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To: Justin Hill
Subject: Biden Signs Executive Orders Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Abortion Providers



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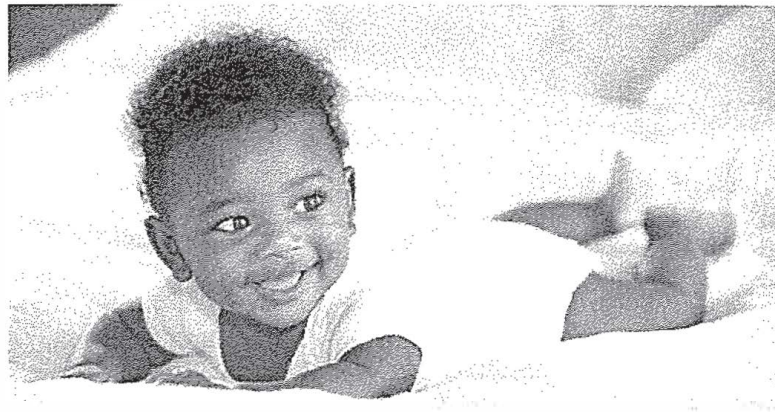
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Biden Signs Executive Orders Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Abortion Providers

MRL and NRLC are saddened but not surprised that the most pro-abortion President in history has signed an executive order that forces all Americans to fund abortion. Many unborn lives will be lost to abortion because of Biden's Executive Order.

The following is from National Right to Life:

WASHINGTON — Rolling back protections for women and their unborn babies, pro-abortion President Joe Biden today signed executive orders reversing the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy—often referred to as the Mexico City Policy—and requirements to qualify for Title X funding.

"During the presidential campaign, Joe Biden made it clear that promoting abortion would be a priority in his administration and it would be done at the expense of taxpayers," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "It is

not surprising that his first actions are to dismantle both international and domestic protections that have saved countless lives—and put taxpayer money in the pockets of abortionists."

By signing the executive orders, President Biden is diverting taxpayer funds from organizations that do not perform or promote abortion to organizations that aggressively promote abortions both in the U.S. and around the world.

Today's executive orders also rejected the Geneva Consensus Declaration (2020) that reaffirmed "the inherent 'dignity and worth of the human person,' that 'every human being has the inherent right to life.'" The Geneva Consensus Declaration also reaffirmed that abortion is not health care and that sovereign nations have the right to protect all innocent human lives by rejecting abortion.

"Taxpayer funds should not be used to subsidize an industry that preys on women and their unborn children," said Tobias.

Under the Mexico City Policy, which was expanded under the Trump administration to the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy, grantees had to refrain from performing abortions (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest), or lobbying to legalize abortion, or otherwise promoting abortion as a family-planning method. If a specific organization declined to agree with these conditions, then the same funds were channeled to other organizations that agreed to the contract stipulations. There was, therefore, no overall reduction in funding for family planning programs resulting from the policy.

Under the new Title X regulations, the Biden administration will allow funds to go to organizations that promote and perform abortions here in the U.S. Under the Trump Administration's Title X rule, abortion facilities could not be housed in the same location where family planning services were delivered. Under President Trump's administration, the rule also stated that Title X grantees were not to refer for elective abortion. The rule did not cut funding for family planning but ensured that funding went to health facilities that did not perform or promote abortion as family planning.

"The vast majority of Americans oppose using taxpayer funds to pay for abortions," said Tobias. **"These executive orders blatantly disregard the wishes of the American people as shown in poll after poll."**

In a Knights of Columbus/Marist poll released on January 27th, out of 1,173 respondents 58% "oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion." Of those, 65% of Independents and even 31% of Democrats oppose federal funding of abortion.

An even larger majority of respondents—77% —oppose "using tax dollars to support abortion in other countries" including more than six in ten of those who identify as pro-choice (64%).

In a post-election poll conducted by McLaughlin and Associates, out of 1000 respondents, 64.6% opposed "using tax dollars to pay for abortion."

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The Scotsman, 29 January 2021

The United Nations environmental summit, COP26, due to take place in Glasgow this November, could be cancelled for the second time depending on the global levels of coronavirus.

The event, which attracts tens of thousands of people from around the world, was postponed last year and rescheduled to take place this autumn, with newly-elected US president Joe Biden expected to attend.

It would be the biggest international summit the UK has ever hosted, bringing together more 30,000 delegates, including heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree co-ordinated action to tackle climate change.

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From: Scott Skinner
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To: _House Members and Staff
Subject: Computer Helpdesk Support

Good morning. Thank you for your patience with the help desk staff during this busy time. I would like to remind everyone that submitting computer helpdesk requests through the online helpdesk application is your best option for getting through to the support team.

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Subject: COVID response, budget basics central to upcoming state agendas

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Jan. 26, 2021

ROUTE FIFTY

COVID response, budget basics central to upcoming state agendas

State governments are in a better financial position than initially thought, but pandemic-related initiatives will likely take up most of their time and resources this year, with more innovative lawmaking taking a backseat, experts said. NCSL Executive Director Tim Storey quoted.

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California proposal would extend eviction rule through June

California plans to extend eviction protections through the end of June while using federal money to pay off up to 80% of most tenants' unpaid rent, according to an agreement announced Monday between Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's top two legislative leaders.

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North Dakota bill outlines process of legislative redistricting

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To: Justin Hill
Subject: COVID-19 Dashboard | January 20, 2021



January 20, 2021

Updated Interactive Dashboard Now Available

The Missouri Hospital Association and the Hospital Industry Data Institute are pleased to share the COVID-19 interactive dashboard for Jan. 13 to Jan. 20. This dashboard provides regional COVID-19 and influenza-like illness trends throughout the state to inform stakeholders and support decision-making locally.

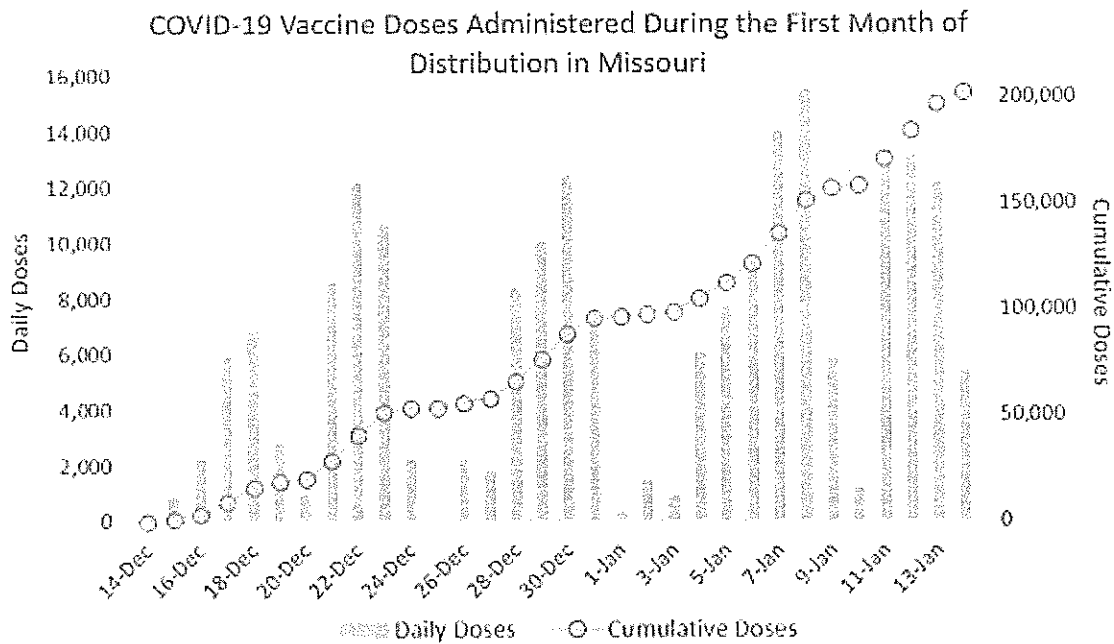
Key findings this week:

- New COVID-19 case growth, positivity rates and hospitalizations were down markedly in all regions of Missouri last week, while effective reproductive rates were flat or down compared to the previous week in every region except the Southeast, which increased modestly. Statewide:
 - New cases as a rate of the population increased just 2.9% (for context, the weekly average in November was 14.6%).
 - The testing positivity rate decreased by 19.1%.
 - Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations decreased by 7.6%.
- The effects of reduced COVID-19 activity, if sustained, will take several weeks to be borne out in hospital capacity data. Despite reductions in cases, positivity and COVID-19-related hospitalizations last week, staffed inpatient bed capacity

decreased 5% while ICU beds available for new patients fell by 11.8%. The largest decreases were in the St. Louis and Northwest Regions.

- During the first 32 days of Missouri's mass inoculation campaign, 202,533 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered throughout the state for an average of 6,329 shots per day. While the coverage rate needed to induce herd immunity against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus is unknown, the scale of logistical challenges in inoculating a population of 6.1 million Missourians is certain. Assuming the virulence of COVID-19 is somewhere between the measles and chickenpox — where 75% coverage would induce herd immunity — implies that 4.6 million Missourians need to become inoculated against the virus to restore normalcy. That's 9.2 million doses that need to find a path into the arms of Missourians, considering each of the currently approved vaccines require an initial dose followed by a booster three to four weeks later, depending on the manufacturer. So far, 40,648, or 25%, of vaccine recipients in Missouri have received both doses.

The bad news is that at the current pace of 6,329 doses administered per day, Missouri would meet 75% coverage by February 2025 (1,455 days). On Monday, though, Gov. Parson opened eligibility for an additional 2 million Missourians who are 65 years and older, or 18 years and older with selected preexisting conditions that place them at elevated risk for adverse COVID-19-related outcomes. This will increase the current pace of vaccination in Missouri as soon as a stable vaccine supply is in place. In addition to adequate vaccine supply, several other key challenges remain, which include inducing demand among vaccine-hesitant populations, reliability from federal partners, building mass-vaccination venues, ensuring second doses for full protection and identifying a large geographically dispersed population with targeted underlying conditions that can be difficult to verify.



Updated hospital-specific interactive dashboards covering U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reporting compliance, TeleTracking reporting trends and operational impacts are available to authorized users of HID| Analytic Advantage. If you need a user ID and password, or have questions about accessing these dashboards, please contact HID|.

This dashboard has been developed in partnership with Missouri state agencies, hospital leaders and researchers at the Institute for Public Health at Washington University. The dashboard retains a dataset that provides a daily statewide perspective on hospital utilization and critical resources.

We trust this information will be helpful to you and your organization. In this regard, feel free to distribute to members of your organization and others as you deem appropriate. Please contact Jackie Gatz, Vice President of Safety and Preparedness, at 573-893-3700, ext. 1330, or Mat Reidhead, Vice President of Research and Analytics, at 573-893-3700, ext. 1331, for further information or clarification.

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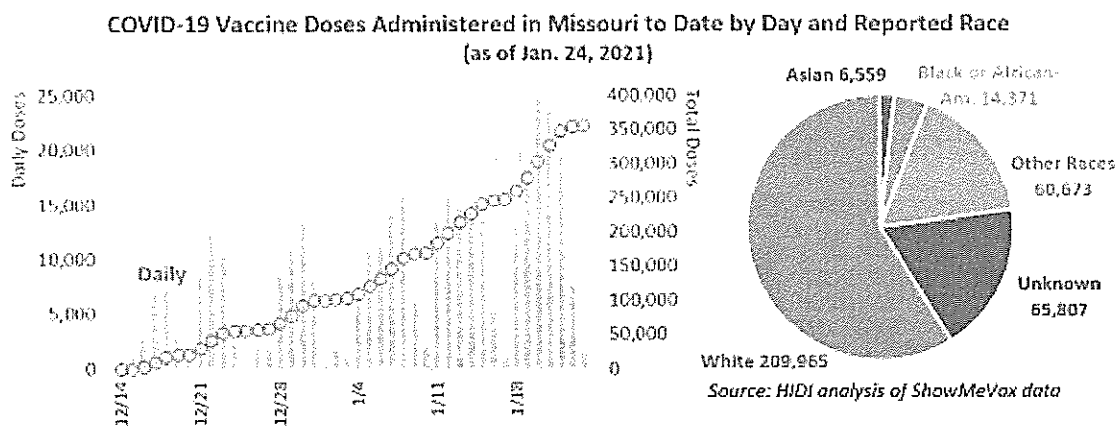
VACCINE DATA NOW PUBLIC-FACING: Last evening, Gov. Parson announced the launch of a new Missouri COVID-19 vaccine dashboard. The vaccination dashboard was incorporated into the broader COVID-19 public health dashboard and also is available at MOStopsCovid.com.

Key findings this week:

- COVID-19 activity continued to recede in Missouri last week.
 - New cases as a rate of the population increased 2.7%, the lowest weekly increase since early October.
 - The effective reproductive rate decreased by four points, with moderate decreases in every region of the state.
 - The statewide positivity rate decreased from 19.5% during the previous week to 18.8% last week.

- Suspected and confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations fell below 2,000 patients for the first time since the last week of October.
 - On Jan. 24, Missouri hospitals reported 1,900 hospitalized patients, a 31% decrease since the first week of January.
 - Staffed inpatient bed availability increased by 8.7% last week, while ICU bed capacity increased 26.1%.
- By Jan. 24, more than 357,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses had been administered in Missouri. The recipients include 237,688 individual Missourians, including just more than 70,000 state residents who have received both doses. While the scale and pace — an average of 8,506 daily doses since Dec. 14, 2020 — continues to increase, 357,000 doses is less than 4% of the total number of doses needed to inoculate 70% of the population, a very approximate benchmark for establishing herd immunity in Missouri. Additionally, numerous factors beyond state control continue to impose severe limitations on the proliferation of vaccines; however, Missouri currently is pulling up the rear amid a pack of equally supply-constrained states.

A key advantage in Missouri’s vaccine tracking system is the availability of information on race and ethnicity among recipients. This information is critical in monitoring the equity of vaccine distribution and uptake among vulnerable and vaccine-hesitant populations. Unfortunately, 35% of vaccine records report race as unknown or other. ***Vaccinators accurately identifying and reporting recipient race and ethnicity is vital to the success of the mass vaccination campaign in Missouri.***



The hospital TeleTracking compliance data used to update HIDl's hospital-specific interactive dashboards have not yet been posted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services this week. The dashboards will be updated as soon as the latest data are available.

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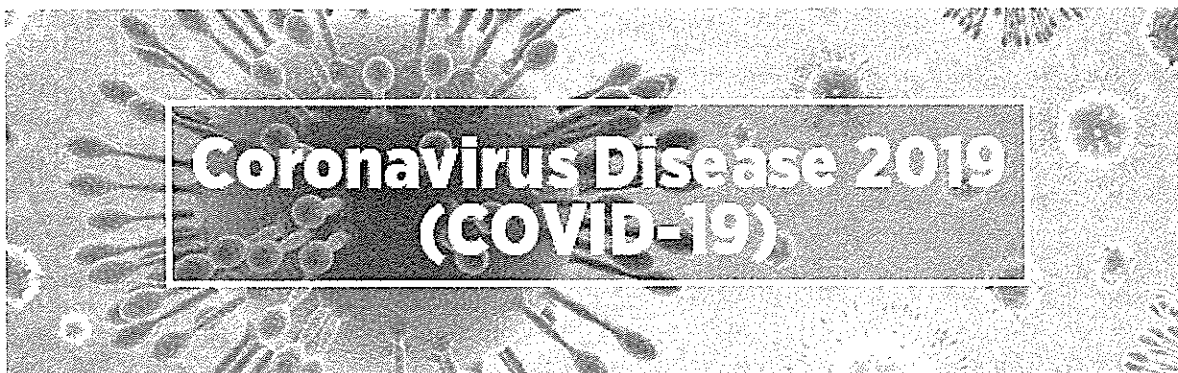
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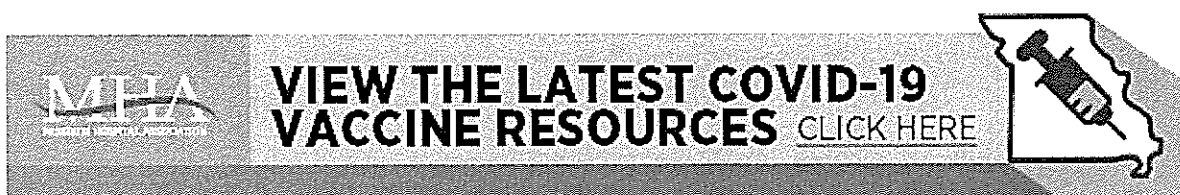
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January 21, 2021

This report from the Missouri Hospital Association is designed to help you stay abreast of recent developments related to COVID-19.

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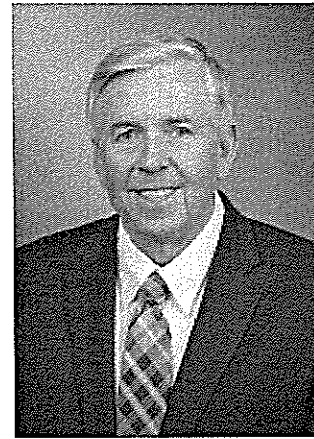
Advocacy

Gov. Parson Engages With MHA Members On COVID-19

Staff Contact: Daniel Landon

Gov. Parson and key leaders in his administration participated in a conference call with the MHA membership

on the state's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. It was the 25th such call with the MHA membership since the pandemic began. The calls provide an opportunity for an update on state activities and hospital issues, and for hospital executives to ask questions and make comments.



This call focused on the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccine. The governor gave a preview of his pending announcement to activate the Missouri National Guard to help support the vaccination effort. Parson also called on hospitals to administer, not stockpile, their vaccine. Further discussion and questions addressed the metrics of success in the vaccination initiative and the process for managing the second dose of the vaccine series.

Government Action

Biden Administration Releases COVID-19 Response And Pandemic Preparedness Strategy

Staff Contact: Leslie Porth or Jackie Gatz

Today, the new Biden administration released the National Strategy for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness. The plan, highlighted in a Fact Sheet, authorizes use of the Defense Production Act to accelerate production of testing and vaccine supplies. It also focuses on a centralized approach for response, and vaccine planning and coordination, as well as increased funding pending Congressional approval. In addition, yesterday President Biden signed the following three executive orders related to the federal COVID-19 response.

- a masking and physical distancing mandate for the federal workforce, and everyone in federal buildings or on federal property
- an order for the U.S. to rejoin the World Health Organization with National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci as the delegation lead

- the establishment of a White House Office of COVID-19 Response to be headed by former Obama National Economic Council Chairman Jeff Zients

The strategy also outlines a broad framework for the success of the following seven primary goals.

1. Restore trust with the American people.
2. Mount a safe, effective and comprehensive vaccination campaign.
3. Mitigate spread through expanding masking, testing, data, treatments, health care workforce and clear public health standards.
4. Expand emergency relief and exercise the Defense Production Act.
5. Safely reopen schools, businesses and travel while protecting workers.
6. Protect those most at risk and advance equity, including across racial, ethnic and rural/urban lines.
7. Restore U.S. leadership globally, and build better preparedness for future threats.

Presidential Executive Order Compels Masking And Distancing On Federal Property

Staff Contact: Daniel Landon

In his first day in office, President Biden issued an executive order requiring masking and physical distancing by on-duty or on-site federal employees, on-site federal contractors, and everyone in federal buildings or on federal property. The infection control standards will follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

BNDD Issues Controlled Substance Prescribing Waiver

Staff Contact: Sarah Willson

The Missouri Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs issued a waiver of Section 195.030.2, which allows practitioners whose primary practice location is outside the state of Missouri, who are temporarily practicing in Missouri during the state of emergency, to not register with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to dispense or prescribe controlled substances. The current waiver is in effect until Wednesday, March 31, unless otherwise communicated by the department. MHA requested the waiver upon becoming aware of the potential regulatory risk to providers assisting with the pandemic

but not registered with BNDD. The waiver is consistent with federal flexibilities allowed by the Drug Enforcement Agency in response to the pandemic.

Legal & Regulatory

CMS Issues New Hospital Survey Guidance

Staff Contact: Sarah Willson

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued new guidance, QSO-21-13-Hospitals, on hospital survey activity. CMS is limiting the focus and scope of surveys effective until Saturday, Feb. 20. In the guidance, the agency also addresses implementation of crisis standards of care. MHA requested a survey waiver from CMS in December in light of the resources being consumed to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

Testing, Reporting & Treatment

Public Facing Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Locator Available

Staff Contact: Jackie Gatz or Keri Barclay

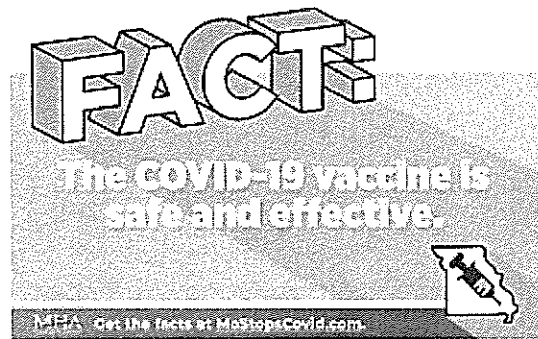
Missouri hospitals now are included in a federal, public-facing Therapeutics Distribution Location Resource. The map displays locations that have received shipments of monoclonal antibody therapeutics for COVID-19. It is important to note that this decision was made federally. The website does include a disclaimer that this information is based on shipments reported by the distributor and does not guarantee availability. Hospitals are encouraged to utilize mAB supply on hand before ordering additional or excessive quantities. This will ensure Missouri continues to receive full allocations of available supply going forward.

Vaccine Updates

New COVID-19 Vaccine Social Media Assets Available

Staff Contact: Mary Becker

As Missouri's COVID-19 vaccine supply becomes more widely available, individuals will decide whether or not to be vaccinated. That's why understanding the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine is so important. To support Missouri's efforts to provide accurate information statewide, MHA created a fact-based social media campaign linking to MoStopsCOVID.com – the state's resource library for everything related to the COVID-19 vaccine.



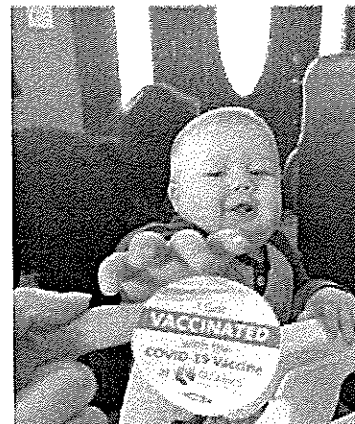
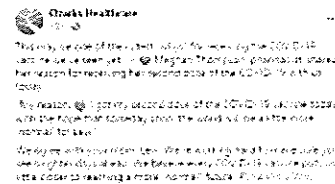
We encourage hospitals to participate with us by downloading social media graphics and content from our website, and engaging with us on social media. The choice to get vaccinated will make a positive impact on the entire community. Let's work together to spread good information about this important effort.

#ShareYourWhy With Ozarks Healthcare

Staff Contact: Mary Becker

Yesterday, Ozarks Healthcare, located in West Plains, Mo., began administering the second dose of the Moderna vaccine to staff. The hospital is asking those who now received their second dose to share their reasons for receiving the vaccine using hashtag #ShareYourWhy.

Meghan Thompson, pharmacist, shared that she got her second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in hopes that someday soon the world will be a little more 'normal' for her son Levi.



Noteworthy

HRSA Awards Funding To Reduce Disparities In COVID-19 Outcomes

Staff Contact: Stephen Njenga

The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded nearly \$90 million in funding, which aims to address hypertension, improve heart health, and reduce disparities in COVID-19 outcomes among racial and ethnic minority communities.

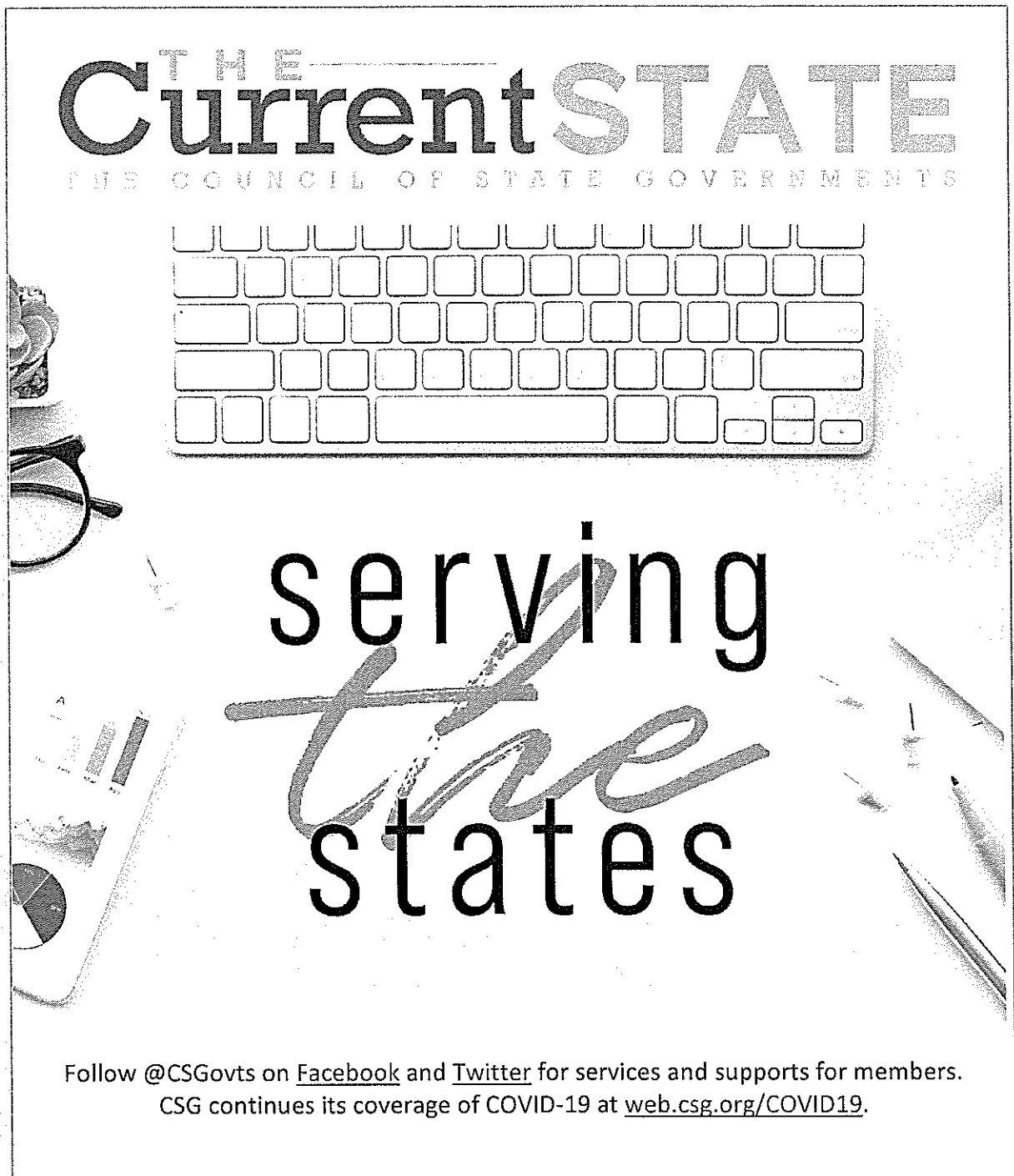
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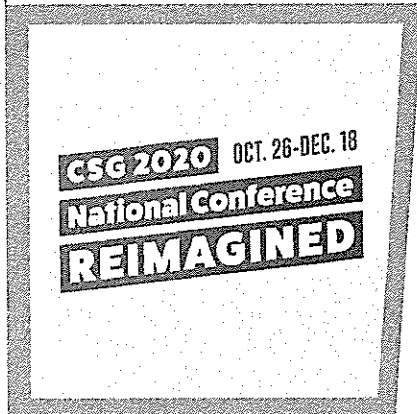
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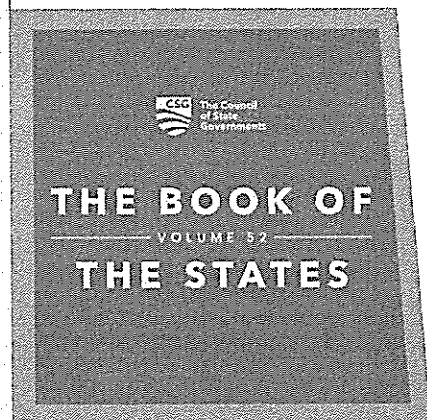
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International Paper, a CSG Associate, made a commitment to donate two million corrugated boxes to hunger-relief organizations amid the COVID-19 pandemic. This food product donation benefited relief agencies such as Feeding America and The Global FoodBanking Network, among others in communities where International Paper employees live and work.

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Institutional Integrity: Learning the Right Lessons from the Capitol Siege

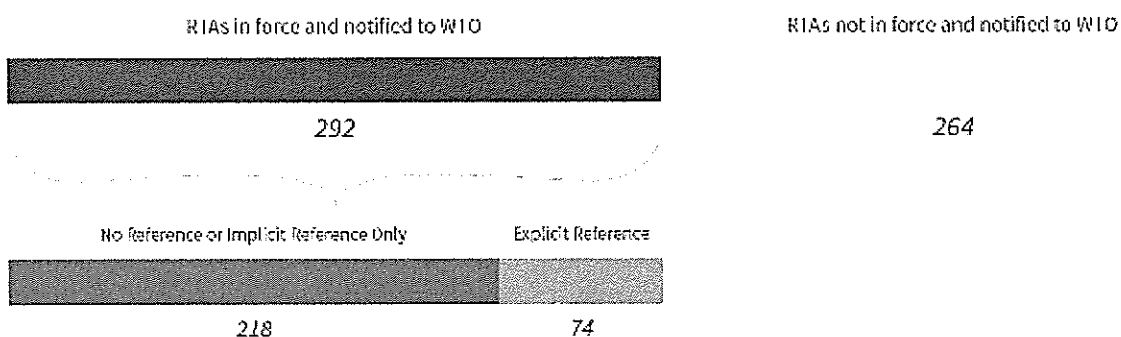
COMMENTARY

In our pre-election analysis, following federal deployments at racial justice demonstrations over the summer that were seen as excessive and exacerbating rather than de-escalatory, we noted that the United States has a strong framework of laws and norms that guide deployments. These guardrails reflect basic principles: the domestic deployment of federal forces must be guided by law and not by politics or race. It must be based on the actual threat, evenhanded, and impartial. Moreover, the military, particularly active-duty military, should be deployed only as a last resort and with a clear mission, training, and guidance. These concepts still apply despite the very different context presented by this recent insurrection and ongoing threat. As details emerge, it will be important to properly understand where and how established guardrails were tested so that those responsible for protecting our democracy, its institutions, and the public make informed decisions that restore trust and security.

By Suzanne Spaulding & Devi Nair

January 12, 2021

Frequency of Gender References in Regional Trade Agreements as of November 2018



Source: Jean-André Martin, *Gender Related Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements* (Geneva: WTO, December 2018). http://www.wto.org/english/ress_e/research_e/rtac201815_e.pdf.

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Toward a More Equitable Trade System: Empowering Women

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

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Q2: How can policymakers improve women's access to the benefits of trade?

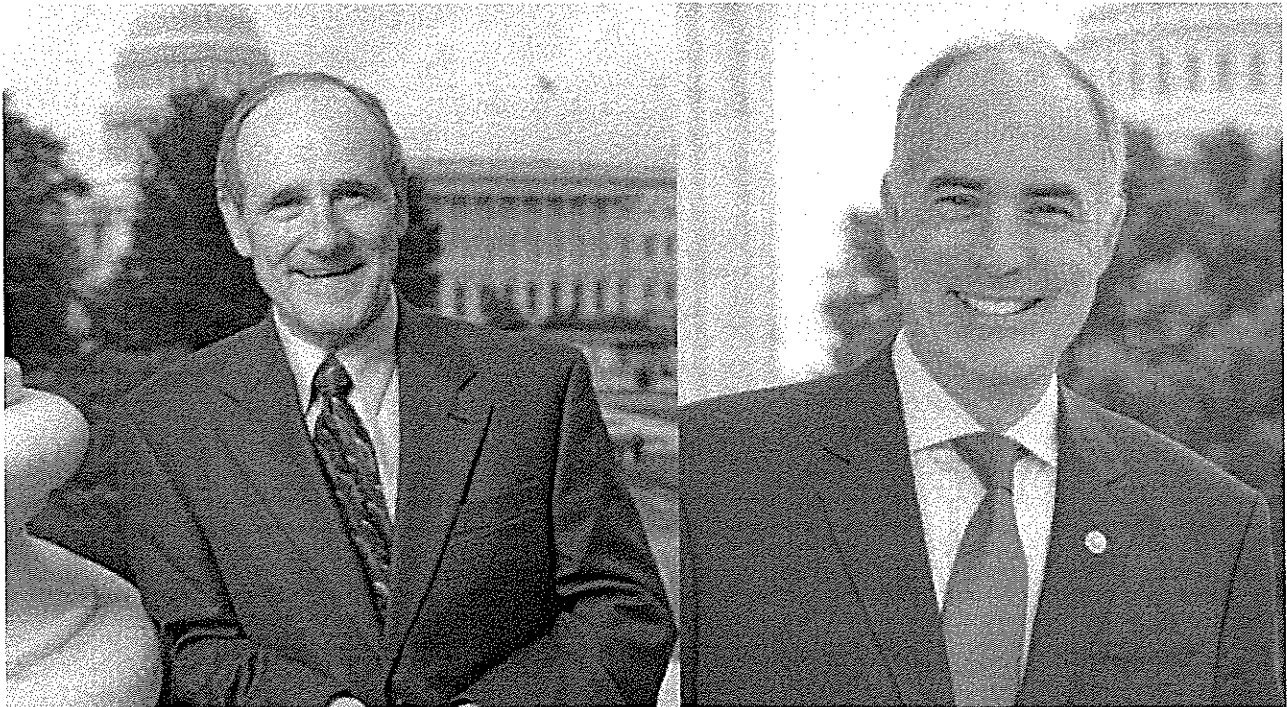
Q3: Which international organizations are focused on the issue?

Q4: Which governments are focused on the issue?

Q5: What does a trade agreement that addresses gender issues entail, and what additional research is needed to support the inclusion of gender considerations in trade agreements?

By Jack Caporal, Jasmine Lim, & Ally Brodsky

January 15, 2021



Reset the Table

COMMENTARIES

2020 has been a year of reckoning for the global food security community. Covid-19 is front and center: hunger is spiking in vulnerable communities hit hardest by the health and economic crises. Read the side by side commentaries of Republican Sen. Jim Risch of Idaho: "Helping Our Neighbors: U.S. Leadership Promotes Partnerships, Saves Lives in Global Fight against Hunger," and Democratic Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania: "New Crisis, New Challenges, Same Mission: Reasserting U.S. Leadership in the Global Fight against Hunger."

By Sen. Jim Risch & Sen. Bob Casey

January 13, 2021



Chef Jose Andres “The Fuel That Moves Humanity is Food.”

PODCAST

Chef Jose Andres sat down with us to reflect on his life, the organizations he has founded, and his unique, powerful vision for using food to transform communities, battle inequities, advance unity and strengthen economies. When he landed in America as a young man, “I became an American way before I became an American by a

passport.” Two years later, at age 23, he chose Washington to be his home: it is the “place where things can happen.” He created relief organization World Central Kitchen to operate in “the limbo between emergency and reconstruction.” “People feel forgotten.” In response to Covid-19 in American and Spain, WCK has served over 36 million meals by partner restaurants converted to community kitchens across America.

By J. Stephen Morrison & H. Andrew Schwartz

January 14, 2021



Resetting the Priorities of Scientific Research in America

ON DEMAND EVENT

Norman Augustine — a successful CEO, a senior government official, and a leading intellect — will discuss the need for America to reset its approach to scientific research in America. Fundamental research is the bedrock of prosperity, but it is too distant from individual

corporations who have to be profitable every year. The American government plays a crucial role in bridging this gap and boosting the foundation of prosperity.

By John J. Hamre

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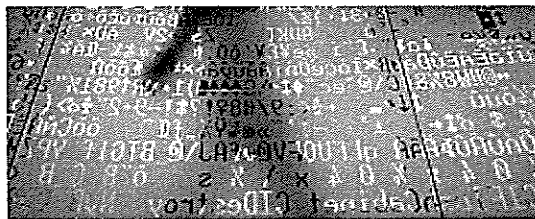


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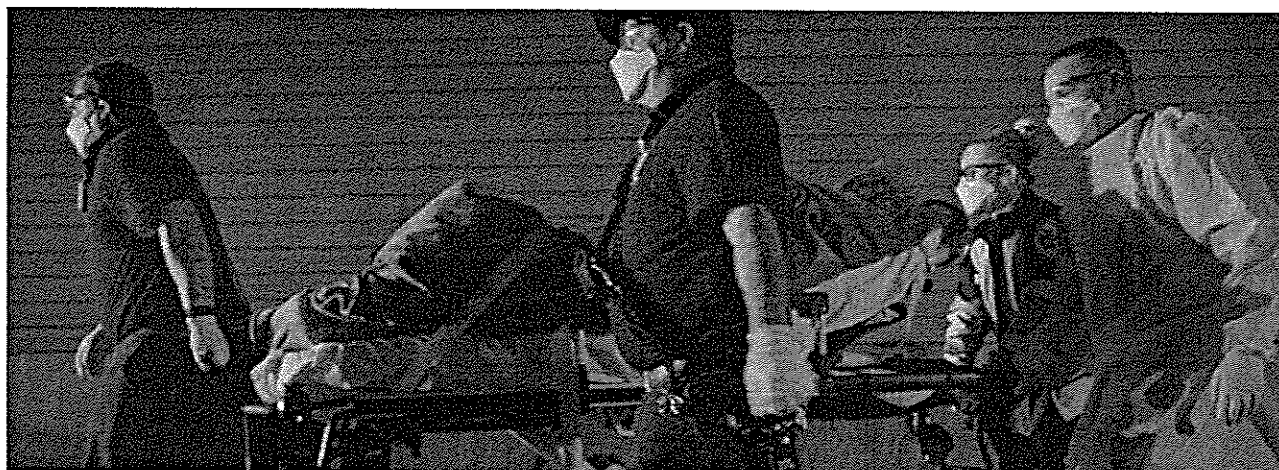
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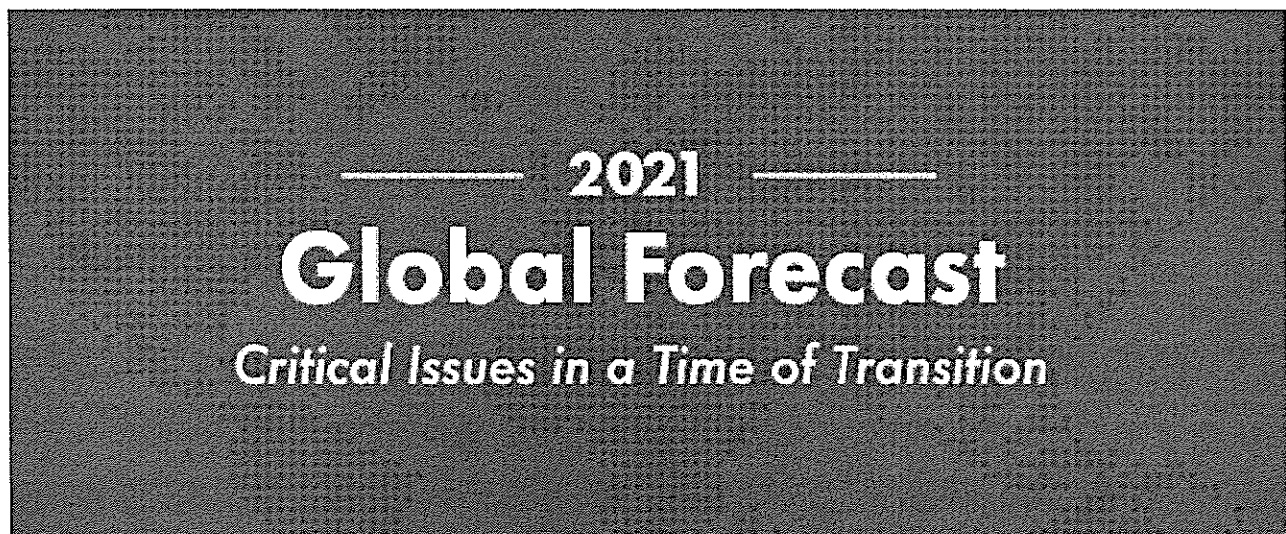
New Variants Rattle the World

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The United States is especially vulnerable and ill-equipped. Without a robust national genomic surveillance system, it is “flying blind” with limited visibility into how and where the virus is mutating and spreading. This is all unfolding as states are scrambling to get Covid-19 shots into arms while coping with a confused and chaotic vaccine introduction and an unrelenting surge that is bending health systems to a breaking point. The Biden administration is preparing to negotiate and implement its national Covid-19 strategy with a razor-thin margin in Congress.

By Anna McCaffrey & J. Stephen Morrison

January 22, 2021



Food Insecurity Crises at Home and Abroad: Why Biden Must Lead on Both

COMMENTARY

When it ultimately subsides, one of the lasting images of the pandemic in the United States will be a food bank with customers queued for blocks or cars lined up for miles. The culprit is not lack of food but the

economic downturn that spread as quickly as the virus: our food insecurity problem is an income problem, not a food problem.

By Caitlin Welsh

January 26, 2021



Civics as a National Security Imperative: The Role of Technology

ON DEMAND EVENT

As part of its Strategic Dialogue on Civic Education as a National Security Imperative, CSIS invites you to a conversation about ways technology impacts, positively and negatively, societal resilience and the strength of our democracy. Recent events highlight the danger of the spread of disinformation and the impact it can have on a misinformed public. Can technology also help revitalize the civic knowledge and engagement necessary to counter these threats and sustain our republic?

By Suzanne Spaulding

January 19, 2021



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Biden's North American Energy Challenges

COMMENTARY

As essential trade partners of the United States, Canada and Mexico could be natural allies in President Joe Biden's quest to accelerate the energy transition and build competitiveness in renewable energy technologies and manufacturing. Both countries will no doubt be pleased to see trade relations return to more stable footing. Yet tensions in the trilateral energy agenda are emerging.

By Ben Cahill

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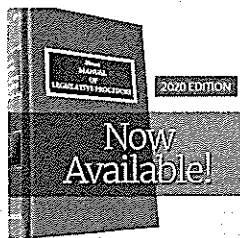
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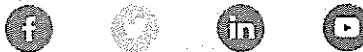


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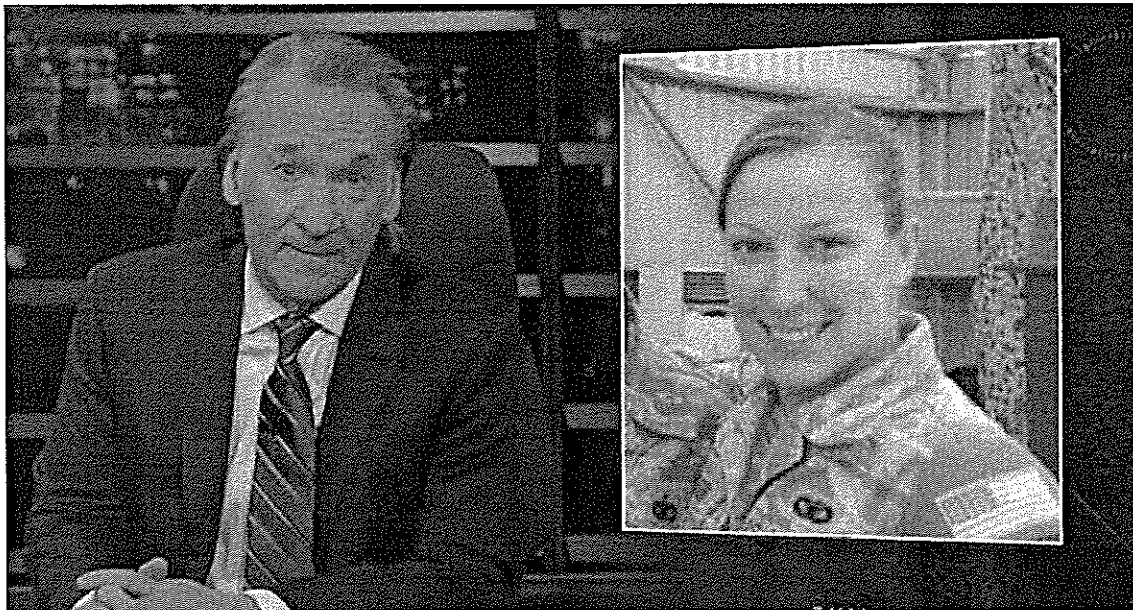


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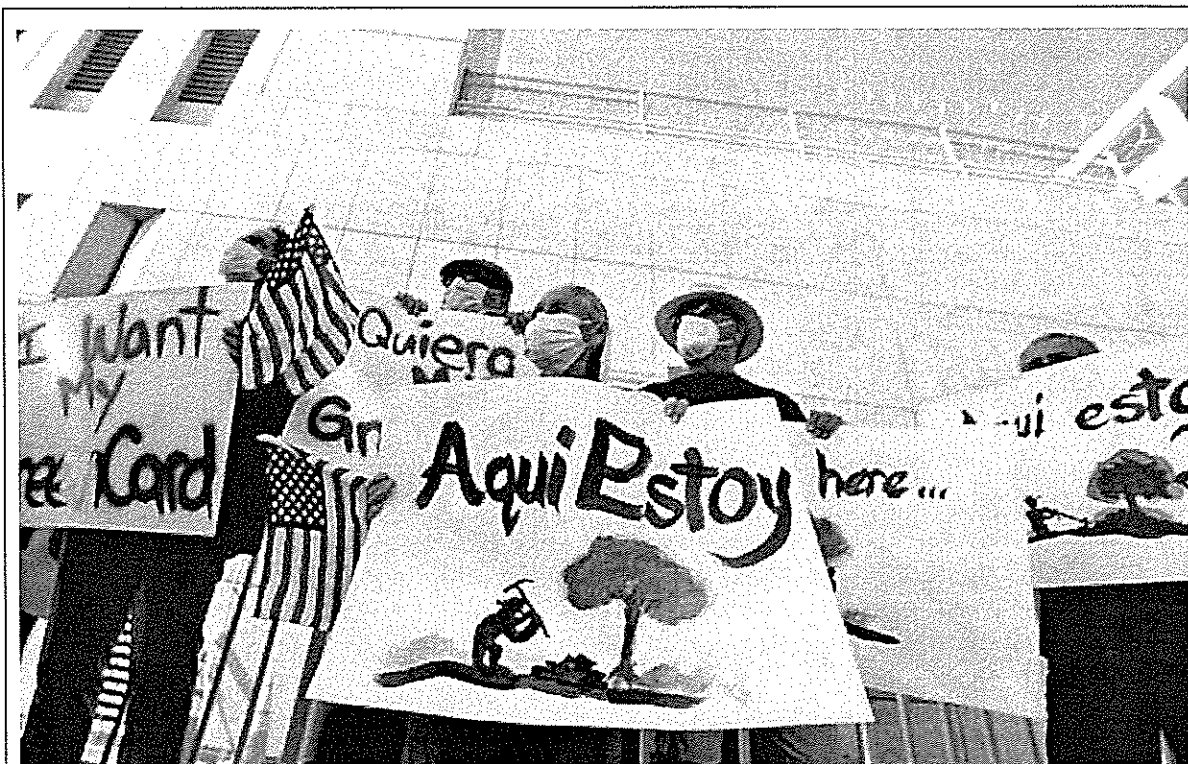


Words of wisdom from Bill Maher, who certainly doesn't express any sympathy for or with Donald Trump within them. It's a couple of days old, but the wrap-up of his Real Time episode on Friday addresses some important points, especially in the near future. How do 81 million Biden voters get along with 74 million Trump voters, and vice versa? Maher argues that attempting to paint all Trump voters as insurrectionists is about the worst possible strategy for the media and in politics, and he's correct.

And Maher adds in defense of the 74 million: "You can like something run by a****les without being one yourself." Via our friend Ian Schwartz at RealClearPolitics, with mildly NSFW language:

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Biden plans early legislation to offer legal status to 11 million immigrants without it



During his first days in office, President-elect Joe Biden plans to send a groundbreaking legislative package to Congress to address the long-elusive goal of immigration reform, including what's certain to be a controversial centerpiece: a pathway to citizenship for an estimated 11 million immigrants who are in the country without legal status, according to immigrant rights activists in communication with the Biden-Harris transition team.

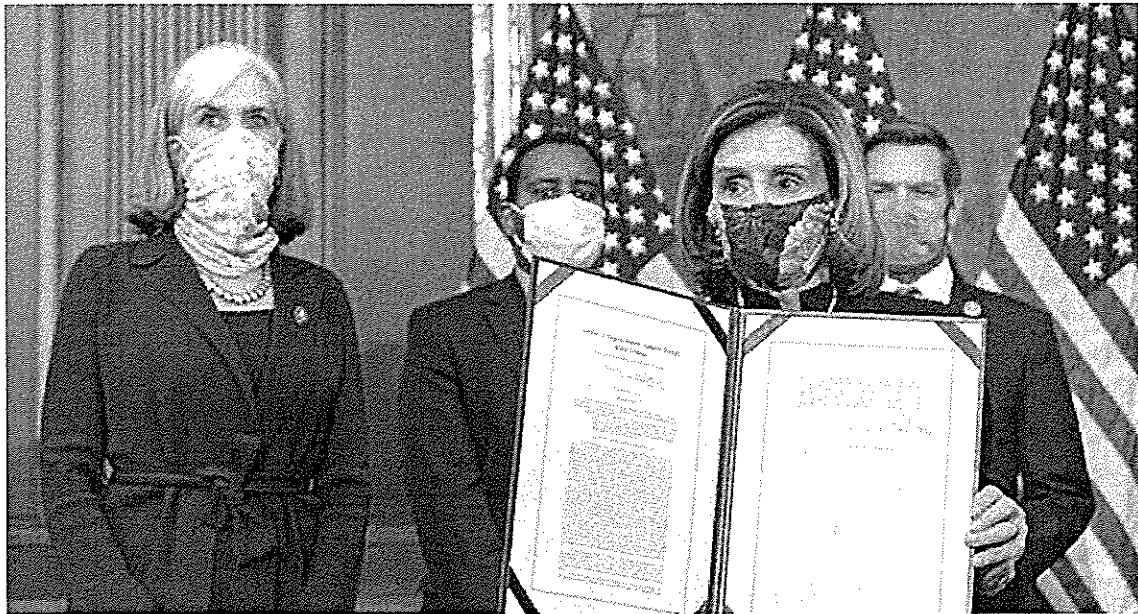
The bill also would provide a shorter pathway to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of people with temporary protected status and beneficiaries of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals who were brought to the U.S. as children, and probably also for certain front-line essential workers, vast numbers of whom are immigrants.

In a significant departure from many previous immigration bills passed under both Democratic and Republican administrations, the proposed legislation would not contain any provisions directly linking an expansion of immigration with stepped-up enforcement and security measures, said Marielena Hincapié, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center and its Immigrant Justice Fund, who has been consulted on the proposal by Biden staffers.

Both Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris have said their legislative proposal would include a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrants in the U.S. illegally, and The Times has confirmed the bold opening salvo that the new administration plans in its first days doesn't include the "security first" political concessions of past efforts.

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An Impeachment Incitement



Donald Trump was impeached again on Wednesday, a week before leaving office in one of the great travesties of modern politics.

Here are reasons why the exercise proved a farce.

One, impeachment was never intended by the founders to become a serial effort to weaken a first-term president. But this latest try will mark the third failed attempt of Democrats in Congress to remove Trump before his allotted tenure.

The first Democratic impeachment effort of December 2017 fizzled. The second impeachment of December 2019 succeeded but predictably failed to obtain a Senate conviction.

This third try will likely not result in a Senate conviction, either.

But from now on, House impeachment will be used by the out-party as a periodic club to wound a first-term president. President-elect Biden should beware.

Two, the country is wracked by a pandemic, recession, a summer of Black Lives Matter and Antifa looting, arson, and violence, and the recent rogue group of Trump supporters storming the Capitol. Washington, D.C. is now militarized in a way not seen since the Civil War. Over 20,000 troops patrol the streets.

Thousands are dying from COVID-19. Politics and incompetence at the state level slow down the widespread vaccination of the vulnerable.

So the last thing Americans now needed was the distraction of virtue-signaling politicians to impeach a lame-duck president who will be gone in a week.

Three, the rushed third impeachment attempt was even sloppier than the first two. There was neither an appointment of a special counsel nor a formal case presented for illegal or improper presidential behavior. Trump's advocates had no time to present a legal or political refutation of "incitement."

There was no real debate, just for-show stump speeches in a rushed spasm of hatred—a circus entirely contrary to the Founders' notion of a solemn and rare procedure.

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6 conspiracy theories about the 2020 election – debunked



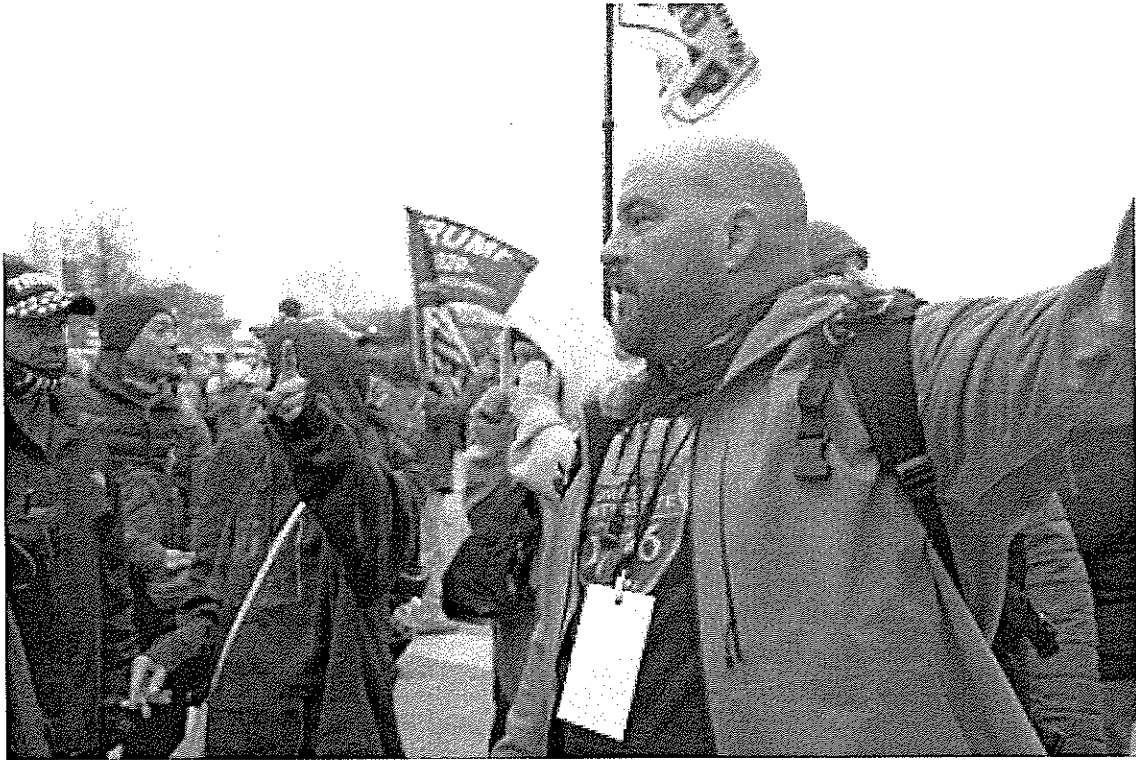
On the day Congress officially counted the electoral votes making Joe Biden the next president, chants of "Stop the Steal" echoed through the U.S. Capitol. The deadly assault followed months of President Trump's insistence that Mr. Biden's win could only be explained by rampant fraud, and he encouraged his supporters to demand a different result.

But none of the claims of widespread fraud or election theft hold up under scrutiny. Election officials around the country and the Trump administration's own attorney general and cybersecurity experts verified the election was the "most secure in American history." All of the lawsuits claiming otherwise were rejected by state and federal courts.

