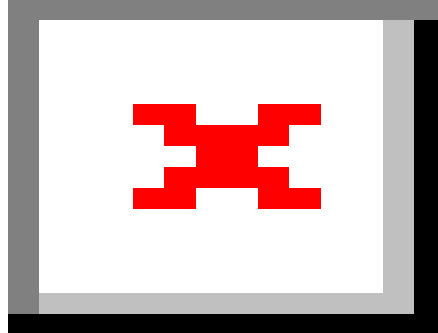
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This week, a delegation of Senior White House and Administration Officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for government-to-government meetings with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As a sign of respect for the largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the delegation visited Window Rock, the seat of government for the Navajo Nation in Northeast Arizona. The delegation participated in working sessions with Senior Navajo Executive Branch and Council leaders, including Vice President Myron Lizer, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Speaker Seth Damon, and Delegates Mark Freeland, Jimmy Yellowhair, Paul Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Charlaine Tso, Pernell Halona, Wilson Stewart Jr., Otto Tso, Jamie Henio, and Raymond Smith.

The discussions focused on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and safer communities in the Navajo Nation and on President Trump's recently released policy agenda for Indian Country entitled - [***Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More.***](#)

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✖ **Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney (DOI):** [Quyanaqpak @NNVP Lizer @NavajoCouncil #NNSpeakerDamon for a productive G2G discussion on @POTUS NA policy strategy #ForgottenNoMore . Thank you for the invitation! #Honored to sit in your chambers, learn about NN challenges and partnership opportunities. #AHÉHEE'!](#)

✖ **Office of Justice Programs (DOJ):** [PDAAG Katie Sullivan visited with the Navajo Nation today, to speak at a @WhiteHouse hosted event about providing support to the Navajo people during the #COVID pandemic, as part of an even bigger commitment from @TheJusticeDept to help keep tribal communities safe.](#)

During the proceedings, on behalf of President Donald J. Trump, the delegation presented Navajo leaders with the “2020 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat

Trafficking in Persons” for their leadership in combating human trafficking on tribal lands, and for bringing greater awareness of the realities of human trafficking in Native communities. The Trump Administration has worked closely with Tribal leaders across the Nation on the issue of human trafficking and on the issue of missing and murdered Native Americans, which President Trump was the first President to recognize via a formal proclamation. The President signed an Executive Order in November 2019 to form [Operation Lady Justice](#) to systematically and aggressively address the too-long overlooked issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

✖ **24th Navajo Nation Council:** [Navajo leaders share priorities and recommendations with Federal delegation during Navajo Nation consultation.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Navajo Leaders Advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership.](#)

The Federal delegation [participated](#) in the opening of the Navajo Nation’s Little Singer Community School, which received over \$27 million in Federal funding to build a facility that will improve the educational experience for Navajo children. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the Hopi Tribe to [announce](#) the advancement of an important water quality project and with leaders of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - including President Martin Harvier and Ricardo Leonard - to tour the construction of the River People Health Center to improve health care access for Native Americans.

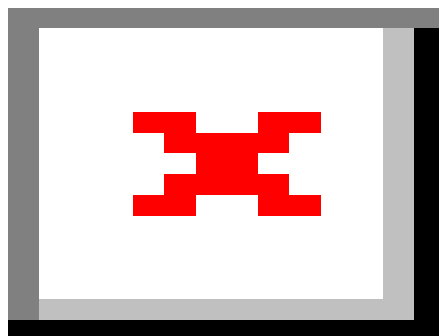
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Trump Administration's Interior Supports \$336 Billion in Economic Activity and 1.9 Million Jobs

On Monday, October 26, the U.S. Department of the Interior released its **Economic Report for Fiscal Year 2019**. The report highlights the Department's economic contributions that arise from managing Federal lands and waters and making investments that conserve and restore natural landscapes and the cultural heritage of the Nation. Departmental management of these resources facilitates private sector activities that result in economic contributions across conventional and renewable energy, recreation, non-fuel minerals, irrigation and a wide swath of other activities that supported \$336 billion in economic output and 1.9 million jobs across the country.

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Interior Secretary David Bernhardt addresses the Trump Administration's commitment to increasing recreational opportunities and protecting the National Park Service.

□ **Watch:** [U.S. Department of the Interior celebrates historic feats for conservation & public lands!](#)

□ **The Center Square (AZ):** [DOI activities in Nevada contributed billions to the state's economy last year, agency report says](#)

□ **APG Wisconsin:** [U.S. Department of Interior efforts added \\$658 million to Wisconsin's economic output in 2019](#)

Additionally, **starting on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and every day onward, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans will be granted free access to national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior.** The new announcement broadens that benefit to more than 20 million more individuals in recognition of their service and sacrifice on behalf of the country.

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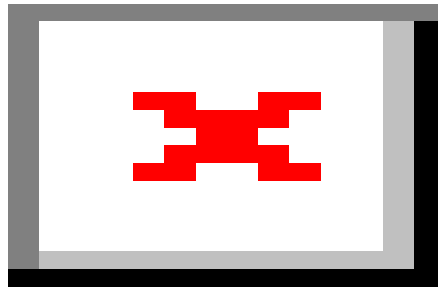
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Lastly, while Secretary Bernhardt visited the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge In Iowa, he signed a **Secretary's Order** that waives entrance fees to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior for 5th grade students and their families from now until Aug. 31, 2021. More information about the Every Kid Outdoors Program can be found **here** and **here**.

Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies

On Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - though the U.S. Department of Justice - **announced** Standards for Certification that will be used by credentialing bodies so they can begin certifying thousands of law enforcement agencies over the next three months. The Standards of Certification are a result of President Trump's June **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities**.



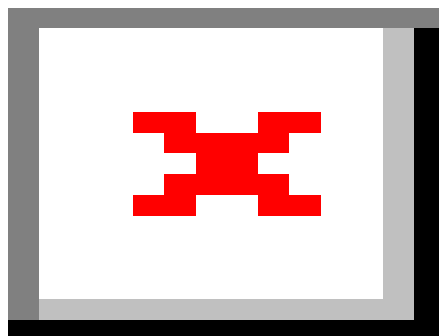
To learn more about the Executive Order, please click the [video](#) to watch an interview with Assistant to the President Ja’Ron Smith and Attorney General William P. Barr.

✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

Over the next 90 days, at least 3,000 law enforcement agencies will be certified by independent credentialing agencies. These agencies will conduct independent reviews of law enforcement policies and procedures, which, in turn, will ensure accountability, enhance citizen confidence and trust in law enforcement, and help correct internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

☐ **Read More:** [President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps To Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement And Their Communities](#)

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✖ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

Court:

- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
- Justice Barrett is the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

❑ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

❑ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to responding to COVID-19. Below you will find a readout from the White House COVID-19 National Briefing Call with State, local, and Tribal officials on Wednesday, October 28.

Participants on the October 28th call included:

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Coordinator): Dr. Birx highlighted her recent travel across the upper Midwest and Midwest Plains, noting she has now visited 40 States. Dr. Birx highlighted a rise in cases in these areas and other parts of the country due to the cooling weather and emphasized the importance of practicing appropriate mitigation measures.

- ☐ **Post Register:** [Dr. Birx Visited Idaho Falls on Thursday](#)
- ☐ **Wyoming News Now:** [Dr. Deborah Birx Visits Riverton for Roundtable with Government, health, and Tribal Officials](#)
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Additional announcements -

- [CMS Releases New One-Stop Nursing Home Resource Center for Providers, Caregivers, Residents](#)
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✖ **First Lady Melania Trump:** [Encouraging our youth to #BeDrugFree is a top priority for this Administration. Today @ONDCP announced approx \\$24 million in continued funding for Drug-Free Communities programs across the country to help make this possible! #BeBest](#)

Since January, the Trump Administration has led over 40 Governors-only calls and 1,014 briefings with over 243,031 State, local and Tribal participants.

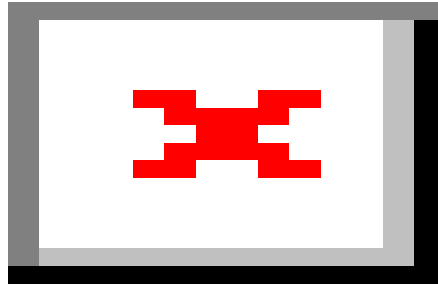
Highest GDP Growth on Record

THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEBACK

After releasing his plan to [reopen America safely](#) in April, President Trump remarked that prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the United States had “built the greatest economy anywhere in the world . . . and we’re going to build it again.” **On Thursday, October 29, the Department of Labor released U.S. GDP numbers for the third quarter of 2020 showing growth of 7.4 percent (33.1 percent at an annual rate).** This represents the largest single quarter of economic growth on record and roughly twice the prior record of 3.9 percent (16.7 percent at an annual rate) set in the first quarter of 1950.

