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Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 11:56:13 AM Eastern Daylight Time

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June 16, 2022

Ms. Emma Lewis
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Re: Public Information Request No. R012835

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This e-mail is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), received by the OAG on June 7, 2022.

The OAG has reviewed its files and has located the attached documents that are responsive to your request. Although the Public Information Act allows a governmental body to charge for providing documents in certain circumstances, the attached documents are being provided to you at no charge.

Please note, however, that the OAG has redacted motor vehicle record information from the attached

documents that is confidential under section 552.130 of the Government Code, and access device numbers that are confidential under section 552.136 of the Government Code. Because our office is prohibited by law from releasing this information to you, we have removed it from the attached documents. Normally, we must request a ruling from the Open Records Division before we can withhold information. However, sections 552.130 and 552.136 allow us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling from the Open Records Division. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else. Please note that we are only withholding the specific categories of information that are confidential under sections 552.130 and 552.136.

The documents also contain the family member information of an employee of the OAG. As allowed by section 552.024 of the Government Code, this employee chose to make this personal information confidential. Because our office is prohibited by law from releasing this personal information to you, we have removed it from the attached documents. Normally, we must request a ruling from the Open Records Division before we can withhold any of the information you requested. However, like sections 552.130 and 552.136, section 552.024 allows us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else. Please note that we are only withholding a specific category of information that is confidential under sections 552.024 and 552.117 of the Government Code.

Personal e-mail addresses were redacted pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and the previous determination issued by the Open Records Division. See Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009) (governmental bodies may withhold certain information without necessity of requesting decision from Open Records Division). Finally, a date of birth was redacted in accordance with the previous determination issued by the Open Records Division in Open Records Letter No. 2016-111398 (2016). See also Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (providing that Open Records Division can issue two types of previous determinations to governmental bodies).

The OAG believes the remaining information responsive to your request is excepted from required public disclosure. We have requested a ruling on this information from the Open Records Division of the OAG. A copy of our brief to the Open Records Division is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.024

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
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- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.

How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.130

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How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.136

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Lauren Downey

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Chase Forrester
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: Invite

Chase, let's go with one of these flights, if you don't mind. These are best for my schedule. Preference for Southwest. Also, are y'all covering hotel too, or should I book that myself?

Southwest

5/18	3:55PM - 9:35PM	DAL	4h 40m
5/19	5:30PM- 8:10PM	Nonstop	3h 40m

Delta

5/18	4:56pm - 10:28pm	ATL	4h 32m	3 left
5/19	3:00pm - 8:47pm	ATL	6h 47m	3 left

American Airlines

5/18	3:20 pm - 9:26 pm	CLT	5h 06m
5/19	3:25 pm - 8:09 pm	CLT	5h 44m



Aaron F. Reitz
Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy
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Desk: 512-936-1989
Cell: 512-639-7177

From: Chase Forrester < >
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: Invite

Aaron,

Do the below flights work for you? There are no direct flights for the 18th and 19th, however, these have the shortest duration/layover times. Also, if you would rather fly later in the day on either date, I can adjust that as well. Please confirm and I will book.

Thank you!

Best,
Chase

DELTA

Wed, May 18 1:30 PM – 7:19 PM

DURATION: 4 hr 49 min

1 stop - 46 min RDU

DELTA

Thu, May 19 12:59 PM – 5:34 PM

DURATION: 5 hr 35 min

1 stop - 1 hr 18 min ATL

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:49 AM

To: Chase Forrester < >

Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Austin-Bergstrom Int'l.



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From: Chase Forrester < >

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:43 AM

To: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Thanks Aaron- can you please confirm what airport you would like to fly out of?

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:28 AM

To: Chase Forrester < >

Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

No problem!

First Name: Aaron

Middle Name: Francis

Last Name: Reitz

Date of Birth:

Driver's License Number:

Driver's License State:

Phone Number: 512-639-7177

Airline Rewards/Account Number (for Miles/Points): n/a

TSA Pre-Check (if applicable): Dep't of Defense ID No.