Here is a look at some of the most common conspiracy claims that were used to try to undermine the election results, and what experts have to say about their validity.

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Before the Capitol Riot, Calls for Cash and Talk of Revolution



A network of far-right agitators across the country spent weeks organizing and raising money for a mass action to overturn President Trump's election loss.

Keith Lee, an Air Force veteran and former police detective, spent the morning of Jan. 6 casing the entrances to the Capitol.

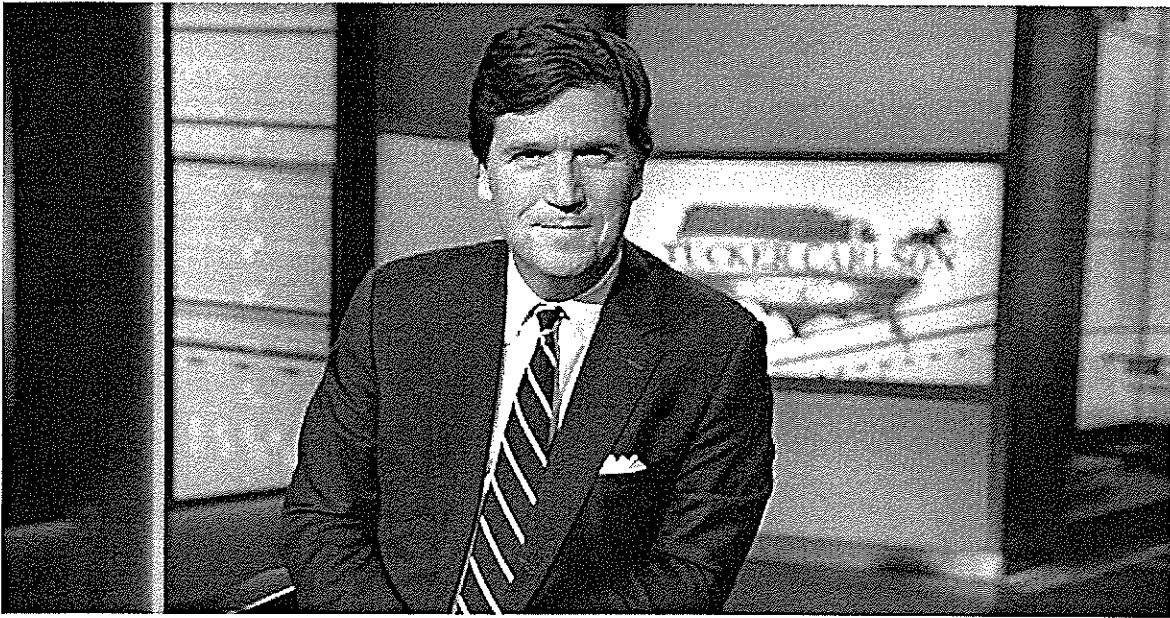
In online videos, the 41-year-old Texan pointed out the flimsiness of the fencing. He cheered the arrival, long before President Trump's rally at the other end of the mall, of far-right militiamen encircling the building. Then, armed with a bullhorn, Mr. Lee called out for the mob to rush in, until his voice echoed from the dome of the Rotunda.

Yet even in the heat of the event, Mr. Lee paused for some impromptu fund-raising. "If you couldn't make the trip, give five to 10 bucks," he told his viewers, seeking donations for the legal costs of two jailed "patriots," a leader of the far-right Proud Boys and an ally who had clashed with the police during an armed incursion at Oregon's statehouse.

Much is still unknown about the planning and financing of the storming of the Capitol, aiming to challenge Mr. Trump's electoral defeat. What is clear is that it was driven, in part, by a largely ad hoc network of low-budget agitators, including far-right militants, Christian conservatives and ardent adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory. Mr. Lee is all three. And the sheer breadth of the movement he joined suggests it may be far more difficult to confront than a single organization.

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Carlson Explains What Message Dems Are Sending With the Militarization of DC



In his opening monologue on Monday, Fox News's Tucker Carlson said the Democratic Party is using the militarization of the nation's capital as a clear political weapon.

There will reportedly be more than 26,000 federal troops—something Carlson said “no living American has seen” before...

“Republicans have spent years ignoring the leftward drift of our officer corps, but we can't ignore it now. The mask is off our military leadership. The very same generals who howled at the idea of deploying American troops to stop an invasion of our southern border sent tens of thousands of soldiers with rifles to Washington purely as a show of force on behalf of the political party they support. Once they did that, they allowed Democratic politicians to degrade and politicize the military itself.

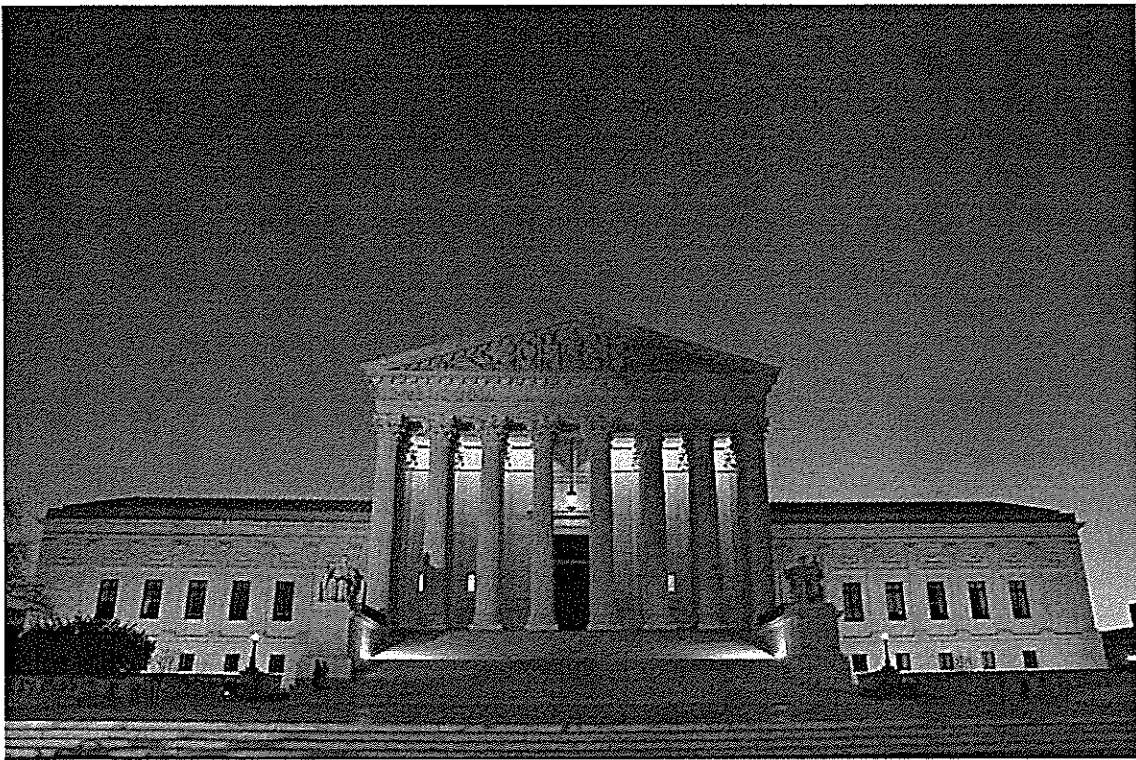
Democrats in Congress demanded that the troops sent to Washington this week submit to a political purity test -- “ideological vetting, as they put it -- to make certain that every soldier professed loyalty to the new regime. Not loyalty to our country, not loyalty to our Constitution, but loyalty to the aims of a specific political party. Nothing like that has ever happened in America and just a few months ago, it would have been unimaginable. Suddenly it's compulsory.

Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., has even gone so far as to say that every White man in this country is a potential murderer, that every White man in America should be under suspicion -- purely on the basis of being White and male -- of planning a presidential assassination. (Fox News)

He argued if an “irreparable civil conflict” is what they want to stoke, this is how to do it. And Republicans aren't even pushing back. He said his program received no calls from GOP lawmakers asking to talk about the militarization of D.C.”

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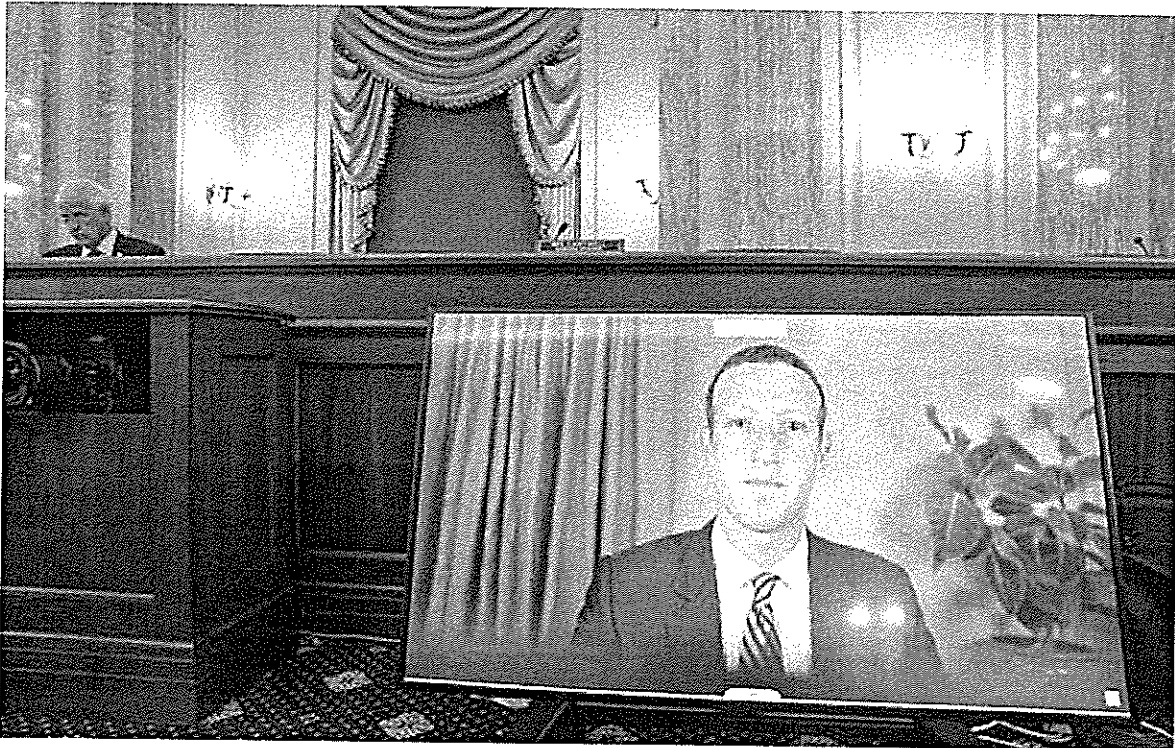
Discussions of the federal judiciary often focus on the substance of decisions made—which side wins and which side loses—and rightly so. These individual opinions are frequently of incredible importance, not just to the parties involved but in shaping the law more broadly. Yet this focus on substantive decisions has obscured deeper structural factors at play in the nation's federal judiciary. Structural problems—such as lack of judicial diversity, ideologue judges, and lack of judicial accountability—undercut the courts' legitimacy and have tangible negative effects on judicial decision-making. Instead of protecting everyday Americans by serving as a check on abuses of power, too often the federal courts have become a tool for carrying out the agendas of special interests and corporations.

Structural problems with the judiciary have always existed to varying degrees. But they have been exacerbated in recent years due to an ongoing campaign by conservatives to take control of the federal courts, often through procedural changes that have significant effects but garner little public attention. The problem has now reached a crisis point. Conservatives have shown a willingness to abandon any and all norms to undermine the judicial nominations process and pack the courts with judges who will help them realize political goals they cannot achieve through the political process. These judges have proven more than willing to carry out the task, supporting the most specious of legal claims in order to skew the system in favor of conservative interests and even prevent many Americans from accessing the courts at all.

Progressives need to consider policies to combat the ideological bias of the courts. This report outlines the current problems in the federal judiciary and then discusses two types of structural reform: changing the composition and authority of the courts and changing the rules that dictate who has access to them.

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Poll: Over 80% of voters favor limiting power of Big Tech in the U.S.



The vast majority of U.S. voters think that government should rein in the powers of Big Tech companies in the U.S., according to a new Just the News Daily Poll with Scott Rasmussen.

Eighty-one percent of respondents said it was important "to limit the power of big tech companies in America."

Just 8% disagreed, while 11% were unsure.

Tech companies such as Apple, Facebook, Google and Twitter have come under increasing scrutiny about censoring third-party content — especially after Twitter permanently banned Donald Trump in the final days of his presidency.

Google and Apple recently suspended Parler, the alternative social media site to Twitter, from their app stores.

Facebook and Twitter claimed that Trump posed the risk of inciting violence among his supporters, while Google and Apple argued that Parler was not doing enough to police violent content on its own servers.

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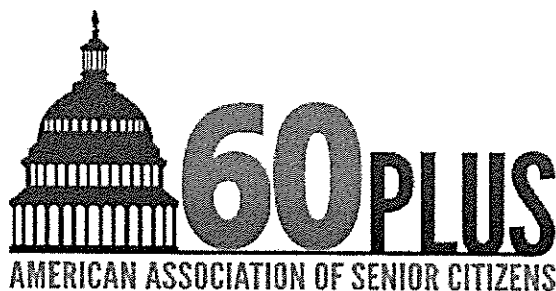
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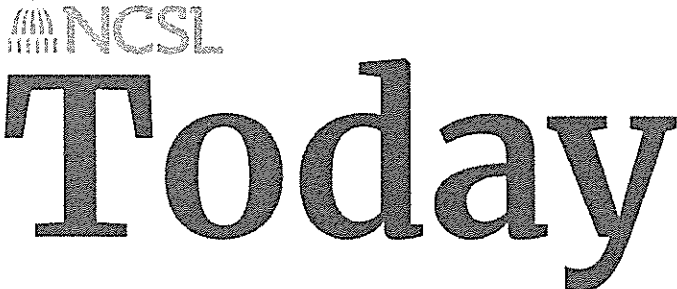
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Igor Shalai

From: Missouri Right to Life <righttolife@missourilife.org>
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Subject: Biden Signs Executive Orders Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Abortion Providers



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Biden Signs Executive Orders Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Abortion Providers

MRL and NRLC are saddened but not surprised that the most pro-abortion President in history has signed an executive order that forces all Americans to fund abortion. Many unborn lives will be lost to abortion because of Biden's Executive Order.

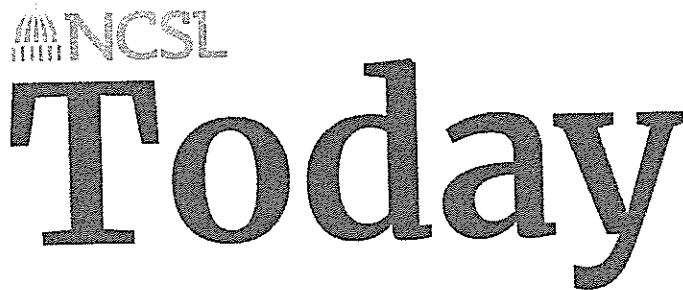
The following is from National Right to Life:

WASHINGTON — Rolling back protections for women and their unborn babies, pro-abortion President Joe Biden today signed executive orders reversing the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy—often referred to as the Mexico City Policy—and requirements to qualify for Title X funding.

"During the presidential campaign, Joe Biden made it clear that promoting abortion would be a priority in his administration and it would be done at the expense of taxpayers," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **"It is**

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The Arkansas Senate on Tuesday passed legislation easing restrictions on the use of deadly force in self-defense, sending the measure to the House. The majority

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The bill endorsed by a legislative committee Tuesday would repeal Wyoming's net-metering rules for how homeowners with

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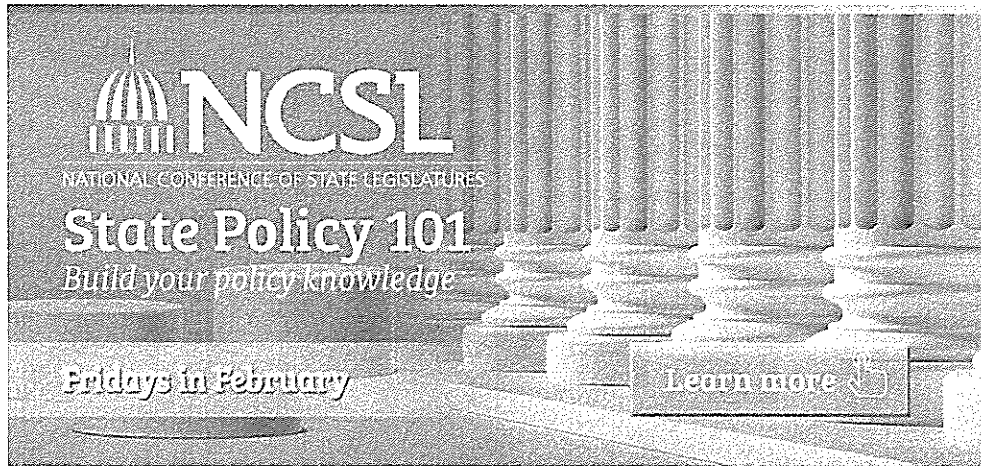
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Connecticut lawmakers pushing ahead with religious exemption bill

Leaders of the Connecticut General Assembly's Public Health Committee on Wednesday pledged to move forward this session with legislation that would end a religious exemption from vaccinations for schoolchildren, despite being called on by thousands of residents to postpone plans.

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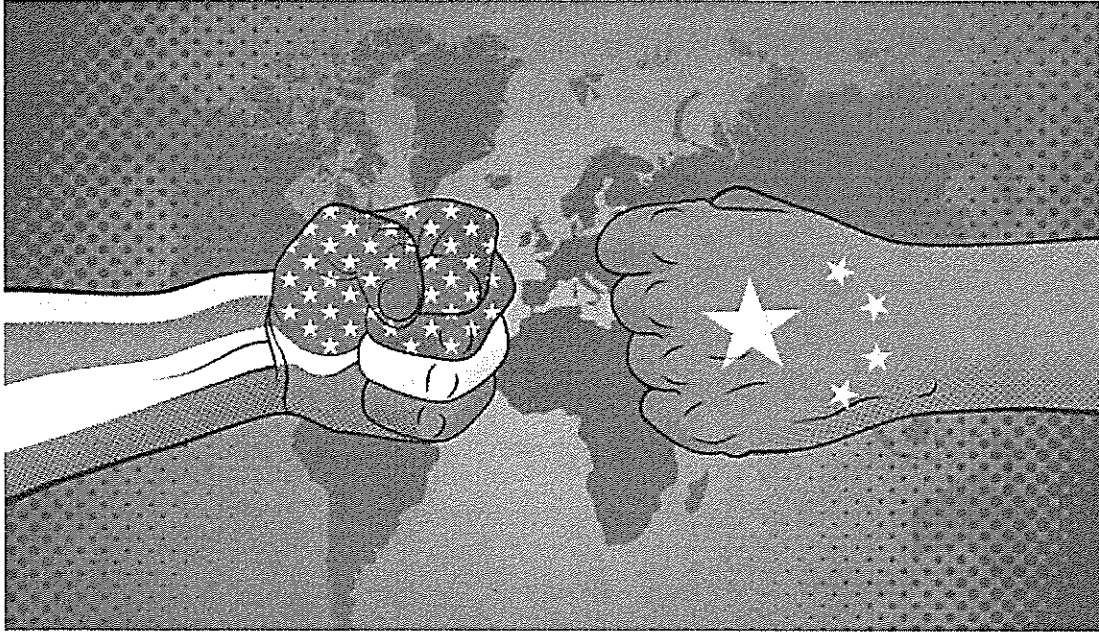
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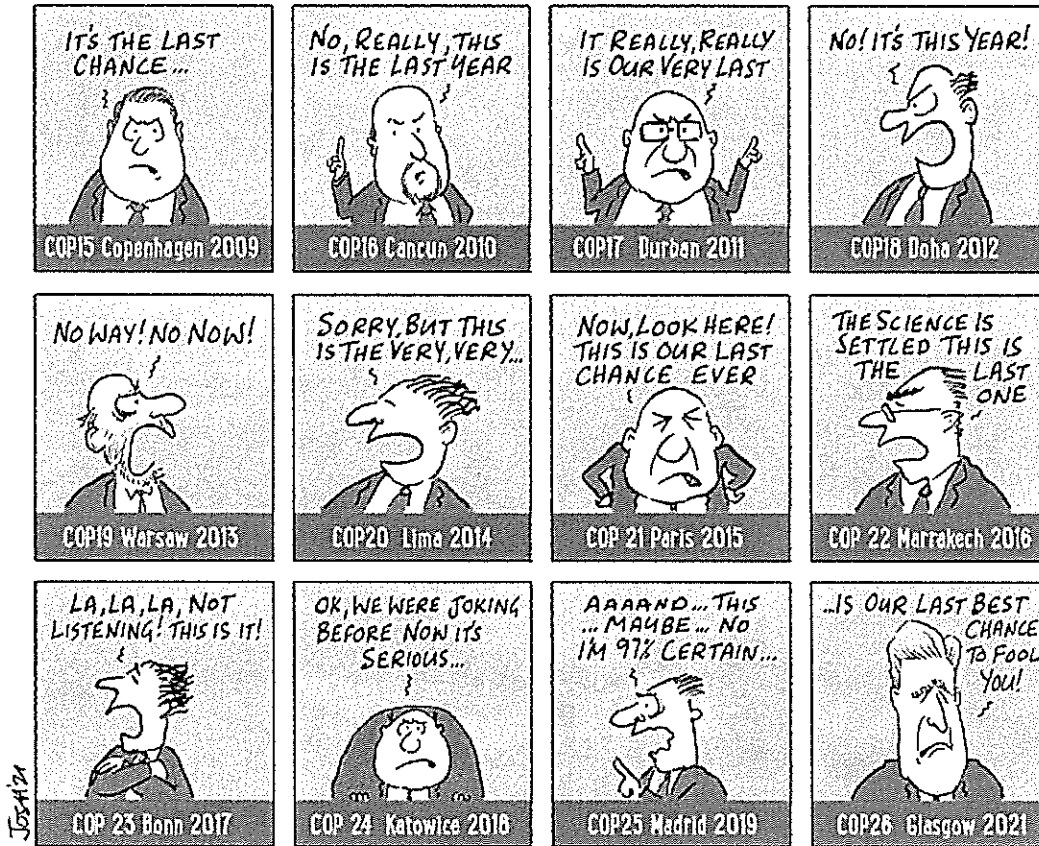
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1) China nixes US climate appeal over Uighur genocide claims

New York Post, 28 January 2021

WASHINGTON — China's Communist government smacked-down Secretary of State Antony Blinken's appeals to work together on climate change after he said he agreed that the Chinese government's treatment of Uighur Muslims amounted to "genocide."



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In a new statement released on Twitter, China's foreign ministry accused Blinken of "interfering in its domestic affairs and undermining its interests" after he backed predecessor Mike Pompeo's declaration that it had launched "a systematic attempt to destroy Uyghurs."

"China is willing to work with the US on climate change. But such cooperation cannot stand unaffected by the overall China-US relations," the statement read.

"It is impossible to ask for China's support in global affairs while interfering in its domestic affairs and undermining its interests," it added.

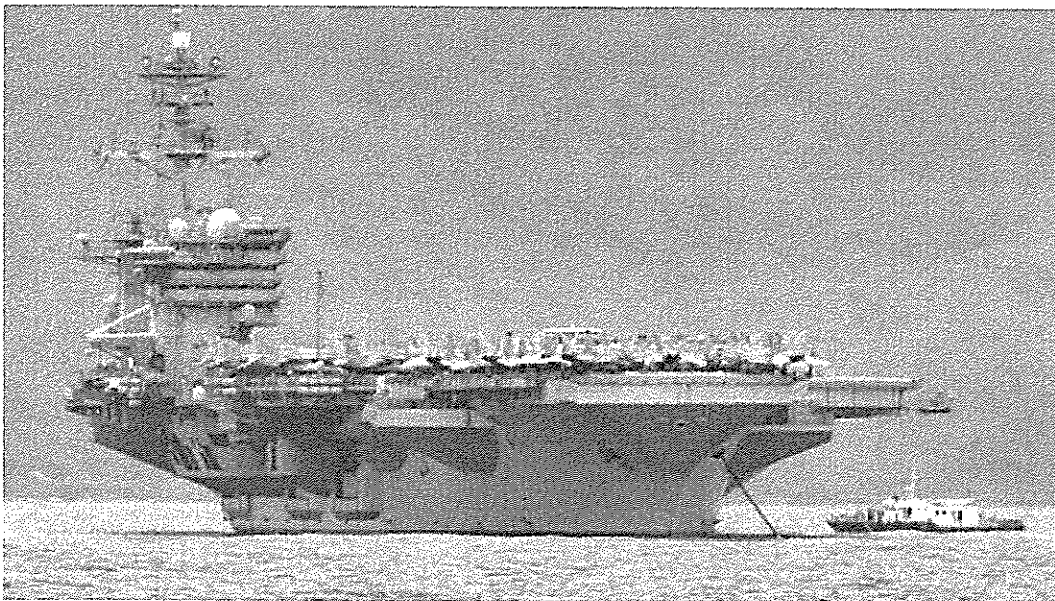
At his first press conference as Biden's secretary of state on Wednesday, Blinken was asked by a Chinese journalist how the US would work with China with the genocide designation hanging over the relationship.

Blinken danced around the issue and said the US was able to compartmentalize difference issues with the Communist nation, which he described as “the most important relationship we have,” and called on them to step up alongside America to confront climate change.

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2) Chinese warplanes simulated attacking US carrier near Taiwan Financial Times, 29 January 2021

Chinese military aircraft simulated missile attacks on a nearby US aircraft carrier during an incursion into Taiwan’s air defence zone three days after Joe Biden’s inauguration, according to intelligence from the US and its allies.



The USS Theodore Roosevelt was leading a group of US Navy vessels in the area © Reuters

The People’s Liberation Army sent 11 aircraft into the south-western corner of Taiwan’s air defence zone on January 23, and 15 aircraft into the same area the next day, according to Taiwan’s defence ministry.

People familiar with intelligence collected by the US and its allies said the bombers and some of the fighter aircraft involved were conducting an exercise that used a group of US Navy vessels led by the carrier USS

Theodore Roosevelt in the same area as a simulated target.

Pilots of H-6 bombers could be heard in cockpit conversations confirming orders for the simulated targeting and release of anti-ship missiles against the carrier, the people said.

The revelations highlight that the intense military competition between the two superpowers around Taiwan and the South China Sea has not eased, posing a challenge to any attempts the Biden administration might make to improve its relationship with Beijing.

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3) China raises pressure on Taiwan, warns 'independence means war'

9News, 29 January 2021

China has warned Taiwan an attempt to pursue independence from Beijing "means war" as it defended heightened military drills around the island.

A Chinese military spokesman said its military exercises were needed "to safeguard national sovereignty".

Beijing is concerned about perceived growing close links between Taiwan and the US.

It also believes Taiwan's democratically-elected government wants to issue a formal declaration of independence, even though the island's president Tsai Ing-wen has insisted that it is already an independent country called the Republic of China - its formal name.

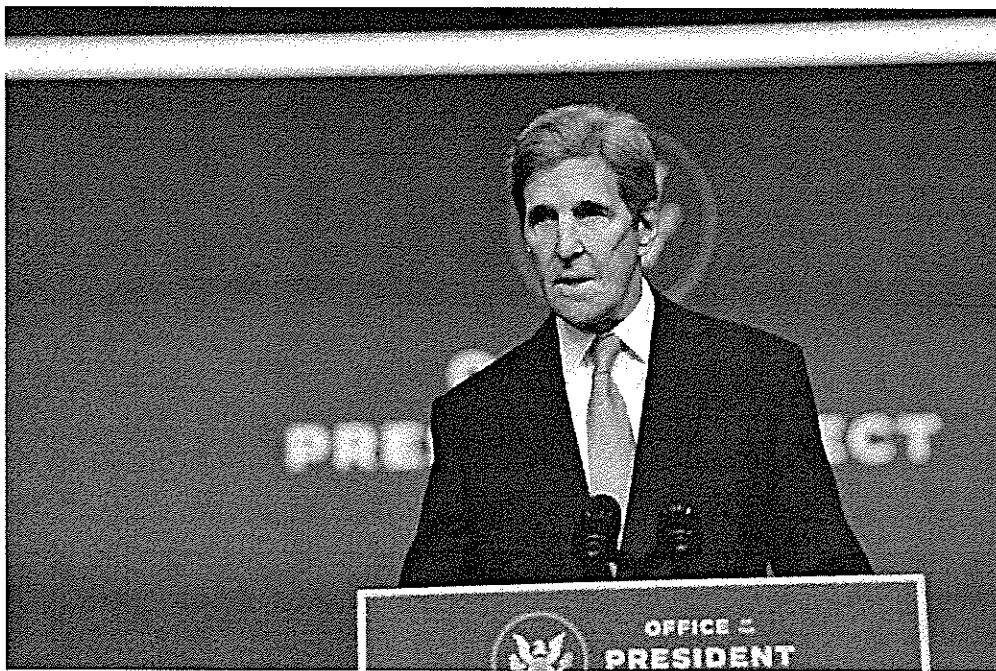
But China regards the island as a renegade province of the mainland and strongly opposes diplomatic attempts by other countries to engage with Taiwan.

Beijing dispatched military aircraft - including nuclear-capable bombers - on two patrols over Taiwan airspace last weekend.

4) John Kerry promises US won't cave to China to save climate agenda

Vox, 27 January 2021

Many feared the US would make unsavory concessions to China to ensure climate change progress. Kerry says “that’s not going to happen.”



John Kerry, President Joe Biden’s special envoy for climate change issues, just addressed one of the biggest concerns early critics have of the new administration: Whether the White House will make unsavory concessions to China in exchange for progress on climate issues.

In a Wednesday afternoon press briefing to release the administration’s new climate change executive orders, Kerry answered that question definitively: No.

“Obviously we have serious differences with China,” the envoy said

during the White House briefing, citing Beijing's theft of intellectual property and aggression in the South China Sea as examples. "Those issues will never be traded for anything that has to do with climate. That's not going to happen."

It's a pretty big statement, and one that hopefully clarifies an early controversy over the Biden administration's foreign policy plans.

Climate change is a top Biden priority. So is confronting China.

In December, US foreign policy expert Thomas Wright wrote an article in the Atlantic with a provocative claim: That Kerry would prioritize extracting climate change-related concessions from China, and to do so would minimize America's plans to push Beijing on trade, security, and human rights issues:

"According to three people familiar with Kerry's thinking, Kerry believes that cooperation with China is the key to progress on climate change and that climate is by far the most important issue in the relationship between the United States and China. Kerry thinks the U.S. president should use his political capital to press Beijing on this subject. Yes, the United States should stand firm when it disagrees with Beijing, as he believes it did during his tenure as secretary of state, but everything else, including geopolitical competition with China, is of secondary importance to this overarching threat."



Kerry's former aides and others close to him denied that Wright accurately portrayed the former secretary of state's stance. Still, it led many in Washington, DC's foreign policy expert community — especially those on the right — to preemptively worry the incoming Biden administration would be softer on China to make climate change progress.

That was a fair concern. The US wants China to stop putting millions of Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang camps, cease the intellectual property theft of American business, and quit harassing US allies in regional waters. If the US weakened its pushback on any of these issues so China would agree to lower carbon emissions, for example, many in the US and around the world might not deem that a good trade.

But the climate envoy has now stated such fears are overblown: The Biden administration will seek both to compete with China on myriad issues and work with it to reverse climate change's effects.

It's unclear if that approach will work, and the White House could face a future scenario where it would consider trade-offs. Criticism might be warranted then. For now, Kerry is clearly trying to put an end to an early controversy about his own views — and Biden's foreign policy in general.

5) Walter Russell Mead: Biden's opening salvo on Beijing

The Wall Street Journal, 26 January 2021

The Biden administration is less than a week old, but its most consequential foreign-policy decisions may already be behind it.

Initiating his China policy with the most aggressive concatenation of moves against a foreign power that any peacetime U.S. administration has ever launched so early on, President Biden has thrown down a gauntlet that Beijing is unlikely to ignore. Besides issuing a formal invitation to Taiwan's top Washington representative to attend the inauguration (the first such invitation since the U.S. established formal relations with Beijing in 1979), the incoming team has pledged to continue arms sales to Taiwan and indicated that it wants to delay high-level U.S.-China talks until it consults with close allies—a stand that China will interpret as a rebuff. As if this weren't enough, Secretary of State-designate Antony Blinken announced that he concurs with his predecessor Mike Pompeo's finding that China is engaged in a genocide against its mostly Muslim Uighur minority in Xinjiang province. Taken with the previously planned dispatch of a naval strike group to the South China Sea, it all amounts to a stern message to Beijing.

These moves must be troubling for those who hoped that Mr. Biden would “prioritise global issues over great power competition,” as Anne-Marie Slaughter, who served as the State Department director of policy planning during the Obama administration, put it in a recent op-ed for the Financial Times.

It's not entirely clear how coordinated the new measures are. The late designation of Chinese behavior as genocide by the Trump-era State Department in particular put Mr. Biden in a difficult spot. He had called the repression of the Uighurs a genocide on the campaign trail, but stump-speech rhetoric has no legal force. Once the State Department weighed in officially, Mr. Biden couldn't walk back a designation he was on record as endorsing without looking weak.

It remains to be seen whether the administration will attempt to tone down the strong message sent by its early actions. The combination of the hard line on Taiwan and the genocide designation could be the foundation of a policy mix that is significantly more provocative than even some China hawks in the new administration wanted—and far more hawkish than the human-rights advocates supporting the genocide designation understood.

The ball is now in Xi Jinping's court. His choices are limited. He can respond with tough statements but signal a willingness to engage Washington pragmatically. This would hand Mr. Biden a diplomatic victory at the start of his administration and tell the rest of the world that China isn't yet prepared to take on America. It would also damage Mr. Xi at home, as anything that looks like a retreat would infuriate Chinese nationalists and undercut official propaganda about China's global stature.

Alternatively, Beijing can respond with provocations of its own. Mr. Xi can order military moves in disputed territories from the Himalayas to the Senkaku islands in the East China Sea. He can also double down on repressive measures in China. The object would be to call Mr. Biden's bluff, forcing Washington to choose between a humiliating retreat or a further escalation of tensions.

The early signs aren't encouraging. On Inauguration Day, Chinese forces attacked Indian positions in Sikkim, across the border from Tibet. Following 13 Chinese sorties into Taiwan's southwestern air-defense identification zone on Saturday, State Department spokesman Ned Price warned China to cease "its military, diplomatic and economic pressure against Taiwan." China responded by sending another 15 sorties the next day. The unifying theme of Mr. Xi's speech to the World Economic Forum Monday morning was China's staunch opposition to U.S. attempts to isolate China or limit its rise. China will think carefully before making its next moves, but it's unlikely to submit tamely to American pressure.

The crisis in China policy is the most dramatic problem facing the new administration, but relations with Russia also look tangled. The quick

U.S. response to support the rights of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his supporters is noble from a human-rights standpoint, but it will strengthen the hand of those in the Kremlin (and in Beijing) who argue that Washington's ultimate goal in their countries remains regime change. How that will affect the Biden administration's hopes for agreements on topics ranging from arms control to climate change remains to be seen. It will certainly stimulate efforts in both China and Russia to weaken U.S. power, meddle in American politics and disrupt Washington's alliances.

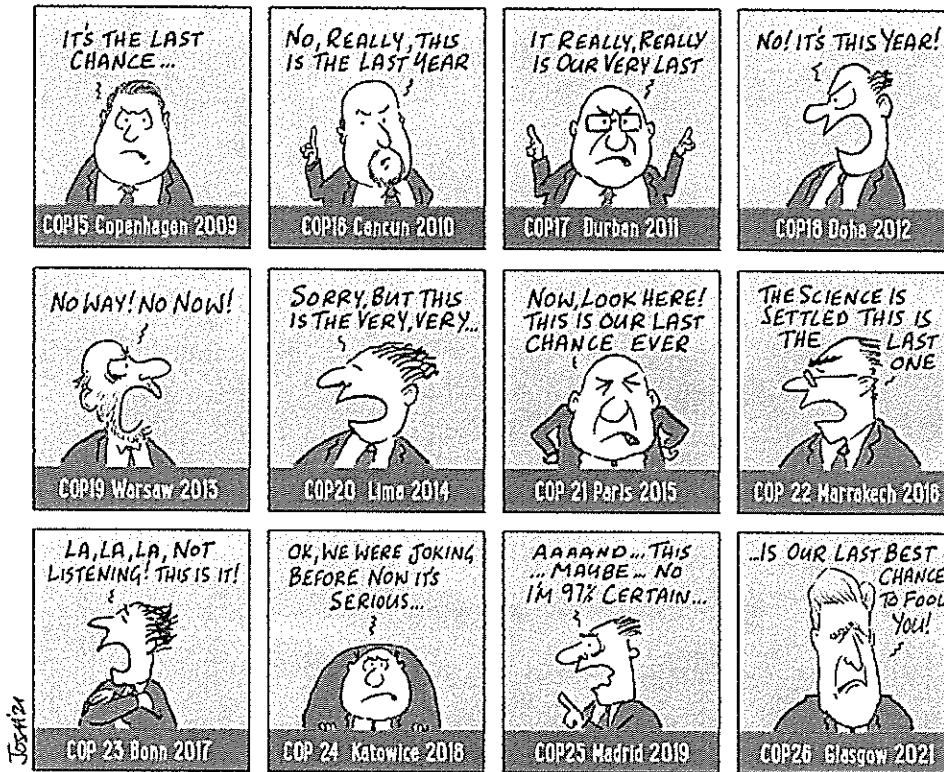
All this may well be inevitable, and the U.S. cannot abandon either its strategic interests or its core values. But weaving those sometimes conflicting elements into a coherent foreign policy is never an easy task. The dramatic first steps of the Biden administration demonstrate how challenging American statecraft can be.

6) John Kerry: COP26 climate summit in Glasgow is world's 'last chance'

The National, 28 January 2021

THIS year's climate summit in Scotland is the world's "last best chance" to avert climate catastrophe, according to US climate envoy John Kerry.

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The senior White House diplomat earmarked the COP26 conference in Glasgow as a crucial landmark in the global bid to combat the environmental crisis.

The United Nations talks, which will be attended by leaders from across the world, were pushed back a year due to the pandemic.

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Subject: Caucus Communications Team

Dear Caucus members,

Welcome and welcome back everyone! My office will again be organizing and managing the House Republican Caucus Communications Team. This team is tasked with creating the message for the caucus while we are in session. Members of the caucus communications team will meet weekly (Thursday mornings at 7:30 am) in my office to decide which issues need to be highlighted and how best to communicate that message to our constituents and the media.

I am limiting the team to 20 members with the goal of 5 from each class. Please email my executive assistant, Kari Hoelscher at kari.hoelscher@house.mo.gov if you would like to be on the team.

Since we will be having our first meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 am please reply to Kari ASAP.

Best regards,



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US House census data not ready until April, states' data after July

The new goal for finishing data processing for the apportionment numbers used for congressional seats is now April 30. But a separate set of data used for redrawing districts for states and local governments won't be ready until after July in the most likely scenario, Kathleen Styles, a top bureau official, said during a presentation for the National Conference of State Legislatures. | [Watch the NCSL webinar](#)

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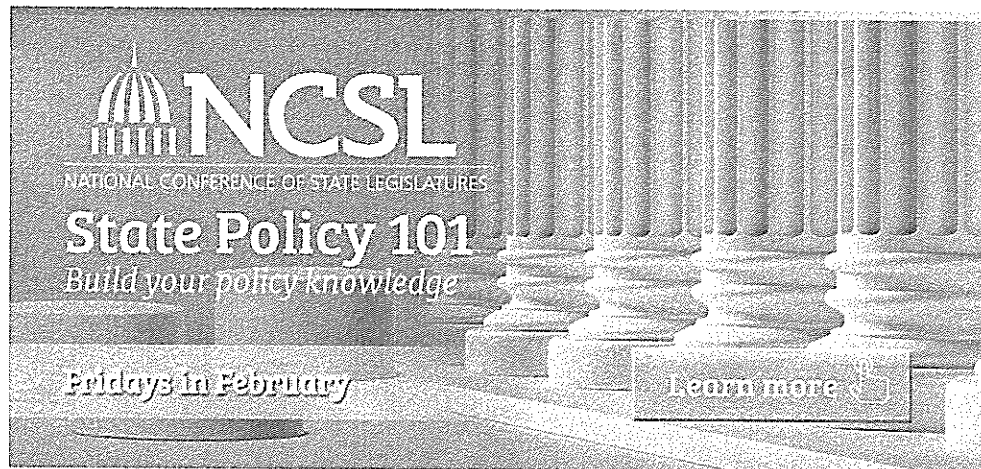
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The support for Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell has reached the state's legislature. On Tuesday, representative Kera Birkeland, a Republican from Utah House District 53 introduced a resolution to recognize the "exemplary service of Donovan Mitchell to the Utah Jazz."

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Tidal wave of evictions, utility shutoffs tests lawmakers

State lawmakers' efforts will be bolstered by \$25 billion in rental and utility assistance that Congress approved last month, but some experts say the nation's rental debt is closer to \$100 billion. And some states already are warning that the federal help comes with complex rules that will make it difficult to help renters in time.

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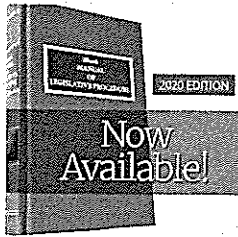


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Can Biden Avoid Obama's First-Term Mistake?



The left will try to convince the new president he has a mandate for progressive change. He doesn't.

When Barack Obama and Joe Biden entered the White House 12 years ago, the economy was in recession, unemployment was pushing 8%, and their fellow Democrats controlled the House and Senate. Sound familiar?

We know what happened next. Instead of focusing on economic growth, the Obama administration advanced an expensive but ineffective stimulus package and then went all in on a partisan transformation of the U.S. health-care system. The upshot was the slowest economic recovery since World War II. Democrats lost their House majority in 2010, and Republicans won the Senate four years later.

We're about to find out what, if anything, Mr. Biden and his more liberal allies took away from that experience. Mr. Biden has said that his first order of business as president will be addressing Covid-19 and the economy. What we don't know is whether the political left intends to let him do that. The progressive wing of the Democratic Party is much stronger than it was in 2009, and its members of Congress are far more numerous. Back then, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren did not command the national attention that they do today, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wasn't old enough to buy beer.

On the campaign trail, Mr. Biden tried to put some rhetorical distance between himself and more radical proposals like the Green New Deal and Medicare for All. It's a strategy that obviously served him well in the election, but how well will it work for him in the White House?

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1 big thing: Biden's centrist words, liberal actions



President Biden talks — and promises to govern — like a soothing centrist. But early moves show he's keeping his promise to advance a liberal agenda, Axios' Dion Rabouin, Courtenay Brown and Jennifer A. Kingson report.

Why it matters: Never before has a president done more by executive fiat in such a short period of time. These actions, coupled with a progressive slate of regulators and advisers, look more like the Biden of the Democratic primaries than the unity-and-restraint Biden of the general election.

Jaret Seiberg of Cowen Washington Research Group says that having it both ways "will work in the short-term, but eventually those progressives who are taking over key jobs will impact the regulatory environment."

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'Dark Money' Helped Pave Joe Biden's Path to the White House



President Joe Biden benefited from a record-breaking amount of donations from anonymous donors to outside groups backing him, meaning the public will never have a full accounting of who helped him win the White House.

Biden's winning campaign was backed by \$145 million in so-called dark money donations, a type of fundraising Democrats have decried for years. Those fundraising streams augmented Biden's \$1.5 billion haul, in itself a record for a challenger to an incumbent president.

That amount of dark money dwarfs the \$28.4 million spent on behalf of his rival, former President Donald Trump. And it tops the previous record of \$113 million in anonymous donations backing Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in 2012.

Democrats have said they want to ban dark money as uniquely corrupting, since it allows supporters to quietly back a candidate without scrutiny. Yet in their effort to defeat Trump in 2020, they embraced it.

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Biden's militarized inauguration showcased Democrats' insecurity



Nothing says, "This was a perfectly normal election, and now it's time to come together as a united nation," like having your swearing-in behind 12-foot-high razor wire surrounded by 25,000 troops whose loyalty you doubt. That's what we witnessed at President Biden's inauguration on Wednesday: a grim testament to the fundamental insecurity and fragility of the re-ascendant liberal elite.

Democrats no doubt hoped that the optics of this military-heavy presidential installation would convince ordinary Americans that the republic is in peril from the populist ferment that sent Donald Trump to the White House in 2016 and garnered more votes four years later than any GOP ticket, ever. It's a peril that can only be addressed by, in James Comey's lovely phrase, "burning down" the Republican Party.

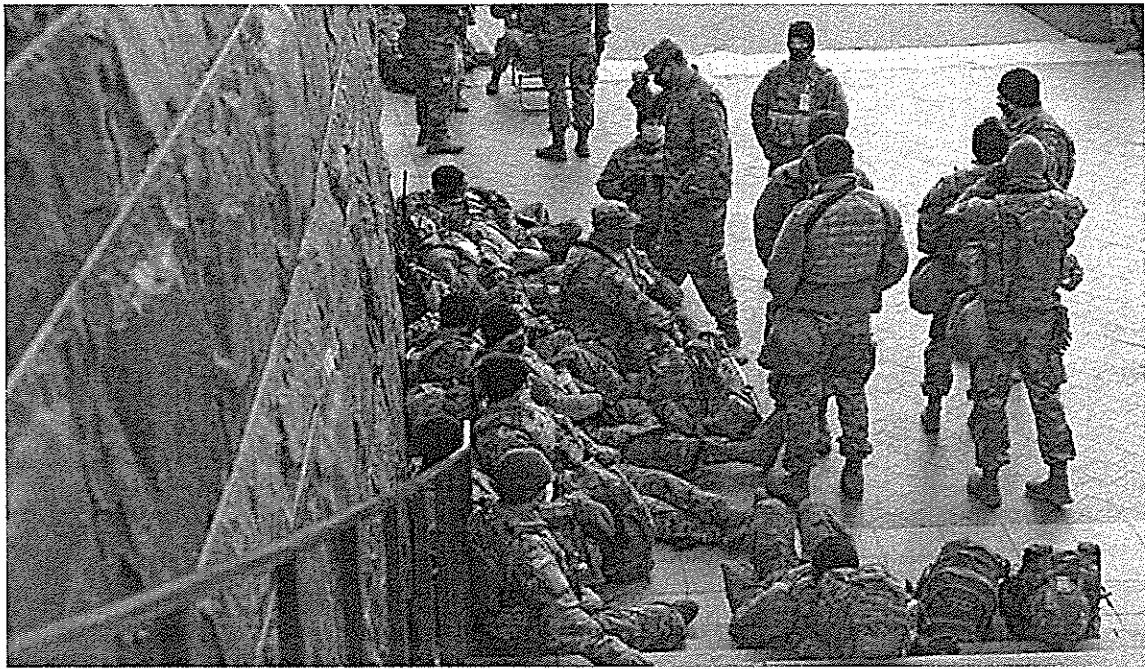
But the whole aura was less Lincoln and more bananas. As in banana republic.

Abe Lincoln had fewer troops to defend Washington during the Civil War, even though the Confederate capital of Richmond was just down the road. LBJ used only about half as many troops to put down the 1968 riots that killed more than a dozen, injured hundreds and did property damage that lasted decades.

Having filled the nation's capital with enough soldiers to invade a small country, the Democrats went further and suggested that the National Guard troops might not be trustworthy.

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National Guard in D.C. was nothing but political prop



Members of the National Guard stationed in Washington, D.C., to protect the incoming president from conservative voters during the canceled inaugural activities that nobody would've attended anyway were banished by police from the Capitol, booted to a nearby parking garage.

Their time in the photography sun had ended, you see.

The official reason given for the banishment was that Congress was in session. In other words, the guards members were in the way.

But what happened to security first, security at all costs?

Right. We all know the deal here. We all know the real deal.

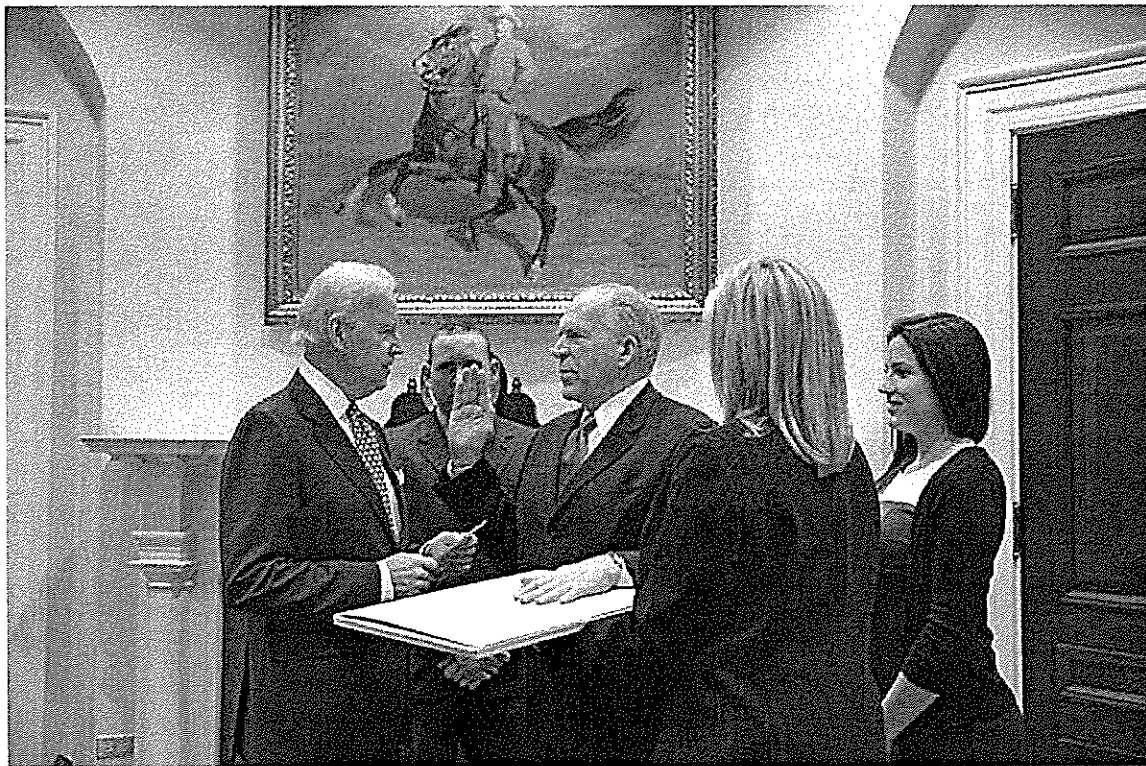
President Joe Biden's protectors had all the media imagery they needed. So the National Guard was no longer needed.

The thousands upon thousands upon thousands of armed soldiers sent to patrol the capital city streets and Capitol Building hallways to keep out the deplorables from deplorably supporting Donald Trump did their duty — they stood strong in the face of all the MSNBC and CNN and ABC and CBS photographers who snapped away happily to capture on film what their minions back at studio base then claimed was the consequence of being conservative. See what happens when you vote for Donald Trump? See how dangerously racist all those MAGA people are? And now it was time for them to go.

The guardsmen, the guardswomen, were simply props for the Democrats.

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Democrats Are Framing Americans As Terrorists To Erase Our Rights



Democrats have moved swiftly to use the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol mayhem to push for a frightening expansion of federal surveillance and police powers, openly smearing anyone who voted for Donald Trump as a potential terrorist.

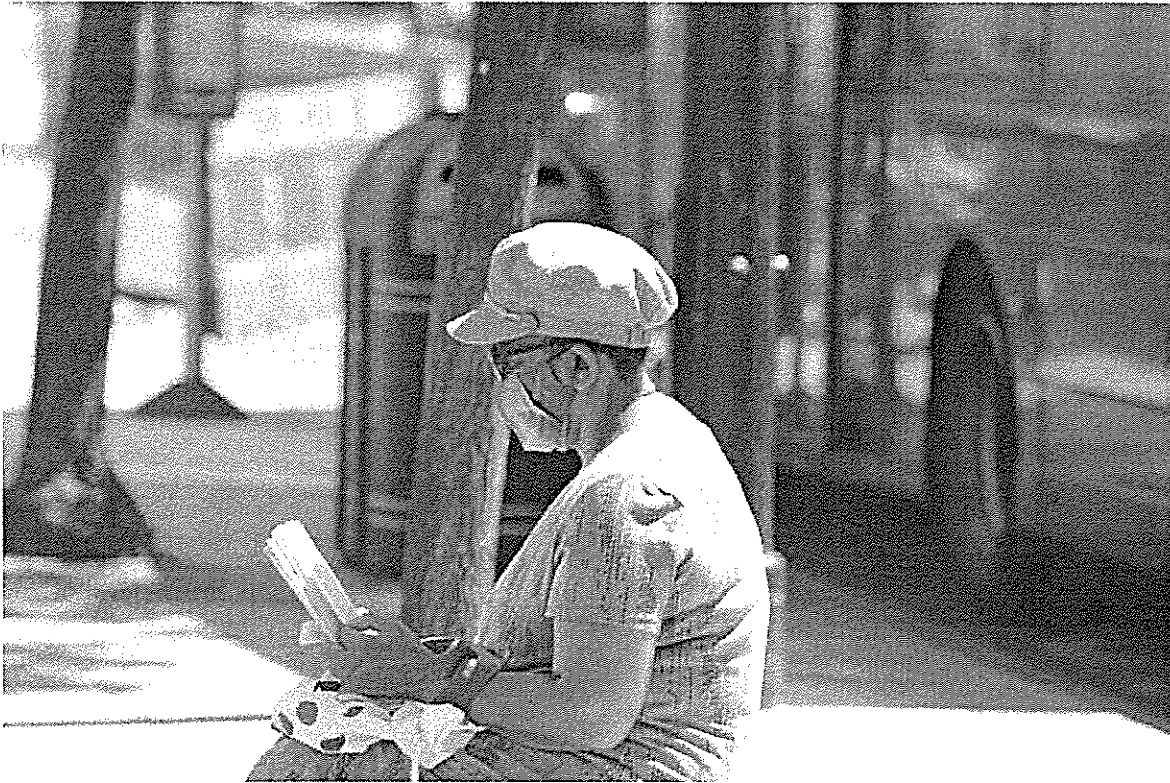
Democrats have moved swiftly to use the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol mayhem to push for a frightening expansion of federal surveillance and police powers under their sole control for two years, smearing anyone who voted for Donald Trump as a potential terrorist. Joe Biden himself called the Capitol protesters "domestic terrorists" and "insurrectionists" and said his administration will prioritize legislation to increase federal crackdowns on what Democrats consider to be "domestic terrorists."

The main problem with that is that Democrats openly link Republican Party affiliation and mainstream conservative ideas to "domestic terrorism," "extremism," "white supremacy," and other evils. To the left vanguard of the party that Biden's administration is marching behind in both personnel and policy, simply supporting lower taxes and believing that "hard work can help you get ahead" is enough to mark you a "racist" and "white supremacist." These redefined "racists" and "white supremacists" now face increased FBI surveillance, discrimination in military and other careers, suspension of their right to own guns lawfully based only on another person complaining they are a "threat," public harassment and smears, government and business pressure campaigns and investigations, and more.

As usual, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has been a canary in the coalmine. The New Yorker went on Instagram on Jan. 12 to hysterically claim that she felt endangered in a safe room during the Capitol anarchy because Republican members of Congress were also there. She baselessly accused them of being violent "white supremacists" solely due to their political affiliation. This is as stupid as claiming the average Democrat is an arson risk simply because she vocalized support this summer for Black Lives Matter.

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Democrat's Lockdowns Are Ending The Middle Class And Making The Rich Richer



2020 could not have gone better for the country's elites. Wall Street, Washington, D.C., and Silicon Valley are swimming in cash and prosperity.

The vast majority of Americans, on the other hand, have been forced into financial, physical, and emotional ruin. 2020 served as the year that government dictates — purposed with fighting a disease with a 99.98 percent recovery rate — manifested unprecedented wealth inequality and created health issues far more dangerous than COVID-19. The unintended consequences of "fighting a virus" with the power of government are now on display for the world to see.