Since April, over 11.4 million jobs have been gained, recovering more than half of jobs lost because of lockdowns. Bottom line, the economic recovery is beating expectations and outpacing the recovery of the Great Recession. The CBO projected the unemployment rate would still be above 10 percent in December but is well under 10 percent. Retail sales are already above pre-pandemic levels, many construction and

manufacturing jobs have been recovered, and business activity is at a 20-month high. What does this mean? More jobs and healthier economies in YOUR COMMUNITIES.



☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow: "Since the data going back to 1947, we've never had anything remotely close to this... this thing was kicking on all cylinders."](#) 

☐ **Watch:** [Larry Kudlow says the Trump agenda gave momentum to businesses!](#)

Under the President and this Administration's leadership, America achieved record levels of growth and economic prosperity and we will do so again.

☐ Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 33.1% in the third quarter, beating expectations and achieving an all-time high increase.

☐ The third quarter rise in GDP is nearly double the previous record that was set 70 years ago.

☐ Real consumer spending led the way with an increase of 40.7%, breaking all previous records.

☐ The economy saw massive increases in business investment (20.3%), residential investment (59.3%), and inventory investment (adding 6.6. percentage points to GDP).

✖ **Council of Economic Advisers:** [While the pandemic has impacted every country around the world, the United States suffered the least severe contraction of any major Western economy in the first half of 2020 as the Euro Area's contraction was 1.5 times as severe.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Council of Economic Advisers - September Jobs Report Shows American Grit](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Economic Comeback Under President Trump Breaks 7--Year Record](#)

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Building on the foundational work of the Task Force, on Wednesday, October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on disaster natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House:** [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)

In addition, the White House and Administration are working alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation** to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Read more about the Administration's deregulatory agenda and the Initiative on Regulatory Innovation in this recent op-ed from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs) here: [Deregulation Is Spurring Growth](#). Also find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

Recent Announcements on Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

Trump Administration Invests \$891 Million in Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements in 43 States: Wednesday, October 27, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) an investment of \$891 million to modernize rural drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across 43 states. These 220 projects will help improve rural water infrastructure for 787,000 residents.

Trump Administration Invests \$871 Million in Rural Community Facilities in 43 States and Guam: Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - [announced](#) of \$871 million to improve critical community facilities in communities across 42 States and Guam. These investments will be for such purposes as to build or upgrade schools, libraries, clinics, and public safety facilities.

FCC Announces Biggest and Boldest Step Yet to Expand Rural Broadband: Thursday, October 30, the Federal Communications Commission launched the first phase of its new Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction, which will provide internet companies with \$20 billion in subsidies over the next 10 years to build out broadband networks in underserved parts of the country. The funding will connect roughly 10 million Americans who do not have any internet access or are on slow speeds. Read more [here](#).

Trump Administration Continues Investing Unprecedented Resources into Rural Broadband: Through USDA's ReConnect Program, the Trump Administration is investing unprecedented resources into rural communities across the country to expand access to high-speed broadband. Recent investments in [Nebraska](#), [North Dakota & Montana](#), [Colorado](#), [New York](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Iowa](#).

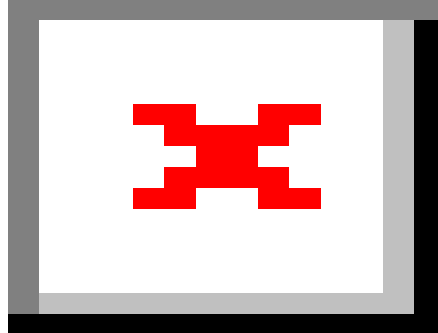
White House Leads Senior Delegation Visit to Arizona and New Mexico for Government-to-Government Meetings with Tribes

This week, a delegation of Senior White House and Administration Officials traveled to Arizona and New Mexico for government-to-government meetings with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

As a sign of respect for the largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the delegation visited Window Rock, the seat of government for the Navajo Nation in Northeast Arizona. The delegation participated in working sessions with Senior Navajo Executive Branch and Council leaders, including Vice President Myron Lizer, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Speaker Seth Damon, and Delegates Mark Freeland, Jimmy Yellowhair, Paul Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Charlaime Tso, Pernell Halona, Wilson Stewart Jr., Otto Tso, Jamie Henio, and Raymond Smith.

The discussions focused on the challenges and opportunities for economic growth and safer communities in the Navajo Nation and on President Trump's recently released policy agenda for Indian Country entitled - [Putting America's First Peoples First: Forgotten No More](#).

□ **Read More:** [President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country](#)



☒ **Vice President Myron Lizer (Navajo Nation):** Navajo leaders advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership. Ahé’hee President @realDonaldTrump for your White House Administration to visit the Navajo Reservation.

☒ **Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney (DOI):** Quyanaqpak @NNVP Lizer @NavajoCouncil #NNSpeakerDamon for a productive G2G discussion on @POTUS NA policy strategy #ForgottenNoMore . Thank you for the invitation! #Honored to sit in your chambers, learn about NN challenges and partnership opportunities. #AHÉHEE’!

☒ **Office of Justice Programs (DOJ):** PDAAG Katie Sullivan visited with the Navajo Nation today, to speak at a @WhiteHouse hosted event about providing support to the Navajo people during the #COVID pandemic, as part of an even bigger commitment from @TheJusticeDept to help keep tribal communities safe.

During the proceedings, on behalf of President Donald J. Trump, the delegation presented Navajo leaders with the “2020 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat

Trafficking in Persons” for their leadership in combating human trafficking on tribal lands, and for bringing greater awareness of the realities of human trafficking in Native communities. The Trump Administration has worked closely with Tribal leaders across the Nation on the issue of human trafficking and on the issue of missing and murdered Native Americans, which President Trump was the first President to recognize via a formal proclamation. The President signed an Executive Order in November 2019 to form [Operation Lady Justice](#) to systematically and aggressively address the too-long overlooked issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

✖ **24th Navajo Nation Council:** [Navajo leaders share priorities and recommendations with Federal delegation during Navajo Nation consultation.](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Navajo Leaders Advocate for health care, public safety, economic development, and others with White House leadership.](#)

The Federal delegation [participated](#) in the opening of the Navajo Nation’s Little Singer Community School, which received over \$27 million in Federal funding to build a facility that will improve the educational experience for Navajo children. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the Hopi Tribe to [announce](#) the advancement of an important water quality project and with leaders of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - including President Martin Harvier and Ricardo Leonard - to tour the construction of the River People Health Center to improve health care access for Native Americans.

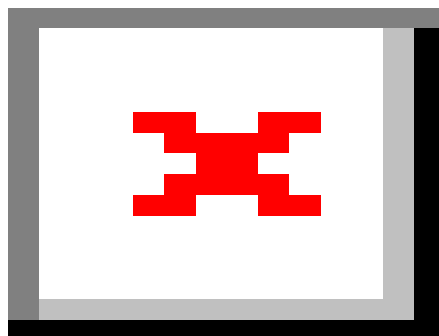
✖ **Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Doug Hoelscher:** [Honored to represent President @realDonaldTrump in meetings with Tribal leaders including the Navajo Nation \(@NavajoCouncil & @NNVP Lizer\), Hopi Tribe leaders, and now on way to Salt River Pima-Maricopa in Arizona.](#)
[#ForgottenNoMore](#)

Trump Administration's Interior Supports \$336 Billion in Economic Activity and 1.9 Million Jobs

On Monday, October 26, the U.S. Department of the Interior released its **Economic Report for Fiscal Year 2019**. The report highlights the Department's economic contributions that arise from managing Federal lands and waters and making investments that conserve and restore natural landscapes and the cultural heritage of the Nation. Departmental management of these resources facilitates private sector activities that result in economic contributions across conventional and renewable energy, recreation, non-fuel minerals, irrigation and a wide swath of other activities that supported \$336 billion in economic output and 1.9 million jobs across the country.