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From: Chase Forrester < >
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:57 AM
To: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Hi Aaron,

I sincerely apologize for the delay! Can you please fill out the below, and let me know what day/time you want to fly in and out of DC? Also, what airport would you like to fly out of? I'll have you fly into DCA.

I'll book your flights and hotel this morning. Since the event is starting so early on Thursday morning, it would probably be best to have you fly in the night before.

Excited to have you participate in Thursday's event!

Best,
Chase

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Driver's License Number:

Driver's License State:

Phone Number:

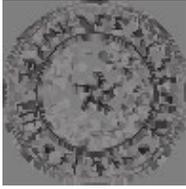
Airline Rewards/Account Number (for Miles/Points):

TSA Pre-Check (if applicable):

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Chase Forrester < >
Subject: [External]RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Hi Chase,

Chad recommended we connect regarding flights and/or hotel. What info do you need from me?



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From: Chad Wolf <>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:29 PM
To: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Mark Morgan <>
Cc: Chase Forrester <>
Subject: RE: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

+ Chase who can handle some of the logistics

Excellent! Should be wrapped up by 10:30 at the latest.

-CFW

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:21 PM
To: Chad Wolf <>; Mark Morgan <>
Subject: [External]RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Alright, I'm in. Thank you for your patience. Feel free to add my name/title to the program. And let me know if you need a headshot, bio, etc.

It looks like the panel will go the morning of the 19th, right? When do we expect everything to wrap up? Asking for travel purposes.



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From: Chad Wolf <>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 8:53 PM
To: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Mark Morgan <>
Subject: RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Yes – it will be open press. We'll likely get several for the Jim Jordan keynote. Not sure if they'll stay for the panel discussion but likely. AFPI will livestream it as well.

Let me know.
Invitations should go out tomorrow and would love to list you on it.

-CFW

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 8:37 AM
To: Chad Wolf <>; Mark Morgan <>
Subject: [External]Re: [External]Re: Invite

Hi Chad, thanks for following up. Been a bit slow on emails this week—

Thanks for thinking of me, and I'm nearly certain I can make it. Let me just clear it with AG Paxton first. Also, can you tell me what kind of media will go into this, whether it'll be live-streamed, etc. Our comms people will want to know that stuff.

Best,
Aaron

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From: Chad Wolf <>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 2:37:41 PM
To: Mark Morgan <>
Cc: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Invite

Aaron,
Circling back on invite. Any update?

-CFW

From: Mark Morgan <>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Chad Wolf <>
Cc: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: [External]Re: Invite

I'm in!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2022, at 4:06 PM, Chad Wolf <> wrote:

Mark, Aaron –
I wanted to see if there's any interest in participating in a panel discussion at AFPI's offices on May 19 regarding the border, etc. I'll run the panel discussion and am looking to add an Hispanic thought leader as well. The panel will follow a keynote address by Jim Jordan.

Let me know. Hope you can make it.

-CFW



CHAD F. WOLF

Executive Director, Chief Strategy Officer &
Chairman, Center for Homeland Security and Immigration

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From: Chase Forrester < >
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Aaron Reitz
Subject: RE: [External]Thank You!

Thank you, Aaron! So happy you were able to participate, and we would love to have you back. Please let us know if we can be helpful in any other way in the meantime!

Best,
Chase

From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Chase Forrester < >
Subject: [External]Thank You!

Chase,

Thanks for all your help in making the AFPI panel a success. The travel, hotel, actual panel, etc., all went perfectly—thanks to you! Stay in touch.

Best,



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From: Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Sam Mims
Subject: RE: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Sam,

Thanks. Is there a non-Twitter link to share, like something to link from the AFPI website or YouTube, etc.?