A stunning survey just released by Morning Consult has revealed part of the extent of the devastation caused by COVID-19 lockdowns and other wealth- and health-destroying restrictions.

The remote work economy is functioning perfectly well for people who have already established robust income streams. For those still struggling to obtain the American dream, not so much.

Americans who were already earning six-figure salaries have reported an increase in income for 2020, while those making between \$50,000 and \$100,000 reported a drop in income. Tragically, respondents earning less than \$50,000 have been absolutely

hammered by destructive pandemic policies, reporting by far the largest income drop among their peers.

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Where Trump Came From—and Where Trumpism Is Going



A populist movement rooted in worries about globalization and alienation from elites culminated in the storming of the Capitol. What can conservatives salvage from the debris?

At the outset of the 2016 presidential campaign, Chris Christie, then the governor of New Jersey, sensed a yearning within a changed Republican Party for a populist voice—for a political figure who knew how to speak bluntly for the burgeoning ranks of working-class voters in the GOP.

So he set out to be that guy: a no-nonsense everyman from outside Washington who talked about the economic travails of a prototypical 45-year-old construction worker, the need to use government aggressively to end the opioid crisis in working America, the virtues of law and order, and the need to “stop the Washington bull.”

Mr. Christie was right, in part. The party was ready to move away from traditional conservative formulations and toward a populist message—and even toward somebody who came across as a bit of a bully delivering it. His problem was that the biggest bully with the loudest megaphone turned out to be somebody else: Donald J. Trump. Mr. Trump won the nomination and the White House with a populist and nationalist message and has led a consequential, tumultuous presidency.

That presidency effectively collapsed in flames on Jan. 6, when Mr. Trump sent a crowd of his supporters to the Capitol to stop the constitutional transfer of power to his elected successor. That crowd turned into a mob that ransacked the seat of American democracy and tried to hunt down its elected leaders.

Republicans, and the nation as a whole, now are left to ponder what went wrong—and whether such an ugly and violent ending was inevitable. Mr. Christie, who went from Trump rival to informal Trump counselor, thinks that he knows how things went awry. “One of the big concerns I’ve had all the way through the Trump presidency—and I’ve spoken to him about this directly—is that his behavior has obscured his message and his accomplishments,” he says. “And worse than obscuring them, as time went on it was discrediting them.”

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Why Democrats demonize good GOPers, too



There’s a reason why blameless Republicans and Trump voters are being tarred with the same brush as the Capitol rioters.

It's not enough just to arrest and prosecute actual lawbreakers who smashed their way into the Capitol.

No, anyone who supported the president, voted for him or worked for his administration now has to be hunted down and purged.

They're losing their jobs, having their insurance canceled, their book contracts and recording deals torn up. They are being banned from flying or banking or speaking on social media.

A petition at Harvard University even demands Trump staffers have their degrees revoked.

A feverish mood is afoot, evoking the spirit of McCarthyism and the Salem witch trials, in which irrationality and hysteria point fingers at the innocent.

But it is not just an emotional overreaction to the frightening events of Jan. 6.

It is a deliberate tactic designed to intimidate conservatives and silence their protests when the Biden administration radically remakes the country, as it has promised to do from Day One.

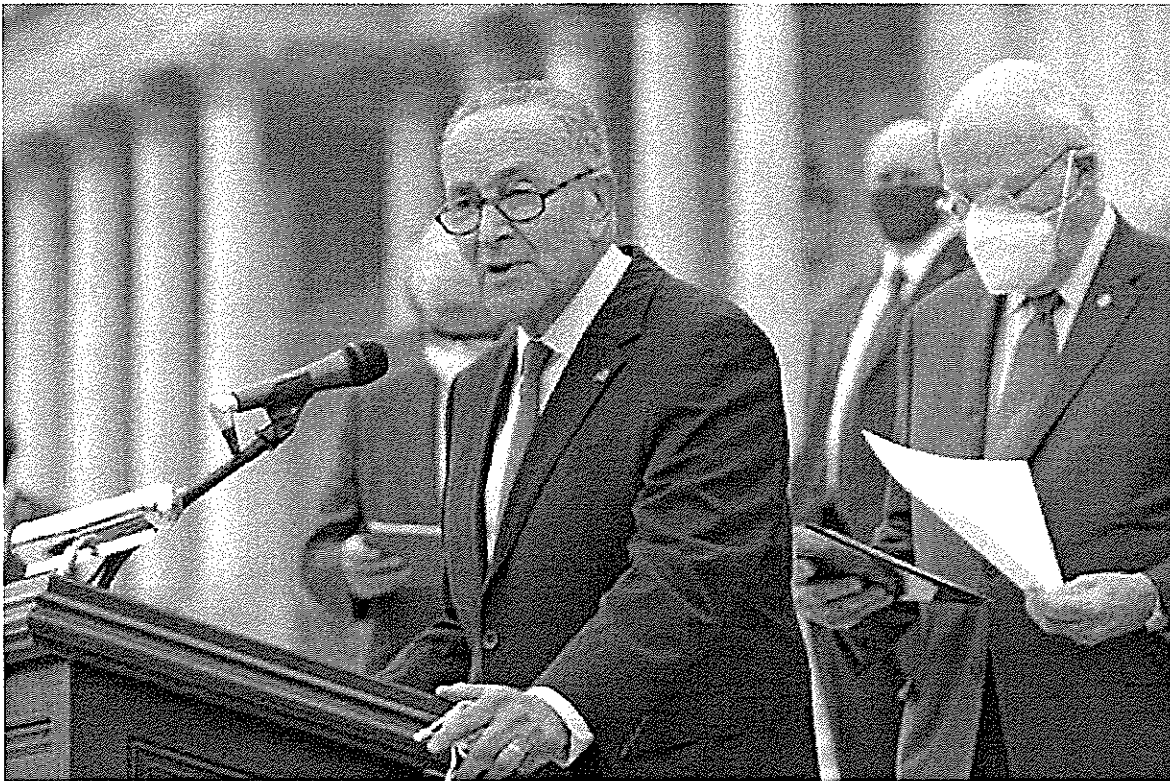
Democrats and their allies in corporate America are preemptively taking out the opposition because they know that their prescriptions don't work and are opposed by the majority of Americans.

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The Republican Party Has Failed America, And Here's How It Needs To Change Now

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What Biden can and can't get from an evenly divided Senate



So what does a 50-50 Senate get President-elect Joe Biden?

Washington has barely had time to process the implications of Democratic control after two Georgia runoff elections that are delivering the Senate to Democrats. Hours after the races were decided, a mob of zealots ransacked the U.S. Capitol and reshaped the national and political landscape.

The unexpected new balance of power giving Democrats only the barest control of Congress has big consequences for the president-elect — easy confirmation of his Cabinet most importantly — but the road ahead for his ambitious legislative agenda remains complicated and murky.

Republicans remain poised to block most of Biden's proposals, just as they thwarted much of President Barack Obama's efforts on Capitol Hill. But 50/50 control permits action on special legislation that can't be filibustered, and momentum for the popular parts of COVID-19 relief could easily propel an early aid bill into law.

What 50-50 really gets — and doesn't get — Biden as he takes office:

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Maher: Don't confuse 5,000 rioters with 74 million voters

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From: Bev Ehlen <bevehlen@yahoo.com>
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Subject: DO MASKS PROTECT US? WHAT YOUR DOCTOR WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE! - SCMOPAF Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 28

**YOU are Cordially Invited to Our
SCMOPAF Meeting**

(St. Charles, MO-Patriot Action Forum)

6:30pm on Thursday, 1-28-21

St Door Opens @6:00PM

**Topic: DO MASKS PROTECT US? WHAT YOUR DOCTOR
WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE!**

**Please Invite Your Pastors and Legislators, (State Senators and
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Speakers: Al Vitale, Founder of "MO Stands Up!"

Jennifer Barker, Co-founder of Informed Health Choice Missouri

Christine Porter, RN, Co-founder of Informed Health Choice Missouri

Place: Arrowhead Building Supply

4890 North Service Rd.

St. Peters, MO 63376

**Note: Go in the front EAST door and take the stairs. There is also an elevator on the far left,
turn left out of the elevator, our meeting room is the first door on the right!**

A Special Thanks to Rick Pogue and the Arrowhead Building Supply Team, for Graciously Providing This Venue for Us to Meet!

Questions? Call Carol Pitzer @314-517-1848

Mark your calendar to attend and invite your family, friends & Chiropractor!

The only difference between the brave man and the coward is the brave man has an ideal to fight for.

Hold forth the Word of Life, "for you children of God shine as lights in this perverse and crooked generation."

Philippians 2:12-19

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TO: Members of House and Senate Education Committees
FROM: Kevin D. Gwaltney, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: January 14, 2021
RE: January 12, 2021 Missouri State Board of Education Meeting

Legislators,

Attached are an overview of the Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 State Board of Education (SBE) meeting and a HIGHLY COMPRESSED version of the report. Please note that the compressed version provides minimal information on complex issues/policies. To gain reasoning, perspective, and context on items of particular interest, readers are encouraged to reference the full report.

Agenda items of wide interest included:

- a) Report on COVID-19 Response
 - **DESE reports the amount of aid available under ESSER II (\$871,172,291) compared to the original ESSR (\$192,131,014) is much more, over 4.5 times more.**
 - **School nurses are currently being vaccinated in the 1A Phase. Teachers and other school personnel (e.g., bus drivers, custodians, food services personnel) fall within the 1B Phase. The timeline and logistics for 1B is yet to be determined due to a lack of vaccine,**
 - **The number of schools that are utilizing a pure distance learning model is at about 49 -- which is the lowest number yet.**
- b) Classifying School Districts Under the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 5
- b) Report on Assessment and Accountability (Spring 2021 Statewide Testing)
- d) Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 6 Update
- e) Report on Teacher Workforce

So you may quickly identify other items of interest, the meeting agenda is reproduced below:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda for the January 12, 2021, Meeting of the State Board of Education
- III. Minutes of the December 8, 2020 and December 17, 2020, Meetings of the State Board of Education
- IV. President's Report
 - A. Recognition of Staff Achievements
- V. National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Report
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - B. Consideration of Personnel Report
 - C. Consideration of Sending Assignment to Area Career Centers
 - D. Consideration of Appointment to the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators (MACCE)
- VII. Items for Action
 - E. Consider Classifying School Districts Under the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 5
 - F. Consideration of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Amend 5 CSR 20-400.620, Certification Requirements for Transition Administrator Certificate
 - G. Consideration of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Amend 5 CSR 20-400.630, Certification Requirements for Career Continuous Administrator Certificate
 - H. Consideration of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Rescind 5 CSR 30-660.085, Attendance Hour Reporting
 - I. Consideration of an In Addition for CSR 30-4.030, Audit Policy and Requirements
- VIII. Items for Discussion
 - J. Report on COVID-19 Response
 - K. Report on Assessment and Accountability
 - L. Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 6 Update
 - M. Report on Teacher Workforce

Igor Shalai

From: Fred McGrath <FMcGrath@conservative.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:17 AM
Subject: ACU Foundation Releases Scores of Missouri Lawmakers

Good Morning,

The American Conservative Union Foundation, host of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), has just released our **State Legislative Ratings of Missouri**. Thank you for your service to the great State of Missouri!

Fred

Missouri Lawmakers Improve Conservative Ratings in New Analysis

CPAC Host Releases Scores of Missouri State Lawmakers

Alexandria, VA—Lawmakers of the Missouri General Assembly voted more conservatively during the 2020 session than in years past, according to the just-released analysis published by The American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), host of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).

[Review the scorecard](#) to see the ratings of all Missouri state lawmakers and find out which votes ACUF scored.

The General Assembly's overall conservative score (65.5%) improved by five points compared to the 2019 session. Similar to the previous session, Republicans maintained an average score of 78.5%. Democrats (32%) improved their average score by nine points. While there was notable turnover in awards for conservative voting records, the total number of awardees increased by two members.

"State law once made Missouri a hostile place to run a business, making it that much harder for working families to earn a living," said ACU Chairman Matt Schlapp. "Thankfully, conservatives of the General Assembly have led the way on tort reforms and lifted unnecessary legal pressure from businesses of all sizes. We applaud the Missouri General Assembly as they continue to climb in ACUF's conservative rankings of the states."

ACUF's *Ratings of Congress* and *Ratings of the States* are initiatives of ACUF's Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA). These ratings are designed to reflect how over 8,000 elected officials across the nation view the role of government while illustrating the differences between chambers of the legislature and revealing lawmakers' positions on a wide variety of issues that directly affect citizens.

ACU Foundation reviewed each piece of legislation voted on in both chambers of the legislature to produce average scores of each chamber as well as individual scores for each sitting member.

[Click Here](#) to view the **2020 Ratings of Missouri** online and [Click Here](#) to visit our **website**.

For questions or media inquiries regarding ACUF's *Ratings of the States*, email Luke Schneider, Deputy Director of ACUF's Center for Legislative Accountability, at lschneider@conservative.org.

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Subject: Afternoon TEA: Biden Plans to Kill Keystone XL



Did you know?

It was recently announced that Joe Biden plans to shut down construction of the Keystone XL pipeline as one of his first acts as President. Pipelines like Keystone XL provide American families much-needed access to affordable energy and the economic activity it fuels.

The Keystone XL pipeline could carry **over 800,000 barrels of oil a day to the U.S.** And, in 2021 alone, the pipeline would create **more than 11,000 U.S. jobs and \$1.6 billion dollars in wages.** Pipelines are also the safest and most efficient means of transporting oil and gas.



KeystoneXL

Creating opportunities

Keystone XL will put thousands of Americans and Canadians to work

- 13,200** well-paying opportunities will be created during construction
- 60,000** overall employment opportunities will result from construction, including the business created by supplying goods and services to the project
- \$3.6 billion** will be generated in employment earnings

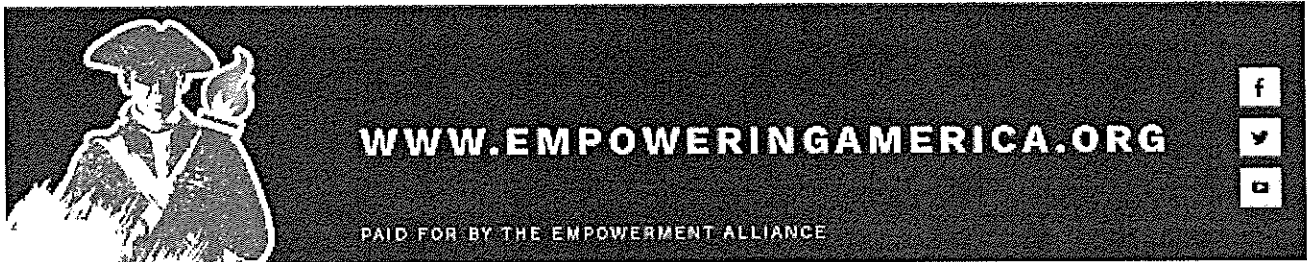
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Despite all these benefits, Biden has decided one of his first acts as President will be to bend to extremists who oppose energy development and want to block American progress.

We'd like to know. Do you oppose Biden's extreme plan to block the Keystone XL pipeline and the affordable energy it will provide for America?

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Office of Government Relations Newsletter

Good morning, here are your **AmeriCorps** updates. AmeriCorps is a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. The only federal agency tasked with elevating the nation's volunteering and community service efforts, AmeriCorps connects individuals and organizations to help communities tackle their toughest challenges.

The AmeriCorps Office of Government Relations extends a warm welcome to all newly elected officials. We look forward to sharing AmeriCorps news with you and invite you to send any feedback or questions you have about AmeriCorps to our team.

P.S. Check out our [new website!](#)

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Story of Service: Delaware Health Corps



On Monday, Jan. 25, New Castle County Government **announced** a pilot AmeriCorps program called the National Health Corps Delaware. With funding from the federal CARES Act, 20 AmeriCorps members will serve at Delaware health-focused non-profits to support communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Main objectives of this program include promoting healthy futures for Delaware youth and adults, reducing health disparities, and creating a model for national service in a crisis. Thank you to Senators Chris Coons and Tom Carper, Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester and County Executive Matt Meyer for helping to introduce this new initiative.

Read the full [press release](#) from New Castle County Government.

MLK Day of Service – Thank You for Participating

Monday, Jan. 18 marked the 26th national day of service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors members from coast to coast lifted each other up in service to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, address social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community"



AmeriCorps members helped distribute 2000 masks and hundreds of care packages for families, and "Happy-grams" to seniors in Milwaukee, WI. Via [Serve Wisconsin](#)



AmeriCorps members of the Municipality of Caguas participated in MLK Day of Service by delivering informative material about COVID-19 to the Reparto San José community. *Via Puerto Rico State Commission*



South Portland Food Cupboard hosted AmeriCorps Resilience Corps members to support mitigating food insecurity in Portland, ME. *Via [Volunteer Maine](#)*

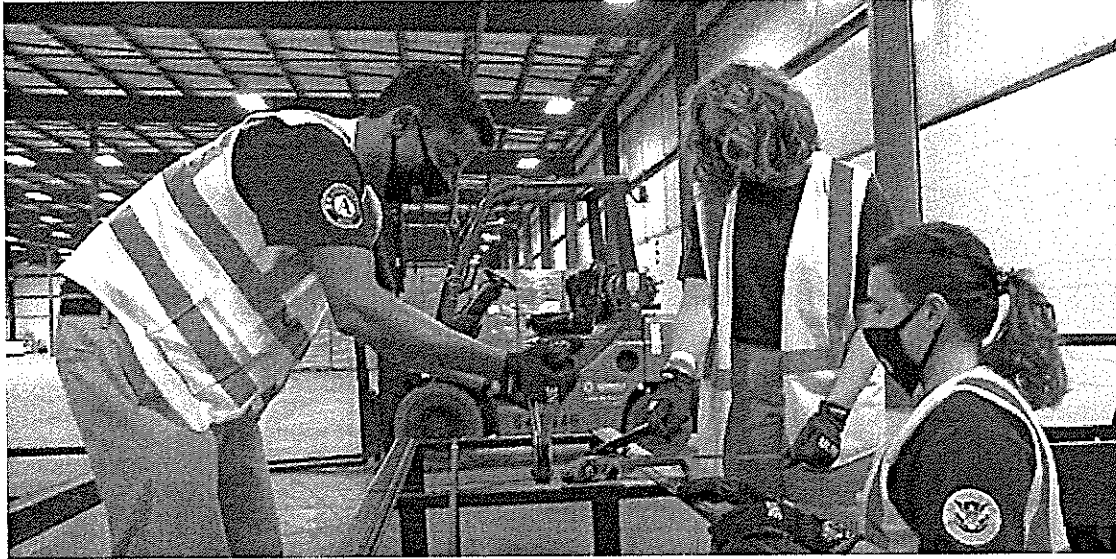
Thanks again to all who made it an MLK Day On by volunteering or encouraging others to serve by promoting national service in your communities. We invite you to [share our recent video](#) commemorating MLK Day with your constituents:

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Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov**



NEW Videos: Meet NCCC FEMA Corps Members in Action

Recently, an AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps team gained valuable operations support training at a FEMA warehouse in Philadelphia, PA. These AmeriCorps members shared their experiences working together and reflected on what they are learning during their term of service.



AmeriCorps NCCC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered to create **FEMA Corps**, where teams help communities prepare for and respond to disasters while learning emergency management skills.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based residential program designed for young adults ages 18-26 to engage in hands-on service to strengthen communities in one or more of these issue areas: energy conservation, environmental stewardship, infrastructure improvement, natural and other disasters, and urban and rural development. Since 2000, AmeriCorps NCCC has assisted 17.6 million people in disaster areas, recruited or coordinated nearly 840,000 volunteers, assisted more than 70,000 veterans, served 7.7 million meals, protected more than 1.3 million acres of land through firefighting and fire management, and more. Visit our site to learn more about AmeriCorps NCCC and view full deployment reports.

ICYMI: AmeriCorps Seniors FY21 RSVP Grants Announced

On Thursday, Jan. 14, AmeriCorps announced more than \$23.6M in funding to support senior volunteer service across the nation. This funding will support an estimated 51,300 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers at RSVP programs in 45 states and more than 150 communities. A complete list of organizations funded in the FY2021 RSVP Competition is available on [our site](#).

This year's grant competition prioritized critical national issues such as advancing racial equity and removing structural racial inequities, as well as providing aid to communities throughout the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grantees from counties and municipalities previously unserved by RSVP also received priority consideration in the competition. AmeriCorps Seniors engages approximately 195,000 older Americans in service at 29,800 locations across the United States and territories through its Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and RSVP programs. Established in 1971, RSVP engages Americans age 55 and older in service, responding to our nation's most pressing challenges.

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Funding Opportunities

Final Reminder: Applications for the [FY21 Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program Expansion Sponsor Competitions](#) are open until next **Wednesday, Feb. 3**. AmeriCorps Seniors priorities for this grant cycle include advancing racial equality, improving educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, supporting healthy futures, and helping local communities respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.


Visit our [Funding Opportunities page](#) to view all programs currently accepting applications.

Questions? Contact us at GovernmentRelations@cns.gov or call **202-606-6707**. If you **previously served in AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps Seniors**, please let us know and we'll add you to our National Service Alumni affinity group.



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Subject: Apply Today: The Council of Great City Schools Governance Coach Cohort

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We at the Reinventing America's Schools project have long been fans of work A.J. Crabill pioneered at the Texas Education Agency and still leads at TEA and the Council of Great City Schools, to help school boards focus on improving student outcomes.

A.J. and his disciples lead weekend retreats for board members, then work with them over the next two years to implement student outcome goals and systematic tracking of progress. **They are now announcing a new effort to train such coaches. We hope you will share the announcement below with anyone you think might be interested:**

The Council of Great City Schools Governance Coach Cohort will accept seasoned board members to participate in a twelve month training to become certified **Student Outcomes Focused Governance coaches** who, once certified, are then positioned both to better serve in their own district and to actively support other **districts throughout the Council**. Participants will

collaborate quarterly with the full cohort, monthly in small groups and pairs, and will receive one-on-one coaching support to **complete the certification requirements**.

Up to 16 participants will be accepted into the inaugural cohort and participation costs \$1000 per person (expenses not included). Applications are open until January 30. Applicants will be notified of their status by February 5. Sessions will be virtual, but optional in-person events for cohort members will coincide with the Council's spring legislative event in DC and the fall annual conference in Philadelphia.

Applications Due: January 30

Selection Announced: February 5

First session (*2 day workshop + team building*): February 19-21 (Dates/Times TBD)

Monthly 1-Hour Check-Ins: March-November

Optional Session: Legislative Conference, March 19-21 (Washington, DC)

Second Session (knowledge & skills workshop): April (Date TBD)

Third Session (mindset workshop): June (Date TBD)

Optional Session: Fall Conference, October 20-23 (Philadelphia, PA)"



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Report

Legislators,

The Career and Technical Education Advisory Council (CTE-AC) met virtually via Zoom at 10:00 A.M. Monday, January 25, 2021. Attached are a detailed overview of the meeting and a HIGHLY COMPRESSED version of the report. Please note that the compressed version provides minimal information on complex issues/policies. To gain reasoning, perspective, and context on items of particular interest, readers are encouraged to reference the full report.

The meeting agenda is reproduced below:

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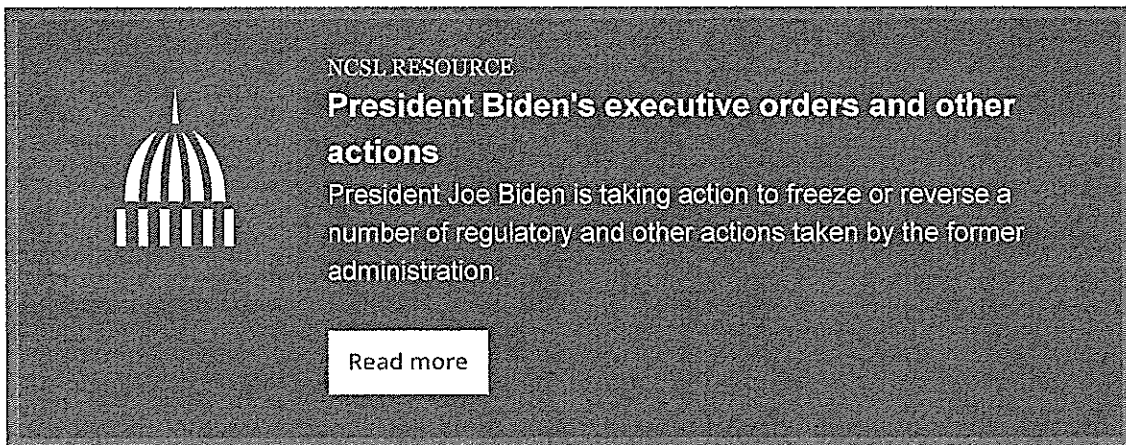
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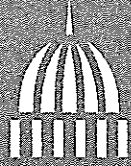
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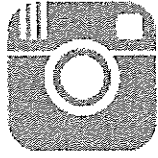


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Under New Management: A Day of Deliverance and Hope in America

by Will Marshall, PPI President

It's a new era for America. President Biden and Vice President Harris have made a convincing case to the American people for denying Trump a second term. We're confident that they will restore experience, reason, honesty and decency to the White House after a ruinous four-year detour into delusional populism.

And we're hopeful that the ambitious agenda our new president has outlined – at once progressive and pragmatic – will make our democratic government work again. **That's the best recipe for bringing Americans together.**

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Trump is Banned from Twitter — What Now?

Here to answer your questions about the Big Tech crackdown on Trump, free speech policing and the implications of deplatforming is PPI Technology Policy Director Alec Stapp. It turns out, Stapp says, "Twitter is not real life."

→ ["10 Big Questions About Trump, Big Tech, and Free Speech"](#) by Alec Stapp

That Time TikTok was Almost Deleted

A new article from Adweek featuring PPI's Alec Stapp analyzes Trump's failed war on the social media app TikTok. Let's just say Gen Z is relieved this overthrow didn't work out, either.

→ ["How Donald Trump Lost the War on TikTok"](#) by Scott Nover, *Adweek*

Another Type of New Deal

You know the Green New Deal, now meet the Tech New Deal — a policy recommendation from Brookings that cites [this report](#) from PPI's economic experts Michael Mandel and Elliott Long on the new wave of 5G technology and the 4.6 million jobs it will create.

→ ["Why America Needs a 'Tech New Deal' to Build Back Better"](#) by Nicol Turner Lee, *Brookings*





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Biden Tackles Climate

In a piece from WION, PPI's Paul Bledsoe provides insight on the hurdles Biden will face as he moves to wean Americans off GHG-emitting energy sources. Spoiler: it involves getting Republicans on board with big spending.

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New Ways to Make Change

PPI's new Director of Social Policy Veronica Goodman presents new takes on how to address the issues of housing, inequality, and wealth building from an economic policy perspective.

→ ["The Latest in Social Science Research"](#) by Veronica Goodman

Defining "Unity"

A new article from the New York Times features insight from PPI Senior Adviser Paul Bledsoe, discussing what unity looks like in Biden's administration with a 50-50 Senate.

→ ["What Does Biden Mean by 'Unity'? Republicans Want More Than Words"](#) by Peter Baker, The New York Times



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A Day of Deliverance and Hope

by PPI President Will Marshall

Presidential inaugurations are usually festive occasions in which Americans celebrate the orderly and peaceful transition of power to new political leaders.

With the coronavirus pandemic raging and thousands of troops on guard to deter violence by deranged followers of Donald Trump, that's not exactly the mood in Washington today.

Overshadowed by these grotesque legacies of Trump's presidency, the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamela Harris is a somber affair. Nonetheless, it's a day of deliverance, and fresh hope, for America.

We are delivered from a pathological liar and demagogue who likely will go down in history as the most deformed character ever to occupy the White House. Our democracy has survived, though by an unnervingly narrow margin.

There will be much talk in the days ahead of healing, as there should be. President Biden wisely resists pressure from within his own party to govern in the same corrosive, zero-sum way that Trump and his Republican enablers have. The last thing America needs is for Democrats to join Republicans in fanning the flames of civil strife.

But before there can be reconciliation, there must be truth and accountability.

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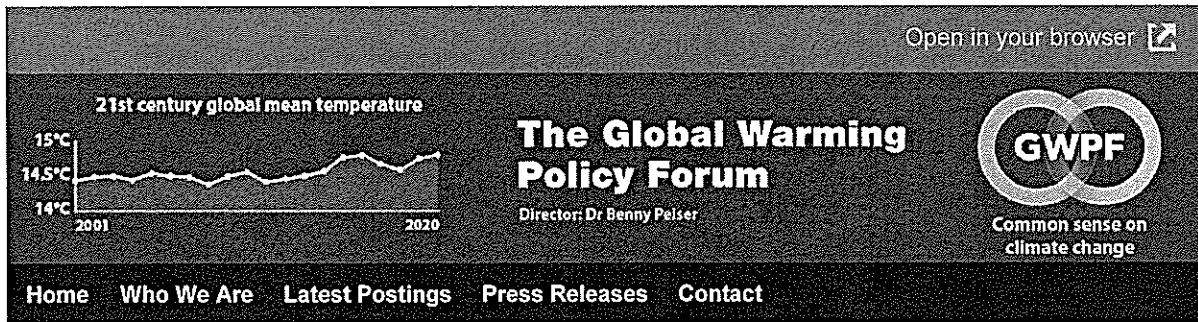
    

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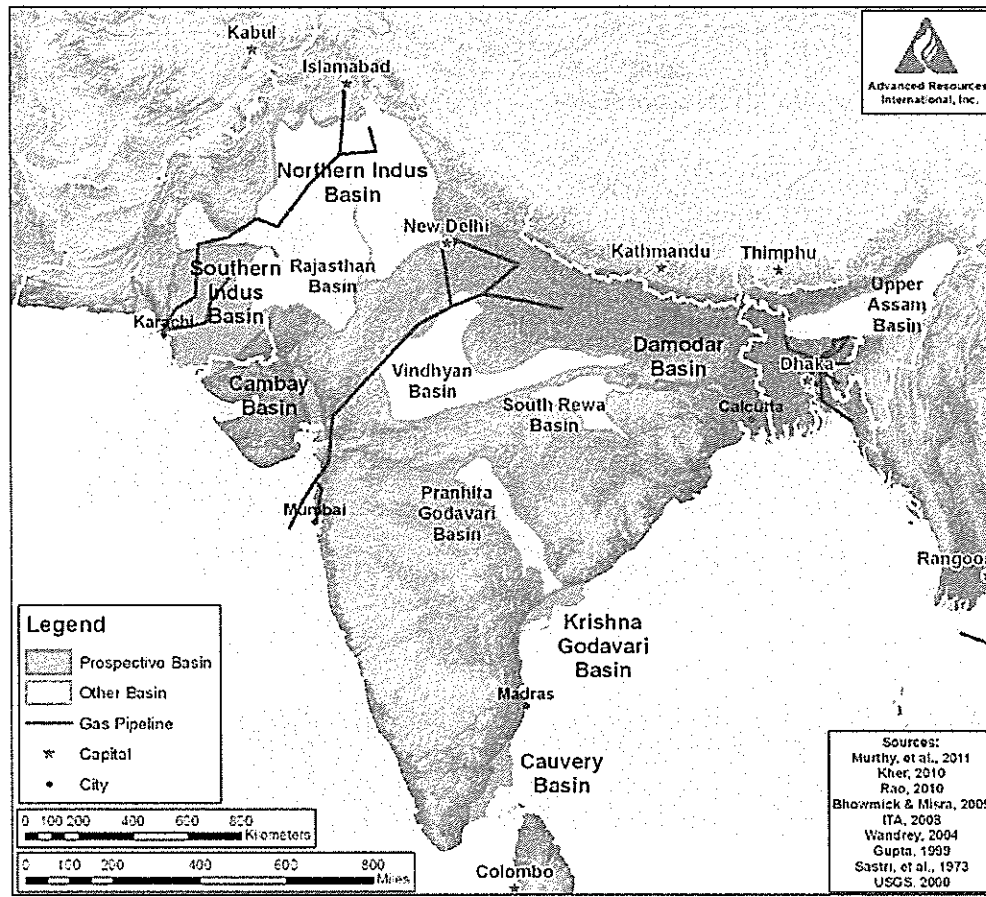
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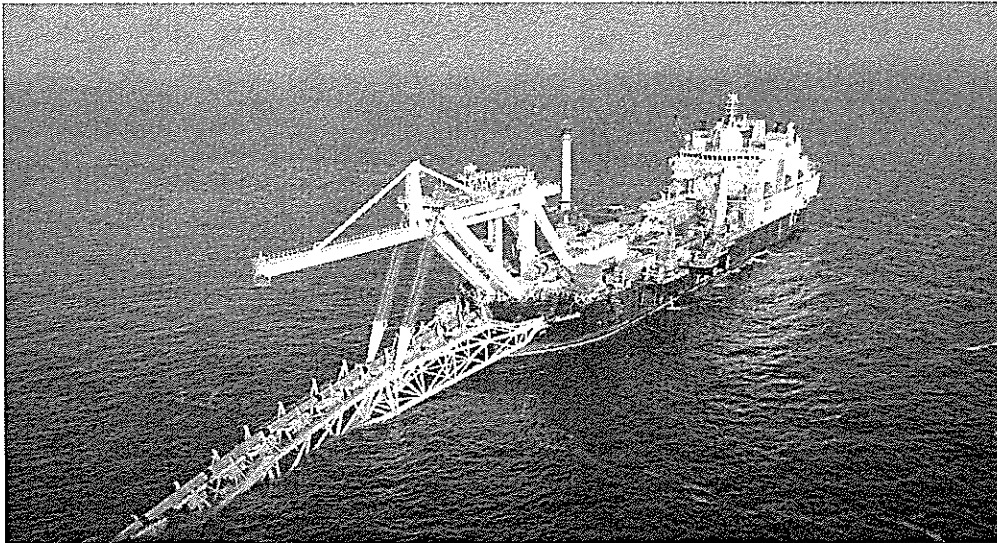
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1) Defying US sanctions and EU lawmakers, Russian ship lays Nord Stream 2 pipe in Danish Waters

New Europe, 26 January 2021

Despite US sanctions and a European Parliament resolution, Russian pipe-laying ship Fortuna has started work in Danish waters ahead of the resumption of construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline which would bring Russian gas to Germany under the Baltic Sea.



“The laybarge Fortuna has started works in the construction corridor in the Danish EEZ, ahead of the resumption of the Nord Stream 2 construction. All works are performed in line with relevant permits,” a spokesman for Nord Stream 2 told New Europe on January 25.

He referred to the notice to mariners by the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA). “The authorities announced construction works from January 15 onwards, including preparatory works and tests before pipelay works start,” he said.

MEPs passed a resolution on January 21 calling on the EU to immediately stop the completion of Nord Stream 2. MEPs also underline that the EU should no longer be a welcoming place for Russian wealth of unclear origin,” the European Parliament said in a press release.

With a view to the new administration in Washington, MEPs stressed that the EU should use this momentum to strengthen transatlantic unity in protecting democracy and fundamental values against authoritarian regimes.

The Nord Stream 2 pipeline is already facing US sanctions under its Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). Washington has said that the Nord Stream 2 would make Europe more dependent on Russian gas, undermining EU energy security. At the same time, however, the US is trying to promote sales of its own

liquefied natural gas (LNG).

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2) Biden bans new permits for drilling on federal lands, waters for one year

Fox News, 27 January 2021

The Biden Administration is set to extend a ban on new leases for oil and gas drilling and fracking on federal lands and waters for one year as it attempts to combat climate change, a source told FOX Business.

The decision comes days after President Biden signed an executive order that putting drilling and fracking on hold for 60 days. Biden on the campaign trail called for the U.S. to phase out its dependence on fossil fuels.

“I would transition away from the oil industry,” Biden said at a presidential debate in October. “

Biden has called Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s Green New Deal, which calls for the U.S. to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 a “framework” for his energy plan. He has repeatedly called on a shift away from oil toward renewable energy.

A fracking ban on federal lands would deliver a devastating blow to the U.S. economy, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

The organization projects a \$700 billion hit to U.S. gross domestic product should the ban be extended through 2030. Such action would also erase \$9 billion of revenue, some of which is used to fund education and conservation programs.

API projects 1 million job losses would occur by 2022 with the states of Texas, Wyoming and New Mexico seeing the biggest impact. The U.S.

oil and gas industry supports 10.3 million jobs, with workers making an average salary of \$101,181, according to a 2015 study from PricewaterhouseCoopers and the American Petroleum Institute.

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3) China increases coal production & imports

MenaFM, 24 January 2021

China's raw coal production increased by 0.9 percent year on year in 2020, while its coal imports augmented 1.5 percent, statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) revealed.

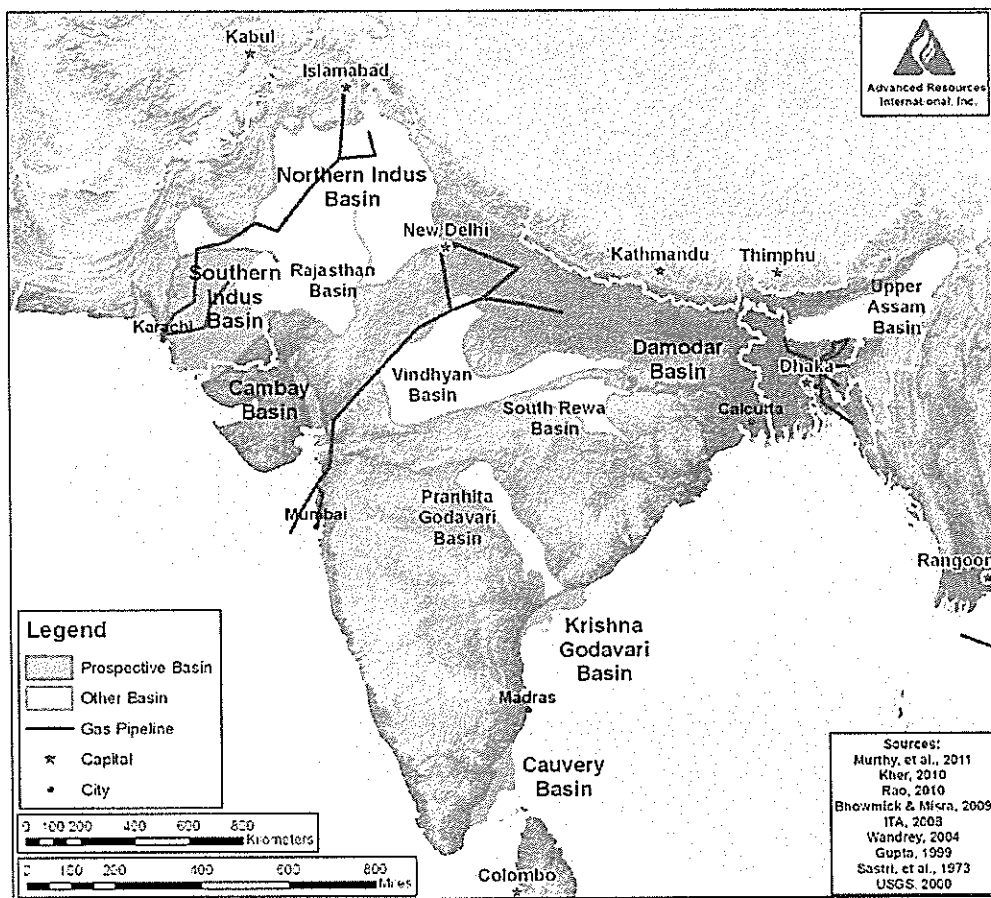
A total of 3.84 billion tons of raw coal were manufactured in China last year, reporting a year-on-year expansion of 90 million tons, according to the NBS statistics.

In December alone, the raw coal production increased 3.2 percent from a year ago to 350 million tons, 1.7 percentage points higher than the upsurge seen in November.

4) Meanwhile, India to cut taxes to boost domestic fracking and oil drilling

Economic Times of India, 27 January 2021

Cess on domestic crude is currently levied at the rate of 20 per cent of the value of oil. Official sources said the proposal by the Union Oil Ministry is to reduce it to 10 per cent



New Delhi: The government may give a 'Make in India' push to oil and gas explorers, as it is considering a proposal to almost halve cess on domestic crude oil to encourage exploration activity and allow Covid-hit oil producers to protect their margins. The glut in the oil market and deep suppression of demand during the peak of pandemic in 2020 had pushed down crude oil prices to unprecedented levels.

Though crude prices have recovered over the vaccination drive against Covid and a pick in demand coupled with unilateral production cut announced by Saudi Arabia, cess puts domestic crude at a disadvantage against imported oil.

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The government is looking to reduce the tax burden on oil companies to push up domestic production that has stagnated for past several years at around 30-35 million tonne.

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5) As Biden bans fracking, Iran oil exports rise

Reuters, 26 January 2021

LONDON (Reuters) - Iranian oil exports are climbing in January after a boost in the fourth quarter despite U.S. sanctions, three assessments showed, in a sign that the end of Donald Trump's term as U.S. President may be changing buyer behaviour.

Iran's exports have shrunk since Trump in 2018 withdrew the United States from a nuclear deal with Iran and reimposed sanctions. New President Joe Biden has said if Tehran resumed compliance with the deal, Washington would too.

Figures from SVB International and two other firms that estimate Iranian supply by tracking tankers indicated exports are rising.

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6) EU Parliament and Biden Administration pressure Germany to stop Russian pipeline

Euro News, 27 January 2021

The controversial Nord Stream 2 pipeline is once again the target of criticism by policy-makers, both in and outside the European Union.

Following the poisoning and imprisonment of opposition gurehead Alexei Navalny, Members of the European Parliament voted

overwhelmingly in favour of a non-binding resolution calling for an immediate halt on the infrastructure project, which is 95% completed.

During a parliamentary debate last week centred on the arrest of Navalny, MEPs from across the political spectrum didn't mince words when describing their opposition to the pipeline.

Kati Piri, a Dutch MEP from the S&D group, said that “anyone who still believes that we should continue with Nord Stream 2 is blind to what kind of regime we are dealing with in Moscow.”

Sergey Lagodinsky, a German MEP from the Greens group, argued the project “undermines democracy and solidarity” with Russian, Ukrainian and Polish society. And Urmas Peat, an Estonian representative of the liberal group Renew Europe, urged the EU to be united in its approach to Russia, including in its energy policy.

The resolution of the European Parliament, passed with 581 votes in favour and just 50 against, contains high praise of Alexei Navalny and strong condemnation of the government of President Vladimir Putin. By unambiguously demanding a halt to the Nord Stream 2 route, MEPs take aim at one of Russia's most valuable assets: its profitable gas exports.

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7) 'Climate champion' Germany defends Russian gas pipeline despite US sanctions and EU opposition

[EurActiv, 26 January 2021](#)

The German government said it will not abandon the Nord Stream 2 project, despite US sanctions and calls by the European Parliament to impose EU measures against the Russian-backed gas pipeline project over the Navalny case.

“There is no direct connection between the Navalny case and Nord

Stream 2,” government spokesman Steffen Seibert said in Berlin on Monday (25 January), adding that the attitude of the government to the project has not changed.

Berlin condemns “the harsh, disproportionate actions of the Russian security forces against peaceful demonstrators” and continues to demand the “immediate” investigation of the chemical weapons attack on Alexei Navalny, Seibert added.

The German government “took note of” the European Parliament’s resolution demanding the suspension of Nord Stream 2, but this has “not changed” its position regarding the pipeline project, Seibert said.

Despite US sanctions against companies involved in the construction of the pipeline, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said last week she would not abandon the project and will discuss it with the new Biden administration.

The new leader of Germany’s ruling Christian Democrats, Armin Laschet, said on Monday he would not reconsider his support for the Russian-backed pipeline, despite US and European opposition to its completion.

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8) China is fuelling South America’s oil boom

[OilPrice, 1 January 2021](#)

Oil demand from China has been one of the few bright spots for a global petroleum industry severely impacted by a long-term global supply glut and the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The world’s second-largest economy hunger for energy keeps growing despite the global COVID-19 pandemic and a resultant sharp decline in global economic activity during 2020.

Data from China’s General Administration of Customs show [oil](#)

imports for January to November 2020 grew by 9.1% year over year to an average of 13.5 million barrels daily. The top five suppliers of crude oil to China during the period were Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Brazil, and Angola.

Despite weaker global energy demand, primarily because of the COVID-19 pandemic and related lockdowns, China's demand for energy is expected to continue soaring during 2021. Even recent oil discoveries, estimated to hold 1.5 billion barrels of crude oil and growing domestic oil production, will not reduce demand for petroleum imports.

A key reason is despite the fallout from the pandemic sharply impacting the economic performance of many countries around the world, China's economy is returning to growth.

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9) Liam Denning: Biden's fracking freeze risks driving up energy costs, helping Russia and Saudi Arabia

Bloomberg, 26 January 2021

A fracking ban raises the risk of alienating American drivers and leaves Biden open to criticism that he's helping the likes of Saudi Arabia and Russia.

There are two basic routes to an energy transition: encouraging new forms and discouraging old ones. President Joe Biden's legislative agenda, centered on stimulus spending, will focus on the former. His executive agenda has moved swiftly on the latter already. But in targeting the oil and gas business, Biden's eyes appear fixed on the horizon.

Exploration and production stocks took fright at Biden's 60-day freeze of new federal leases and permits for drilling. The fear is that this tees up a bigger move as soon as this week: a "fracking ban," or outright end to new leasing and permitting for federal areas, which account for about

a quarter of current U.S. oil production and roughly a tenth of its natural gas.

The freeze certainly raises that possibility. And it should be set alongside Biden's other energy-related orders from last week targeting the Keystone XL pipeline and the revival of social-cost calculations for greenhouse gases in permitting.

A growing segment of climate activism has coalesced around a strategy of choking off funding for oil and gas. One method is pressuring money managers to divest from the sector. Two others are delay and doubt. The first erodes an investment's value via the magic of the time value of money. The second does it by raising the cost of capital going in; if something looks riskier, it must clear a higher hurdle before anyone cuts a check to finance it. [...]

On the other side, Biden is taking big risks of his own. Curbing drilling and pipeline construction limits oil and gas supply, putting upward pressure on prices (especially if Biden gets his big stimulus package approved). Indeed, any oil company without exposure to federal lands (or Alberta) may benefit in the near term. This raises the risk of alienating American drivers and leaves Biden open to criticism that he's helping the likes of Saudi Arabia and Russia. Moreover, no state has more to lose from a federal fracking ban than New Mexico, which provided Biden with only five electoral college votes but also, crucially, sent two blue senators.

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10) And finally: Boris Johnson's 'Green Revolution' in chaos [The Guardian, 26 January 2021](#)

England's much-hyped £2bn green homes grant is in chaos, renewable energy installers say, with some owed tens of thousands of pounds and struggling to stay in business.

Members of the public have been left waiting nearly four months, in

some cases, to take advantage of the scheme to fit low carbon heating systems. Some installers say customers are pulling out after losing faith in the green grants.

Boris Johnson touted the grants as one of the key programmes in his ten [10-point plan for a green industrial revolution](#). It aims to help 600,000 households switch their energy to low carbon and help the UK meet its commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Ministers awarded the contract to run the programme to [ICF](#), a large American consulting corporation based in Virginia. Details of the value of the government contract have not yet been published.

But renewable energy businesses say the administration of the grants is chaotic, inefficient, confused and is creating long delays for the public and installers. Emails from the administrators are being sent during US office hours; in the evening and late at night, making communication impossible, businesses say.

Companies involved in installing heat pumps and solar thermal heating say they are laying off workers and struggling to stay afloat. Some are refusing to do more work until they are paid the tens of thousands of pounds owed for work dating back to last autumn.

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Here is the [Unsafe](#) landing page and [Press Release](#). The full book can be downloaded for free at [AUL.org/unsafe](#).

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Thank you,

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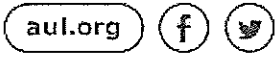
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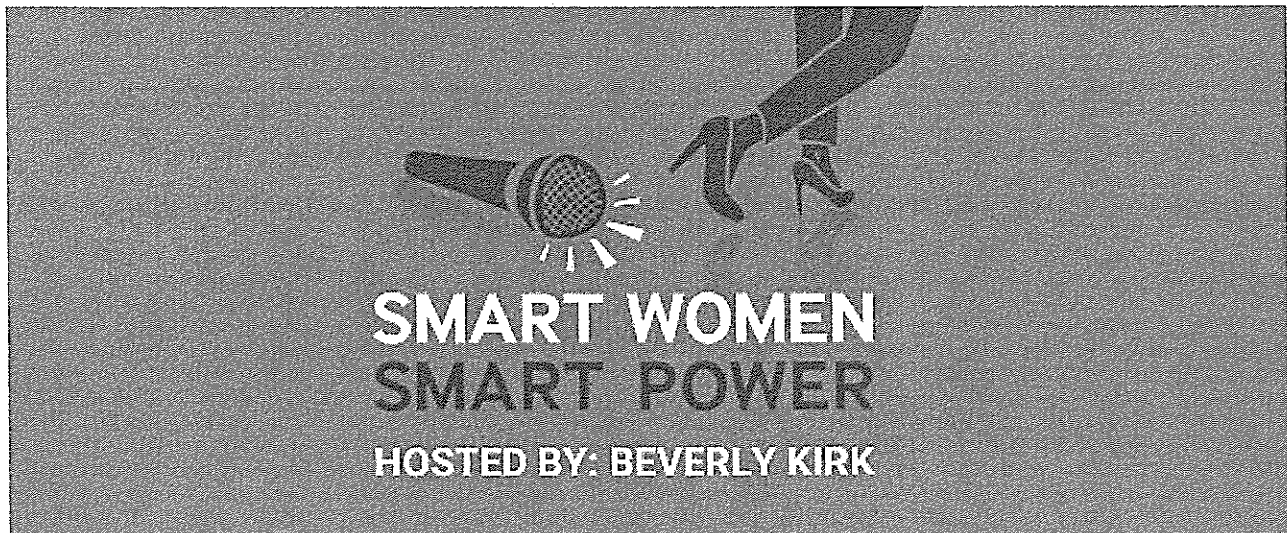
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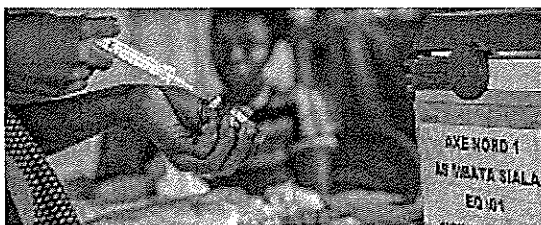
Host Beverly Kirk talks to Andrea Conner, CEO of Stevenson Conner Global Strategies and the immediate past president of ATHENA International. They discuss how the gender multiplier effect improves the lives of women globally through economic empowerment leading to healthier families, stronger communities, and a thriving economy.

By Beverly Kirk

January 27, 2021

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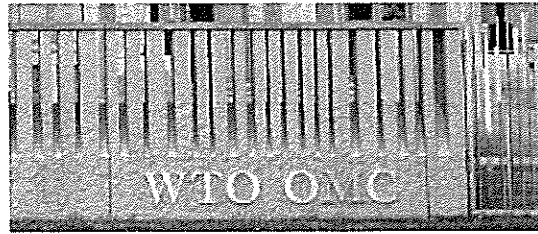
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Day of Tears

JANUARY 22

Breaking News!

Recognizing the significance of [Day of Tears](#), just last week the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Mississippi House of Representatives passed Day of Tears Resolutions in their respective chambers.

[Mississippi HC 19](#), sponsored by Representatives Dan Eubanks, Becky Currie, and Brady Williamson, passed with a significant majority. It has been sent to the Senate for a final vote.

In [Arkansas, HCR1007](#), sponsored by Representatives DeAnn Vaught and Jim Wooten (along with 63 co-sponsors in the House) and Senator Jason Rapert (and 17 co-sponsors in the Senate), passed the House with an overwhelming majority. This resolution is now before the Senate, awaiting final passage.

Speaking on the floor of the Arkansas House, Representative Wooten offered the following remarks:

"Tomorrow will mark the 48th anniversary of the Row vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. Since that fateful decision, 61 million babies

have lost their lives because of abortion. I am saddened every day when I think of this loss of life in a so called civil society. I am also saddened when I think of the mothers of these children, who for some reason, felt compelled to have their child aborted. I can promise you not one day goes by that these mothers hearts do not hurt for their loss. When I ponder what we have done as a society, letting 61 million children die in the womb, I wonder if we lost a doctor or scientist who could have greatly lessened the harm of COVID-19. Did we lose a president who could have led our democracy through perilous times? Did we lose a senator who could have proposed laws of justice and equality for all? A state representative who could have served his constituency? And how many Godly fathers and mothers did we lose? Then we hear daily about our economy. Think of the contribution 61 million people could make to the economic well-being of America. So every day, we need to remember these 61 million babies and ask the question, "What have we done?"

Both Mississippi and Arkansas have been leaders in protecting the rights of the unborn. Americans United for Life ranks Arkansas as the most prolife state in the nation, and Mississippi as the 4th most prolife state. We are very grateful to the legislators in these states who have made it their mission to stand for life.

Day of Tears seeks to turn January 22, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, into a national day of honor, remembrance, and mourning for those we have lost, and for those hurt by abortion. It is a day to recognize the value of life. Because life has value, we will continue to fight for the unborn and for a culture of life. Changing hearts, and changing minds, one heartbeat at a time is our goal.

Will you join the culture revolution?

We need you! Let's unite our voices with the goal to end abortion. How can you join our revolution?

1. Reach out to your state legislators and ask them to sponsor a Day of Tears Resolution (see text below).

2. Reach out to your Congressional Representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the Day of Tears Resolutions before Congress.
 - o [House Resolution 58](#) sponsored by Congressman Jody Hice (R-GA) and
 - o [Senate Resolution 12](#) sponsored by Mike Braun (R-IN)
3. Financial Support is critical in keeping our mission moving forward. This year alone we are working on passage of Resolutions in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. [Donating is simple and can be done by clicking this link.](#)
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The Resolution

“WHEREAS, on January 22, 1973, the majority of the members of the Supreme Court ruled that abortion was a right secured by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day, over 61 million unborn children have perished; now, therefore, be it

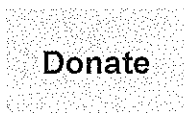
RESOLVED by the (House/Senate), That January 22 hereby be recognized as the Day of Tears in (your state) and that the citizens of (your state) be encouraged to lower their flags to half-staff to mourn the innocents who have lost their lives to abortion.”

Our Advisory Board:

Catherine Davis, Founder and President of [The Restoration Project](#)

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Subject: December Relief Bill Added to COVID Money Tracker, Reconciliation 101, and How Much Relief Money is Left?



THE BOTTOM LINE

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The federal debt remains on an unsustainable long-term path. In keeping with our work promoting fiscal responsibility and spending reforms to help grow the economy and restore opportunity for today's workers and future generations, our latest nonpartisan, in-depth analysis of fiscal policy is featured below.

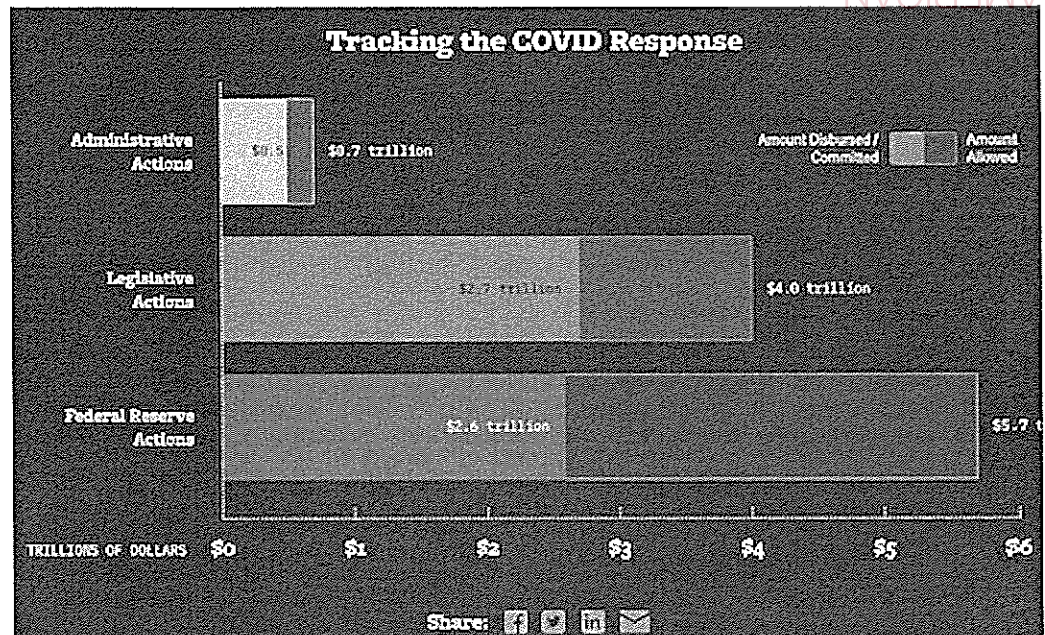
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What's New in COVID Money Tracker?