✖ **Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI):** [@realDonaldTrump's agenda for public lands has been a major boon for communities throughout the country. Public lands are a critical place of refuge for the American people and will continue to support the economic vitality of our country.](#)

✖ **U.S. Department of the Interior:** [Interior conserves America's natural resources & heritage, supports Tribal communities & helps power the nation. In FY 2019, production & activities on public lands supported a \\$336 billion economic output & an estimated 1.9 million jobs. #DOIDelivers](#)



Interior Secretary David Bernhardt addresses the Trump Administration's commitment to increasing recreational opportunities and protecting the National Park Service.

□ **Watch:** [U.S. Department of the Interior celebrates historic feats for conservation & public lands!](#)

□ **The Center Square (AZ):** [DOI activities in Nevada contributed billions to the state's economy last year, agency report says](#)

□ **APG Wisconsin:** [U.S. Department of Interior efforts added \\$658 million to Wisconsin's economic output in 2019](#)

Additionally, **starting on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and every day onward, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans will be granted free access to national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior.** The new announcement broadens that benefit to more than 20 million more individuals in recognition of their service and sacrifice on behalf of the country.

□ **Read More:** [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

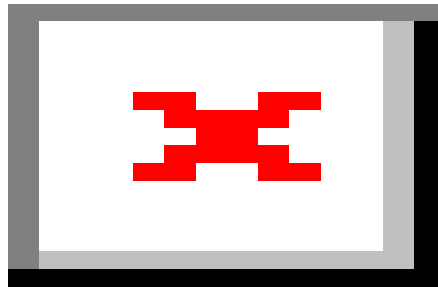
Starting Next Month

✖ **Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI): The @realDonaldTrump Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.**

Lastly, while Secretary Bernhardt visited the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge In Iowa, he signed a **Secretary's Order** that waives entrance fees to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior for 5th grade students and their families from now until Aug. 31, 2021. More information about the Every Kid Outdoors Program can be found **here** and **here**.

Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies

On Wednesday, October 28, the Trump Administration - though the U.S. Department of Justice - **announced** Standards for Certification that will be used by credentialing bodies so they can begin certifying thousands of law enforcement agencies over the next three months. The Standards of Certification are a result of President Trump's June **Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities**.



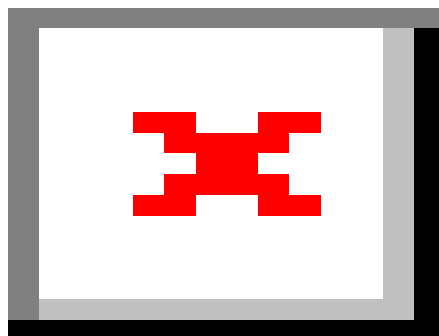
To learn more about the Executive Order, please click the [video](#) to watch an interview with Assistant to the President Ja’Ron Smith and Attorney General William P. Barr.

✖ **Ja’Ron Smith (WH):** [This week, I sat down with the Attorney General to discuss police reform. Along with @realdonaldtrump, AG Barr has been a true leader on public safety. @TheJusticeDept #SafePolicingForSafeCommunities](#)

Over the next 90 days, at least 3,000 law enforcement agencies will be certified by independent credentialing agencies. These agencies will conduct independent reviews of law enforcement policies and procedures, which, in turn, will ensure accountability, enhance citizen confidence and trust in law enforcement, and help correct internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers.

☐ **Read More:** [President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Unprecedented Steps To Strengthen Relations Between Law Enforcement And Their Communities](#)

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court



On Monday, October 26, after a unanimous vote by the Judiciary Committee last week, the Senate confirmed Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to become the 115th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

✖ **President Donald J. Trump:** Last night, we made history and confirmed Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court! Justice Barrett will defend our rights, our liberties, and our God-Given FREEDOM!

Thank you to the many Governors, Lt. Governors, Attorneys General, Secretaries of State, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Secretaries of Agriculture, and countless other State and local leaders, who expressed their support for Justice Barrett's nomination and confirmation through letters, Op-Eds, and social media.

Throughout Justice Barrett's career, she has faithfully upheld the U.S. Constitution as written. The American Bar Association gave Barrett its highest rating, and she has an impressive track record across the legal profession—as a judge, professor, and litigator.

Most important, Justice Barrett will bring a valuable new perspective to our nation's High

Court:

- Justice Barrett is the first mother of school-aged children to become a Supreme Court Justice. She is also only the fifth woman ever to serve.
- As the mother of a child with special needs, she understands the issues and concerns confronting our nation's most vulnerable people.
- Justice Barrett is the only current justice to have a law degree from a school other than Harvard or Yale. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School in Indiana.

Justice Barrett has made her philosophy clear: She will not legislate from the bench. "Courts have a vital responsibility to the rule of law, which is critical to a free society, but courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," she said during her confirmation hearings. "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches, elected by and accountable to the people," she added.

Learn more about Justice Barrett [here](#).

❑ ***New York Post:*** [Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is a triumph for women](#)

❑ ***Washington Examiner:*** ['Without any fear or favor': Amy Coney Barrett vows to uphold Constitution at Supreme Court swearing-in ceremony](#)

Back to School Success Stories

U.S Secretary of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, and the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Frank Brogan, have spent the past few months discussing the importance of returning to school. OESE also hosted a series of webinars discussing best practices and successful strategies employed by schools all over the country to return America's students to learning. Find testimonials written and submitted by parents, teachers, school officials, and community members sharing their positive experience bringing students back to school [here](#). ED welcomes your submissions, which can be submitted here: reopeningschools@ed.gov.

In September, the Department of Education hosted a geographically diverse

group of education practitioners to discuss successful strategies and innovative ideas they have implemented to reopen schools, rethink education, and improve student outcomes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

The CDC has released science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. The CDC discusses the importance of reopening America's schools [here](#) noting that "as families and policymakers make decisions about their children returning to school, it is important to consider the full spectrum of benefits and risks of both in-person and virtual learning options."

- K-12 Schools Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- Higher Education Institutions Guidance & Considerations [here](#).
- White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for College Students [here](#).

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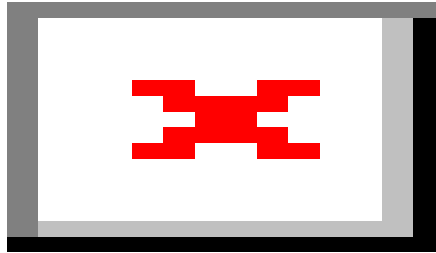


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Supporting Hydraulic Fracturing and Other Technologies to Protect American Jobs, Economic Opportunity, and National Security

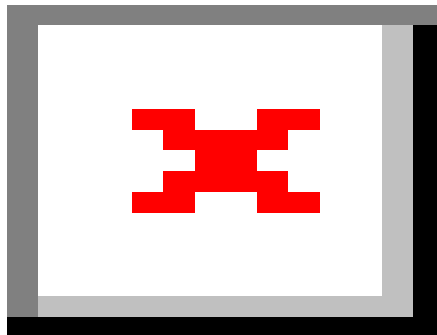
On Saturday, October 31, President Donald J. Trump signed a [Memorandum on Protecting Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and National Security for All Americans](#).

☐ **Secretary Dan Brouillette (DOE):** [Today President @realDonaldTrump signed bold policy for reliable, affordable energy which is essential for our well-being, our economic strength, our global competitiveness, and our national security.](#)



This action sets forth policies to protect American jobs, economic opportunities, and national security by ensuring appropriate support of hydraulic fracturing and other innovative technologies for the use of domestic natural resources. In support of these policies, the memorandum directs the Administration to assess the potential effects of efforts to ban or restrict the use of technologies like fracking. Fracking — when used lawfully and responsibly, with appropriate attention to environmental, health, and safety protections — is vital not just to our domestic prosperity but also to our national security.

▣ **The White House:** [A cumbersome Obama-era rule that placed onerous burdens on fracking was rescinded in 2017, enabling the industry to provide both energy and jobs across Pennsylvania and drive the Commonwealth's number two export—exceeding \\$1.4 billion in 2019! American Energy First!](#)



The President, joined by Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt, Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette, Senator Ted Cruz, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, and U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, signs presidential permits for vital pipeline and railway infrastructure on our nation's border on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the Double Eagle Oil Rig in Midland, Texas.