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From: Sam Mims < >
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Mark Morgan < >; Chad Wolf < >
Cc: Chase Forrester < >; Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Hi all, here is the livestream link:

https://twitter.com/A1Policy/status/1527380625497415680?s=20&t=LCRdNR1Wb_11uoykFJWHg

I will be following up with a link to photos/videos shortly. It was great having y'all at AFPI!



SAMANTHA MIMS
Director of Digital Production & Data

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From: Mark Morgan < >
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 4:15 PM
To: Chad Wolf < >
Cc: Chase Forrester < >; Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>, Sam Mims < >
Subject: [External]Re: [External]Re: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Thx for having us! One team!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2022, at 3:33 PM, Chad Wolf <

> wrote:

Mark, Aaron –
Thank you again for your time today.
Great job.

Digital (Sam copied here) will be sending you all the photos and links to the livestream when it gets up.

-CFW

From: Mark Morgan < >
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Chad Wolf < >
Cc: Chase Forrester < >; Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: [External]Re: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Nothing you dont already know:

1. Focus on the issue being border security - how illegal immigration is a mere sub set of the vast complex threats we face from out side our borders. Used by the cartels/smugglers to drive resources away from their border/national security mission - leaving our borders wide open.
2. How and why every state is a border state. What happens at the SWB doesn't stay at the SWB. Impacting every aspect of nation's health, safety, and national security
3. Focus on got aways
4. I'm sure you'll hit upon T42 and what that means.
5. The Coalition letter - a "road map"
6. Sec Mayorkas' lies - "operational control"; "borders are closed"; we are "promptly removing those found to have an invalid claim"; etc....
7. The most inhumane thing we can do for the migrants themselves are to push an open border agenda. Did the stats and reality..
Dead migrants, rescues, exploitation on the journey and beyond, trafficking, etc....

Will we be providing opening comments individually or just get right into your QnA?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2022, at 11:41 AM, Chad Wolf <

> wrote:

Thanks, Chase.

Mark, Aaron – still working on the script (last page).
Staff pulled that together but I will likely add to it.
Let me know if there is anything you want to specifically cover and I'll pull together a question or two.

-CFW

From: Chase Forrester < >
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Chad Wolf < >; Mark Morgan < >;
Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Hi Mark and Aaron,

We look forward to hosting you for tomorrow's event! Please see attached for a briefing packet including event details, a run of show and a script for the panel portion of the program. If you have any questions or would like to talk anything through regarding the flow of the program, please don't hesitate to give me a call – 864-992-1850.

Best,
Chase

From: Chase Forrester
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Chad Wolf < >; Mark Morgan < >;
Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th

Thank you, sir.

Mark- we look forward to hosting you next week. Are you free this Thursday or Friday afternoon for a call to discuss event details and run of show? If so, let me know what day/time works best and I'll get something on the books with our team.

Aaron- if you are able to make it next week, please send me your preferred date/time for the above as well. I am also happy to book your flights and hotel arrangements for your trip, if needed!

I look forward to hearing from you both. If I can assist with anything leading up to next Thursday, please let me know.