This week we updated COVID Money Tracker with all of the major provisions from the \$915 billion in COVID relief provisions in the [Appropriations/Response & Relief Act](#). In addition to adding the provisions from the latest bill, we also have added all of the actions taken by President Biden in his first few days in office.

To date, enacted legislation has authorized around \$4 trillion of fiscal support, which will ultimately add around \$3.4 trillion. Of that, \$2.7 trillion of those funds have been disbursed or committed – though disbursements from the Response & Relief Act are not yet complete. Presidents Trump and Biden have provided around \$660 billion in support, \$480 billion of which has already been committed. The cost of that support is around \$75 billion. The Federal Reserve has undertaken around \$2.6 trillion in emergency lending, asset purchases, and other support, adding around \$5.7 trillion in allowed support.



[Read the blog.](#)

Reconciliation 101

What is reconciliation?

Reconciliation is a special legislative process created as part of the Budget Act of 1974. It is intended to help lawmakers changes necessary to meet the levels proposed in the congressional budget resolution.

Reconciliation instructions are put forward as part of a concurrent budget resolution that is adopted by both chambers of savings targets for the Congressional committees, with instructions covering mandatory spending, revenue, or debt limit committees of jurisdiction identify specific policies to meet these goals in the form of a reconciliation bill, which can be ei

Reconciliation bills are privileged in a number of ways, including a 20-hour limit on debate in the Senate, a non-debatable strict germaneness test for amendments in a process known as "vote-a-rama" that occurs after regular debate has ende

Most importantly, the limit on debate time and non-debatable motion to proceed means a reconciliation bill cannot be fill Senate to pass a reconciliation bill by a simple majority, with the Vice President able to cast a tie-breaking vote, rather th

How do reconciliation instructions work?

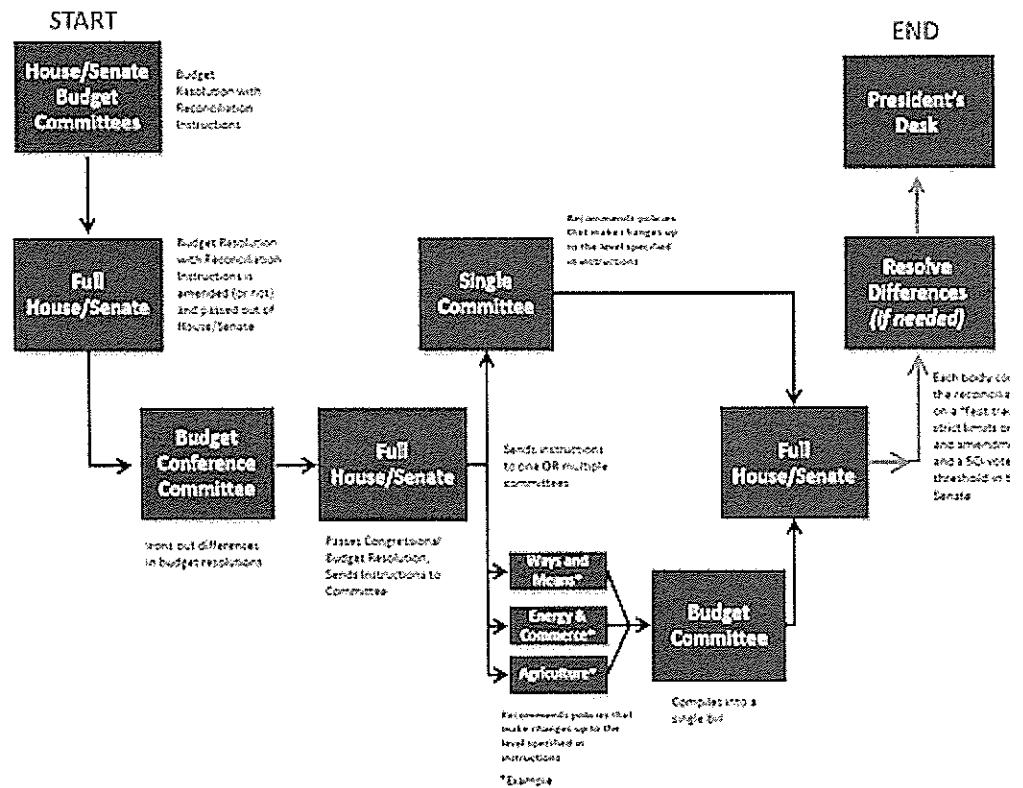
The budget reconciliation process begins with the adoption of a concurrent budget resolution in both chambers of Congi instructions. The reconciliation instructions identify the authorizing committee(s) tasked with reconciliation, the dollar am

achieved over designated time frames (usually the first year of the budget and the five- or ten-year period covered by the budget resolution), what the committee(s) must achieve, and the date by which the committee(s) must report reconciliation legislation.

Reconciliation instructions may also direct the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to adjust the public debt in accordance with the spending levels in the budget resolution.

While budget resolutions often assume and even suggest that committees include specific policies, these suggestions are usually limited only by the dollar targets set in the budget resolution, but the committees decide how these targets are met, substantively limited only by the instructions.

If only one committee has reconciliation instructions, the reconciliation legislation reported by that committee goes directly to the floor for consideration. Often, instructions will span across multiple committees. In this case, each committee reports its bill to the floor, and the committees combine the individual bills into an omnibus measure to send to the floor for a vote.



Read the paper.

How Much COVID Relief Money Is Left?

Our newly updated [COVID Money Tracker](#) tool estimates that Congress has allocated \$4 trillion of gross fiscal support, (thirds) has been committed or disbursed as of January 22. But the question of how much relief money remains is a com

Subtracting the amounts allowed from the amount committed or disbursed yields a figure of \$1.3 trillion — but that does budget accounts waiting to be allocated. Much of it is already allocated or scheduled to be spent, and a small portion will

Nearly 60 percent of this \$1.3 trillion comes from the Response & Relief Act enacted one month ago — these funds will more time to appear in the data. Another fifth of the funds come from Medicaid spending that is expected to pay out over but untapped, Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

The remaining money comes from a combination of policies that are expected to pay out over time, haven't yet been all available. Some of the funds may never be spent, especially in the case of entitlement or revenue changes that end up over the 13 week extension of unemployment benefits in the CARES Act may end up costing less than previously estimated.

Divided by legislation, about \$775 billion (59 percent) of the \$1.3 trillion difference between amount allowed and committed passed Response and Relief Act — and the actual figure may be lower since money is being disbursed very quickly (for yet reflect Paycheck Protection Program loan data that was released yesterday) and data sometimes is updated with a lag. It comes from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPHCE), \$195 billion (15 percent); \$195 billion (15 percent) from the Families First Act.

Over the course of our data update this weekend there was a temporary coding error in our tracker that made it appear committed funds was \$1.8 trillion if you filtered by legislation and then added the amounts from each piece of legislation

Our data shows that at least a fifth of funds from the Response & Relief Act have already been committed or spent as of likely to be higher based on the funds that have been committed in the last week or have been committed but not yet released.

Meanwhile, over 80 percent of allowed funding from prior bills has been committed or disbursed — around half of the remaining from Medicaid spending and available Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

\$1.3 Trillion Not Yet Committed, Mostly From December Bills



Source: CRFB calculations. See COVIDMoneyTracker.org for more information.

[Read the blog.](#)

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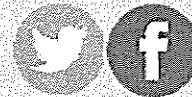
COVID Money Tracker

[COVID Money Tracker](#) is our initiative tracking every significant legislative, executive, and Federal Reserve action taken to address the current crisis and following the dollars over time as they enter the economy. The COVID Money Tracker project will produce [papers](#), [blogs](#), [spreadsheets](#), and [data visualizations](#), as well as our [interactive database](#) where users can search, sort, and track the actions taken and dollars disbursed in the current crisis.

Recent Analysis

[Analysis of the 2020 Social Security Trustees' Report](#)[Analysis of CBO's September 2020 Budget Outlook](#)[CBO's 2020 Long-Term Budget Outlook](#)[Debunking Debt Myths in the COVID Economy](#)

Interactive Resources

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From: Lisa Bondurant
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:07 AM
To: _Republican Representatives
Subject: Department of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 update

Wanted to share with you the most recent update I have seen from the Department of Health and Senior Services regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

As we have seen in many nationwide rankings throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we expect rankings by state of vaccine administration to continue to ebb and flow as the difference in rates among many states is marginal. Currently, for instance, Missouri has the 10th lowest rate for new COVID-19 cases in the country with both PCR and antigen testing combined (6th when only accounting for the state's confirmed PCR-tested cases).

As of today, a total of 661,400 vaccines have been shipped to Missouri and of those 304,434 (46%) have not been reported or administered. To date, over 351,000 doses have been administered, and 4.4% of the eligible population have received at least their first dose of the vaccine.

State-enrolled vaccinators in Missouri have administered over 60% of the doses shipped into the state for their use. The limited allotments that our state receives continues to limit the rate at which people are vaccinated, but we have also become aware that some of Missouri's vaccinators have not been administering vaccinations as efficiently as we have been asking, but we are working with these providers to increase the speed at which they get vaccines into arms.

A large amount of the distributed amount sits with the federal pharmacy partnership which was activated to serve long-term care staff and residents. To date, unfortunately, the federal partnership has administered only 17% of those shots. 332,000 doses have been allocated to this program with CVS and Walgreens. Of those 211,400 doses have been ordered by the participating pharmacies, and 56,498 doses have been administered in 920 clinics throughout the state, based on their reporting.

The State of Missouri Interagency Vaccination Planning Team is responsible for determining where vaccines go throughout the state based on the limited amount of vaccine allotted each week to Missouri. The State places vaccine orders through federal partners on behalf of providers throughout Missouri who make vaccine requests through us, and then vaccines are shipped in the days following directly to the providers who vaccinate Missourians. The State of Missouri does NOT store or distribute the vaccines and ancillary supplies.

Missourians are encouraged to visit [MoStopsCOVID.com](https://www.mostopsCOVID.com) to learn more about the vaccine process.



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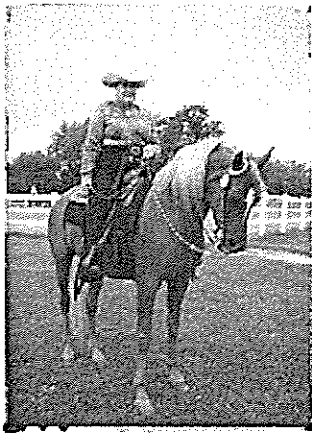
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Coming Full Circle: Sue Smiley's 30 Years of Service to DOE



Sue Smiley's work in the field of environmental remediation at the Fernald Preserve and Mound sites in Ohio has come full circle.

Superfund Turns 40

LM celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.



Annual Joint Meeting Strengthens LM and USACE Collaboration



USACE and LM virtually hosted the Fifth Annual FUSRAP Joint Meeting.

Photo of the Month



"Excuse me. Which way to the Atlantic Ocean?" A female black scoter made an unexpected visit to DOE Office of Legacy Management's ecologically restored Fernald Preserve, Ohio, Site this past November before journeying on to join its kin at a coastal ocean habitat for the winter. This sighting raised the total bird species count for Fernald Preserve to 253. Thanks, girl! Watch the black scoter in Fernald Preserve's latest "[Aha Nature Moment](#)" video.



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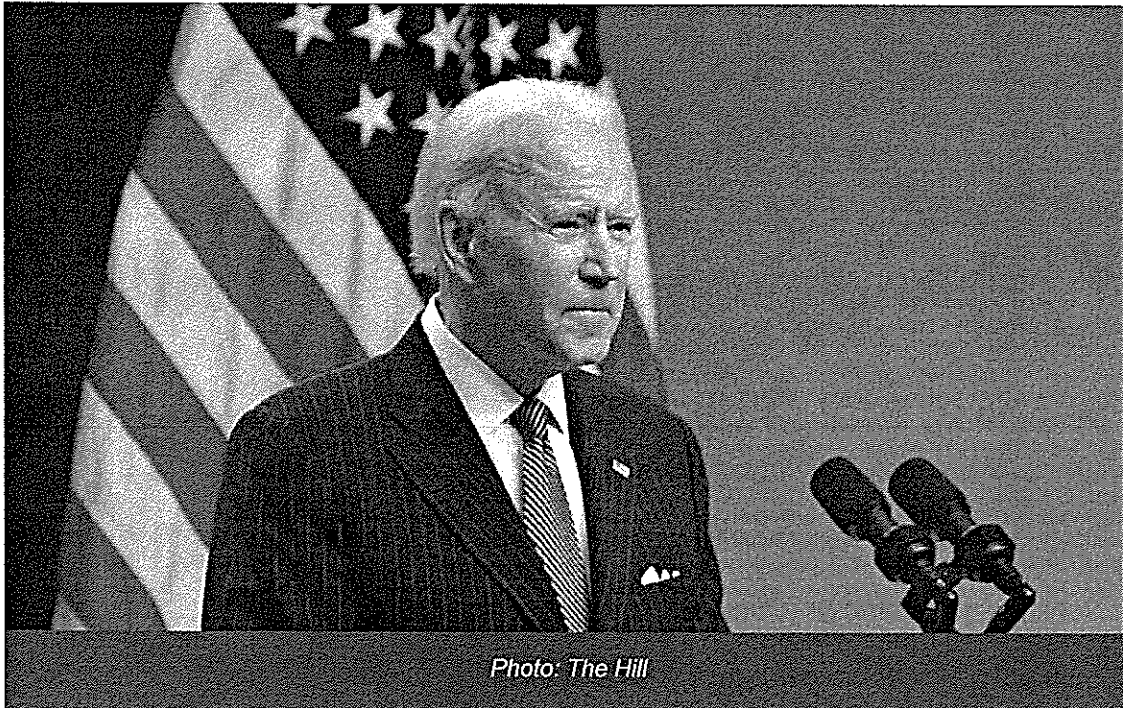
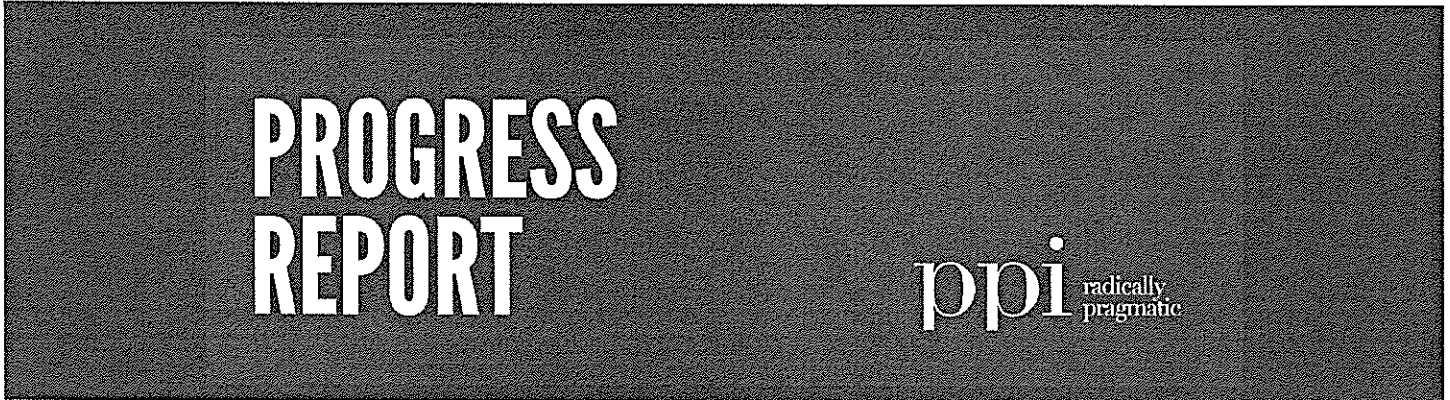
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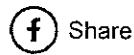


**Doing the Work: Moderate Democrats are the
Key to Biden's Success**

by Will Marshall, PPI President, and Ben Ritz, Director of the Center for Funding America's Future

To achieve his policy goals, Biden will need champions in the House and Senate. Moderate Democrats, Will Marshall and Ben Ritz say, are Biden's secret to success. A pragmatic, collaborative approach to Biden's first big relief bill will deliver common-sense results, and to prove it, Will and Ben broke down key facets of the relief measures.

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#MadeInAmerica

President Biden signed an executive order this week ensuring the federal government would use its buying power to support American manufacturers and workers. This is a good start, and PPI's Michael Mandel has an idea for how Biden can continue a sustainable revitalization of American manufacturing.

→ [Beyond 'Buy American': Why U.S. Manufacturing Needs a National Resilience Council](#)

> New Policy Brief: **Un-Burdening Higher Education**

Outstanding student debt amounts to a total of \$1.6 trillion in the United States. One more time: \$1.6 trillion. The problem with providing education debt relief is that,



→ **WEBINAR: Parent Choice... Is It a Civil Right?**

Reinventing America's Schools Deputy Director Curtis Valentine will host this webinar on Tuesday, February 2 at noon ET, moderating a conversation on the right of parents to choose where their children attend school. Expert panelists will explore the law, history and morality of parent choice, as well as recent civil action.

> **A Can't-Miss Conversation: Is Parent Choice a Civil Right?**

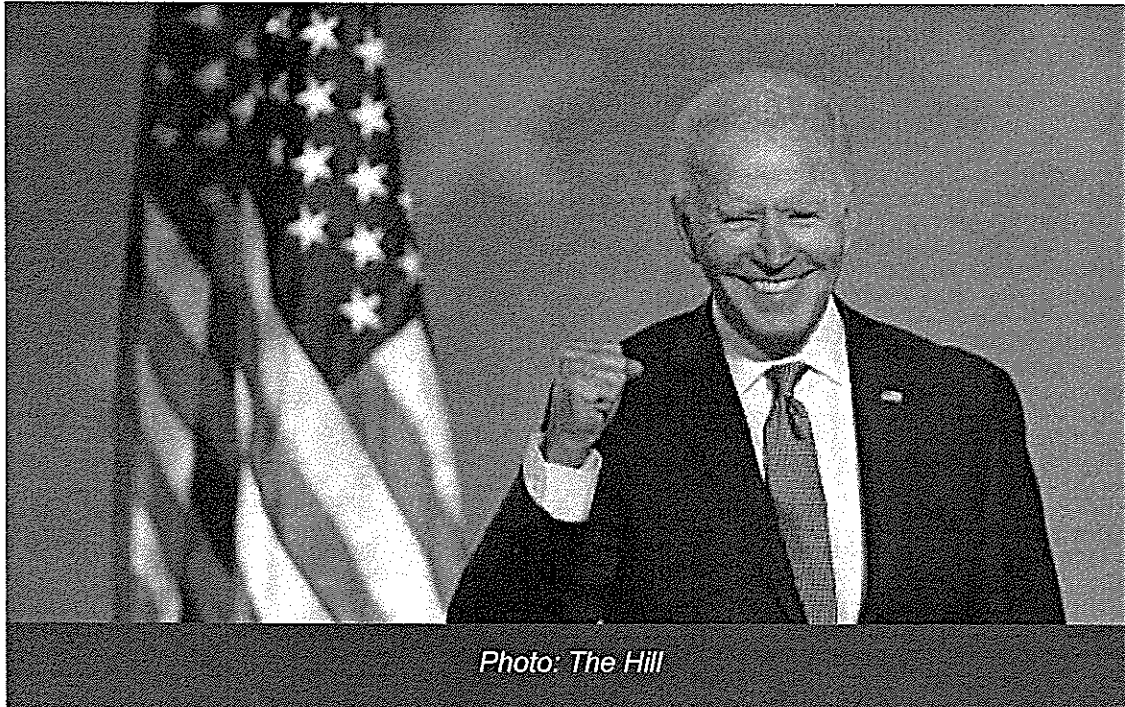
2035" by Steven Mufson, *The Washington Post*

→ "General Motors to eliminate gasoline and diesel light-duty cars and SUVs by 2040, and to end the sale of gas and diesel-light duty cars and SUVs by 2035. GM made headlines this week when it announced plans to reach carbon neutrality by 2040, and to end the sale of gas and diesel-light duty cars and SUVs by 2035. Transportation is the largest source of emissions in the U.S., and GM is the country's largest car manufacturer. "When America's most iconic manufacturer commits to carbon neutrality that's a huge signal to the rest of the economy," PPI's Paul Bledsoe said in the *Washington Post's* coverage on the announcement.

> **Raising the Bar for American Cars**

→ **Memo to President Biden: The Progressive Way to Ease Student Debt Burdens**

without targeting, the majority of aid benefits the highest earners, rather than the lowest. PPI's Social Policy Director Veronica Goodman argues Biden can help ease the burden, fairly and progressively.



Realistic Expectations

Biden has tee'd himself up as America's climate president, adding emphasis to the importance of his environmental cabinet picks. Among them, former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm who is set to take over as Secretary of Energy says her, "commitment to clean energy was forged in the fire." A new op-ed in The Hill urges

A Path to Better Public Health Approach to Tobacco

In a new episode of the Progressive Policy Institute podcast, host Colin Mortimer chats with Nkechi Taifa of the Justice Roundtable and PPI's Crystal Swann about the new wave of state bans on flavored tobacco products. Considering that 80% of Black smokers use flavored tobacco products, Taifa and Swann warn

How to Restore Equal Opportunity, According to Economists

The inequality gap is larger in the U.S. than any other OECD country, a problem that worries economists, lawmakers, and everyday-citizens alike. A new piece in The International Economy cites PPI's Dane Stangler's argument that workers should

Granholtm to be realistic about the role natural gas will play in America's clean energy transition, citing this [PPI report](#).

→ "[Granholtm should take a realistic approach at Energy Department](#)," by Jeffrey Kupfer, *The Hill*

against the consequences of criminalization. Is this the next chapter in America's mistaken War on Drugs?

→ [A Better Public Health Approach to Tobacco](#) with Crystal Swann (Podcast)

benefit from employee stock ownership plans, among other options to shrink the income gap.

→ "[America's Inequality Time Bomb](#)," by Owen Ullman, *The International Economy*

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The following message contains the **House Committee Hearing Notice**

Elementary and Secondary Education
Basye, Chuck

Meeting Date: 2/2/2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Duration: 2 Hours

Location: House Hearing Room 7

Executive Session may follow: Yes

Comments: Please note additional procedures will be in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic: All entrants to the capitol building will be required to submit to screening questions and physical screening. Members of the public must enter the building using the south entrance. Public seating in committees will be socially distanced and therefore limited. Committee hearings will be streamed. Links may be found at <https://www.house.mo.gov>.

Bills to be considered

House Bill:

Public Hearing

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Meeting Date: 1/26/2021

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From: Dylan Robinson
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:01 AM
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Good Morning Committee Members,

Rep. Chuck Basye asked me to send this MSTA survey to the committee.

Thank you,



Dylan Robinson, Legislator Assistant for:

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To: Justin Hill; Igor Shalai
Subject: FW: 2131H.01a Hill Health care benefit coverage
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Respectfully,

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Here you go, Igor.

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Financial Times, 22 January 2021

1) EU sees carbon border tax as ‘matter of survival’ for Europe's industry

EurActiv & Reuters, 19 January 2021

The European Union’s proposed carbon border charge is essential to the survival of its own industries and the bloc will impose the levy on non-EU competitors unless they commit to lowering their emissions, the bloc’s climate policy chief said on Monday (18 January).

EU sees carbon border levy as 'matter of survival' for industry

The EU's executive Commission is expected to propose its carbon border adjustment policy before the end of June.

"It's a matter of survival of our industry. So if others will not move in the same direction, we will have to protect the European Union against distortion of competition and against the risk of carbon leakage," European Commission Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans told an online event hosted by consultancy Global Counsel.

"Carbon leakage" would occur if companies left Europe to avoid the cost of its emissions-cutting policies.

Globally, industry is under pressure to ramp up climate action ahead of a United Nations summit in November, which serves as a deadline for nearly 200 countries to pledge deeper emissions cuts.

If that meeting fails to deliver, the EU will press ahead with unilateral carbon border measures, Timmermans said.

Full story

see also EU's Carbon Border Taxes and Joe Biden's Clean Energy plans: A double threat for developing countries

2) Green Fortress Europe: German agriculture ministry wants EU carbon border tax for farming imports

Clean Energy Wire, 20 January 2021

Germany's agriculture ministry is pushing for a carbon adjustment mechanism at EU borders to ensure that climate action in the bloc's farming sector doesn't endanger farmers' livelihoods and

cause carbon leakage.



Germany can only achieve so much in trying to decarbonise its agriculture sector because its farmers are facing international competition, state secretary in the Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL) Beate Kasch said at an event on Tuesday during the agricultural trade fair International Green Week, held digitally in Berlin.

The agriculture ministry was investing billions of euros to run pilot schemes on CO2 storage in humus layers and by re-wetting moorlands – “but this has to go hand in hand with a carbon border adjustment”, she added. **It’s not a good development if the EU has a healthy and climate friendly agriculture sector but consumer habits remain the same and are met by cheap imports, she said.**

Full story

3) Rich nations accused of inflating climate adaptation finance figures

EurActiv, 20 January 2021

Rich nations have exaggerated how much funding they provided to help the world's poorest countries cope with climate change impacts such as flooding and drought, according to analysis by charity Care International.

A close reading of 112 projects representing 13% of global adaptation finance in 2013-17 found the 25 donor countries collectively overreported the amount supporting climate adaptation by 42%.

Under the UN climate process, the developed world has committed to mobilise \$100 billion of climate finance a year by 2020, with a balance between mitigation (carbon-cutting) and adaptation projects. At the last count in 2018, they delivered \$16.8 billion in adaptation finance, according to the OECD – but if overreporting levels persisted, the true amount could be less than \$10bn, Care said.

“It really shows that rich countries are not as concerned about living up to their climate commitments as they should be,” John Nordbo, report co-author and senior climate advocacy adviser at Care Denmark, told Climate Home News.

Full story

4) Climate regulation threatens competitiveness of German auto industry - Deutsche Bank

Clean Energy Wire, 19 January 2021

Structural challenges pose a threat to the competitiveness of Germany as a business location for the automotive industry, Deutsche Bank writes in a monitoring report.

Climate policy regulation of the automotive sector is triggering “the biggest structural break in the industry in decades,” the author writes. Strict CO2 limits for new passenger cars in the EU for 2021 as well as

for 2030 mean that manufacturers will have to bring more electric cars to the market. The resulting increase in costs will likely have a negative effect on value creation and employment in the automotive industry in Germany, the report states.

The CO2 limits chosen by the EU for passenger cars and the subsidies for electric cars on a national level are “extremely inefficient (expensive) and hardly effective instruments” to achieve emission reduction in the transport sector, Deutsche Bank argues.

Full story

5) Vauxhall car plant and jobs at risk of Net Zero plans

GWPF, 20 January 2021

The new boss of Vauxhall has warned that its car production plant in the UK is at risk from the government’s Net Zero plan to ban the sale of petrol cars by 2030.

**NET ZERO =
ZERO JOBS**



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Vauxhall plant at risk after ‘brutal’ 2030 ban, says Stellantis boss

The future of Vauxhall’s UK car production will depend on government support after the “brutal” decision to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030, according to the boss of Stellantis, the newly formed carmaker...

Carlos Tavares, installed as Stellantis chief executive after leading Peugeot into the merger, said a final decision on whether to invest in production of a new car at Ellesmere Port will be made “within a few weeks”. He added a clear warning that the future of UK production “depends on the UK government’s willingness to protect some kind of an automotive industry in its own country”....

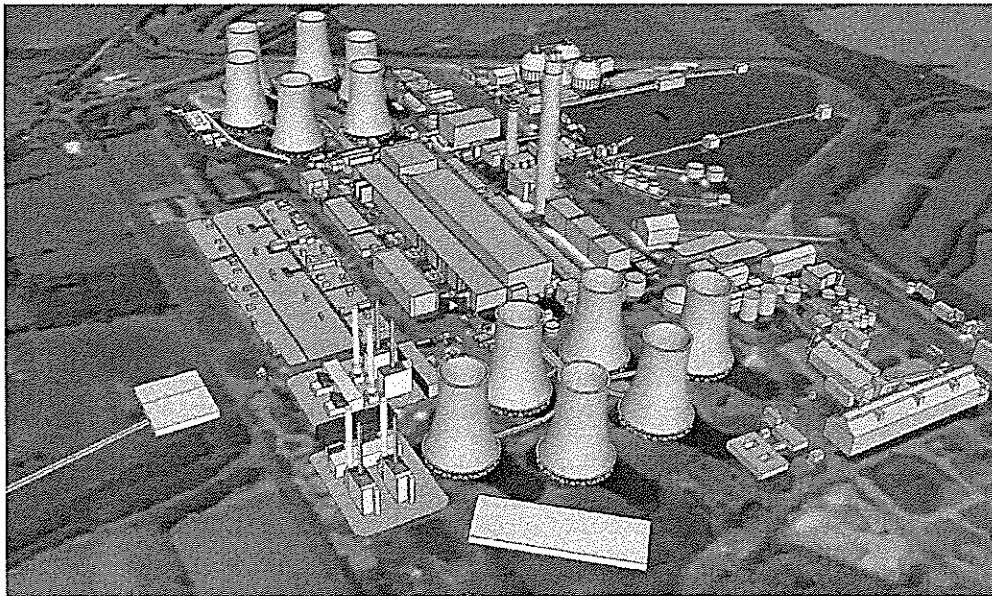
Tavares suggested the UK ban on petrol and diesel cars had made it more difficult to invest in the Ellesmere Port plant in the Wirral, even though the Brexit deal reached on Christmas Eve removed the threat of tariffs or quotas on most car exports from the UK. There are about 1,100 workers at Ellesmere Port manufacturing the Astra car.

Full story

6) Climate activists defeated as legal bid to stop UK building Europe's biggest gas power plant fails

The Guardian, 21 January 2021

A legal challenge to the UK government’s approval of a new gas-fired power plant has failed in the court of appeal.



Drax is planning to build new combined cycle gas turbine generating units in Drax power station, near the town of Selby. Photograph: Drax Group Plc

The challenge was brought after ministers overruled climate change objections from the planning authority. The plant is being developed by Drax in North Yorkshire and would be the biggest gas power station in Europe. It could account for 75% of the UK's power sector emissions when fully operational, according to lawyers for ClientEarth, which brought the judicial review.

In 2019 the Planning Inspectorate recommended that ministers refuse permission for the 3.6GW gas plant on the grounds that it “would undermine the government’s commitment, as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008, to cut greenhouse emissions [by having] significant adverse effects.”

Andrea Leadsom, the secretary of state for business, energy and industrial strategy at the time of the planning application, rejected the advice and gave the project the go-ahead in October 2019. The high court rejected ClientEarth’s initial legal challenge last May.

The UK is under international scrutiny as it prepares to host a UN climate summit in November. The country has cut its carbon emissions by 41% since 1990 and in 2019 was the first major economy to put into law a commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050. Boris Johnson produced a plan for a “green industrial revolution” in November.

But the government has been criticised for failing to stop a new coalmine in Cumbria, which it said was a local issue. This comment was derided by campaigners, and MPs warned it undermined the purpose of the Cop26 summit. Another, smaller gas plant is under construction by SSE in Lincolnshire.

Full story

7) President Biden quickly rejoined Paris Climate Accord. Meeting the emissions goals will be harder

Some of world's largest economies are still behind on greenhouse-gas reduction targets, five years after signing the Paris Agreement



President Biden's move to rejoin the Paris climate accord within hours of his inauguration was welcomed by world leaders, but meeting the U.S.'s commitments to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions promises to be challenging.

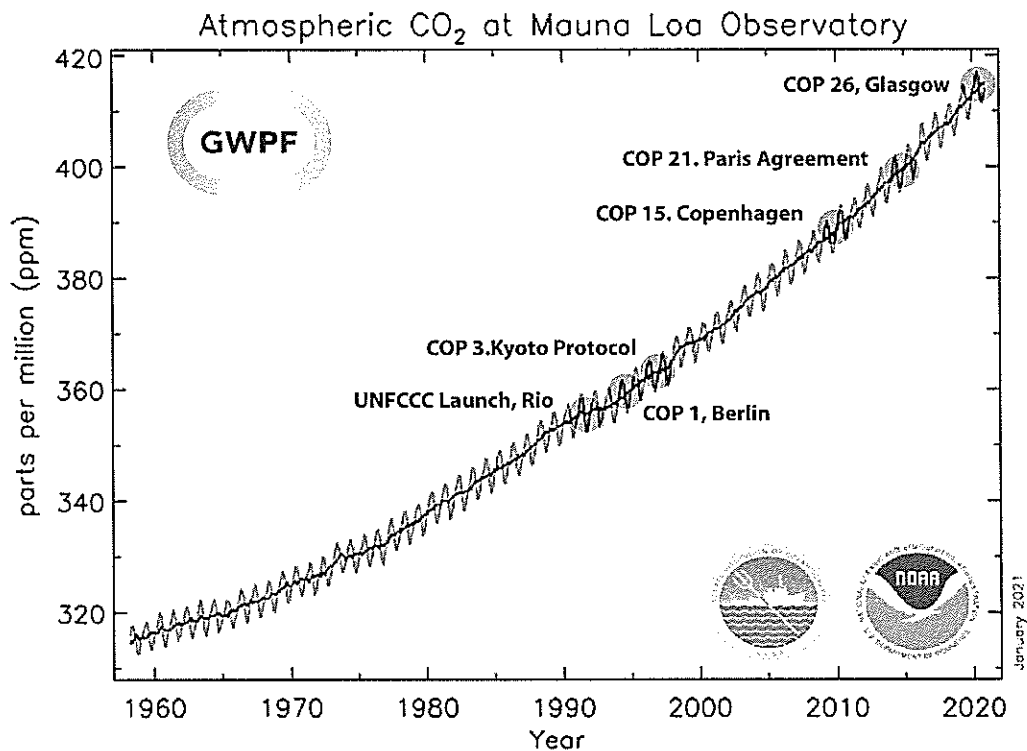
Mr. Biden has pledged to take significant steps to address what he has described as a climate-change crisis. He proposed to limit power plants' emissions in the short term and set the industry on the path to becoming carbon free by 2035. On his first day, he took steps to limit the oil-and-gas industry's methane emissions and he has vowed to boost electric-vehicle adoption by adding 500,000 new charging outlets by 2030.

Those actions could face judicial challenges and pushback from industry groups that represent certain fossil-fuel interests. Pursuing his agenda also will require Mr. Biden to obtain, in some cases, congressional approval or changes to tax law. His infrastructure package also could help re-establish the U.S. as a leader on climate

initiatives, but enacting this ambitious legislation could be difficult after asking Congress to approve considerable expenditures to fight Covid-19.

China and other nations have recently increased their pledges to do more to tackle climate change, and corporations are heavily investing in the technology needed to run the global economy with fewer greenhouse-gas emissions.

But global emissions continue to rise, and groups tracking progress question whether many of the countries that have signed the Paris agreement are currently on track to hit the targets they set to reduce their share.



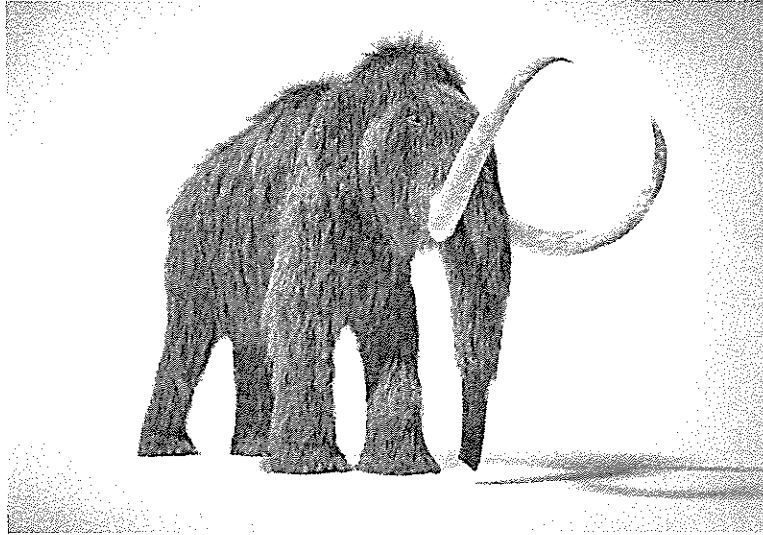
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8) Woolly mammoths may have lived thousands of years after supposed extinction

GWPF & Scientific American, 19 January 2021

Scientists have discovered the DNA of some 2,100 kinds of plants and 180 animals — including American horses and woolly mammoths — dating to thousands of years after their supposed extinction.



BIOLOGY

Story of Mammoth Survival Is in the Soil

Ancient DNA preserved in soil may rewrite what we thought about the Ice Age

By Riley Black on January 1, 2021

One of the most popular theories for the extinction of the wholly mammoth and other so-called ‘megafauna’ that roamed the wilderness during the Pleistocene is the claim that rapid global warming at the end of the last Ice Age killed off these species.

The idea that global warming rather ‘overkill’ by human hunters was chiefly responsible for the disappearance of the mammoth has gained in popularity in conjunction with claims that humans today are facing the

same fate due to the same alleged catastrophe.

Paleontologists have been arguing for decades what may have caused these species to vanish. For much of the second half of the 20th century the ‘overkill hypothesis’ dominated the scientific debate, claiming that the post-glacial expansion of human populations into their habitats led to the overhunting and gradual destruction of these species.

With the rise of climate catastrophism, a growing number of studies attempted to show that global warming rather than humans were primarily responsible for the disappearance of these Pleistocene species.

Now, a team of paleogeneticists have discovered DNA of “about 2,100 kinds of plants and 180 animals—including American horses and woolly mammoths, in samples from soil dated to thousands of years after their supposed extinction.”

Once this new discovery can be confirmed, the whole idea of an abrupt climate catastrophe wiping out the wholly mammoth and other Pleistocene species in one fell swoop is likely to go the way of the Dodo.

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'Gas is over', EU bank chief says

By Kira Taylor | EURACTIV.com

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9) And finally: German climate foundation joins efforts to complete Russian gas pipeline

Financial Times, 22 January 2021

For years, the struggle to finish Nord Stream 2 has pitted Washington against Moscow and divided Europe. Now, a small German state has stepped into the fray with an unusual move: forming an environmental foundation to help finish the gas pipeline.

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (MV), along Germany's northeastern coast, is home to the logistics hub and endpoint of the embattled project that is almost completed but stalled for more than a year by US sanctions.

This week, MV launched the Climate and Environmental Protection Foundation with €200,000 of state funds and €20m from the pipeline project, owned by the Kremlin-backed Gazprom gas group.

Nord Stream 2 opponents are baffled as to why one of Germany's least populated states would publicly defy powerful US sanctions. German environmentalists, meanwhile, accuse the state of "greenwashing" its

role in a geopolitical struggle that has nothing to do with climate change.

“A foundation claiming to promote environmental protection should not be founded by a fossil fuel project,” said Theresia Crone, an activist who organised a protest and petition with more than 24,000 signatures against the foundation.

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1) European Union plans to tax developing nations to fund its Green Deal

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Revenues from the European Union's upcoming carbon border charge will be "recycled" to replenish the EU budget and finance the bloc's green transition, senior officials have said.



However, this won't be the main goal, they cautioned, saying the new levy must pursue environmental objectives to comply with WTO rules.

The European Commission's proposal for a "carbon border adjustment mechanism" will be tabled in June, as part of a wider package of laws aimed at cutting the EU's emissions by 55% below 1990 levels before the end of the decade.

"It's a matter of survival for our industry," said Commission climate chief Frans Timmermans during an online debate last week, adding that Europe will impose the levy on non-EU competitors unless they commit to lowering their emissions.

Timmermans said the goal is to avoid the risk of "carbon leakage," whereby companies relocate manufacturing abroad to countries where pollution costs are lower.

Although there is little evidence of carbon leakage to date, "the risk is real," said Mauro Petriccione, director general at the Commission's climate action department.

"And as we strengthen our climate ambition, that risk grows," the

official told an online event organised on 14 January by AFEP, the French association of large companies.

EU sees carbon border levy as 'matter of survival' for industry

The European Union's proposed carbon border charge is essential to the survival of its own industries and the bloc will impose the levy on non-EU competitors unless they commit to lowering their emissions, the bloc's climate policy chief said on Monday (18 January).

Patrick Pouyanné, CEO of French oil and gas major Total, said putting a carbon price on imported goods was “a very logical extension of the EU's carbon price policy” and a necessary step to ensure a level playing field between EU industries and foreign competitors.

“It could be a protective instrument but also a proactive instrument in terms of reducing carbon emissions in other parts of the world,” he told participants at the event.

The stakes are high for Europe's industry. According to a study by AFEP, the price of CO2 allowances on the EU carbon market are set to reach stratospheric levels in Europe as the EU tightens its climate goals, from around €30 per tonne of CO2 today, to around €40/t by 2030 and above €230/t by 2050.

Without a carbon border adjustment mechanism, EU industries would be beaten by foreign competitors in countries that do not have a similar carbon cost, Pouyanné argued.

Full story

see also - **EU's Carbon Border Taxes and Joe Biden's Clean Energy plans: A double threat for developing countries**

2) Macron demands Biden respect 'EU sovereignty' as bloc panics ahead of climate summit

France's's Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian warned the EU should be treated as a sovereign state as the bloc jitters over President Biden's return to the Paris Agreement.

Less than a week after President Joe Biden announced the return of the United States to the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, his Special Climate Envoy John Kerry will join China's's Deputy Prime Minister Han Zheng, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and other leaders at the Climate Adaptation Summit.

Ahead of the meeting, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told France Inter Radio that France is not happy with the lessons learned from the Trump administration's era.

He said: "It will no longer be the same as before, because ... perhaps indirectly linked to Trump, the EU has gained self-confidence, the EU has grown, the EU came out of its naïveté.

"The Europe that is there now is not the same as it was four years ago." He added the EU "could have its own sovereignty".

The anxiety over the possibility powers will shift back between the US and China when it comes to climate geopolitics is palpable among Brussels officials.

One senior EU official told Politico last week: "Kerry will go around [to] everyone, [saying] we will give you money to buy American clean technology.

"Everyone is infatuated with John Kerry now but actually the Europeans should win the Nobel prize."

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3) COP26 in trouble as Boris Johnson's government split over new coal mine

The Sunday Times, 24 January 2021

Boris Johnson's climate change tsar is "apoplectic" with a cabinet minister for approving Britain's first new deep coalmine in decades.

Climate change tsar Alok Sharma seethes at Robert Jenrick over Cumbria coalmine



Alok Sharma, who quit as business secretary this month to devote himself full-time to the presidency of the COP26 summit, is said to be furious with Robert Jenrick, the communities secretary, for not stopping the mine in Cumbria.

On January 6, Jenrick formally refused to intervene in the £165m Whitehaven project to remove coking coal from beneath the Irish Sea for steel-making. Jenrick, 39, decided not to use his powers to call in the scheme, which would have given him the right to block it, instead telling councillors he was "content" for the decision to be made locally. A government source said Jenrick did not consult Sharma or other ministers on the plan, in line with planning guidance.

Work is likely to begin on the first deep coalmine for 30 years as the government tells other nations to slash carbon emissions. The Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, 18, said the approval of the mine showed that Britain’s commitment to go carbon neutral by 2050 “basically means nothing”.

The decision could complicate efforts to forge an alliance with Joe Biden’s White House, which has described international action on climate change as a key foreign policy goal.

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4) Net Zero agenda is making new houses unaffordable for ordinary Britons

[GWPF & The Guardian, 23 January 2021](#)

As the astronomical cost of Net Zero becomes ever more evident and ordinary Britons begin to realise they can’t afford ‘green houses’ mandated by the Govt, public anger and political backlash are now inevitable.

Buyers of brand-new homes face £20,000 bill to make them greener

Critics say the costs could have been avoided if ministers had agreed to bring in low-carbon standards sooner



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Householders buying brand new homes in the next four years are likely to find an unpleasant surprise awaiting them in the future: homes built today will have to be retrofitted with energy efficiency measures and low-carbon technology, at an average cost of more than £20,000.

The extra costs will amount to more than £20bn for the whole of the UK, if the government's targets of building 300,000 new homes a year are met. Critics say the costs could have been avoided if ministers had agreed to bring in low-carbon standards sooner.

The government this week set out proposals to change building regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but declined to bring forward its proposed future homes standard from the scheduled 2025 commencement date, disappointing advocates of greener homes.

Building a new house with high energy efficiency standards and a heat

pump instead of a gas boiler costs about £4,800 more than building to current standards. However, building to current standards and then retrofitting the house with the same would cost an average of £26,300, or about £21,500 more than installing the technology in the first place, according to an analysis by the Labour party of data from the Committee on Climate Change (CCC)....

All UK homes will need to be brought up to high standards of efficiency and equipped with low-carbon heating in place of gas boilers if the government is to meet its target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

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see also GWPF Net Zero cost sheet: [The costs of decarbonising housing](#)

5) Europe's welcome gift to Joe Biden: Norway awards oil and gas exploration rights to 30 firms

Reuters, 19 January 2021

OSLO (Reuters) – Norway awarded 61 offshore exploration blocks to 30 oil firms in its latest pre-defined areas (APA) licensing round as it seeks to find more resources close to existing fields, Energy Minister Tina Bru said on Tuesday.



*A view of the Johan Sverdrup oilfield in the North Sea, January 7, 2020.
Carina Johansen/NTB Scanpix/via REUTERS*

Norway, which began to extract oil and gas from its offshore continental shelf 50 years ago, believes it has still only pumped about half of its available resources.

Firms that won stakes in the licences included Equinor, Shell, Aker BP, ConocoPhillips, Total, Lundin Energy and Eni's Vaar Energi.

“These companies have shown great interest in gaining access to new exploration acreage, illustrating the industry’s confidence in continued profitability from exploration on the Norwegian continental shelf,” Bru said.

“The broad interest shows that companies still believe in the Norwegian continental shelf and in the future profitability of exploration,” said Anniken Hauglie, who heads the Norwegian Oil and Gas Association, an industry group.

Sweden’s Lundin received stakes in 19 licences, followed by Equinor with stakes in 17 licences, while Aker BP and DNO each got 10. ConocoPhillips received stakes in four licences, Total in three and Shell in one....

Norway has also invited oil firms to submit applications by Feb. 23 for 136 exploration blocks in frontier areas in the Barents Sea and the Norwegian Sea.

Last December, the country's top court dismissed a lawsuit by environmental groups against oil exploration in Arctic waters.

Norway is western Europe's largest oil and gas producer, with a daily output of around 4 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Full story

6) John Kerry: China's Net Zero pledge 'not good enough'

Reuters, 23 January 2021

John Kerry, Biden's special climate envoy, warns a recent Net Zero pledge by China, the world's top greenhouse gas emitter, was "not good enough".

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden's administration next week will release more policies it believes are needed to tackle climate change and is urging China to toughen one of its targets on greenhouse gas emissions, his top climate advisers said on Saturday (Jan 23).

Gina McCarthy, the White House's national climate adviser, did not say what policies would be released. A memo seen by Reuters on Thursday showed Biden will unveil a second round of executive orders as soon as Jan 27 that include an omnibus order to combat climate change domestically and elevate the issue as a national security priority.

"We've already sent signals on the things that we don't like that we're going to roll back, but this week you're going to see us move forward with what's the vision of the future," McCarthy told a virtual meeting of the US Conference of Mayors.

Biden, a Democrat who took office on Jan 20, quickly issued executive orders cancelling the Keystone XL pipeline that would import tar sands oil from Canada and rejoining the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

Both of those moves reversed former President Donald Trump's

policies. During his four years in office, Trump rolled back about 100 regulations on climate and the environment as he pursued a policy of “energy dominance” to maximise output and exports of oil, gas and coal.

John Kerry, Biden’s special climate envoy, said a recent pledge by China, the world’s top greenhouse gas emitter, was “not good enough”. In September, Chinese President Xi Jinping set a goal for his country to become carbon neutral by 2060, 10 years after the 2050 time frame favoured by most countries, while also pledging a more ambitious short-term goal on emissions.

As secretary of state under former President Barack Obama in 2015, Kerry helped bring China to the table at the UN climate conference in Paris. Now, the Biden administration has begun to apply diplomatic pressure on countries to work harder on climate, said Kerry.

Full story

7) US Republican bill to block Paris climate agreement reignites Senate ratification debate

Valerie Richardson, The Washington Times, 23 January 2021

Rep. Lauren Boebert, Colorado Republican, has introduced a bill to block the Biden administration from reentering the Paris agreement until it receives Senate confirmation, a nod to the longstanding debate over the accord’s legitimacy.

Rep. Lauren Boebert, Colorado Republican, introduced legislation Jan. 21, 2021, to require Senate ratification of the Paris climate agreement. Her bill, which has 11 GOP cosponsors, bars Congress from appropriating funds to implement the international climate accord until it receives Senate ratification, a step that former President Obama skipped when he used his executive authority to enter the agreement in 2016.

“My bill prohibits Congress from spending a single penny on the Paris Agreement until this treaty is ratified by the United States Senate,” said Ms. Boebert in a Thursday press release. “Joe Biden took an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution. If he wants to keep it, he must transmit the job-killing Paris Agreement to the U.S. Senate for ratification.”

The bill has little chance of passing the Democrat-controlled House, but the legislation has drawn attention to the debate over whether the Paris accord is an executive agreement, as the Obama administration maintained, or a treaty that requires the advice and consent of the Senate under the Constitution.

Mr. Biden, citing “a climate in crisis,” signed an executive order Wednesday to rejoin the Paris agreement after former President Trump set into motion the process to exit the accord via his 2017 executive order. The U.S. withdrawal became official on Nov. 4.

“Unilaterally entering the Paris Agreement was wrong in 2016 and it’s wrong now,” Ms. Boebert said. “Responsible energy production supports more than 230,000 Colorado jobs. The Paris Agreement puts these jobs at risk and will increase energy costs. \$4 per gallon gasoline, here we go again!”

Ratifying a treaty requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate, which Mr. Biden would be unlikely to secure in the 50-50 Senate.

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8) China’s energy dilemma: between green pledges and blackouts Reuters, 21 January 2021

HONG KONG – China’s President Xi Jinping has promised to turn the world’s largest consumer of fossil fuels into a carbon-neutral nation by 2060, but that might make it harder to keep the lights on.

Widespread electricity rationing in December stoked fears of another

harsh winter for the country's households. A clunky grid monopoly is the culprit.

Reviving industrial activity and a coal shortage aggravated by bans on Australian imports combined to unbalance power supply and demand in many regions just as the temperature dropped. Some residents in Hunan province, for example, have had to use flashlights and work in unheated offices, local media reported, after the provincial government introduced usage restrictions. Chinese people have become accustomed to occasional shortages of power or gas in winter months, as local governments strain to meet emissions reductions targets. Xi's new plans may make such brownouts even more frequent.

Wind and solar capacity is supposed to triple from 2019 levels by 2030, but it might not solve the problem. China's total installed electricity capacity exceeded the annual maximum load of all provinces combined in 2019, yet outages occurred the following year. That's mostly thanks to China State Grid, a largely unreformed bureaucratic dinosaur from China's command-economy past.

The operator distributes electricity across 90% of the country, but unlike utilities in market-driven economies, it also dictates prices and volumes to generators and downstream buyers. This system it controls has long been inadequate at getting renewable power from rural hinterlands to cities, despite frenetic investment in ultra-high voltage lines and smart grid technology.

The windswept province of Inner Mongolia has been turning off turbines because the grid cannot absorb them. A group of investors complained to energy authorities in December that public-private projects to expand distribution capacity had been unable to integrate with State Grid's network and were losing money.

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9) Germany preparing for electricity rationing to stabilise green power grid

Germany is now looking to ration its electricity supply to stabilize its green power grid. The European country mulled over the measure amid looming blackouts due to its unstable energy supply.

The country's energy issues have also threatened the stability of the larger European Union grid.

Germany once had one of the most stable and reliable power grids worldwide when the business of power generation was in the hands of engineers and experts. However, the rise of climate alarmism in the 1990s empowered activists and their political allies to push for "green energy." Fluctuating and intermittent energy supply could be easily managed at a low cost, they insisted.

Their efforts led to the passing of the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) in 2000. As it turned out, the EEG's effectivity caused more harm than good to Germany's power supply. It currently has the highest electricity prices in the world, forcing it to rely more on imports. It has also consistently failed to meet its emissions targets.

Ironically, the German parliament has addressed these issues by relying even more on green energy. It has ordered the closure of the more stable and productive coal and nuclear power plants. Politicians in the country have also passed legislation to limit the amount of power consumed by companies and individuals.

Germany's economic affairs minister proposes a law limiting power for electric vehicle charging stations

The magazine Tichys Einblick reported that Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Peter Altmaier proposed a law permitting "peak smoothing" for energy providers. Altmaier's peak smoothing law allows utilities to "temporarily cut off charging power for e-cars" when there is insufficient electricity available. Power utilities have demanded laws similar to what the energy minister proposed, given the instability of wind and solar energy sources.

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10) And finally: SUVs are conquering the world as car buyers ignore climate message

Scott Carpenter, Forbes, 22 January 2021

SUVs are conquering the world. That's a problem for efforts to reign in emissions from the global transportation sector, which accounts for roughly 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

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Share of SUVs in total car sales in key markets.

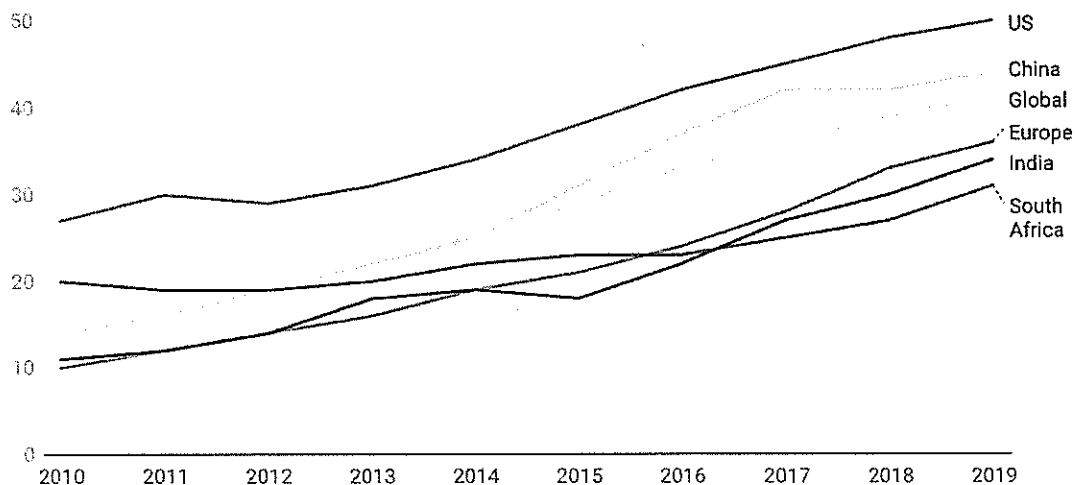


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For the first time ever in the U.S. last year, sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) likely accounted for half or just over half of all vehicles sold, according to recent data from IHS Markit, a data and analytics firm. Others are rapidly catching up. Between 2010 and 2019, the share of SUVs in overall car sales in China jumped from 14% to 44%. In Europe the SUV share climbed from 10% to 36%.

The SUV's popularity is effectively negating the annual fuel efficiency gains from better technology and tightening fuel economy standards. The average fuel efficiency increases of light-duty vehicles per year has

slowed to only around 1.3% in recent years — down from the roughly 2% per year in the handful of years prior, and well below the roughly 3% needed merely to keep total global emissions from cars from rising.