☐ **Read More:** [Restoring America's energy dominance - By Representative Chris Paddie Chairman, Texas House Energy Resources Committee](#)

☐ **Read More:** [Lea County \(NM\) Commissioner Long Thanks President Trump for Energy Economy Help](#)

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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What You Need to Know

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN JOBS: President Donald J. Trump will continue to defend the jobs and interests of American workers in energy and other key industries.

- President Trump is fighting misguided attacks on hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) and other innovative energy and natural-resources technologies.
- Due to public calls to ban or restrict such technologies, the President has directed his Administration to assess the potential effects of such bans or restrictions on American citizens.
- The Administration will assess the potential consequences of fracking bans – such as job losses – on Americans who are directly or indirectly benefiting from the energy industry and other industries, including mining for sand and other minerals.
 - The President wants to protect these jobs and help out-of-work Americans

who are seeking good jobs.

- No responsible public official should sacrifice vast numbers of American jobs and livelihoods to appease domestic radicals and curry favor with foreign powers.

SECURE AND AFFORDABLE AMERICAN ENERGY: President Trump will continue to ensure Americans have access to dependable, affordable energy to power their homes, cars, and lives.

- In 2019, the Council of Economic Advisers estimated that fracking and other innovations had reduced energy prices and saved Americans \$203 billion per year, or \$2,500 each year for a family of four.
 - These savings disproportionately benefit low-income households, who spend a large share of their incomes on energy.
- Banning or restricting such technologies would increase the prices of gasoline, electricity, heating, and air conditioning.
 - These increases would greatly harm senior citizens, middle- and lower-income Americans, and others on fixed-incomes.
- In addition to assessing the potentially devastating effects of fracking restrictions on American jobs and workers, the Administration will assess potential effects on consumers, property owners, local governments, schools, hospitals, and medical clinics.

PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY: President Trump will continue to put America First and will guard United States national security through energy independence.

- Reliable, affordable energy is essential to our Nation's well-being, our economic strength and global competitiveness, and our national security.
- The President is opposed to misguided policies that would take us back to the days of vulnerable dependence on foreign oil and natural gas.
- As a result of the President's continued push for energy independence and new technologies, our country recently became a net energy exporter for the first time since 1952, with American energy exports reaching an all-time high last year.
- The United States is now the world's leading producer of both oil and natural gas.

- Crude oil production set record highs both last year and the year before, leaping past the previous record set in 1970.
- The Trump Administration has increased exports of American liquefied natural gas (LNG) by nearly five-fold and has issued more than 20 long-term authorizations for LNG exports.
 - LNG exports are reducing the trade deficit by \$10 billion each year and are on pace to reduce the trade deficit by \$30 billion per year by 2030.
- At the same time, America is a world leader in clean air and in reducing energy-related CO2 emissions.
 - Our Nation's air quality has improved by 77 percent over the last 50 years, including 7 percent under President Trump.
 - In 2019, the United States had the largest absolute decline in energy-related CO2 emissions of any country in the world.
- Through his strong leadership and common-sense policies, President Trump has proven that energy production and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand.

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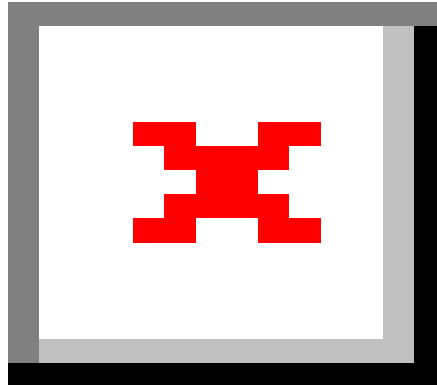
On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

Their cherished legacy, rich cultures, and heroic history of military service inspire us all. In November, as we recommit to supporting Native American Tribes and people, we resolve to work side-by-side with their leaders to secure stronger, safer communities and preserve their sacred heritage for future generations.

▣ **Indian Affairs:** [On October 30, President Trump issued a proclamation designating November 2020 as National Native American Heritage Month. We celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality & character of our Nation.](#)

The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the

Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.



On October 20, President Trump released his policy vision for Indian Country. The plan- [***Putting America's First Peoples First - Forgotten No More!***](#) - builds on collaborative engagements with Tribal partners across the country and outlines an ambitious agenda for the future to address longstanding challenges and create new opportunities in Indian Country. White House and Senior Administration officials recently traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to discuss the President's policy vision and other priorities with Tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More [here](#).

□ **Read More from Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, White House Domestic Policy Council) and Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney: [President Trump's Groundbreaking Policy Vision for Indian Country](#)**

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The Trump Administration Is Supporting Tribal Country

"We remain committed to preserving and protecting Native American cultures, languages, and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all Native Americans." –

President Donald J. Trump

The Trump Administration has prioritized support for Native American communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After working with Congress to enact the CARES Act, President Trump provided **\$8 billion to address COVID-19** preparedness, response, and recovery needs and programming to support Native Americans – **the largest single programmatic investment in Indian Country in the history of our Nation.**
- The Trump Administration has surged important resources to Native American communities to ensure they have the resources needed for COVID-19 response and recovery. On September 24, the Administration **prioritized** the distribution of 300,000 newly developed BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests in Indian Country through the Indian Health Service (IHS). And on October 29, the Administration **announced** an additional 150,000 allocation to the IHS.
- The Trump Administration established a multi-agency coordination group on March 6 tasked with ensuring effective Federal coordination on tribal issues and responsiveness on unique needs and challenges in Indian Country. This group has held regular national briefing calls with Native American leaders and Tribal partners.

The Trump Administration has delivered on important cultural priorities for Indian Country.

- President Trump [signed](#) legislation granting federal recognition to six Native American tribes in Virginia.
- [Negotiated](#) an agreement with Finland to **repatriate culturally important remains and artifacts** to the Pueblos and tribes with heritage in the Mesa Verde region – an effort that was in the works for nearly 70 years.
- [Repatriated](#) **a ceremonial war shield sacred to the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- [Advanced](#) **an updated eagle remains policy** allowing federally recognized tribes to keep bald and golden eagle remains found in Indian Country under certain conditions. These changes respect long-sought reforms from tribal leaders.
- [Announced](#) a comprehensive, multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items to Native American communities.

The Trump Administration has promoted Tribal self-determination in education and provided Native American children with access to high-quality education options.

- The Trump Administration created the “**Accessing Choices in Education**” grant competition and awarded over \$24 million to empower dozens of Tribes and their families to decide which education services will best support their children.
- In the Federal Charter School Programs, the Trump Administration **prioritized high-quality charter schools** with a mission to address the unique educational needs of Native American students using instructional programs and teaching methods that reflect and preserve Native American language, culture, and history.
- To promote Tribal self-determination in education, the Trump Administration provided grants to **support both the establishment and development of Tribal Education Agencies**. Through these grants, Tribal Education Agencies will recruit and retain educators, promote the availability of work-based learning experiences or career exploration, and build capacity to open a charter school or to operate a BIE school.
- The Trump Administration has **prioritized both new and existing Native**

American language programs.

President Trump is committed to addressing crime, promoting public safety, and supporting victims in Native American communities to ensure Native Americans are forgotten no more.

- **President Trump is the first President in history to formally recognize the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans** by issuing a [proclamation](#) in 2019 designating May 5th as National Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day. The President signed a second [proclamation](#) on May 5, 2020, to continue to raise awareness of this important issue.
- **President Trump [signed](#) an Executive Order establishing the Operation Lady Justice Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives** to develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives—especially women and children. The Task Force has opened six cold case offices across the country, conducted 12 regional consultations, and hosted numerous listening sessions.
- President Trump **signed *Savanna’s Act***, which directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop law enforcement protocols to better address the issue of Missing and Murdered Native Americans. The President also **signed the *Not Invisible Act of 2019***, which directs DOJ and the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a joint commission on violent crime within and against the Native American community.
- The **Department of Justice recently [allocated](#) more than \$295 million in grants to improve public safety and support victims of crime** in Native American communities, totaling \$922 million in grants since Fiscal Year 2017.
- **The President convened a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health System** to examine systematic problems in the IHS that resulted in failures to protect children. The Task Force held listening sessions and consultations in Arizona, New Mexico, and Montana to address this long-neglected issue. The Task Force work [released](#) its recommendations in

July 2020.

- **Allocated \$150 million in State Opioid Response Grants** (tribal set-aside) to assist tribal governments in accessing medication-assisted treatment and support evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

The Trump Administration is committed to investing important resources into Native American communities across the country and ensuring that no community is left behind.