Best,
Chase

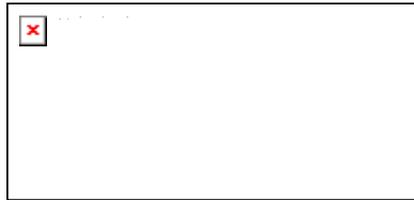
From: Chad Wolf <>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Mark Morgan <>; Aaron Reitz <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Chase Forrester <>
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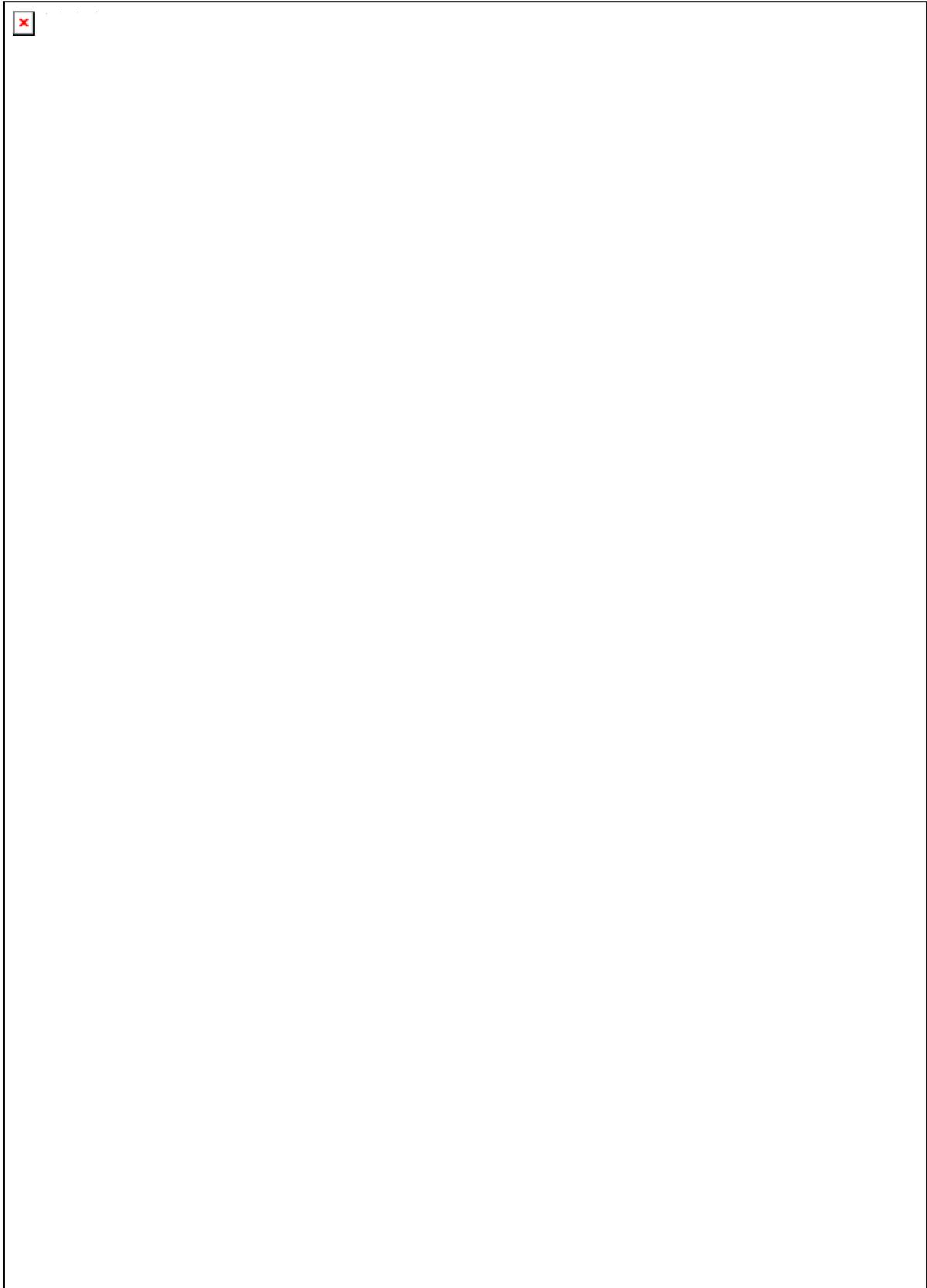
Guys,
Here's the current invite for the panel on the 19th.
Aaron, as soon as you confirm we'll update.

Also, Chase Forrester runs our events and is copied here.

-CFW

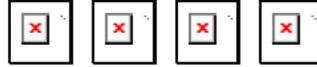
From: America First Policy Institute <americafirst-hq@emailamericafirstpolicy.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:46 PM
To: Chad Wolf <>
Subject: [External]INVITE: Join AFPI and Congressman Jim Jordan on Thursday, May 19th





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