“Consumer demand for larger vehicles has risen significantly,” says a report released last year by the Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI), a partnership between the United Nations, the International Energy Agency, and others. This “has led to a slackening – or in some cases even reversal – of national rates of fuel consumption improvements.” [...]

SUVs are also harder to electrify than sedans and other passenger cars, presenting another challenge to reigning in auto sector emissions. Their larger bodies and powertrains require bigger batteries capable of pumping out more electricity.

Of the roughly 27.5 million SUVs sold around the world last year, only 1.8% were pure electric (excluding hybrids), said Felipe Munoz, a senior analyst at JATO Dynamics, an auto data provider, in an email. “Bear in mind that most of the current SUV offers do not feature pure electric versions, and the very few are quite expensive.”

If they offer any electric SUVs, major automakers so far offer only about one apiece, a minuscule number compared to the array of traditional SUVs on offer.

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President Joe Biden is taking action to freeze or reverse a number of regulatory and other actions taken by the former administration. A [memo](#) from Ronald Klain, assistant to the president and chief of staff, outlines the immediate steps federal departments and agencies must take in order to provide the president's appointees or designees the opportunity to review any new or pending rules, a common practice of new administrations. Several executive orders have also been issued. NCSL is closely tracking these actions in areas including education, environment, immigration, the census and others.

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After I spoke with you yesterday I turned in the bill request as we discussed it. Later in the evening we received an email from MoDOT indicating that Mr. Wirtz's family very much want the name to be US Navy Seal Scotty "Spam" Wirtz Memorial Highway, and their preferred route is:

Preferred Route Location of Wirtz Family:

The portion of Interstate 64 from Prospect Road to Lake St. Louis Blvd. within the city of Lake St. Louis in St. Charles county shall be designated as "US Navy SEAL Scotty 'Spam' Wirtz Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with the cost to be paid for by private donations. (1.6 miles)

Do you want your bill drafted this way, or do you want your requested name and route used?

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

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There may be some issues with this request because apparently there have been multiple requests for a memorial highway for this man by different people, but all with different stretches of highway, and a bridge.

Hope to hear more from MODOT later today.

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Subject: Fwd: I think I may have found a solution
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png

Dear Mayor Hennessy, Councilman Bibbs, Councilman Kling, Chief Dupuis and Representative Hicks:

I have been dealing with Sgt. Weeke's from the O'Fallon Police Department and although he has been responsive he has been unable to find resolution to this problem as you can see from the emails below.

I'm contacting you today because this issue is having a significantly negative impact on my adult son, David Gould. David is 37 years old and has lived in Winghaven for the past 18 years. David has multiple disabilities and we were told he would never walk and never talk. However, he lives on his own with minimal support (about 30 hours a week), he votes, he works at Marriott Residence Inn and he is fondly known as the Mayor of Winghaven. David has accessed his community for all those 18 years through different motorized transportation, i.e. a scooter, a John Deere gator, and for the last several years, a golf cart. He was able to do this under Missouri Revised Statute 304.032 1: "No person shall operate a utility vehicle, as defined in section 301.010 upon the highways of this state, except as follows: (3) utility vehicles operated by handicapped persons for short distances occasionally only on a state's secondary roads when operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset". We did our research prior to purchasing these vehicles and prior to David choosing Winghaven as his home and it has been an amazing and enriching place for him to live. He has wonderful relationships that he has developed and a neighborhood that embraces him as a part of daily life.

However, it was brought to our attention this week via the O'Fallon police department that David can no longer drive his golf cart in his community. Apparently some time in 2019, the O'Fallon City Council passed ordinance 304.260 which is more restrictive than the state statute and now requires David to have a driver's license. It states: "no person shall operate a golf cart: a. Without a valid drivers license".

As you might imagine this would have a significantly negative effect on David, his community, and his family. In the spirit of finding a solution that would benefit everyone, I wondered if any of the following suggestions could be considered.

1. Could David's use of the golf cart be "grandfathered" in as he has successfully utilized this means of transportation for 18 years?
2. Could there be an exception to the current ordinance as noted in Missouri Revised Statute 304.034
 1. "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to, operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction." or
3. Could the ordinance be rewritten to more closely model the state statutes?

I would really appreciate your assistance in finding a solution to this very important issue. My husband, David, and I are happy to assist in this process as it is an issue for David that needs immediate resolution. I have been a strong advocate for David for many years and it seems with good cooperation and collective thinking we can find workable solutions. I can't imagine given the highly positive impact of David's community profile and the great success that has been reported and presented nationally, statewide and locally on the rich and full life David has found in Winghaven, any of us would want this to become a public relations issue.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Denise C. Goud
636.485.3122
dgould3122@gmail.com

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Scott Weeke** <sweeke@ofallon.mo.us>
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 2021, 9:56 AM
Subject: RE: I think I may have found a solution
To: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>
Cc: Richard Gould <rjrgould@charter.net>

Mrs. Gould,

So here is the problem with that statute. Your son's Golf Cart is not used primarily for landscaping, or maintenance purposes as the state statute requires. And even if it was, by City Ordinance, it is still deemed a golf cart as that is how it was originally manufactured and thus subject to the golf cart ordinance. City Ordinances typically trump state law as they can be more restrictive than state law, but can not be less restrictive.

I'm sure this is frustrating for you and I would love to have a legal solution, but I have not been able to find any exception within our city ordinances that legally allow him to operate the golf cart.

Sgt. Scott Weeke, DSN 298

Traffic Section Commander

O'Fallon Police Department

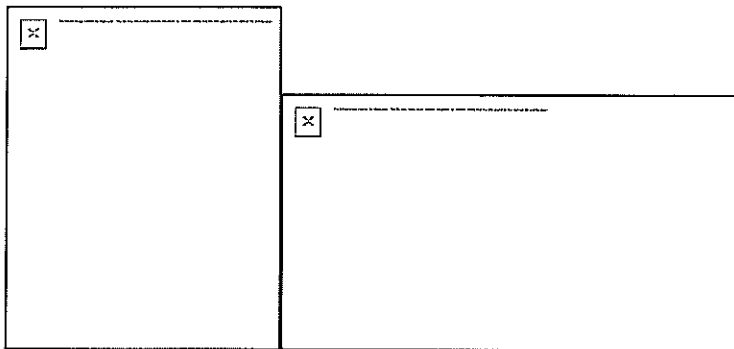
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From: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:33 PM

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Good afternoon Sgt. Weeke's:

Igor Shalai

From: Kari Hoelscher
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:38 AM
To: _Republican Representatives
Subject: Fresh Coffee

Come and enjoy a cup of Highland Grog!



Kari Hoelscher
Executive Assistant to
Speaker Pro Tem John Wiemann
Missouri House of Representatives
201 E Capitol
Jefferson City MO 65101
573-751-2176, Room 301

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From: Cheri Toalson-Reisch
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Fw: [External] Re: Letter to the Editor

Justin: FYI You were quoted in the Columbia Missourian article. Feel free to read Columbia Supt.'s email to me below.

Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch
District 44-Serving Parts of Boone & Randolph Counties
201 W. Capitol Dr., Room 113
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-751-1169

From: Cheri Toalson-Reisch
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 5:28 PM
To: Chuck Basye; Sara Walsh
Subject: Fw: [External] Re: Letter to the Editor

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From: Peter Stiepleman <PStiepleman@cpsk12.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Cheri Toalson-Reisch
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Letter to the Editor

Dear Representative Toalson-Reisch,

Here is the article I am referencing:

https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/state_news/fight-looms-over-effort-to-create-scholarships-for-public-school-students-to-attend-private-schools/article_b4e80584-5ff0-11eb-b9e7-2b11d7c8a5c3.html

The specific quote:

Rep. Cheri Toalson Reisch, R-Hallsville, agreed with Slay. Toalson Reisch represents an area with four school districts, and CPS was the only one that did not have in-person classes in the fall.

“I give them a big fat F,” Toalson Reisch said. “My three rural districts, they have been in school doing it right.”

How I wish we could have explained how our circumstances have been different. How I wish I could have introduced you to the four infectious disease specialists, virologists, and public health officials who guided the decisions we made. This is the second time in one school year that we have been disparaged publicly. I so wish that hadn't been the case. Public support (“What I am seeing in other districts is promising and I look forward to sitting down with the school district to see what's possible”) and private questions (“Peter, I'm finding it hard to support your decisions when Hallsville and Centralia are in.”) – I hope you will extend that to the next superintendent when they begin on July 1.

Best,
Peter

Dr. Peter Stiepleman
Superintendent
Columbia Public Schools



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From: Cheri Toalson-Reisch <Cheri.Toalson-Reisch@house.mo.gov>

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5:16 PM

To: Peter Stiepleman <PStiepleman@cpsk12.org>

Subject: [External] Re: Letter to the Editor

Peter:

I don't know what statements you are referring to, so I am unable to respond. Please send me a link or tell me what media outlet are you referring to.

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From: Peter Stiepleman <PStiepleman@cpsk12.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 5:13 PM

To: Cheri Toalson-Reisch

Subject: Letter to the Editor

Dear Representative Toalson-Reisch,

I read the coverage of your most recent public comment about the Columbia Public Schools. This is not the first time false statements have been made concerning our incredible school district. Last fall, statements were made and they were determined to be mostly false statements by the Columbia Missourian.

Today, I submitted the following letter to the Missourian. It is meant to enter the public dialogue and be a voice for Columbia Public Schools. It is not customary for me to send such letters, but you have created incredible hurt and damage by such hurtful statements.

Here is my letter:

Dear Representative Toalson-Reisch:

There was once a time where civility prevailed. There was once a time when local delegates stood up for their community. Locally elected officials would publicly support and privately question or criticize. I am flabbergasted and flummoxed by your public statement that CPS is an F.

Columbia Public Schools is one of the highest performing school districts in the state. Our district is annually recognized for budgeting excellence. Our teachers, our leaders, and our students are regularly recognized on a state and national level. Our students regularly outperform their state, national, and international peers on the ACT and every Advanced Placement exam. More than 90% of our graduates enlist in the military, enter the workforce, or attend 2-year or 4-year colleges.

When you say CPS is an F, you are saying our community, the community you represent is an F. You are saying the good people in our community who elected you are an F. That is false. As a public servant, you serve as a role model to the students in our district. You just modeled that name calling and attempts at public shaming are what responsible adults and leaders should do. That is the antithesis of all antibullying efforts we promote daily.

As a model for our next generation, please remember that they remember what you say and how you make them feel. Civility. During this period in history, we must return to that. Be the critical friend we need you to be.

Sincerely,
Peter Stiepleman

I wish you good health and hope that when we've received vaccines and can see each other in person, that we might find common ground on any and all issues.

Best,
Peter

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From: Adi Schultz
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Here you go, Igor.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:56 AM
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From: Kate Hoey <Kate.Hoey@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Marc Webb <Marc.Webb@house.mo.gov>
Subject: 2131H.011a Hill Health care benefit coverage

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Administration Announces Details on Public Health Emergency (PHE)

The Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) sent letters to the nation's governors on further details for the PHE for COVID-19. The secretary of HHS outlined that the current public health emergency was renewed on Jan. 21, 2021, and will be in effect for 90 days. It is been determined that the Public Health Emergency (PHE) will likely remain in place for all of 2021. When it is decided to end the declaration or to let it expire, the HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to the termination. The PHE determination allows for flexibilities and abilities to streamline access of healthcare including for telemedicine services and waives or modifies certain Medicare, Medicaid CHIP and HIPAA Privacy Rule requirements. The PHE also allows for the continuation of the temporary 6.2% FMAP increase that was included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, with the FMAP expiring at the end of the quarter in which the PHE ends.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Treasury Releases State Allocation Chart and Guidance for ERA

Rental Assistance

The U.S. Department of the Treasury published a FAQ document providing guidance on and the official state and territorial allocations of the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance program enacted under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Treasury is requiring applicants who request assistance to provide third-party source documentation of income and their experience of unemployment or financial hardship due to COVID-19.

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U.S. SENATE

GOP Challenges Biden's \$1.9 Trillion Pandemic Relief Plan

Some Republican Senators are saying it is too soon to pass additional COVID-19 relief spending as it remains a priority for the new administration.

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Second-Highest Federal Court Vacates Trump Administration's Major GHG Rule

The court's decision sends the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Final Rule back to the EPA, allowing the Biden administration the opportunity to regulate GHG emissions from the power sector.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ED Announces the Distribution of \$21B in Pandemic Relief Aid for Colleges and Universities

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020, provides \$20.5 billion to public and nonprofit colleges and universities. Institutions can use the stimulus money for lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses, technology costs due to the shift to online learning, and financial aid for students.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Issues Final Rule Regulating Hemp Production

The new rule, issued on Jan. 19, will go into effect on March 22. NCSL has done an analysis for you.

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Did You Know? John F. Kennedy was the first president to have an inaugural poet—Robert Frost. Other inaugural poets include: Maya Angelou in 1993, Miller Williams in 1997, Elizabeth Alexander in 2009, Richard Blanco in 2013 and, most recently, Amanda Gorman in 2021.

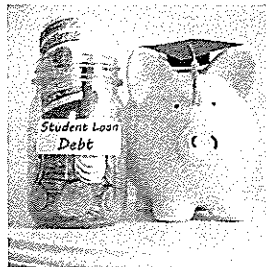
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DoD Releases Report on Defense Spending by State in Fiscal Year 2019

Defense spending rose in fiscal year 2019. The Department of Defense (DoD) contract obligations and payroll spending in the 50 states and the District of Columbia increased by \$64.3 billion, or 19%, over the prior year. This was driven by a 19% increase in DoD contract obligations. Personnel spending in the 50 states and the District of Columbia increased by 4%.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

College Scorecard Update Adds Loan Repayment Information

The update provides prospective students with information on how well borrowers from individual colleges and universities are progressing in repaying their federal student loans, as well as how overall borrower cohorts are faring at certain intervals in the repayment process. Later this year, the College Scorecard will be

updated to include a new metric—the year-over-year change in cost at each institution.

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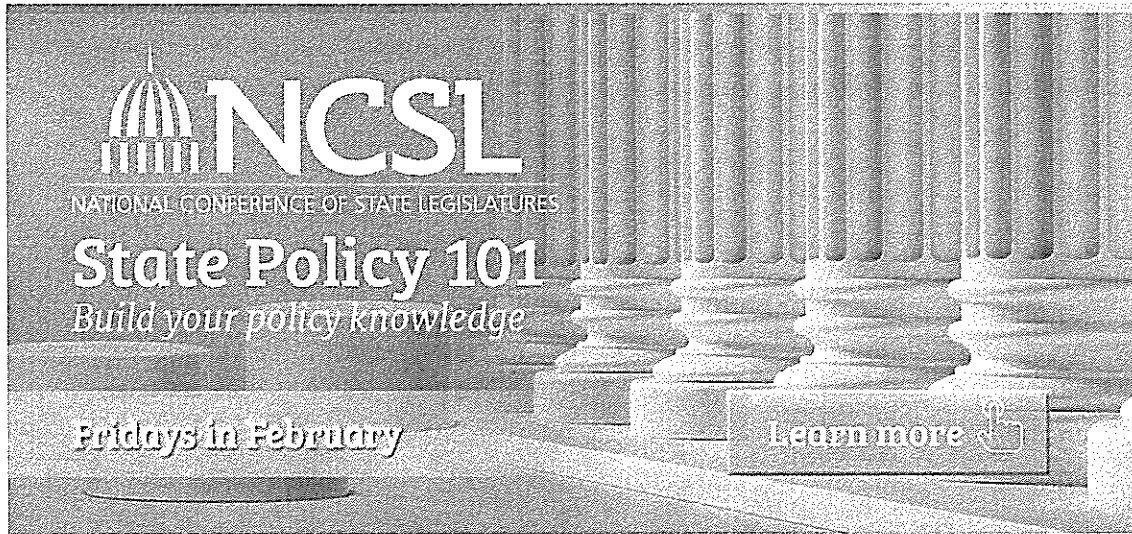
- **NCSL Recent Letters to the Hill and Blogs:** Read NCSL's most recent [correspondence](#) to members of Congress and the administration, and state-federal [blogs](#).
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Did You Know? During the 1953 inaugural parade, California cowboy Montie Montana [lassoed](#) President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the reviewing stands.

[Read the Jan. 11 Capitol to Capitol](#)

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Thank you for your response to my EMAIL. I have been racking my brain trying to figure how to respond to COME ON MAN Biden in a peaceful American way and come to a conclusion since they have taken away the one thing I had that was capable of making a difference was my vote. That no longer is an option because the democrats have corrected our voting system. So we have to turn to the STATE POLITICIANS TO FIGHT WASHINGTON FOR OUR COUNTRY. I'm having difficulty sending this Email you may get several emails sorry.

Carl Pollard
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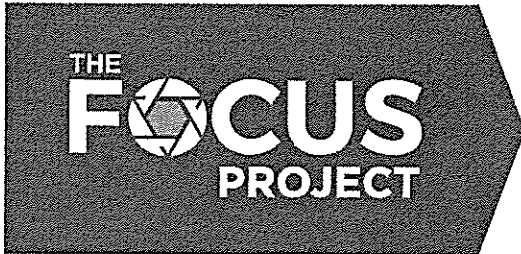
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A joint initiative of a broad coalition of U.S. Jewish community organizations

Biden Nominees Include Focus on Concerns of Jewish Americans and Supporters of Israel

Three-minute read:

- [Background](#)
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Background:

Confirmation hearings for Joe Biden's cabinet nominees, along with other official acts, have shown the administration's focus includes several areas of keen interest for both [American Jews](#) and supporters of [Israel](#).

In response to a question from the [Bipartisan Task Force](#) for Combating Anti-Semitism about "an alarming increase in domestic antisemitism and...extremism," Secretary of [Homeland Security](#) nominee [Alejandro Mayorkas](#) cited his nine family members killed in the Holocaust. He also noted his work "battling antisemitism in all forms" with the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Federation of North America's [Secure Community](#)

Network. Together with the Dept. of Homeland Security and FBI, the Director of National Intelligence, **Avril D. Haines**, will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the threat from domestic violent extremism in the U.S.

Secretary of State nominee **Antony Blinken** confirmed his positions that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and the U.S. should keep its embassy there. He reaffirmed commitments to the two-state solution and Israel's security, rejected the idea that Israel is a racist nation and applauded U.S.-brokered normalization deals between Arab countries and Israel. Blinken agreed that Iran is the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, recommitted to preventing it from acquiring a nuclear weapon and promised to consult with Israel, Gulf allies and Congress when seeking "a longer and stronger" nuclear agreement. A top U.S. military leader will visit Israel this week to discuss expanding Arab-Israel normalization to more countries and the likely reopening of U.S. negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program. National Security Advisor **Jake Sullivan** spoke about both issues with his Israeli counterpart last week. One Israeli news source reported the U.S. has already begun negotiations with Iran.

Mayorkas, Haines and Blinken are among the Jewish Americans President Biden nominated to key positions within the new administration.

Talking Points:

1. Statements from several of President Biden's nominees, along with some official government actions, demonstrate the president's commitment to address the rise of antisemitism in the U.S., as well as maintaining bipartisan support for Israel. Both the president and members of his team have reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to a two-state solution, maintaining the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem, consulting Israel early before the U.S. rejoins any potential nuclear agreement with Iran, and reducing both antisemitism and violent extremism in America.
2. Early signs hint that, on some issues, Biden's team could continue policies pursued by the Trump administration – while it may diverge on others. It is the privilege of all presidential administrations to establish their own strategies. Both the U.S. and Israel remain committed to strengthening the American-Israel alliance based on shared values and strategic interests.

3. Israel is a rare, unifying issue for Congress in today's highly partisan climate. The most recent national platforms for both Democrats and Republicans support Israel's right to self-defense, condemn the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against it, and uphold the necessity of Palestinians and Israelis directly negotiating peace. American aid to Israel advances American interests and strengthens the prospects for peace in the Middle East – that's why it has been a bedrock of American foreign policy for decades, under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Actions to consider:

1. Urge your reps in Congress to support the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, which would strengthen civil rights protections for Jews, Muslims and Sikhs based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics. These links can help you identify and contact your senators and representatives.
 2. Encourage new and incumbent senators and representatives to join their respective chambers' Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism.
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Stories to watch:

1. **Iran**: The Islamic Republic of Iran lost voting rights in the U.N. General Assembly, because it did not pay its dues. Former Middle East diplomat for Presidents Clinton and Obama, Amb. Dennis Ross proposed that instead of rejoining the Iran nuclear deal, the U.S. pursue a “less for less” agreement.
2. **Anti-Israel Covid vaccine conspiracy theory**: WHO expressed “concerns” about vaccine inequity between Israelis and Palestinians – despite Palestinian leaders having signed up to acquire vaccine doses through WHO's COVAX program instead of requesting them from Israel. In an interview, U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) spread the false claims that Israel denies the Covid vaccine to Palestinians.

3. **California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum:** The latest version applies the labels of “whiteness” and “privilege” only to Jews and no other ethnic groups. Jewish advocacy groups in California continue to work on these remaining issues that have not yet been addressed.
4. **IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism:** This feature explores why some people and groups criticize the definition that is being increasingly adopted by governments, universities and institutions.

In other news:

1. **Positive momentum from peace agreements between the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco and Israel continues.** Israel opened its embassy in the UAE – and reopened its liaison office to Morocco after 20 years. A Dubai-Israel partnership launched a \$100 million debt investment fund for tech companies across the Middle East. The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel will “exclude” Arabs from the UAE from its calls to boycott Israel.
2. Georgia Tech adopted the internationally accepted IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Its adoption settled a complaint that the university discriminated against a Jewish student by barring her from attending a “Palestine 101” event.

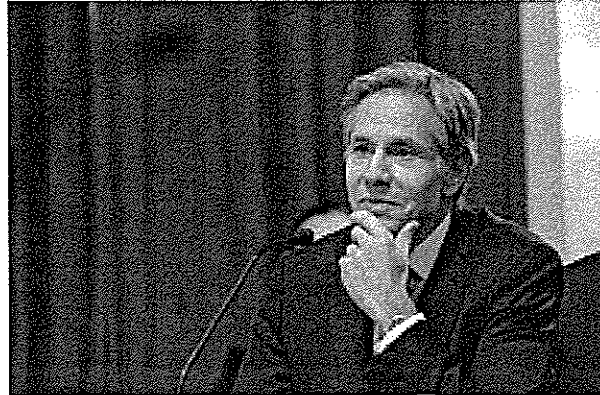
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Cabinet nominees have shown the Biden administration’s focus includes important issues for American Jews and supporters of Israel. From “battling antisemitism in all forms,” to continuing the success of the Abraham Accords and preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, the U.S. remains committed to

strengthening the American-Israel alliance based on shared values and strategic interests.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/religion-biden-cabinet/2021/01/22/ddee9e72-5c10-11eb-b8bd-ee36b1cd18bf_story.html



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<https://nypost.com/2021/01/19/blinken-commits-to-keeping-the-us-embassy-in-jerusalem/>



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<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/852/text>

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The Focus Project develops and distributes weekly talking points on timely issues to help influencers and organizations in their efforts to combat antisemitism and de-legitimization of Israel. The objective is to enable the community to speak with more consistency and focus, so that its messaging has greater resonance and reach with the general public.

We hope you will find this information useful in your writing and/or speaking, and we believe your feedback will be tremendously valuable.

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Subject: For Your Consideration
Attachments: Woodson_Worldclass_Schools.pdf

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Aloha Representative Hill,

I hope that this correspondence finds you well. As we enter the new year and overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, I am reaching out to you to ask for your help as a member of the education committee for your great state. I, alongside other state lawmakers from across the nation, will be submitting a letter to President Biden requesting his support for state-led efforts to catalyze action towards world-class public education for all. Legislators from a majority of states were also considering a world-class reform resolution, have introduced or passed a resolution, or they have started refinements that will lead to world-class public schools in their respective jurisdictions. Furthermore, some states have even already achieved internationally competitive public schools across all their counties.

We must act now before it is too late. If we truly desire that every child has more opportunity, if we want the United States of America to continue leading the world with American norms and values, then we must maximize every child's potential in this country now by providing world-class schools for all. Even if your state has decided to transition towards world-class schools, I am still humbly requesting your signature as an indication of support and solidarity. If you concur, please provide a copy of your electronic signature in an email granting permission to include it for the purpose of the attached letter. The signatures will be arranged in alphabetical order by last name.

If you would like to join these efforts, please confirm by **Thursday, February 4, 2021**. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Justin H. Woodson

Chair, Committee: Education

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I think I may have found a solution for David's driving issue. Under Missouri Revised Statute 304.032 it indicates that a person who has disabilities can drive a utility vehicle: No person shall operate a utility vehicle, as defined in section 301.010, upon the highways of this state, except as follows: (3) Utility vehicles operated by handicapped persons for short distances occasionally only on the state's secondary roads when operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset;". Further 301.010 defines a utility vehicle "(70) Utility vehicle, any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than eighty inches in width, measured from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim, with an unladen dry weight of three thousand five hundred pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, or maintenance purposed;". David's cart is outfitted, not for recreational golf use, but has the maintenance accessories instead.

I don't think the exception statute 304.034 covers anything except golf carts and motorized wheelchairs so it appears under the utility vehicle definition David can continue to drive his golf cart.

Denise Gould

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Igor Shalai

From: Keri Wolters
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General Laws
Trent, Curtis

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Duration: N/A

Location: House Hearing Room 1

Executive Session may follow: Yes

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From: Kempf, Sherri <Sherri.Kempf@governor.mo.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:31 PM
Subject: Governor Parson Announces Mass Vaccination, Targeted Vaccination Sites Across the State

Legislators,

Below is the most current press release from the Governor. The information should be helpful with calls you may be receiving.

Also, MOstopsCovid.com is the **official COVID 19 website**. The website is updated almost daily and is a valuable resource to get current information.

Please feel free to share the website and press releases with your constituents.

Best Regards,

Sherri Lurten Kempf
Office of Governor Michael Parson

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Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 20, 2020

Governor Parson Announces Mass Vaccination, Targeted Vaccination Sites Across the State

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Today during a briefing at the State Capitol, Governor Mike Parson announced that the Missouri National Guard will begin assisting the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and other state partners in establishing COVID-19 vaccination sites across the state.

A mass vaccination team will be assigned to each of Missouri's nine Highway Patrol regions.

"The Missouri National Guard is once again answering the call to help Missourians in time of need," said **Governor Parson**. "The purpose of these vaccination teams is to support our existing vaccinators and provide an additional vaccination source for eligible Missourians that may otherwise have a hard time receiving a vaccine."

The Missouri National Guard is providing teams of Soldiers and Airmen to assist in establishing and staffing mass vaccination and targeted vaccination sites. The National Guard will also be deploying administrative teams to assist local agencies and other providers with data backlogs.

Missouri National Guard mass vaccination teams consist of 30 support personnel, who provide assistance in the form of traffic control, administrative support, and data input. Targeted vaccination teams consist of four-person teams with one vaccinator and three support staff to assist with administrative duties. Administrative support teams consist of three personnel to assist providers with paperwork and data backlogs due to vaccination entry requirements.

"We are proud to be a small part of the whole-of-government effort to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to our fellow Missourians," said **Maj. Gen. Levon Cumpton, Missouri National Guard Adjutant General**. "This effort is truly a team effort, led by DHSS and consisting of multiple physicians, hospitals, pharmacies, clinics, local governments and others."

A mass vaccination site is scheduled to begin this week in the Southeastern region, and other sites will be operational in the remaining eight Highway Patrol regions by the end of January. These sites have the capability to provide up to 2,500 doses per day, per team. More details concerning dates and locations will be released once finalized.

Targeted vaccination sites provide vaccines to populations outside the reach of mass vaccination sites, as designated by DHSS. Target vaccination teams will work with clergies and community leaders in the Kansas City and St. Louis regions to vaccinate vulnerable populations. Teams staffing these sites have the capability to provide up to 160 doses per day, per team.

Vaccine supply remains extremely limited. Current demand for the vaccine far outweighs the current supply that the state is allotted by the federal government. These mass vaccination and target vaccination sites will ensure that vaccines are being administered as efficiently as possible and that every Missourian will have the opportunity to eventually receive a vaccine regardless of where they live.

Missourians are encouraged to visit [MoStopsCOVID.com](https://mostopsCOVID.com) to see the latest vaccine updates, find out when they are eligible for the vaccine, and locate available vaccinators in their area.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | [Facebook Event](#) @ 10:00 am | GNW PRIORITIES

2021 Priorities and why they are essential to NWMO

- Sustained funding for COVID-19 Recovery and Reopening of Regional and Community Assets
- Increase Full Access to Mental Health and Primary Care
- Support Innovation Within Rural Education-Early Childhood, K-12, Higher Education and Community
- Ensure End-of-the-Road Access to High-Speed Broadband

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | [Facebook Live](#) @ 12:00 pm | GOVERNOR MIKE PARSON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | [Facebook Live](#) @ 10:00 am | ROB DIXON,
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Igor Shalai

From: Mandara Meyers, Future Now <policy@futurenow.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Healthcare to Improve Lives in 2021

Dear Lawmaker:

Many of you returned to session this month as COVID rates continue to spike and communities struggle with the persistent health and economic impacts of this pandemic.

Even before the pandemic, lawmakers that ***prioritized quality, affordable healthcare*** made significant improvements: In 2020, 18 states passed critical healthcare policies from the America's Goals policy library to save lives and reduce costs, including expanding coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions and reducing insulin costs.

How will you advance policies in these next 100 days to address the immediate and long term healthcare crises and inequities?

Lawmakers from Kentucky to New York to North Dakota have already introduced policies from the America's Goals library to address longer-term healthcare needs like ensuring safe, low cost prescription drugs, stopping surprise billing, reducing

ethnic and racial disparities in healthcare through data collection and expanding affordable healthcare through a Medicaid buy-in plan.

What policies will you prioritize this session to improve people's lives? In the next several weeks, we will share more critical priorities from each of the seven America's Goals, including supporting good jobs, investing in children, protecting our democracy, and much more.

And as always, the Future Now team is available to help you identify robust legislative solutions, so reach out today for support.

Onward,
Mandara



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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:49 PM
To: bpmail@oa.mo.gov; House Procedures; Library.FiscalNotes@senate.mo.gov
Cc: Justin Hill; fiscal.note@lr.mo.gov
Subject: HJR 11 - Fiscal Note is now available.

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Igor Shalai

From: Matt Schlapp <Matt@conservative.org>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Justin Hill
Cc: Fred McGrath
Subject: Invite to Receive Award at CPAC

Dear Rep. Hill,

We'd like to recognize you at CPAC with an award for your exceptional voting record. The Conservative Political Action Conference ([CPAC](#)) is February 25-28 in Orlando, Florida this year and it's the first time we've held our annual conference outside the DC area.

The award is based on your votes scored in ACUF's recently released [2020 Ratings of Missouri](#). The award will be presented at a private reception for lawmakers on February 26.

More details are below.

We can't thank you enough for your conservative voting record and service to our country.

Matt

CPAC Lawmaker Reception

Where: Hyatt Regency Orlando

9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

When: Friday, February 26th, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Awards will be presented in the 5:00 p.m. hour during the reception.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Thomas Van Dean:

Email: tvandean@conservative.org

Questions: Please direct any questions to Zoe Reese:

Email: zreese@conservative.org

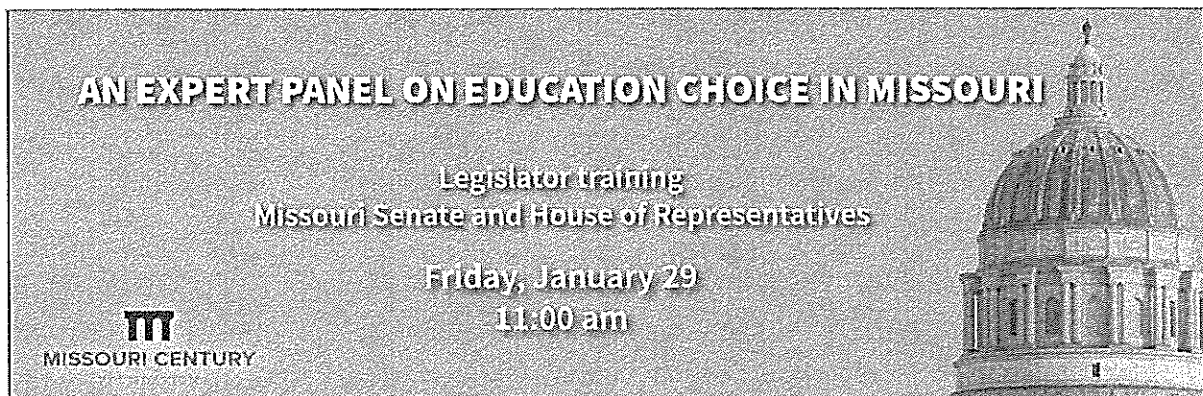
Guests at the reception: The circumstances surrounding the conference this year permit us to allow lawmakers to bring up to one (1) guest with them to the award reception.

Limited discounts: The Lawmaker Reception and award presentation are no cost to lawmakers and their guest. Lawmakers who qualified for awards are eligible for discounts from 80% to 90% depending on their scores. The discounts apply to one (1) **General Ticket – Overflow Ballroom** which provides access to other components of the conference. However, discounts are very limited this year and provided on a first come, first serve basis. To request a discount please reach out to Zoe Reese at zreese@conservative.org.

ACUF hosts CPAC, the world's largest gathering of conservatives, and is the only organization that produces scorecards for Congress and all 50 states in recognition of outstanding conservative lawmakers.

Igor Shalai


From: Show-Me Institute <newsletter@showmeinstitute.ccsend.com> on behalf of Show-Me Institute <zach.lawhorn@showmeopportunity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Legislator Training: Education Choice in Missouri



AN EXPERT PANEL ON EDUCATION CHOICE IN MISSOURI

Legislator training
Missouri Senate and House of Representatives

Friday, January 29
11:00 am


MISSOURI CENTURY

K-12 education in America looks radically different than it did a year ago—and many families didn't get a say. Join us **TODAY** at 11:00 AM for a virtual event featuring a panel of experts on Missouri education.

These presentations are designed to help policymakers better understand the school choice movement and make informed decisions about education at the state level.

[**Register Here**](#)

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Program Open

Dr. Susan Pendergrass

Director of Research and Education Policy at the Show-Me Institute

The ABCs of school choice: What types of programs exist, how do they work and which states have them?

Dr. Michael Q. McShane

Director of National Research at EdChoice

School choice programs: How are they administered and held accountable?

Jason Bedrick

Director of Policy at EdChoice

What, if any, Constitutional concerns should be considered?

Rachelle Engen
Educational Choice Fellow at Institute for Justice

How could school choice programs be tailored for Missouri and what would it mean for existing school funding?

Dr. James Shuls
Associate Professor at the University of Missouri - St. Louis

Question & Answer Session
Moderated by Dr. Susan Pendergrass

Program Close

Questions may be submitted prior to the event by emailing them to Zach.Lawhorn@ShowMeOpportunity.org and during the event via the Q&A feature on your Zoom screen.



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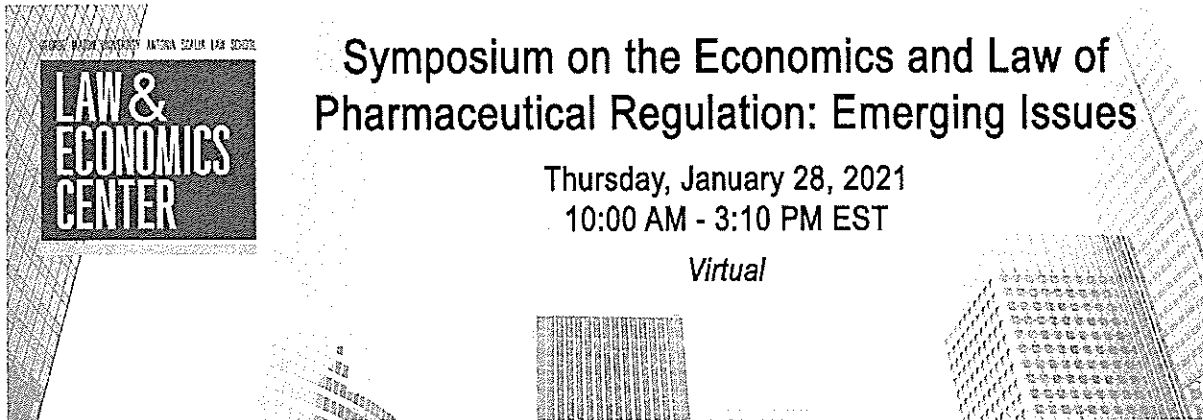
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From: Donald Kochan <MasonJEP@gmu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Join Us Online Tomorrow for the Economics and Law of Pharmaceutical Regulation: Emerging Issues



Join us TOMORROW for a virtual *Symposium on the Economics and Law of Pharmaceutical Regulation: Emerging Issues*, beginning at 10:00 AM ET.

Date: Thursday, January 28

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:10 PM EST

Register Now

Take a look at our [event agenda](#) to read about our scheduled panels for the day, and [click here](#) to register now!

With multiple companies creating a vaccine in record time, the COVID-19 pandemic has spotlighted the role pharmaceuticals and regulatory agencies play in combating an unseen opponent. Our reliance on a healthy pharmaceutical industry is nothing new, and questions of how to regulate pharmaceutical products, including their prices, have long been the subject of debate.

Recently, the Trump administration promised aggressive policing of drug prices through agency rulemakings and executive orders. Many states have also become more active than ever at imposing information and disclosure obligations purportedly designed to increase drug price transparency, imposing price controls of their own, and intervening to disrupt private bargains in patent settlement litigation in the name of consumer welfare.

Please join us for a timely discussion on these and other emerging issues in the economics and law of pharmaceutical regulation.



The symposium will feature a keynote lecture on the Economics of Pharmaceutical Drug Development & Regulation from [Kenneth I. Kaitin](#), Senior Fellow and former Director of the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our speakers!

For questions, please contact Aaron Fraser at masonjep@gmu.edu.

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From: Dan Stacy
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Dan Stacy
Subject: Join Us Tomorrow 7:00 AM or 8:00 PM for the Bible Project

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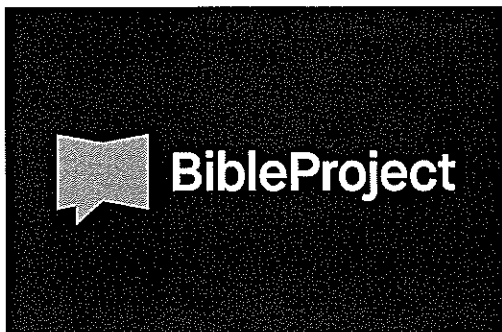
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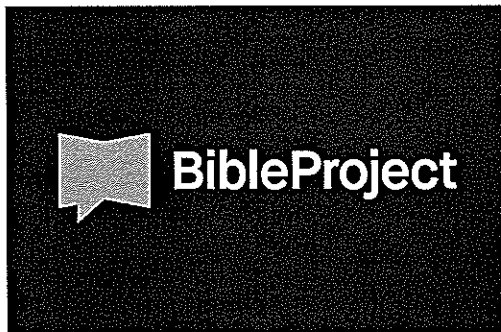
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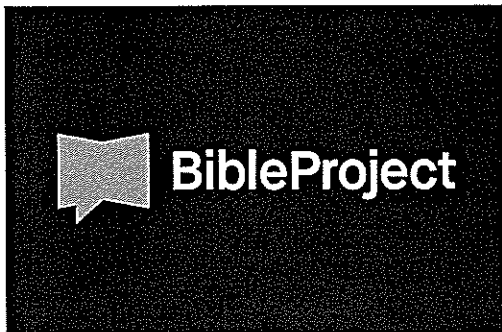
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Igor Shalai

From: Lavern Vickers <lvickers49@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Justin, Please help this Innocent man!!
Attachments: Victor Vickers.jpg; Order of Judge Torrence 7 27 2020.pdf

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Hello Justin,

I NEED YOUR HELP!! My son is innocent and was wrongfully convicted. Judge John M. Torrence has agreed that my son was wrongfully convicted and has even made a ruling overturning his conviction because of his innocence. But he is still in prison. I am desperately hoping that you could give me a few minutes of your time to help right the wrong that the judicial system has done to our family.

My son's name is Victor Vickers. He was granted a new trial under Rule 29.15 after Judge Torrence ruled that Victor's public defender was ineffective for failing to investigate and call his alibi witness at trial. The State's sole witness to the crime initially told police she did not know who the suspects were. Victor had evidence to prove that he was at home during the time of the crime, but was aggrieved by an underpaid and overworked public defender who never took the time to investigate his case. At the end of this email, I will include a link to a video that thoroughly outlines the details of his case and shows his innocence.

The reason Victor is still in prison is because the local prosecutor appealed the judge's order that overturned his conviction, and Missouri Supreme Court Rule 30.17 is unconstitutionally prohibiting his release on bond until the conclusion of the State's appeal. Rule 30.17 is completely unconstitutional. It deprives my son of his liberty without due process. Victor's conviction was overturned in July 2020, and his liberty should have been restored at that time. Shouldn't he be presumed innocent until proven guilty? Isn't this the land of the free? I'm reaching out to you because you have the power to right the injustice that my entire family is suffering because of my son's wrongful incarceration.

Rule 30.17 provides, "If an appeal is taken by the State, such an appeal shall not stay the operation of an order or judgment in favor of the defendant. If the judgment of the trial court is reversed, the defendant may be arrested upon a warrant and brought before the trial court for trial or for judgment or for such other proceedings as the case may require. This Rule 30.17 shall not apply to an appeal taken by the state from an order in a proceeding under Rule 24.035 or Rule 29.15, but in such a case, if the defendant is in custody, he shall remain in custody during the pendency of the appeal."

The Missouri Constitution provides that, the Supreme Court Rules "may not change substantive rights," and "any rule may be annulled or amended in whole or in part by a law limited to the purpose." Mo. Const. Art. V, § 5. The last sentence of Rule 30.17 denies a petitioner the substantive right to due process. As a member of our Missouri Congress, you have the power to amend the last sentence of Supreme Court Rule 30.17 to conform

with due process. The first two sentences of the Rule support Victor's release, then the last sentence automatically denies bail with no explanation.

Victor was granted post-conviction relief under Rule 29.15. If he had been granted relief under Rule 91 (which is basically identical to Rule 29.15 with a few procedural differences), he would have been immediately released from custody. Rule 91.14 provides that, "[i]f the person for whose relief a writ of habeas corpus has been issued is charged with a bailable offense, the court in which the answer is to be filed shall set conditions of release pursuant to Rule 33." The word "shall" makes release mandatory for a Rule 91 petitioner, and there is no reason Victor should be treated differently.

Furthermore, under federal law, a prevailing petitioner in Victor's situation is entitled to be released immediately after their conviction has been vacated, even when the Government appeals the decision. See Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that there is a presumption in favor of release for a prevailing petitioner in Victor's situation. See, *O' Brien v. O' Laughlin*, 557 U.S. 1301 (2009) and *Hilton v. Braunskill*, 481 U.S. 770 (1987).

"[T]he fundamental requirement of due process is the opportunity to be heard at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." *Conseco Fin. Servicing Corp. v. Mo. Dep't of Revenue*, 195 S.W.3d 410, 420 (Mo. banc 2006). The ending provision of Rule 30.17 violates due process because it deprives liberty without providing a chance to be heard. It just denies bail with no explanation, and for no legitimate reason.

So my question is...would you support a bill to amend Rule 30.17 by eliminating the automatic ban against release, and providing that a person in Victor's situation should at least be entitled to a bond hearing?

An amendment would have a minimal effect on community safety because Rule 29.15 relief is rarely granted. In addition, by requiring a hearing, such an amendment can still prohibit the release of defendants who are a danger to the community or a flight risk, while simultaneously allowing an innocent defendant to be restored to freedom after a judge overturns his/her conviction. Without an amendment to the Rule, an innocent man can remain in prison for additional years that he can never get back while a case is pending on appeal.

Here's a short video titled "Wrongfully Convicted - Victor Vickers", which details his case and his innocence (side note - this video was made BEFORE his conviction was vacated but the overview of the facts are thoroughly laid out here): <https://youtu.be/1ffrk7hHomU>

I really hope you can help, and I fervently pray that you have the compassion needed to make this positive change in the law. I am attaching the judge's order vacating Victor's conviction, and also a picture of my son so you can put a face with the name! I definitely appreciate your time and attention to this email, and I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Lavern Vickers

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Igor Shalai

From: Laurie Nicewaner <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Justin Hill



Dear Representative Justin Hill,

My name is Laurie Nicewaner and I live in Lake Saint Louis.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and businesses is a recipe for disaster.

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Going forward, I ask that you continue to study the momentous problems we face as a nation and that you begin to consider and explore various amendments that our state might propose at an Article V Convention. I also ask for your support at the ratification stage of the

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Thank you for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Laurie Nicewaner

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From: Angie Baker <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Justin Hill



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Angie Baker

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Igor Shalai

From: Keith Tippett <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:59 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Justin Hill



Dear Representative Justin Hill,

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To: Justin Hill
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Respectfully,

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From: Laurie Nicewaner <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Justin Hill



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STATELINE

Lawmakers move to strip governors' emergency powers

For this year's sessions, in at least half the states, Republicans and some Democrats have proposed limiting their governor's emergency powers in some way, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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Idaho House OKs plan to let lawmakers call special session

A constitutional amendment allowing the part-time Idaho Legislature to call itself into a special session passed the House on

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green light in 2018, which has proven key to surviving the pandemic financially.

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2020 workforce development enactments
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New Mexico governor signs bill to fund legislature, security

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has signed the first bill of the 2021 legislative session, which funds legislative operations in the state capitol, including an unprecedented amount of security spending in the wake of the Jan. 6 insurrection in Washington D.C.

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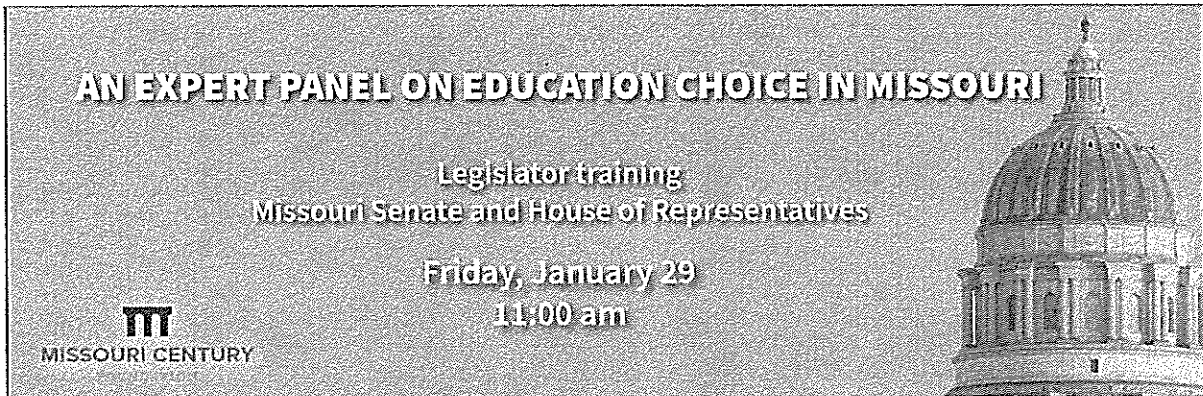
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Please see the attached press release from Leadership regarding the censorship of Representative Price.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Legislator Training: Education Choice in Missouri



K-12 education in America looks radically different than it did a year ago—and many families didn't get a say. Join us on Friday, January 29 at 11:00 AM for a virtual event featuring a panel of experts on Missouri education.

These presentations are designed to help policymakers better understand the school choice movement and make informed decisions about education at the state level.

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Program Open

Dr. Susan Pendergrass

Director of Research and Education Policy at the Show-Me Institute

The ABCs of school choice: What types of programs exist, how do they work and which states have them?

Dr. Michael Q. McShane

Director of National Research at EdChoice

School choice programs: How are they administered and held accountable?

Jason Bedrick

Director of Policy at EdChoice

What, if any, Constitutional concerns should be considered?

Rachelle Engen

Educational Choice Fellow at Institute for Justice

How could school choice programs be tailored for Missouri and what would it mean for existing school funding?

Dr. James Shuls

Associate Professor at the University of Missouri - St. Louis

Question & Answer Session

Moderated by Dr. Susan Pendergrass

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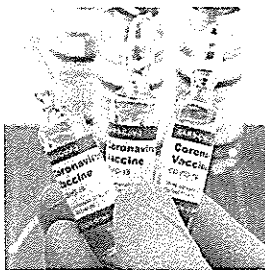
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A communication from NCSL

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COVID-19

Legislatures Inject Momentum Into Vaccination Efforts

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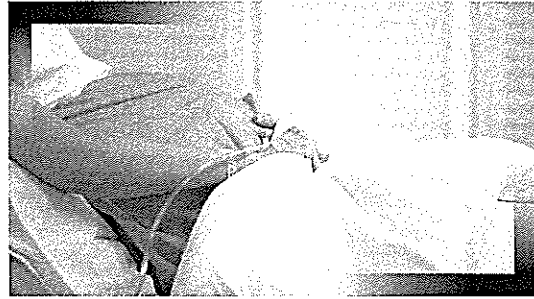


CRIMINAL JUSTICE

New Report Examines Probation Terms by State

Americans on probation serve terms of just under two years on average, but 9 in 10 people on probation for at least a year without being rearrested could have served shorter terms without impacting recidivism rates.

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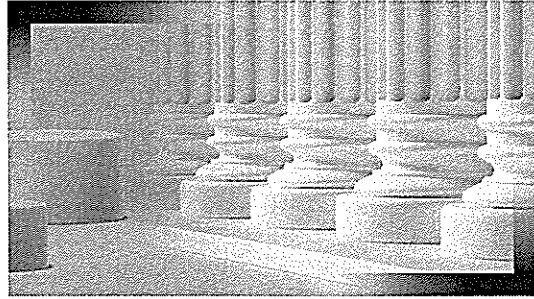


LEGISLATURES

Congress Expands Pell Grant Eligibility, Simplifies FAFSA

A new law expands eligibility for the Pell Grant program and makes federal financial aid easier to apply for. It could enable an additional 1.7 million college students to qualify for the maximum tuition-aid award each year and make another 555,000 students newly eligible.

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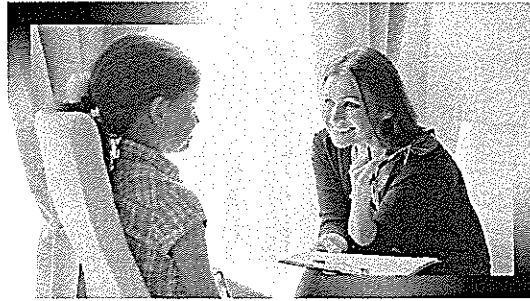


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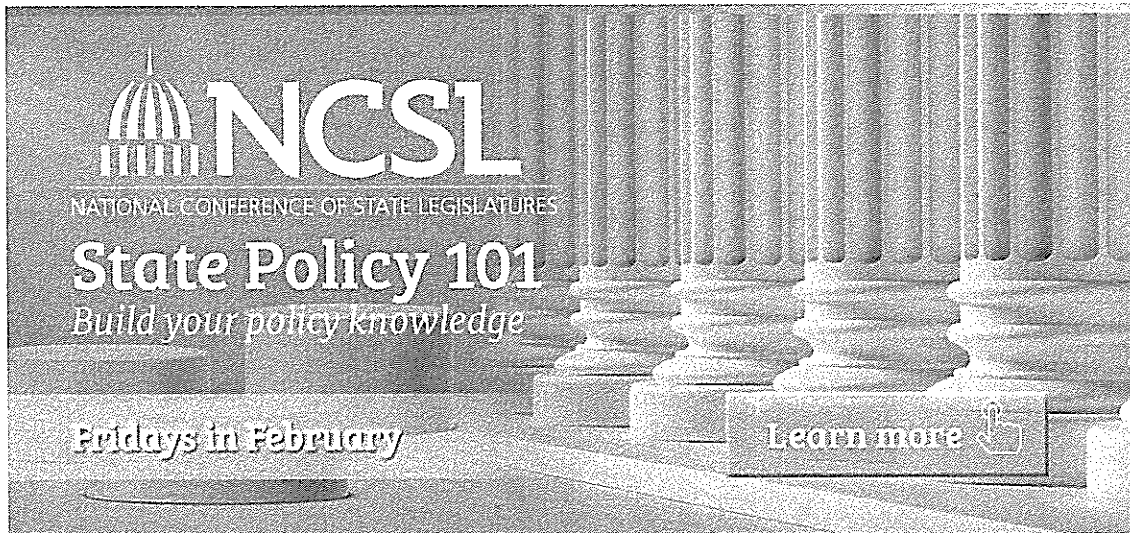


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Helping Schools Keep Kids Mentally Healthy

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To: Justin Hill
Subject: Marijuana disorder linked to self-harm, death; Tobacco, marijuana industries corrupt direct democracy; Delta-8-THC--Real? Psychoactive? Legal? More

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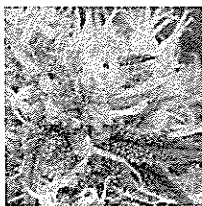
Association of cannabis use with self-harm and mortality risk among youth with mood disorders

Cynthia A. Contanella and colleagues at Ohio State University, the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and West Virginia University examined Ohio Medicaid claims data of 204,780 youth (ages 10-24) with a diagnosis of mood disorders between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2017. They were followed for up to 365 days from the diagnostic claim until the end of enrollment, the self-harm

event, or death.

The researchers found that cannabis use disorder was documented for 10.3% (21,040) of these youth. They conclude that “Cannabis use disorder is a common comorbidity and risk marker for self-harm, all-cause mortality, and death by unintentional overdose and homicide among youth with mood disorders. These findings should be considered as states contemplate legalizing medical and recreational marijuana, both of which are associated with increased cannabis use disorder.”

Read *JAMA Pediatrics* abstract [here](#).

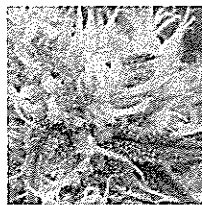


Intoxication by a synthetic cannabinoid (JWH-018) causes cognitive and psychomotor impairment in recreational cannabis users

Eef Lien Theunissen of Maastricht University in The Netherlands and colleagues at Goethe University of Frankfurt and the University of Freiburg, both in Germany, studied the effects of JWH-018 on humans.

They find that a relatively low dose of JWH-018 results in acute psychomotor and cognitive effects in users.

Read *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* abstract [here](#).



A conversation about delta-8-THC with National Families in Action’s Science Advisory Board

We received ads from Vida Optima (US) and Copper Mountain Hemp Traders (GA) wanting to sell us delta-8-THC gummies, candies, and vape cartridges. Puzzled, we wrote our Science Advisory Board asking, “Is delta-8-THC real? Is it psychoactive? Is it legal?” Here’s what they said:

Ryan Vandrey, PhD

Delta-8-THC products are becoming increasingly available and are sold in both retail stores and online. There is some confusion about the effects and legality of these products. Current evidence suggests that delta-8-THC is psychoactive and can produce effects that are very similar to delta-9-THC.

The legality of delta-8-THC is questionable due to competing language in different regulations. The Farm Bill explicitly states that anything derived from hemp, except delta-9-THC, is legal. The cannabis industry has latched onto this as justification that delta-8-THC products derived from hemp are legal.

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) does not explicitly mention delta-8-THC, but federal drug law has an “analogue” rule that essentially states that structural analogues of illicit drugs are also illegal. Delta-8-THC is an analogue of delta-9-THC. So, in essence there are contradictory federal rules regarding the legality of hemp-derived delta-8-THC.

Independent of how legality is interpreted, consumers should be aware that these products have the potential to produce strong drug effects, cause impairment, and have potential for abuse similar to products containing delta-9-THC.

Marilyn Huestis, PhD

I agree with everything Ryan said. DEA considers delta-8-THC as an analog (which it is), and it is not legal, but the language in the Farm Bill is very problematic.

Mahmoud ElSohly, PhD

Just to remind everyone that the DEA final rule confirms what the Farm Bill says as far as hemp derived compounds other than THC but adds “unless controlled elsewhere in the CSA.” Well, delta-8-THC is controlled, Schedule I, just like delta-9-THC. So, delta-8-THC is as illegal as delta-9-THC. No question.