- The **booming Trump economy resulted in a series low unemployment rate for Native Americans** in 2019.
- In 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that provided for the **designation of 362 opportunity zones across Indian Country**. Opportunity Zones are a community development program that encourages long-term private capital investment into low-income communities across the United States.
- In 2018, **President Trump signed into law the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill) which contained the highest number of tribal specific provisions of any farm bill in history** and authorized Tribes to regulate and produce industrial hemp among other provisions.
- **Invested nearly \$70 million in 178 projects to help Tribal communities and regions build the capacity for economic development** through the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.
- **Updated and streamlined regulations to simplify the process for Tribes to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements** and better take control of energy resources on their lands.
- **Provided over \$150 million to Tribal communities for maintaining and rebuilding transportation infrastructure** through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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White House IGA Weekly Recap

for State, local, and Tribal officials | November 6, 2020

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), we are pleased to provide you with the below top-line update of this week's resources, news, and guidance from the Trump Administration and Federal partners. Also find an invitation for the White House National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials.

National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

This week's recap includes updates on:

- COVID-19 Update: 40th COVID-19 Governors-Only Call
- Economic Update - October Jobs Numbers; The Recovery Continues
- President's Advisory 1776 Commission
- USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

- Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime
- Indian Affairs Update
- Promoting Prosperity in Rural America

We appreciate your partnership and will continue to share pertinent updates as they become available. We welcome your State, local, and Tribal official colleagues to join our distribution list. They can do so by signing-up [here](#). As a reminder, IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and America's State and local elected officials and Tribal governments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can ever be of assistance.

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**Readout from the Trump Administration's 40th Governors Briefing
on COVID-19 Response & Vaccine Distribution Best Practices**

On October 30th, U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar led a discussion with the chief executives and senior leaders of approximately 50 states, territories, and the city of Washington, D.C., and the White House Coronavirus Task Force on local, State, and Federal COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and continued collaboration on vaccine distribution and administration planning.

Last week, HHS responded to governors' technical questions on vaccine planning and distribution effort, which can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also released executive summaries from the vaccine plans submitted by each jurisdiction. This represents a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Find the summaries [here](#).

Also note that applications for the Phase 3 General Distribution from the [Provider Relief Fund](#) closed today, November 6. More [here](#). The Provider Relief Fund supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against COVID-19.

Participants from the White House Coronavirus Task Force:

- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)*
- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *M.D., White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Doug Hoelscher, *Assistant to the President & Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs*
- Director Anthony Fauci, *M.D., National Institute for Allergies & Infections Disease (NIAID), HHS*
- General Gustave Perna, *Chief Operation Officer, OWS, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)*
- Paul Ostrowski, *Director for Supply, Production, & Distribution, OWS*
- *Additional Federal Participants*

Ambassador Deborah Birx provided an update on data and trends from across the nation, and discussed her recent visits to states in the upper Midwest and western United States, meeting with state, local, and community leaders.

Dr. Anthony Fauci provided an update on vaccine and therapeutic developments and the multi-layered, transparent, and independent vaccine approval process.

✖ **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:** [The 2021 Open Enrollment Period is now open and runs until December 15. Visit HealthCare.gov to enroll or renew your health insurance coverage for 2021.](#)

Secretary Alex Azar and WH IGA Director Hoelscher led a discussion with General Gustave Perna (Operation Warp Speed) and Governors on federal efforts in coordination with state and local governments to distribute a safe and effective vaccine. The discussion focused on planning efforts for areas such as vaccine supply-chain management; funding for state, local, and tribal governments; federal commitment to cover costs for vaccine recipients; coordination with providers; the 64 public health jurisdictions' responsibilities; prioritization of vaccine administration with focus on vulnerable communities; and information management. All 64 public health jurisdictions submitted their vaccine distribution plans to the CDC earlier in October, and CDC provided feedback on these iterative, ongoing documents to states earlier this week.

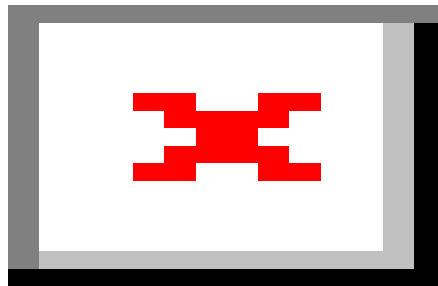
✖ **CDC Flu:** [Nearly 165 million doses of #fluvaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season have been distributed in the U.S. Flu activity is still low, but it's important to get vaccinated before flu starts spreading in your community. Find a vaccine today.](#)

Several governors highlighted best practices and provided additional perspective on their distribution planning efforts, including Governor Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas), Governor John Bel Edwards (Louisiana), Governor Greg Abbott (Texas), and Governor Phil Murphy (New Jersey).

Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has organized and hosted 40 governors-only briefings to drive effective communication and collaboration at every level of government. These briefings total more than 55 hours that included governors sharing best

practices and asking questions more than 350 times. Public health incidents, like natural disasters, are locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally-supported. This is likely the most robust Federal-State collaboration in our Nation's history.

Economic Recovery Continues - 638,000 Jobs Added in October



On Friday, November 6, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released October's jobs report showing a continued recovery of the U.S. economy. U.S. employers brought back more jobs than expected in October and the unemployment rate improved by a greater than anticipated margin.

- ✓ Non-farm payrolls rose by +638,000 vs. 530,000 expected
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% vs. 7.7% expected
- ✓ Non-farm employment up 12 million jobs in past 6 months
- ✓ Blue-collar workers in construction and manufacturing had combined gains of 122K; leisure and hospitality workers experienced the greatest gains with 271K
- ✓ Unemployment rate dropped for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans

✖ **The White House:** [EXCEPTIONAL jobs numbers out today, another testament to the strength of the U.S. economy under President @realDonaldTrump! 638,000 jobs added in October-beating expectations AGAIN-while the unemployment rate plummeted to 6.9 percent!](#)

WH Council of Economic Advisers: [The unemployment rate is now lower than at any point during the first term of the last administration. It took over 4 years from the prior recession peak for unemployment to hit 6.9%. The strong decrease came even as more Americans were entering the labor force.](#)

✖ **SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza:** [More good news for American workers from the October #jobsreport](#)

→ ☐ 638,000 jobs added

→ ☐ Unemployment rate fell to 6.9%

→ ☐ 12.1 million jobs added to the American economy since April

Since the April pandemic-low, the economy has added back 12.1 million jobs - over 5 in 10 (54.5%) of pandemic job losses in just 6 months. The leisure & hospitality industry – which faced particularly sharp pandemic-related job losses – has now added back 4.8 million jobs, recovering 6 in 10 (58.1%) of pandemic job losses as of October.

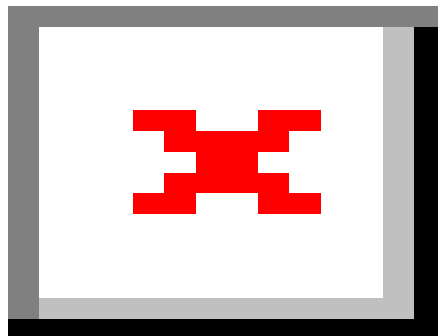
The unemployment rate plummeted in October to 6.9 percent with strong employment gains for African Americans and Hispanic Americans. Since the April peak of 14.7%, the unemployment rate has dropped by 7.8 percentage points. The African American unemployment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, the Hispanic American rate fell by 1.5 percentage points, and the Asian American rate fell by 1.3 percentage points.

☐ **Read More:** [The Great American Recovery - Third Quarter GDP Blows Past Expectations](#)

President's Advisory 1776 Commission

On Monday, November 2, President Trump signed an [Executive Order](#) establishing the President's Advisory 1176 Commission. The Commission will work to improve understanding of the history and the principles of the founding of the United States among our Nation's rising generations. Within a year, the Commission will produce a report regarding the core principles of America's founding and how these principles may be understood to further the blessings of liberty and promote our continuing efforts to form a more perfect Union. Learn more [here](#).

✘ **President Donald J. Trump: [Just signed an order to establish the 1776 Commission. We will stop the radical indoctrination of our students, and restore PATRIOTIC EDUCATION to our schools!](#)**



President Trump and the Administration are committed to honoring and promoting the legacy of our Nation's founding. On September 17, President Trump recognized Constitution Day by convening the **White House Conference on American History** at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The event brought together historians, scholars, and educators to discuss our Nation's approach to teaching American history and to assist

educators across the country. During the conference, the President announced the formation of the **1776 Commission** to better enable America's rising generations understand our history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding.

□ **Read More:** [Presidential Proclamation on Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, And Constitution Week, 2020](#)

□ **Watch:** [White House Conference on American History](#)

□ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks at the White House Conference on American History](#)

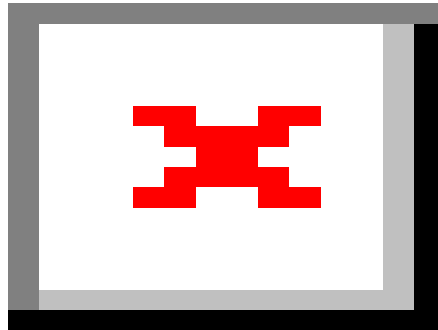
The Trump Administration remains committed to encouraging educators to teach the constitution and believes our children must learn from American history so that the next generation can continue to form a more perfect union. Under President Trump's leadership, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) **awarded** \$40.3 million in CARES Act economic stabilization grants to over 300 institutions, spanning all 50 states.

To bolster these efforts, NEH **awarded** over \$185,000 to the [National Association of Scholars](#) (NAS) and [AAT Education](#) (AAT). NAS will survey popular history books used to teach America's children, and AAT will create a more engaging and inspiring U.S. history curriculum. This grant will allow for esteemed historians and educators to develop curriculum that support excellence in teaching and learning.

USDA Outlines Priority Projects under the Great American Outdoors Act

On Monday, November 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **delivered to Congress** its priority list of deferred maintenance projects for **Great American Outdoors Act** (GAOA) funding in fiscal year 2021. The **project list** includes 556 projects totaling more than \$285 million in Federal investment.

These projects will help the Forest Service reduce its \$5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites, and other facilities on national forests and grasslands. Working with state and local governments and other partners in a [Shared Stewardship](#) framework, these projects will benefit from millions in partner contributions that will further bolster the funding provided under GAOA.



President Trump [signed](#) the GAOA on August 4, 2020—a historic, bipartisan law that marks the largest-ever investment into America’s national parks and public lands. The GAOA will protect and enhance the economies of numerous gateway communities that surround our public lands by restoring and maintaining critical access and infrastructure. The bill was a part of a strong push by President Trump to prioritize the conservation and stewardship of our public lands.

❑ **Op-Ed by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue:** [Opening and Accessing America’s Great Outdoors](#)

❑ **Watch:** [President Trump Delivers Remarks on Preserving Our National](#)

Trump Administration Awards \$458 Million to Fight Violent Crime

On Monday, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJJP) [announced the award](#) of more than \$458 million in grant funding to support State, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.

✖ **DOJ Office of Justice Programs:** [OJP announces more than \\$458 million in grant funding to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States.](#)

This funding continues the Trump Administration's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety through efforts like [Operation Legend](#). In the two years before President Trump took office, America had experienced a precipitous rise in crime, particularly in serious violent crime. The President elevated community safety to the top of his domestic agenda and crime rates have fallen steadily since. Recent data from the FBI and the Bureau of Justice Statistics for 2019 show a drop in crime and serious victimization for the third year in a row. However, a number of cities are experiencing conspicuous countertrends. These grants will bolster crime-fighting efforts in those communities and in jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Also, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting nominations for the **38th Annual Missing Children's Day Awards**. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a difference in recovering missing and abducted children and protecting children from exploitation. More [here](#).

Indian Affairs Update

DOE Office of Indian Energy Awards

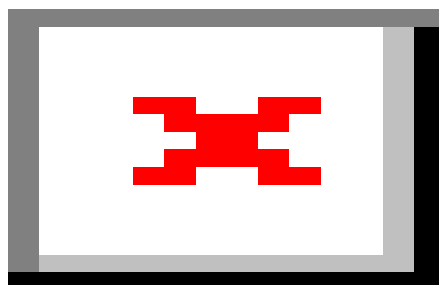
The U.S. Department of Energy [released](#) a formalized process for Tribes and eligible tribal entities to request a cost share reduction for awards issued under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy). Please [see this letter](#) from Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mark W. Menezes.

[The Office of Indian Energy](#) has been helping alleviate the financial burden of Native communities since 2010 by investing more than \$85 million in more than 180 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. They provide technical assistance to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives which help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions.

For more information on the process of how eligible entities can request a reduction in cost share, see the Office of Indian Energy [website](#).

National Native American Heritage Month

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its virtual kickoff for National Native American Heritage Month 2020. This year's theme is "Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People." The kickoff is scheduled for Monday, November 9 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Eastern and can be viewed live [here](#).



✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [We're celebrating #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth! America's public lands have meaningful connections to Native American heritage, including Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National #WildlifeRefuge in Washington State.](#)

✖ U.S. Fish and Wildlife: [Between two trees on a section of restored prairie at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Colorado is a final resting place for eagle remains from the National Eagle Repository. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth](#)

On Friday, October 30, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation honoring the storied legacy of American Indians and Alaska Natives in our Nation and declaring November 2020 as [National Native American Heritage Month](#).

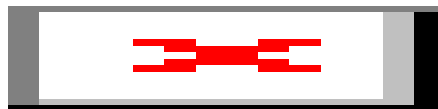
The Trump Administration also [announced](#) on October 26 a multi-agency effort to repatriate cultural items abroad to Native American communities. This effort builds on previous successful efforts - including the [repatriation](#) of ancestral remains and funerary items from Tribes associated with the Mesa Verde region - and reinforces the Administration's commitment to honoring Native American heritage. Formal government-

to-government consultations with Tribes are [scheduled](#) for Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Other Updates

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney Announces San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians HEARTH Act Regulations Are 60th To Be Approved: On Thursday, November 5, Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney announced the approval of leasing regulations for the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians in California. This is the 60th set of tribal leasing regulations approved under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act since its passage in 2012 and the fifth under Indian Affairs' [new policy](#) expediting the processing of HEARTH applications. Read more [here](#).

Promoting Rural Prosperity in America



On October 28, the White House released a rural prosperity resource guide for State and local officials and Tribal leaders. The resource guide - [Promoting Rural Prosperity in America](#) - demonstrates the Administration's historic investment in and support for rural America and outlines key programs across the Federal government to support rural prosperity and resiliency. You can also find a helpful guide on natural disaster recovery and resilience [here](#).

✖ **The White House: [For years, Washington bureaucracy turned its back on Rural America. NOT under President @realDonaldTrump. His Administration is working hard to invest in rural communities, help solve their challenges, & make life better for once-forgotten men and women.](#)**

At the beginning of his Administration, President Trump made a commitment to promoting rural prosperity across the country. In April 2017, the President signed [Executive Order 13575](#) - Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America - which established the Rural Prosperity Task Force chaired by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Task Force [identified](#) over 100 recommendations spanning legislative, regulatory, and policy changes needed to help improve life in rural America.

Through the **Governors' Initiative on Regulatory Innovation**, the White House and Administration also continue to work alongside State, local, and Tribal leaders to cut red tape, create jobs, and grow economies across the country, including in rural America. Find a report overviewing the economic impact of the Trump Administration's deregulation agenda [here](#).

❑ **Op-Ed by Brooke Rollins (Acting Director, WH Domestic Policy Council) and Doug Hoelscher (Director, WH Office of Intergovernmental Affairs): [Opening and Accessing America's Great Outdoors](#)**

❑ **Read More: [Trump Administration Touts Signing Up 700 State and Local Leaders for Deregulatory Initiative in 1 Year](#)**

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White House IGA National COVID-19 Briefing Call *for State, local, and Tribal officials*

In observance of Veterans Day, 2020, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is rescheduling the National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials. Below, please find updated registration instructions for the call as well as information on Veterans Day, 2020.