Marilyn Huestis

Thanks, Mahmoud, but the public doesn’t know this as well as you do and is being suckered into the false advertising being distributed!

To learn more about delta-9 THC from our advisory board scientists, listen to the podcasts they recorded for us [here](#).

CBD



FDA withdraws pending CBD enforcement proposal

The Food and Drug Administration withdrew its proposal to regulate over-the-counter sales of CBD. It had sent the proposal to the White House Office of Management and Budget last July, but withdrew it after the Biden Administration sent a memo to all federal agencies asking them to withdraw all pending rules, a pro forma practice of new, incoming presidential administrations.

Read *Hemp Industry Daily* article [here](#).

VAPING



How health groups defeated Juul's effort to rewrite San Francisco's e-cigarette regulations

Dr. Stanton Glantz wrote a blog post about how the tobacco industry, like the marijuana industry, uses the ballot initiative process to take down measures regulators pass to protect the public's health.

In this case, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was already the first US jurisdiction to have passed a total ban on flavored tobacco products (except tobacco flavor). It also defeated a \$12 million ballot-initiative challenge by RJ Reynolds to overturn it.

Meanwhile, the federal Food and Drug Administration required e-cigarette makers to obtain FDA authorization of their products before legally being allowed to market them. But by March 2019, no e-cigarette maker had submitted such a proposal, so the San Francisco board passed a moratorium on the sale of e-cigarettes whose manufacturers had not received FDA premarket authorization. Following RJ Reynolds' example, Juul, which is based in San Francisco, sponsored a ballot measure to overturn the board's e-cigarette ban.

Titled "An Act to Prevent Youth Use of Vapor Products," Juul's \$15.5 million initiative contained several poison darts, including a requirement that any law promulgated by regulatory agencies like the board of supervisors must first be confirmed by a costly ballot initiative in which voters must approve the law. In such a David-vs-Goliath contest, it's one thing for a multi-billion-dollar industry to sponsor a ballot initiative, quite another for a taxpayer-funded agency to match industry's investment to defend its regulations.

Yet voters defeated Juul's initiative by 82 percent. Dr. Glantz credits this victory with the private support of Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes, or PAVE, who raised enough early funds to draw large donations from traditional public-health organizations. So, the battle became a \$15.5 million vs a \$7 million effort, but even with less than half the amount, the good guys won.

Epilogue

Last summer, California legislators passed a statewide ban on flavored tobacco products. Had Juul's ballot measure succeeded, public-health advocates feared its requirement that voters must approve regulatory laws via ballot initiatives would have applied to the statewide flavor ban. Now, the tobacco industry has managed to place yet another initiative on California's 2022 ballot to overturn the statewide ban on flavored tobacco. So far, this one is a \$21 million to zip battle (although the public-health community is like to contribute funds closer to 2022).

Remember this story the next time the marijuana industry invades your state to legalize marijuana for recreational use via a ballot initiative or, if you live in a legal state, to water down hard-fought-for regulations to reduce use, especially among kids.

Read Dr. Glantz's blog post [here](#).

Read *American Journal of Public Health* abstract [here](#).

Read Ballotpedia's summary of tobacco industry's ballot initiative to overturn California's ban on tobacco flavors [here](#).



The youth vaping epidemic: from science to public policy

The New York Academy of Sciences will hold a webinar called "The Youth Vaping Epidemic: From Science to Public Policy" on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Register [here](#).

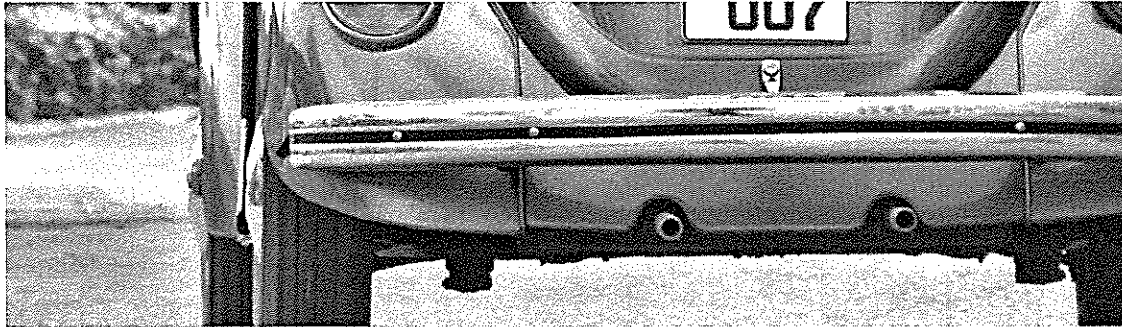


HEXO Operations Inc. voluntary product recall

A Canadian company is recalling three of its vape pens due to a defect in the hardware, which may cause the plastic shell to melt. The specific products being recalled are the HEXO Trainwreck All-in-One Disposable Pen, HEXO Blue Dream All-in-One Disposable Pen, and HEXO Durban All-in-One Disposable Pen.

Learn how to return recalled products for a refund, whether you bought them in a store or online, [here](#).

DRIVING



Drugged driving infographic

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has a useful, annotated infographic titled "What is Drugged Driving."

Access it [here](#).

but nevertheless the wondrous work of God.

In 1973 the Roe v Wade decision legalized abortion by anyone, for anyone, for any reason, at any age, up to birth. The battle to protect the lives of unborn babies actually began even before the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. Several states had passed laws legalizing some abortions. Pro-life groups and various churches were actively educating and organizing in the late 60s early 70s. The founders of Missouri Right to Life, then named Missouri Citizens for Life, actively traveled the state of Missouri to pull together these already existing pro-life groups into one organization. Missouri Right to Life began under its previous name officially in 1974.

Efforts in the beginning centered around a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution. When it became apparent that that was a futile effort due to lack of support in other states, Missouri Right to Life actively lobbied the legislature to pass pro-life laws that would protect children and vulnerable women from an unregulated abortion industry.

During the late 80s and 90s, pro-life legislation was stymied due to pro-abortion leadership in both Missouri chambers as well as in the Governor's office in the 90s. Due to a change in leadership, since 2002, great strides have been made in pro-life legislation in Missouri.

The numbers of abortions steadily increased from 1973 to 1980 with our highest total in Missouri being 21,671. With a few exceptions, the total has decreased every year since 1980.

January 1- November, 2020 – there were 39 abortions reported in Missouri.

2021 March for Life Will Be Virtual

As a result of the cancellation of the in-person 2021 March for Life, the Missouri Life Caravan is cancelling its trip to Washington, D.C. This is the first time since the first March for Life in 1974 that the March has been cancelled. Please pray for our country and all those who serve us. But especially pray for the babies and their mothers!

[Click here](#) to participate in the virtual March for Life. [Click here](#) for Roe v. Wade memorial events around the State of Missouri.

Legislative Update

Continue to pray for our Legislators as they make decisions on pro-life legislation in 2021. At this time there have been 408 bills and 31 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And there have been 825 bills and 65 various resolutions filed in the House.

[Click here](#) for the full update and information on all bills to watch.

Life Links

Abortion Activists Cheer Biden-Harris Inauguration: ‘Sexual Health Champions’

[Link](#) - If the applause of abortion activists is any indication, the new Biden administration will focus its efforts on abortion access – and expanding it.

Planned Parenthood CEO: Biden Sweeping Abortion Agenda Must Undo ‘Harm’ of Trump Pro-Life Policies

[Link](#) - The CEO of Planned Parenthood said she expects President-elect Joe Biden to immediately begin to undo the “harm” President Donald Trump has caused in America with his pro-life policies.

10 Years After The FBI Found Abortionist Kermit Gosnell’s House Of Horrors, It Could Still Happen Again

[Link](#) - It’s been 10 years since mass murderer Kermit Gosnell’s ‘House of Horrors’ was exposed. Sadly, Pennsylvania still hasn’t learned its lesson.

Abortion: The Issue That Will Not Die

[Link](#) - Another anniversary of Roe v. Wade is upon us. And in recent days, the pro-life movement has suffered some serious political setbacks.

Donald Trump: Roe v. Wade Was a ‘Constitutionally Flawed Ruling’

[Link](#) - President Trump declared January 22, 2021, National Sanctity of Human Life Day, calling for every human life — born and unborn — to be “protected, valued, and cherished.”

Biden Is Set to Reinstate U.S. Funding for Global Abortion

[Link](#) - According to reports, President Joe Biden shortly will issue an executive order reversing the Mexico City policy, which currently prevents U.S. aid money from funding groups that perform or promote abortion around the globe.

Appeals court revisits Texas ban on abortion procedure

[Link](#) - Texas should be allowed to halt a common second-trimester abortion procedure, the state’s lawyers told a federal appeals court Thursday in a hearing punctuated by debates over the pain felt by the unborn baby and the rights of women end the baby’s life.

National Right to Life Releases Eighth Annual Report: The State of Abortion in the United States

[Link](#) - In this eighth annual edition of this report, the nation’s oldest and largest pro-life organization summarizes key legislative developments on the state and federal level, and analyzes the data on the annual number of abortions in the United States.

Pro-Life Around the State

January 22 - Sedalia - Memorial Observance, 12 noon to 1:00 Pettis County Courthouse. Tolling of bells, prayer and marching around the courthouse. Gather on west steps of the courthouse.

January 22 - St. Louis - Memorial Observance, 12 noon, Downtown St. Louis: site of the equally infamous Dred Scott Decision, 11 N. Fourth Street, at the river side of the Old Court House. Former MRL President Pam Fichter will speak.

January 28-30 - Washington DC - Virtual March for Life.

January 29 - Kansas City - Western Region prayer vigil, 1:00-2:00 pm downtown across from the Federal Courthouse: 400 E 9th St.

January 29-30 - St. Joseph - Pregnant women are invited to Pregnancy Resource Clinic on January 29th and 30th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for free maternity clothes. Maternity Closet visits are by appointment only. Call Emily at 816-387-8090 by Wednesday, January 27th, to make an appointment. The Maternity Closet at PRC is located at 1502 N. 36th St. on the lower level.

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Virtual March for Life

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Legislative Update

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Life Links

On Abortion, the ‘Show Me’ State Shows the Way

Link - The number of abortions performed in Missouri has decreased significantly in recent years.

Poll: Most Americans Believe Abortion Should Be Limited to First 3 Months of Pregnancy

Link - Most Americans believe abortion should be limited to the first three months of pregnancy, if at all, according to a Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll released Wednesday.

House Republicans Seek to Save the Hyde Amendment from Pro-Abortion Democrats

Link - The House Republican Study Committee released a letter sent to congressional leaders pledging “to vote against any government funding bill that eliminates or weakens the Hyde Amendment or other current-law, pro-life appropriations provisions.”

Scalise and Wagner Reintroduce Born-Alive Act for 117th Congress

Link - “There should be no bill easier for Congress to pass than one that makes clear that killing newborn babies is wrong and will not be tolerated. Infants who are born alive after an abortion attempt should be given the same degree of care to preserve their life and health as would be given to any other newborn baby.” -Steve Rupp, President, Missouri Right to Life

New Poll Shows 80% of Millennials Oppose Abortions Up to Birth, 57% Oppose Roe v. Wade

Link - Students for Life of America released a new poll, a project of the organization’s Institute for Pro-Life Advancement, evaluating how the newest voters, Millennials and Gen Z (ages 18-34), view some of the cutting-edge policy discussions most timely in the debate over abortion.

Senator Hyde-Smith and Congressman Latta Reintroduce SAVE Moms and Babies Act

Link - U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) and Congressman Bob Latta (R-Ohio) reintroduced the Support and Value Expectant (SAVE) Moms and Babies Act that, if signed into law, would strengthen federal control over chemical abortion methods.

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January 30 - St. Louis - Jericho Walk at 10:00 a.m. Planned Parenthood Forest Park Blvd and Boyle Ave.

February 12 - Jefferson City - Missouri's Biggest Baby Shower. Donate Diapers, Wipes, Soaps and Lotions to the Pregnancy Help Center Collection point: PhC 1433 Southwest Blvd.

May 1 - Jefferson City - PhC 5k Walk/Run at Memorial Park, registration 8:30, Race 9:00. Call 573-644-6635 to join the planning committee. First meeting Feb. 16, 5:30.

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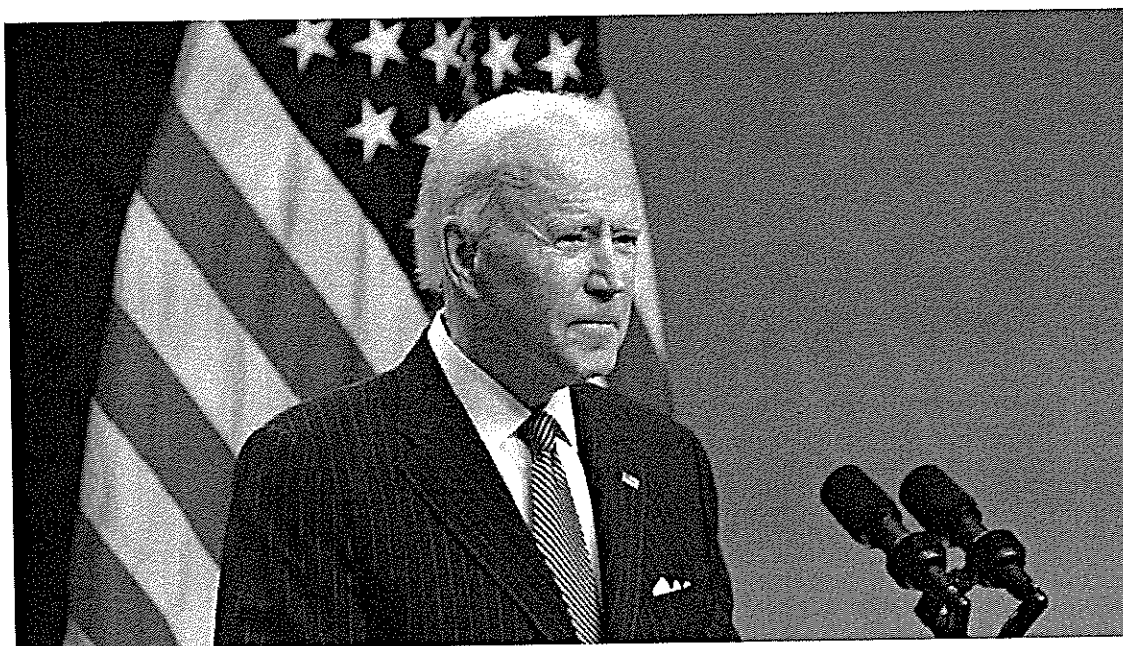
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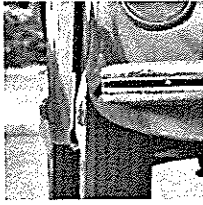
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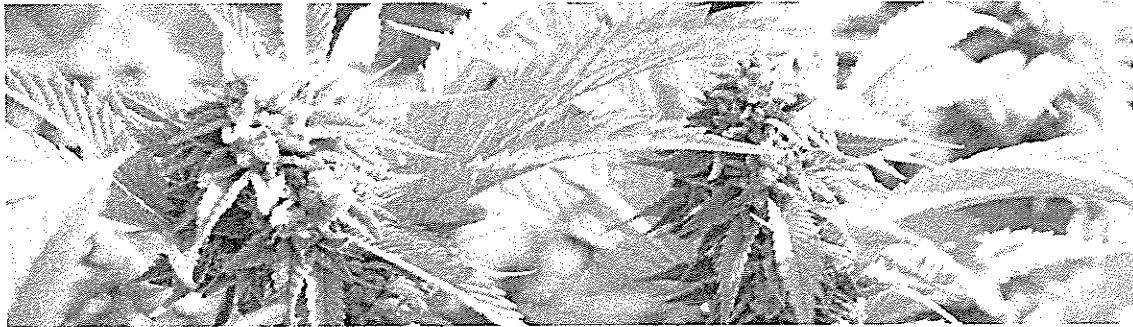
NIDA science spotlight- Cannabis effects on driving performance

NIDA also has posed a video with Dr. Marilyn Huestis showing the simulator she persuaded several federal agencies to allow her to use to test the impact of marijuana on driving ability.

Access the *NIDA* video [here](#).

Listen to Dr. Huestis on podcasts she recorded for National Families in Action discuss what her team found as a result of this ground-breaking study [here](#).

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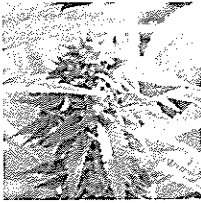


The state of cannabis: Local scorecards provide glimpse into California's 'wild west' patchwork of cannabis policies

Getting it Right from the Start at the Public Health Institute has released 157 scorecards to enable Californians to see how well, or not, their new marijuana ordinances are protecting youth and supporting social equity.

The organization found that 157 of the state's 539 cities and counties allow storefront sales of recreational marijuana. Of those, 34 "went backwards on smoke-free air" by allowing onsite consumption. Only one, Cathedral City, taxes products by the amount of THC concentration each contains.

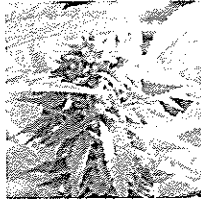
For more insight on the state of marijuana regulation in California access Getting It Right from the Start's press release and scorecards [here](#).



Notice regarding billboard advertisements on interstate and state highways

Here's the notice regulators sent to all licensed marijuana dispensaries in California regarding a recent court decision that bans all billboards on interstate and state highways that cross California's borders.

Read the *California Bureau of Cannabis Control Notice* [here](#).



Idaho senator pushes back on legalization with proposed psychoactive drug ban

Idaho Senator C. Scott Grow has proposed an amendment to the state constitution that would ban “the production, manufacture, transportation, sale, delivery, dispensing, distribution, possession, or use of a psychoactive drug.” The only exceptions would be drugs approved by FDA for marketing to the public.

The amendment needs the support of at least two-thirds of Idaho's House and Senate and then must be approved by voters in the 2022 election.

Senator Grow says he is offering his amendment because “Neighboring states have legalized controlled substances to the detriment of their children, families, and communities.”

Read *High Times* story [here](#).



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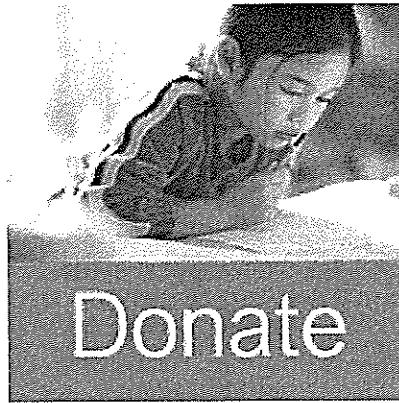
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Mr. Shalai,

The Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) will have members in the Capitol as part of our annual Legislative Day effort on Wednesday, January 27th.

One of my members, Erik Thompson of Silver Eagle Construction Products, Inc., is a constituent of your district. I am working to schedule small group meetings (not more than 4 individuals for our part) with various legislators - particularly looking to connect Representatives with their constituents while they are in the Capitol. I know that the House has cancelled business for this week due to the pandemic, but because our Legislative Day is next week, I am hoping to move forward on the presumption that the House will again be back in the Capitol next week. Obviously if they are not, any meeting we might schedule would automatically be cancelled. I have limited the overall capacity of our full group in the Capitol and I am scheduling meetings with more legislators than just leadership (which is usually our focus on this day), so that I can keep our meetings with legislators to no more than 4 of our members in any given meeting. If you would like it to be less than 4 members, I will accommodate whatever is the desire of the Rep. Our members will be following all necessary COVID protocols and would just appreciate 15-20 minutes of the Representative's time.

Would we be able to schedule something for perhaps 8:30 AM, 9 AM, 9:30 AM, 10 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM or 1 PM on Jan. 27th?

I appreciate your help in scheduling.

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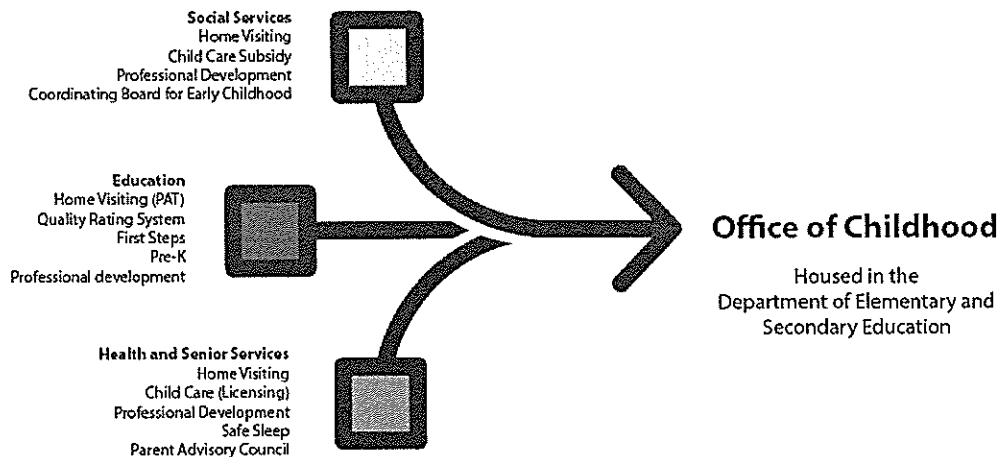
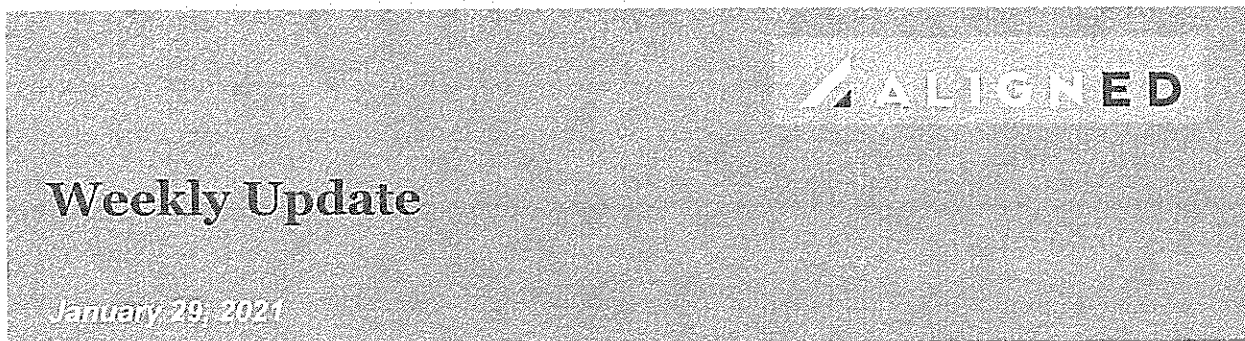
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Governor signs executive order establishing central office for all things childhood

Yesterday, Governor **Mike Parson** held a press conference and was joined by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education **Margie Vandeven**, Acting Director of Social Services **Jennifer Tidball**, and Director of Health and Senior Services **Dr. Randall Williams** to [announce plans](#) for the new **Office of Childhood**.

The governor signed Executive Order 2021-01 which establishes the **Office of Childhood** within the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**. This move consolidates functions currently spread across multiple departments into one central office.

Today, Missouri's early childhood is one of the least coordinated in the nation, ranking 45th overall by the **Bipartisan Policy Center**. This fragmentation makes it challenging for the state to deliver programs and services and results in unnecessary hardships for children, families, and early care and education providers.

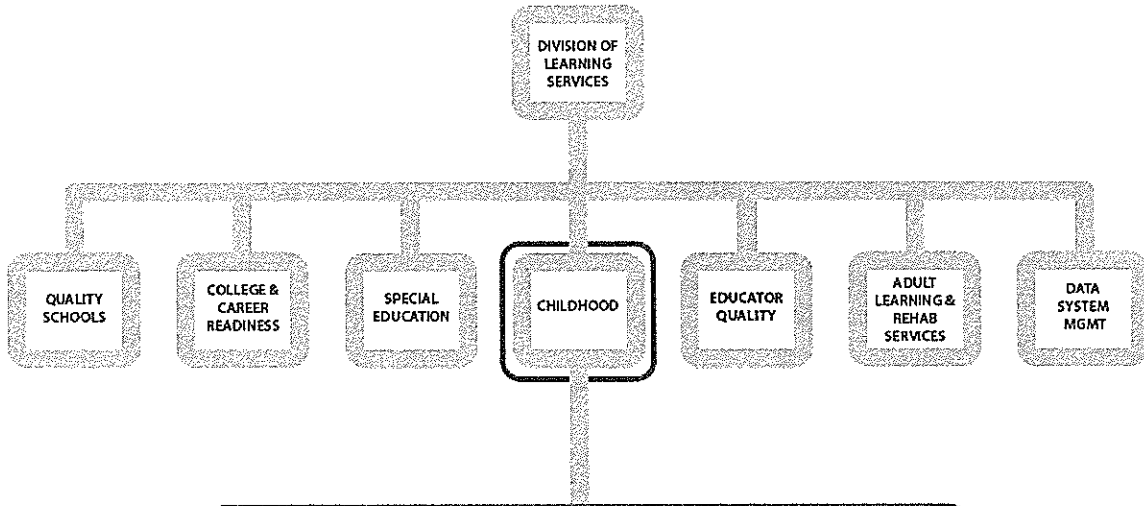
The **Office of the Governor** created a one-pager that explains why this move makes sense.

Aligned understands that a large portion of Missouri's workforce is made up of parents who need care for their children, before they reach school age and beyond, so they can maintain their own employment. We are not only investing in the workforce of now by supporting parents, but the workforce of the future, by ensuring our children enter school prepared to learn and succeed.

We will be working with stakeholders over the next six months to help ensure a smooth transition. The new **Office of Childhood** will become official on August 28th, 2021.

Below is an organization chart that illustrates where the **Office of Childhood** will live within the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** and the spending priorities that are in the Governor's **FY22 budget**.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



FY 22 Governor's Budget	
Early Childhood Special Education	\$214,969,127
Early Childhood Special Education Title I	\$31,411,225
Early Childhood Special Education Grant	\$27,000,000
Parents as Teachers	\$23,118,975
Home Visiting	\$8,345,500
Early Childhood Program	\$12,017,913
First Steps	\$60,312,710
School Age Afterschool Program	\$21,577,278
Community and Public Health Program	\$4,551,508
Child Care	\$257,215,310
Child Care Health Consultation Program	\$652,074
Child Care Improvement Program	\$436,675



Governor Parson breaks tradition and delivers annual address in Senate Chamber.
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Legislative Update

On Wednesday, despite a **COVID-19** outbreak derailing his plan to address a joint session of the General Assembly, Governor **Mike Parson** delivered his annual **State of the State** address. The Governor outlined his administration's response to the pandemic and gave an update on the state's vaccine roll-out. Following a recap of 2020, Governor Parson's speech focused on priorities for 2021:

- education and workforce development
- infrastructure, stronger communities
- health care
- government reform

Governor Parson also expressed his hope that the legislature will make COVID-19 liability protection and taxation of Internet sales (Wayfair) top priorities this session. The full text of the speech may be found here: [State of the State Address](#).

Click here to read the remainder of our [weekly Capitol report](#).

Budget Update

This Governor released his proposed **\$34.1 billion** operating budget for **FY2022** which includes **\$10.5 billion** in general revenue. The proposed budget is currently **\$3.9 billion** less than **FY2021**. Accordingly, both House and Senate committees began meeting this week to receive broad overviews of the various state departments and become familiar with the budget process. The **House Budget Committee** also met twice this week to receive an update on the **CARES Act** funding and how that is being distributed.

The full executive budget may be found here: [FY2022 Executive Budget](#).

Budget highlights we have identified are listed [here](#).

Education Update

Charter School Funding

On Tuesday, the **House Committee on Budget** conducted a public hearing on [HB 137](#), sponsored by Rep. **Doug Richey** (R-Excelsior Springs). This bill requires charter schools and each school district to include an annual independent audit to verify pupil residency. The bill also requires school districts to pay for each pupil attending a charter school in that district based on the formula established in the bill.

The provisions include all state aid and local aid received by the school district divided by the school district's total weighted average daily attendance and all charter schools within the school district. The bill defines "local aid" to include all local and county revenue received by the school district and charter schools within the school district, with specific examples and exclusions specified in the bill. School districts must calculate the amount of local aid owed to a charter school monthly and make timely payments to the charter school as outlined in the bill.

The **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** shall conduct an annual review of school districts' payments with measures for over and underpayment as outlined in the bill. This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022, and replaces the

current funding mechanism for charter schools, which will no longer apply after June 30, 2022.

The sponsor stated this legislation would allow for more manageable cash flow for districts that already operate charter schools and addresses equitable funding and the budget cliff facing charter schools.

Testifying in support were representatives from **Crossroads Charter Schools, Gordon Parks Elementary Charter School, Confluence Academies**, and a private citizen.

Testifying in opposition were representatives from **Kansas City School District, St. Louis Public School District, School District Administrators Association**, and **Missouri NEA**. Opponents noted specific tax levies in different school districts, which could make adding any additional tax levies difficult for school districts.

The committee took no further action on the measure.

Aligned Priorities

Competency Based Education Grant Program

The **Senate Education Committee** convened Tuesday afternoon to discuss **SB 33**, sponsored by Senator **Lauren Arthur** (D-Kansas City). The bill establishes the **Competency-Based Education Grant Program** to provide fund to eligible school districts for the purpose of providing competency-based education programs. Additionally, the bill creates the **Competency-Based Education Task Force** to study and develop competency-based education programs in public schools for the purpose to identify promising competency-based education programs and obstacles to implementing such programs and requires the task force to report their findings to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Joint Committee on Education, and the State Board of Education before December 1, every year.

Testifying in support were representatives from **Excellence in Education in Action, Aligned, Associated Industries of Missouri, Missouri NEA, and Missouri Alliance for Arts Education**.

No opposing testimony was recorded.

Show Me Success Diploma Program

The **Senate Education Committee** convened Tuesday afternoon to discuss SB 34, sponsored by Senator **Lauren Arthur** (D-Kansas City). The bill establishes the **Show Me Success Diploma Program** and creates an alternative pathway for high school students to graduate. Students will be able to earn the show me success diploma beginning at the end of a student's tenth grade year and requires the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** to develop detailed requirements for students to become eligible for the show me success diploma by July 1, 2022. The sponsor stated the intent of the bill is to provide students with flexibility and another alternative to earning a diploma.

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No opposing testimony was recorded.

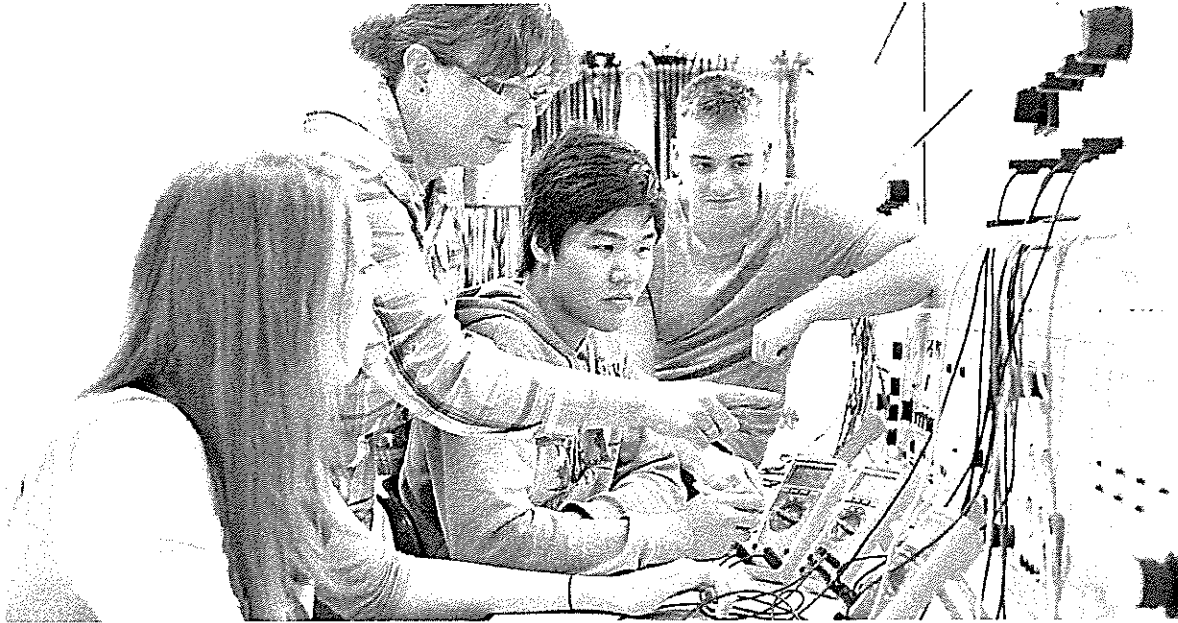
Local Sales Tax for Early Childhood

The **Senate Local Government Committee** convened Wednesday afternoon to discuss SB 123, sponsored by Senator **Lincoln Hough** (R-Springfield). The bill would allow municipalities to impose one or more sales taxes for purposes to be designated by the taxing jurisdiction, provided that the total combined rate of local sales taxes imposed by a taxing entity that is an incorporated city, town, or village shall not exceed 4.5%; the total combined rate of local sales taxes imposed by a county shall not exceed 3.25%; and for all other taxing jurisdictions, the total combined rate of sales taxes in any given taxing jurisdiction shall not exceed 3.25%. Such limits shall not apply to transient guest taxes or convention and tourism taxes. During bill presentation, the sponsor indicated this bill is an ongoing work in progress and has been filed to initiate a conversation.

Testifying in support were representatives from **Aligned, MO Retailers Association, and Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.**

No opposing testimony was provided.

[Click here for a schedule of upcoming hearings and our tracking report.](#)



Kansas News

Legislative Update

It was the first full week since the **2021 Legislative Session** began, and committees took advantage of each day to hear and act on dozens of bills. Lawmakers introduced 119 bills alone this week. Monday marks the deadline when all individual requests for bills must be completed.

Education policy received considerable attention as bills ranging from education savings accounts to expanding dual credits to all students received hearings.

Kansas Promise Act

Education committees are looking again at the **Kansas Promise Act**, which Governor **Laura Kelly** vetoed last session due to the legislation's cost. The **Senate Education Committee** introduced SB 43, which creates the **Kansas Promise Scholarship Act**. This proposal would provide post-secondary educational scholarships for high demand two-year associate degree programs, career and technical education certificates, and other stand-alone programs. The **House Commerce Committee** introduced HB 2182,

a similar bill with additional language requiring schools to provide insurance coverage for high school students participating in job training opportunities. Neither bill has received a hearing.

Aligned supports the Kansas Promise Act and its sister bill HB 2182 as one of our legislative priorities.

Dual Enrollment Bill

The **Senate Education Committee** heard testimony on SB 32, a bill that would authorize school districts to pay the tuition for a student's dual or concurrent enrollment in a post-secondary educational institution and require a tuition waiver for foster children dually or concurrently enrolled. Several organizations testified in support of this bill, including the **Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Chamber, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, Wichita Chamber, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Independent College Association, and Wichita Public Schools.**

Aligned supports the Dual Enrollment bill as one of our primary legislative priorities.

Next week in Kansas

We expect the **House K-12 Education Committee** to vote next week on HB 2068. This bill would amend the tax credit for low-income student's scholarship program act to expand student eligibility. This bill is identical to SB 61.

The **Senate Education Committee** will hold hearings on the following legislation:

- SB 63 expands the ACT college entrance exam and WorkKeys assessments to students enrolled in nonpublic schools.
- SB 51 requires the state department of education and the department for children and families to publish a Kansas foster care children academic report card.

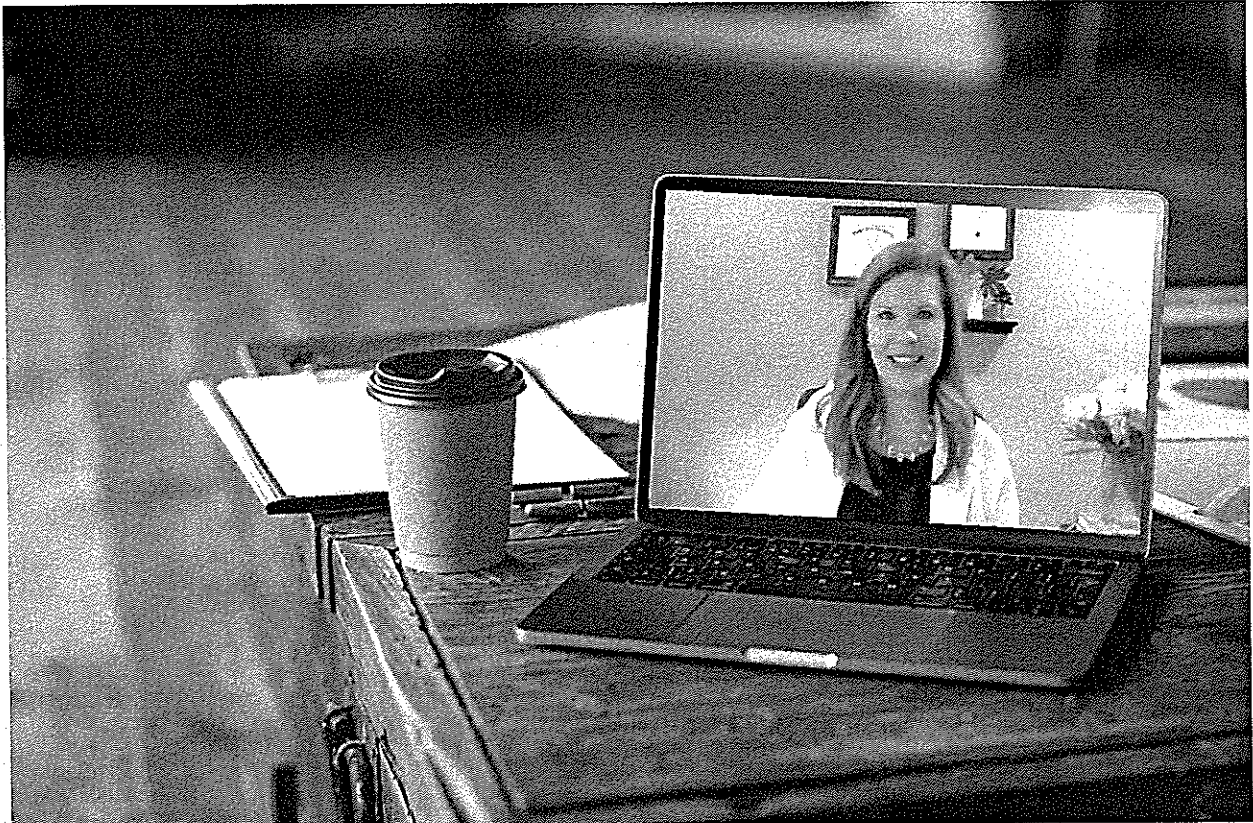
The **House Education Committee** will hold hearings on the following legislation:

- HB 2039 requires students to pass an American civics test to graduate with a high school diploma.

- HB 2119 creates the student empowerment act to provide an education savings account for academically at-risk students.

Next week's education schedule in the Kansas State Legislature

Aligned's 2021 Policy Priorities.



Biz leaders get scoop on hot education topics

Earlier today, Aligned's **Torree Pederson**, along with **School Smart Kansas City**, hosted a virtual BizEd Insiders event to explore the immediate needs and implications of **COVID-19** as well as the data that guides the definition of success. The goal is to use this unique opportunity to expedite the transformation of education.

Close to 30 business leaders attended and learned about teacher shortage solutions including **differentiated teacher pay**, and **alternative certification** and we highlighted areas enjoying momentum like **competency-based education**, **pre-K expansion**, **real-world learning**, and a **COVID-19 Relief Technology Fund**.

If you would like to attend next month's event on February 26th, please reach out to Torree Pederson directly at Torree@WeAreAligned.org.

What's next

The majority of our focus in the coming weeks will be presenting testimony on our Aligned Priority Agenda.

We have a full team of experts on staff and encourage you to reach out if you have ANY questions on what is happening in our state legislatures.

Have a wonderful weekend.

All the best,



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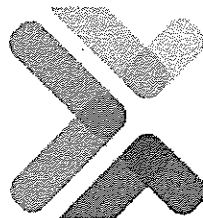
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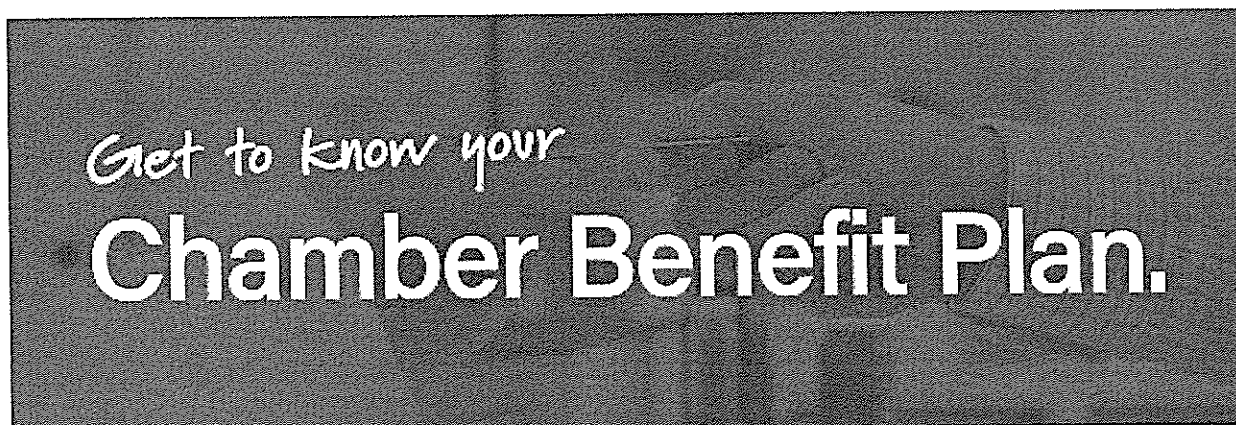
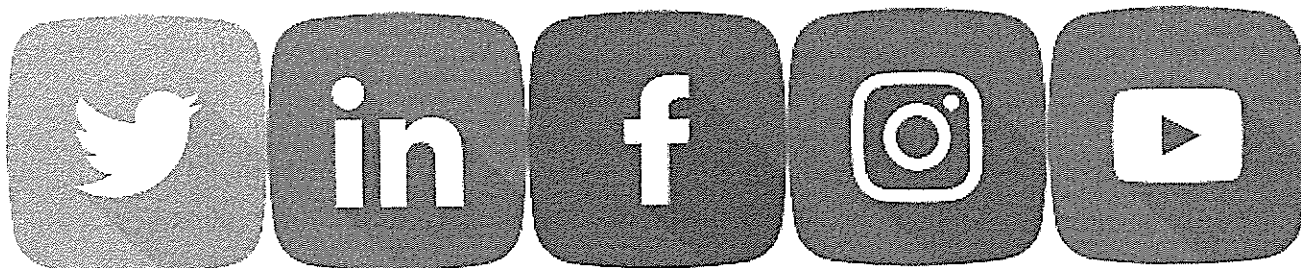
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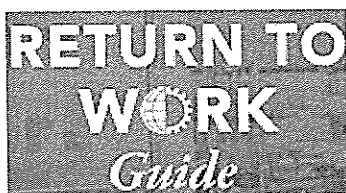
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Justin,

Thank you again, for your consideration in submitting this Op-Ed.

Let me know what you think. I would appreciate you keeping this between us.

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Brent P. Evans
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In August last year, voters approved an amendment to the Missouri constitution to expand Medicaid to persons from 19 to 64 years of age with an income level at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. That brings 230,000 new, able-bodied adults onto the state’s Medicaid program. I strongly opposed this expansion of the welfare system. The reality is this – we have a broken Medicaid system. Expanding that broken system makes no sense.

There are many good ideas for reforming Medicaid. But for me, the foundational reform – regardless of expansion – is to adopt work requirements for healthy, able-bodied adults.

Over the past several decades, welfare reformers have embraced this essential policy change. Former U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan embraced such reforms nearly a decade ago, noting “We don’t want to turn the safety net into a hammock that lulls able-bodied people to lives of dependency and complacency.” Under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, the Trump administration – three years ago this month – issued rules that permitted states to develop work requirement programs or job training for those on Medicaid.

Once President Trump greenlighted this change, nearly 20 states moved to implement these reforms, only to see this critical policy voided by lower

courts. Fortunately, the Supreme Court early last month agreed to review the Trump administration work requirement proposal, which should be heard this spring.

Asking citizens to take more personal responsibility is nothing new in our state. Missouri has required those receiving benefits to have skin in the game. Participants in the Children's Health Insurance Program are required to pay premiums and prove they do not have access to affordable insurance. Elders and disabled that are above certain incomes must "spend down" income and have asset limits to qualify for assistance. Persons who qualify for medical assistance under Ticket-To-Work must be employed.

Medicaid work requirements have been introduced in the General Assembly in the past, but these efforts did not successfully complete the legislative process. With the new Trump administration program requirements, which bring important "guard rails" of only targeting able-bodied adults and exempting children, elderly, pregnant women and people with disabilities, my fervent hope is that we can create a workable program in 2021. As the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Director Seema Verma put it, "People who participate in activities that increase their education and training are more likely to find sustainable employment, have higher earnings, a better quality of life, and, studies have shown, improve health outcomes"

But we have a couple of obstacles in our way. First, regardless of how the Supreme Court rules, we don't know what kind of conditions the new Biden Administration will put on these state waiver requests. But that unknown should not deter us from making good policy decisions during this year's legislative session.

And second, proponents of Medicaid expansion have argued that the amendment prohibits the general assembly from requiring newly eligible participants to have a shared responsibility for the benefits they receive. In short, they want participants to receive unlimited free health care with no strings attached. This shows how extreme the other party has become and how out of touch they are with everyday Missourians. Even Bill Clinton agreed to work requirements for people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits in 1996.

Their interpretation is misguided and wrong. What the constitution says is that "No greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment standards . . . shall be imposed . . . than on any other population eligible for medical assistance." It's clear to me that the state of Missouri can move forward with such a policy.

If you want to see the 800-pound gorilla that haunts Missouri's budget, you need not look any further than Medicaid. That's why reforming the Medicaid system requires reform of the whole Medicaid system. The newly eligible participants are now a part of the system. While we can't impose a greater

burden on those newly eligible, we need a system that emphasizes personal responsibility. When possible, participants should be required to share in the costs through premiums; should be required to be actively seeking employment and should have incentives to take responsibility for their lifestyle choices.

The choice is clear – we can expand a broken system or fix the entire system.

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Dear Rep. Hill,

Children and adolescents are shaped by early experiences – healthy development matters

Children develop in an environment of relationships that begins with their family, and their early experiences affect brain development. [i] A child's brain undergoes an amazing period of development from birth to age three, producing more than a million neural connections each second.[ii] In the early years, children's brains are creating neural connections to use for their lifetime. They are building attachment and self-regulation skills, which provide scaffolding for future experiences and growth.[iii] This creates a unique opportunity to promote healthy development and relationships as early in life as possible to produce better outcomes and decrease costs to individuals and society.[iv],[v] Early adolescence is another period of rapid brain development, during which youth are learning to regulate emotions, exercise greater executive functioning and experience greater autonomy.

We now know the part of the brain that governs decision making, abstract thinking, and problem solving is not fully developed until around age 26. During this period the brain is more wired for risk taking which can lead to an array of unhealthy behaviors and choices. Developmental science makes clear that adolescence is a period of life when young people can easily pivot from a positive to a negative trajectory, and back again. It shows also that relationships with family and caring adults are protective against various health risks and behaviors across all racial, ethnic and gender groups. Adverse childhood experiences can have negative effects on their health and well-being into adulthood. Such experiences include exposure to parental mood disorder, abuse or neglect, and family conflict and disruption.[vi],[vii] The impacts of adverse childhood experiences can be substantially buffered for children and adolescents by a stable and supportive relationship with a parent or caregiver.[viii]

Promoting Healthy Development through Parenting Interventions in Primary Care

- Primary care providers, by virtue of their frequent contact with families, are well positioned to provide healthy developmental and behavioral recommendations to all children, adolescents, and their families through supportive parenting programs. They also identify healthy development risks in children and provide access to resources to strengthen parents' capacity to nurture their children when needed.[ix]
- Parenting programs provide families with tools to promote healthy child development and strengthen parent-child relationships to position all children and adolescents for greater success in life and positive health outcomes, with key effects of parenting programs persisting well into adulthood.
- Research has shown that evidence-based parenting programs for all families can prevent and reduce children's behavioral health problems (often emerging early in life). Such programs offer consistent benefits for child physical and behavioral health through adolescence and into adulthood.[x],[xi],[xii],[xiii],[xi]

- Cost-benefit analyses of data from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy identified 15 family-focused prevention programs that produced economic benefits above and beyond the program costs.[xv],[xvi]

Policy Opportunities for Expanding Family-Focused Prevention Programs in Primary Care

- Allow payment for family-focused prevention programs in primary care through private insurance, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program in order to promote greater adoption of these family focused programs.
- Increase insurance coverage for these programs, in order to broaden their reach by allowing payment for:
 - Services delivered by trained and certified allied professionals such as psychologists, nurses, social workers, marriage and family therapists, behavioral health workers, mental health workers, community health workers, and parenting educators.
 - Services without the requirement of a child disorder diagnosis.
 - Services delivered to parents without the child/patient present, and as part of group settings.
- The flexibility described above would increase participation in family-focused prevention programs by helping to reduce the stigma associated with these critical services.[vii]
- These policy and practice initiatives can serve to make parenting education available, accessible, affordable and attractive to all parents and caregivers, and to substantially increase children’s wellbeing in all segments of society.

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Subject: Railroad Thievery- \$10,000 crossbucks X 40.

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SAYS :

RAIL/GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENT FOR VARIOUS CROSSBUCK CROSSINGS ON CENTRAL MIDLAND RAILWAY IN FRANKLIN & ST LOUIS COUNTIES

MEANS: NEW SIGN POSTS-NEW CROSSBUCK SIGNS-NEW YIELD SIGNS-THE TOO LITTLE BLUE SIGNS WITH CROSSING NUMBER AND EMERGENCY CONTACT-SOME REFLECTIVE TAPE ON SIGN POSTS-AND BOLTS TO CONNECT SIGNS TO POST. ALL COULDN'T BE \$500 W/LABOR PER SIGN X 2 SO \$1,000 PER CROSSING.

Total Project Cost: \$404,844

Total Federal Cost: \$323,875 (80%)

Meaning State Cost Not Given the rest. State cost is 10% per funding rules not 20%.

LOOKING AT THE 77 POSSIBLE CROSSINGS IN FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION RECORDS KEPT BY CROSSEYED BABOONS-WINOS-AND CLOWNS

<https://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/webaps/> ALL RECORDS FOR MISSOURI-SEARCH CMR

UNLESS DONE THE LAST YEAR THEY DIDN'T EVEN PUT IN THE YIELD SIGNS.
36 CROSSINGS NEED CLOSED IN FRA DATA THAT WOULDN'T APPLY.
21 CROSSINGS HAVE SIGNALS THAT DON'T NEED CROSSBUCKS/YIELD SIGNS.
20 PASSIVE CROSSINGS. THREE OF THOSE ARE WORTHLESS.
WORKS OUT TO LIKE \$20,000 PER CROSSING TIMES 40 . SO TWO SETS OF CROSSING GATES
DON'T GET ON THE 52 trains a day at 90 MPH PASSIVE CROSSINGS THESE ID-IO-TS IGNORE.
Central Midland Railway Company [CMR]
1 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.685430,-90.397951
FRA RATING: 203 0.026347 596307H CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS BAUR BLVD 0 0 0 0
0 XB 5 1 10 YES 2 6,510
2 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.737088,-90.461314
FRA RATING: 280 0.022715 596334E CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS CREVECOEUR MILL RD 0 0 0 0
0 XB 2 1 10 YES 2 7,170
3 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.714596,-90.430330
FRA RATING: 298 0.022127 596328B CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS DORSETT RD 0 0 0 0
0 GT 3 1 10 YES 5 16,006
4 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.463940,-90.892086
FRA RATING: 483 0.017022 596284D CMR MO FRANKLIN VILLA RIDGE W VILLA RIDGE RD 0 0 0 0
0 09/17 XB 1 1 10 YES 2 80
5 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.683404,-90.375954
FRA RATING: 574 0.015678 596317N CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS DIELMAN Road 0 0 0 0 0 01/17 GT
5 1 10 YES 4 5,986
6 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION bad (38.727314,-90.445972) Actual (38.727274, -
90.447030)
FRA RATING: 576 0.015665 596332R CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS MCKELVEY RD 0 0
0 0 0 FL 4 1 10 YES 2 7,294
McKelvey Road is railroad overpass. Old McKelvey Road to dog park. McKelvey Woods Court
7 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION (38.7233010,-90.4924010) Bad Actual (38.714998, -
90.494399) CLOSED AT LEAST 12 YEARS PER GOOGLE MAP AND RR MILE MARKERS.
FRA RATING: 586 0.015563 596341P CMRC MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS RIVER VALLEY DR. 0 0 0 0 0 XB
4 1 25 YES 2 1,000
8 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.707179,-90.421699
FRA RATING: 652 0.014631 596326M CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS ADIE Rd 0 0 0 0 0 FL
6 1 10 YES 2 3,520
HAS CROSSING GATES SINCE AT LEAST 2012. Inventory bad.
9 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.6111610,-90.2076120) ACTUAL 38.635269,-
90.182683. DATA BAD FOR DECADES. ACTUALLY TERMINAL RAILROAD WHICH IS A GATED
CROSSING. NEEDS CLOSED IN FRA DATA.
FRA RATING: 710 0.013934 595842R CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS BIDDLE AT BROADWY 0 0 0 0 0
NO 3 2 25 YES 2 940
430 0.017680 803368W TRRA MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS BIDDLE 0 0 0 0 0 GT 20 1 25 YES 2 1,040
10 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.686083,-90.394650
FRA RATING: 729 0.013670 596323S CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS WARSON RD 0 0 0 0
0 FL 5 1 10 YES 2 3,780
11 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.451990,-91.010606
FRA RATING: 751 0.013292 596299T CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION WASHINGTON St 0 0 0 0 0 GT 6 2
10 YES 2 5,170
JUST HAD WHOLE GATE SYSTEM STOLEN.
12 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.708050,-90.436982
FRA RATING: 762 0.013135 596306B CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS ADIE FEE FEE RD 0
0 0 0 0 XB 4 1 10 YES 2 500

13 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION Bad--(38.5191000,-90.2702030) NEEDS CLOSED IN FRA DATA. UP CROSSING WITH SAME BOGUS LATITUDE/LONGITUDE SHOWS CLOSED IN 2009. TRACKS DISAPPEAR INTO THE WOODS AT 38.682106,-90.372939
 FRA RATING: 818 0.012474 596319C CMR MO ST LOUIS OLIVETTE NORTH PRICE 0 0 0 0 0 NO 1 1 25 YES 2 2,000
 596320W MO UP Public At Grade Closed 0011.70 ST LOUIS ST LOUIS MIDWES LACKLAND ST. LOUIS NORTH PRICE

14 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.684439,-90.399236
 FRA RATING: 854 0.012118 596308P CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS RESEARCH Rd 0 0 0 0 0 XB 5 3 10 YES 2 500
 ROTTEN TRACK ENDS 100 YARDS FROM STREET. 5 TRAINS A DAY BOGUS.

15 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.707390,-90.436169
 FRA RATING: 875 0.011965 596305U CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS ADIE AT CHAFFEE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 3 1 10 YES 2 500
 ROTTEN TRACK ENDS 100 YARDS FROM STREET. 3 TRAINS A DAY BOGUS.

16 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.718472,-90.493464
 FRA RATING: 910 0.011552 596340H CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS CREVECOEURMILL RD 0 0 0 0 0 FL 2 1 10 YES 2 5,650

17 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.451454,-91.005585
 FRA RATING: 917 0.011522 596298L CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION CHURCH 0 0 0 0 0 FL 5 1 10 YES 2 2,650
 Just had gates installed and crossing light system stolen.