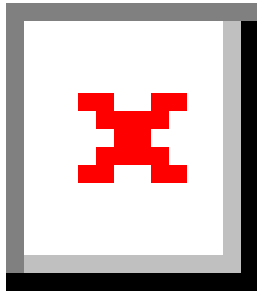
National COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration 📞

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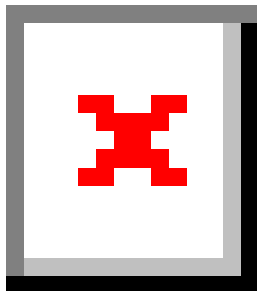
Call-In Registration: ****if you previously registered for the 11/11 call, you do not need to re-register**** [CLICK HERE](#)

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Vice President Mike Pence: [HUGE NEWS:](#)
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[President @realDonaldTrump, @pfizer announced its Coronavirus Vaccine](#)
[trial is EFFECTIVE, preventing infection in 90% of its volunteers.](#)

Read More: [Pfizer Says COVID-19 Vaccine Is Looking 90% Effective](#)



HHS Secretary Alex Azar: [Big news: Pfizer](#)
[published data this morning showing its coronavirus vaccine may be more than](#)
[90% effective. This is unprecedented progress just 10 months after the viral](#)
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Administration has led.

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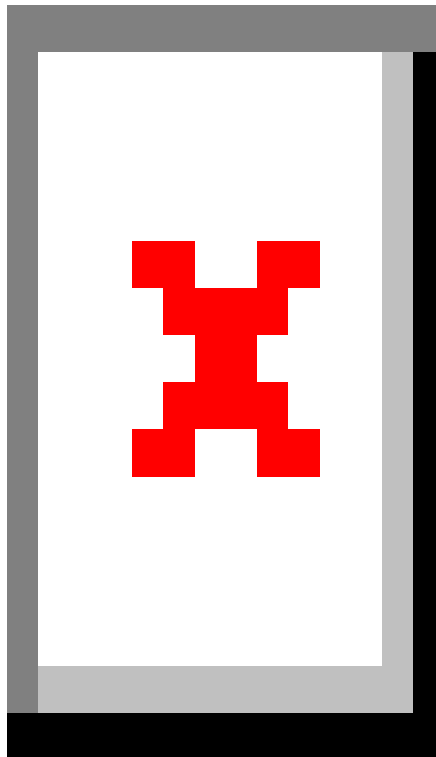
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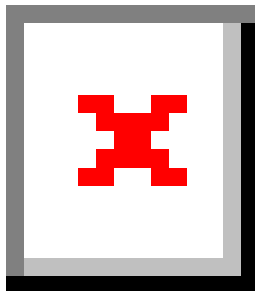
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Veterans Day 2020

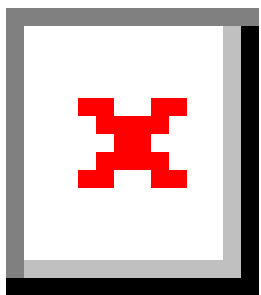


On November 11, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend and preserve our precious liberty. As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all - [Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2019](#)

In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.



Vice President Mike Pence: [Honored to meet with Native American Veterans Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!](#)

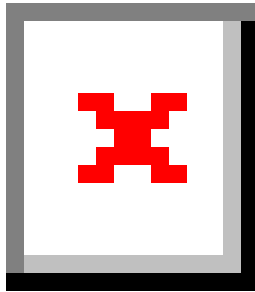


The White House: [Today, the White House hosted a conference of nearly 200 Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, and State, local, and Tribal Veterans champions, to honor the long legacy of military service of the Native American and Alaska Native community!](#)

Veterans Day 2020

Veterans Day National Ceremony: Each year, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. Eastern with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Regional Observances: The Veterans Day National Committee also recognizes select Veterans Day observances throughout the country that represent fitting tributes to America's heroes serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances. You can find a list of those sites [here](#).



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[Administration is committed to honoring the brave men & women who have served in our armed forces and their families. Starting this Veterans Day, all veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to our nation's public lands.](#)

Read More: [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

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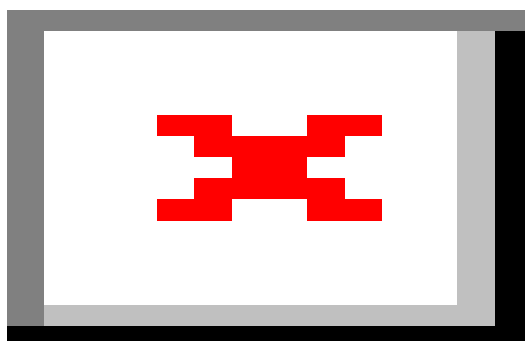
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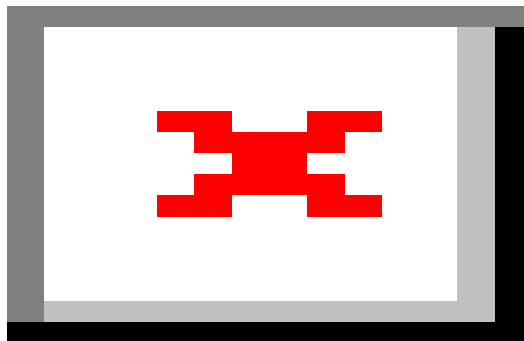
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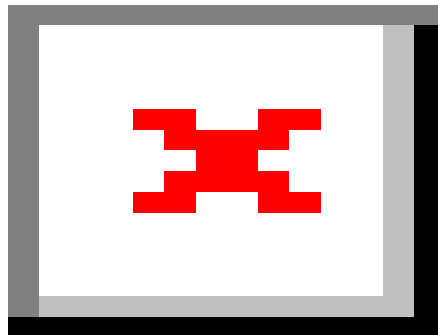
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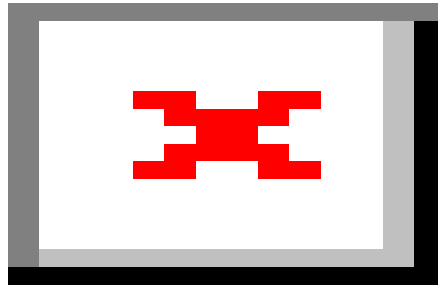
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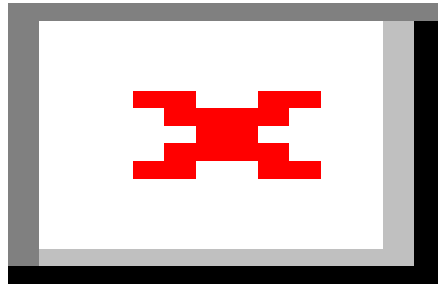
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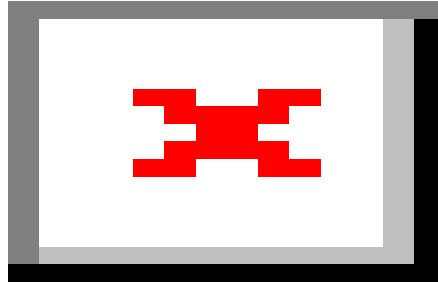


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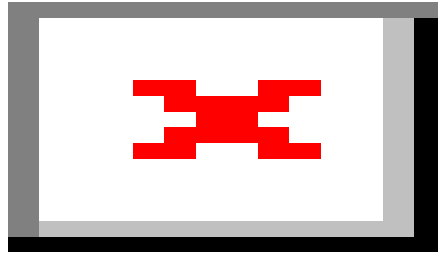
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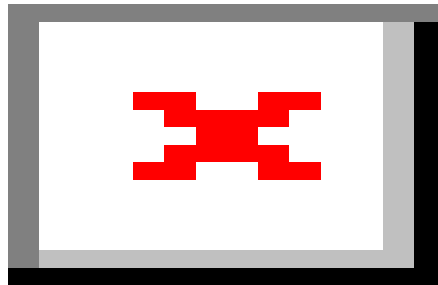
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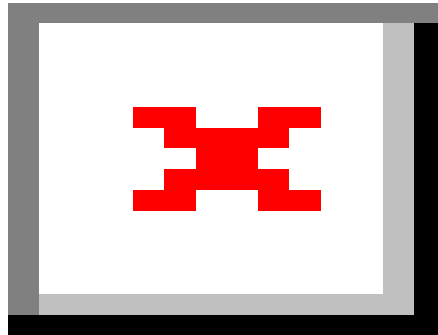
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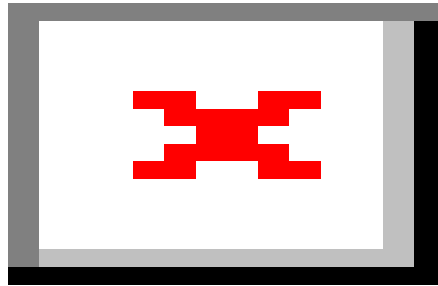
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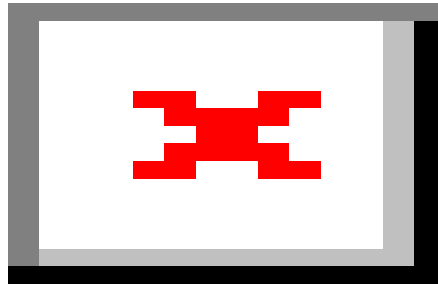
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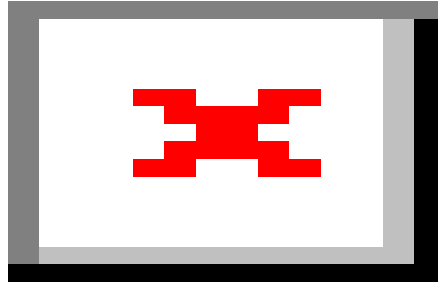


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☒ **The White House:** [On Veterans Day, we pause to pay tribute to all who have proudly worn our Nation's uniform. We enjoy the privileges of peace, prosperity, and freedom because of our veterans, and we are forever indebted to them.](#)

☐ **Watch:** [Vice President Pence - Veterans Day is a time to thank and appreciate heroes who have preserved our liberty](#)



☐ **Read More from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie:** [How Should Americans Show Appreciation for our Veterans](#)

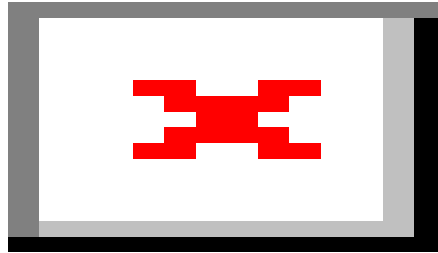
☐ **Watch:** [Veterans Day Message from VA Secretary Robert Wilkie](#)

☐ Beginning on Veterans Day, 2020, all U.S. Department of Interior-managed lands will grant veterans & Gold Star Families [free access to the treasured lands they or their loved ones fought to protect](#). It's a tangible way we can honor the service & sacrifice of those who've worn our country's uniform.

☐ **Read More:** [Fees at National Parks Waived for Veterans, Gold Star Families](#)

National Native American Veterans Memorial

On November 11 - Veterans Day - the Smithsonian [celebrated the opening of the National Native American Veterans Memorial](#), the first national memorial dedicated solely to Native American veterans. The design is the work of artist Harvey Pratt, a veteran, and member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. A group of Native and non-Native jurors unanimously selected his design called Warriors' Circle of Honor from more than 120 submissions.



The \$15 million project was funded from private contributions. Native American tribes and entities are the largest—and the majority of—the 85 or so contributors. Top donors include the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Other sponsors include Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Calista Corporation, and Doyon, Limited, all of which are Alaska Native corporations. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Employees and Supporters also contributed, as Pratt is a retired forensic artist and a retired investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

□ **Read More:** [Native American Veterans Receive a Place of Their Own to Reflect and to Heal](#)

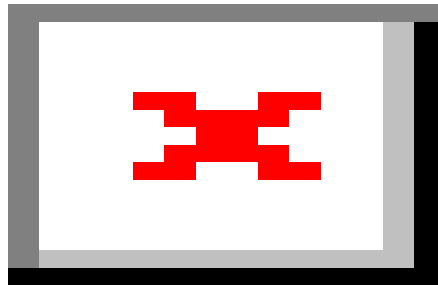
In honor of Veterans Day 2019, last year, the Trump Administration recognized the service of our Nation's Native American Veterans with the **White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans**. The conference brought together Native American veterans, active duty service members, and others for a day of briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie (VA), Secretary David Bernhardt (DOI) and other Senior Administration Officials.

▣ **Vice President Mike Pence:** [Honored to meet with Native American Veterans](#)

Today! Native Americans have bravely served our country in uniform and we are forever grateful for the contribution they have made to the life of our nation. Thank you for your service!

National Apprenticeship Week 2020

On Friday, November 6, President Trump issued a [Presidential Proclamation on National Apprenticeship Week](#) to help provide American workers tangible skills and an industry-recognized credential. Apprenticeships strengthen our Nation's economy and help millions of men and women provide for their families without taking on the financial burden of student loans and other related debt. During National Apprenticeship Week, we celebrate the American workers who create a brighter future for themselves and their families through apprenticeships, and we further our commitment to bolstering opportunity as we continue our economic comeback.



□ **Watch:** [You can start a new career right away with an apprenticeship!](#)

On Thursday, November 12, Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos ratified a Joint Declaration of Intent with their German counterparts concerning cooperation on apprenticeships, vocational education and training. The signing, during National Apprenticeship Week, represents the

firm commitment of the U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education in advancing the Trump Administration's pledge to create a highly skilled 21st century workforce providing well-paying jobs for American workers.

The new Joint Declaration of Intent will create more formal structures and strategies for the United States and Germany to cooperate on apprenticeship and vocational education including encouraging businesses to establish quality apprenticeship programs in both countries; increasing access to work-based learning, including apprenticeships, for students and workers; fostering cooperative efforts among state and local governments, companies, trade and industry groups, non-profit organizations, unions, and other stakeholders to develop industry-driven apprenticeships and career and technical education systems; and facilitating bilateral exchanges of apprentices and trainers.

✖ **Department of Labor:** [During National Apprenticeship Week, @USDOL advances its commitment to expanding apprenticeship opportunities for U.S. workers by signing a Joint Declaration with Germany to cooperate in establishing apprenticeship programs in both countries.](#)
[#NAW2020](#)

✖ **Secretary Wilbur Ross (DOC):** [The @realDonaldTrump Administration's level of cooperation on apprenticeship programs with Germany comes at a critical time as both of our countries are experiencing an economic resurgence.](#)

✖ **Secretary Betsy DeVos (Ed):** [This admin is rethinking workforce prep by expanding on-the-job learning & apprenticeship opportunities—our dynamic economy demands it. Great to join @SecGeneScalia, @SStumpOCTAE, @JohnnyCTaylorJr for a discussion on how educators & employers can partner to better serve students.](#)

Since President Trump took office, over 660,000 apprentices have been hired across the United States. Learn more about apprenticeships at [apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov).

□ **Read More:** [U.S. Departments of Labor, Commerce and Education Sign Six Party Joint Declaration of Intent with Germany](#)

Last month, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced additional funding for the Federal Work Study (FWS) Experimental Sites, an initiative which expands earn-and-learn opportunities for students by removing barriers to off-campus jobs, allowing students to work more hours, and permitting institutions to pay students for work-based learning such as apprenticeships, externships, and clinical rotations.

□ **Read More:** [U.S. Department of Education Announces Additional Funding For Earn-and-Learn Opportunities to Prepare Postsecondary Students for Career Success](#)

DOJ Releases Report on Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies

On Monday, November 9, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services published a Report entitled, "**Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies.**"

In December 2019, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services held a day-long forum to discuss recruitment and retention challenges for smaller and more rural law enforcement agencies, as these agencies often handle a broader array of duties than urban departments and, owing to their small size, tend to spend more time per officer on service and crime prevention. The forum's 32 participants included police chiefs, captains, lieutenants, academic experts, researchers, and agency directors of state police standards. This published report reflects the input of the forum's diverse group of participants regarding the challenges faced by small and rural agencies and the strategies that have proven to be successful for some small and rural agencies.

□ **Report:** [Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies](#)

📄 **COPS Office (DOJ): [NEW RELEASE | The COPS Office is pleased to announce the release of its newest publication, "Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies."](#) #RuralPolicing #CommunityPolicing**

Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies

On Thursday, November 12, President Trump signed an Executive Order to protect American investors from funding Communist Chinese military companies, including those designated by the Department of Defense in June and August of 2020. Below you will find additional information including the Executive Order and National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien's statement.

“Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to protect American investors from funding Communist Chinese military companies, including those designated by the Department of Defense in June and August of 2020. Many of these companies are publicly traded on stock exchanges around the world, and individual investors in the United States can unknowingly provide funds to them through passive institutional investment vehicles such as mutual funds and retirement plans. The President's action serves to protect American investors from unintentionally providing capital that goes to enhancing the capabilities of the People's Liberation Army and People's Republic of China intelligence services, which routinely target American citizens and businesses through cyber operations, and directly threaten the critical infrastructure, economy, and military of America and its allies and partners around the world. President Trump has no higher priority than the security of the American people.”

📄 **Read More: [Executive Order on Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies](#)**

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