18 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD 38.6829990,-90.3746030 ACTUAL 38.681582,-90.397289 JUST A ROUGH SPOT IN THE ROAD WHICH NEEDS RIPPED OUT AND CROSSING CLOSED IN THE FRA DATA.
 FRA RATING: 940 0.011355 596310R CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS GATEWAY BLVD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 3 1 25 YES 2 500

19 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3510020,-91.5010300
 FRA RATING: 953 0.011283 595662T CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE MARVIN 0 0 0 0 0 XB 3 3 10 YES 2 670
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

20 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.649427,-90.671143
 FRA RATING: 981 0.011071 596264S CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD EATHERTON RD 0 0 0 0 0 GT 2 1 10 YES 2 7,620

21 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3575210,-91.4950710) ACTUAL (38.3557369,-91.4985891)
 FRA RATING: 1021 0.010703 595661L CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE OAK 0 0 0 0 0 XB 3 1 10 YES 2 571
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

22 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.4110570,-91.3144840) ACTUAL (38.402684,-91.3291633)
 FRA RATING: 1027 0.010659 595793W CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 YES 2 846 (STATE HWY Y)
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

23 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.6854550,-90.3918760 ???? ACTUAL 38.709719,-90.435142 NO CROSSING THERE. NEEDS CLOSED IN FRA DATA.
 FRA RATING: 1143 0.009928 596303F CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS N.LINE IND BLVD. 0 0 0 0 0 NO 2 1 25 YES 2 500

24 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.716307,-90.433726
 FRA RATING: 1146 0.009915 596329H CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS DELORD Rd 0 0 0 0 0 FL 5 1 10 YES 2 1,300

25 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4174770,-91.2431180
 FRA RATING: 1222 0.009232 595776F CMR MO FRANKLIN LESLIE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 2 10 YES 2 550
 ROUTE CC on FRA inventory. GPS sits on Shotwell Drive.
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS. Completely false railroad entry in 2016. 2 trains a day bogus. Should have been CMRC not CMR to start with.

26 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.4176100 -91.2542720) ACTUAL (38.423639, -91.266364)
 FRA RATING: 1356 0.008330 790134C CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD 0 0 0 0 0 FL 1 1 10 YES 2 5,181 (HWY 50)
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HIGHWAY. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 1 train a day bogus. \$100,000 worth of signal equipment just sitting there. 60 MPH traffic with hazmat trucks/buses stopping that don't see the popcorn box size exempt sign 15 feet from the track.

27 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.691661,-90.500631
 FRA RATING: 1380 0.008225 596349U CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD WATERWORKS ROAD 0 0 0 0 0 FL 5 1 10 YES 2 1,000

28 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3605080,-91.4890980) Actual (38.360011, -91.490593)
 FRA RATING: 1437 0.007921 595660E CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 YES 2 350 (OLD HWY 19?)
 CLOSE IT. NO TRACKS. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

29 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.6860310,-90.3961180) Actual 38.7103522,-90.422137
 FRA RATING: 1539 0.007279 595847A CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS WAGNER PLACE 0 0 0 0 0 NO 4 1 25 YES 2 100
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS PAVED OVER AND NO TRAINS FOR YEARS. Completely bogus inventory 2016.

30 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.6971020,-90.4142000 ??? ACTUAL 38.686546,-90.385049 JUST ROUGH SPOT IN ROAD. NEEDS YANKED OUT AND CLOSED IN FRA DATA. CROSSING 596313L INVENTORIED WRONG AS PRIVATE. 38.686705,-90.388062
 FRA RATING: 1540 0.007279 596312E CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS PAGE IND. CT. SO 0 0 0 0 0 NO 4 1 25 YES 2 100

31 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.710564,-90.432749
 FRA RATING: 1654 0.006723 596304M CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS SCHUETZ 0 0 0 0 0 08/17 GT 5 1 10 YES 2 4,000
 GATES 2017. Show on Google Map 2012.

32 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4198340,-91.1888580
 FRA RATING: 1678 0.006633 595771W CMRC MO FRANKLIN BEAUFORT 0 0 0 0 0 FL 2 2 10 YES 2 1,379
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS PAVED OVER. \$100,000 worth of crossing lights just making needless stops for buses and hazmat trucks. MO 185.

33 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.728199,-90.486093
 FRA RATING: 1681 0.006626 596339N CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS MARINE AVE 0 0 0 0 0 FL 1 1 10 YES 2 2,750
 OK

34 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3430600,-91.5087360) Actual (38.339686, -91.515506)
 FRA RATING: 1682 0.006616 595671S CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE 0 0 0 0 0 FL 3 1 10 YES 2 913 (State HWY Y)
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. 1/2 SIGNAL SYSTEM STOLEN. SIGNAL HOUSE LEFT.

35 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.689660,-90.506673
 FRA RATING: 1825 0.005891 596350N CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD RIVER VALLEY DR 0 0 0 0 0 FL 1 1 10 YES 2 2,000

36 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.682697,-90.523698
 FRA RATING: 1826 0.005891 596351V CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD HOG HOLLOW RD 0 0 0 0
 0 FL 1 2 10 YES 2 2,000
 OK. BALLAST WASN'T MAINTANED 2017.

37 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.654204,-90.699457) ACTUAL (38.645193,-
 90.699552) HAD YIELD SIGNS JUNE 2017.
 FRA RATING: 1850 0.005774 596266F CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD CENTAUR ROAD 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 1 1 10 YES 2 280

38 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.664911,-90.579802
 FRA RATING: 1881 0.005594 596256A CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD Baxter Rd 0 0 0 0 0 08/17
 GT 2 1 10 YES 2 2,310
 Says gates 08/17. Google map shows gates 2007.

39 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.450504,-90.995792
 FRA RATING: 1955 0.005307 596295R CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION OLD COUNTY FARM 0 0 0 0 0 XB
 1 1 10 YES 2 220

40 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.718365,-90.436782
 FRA RATING: 2020 0.005006 596330C CMR MO ST LOUIS MARYLAND HEIGHTS MILLWELL Rd 0 0
 0 0 0 08/17 FL 5 1 10 YES 2 1,300
 SAYS FLASHING LIGHTS 08/17. Google map has flashing lights 06/2012.

41 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3480070,-91.5021290
 FRA RATING: 2034 0.004946 595664G CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE SEARS AVE 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 3 2 10 YES 2 60
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

42 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4187130,-91.2310180
 FRA RATING: 2072 0.004788 595775Y CMRC MO FRANKLIN LESLIE LESLIE ROAD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1
 10 NO 2 412 (RENNART AVE)
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

43 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.6829990,-90.3746030) NOT ST.LOUIS
 STREET. BOGUS CROSSING. CLOSE IN FRA DATA.
 FRA RATING: 2159 0.004482 596321D CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS 0 0 0 0 0 XB 5 3 25 NO 1 100
 CLOSE IT. BOGUS CROSSING HANDED OFF BY UNION PACIFIC 3 YEARS AGO. NO STREET NAME
 AND LATITUDE/LONGITUDE BAD.

44 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.454995,-91.021995) ACTUALLY (38.454618,
 -91.021873)
 FRA RATING: 2178 0.004394 972895E CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION West Park Rd 0 0 0 0 0 HS 2 1 10
 YES 2 1,200
 NO (HS) HIGHWAY SIGNALS. INVENTORY BAD.

45 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.660428,-90.618069
 FRA RATING: 2189 0.004368 596259V CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD LONG RD 0 0 0 0 0 08/17
 GT 1 1 10 YES 2 2,970
 GATES 2017. SIGNAL SYSTEM STOLEN. NO SHOW ON STATE STIPS.

46 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.665422,-90.632291
 FRA RATING: 2260 0.004018 596261W CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD Edison Ave 0 0 0 0 0 SS 1 1
 10 YES 2 100

47 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.666792,-90.634798
 FRA RATING: 2262 0.004018 596260P CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD Goddard Ave 0 0 0 0 0 XB 1
 1 10 YES 2 100

48 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4179120,-91.2361530
 FRA RATING: 2332 0.003712 595779B CMRC MO FRANKLIN LESLIE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 YES 2 40
 (MAIN STREET)
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 1 train a day bogus.

49 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.471282,-90.887148
 FRA RATING: 2381 0.003573 596283W CMR MO FRANKLIN VILLA RIDGE Highway M 0 0 0 0 0 09/17
 GT 1 1 10 YES 2 1,813
 GATES 1982. Paper downgrade 1 day in 2017 makes it look like gate upgrade. Scheduled for gates again in two years.

50 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.735187,-90.465941
 FRA RATING: 2416 0.003372 596336T CMR MO ST LOUIS ST LOUIS Prichard Farm Rd 0 0 0 0 0 GT 2 2
 10 NO 2 100

51 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4197010,-91.2243880
 FRA RATING: 2424 0.003351 595794D CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD MAIN 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 3 10 YES
 2 30 (LESLIE MAIN)
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

52 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3439220,-91.5079800
 FRA RATING: 2504 0.003088 595667C CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE NO 7TH 0 0 0 0 0 XB 3
 1 10 NO 2 80
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

53 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3490220,-91.5016400
 FRA RATING: 2533 0.002943 595663A CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE MCFADDEN 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 3 4 10 NO 2 70
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

54 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.529293,-90.850020
 FRA RATING: 2543 0.002899 596273R CMR MO FRANKLIN VILLA RIDGE WASHINGTON 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 1 1 10 YES 2 40
 IN Labadie.

55 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD 38.3876530,-91.3858570 ACTUAL (38.387584, -
 91.390298)
 FRA RATING: 2627 0.002616 595650Y CMRC MO GASCONADE ROSEBUD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 3 10 YES 2
 15 (COUNTY ROAD 340)
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

56 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.446721,-90.907017
 FRA RATING: 2628 0.002616 596287Y CMR MO FRANKLIN VILLA RIDGE HILL TOP ROAD 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 1 1 10 YES 2 30

57 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.450644,-90.998557
 FRA RATING: 2629 0.002616 596296X CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION ST LOUIS ROCK Road 0 0 0 0 0 XB
 1 1 10 YES 2 30

58 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.4065360,-91.3230590) Actual (38.400836,-
 91.331995)
 FRA RATING: 2717 0.002262 595795K CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD PINE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 3 10 YES 2
 10
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

59 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3413810,-91.5123750
 FRA RATING: 2754 0.002169 595670K CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE KUHNE RD. 0 0 0 0 0
 XB 3 1 10 NO 2 30
 CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

60 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4178660,-91.2364500
 FRA RATING: 2777 0.002079 595778U CMRC MO FRANKLIN LESLIE LESLIE ROAD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 2
 10 NO 2 40 (MAIN STREET LESLIE)
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61 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3961070,-91.3535390) ACTUAL 38.395639,-
 91.354383
 FRA RATING: 2814 0.001873 595797Y CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 30 (W.

SPRINGFIELD ROAD)

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

62 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.675468,-90.541064

FRA RATING: 2818 0.001847 596353J CMR MO ST LOUIS CHESTERFIELD CITY WATERWRKS RD 0 0 0 0 FL 1 1 10 YES 2 100 (Google Map Cordovan Commons Pkwy)

STREET NAME WRONG.

63 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3890460,-91.37664000) 0084.23???

FRA RATING: 2865 0.001754 595649E CMRC MO GASCONADE ROSEBUD 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 25

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

64 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION BAD (38.3396610,-91.5085750) ACTUAL (38.319414,-91.538855)

FRA RATING: 2874 0.001688 595674M CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE MEYER RD. 0 0 0 0 XB 3 1 10 NO 2 15 (MEYER ROAD BLAND MO)

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

65 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4178240,-91.2014540

FRA RATING: 2890 0.001617 595773K CMR MO FRANKLIN BEAUFORT GREENSTREET RD 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 20

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. 2 trains a day bogus. Union Pacific handed off crossing to CMR in 2016. Should have been CMRC for years.

66 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.443313,-90.943442

FRA RATING: 2915 0.001457 596291N CMR MO FRANKLIN VILLA RIDGE Echo Valley Road 0 0 0 0 XB 1 1 10 NO 2 30

67 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3424000,-91.5106580

FRA RATING: 2916 0.001457 595669R CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE KOSARK RD. 0 0 0 0 XB 3 1 10 NO 2 10

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

68 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.457909,-91.023897

FRA RATING: 2917 0.001457 596301S CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION Independence Drive 0 0 0 0 XB 1 2 10 NO 2 30

Road is paved. Traffic count a few 1,000 off.

69 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.553204,-90.810480

FRA RATING: 2960 0.001278 596270V CMR MO FRANKLIN CHESTERFIELD DAVIS 0 0 0 0 XB 1 1 12 NO 2 20

70 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3961750,-91.3397600

FRA RATING: 2964 0.001258 595796S CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 1 10 Industrial Dr 38.395426, -91.340688

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 19 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

71 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3733410,-91.4576190

FRA RATING: 2965 0.001258 595657W CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE RUEGGE RD. 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 10

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

72 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4191130,-91.1709590

FRA RATING: 2966 0.001258 595768N CMR MO FRANKLIN BEAUFORT BUTH LANE 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 10

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. Handed off from Union Pacific in 2006. 2 trains a day bogus. 2016 inventory completely bogus. Should have been CMRC for years.

73 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.4219320,-91.2987900 ??? 0079.20

FRA RATING: 2967 0.001258 595790B CMRC MO FRANKLIN GERALD 0 0 0 0 XB 2 1 10 NO 2 10

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 2 trains a day bogus.

74 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.3451730,-91.5056610

FRA RATING: 2995 0.001134 595665N CMRC MO GASCONADE OWENSVILLE 5TH ST. 0 0 0 0 XB 3

1 10 NO 2 5

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE GONE. NO INVENTORY FOR 18 YEARS. 3 trains a day bogus.

75 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.428266,-91.097899

FRA RATING: 3145 0.000304 595760J CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION Hwy EE 0 0 0 0 0 XB 0 1 10 YES 2 858

CLOSE IT. TRACKS ARE TRASH AND NEED RIPPED OUT AND CLOSED IN FRA DATA. Hwy Ee Beaufort, MO 63013

76 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.440185,-91.087153

FRA RATING: 3146 0.000304 595755M CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION JEFFRIESBURG RD 0 0 0 0 0 XB 0 1 10 YES 2 40

77 ++++++ GOOGLE MAP LOCATION 38.445101,-91.040311

FRA RATING: 3181 0.000304 595747V CMR MO FRANKLIN UNION Judith Springs 0 0 0 0 0 XB 0 1 10 YES 2 30

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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/12/08/2014-28658/missouri-central-railroad-company-abandonment-exemption-in-cass-pettis-benton-morgan-miller-cole>

MP 71.6

<https://www.progressiverail.com/>

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Parent Company PGR

Surface transportation closed 6 years ago still open in FRA data.

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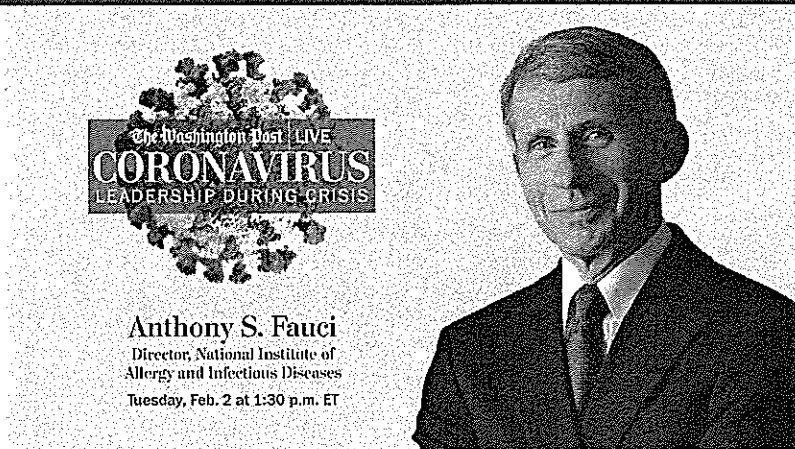
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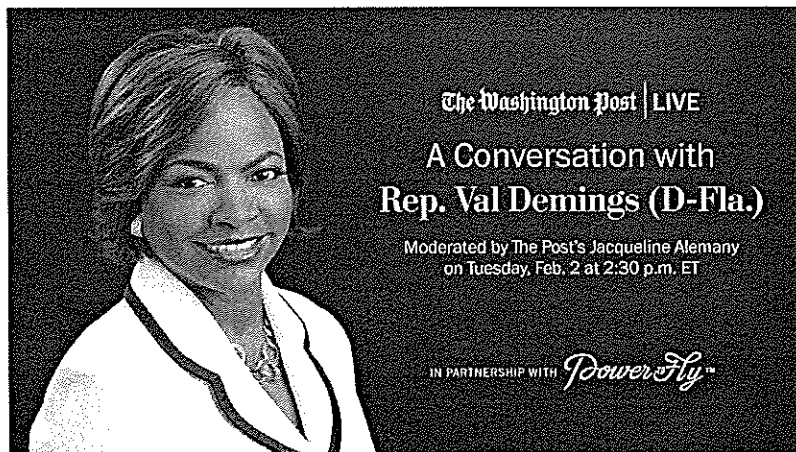


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Coronavirus: Leadership During Crisis

Anthony S. Fauci, MD

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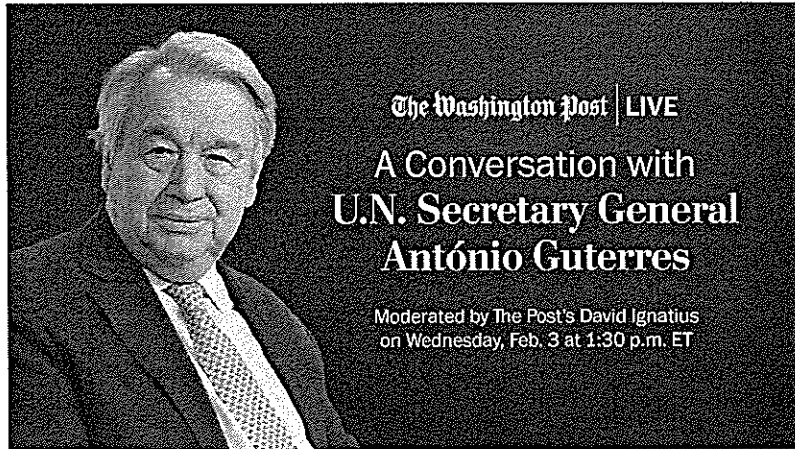
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A Conversation with Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.)

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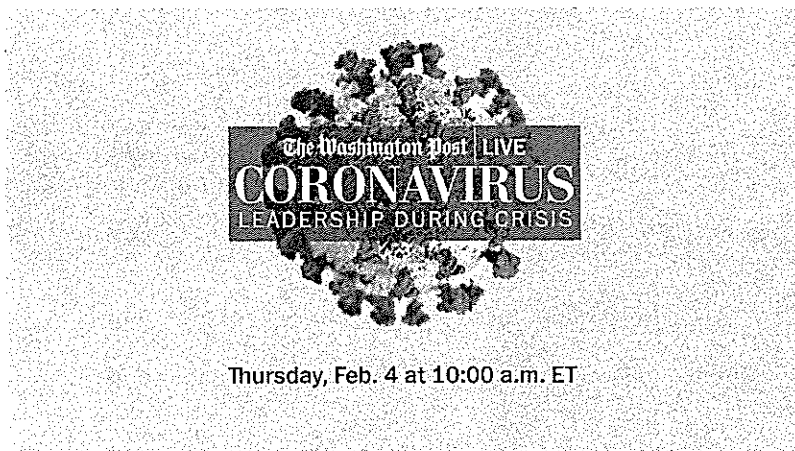
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Coronavirus: Leadership During Crisis

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D)

Jake Wood, Co-Founder & CEO, Team Rubicon

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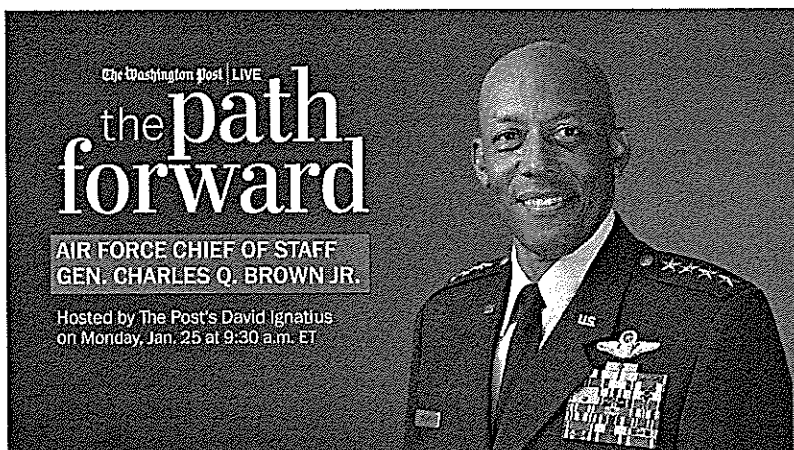
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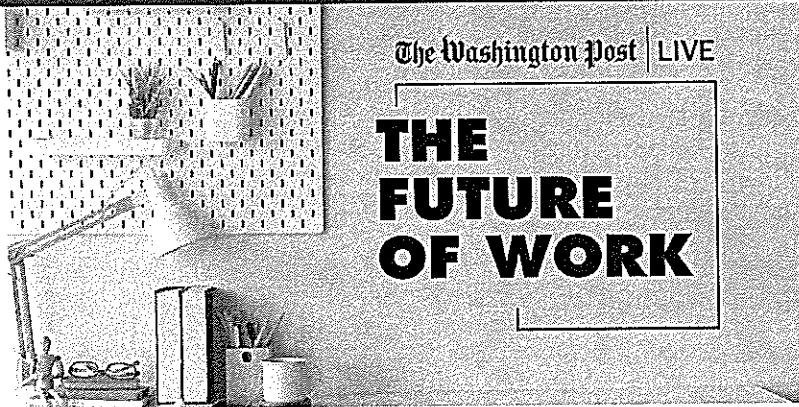


Monday, Jan. 25 | 9:30 a.m. ET
The Path Forward

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr.

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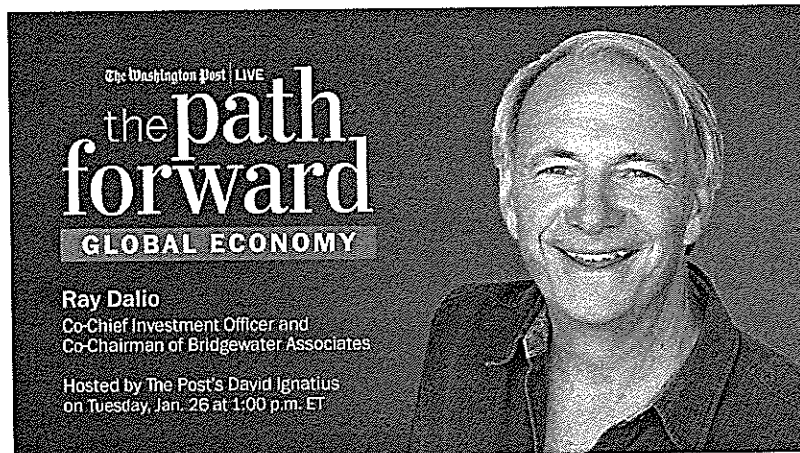
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The Future of Work

Aparna Bawa, Chief Operating Officer & Interim Chief Legal Officer, Zoom
Susan Lund, Partner, McKinsey Global Institute
Adam Grant, Professor, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Guests will examine how workers will communicate going forward in a changed workspace.

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The Path Forward: The Global Economy

Ray Dalio, Co-Chief Investment Officer & Co-Chairman, Bridgewater Associates

In the face of economic uncertainty and a new Biden presidency, billionaire hedge fund manager and philanthropist Ray Dalio talks about the massive gaps in wealth, values and politics.

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Melinda & Bill Gates

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Melinda and Bill Gates in special back-to-back interviews focus on the impact of COVID-19 around the world, the rollout of vaccines, how to prioritize an equitable recovery and how to prepare for the next pandemic.

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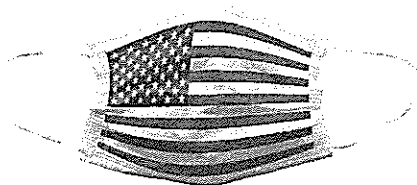


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Race in America: Breaking Barriers

Rita Moreno, Multi-Award Winning Actress

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Erika James, Dean, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
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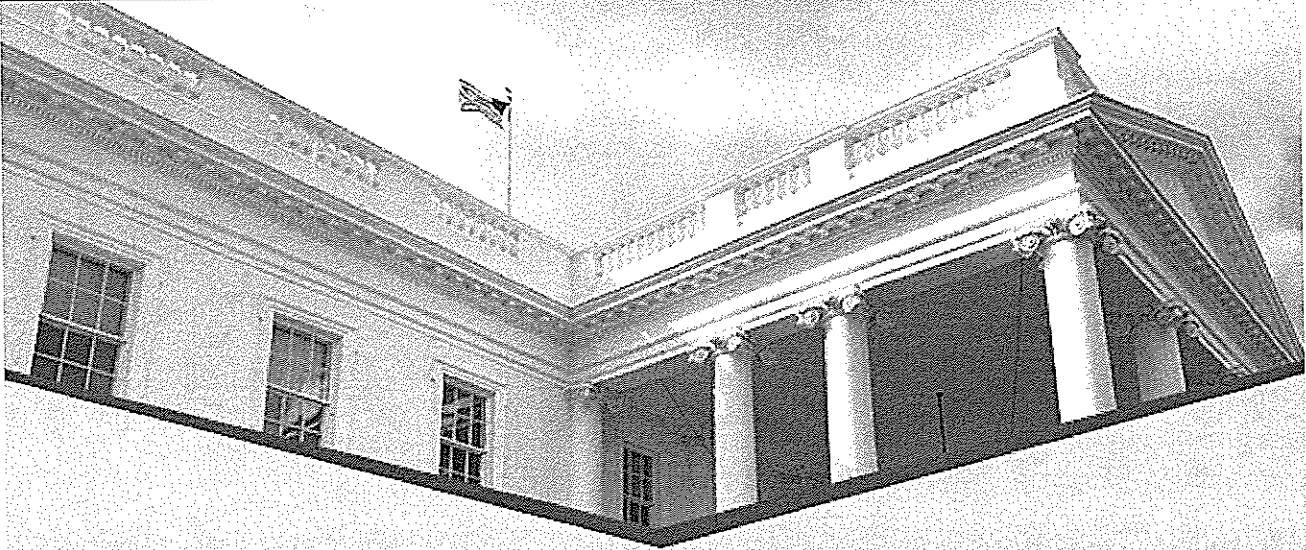

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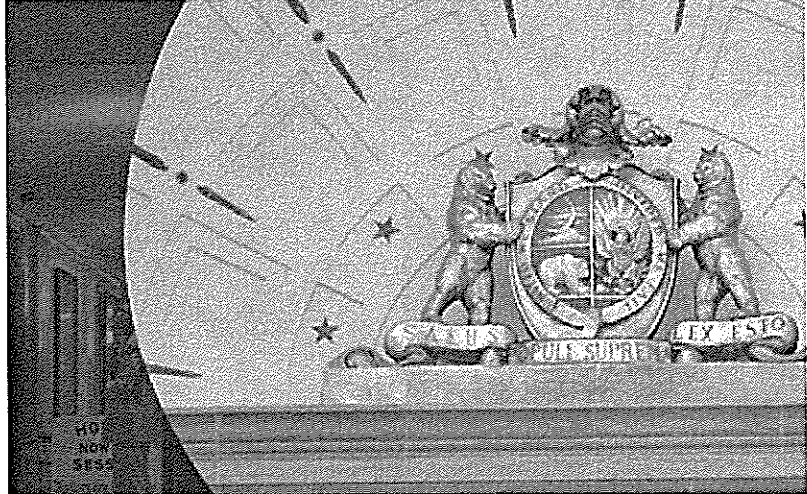
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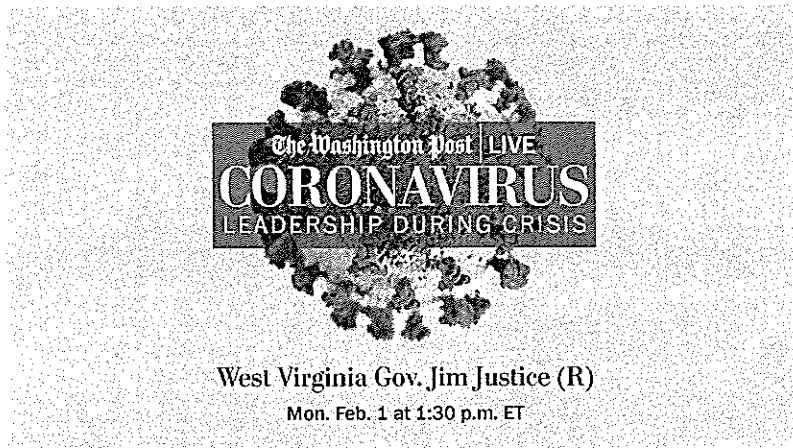
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Igor Shalai

From: Washington Post Live <washpostlive@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Next Week: Anthony S. Fauci, MD, U.N. Secretary General António Guterres and More

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Monday, Feb. 1 | 1:30 p.m. ET
Coronavirus: Leadership During Crisis

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice (R)

As all 50 states scramble to get as many of their citizens the COVID-19 vaccine, we'll hear from West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice (R), who is getting high praise for his early vaccine rollout plan.

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It's been less than a week since President Biden took office, but Washington's tribal gladiators already are arming for mortal combat. Fortunately, pragmatic Democratic lawmakers are working to help Biden avert a relapse into political paralysis.

Senate Republicans are bewailing Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan to end the pandemic and help jobless workers and small businesses tread water until it's over. Though few complained when his predecessor broke the trillion-dollar deficit barrier – despite a then surging economy – Republicans now profess to be shocked by the “colossal waste” (Sen. Pat Toomey) of Biden's “massive spending” package (Sen. Rick Scott).

Such hypocrisy is galling, and it has tripped the progressive left's hair-trigger outrage alarm. Activists who didn't support him in the first place fret that Biden is too eager to compromise in the name of the national “unity” he movingly invoked during his inauguration. They insist he waste no time in pressuring Senate leadership to kill the filibuster so Democrats can steamroll Republicans, at least for the next two years.

Everyone should take a deep breath. President Biden is anything but a political naif. Having been on the receiving end of Sen. Mitch McConnell's deeply unpatriotic strategy of total obstruction for eight years, he doesn't need lectures from sectarians in his own party about how rabidly partisan the other side can be.

But Biden understands he was elected to save our democracy from an unhinged demagogue, not to join Republicans in fomenting intractable enmity between red and blue America. He also knows from bitter experience that one-party rule is inherently unstable and fuels political paranoia and extremism.

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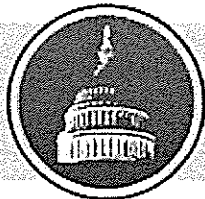
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Igor Shalai

From: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget <info@crfb.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Near- and Long-Term Fiscal Challenges for the Biden Administration



COMMITTEE FOR A RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL BUDGET

Near- and Long-Term Fiscal Challenges for the Biden Administration January 21, 2021

For Immediate Release

President Joe Biden takes office in the face of numerous economic and fiscal challenges. Although COVID-19 vaccine distribution has begun, the pandemic continues to spread, workers continue to lose their jobs, and the economy remains in a state of weakness. The national debt is larger than the economy for the only time outside of World War II, while the Social Security, Highway, and Medicare trust funds are inching closer to insolvency.

Below is a statement from Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget:

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget welcomes President Biden and the new administration, and we look forward to working with them on the major economic and fiscal challenges facing the country.

The single most urgent issue continues to be the COVID-19 crisis. President Biden and Congress must work together to address the pandemic, support households and businesses through this period, and build a bridge to a strong economic recovery. Although the president has authorized \$4 trillion in fiscal support, we aren't out of the woods yet. The most recent relief package will help us get through winter and give us time to determine what additional measures may still be needed.

While our national debt is large and approaching record levels, cutting off borrowing prematurely could do more harm than good. The need for more pandemic relief should not be used as an excuse to borrow too much or to spend money recklessly.

Any further deficit-financed package must reflect our economic, not political, needs. Its magnitude should be based on the size of the economic output gap, not the size of politicians' wish lists. We don't need aimless tax cuts or poorly-targeted fiscal policies, such as capital gains taxes or canceling student debt.

Beyond the current crisis, Congress should restore the practice of paying for new policies and working to slow the growth of our debt. As things stand, the national debt is on a course to almost double by 2050. Spending initiatives – same as last time for themselves, even with low interest rates. Depending on the state of the economy, policymakers could consider phasing in investments and phasing in offsets over time. Doing so could boost near-term output and long-term growth.

The other main fiscal challenge the president and new Congress must address is one lawmakers have spent years ignoring: the looming insolvency of some of the nation's major trust funds. The trust funds for highway programs and Medicare I

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Igor Shalai

From: Igor Shalai
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Adi Schultz
Subject: RE: 2149H.011a

Thank you very much!

Igor Shalai
Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill
Missouri House District 108
573-751-3572

From: Adi Schultz <Adi.Schultz@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:00 PM
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Igor Shalai

From: Igor Shalai
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Adi Schultz
Subject: Re: 2149H.011a

Hi Adi,

He is ready for green-backed.

Thank you,

Igor Shalai
Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill
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From: Adi Schultz
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 1:59:01 PM
To: Igor Shalai
Subject: RE: 2149H.011a

Hi, Igor.

Please let me know when Rep. Hill is ready to get this green-backed.

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Igor Shalai

From: Igor Shalai
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Marc Webb
Subject: RE: Blank Scripts

Thank you!

Igor Shalai
Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill
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From: Marc Webb <Marc.Webb@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Justin Hill <Justin.Hill@house.mo.gov>; Igor Shalai <Igor.Shalai@house.mo.gov>
Subject: FW: Blank Scripts

Attached are scripts for hearings and for exec session. Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Fax: (573) 751-1963

Igor Shalai

From: Justin Hill
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Julie McNitt
Subject: RE: Hill's Bill

Thank you Julie!

Igor Shalai
Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill
Missouri House District 108
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From: Julie McNitt <Julie.McNitt@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Justin Hill <Justin.Hill@house.mo.gov>
Cc: Igor Shalai <Igor.Shalai@house.mo.gov>
Subject: FW: Hill's Bill

FYI: I did not proofread it.

Julie McNitt
Senior Legislative Analyst
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From: Anne Edgington <Anne.Edgington@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Julie McNitt <Julie.McNitt@house.mo.gov>
Subject: Hill's Bill

Attached!
Thanks,
Anne

Anne E. Edgington, J.D.
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Igor Shalai

From: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Re: I think I may have found a solution

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Justin.... thank you so much! You would think you were a professional advocate. I have had a call from Dale King and he said they were meeting to find a solution tonight. You're the best. Lunch is on me.

On Thu, Jan 28, 2021, 11:16 AM Justin Hill <Justin.Hill@house.mo.gov> wrote:

Mr. Mayor,

I can attest to David's situation from interacting with David both being a Sergeant at your department and being a lawmaker supporting those with developmental disabilities. This new ordinance, while likely an oversight, will dramatically impact those with a disability to live an independent life as adults. I am afraid that if this ordinance does not include an exclusion for those with a developmental disability, more than just David will need to relocate from your city. I urge you to please amend the ordinance immediately and, until it is amended, please advise the members of your Police Department to disregard enforcement of those with a disability. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance drafting an amendment that will allow the safe use of golf carts or gators by those with a disability.

Thank you,

Representative Justin Hill
108th District
Missouri House of Representatives
(O) 573.751.3572

From: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:36 AM
To: bhennessy@ofallon.mo.us; nbibb@ofallon.mo.us; dkling@ofallon.mo.us; pdupuis@fallon.mo.us; Ron Hicks <Ron.Hicks@house.mo.gov>; sweeke@ofallon.mo.us
Cc: Richard Gould <rjrgould@charter.net>; Emily Elizabeth Gould <egould@cds-global.com>
Subject: Fwd: I think I may have found a solution

Dear Mayor Hennessy, Councilman Bibbs, Councilman Kling, Chief Dupuis and Representative Hicks:

I have been dealing with Sgt. Weeke's from the O'Fallon Police Department and although he has been responsive he has been unable to find resolution to this problem as you can see from the emails below.

I'm contacting you today because this issue is having a significantly negative impact on my adult son, David Gould. David is 37 years old and has lived in Winghaven for the past 18 years. David has multiple disabilities and we were told he would never walk and never talk. However, he lives on his own with minimal support (about 30 hours a week), he votes, he works at Marriott Residence Inn and he is fondly known as the Mayor of Winghaven. David has accessed his community for all those 18 years through different motorized transportation, i.e. a scooter, a John Deere gator, and for the last several years, a golf cart. He was able to do this under Missouri Revised Statute 304.032 1: "No person shall operate a utility vehicle, as defined in section 301.010 upon the highways of this state, except as follows: (3) utility vehicles operated by handicapped persons for short distances occasionally only on a state's secondary roads when operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset". We did our research prior to purchasing these vehicles and prior to David choosing Winghaven as his home and it has been an amazing and enriching place for him to live. He has wonderful relationships that he has developed and a neighborhood that embraces him as a part of daily life.

However, it was brought to our attention this week via the O'Fallon police department that David can no longer drive his golf cart in his community. Apparently some time in 2019, the O'Fallon City Council passed ordinance 304.260 which is more restrictive than the state statute and now requires David to have a driver's license. It states: "no person shall operate a golf cart: a. Without a valid drivers license".

As you might imagine this would have a significantly negative effect on David, his community, and his family. In the spirit of finding a solution that would benefit everyone, I wondered if any of the following suggestions could be considered.

1. Could David's use of the golf cart be "grandfathered" in as he has successfully utilized this means of transportation for 18 years?
2. Could there be an exception to the current ordinance as noted in Missouri Revised Statute 304.034
1. "Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to, operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction." or
3. Could the ordinance be rewritten to more closely model the state statutes?

I would really appreciate your assistance in finding a solution to this very important issue. My husband, David, and I are happy to assist in this process as it is an issue for David that needs immediate resolution. I have been a strong advocate for David for many years and it seems with good cooperation and collective thinking we can find workable solutions. I can't imagine given the highly positive impact of David's community profile and the great success that has been reported and presented nationally, statewide and locally on the rich and full life David has found in Winghaven, any of us would want this to become a public relations issue.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Denise C. Gould

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dgould3122@gmail.com

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From: **Scott Weeke** <sweeke@ofallon.mo.us>
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 2021, 9:56 AM
Subject: RE: I think I may have found a solution
To: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>
Cc: Richard Gould <rjrgould@charter.net>

Mrs. Gould,

So here is the problem with that statute. Your son's Golf Cart is not used primarily for landscaping, or maintenance purposes as the state statute requires. And even if it was, by City Ordinance, it is still deemed a golf cart as that is how it was originally manufactured and thus subject to the golf cart ordinance. City Ordinances typically trump state law as they can be more restrictive than state law, but can not be less restrictive.

I'm sure this is frustrating for you and I would love to have a legal solution, but I have not been able to find any exception within our city ordinances that legally allow him to operate the golf cart.

Sgt. Scott Weeke, DSN 298

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Please visit open shops and restaurants as we work hard to "Keep it in the O"

From: Denise Gould <dgould3122@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Scott Weeke <sweeke@ofallon.mo.us>
Cc: Richard Gould <rjrgould@charter.net>
Subject: I think I may have found a solution

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Good afternoon Sgt. Weeke's:

I think I may have found a solution for David's driving issue. Under Missouri Revised Statute 304.032 it indicates that a person who has disabilities can drive a utility vehicle: No person shall operate a utility vehicle, as defined in section 301.010, upon the highways of this state, except as follows: (3) Utility vehicles operated by handicapped persons for short distances occasionally only on the state's secondary roads when operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset;". Further 301.010 defines a utility vehicle "(70) Utility vehicle, any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty inches but no more than eighty inches in width, measured from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim, with an unladen dry weight of three thousand five hundred pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, or maintenance purposed;". David's cart is outfitted, not for recreational golf use, but has the maintenance accessories instead.

I don't think the exception statute 304.034 covers anything except golf carts and motorized wheelchairs so it appears under the utility vehicle definition David can continue to drive his golf cart.

Denise Gould

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Igor Shalai

From: Igor Shalai
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:52 AM
To: 'Denise Hasty'
Subject: RE: Meeting Request w/ Rep. Hill

Hi Denise,

Representative Hill will be able to meet with a small group at 9:30 am on Jan.27.

Thank you,

Igor Shalai
Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill
Missouri House District 108
573-751-3572

From: Denise Hasty <DHasty@agcmo.org>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Igor Shalai <Igor.Shalai@house.mo.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request w/ Rep. Hill

Mr. Shalai,

The Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) will have members in the Capitol as part of our annual Legislative Day effort on Wednesday, January 27th.

One of my members, Erik Thompson of Silver Eagle Construction Products, Inc., is a constituent of your district. I am working to schedule small group meetings (not more than 4 individuals for our part) with various legislators - particularly looking to connect Representatives with their constituents while they are in the Capitol. I know that the House has cancelled business for this week due to the pandemic, but because our Legislative Day is next week, I am hoping to move forward on the presumption that the House will again be back in the Capitol next week. Obviously if they are not, any meeting we might schedule would automatically be cancelled. I have limited the overall capacity of our full group in the Capitol and I am scheduling meetings with more legislators than just leadership (which is usually our focus on this day), so that I can keep our meetings with legislators to no more than 4 of our members in any given meeting. If you would like it to be less than 4 members, I will accommodate whatever is the desire of the Rep. Our members will be following all necessary COVID protocols and would just appreciate 15-20 minutes of the Representative's time.

Would we be able to schedule something for perhaps 8:30 AM, 9 AM, 9:30 AM, 10 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM or 1 PM on Jan. 27th?

I appreciate your help in scheduling.

Denise Hasty, CAE | Vice President, Advocacy & Public Relations

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Igor Shalai

From: Richard West
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Dave Guest; Ben Baker; Dottie Bailey; Dan Stacy; Adam Schnelting; Adam Schwadron; Tony Lovasco; Justin Hill; John Simmons; Brad Hudson
Subject: Re: Proposed Election Integrity Bill(s)

Dave,

Please send that file to

caninekopz@msn.com

Richard West
Missouri State Representative, District 63
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Jefferson City, MO 65101
Richard.West@house.mo.gov
573-751-1460

From: Dave Guest <dguest357@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:06:10 PM
To: Ben Baker; Dottie Bailey; Dan Stacy; Adam Schnelting; Richard West; Adam Schwadron; Tony Lovasco; Justin Hill; John Simmons; Brad Hudson
Subject: Proposed Election Integrity Bill(s)

Representatives,

To those of you Laura and I were able to connect with yesterday, thank you very much for meeting with us!

I know it was a busy day to say the least and I'm not surprised we couldn't catch up with everyone!

Special thanks to those of you who have expressed their 'plate is full' already but have contributed to our effort already in work or wisdom or both!

We're still looking for a sponsor or sponsors for our paper ballot legislation in the House. As of yesterday, it looked as though Bob Onder would carry the bill in the Senate.

We feel with current events, this will be the year we can finally get it through both houses!

We've added to it a few other 'wish list' items that have been highlighted in some of the recent election news.

I've attached the proposals ordered by statute section, as best we understand this.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

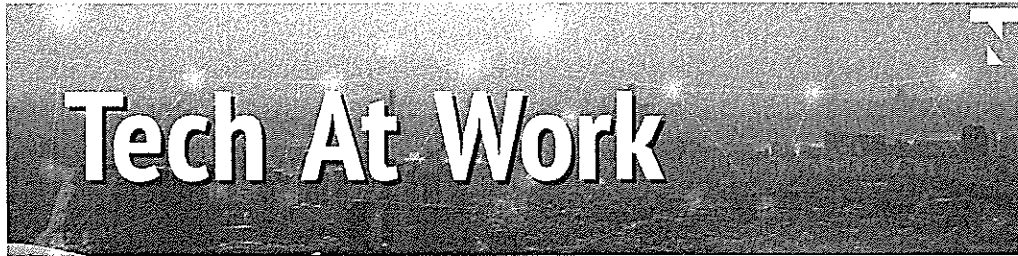
Respectfully,

Dave Guest
636-373-4675 (m)

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From: Linda Moore <lm@technet.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Igor Shalai
Subject: Read How Tech Is Combatting COVID-19

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Combatting COVID-19 is a significant priority for tech. From helping vaccinate people to providing up-to-the-minute information about coronavirus, TechNet member companies are working to accelerate our nation's recovery from the pandemic. See below for more information about how the tech industry is combatting COVID-19.

Tech Combats COVID-19



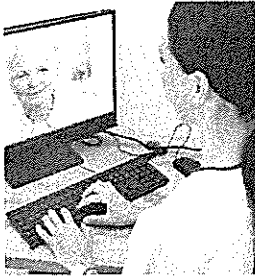
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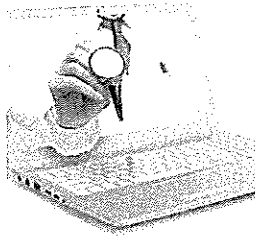
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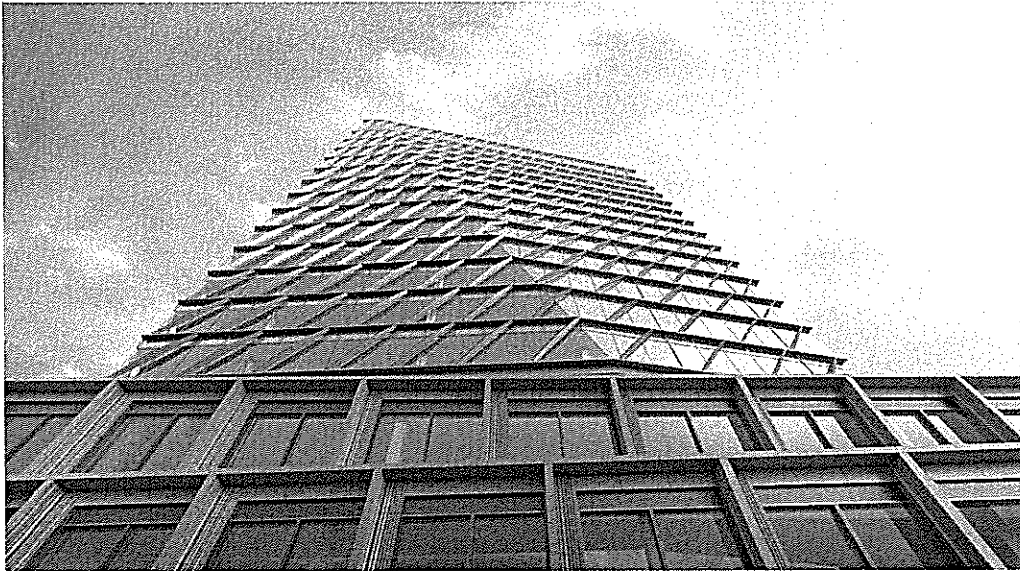
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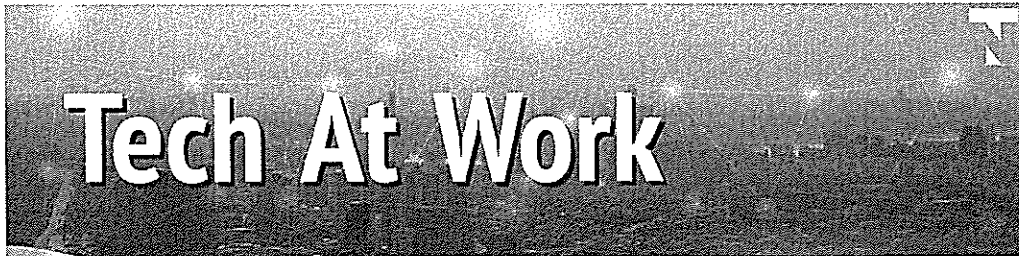
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Subject: Read How Tech Is Combatting COVID-19

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Combatting COVID-19 is a significant priority for tech. From helping vaccinate people to providing up-to-the-minute information about coronavirus, TechNet member companies are working to accelerate our nation's recovery from the pandemic. See below for more information about how the tech industry is combatting COVID-19.

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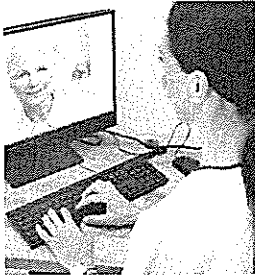
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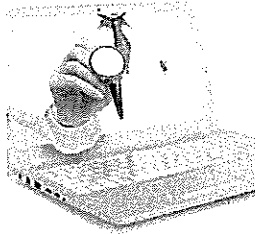
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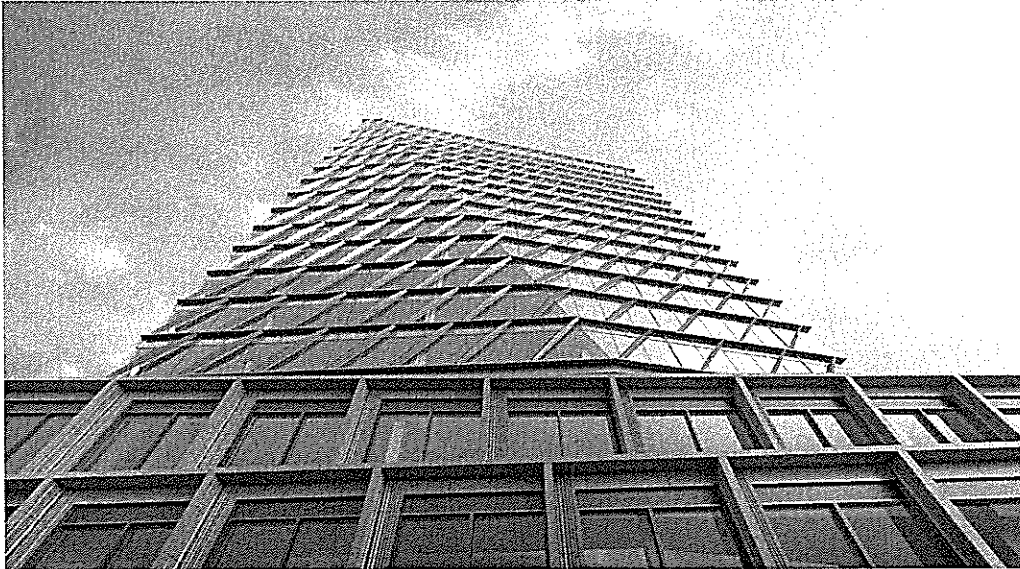
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Reconciliation 101 January 22, 2021

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What is reconciliation?

Reconciliation is a special legislative process created as part of the Budget Act of 1974. It is intended to help lawmakers make mandatory spending changes necessary to meet the levels proposed in the congressional budget resolution.

Reconciliation instructions are put forward as part of a concurrent budget resolution that is adopted by both chambers of Congress. The instructions set cost or savings targets for the Congressional committees, with instructions covering mandatory spending changes. Following these instructions, committees of jurisdiction identify specific policies to meet these goals in the form of legislation which can be enacted on a fast-track basis.

Reconciliation bills are privileged in a number of ways, including a 20-hour limit on debate in the Senate, a non-debatable motion to proceed, the bill, and a strict germaneness test for amendments in a process known as "vote-a-rama" that occurs after regular debate.

Most importantly, the limit on debate time and non-debatable motion to proceed means a reconciliation bill cannot be filibustered, allowing the Senate to pass a reconciliation bill by a simple majority, with the Vice President able to cast a tie-breaking vote if needed. A 60-vote threshold is required to end debate.

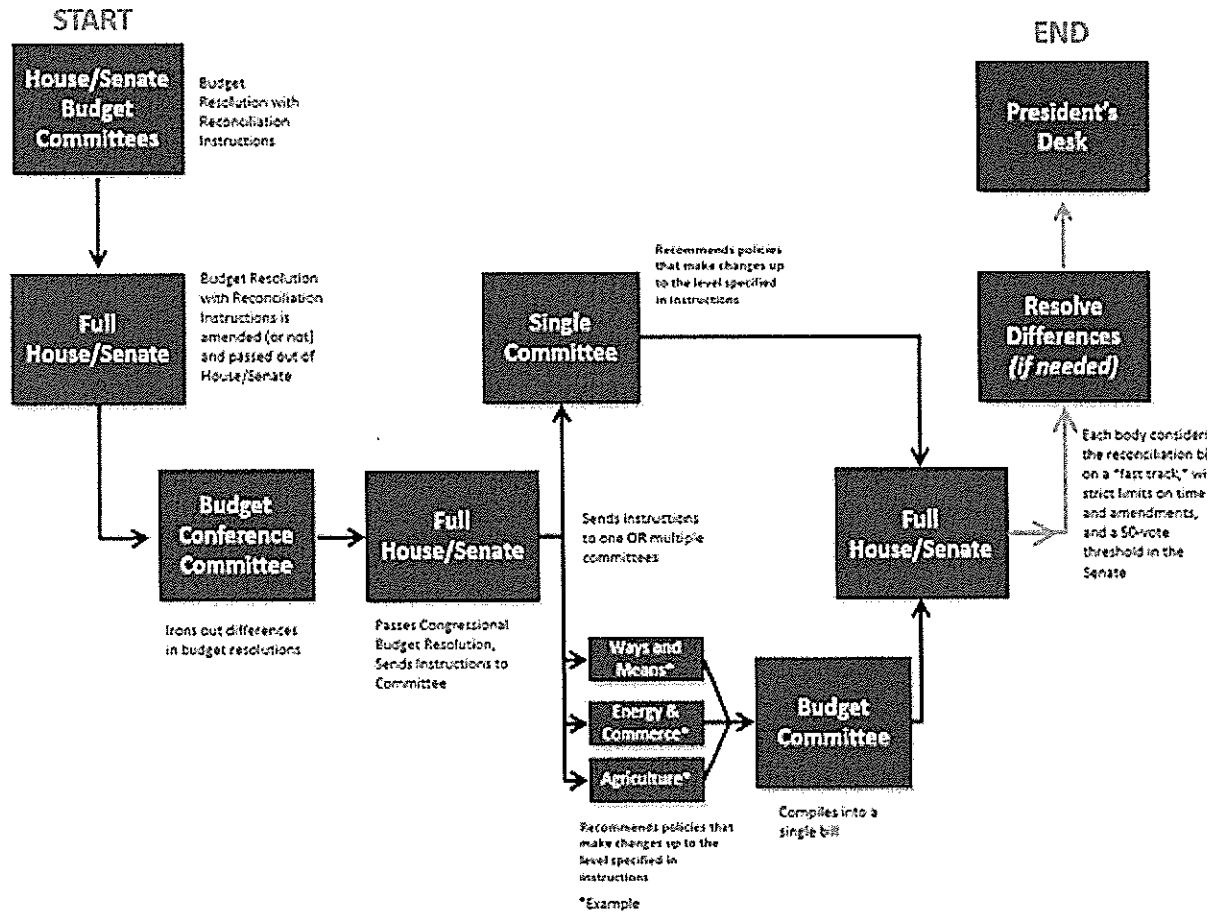
How do reconciliation instructions work?

The budget reconciliation process begins with the adoption of a concurrent budget resolution in both chambers of Congress. The resolution contains reconciliation instructions. The reconciliation instructions identify the authorizing committee(s) tasked with reconciliation, the budgetary changes that must be achieved over designated time frames (usually the first year of the budget and the five-year period covered by the budget resolution) that the committee(s) must achieve, and the date by which the committee(s) must report legislation.

Reconciliation instructions may also direct the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to change the limit on the public debt in accordance with the spending levels in the budget resolution.

While budget resolutions often assume and even suggest that committees include specific policies, these suggestions are enforceable. The budget resolution sets dollar targets, but the committees decide how these targets are met, substantive jurisdiction.

If only one committee has reconciliation instructions, the reconciliation legislation reported by that committee goes directly to the floor for consideration. Often, instructions will span across multiple committees. In this case, each committee reports its bill to the Committee, which in turn combines the individual bills into an omnibus measure to send to the floor for a vote.



Can a reconciliation bill add to the budget deficit?

Reconciliation bills are allowed to either decrease or increase the deficit over the time period covered by the budget resolution. For a reconciliation bill to contain provisions with costs as well as savings, as long as the net effect complies with the reconciliation instructions.

In 2007, the Senate adopted the "Conrad rule," which prohibited reconciliation from increasing deficits. However, the 2015 budget resolution (over CRFB's objections). Even without the Conrad rule, reconciliation legislation cannot add what is allowed in the instructions under the budget resolution, though there is no limit on how costly these instructions can be.

Reconciliation legislation is also subject to a number of budget points of order. To avoid a 60-vote point of order, they must abide by the Senate "pay as you go" (PAYGO) rule, which prevents legislative deficits. However, these rules can be changed – or exceptions added – in the budget resolution itself.

As with any other bill, deficit increases under reconciliation are subject to the statutory PAYGO law, which does not allow deficit over the course of a year or the following five-year and 10-year periods. An exclusion from the Senate PAYGO rule as part of the reconciliation bill would be subject to a 60-vote point of order.

Statutory PAYGO can be addressed in separate legislation, subject to a 60-vote threshold. In 2017, a December conference committee passed the same day as the TCJA removed the tax cuts from the statutory PAYGO scorecard. If PAYGO had not been waived, it would have been large enough to eliminate mandatory programs that are subject to the sequester.

Finally, and in many ways more importantly, provisions in a reconciliation bill that increase the deficit beyond the period of a budget resolution are subject to a 60-vote point of order under the “Byrd rule” unless the costs are offset by savings from other provisions in the title of the bill.

What is the “Byrd Rule”?

Although reconciliation bills are granted many privileges that are not available to most other legislation, they remain bound by some of these restrictions championed by former Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) and established in Section 313 of the Budget Reconciliation Act, referred to as the “Byrd Rule.” The Byrd rule disallows “extraneous matter” from a reconciliation bill, including through the process of reconciliation legislation.

First, reconciliation legislation must only involve budget-related changes and cannot include policies that have no fiscal impact or “merely incidental” fiscal impacts, or that increase the deficit if the committee did not follow its reconciliation instructions. For example, to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Byrd rule prevented lawmakers from repealing the individual mandate or modifying rules on how much health insurance companies could adjust premiums based on age. Even though both provisions had significant budgetary implications, they were considered “merely incidental” budget effects. Often, policymakers can identify workarounds. For example, while they could not repeal the individual mandate, they were able to reduce the penalty to \$0 and thus effectively repeal it.

Reconciliation bills also cannot change Social Security spending or dedicated revenue, which are considered “off-budget” policies which indirectly affect benefits or payroll tax revenue do appear to be in order, however.

Finally, provisions in a reconciliation bill cannot increase the deficit in any fiscal year after the window of the reconciliation bill. Provisions outside the budget window are offset by other savings in that committee’s section of the bill. This means that while a reconciliation bill can increase near-term deficits, it must maintain or reduce long-term deficits. Policymakers often achieve this objective through provisions that sunset some parts of a reconciliation bill that may be extended later. Notably, the long-term deficit test does not apply to interest payments or indirect effects on Social Security.

The Byrd rule provides a “surgical” point of order that strikes any provisions in violation without blocking the entire bill. It can also be waived with 60 votes. Even though this point of order only exists in the Senate, it de facto governs the House too and is applied to any conference report.

Lawmakers must consult with the Senate parliamentarian to address potential Byrd rule challenges. Typically, they review the bill with the parliamentarian before reconciliation legislation comes to the floor so they can fix or drop provisions as needed.

What are other restrictions on reconciliation?

The Senate parliamentarian has ruled that a budget resolution can only provide for one reconciliation bill each of revenue and spending limit. If a reconciliation bill has both spending and revenue provisions, no other reconciliation bill affecting spending or revenue can be passed. Reconciliation bills cannot change the budget process either, such as by establishing or modifying discretionary spending.

changes themselves must directly affect spending or revenues without relying on subsequent congressional action. The court has also ruled that a reconciliation bill cannot create or amend any type of fast-track procedure for legislation limiting debt.

Additionally, reconciliation legislation seems unlikely to be able to be used for specified changes to discretionary spending, authorization of new appropriations, the passage of appropriations bills themselves, or special one-time appropriations such as recent COVID relief bills. In many cases, lawmakers could avoid this prohibition by classifying and structuring discretionary or mandatory spending.

How has budget reconciliation been used in the past?

In total, 21 bills have become law through reconciliation, including the 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1997, the 2001, 2003, and 2017 tax cuts, and portions of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. Some of these efforts, such as the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Acts, have produced significant deficit reduction (each saved nearly \$500 billion over five years), while others such as the 2001, 2003, and 2017 tax cuts, have increased deficits. We have published a comparison of reconciliation efforts [here](#).

In addition to the 21 enacted reconciliation bills, 4 reconciliation bills have passed both chambers of Congress but were vetoed by the president. The most recent veto of a reconciliation bill occurred in 2015, when President Obama vetoed legislation that would have large parts of the Affordable Care Act. A reconciliation bill to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act in 2017 ultimately failed.

Can reconciliation be used for further COVID relief?

Reconciliation can be used to enact further economic relief or stimulus in response to COVID-19 pandemic but with some limitations.

Due to the Byrd rule, a COVID relief package could not add to the deficit beyond the budget resolution window, could not include policies that are non-budgetary in nature. In addition, COVID relief enacted through reconciliation would not be able to use of discretionary spending.

Many COVID relief policies under discussion would easily meet these criteria. For example, a temporary expansion and extension of unemployment benefits, one-time rebate checks, an increase in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding, or tax credits could be enacted under reconciliation.

Other COVID relief policies could likely be enacted under reconciliation with some adjustments. For example, lawmakers could increase states and dedicate resources toward the COVID response itself, but likely not through the discretionary appropriations used in COVID relief bills. Instead of new discretionary appropriations, reconciliation would have to rely on mandatory allocations or mandatory funding.

A final category of COVID relief would have a more difficult time making it through reconciliation. Based on current rules, it is unlikely that policymakers could raise the minimum wage or mandate that businesses offer paid sick leave through reconciliation. Various rules and requirements for existing programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program might also be difficult to enact.

Even in these cases, policymakers may be able to identify workarounds or persuade (or possibly even overrule) the parliament to enact policies as germane.

Can reconciliation be used for other elements of President Biden's agenda?

Many elements of President Biden's agenda could be enacted through reconciliation. (See our comprehensive list of his agenda items [here](#).)

In particular, nearly all of his proposed tax increases – other than changes to the Social Security payroll tax or some tax cuts – would qualify.

Many spending increases, especially expansions to existing programs, would also qualify. However, these increases could be permanent unless fully offset over the long-run by the same committee proposing the spending.

Changes to discretionary spending would be more challenging to enact through reconciliation, though in many cases could be done depending on how the spending is structured. A major infrastructure package, for example, would likely need to be composed of mandatory provisions rather than new discretionary appropriations.

Permanent increases in infrastructure spending would be particularly challenging since the transportation committees have a relatively limited set of potential offsets, and the financing is typically under the jurisdiction of the tax-writing committees. Temporary spending increases could present some challenges, since infrastructure spending tends to take several years to complete, thus could increase deficits beyond the budget window even if allocated in the near term.

Can reconciliation legislation include budget process changes?

The Byrd rule restriction against provisions that do not directly affect spending or revenues would prohibit most changes to budget process and budget enforcement rules. Most budget process and budget enforcement provisions do not by themselves change spending or revenues, rather apply to subsequent legislation that does affect spending and revenues.

As a result, provisions adjusting or extending discretionary spending limits could not be considered because the actual increase in spending would not occur until subsequent action on appropriations bills subject to the limits occurs. The Byrd rule also prohibits the budgetary effects of reconciliation legislation from budget enforcement rules.

How many sets of the reconciliation bills can be enacted?

Ordinarily, Congress enacts only one reconciliation bill each year based on the budget resolution adopted that year, although it can consider separate bills for revenue, spending, and the debt limit (separate revenue and spending bills were enacted in 1980). However, this year it will be possible to enact at least two sets of bills.

Since Congress failed to adopt a FY 2021 budget resolution last year, they could issue one set of reconciliation instructions with a budget and a second by adopting a FY 2022 budget resolution later in the year. Republicans took this approach in 2017, when a resolution was adopted in January 2017 with instructions used to attempt to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act (which was later struck down) and a FY 2018 resolution was adopted in late October 2017 with instructions used to enact the bill commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (although the Byrd Rule was used to prohibit the law from officially being renamed that).

It appears possible that Congress could issue even more instructions by adopting a second budget resolution for each year in future years, although those procedures have never been used to enact reconciliation legislation and break from precedent.

Where should we go from here?

Budget reconciliation can be a powerful tool to enact reforms of mandatory spending and revenues for deficit reduction. For policymakers should consider the size of the economic output gap they are seeking to fill, as well as the potential effects on output, employment, poverty, household income, business stability, public health, and long-term growth.

Other spending, and especially permanent spending, should be fully offset in light of today's high and rising debt levels. For that reason, I believe Congress should abide by the Conrad rule in force through the last Democratic use of reconciliation, offsetting the

over the decade. Ideally, they would go further and use reconciliation as an opportunity to put in place revenue increases slow the growth of debt over the long term.

There are many options available to enact budget savings, including trillions of new revenue and health savings proposed on a bipartisan basis. These offsets can allow the President and Congress to enact their priorities on a permanent basis while improving the fiscal outlook for future generations.

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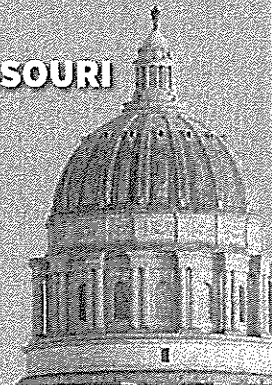
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Subject: Reminder: Legislator Training: Education Choice in Missouri

AN EXPERT PANEL ON EDUCATION CHOICE IN MISSOURI

Legislator training
Missouri Senate and House of Representatives

Friday, January 29
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Dr. Susan Pendergrass
Director of Research and Education Policy at the Show-Me Institute

The ABCs of school choice: What types of programs exist, how do they work and which states have them?

Dr. Michael Q. McShane
Director of National Research at EdChoice

School choice programs: How are they administered and held accountable?

Jason Bedrick
Director of Policy at EdChoice

What, if any, Constitutional concerns should be considered?

Rachelle Engen

Educational Choice Fellow at Institute for Justice

How could school choice programs be tailored for Missouri and what would it mean for existing school funding?

Dr. James Shuls

Associate Professor at the University of Missouri - St. Louis

Question & Answer Session

Moderated by Dr. Susan Pendergrass

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From: Melinda Fairfax
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 1:26 PM
To: _Republican Representatives
Subject: Reminder/ Name Tags

Representatives,

This is just a reminder that if you would like to order a Name Tag, please let me know by Monday the 25th. If you have already made a request, you do not need to do anything. On Tuesday morning I will send the name tag requests to MVE and wait for them to come back with an example of all who have ordered. At that time I will send an additional email to those who have ordered for approval and to let you know how much they will be. After we know a price, you can start sending your money to me in room 110. If you have any questions please let me know. Please reply back only to me and not everyone if you have further questions.

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Thank you,

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From: Kari Hoelscher
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:13 AM
To: _Republican Representatives
Subject: REMINDER Caucus Communications Team

Good morning,

Reminder, if anyone is interested in being on the Caucus Communications team please let me know by 5pm today.

I will be sending out an email to the selected members with details of next meeting.

Have a wonderful day!



Kari Hoelscher
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From: John Wiemann
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:46 PM
To: _Republican Representatives <_RepublicanRepresentatives@house.mo.gov>
Subject: Caucus Communications Team

Dear Caucus members,

Welcome and welcome back everyone! My office will again be organizing and managing the House Republican Caucus Communications Team. This team is tasked with creating the message for the caucus while we are in session. Members of the caucus communications team will meet weekly (Thursday mornings at 7:30 am) in my office to decide which issues need to be highlighted and how best to communicate that message to our constituents and the media.

I am limiting the team to 20 members with the goal of 5 from each class. Please email my executive assistant, Kari Hoelscher at kari.hoelscher@house.mo.gov if you would like to be on the team.

Since we will be having our first meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 am please reply to Kari ASAP.

Best regards,



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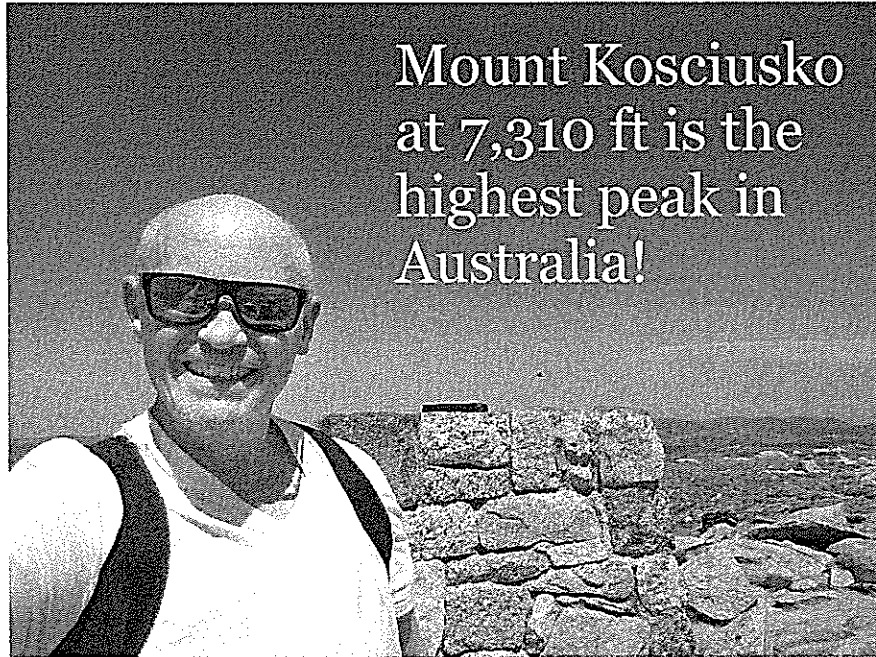
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Week 3-Jan.21

The Great Divide



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Representative Hill. My name is Carl Pollard we live in lake Saint Louis. I saw something on TV about the Representatives in Arizona passing a law protecting their citizens rights to keep their guns. This seems to be the only to protect our 2nd amendment constitutional rights from the radical Biden administration. Has this been something our representatives have considered?

Thank You
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Igor Shalai

From: Shamed Dogan
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:34 AM
To: _House Members
Subject: Request for co-sponsors of the Smarter and Safer Missouri Act re: adult marijuana use

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Dear Colleagues,

I have introduced the Smarter and Safer Missouri Act, a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters which would legalize the use of marijuana for adults 21 and older. The amendment will keep a 4% tax on medical marijuana similar to the existing 4% tax and impose a 12% tax on recreational marijuana. Proceeds from the sales would be directed towards infrastructure (including broadband), veterans, and drug treatment programs. In addition, the amendment would require the immediate release of anyone serving a prison sentence for nonviolent marijuana-only offenses and expunge the convictions of people for nonviolent marijuana-only offenses.

I strongly believe that we, the members of the legislature, should take the lead and craft reasonable rules and regulations around legal marijuana sales in our state instead of out-of-state special interests who are likely to put an initiative on the ballot in 2022 if we do not.

I would greatly appreciate your support as a co-sponsor of this legislation, HJR 30. Feel free to reply to this email or to call or text me with questions. My cell number is 314-306-5537.

Thanks,
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Representative Shamed Dogan
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Igor Shalai

From: Igor Shalai
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Jason Glahn
Subject: Resolution

Hi Jason,

Could you please use these points to draft a resolution for Rep. Hill.
Please see below information.

Thank you,

Igor Shalai

Legislative Assistant to Representative Justin Hill

Missouri House District 108

573-751-3572

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING TENTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS

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WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States specifically provides that, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment was part of the original Bill of Rights, which was proposed on September 25, 1789, ratified by three-fourths of the states, and went into effect on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment limits the scope of federal power and prescribes that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states, rather than the states being agents of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, when taking the oath of office, all members of the General Assembly of [Insert State] solemnly swear that they will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of [Insert State]; and

WHEREAS, many federal mandates are in direct violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and infringe upon both the reserved powers of [Insert State] and the people's reserved powers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *New York v. United States*, 505 U.S. 144 (1992), that Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states by compelling them to enact and enforce regulatory programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in *Printz v. United States/Mack v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898 (1997), reaffirmed that the Constitution of the United States established a system of "dual sovereignty" that retains "a residuary and inviolable sovereignty" by the states;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [Insert State] hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve notice to the federal government of our demand to maintain the balance of powers where the Constitution of the United States established it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we state our intentions to ensure that all government agencies and their agents and employees operating within the geographic boundaries of [Insert State], or whose actions have an effect on the inhabitants, lands, or water of [Insert State], shall operate within the confines of the original intent of the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the congressional delegation of [Insert State].

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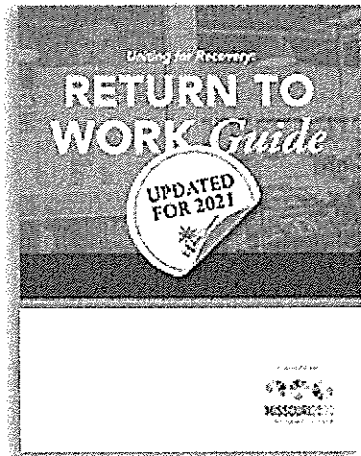
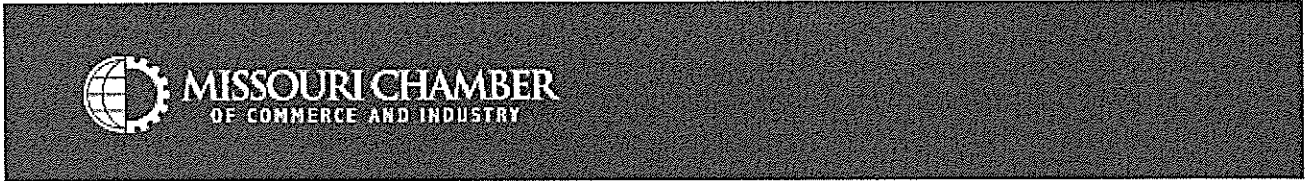
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Igor Shalai

From: Missouri Chamber <publications@mochamber.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Safely reopen

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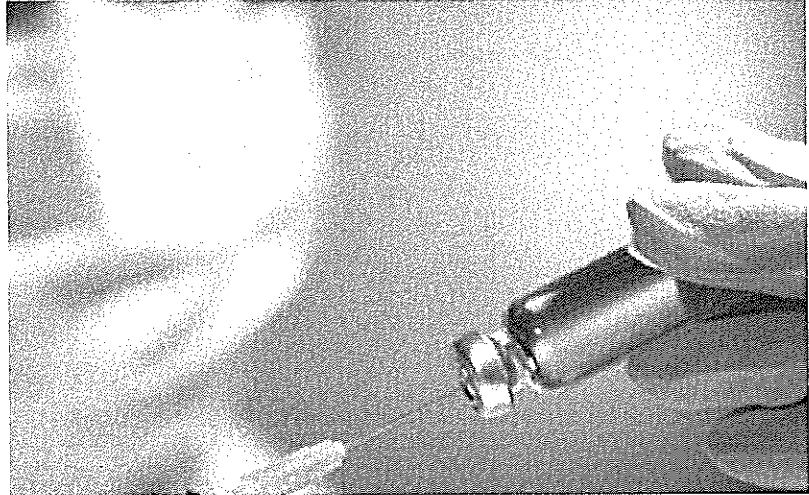
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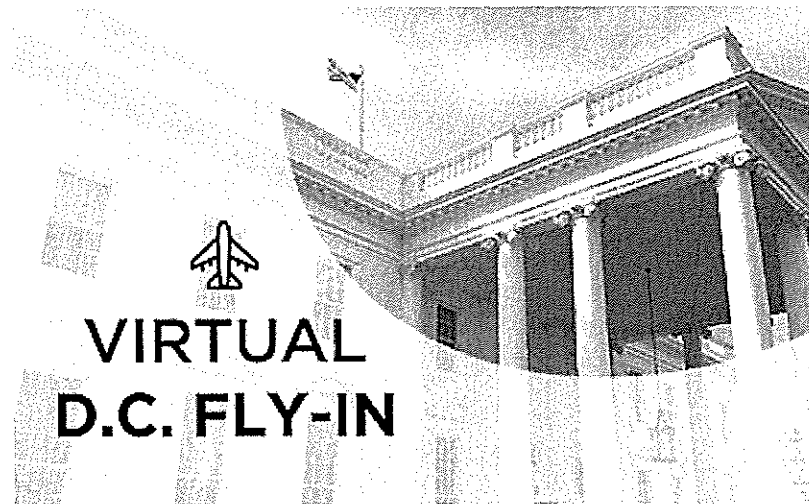
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Make your voice heard at our virtual February DC Fly-In

Big changes are happening in Washington DC. Let us take you inside the Beltway during our virtual DC Fly In! This virtual trip offers the opportunity to be part of today's biggest federal policy discussions and share your thoughts with the elected leaders representing Missouri in our nation's capitol. Speak with Missouri's congressional delegation and share your insight into the issues that are important to your business. ([Sponsorships](#) are also available!)

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Scholarship opportunity: STEM Signing Day

High schoolers graduating this year who plan to study STEM at college or tech school in Missouri are eligible to apply for these scholarships!

We offer this program to recognize outstanding students dedicated to pursuing STEM in postsecondary education, and to raise awareness of Missouri companies with career opportunities that they and others can pursue. Applications close March 1.



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Our widely acclaimed Leadership Missouri program will enhance your leadership skills and deepen your knowledge of our state's challenges and unique opportunities. [Hear what the 2019 class had to say about the experience!](#) If you want to become a better leader in business or government, register before Jan. 31.



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The MO Dept of Workforce Development is hosting 10 digital job fairs from January through June. Through a virtual booth loaded with your company content and a chat function accessible from any location and device, this is a convenient way to support recruitment efforts and showcase your company. Tap into talent while building on the diversity and inclusion of your workplace.



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Leadership Missouri applications due

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Virtual D.C. Fly-In

This virtual trip offers the opportunity to be part of today's biggest federal policy discussions and share your thoughts with the elected leaders representing Missouri in our nation's capitol.

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STEM Signing Day scholarship applications due

Make sure high school seniors in your community know about this postsecondary education scholarship! Powered by The Boeing Company and sponsored by Orscheln Industries, this program recognizes grads who commit to pursuing a career path in STEM — whether at a 2-4 year college or at technical school.

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Chamber Federation Legislative Impact

This virtual event will take you inside the capitol and connect you with Missouri's top lawmakers as they work on policy for the state. This is ideal for local chambers of commerce and all employers interested in gaining insight into what's happening in Jefferson City and helping ensure their local priorities are on the map.

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This virtual conference will explore the many strategies and programs that Missouri's employers, educators and organizations can implement to make our state the home of a vibrant talent pool.



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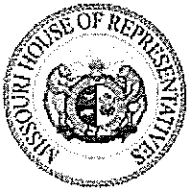
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Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Becky Ruth; Allen Andrews; Andrew McDaniel; Bill Kidd; Chuck Basye; Dan Shaul; Don Rone; J Eggleston; Jason Chipman; Jered Taylor; John Wiemann; Justin Hill; Patricia Pike; Randy Pietzman; Rob Vescovo; Shamed Dogan; Shane Roden; Travis Fitzwater; Ron Hicks
Cc: justin.alferman@ssmhealth.com
Subject: Save the Date-Class dinner

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Good afternoon,

Class dinner 2/2, 7:00p or upon adjournment, whichever is later. The class dinner will be held at Big Whiskey's, 627 W McCarty St #1a, Jefferson City, MO 65101, in a private banquet area.

Thank you,



Aubrey Coker | Legislative Assistant

Rep. Becky Ruth – District 114
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and

Rep. Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway – District 115
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From: Aligned <linda@wearealigned.org>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: School choice legislation on the fast track

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Biden signs executive order to support reopening schools and early childhood centers

In light of this week's presidential inauguration, we are taking a quick look at executive actions and appointments related to federal education.

President **Joe Biden** signed an executive order yesterday to provide guidance on how to safely reopen schools and early childhood education providers for in-person learning. His goal is to have a majority of K-8 schools open in his first 100 days.

In December, then President-elect Biden announced he had selected Connecticut education Commissioner **Miguel Cardona** to serve as the next **U.S. secretary of education**, praising Cardona's ability to balance virtual and in-person learning. **Politico** published a more detailed report on Biden's decision.

This week, President Biden nominated San Diego Unified Superintendent **Cindy Marten** to serve as deputy secretary of education. Marten has decades of experience working in diverse schools where a high percentage of students qualify for free- and reduced lunch.

Also this week, the president appointed **Jessica Rosenworcel** as acting chair of the **Federal Communications Commission**. Rosenworcel supports net neutrality and extending broadband to every child in the country to close the homework gap.



Senate Education Chair Cindy O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina. PHOTO CREDIT: Missouri Times

Missouri News

Legislative Update

Due to a rise in **COVID-19** cases and security concerns over potential protests at the capitol, the House did not meet or have committee hearings this week. Despite the House's absence, the Senate did meet for Session and held hearings on numerous priority bills. On Tuesday, the **Senate Judiciary Committee** heard two bills addressing liability protections against civil lawsuits relating to COVID.

The **Senate Education Committee** heard a bill dealing with the expansion of charter schools and a second bill to establish a state tax credit scholarship account program, more details below.

On Wednesday, the **Senate Health and Pensions Committee** heard over half a dozen bills that would limit local health officials' ability to issue emergency health orders. A lot of that discussion centered on St. Louis County Executive **Sam Page** and his executive ordered COVID restrictions' economic impact. Finally, on Thursday, the **Senate Government Accountability Committee** held a hearing on a bill that would crackdown on illegal gaming devices. The state gaming commission does not regulate these slot machine-like devices, often found in gas stations, convenience stores, and liquor stores. Senate Pro Tem **Dave Schatz** has made it a priority to eliminate or regulate these "grey market" games.

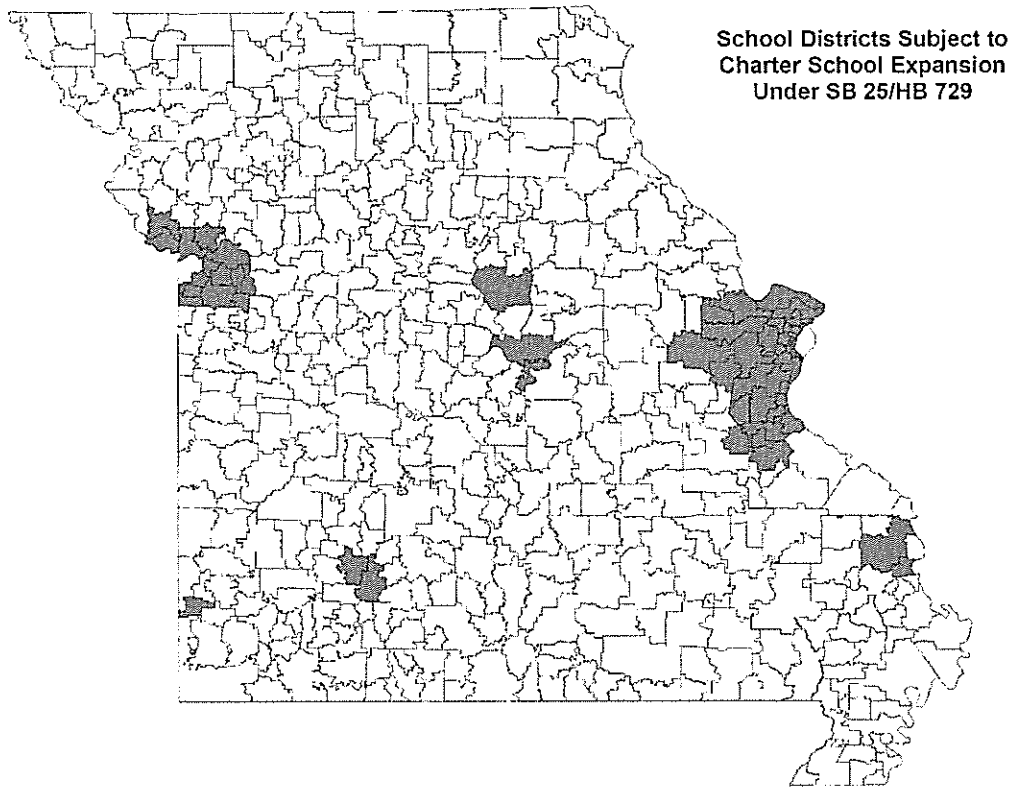
Both the House and Senate are scheduled to be in session next week. However, the situation remains fluid as a Republican senator tested recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Education Update

The **Senate Education Committee** convened Tuesday afternoon to discuss SB 23, sponsored by Senator **Andrew Koenig** (R-Manchester), and SB 25, sponsored by Senator **Bill Eigel** (R-St. Charles). The legislation creates the "**Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program**" and specifies that any taxpayer may claim a tax credit, not to exceed 50% of the taxpayer's state tax liability, for any qualifying contribution to an educational assistance organization for all tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2022. The cumulative amount of tax credits issued in any one calendar year shall not exceed **\$50 million**.

Additionally, SB 25 includes provisions regarding the expansion of charter schools. If passed, charter school operations would be allowed to operate, upon approval, in any school district located within a charter county and any municipality with a population

greater than 30,000. The **Missouri School Boards Association** says this will impact 61 districts.



The Missouri State Treasurer **Scott Fitzpatrick** provided supporting testimony regarding empowerment accounts, and numerous parents were on hand to support charter school expansion.

The **Missouri School Board Association, Missouri School Administrators Association, Missouri State Teachers Association, and American Federation of Teachers** went on record to oppose the bill, stating that money earmarked in the bill should go for existing statutory and budgetary obligations. Additionally, the current language does not provide any tax payer accountability in the charter provisions. They that they are not opposed to charter schools but believe the current system does not work efficiently.

The committee rolled SB 23 and SB 23 into a substitute for SB 55.

- Provisions relating to recall of school board elections.
- Provisions relating to term limits for state school board members.
- Provisions relating to the Missouri course access program.
- Increases to the tax credits allocation from **\$50 million** to **\$100 million**.

The SCS was adopted and voted do pass - 5-4 with Senators **Elaine Gannon, Lauren Arthur, Greg Razor** and **Jill Schupp** voting no.

Kansas News

Legislative Update

It was a busy week for the **Senate Education Committee**, chaired by Senator **Molly Baumgardner**. The committee reintroduced several bills vetoed by the Governor last session.



Senator Molly Baumgardner, R-Louisburg

We are closely following the following Senate education bills:

SB 32 - Tuition reimbursement for dual or concurrent enrollment

This bill lowers or eliminates college courses' cost burden for high school students wishing to take dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses.

SB 43 - the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act

This bill provide post-secondary educational scholarships for certain two-year associate degree programs, career and technical education certificates, and other stand-alone programs. This action failed last year mainly due to the **\$10 million** fiscal note.

SB 51 - Foster care children academic report card

This bill requires the **State Department of Education** and the **Department for Children and Families** to publish a Kansas foster care children academic report card. Governor **Laura Kelly** issued an executive order last session to implement this;

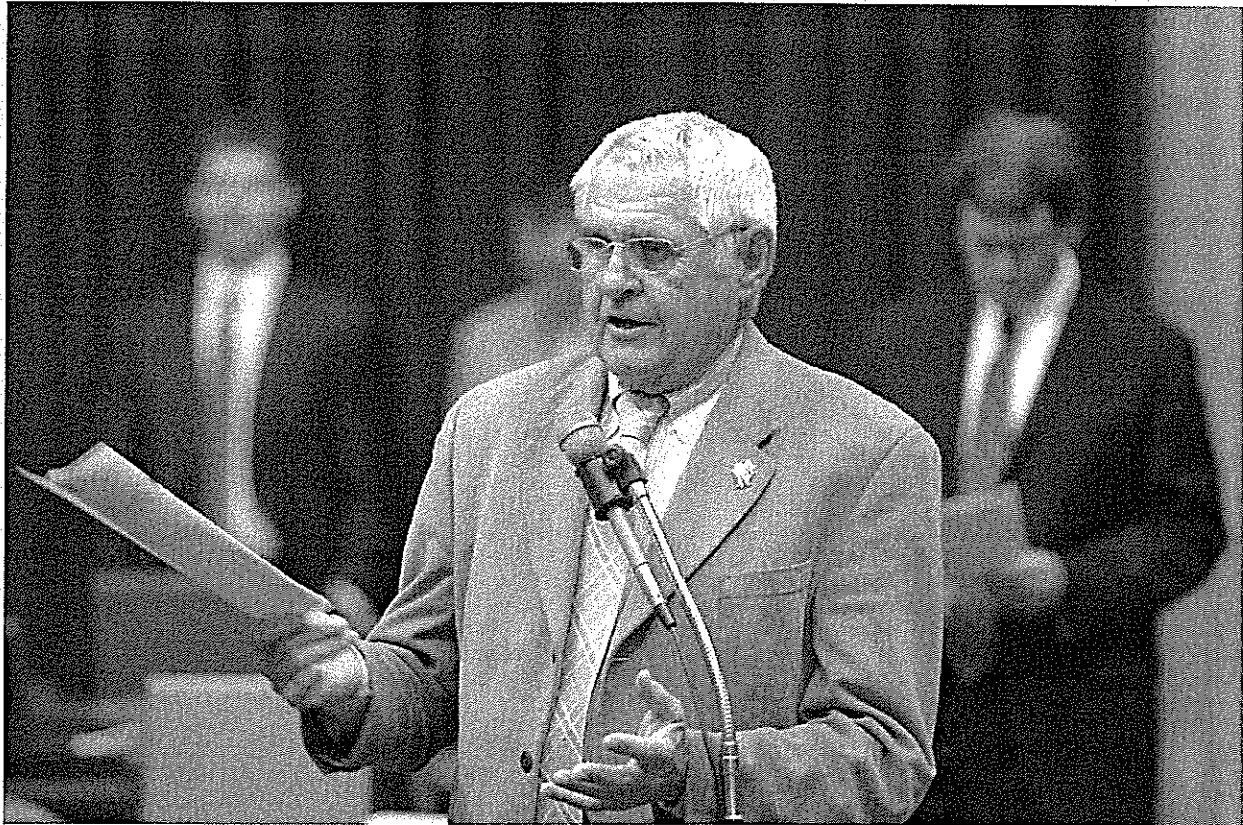
however, to ensure this law continues after Kelly leaves office, the legislature will need to pass a bill.

In the House, school choice remained front and center in committee discussions. To prepare for the hearing on [HB 2068](#), the K-12 committee received a briefing on "school choice" on Wednesday. The **House K-12 Education Budget Committee** will hear HB 2068 on [Tuesday, January 26th at 3:30 p.m.](#)

This program provides state income tax credits for contributions to organizations that fund scholarships for certain children to attend qualified private schools. The proposed legislation makes several changes:

- Under current law, to be eligible, students must also be eligible for free meals. The bill expands coverage to those also eligible for reduced-price meals.
- Under current law, an eligible student must also be attending a public elementary school identified by the State Board of Education as one of the lowest 100 performing elementary schools with respect to student achievement among all public elementary schools or must be under the age of six and eligible to be enrolled in such elementary schools (unless the student has previously received a scholarship). The bill would change this to allow any free/reduced meal eligible students attending any public school in the state, not limited to the lowest-performing elementary schools. These changes would significantly increase the number of students eligible for the program. However, the bill does not change the dollar funding available to the program through tax credits, which are capped.
- The bill requires participating private schools to provide a link to the State Department of Education's webpage for certain accreditation and accountability reports. The link shall be prominently displayed on the school's accountability reports webpage.

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Former House of Representatives member Maynard Wallace: Photo credit: Tim Bommel

Former Missouri education chair passes

Former State Representative **Maynard Wallace**, R-Thornfield, died suddenly at his home last Sunday according to [an obituary from Clinkingbeard Funeral Homes](#). Wallace served in the **Missouri House** from 2003-2010 and chaired the **House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education** in his final term. He also served on the **State Board of Education** for three years. Wallace spent 33 years in public education working as a high school basketball coach and many years as a school superintendent.

State Senator **Karla Eslinger** told reporter **Brian Hauswirth** from Missouri.net that Wallace was a statesman. *"The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician is worried about the next election, a statesman is worried about the next generation. And I think that is definitely Maynard Wallace."*

Notes on next week

Last week we promised to deliver a full legislative report in this week's newsletter, that's delayed until next week due to illness (everyone is fine).

We also will do our best to break down the school choice legislation in more detail and give you our best unbiased takes on how these provisions effect student learning and if they hit the mark on providing equity, access and accountability.

Have a wonderful weekend.

All the best,

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To: Justin Hill
Cc: Igor Shalai
Subject: Scotty Wirtz Memorial Highway

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Rep Hill:

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Do you want your bill drafted this way, or do you want your requested name and route used?

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks!

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From: Christine Brauner <christine.brauner@senate.mo.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:42 PM
Subject: Sen. Williams' Human Trafficking Awareness Day program
Attachments: Williams - HTA Day 2021 program.pdf

Hello -

Please share the Human Trafficking Awareness Day program with your social groups.

Tuesday – January 26, 2021

Link for the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/135338798991>

MUCH appreciated!

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Igor Shalai

From: Ann Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:48 PM
To: _Republican Representatives
Subject: Session activity dates

Representative:

I hope you are doing well and are healthy.

I wanted to give you the dates for our upcoming 2021 session activities along with some information.

Softball Tournament is Wednesday, April 14th.

Rain Date is April 21st.

Be thinking of getting together a team for the softball tournament.

We have reserved JQ's on High food truck.

After the tournament, Representative Sanders is providing us with a fireworks show.

I am working on another idea for some 'fun'.

Does anyone have a cornhole board (s)?

Also, I am looking for raffle items. In the past, we have raffled off tickets to Blues and Cardinal games.

The end-of-session House Republican Caucus Party is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th at Capitol Ritz, 5:30.

If you are interested in sponsoring the food at this event, please get a hold of me.

Do you have a special talent? What can you do for the event? Show off something cool or interesting about yourself or just make everyone laugh. Maybe you can start working on a skit to do with representatives. Be thinking and once you have something in mind, let me know.

Lastly, the Legislative Assistant breakfast is on hold because of COVID and not being able to schedule an event in the capitol; however, I plan on still doing something the week of April 19 -23rd. We will just have small treats for the LA's every day that week to help show them how much they are appreciated and they will receive a coupon to eat at the bistro in the basement.

If you have any suggestions or things you want my office to look into, please don't hesitate to get a hold of me.

I am easy to get a hold of just call, text or email:

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Best regards,

Ann Kelley

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Missouri State Representative, District 127

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Igor Shalai

From: Tracy, Len <LTracy@sccmo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Standing Up For the Consitution

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Justin:

Thanks for representing the citizens of Missouri and the voters of St. Charles County in the Washington Constitutional rally. It is good to know we have a representative that has the courage to do what's right. We support you and please keep up the good work!

Len Tracy

From: STCNow Weekly <enews@stcharlescitymo.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: STCNow Weekly 1/22/21: Fete De Glace



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Fete de Glace

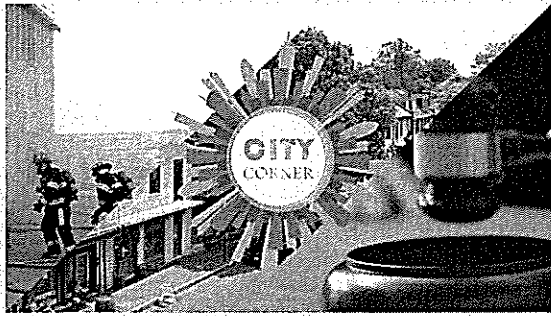
Saturday, January 30th | 10am - 3:30pm

Fete De Glace is back! Next Saturday, ice carvers will fill two blocks of North Main Street and turn huge blocks of ice into *beautiful, sparkling creations*.

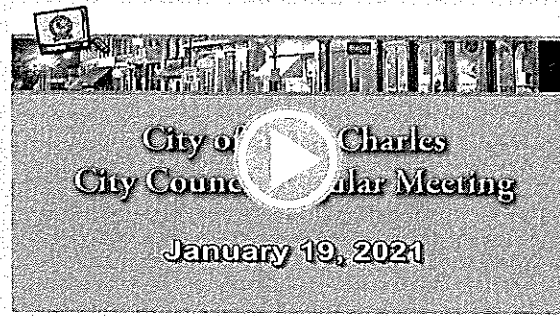
There will be outdoor fire pits, restaurants serving breakfast or lunch, and shops to keep warm in. Stop by Main Street on January 30th from 10:00am to 3:30pm and watch these artists create sculptures before your very eyes!

[Learn about Fete De Glace](#)

City Corner: January 2021



City Council Meeting: January 19th



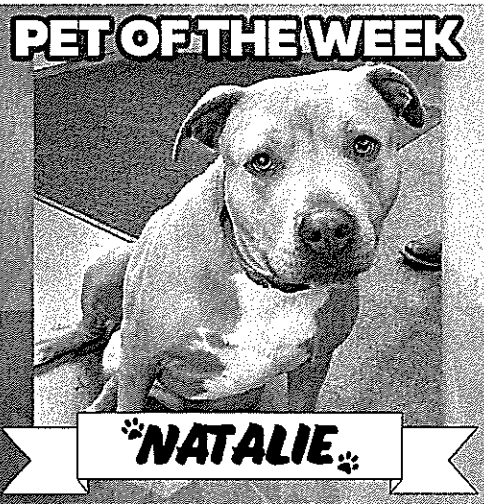
City of Saint Charles Trivia



Who am I??

In 1769, this French Canadian fur trader named our great City "Les Petites Cotes", meaning the "The Little Hills."

Tune in next week for the answer!



Pet of the Week: Natalie

With Five Acres Animal Shelter

Natalie is a 4.5-year old Pitbull who loves kids and people. She would do best in a home without cats and with larger, male dogs. A little overweight, Natalie needs an owner that will help walk her into shape!

Visit FiveAcresAnimalShelter.org to inquire and/or adopt!



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Funny pet videos needed!

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There are many ways to get involved with this event!

1. Register to be "pre-furred caterer" of Spaygetti. There is no fee or condition to register.
2. Sponsor the event.
3. Donate an item for the virtual silent auction.
4. Send in your videos!

Learn more about Spay-Ghetti
HERE



Ask a Firefighter!

With Saint Charles Fire Department

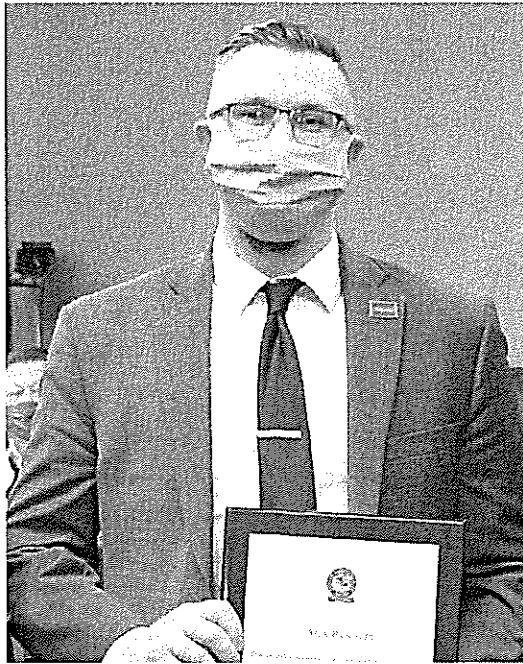
Have your kids ever had questions about what it's like to be a firefighter?

Now's their chance!

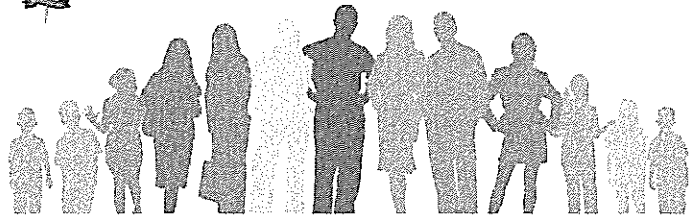
Click the button below to submit a question to the City of Saint Charles Fire Department. Firefighters will be answering your questions on our various social media accounts. Don't forget to include your name, age, and question.

Don't follow us? All of our social media accounts are linked at the bottom of this e-mail.

ASK A FIREFIGHTER



Human Relations Commission

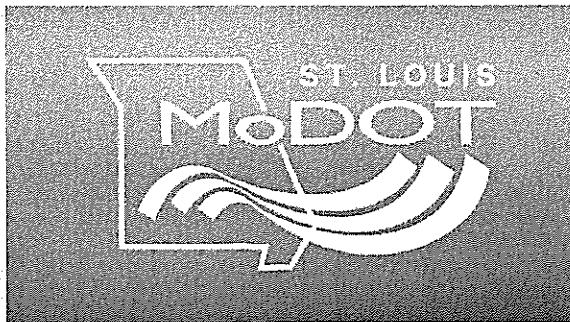


2021 HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

The City of St. Charles Human Relations Commission presents their 2021 Human Relations Award to **Alex Reichert!**

Alex has worked on programs such as the Diversity Film Series and the Multicultural Reading Day. He is being presented with the award because of his commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Saint Charles community. Congratulations, Alex!

Engineering & Construction Updates



MoDOT to hold virtual open house for Route 94, Route 364, and Muegge Rd

The Missouri Department of Transportation will hold an open-house virtual public meeting **THIS TUESDAY, January 26th** from 4-6pm.

The meeting will discuss the Route 94, Route 364, and Muegge Road Interchange Improvements project. This project's purpose is to improve capacity, safety, and mobility of



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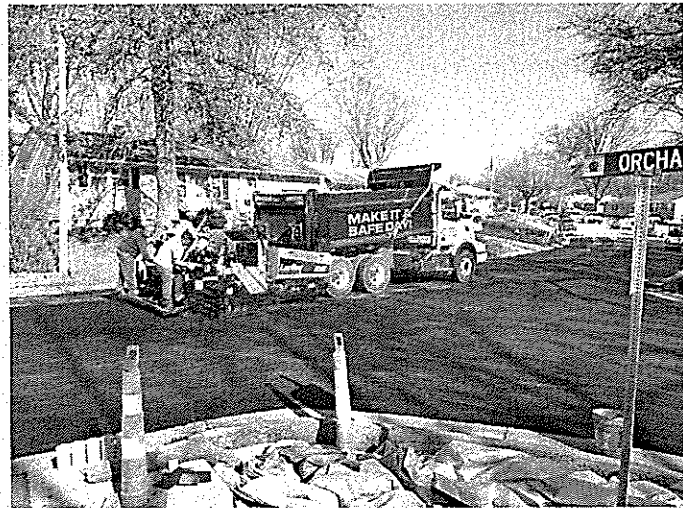
Lincoln Elementary

This project is quickly progressing! Concrete work will be wrapped up by next week. All that will remain is fencing, signage, and sodding. No upcoming closures are expected. [Read More...](#)

N Benton Avenue to N Main Storm Drainage

Contractor has installed a box for crews to safely work on the old floodgate structure. Next week, they will install steel wires and pour the floor of the new floodgate. [Read More...](#)

Nathan to Rose Brae



New asphalt has been placed on Woodlawn Drive and now all asphalt and concrete work has been complete! Next week, construction workers will re-install fencing in backyards and will begin backfilling dirt. [Read More...](#)

7th Street to Boone's Lick

The intersection at 7th and McDonough is now closed and is expected to remain closed all through next week due to some utility conflicts. [Read More...](#)

[Parks & Recreation Updates](#)

STAR TRIVIA NIGHT WARS

WISEST JEDI ARE YOU?
 Do. Or do not. There is no try.
 Join us in a galaxy far, far away for the ultimate Star Wars Trivia Night. Gather your Jedi Council and kick into hyperdrive to reserve your table today before this event sells out.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
 Trivia begins at 7:00P | Check-in at 6:30P
 Location: Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park
 (1900 Randolph, 63301)
 Fee: \$160 per table of 8 | Code: 124801-01
 Price includes beer (for those 21+) and soda.
 Guests may bring in their own food and beverages to this event.

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CITY OF ST. CHARLES
 PARKS & RECREATION PASSPORT

RENEW YOUR PARKS PASSPORT CARDS

EXPIRES 12/31/22

It's time to renew your Parks Passport Card: This card offers discount from January 2021 through December 2022, that's 2 years of savings!

Did you know the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department offers a Parks Passport Card to St. Charles City residents? This card offers several discounts to different St. Charles City businesses, discounts for St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department programs and discounts on daily pool admission to the Wapelhorst, Blanchette and McNair Aquatic Facilities. The card also gives you St. Peters resident rates to the Rec-Plex and their outdoor pools.

CLICK HERE to learn how you can redeem your card!

Public Works: Report a Concern

Why Report a Concern?

The City of Saint Charles is committed to improving our ability to address the concerns of all residents. We depend on YOU, the Citizens of Saint Charles, to help us keep our city functioning well. In many cases, residents are the first people to alert the City about concerns.

In 2020, over 1,600 concerns have been reported using *Report a Concern*. Over 96% of reported concerns have been resolved by City staff. When concerns are reported using Report a Concern, a record is created and the concern is routed to City staff for resolution. This allows the appropriate City staff member to respond sooner and deal with concerns right away.

Below is a list of concerns types that can be reported and a chart showing the Top 10 Concern Types Reported in 2020.

Animal Control

- Dead Animal
- Stray Animal
- Wounded Animal

Billing (Utilities)

- Billing - Water and Sewer

Community Development

- Abandoned/Dangerous Building
- Derelict/Abandoned Vehicle (PRIVATE PROPERTY)
- Overflowing Dumpster
- Overgrown Trees/Bushes – Private
- Tall Grass/Overgrown Weeds – Private
- Unapproved Signage

Engineering Department

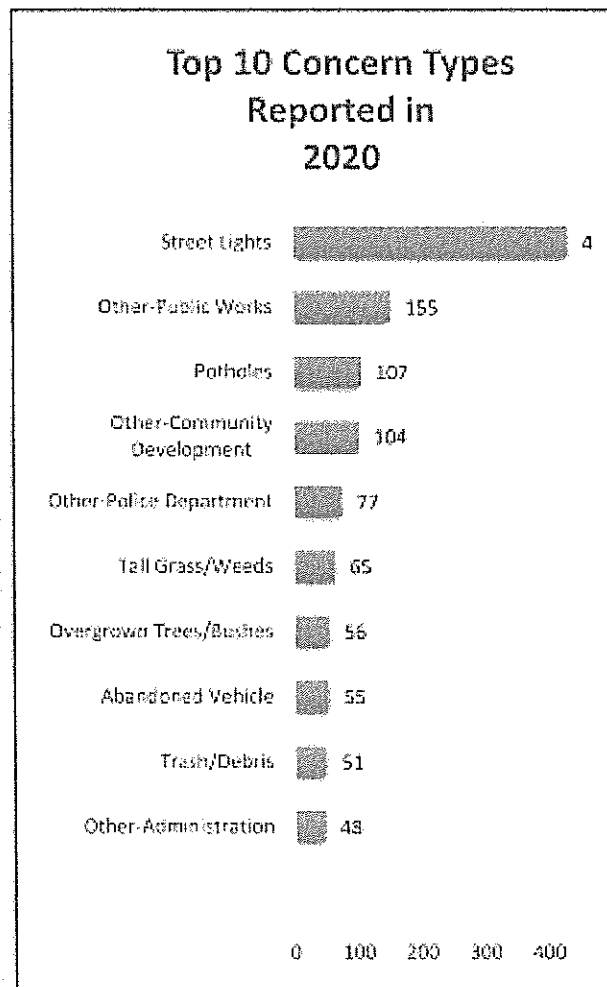
- City Construction Project
- Speeding/Running Stop Sign Issues
- Other - Engineering

Parks and Recreation

- Parks and Recreation Issues

Public Works

- Overgrown Trees/Bushes – Public
- Pothole
- Sewer Issues
- Street Light Issue
- Street Sign Damage
- Tall Grass/Overgrown Weeds – Public
- Sidewalk Damage



Foundry Art Centre: Summer Art Camp Supply Drive

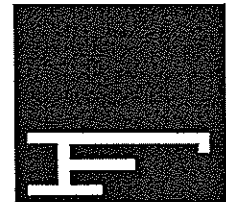
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The Virtual Exhibition launches Friday, January 22nd.

[VIEW THE VIRTUAL EXHIBITION](#)

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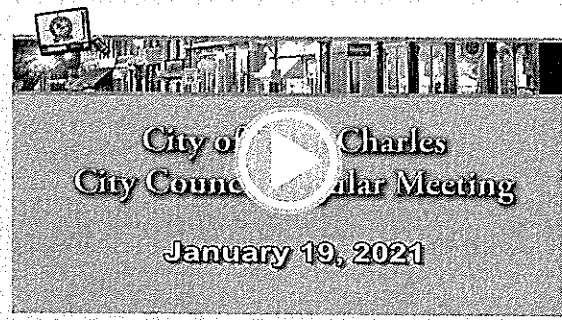
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Registration is free! Don't forget to send YOUR funny pet videos to Five Acres so your pet can be featured in this fun, furry event.

[Register for Spay-ghetti](#)

[City Council Meeting: January 19th](#)



City of Saint Charles Trivia



Where am I??

The first school was located at Fourth and Jefferson Streets and was purchased through individual citizen contributions. In 1918, after a fire partially destroyed the building, this school was moved to its present location.

Last week's answer: Louis Blanchette



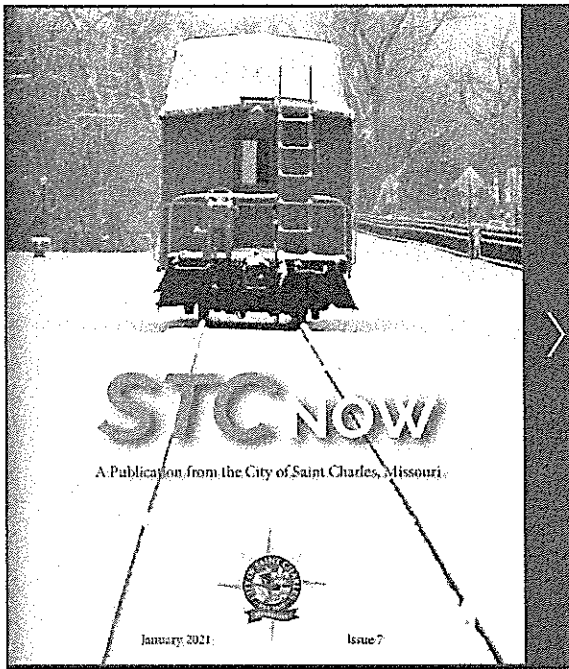
Pet of the Week: Stella

With Five Acres Animal Shelter

Stella is an eight-year old cat and loves affection. She does prefer to be the only cat in your home. Stella is front-declawed and, as a result, has some issues making the litter box every time; although, Five Acres says she's improving.

Visit FiveAcresAnimalShelter.org to inquire and/or adopt!



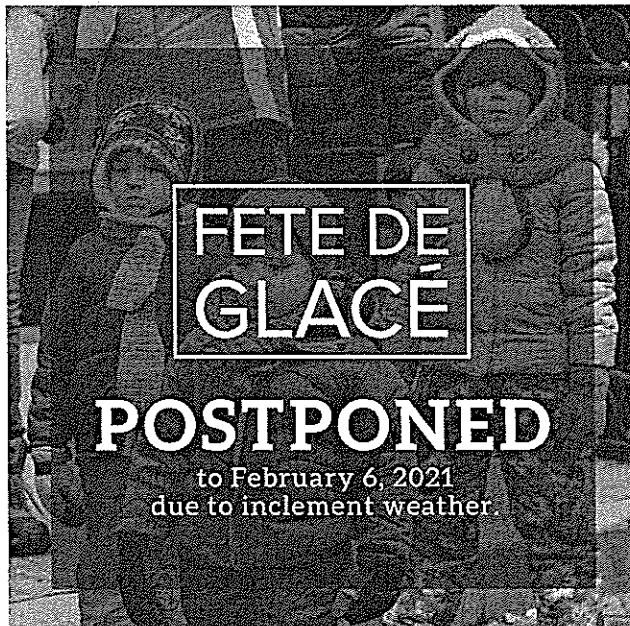


STCNow Magazine: January 2021

If you're a resident of the City of Saint Charles, you should have received this month's issue of STCNow magazine in your mailbox.

For non-residents, view the [digital flip-book](#) version!

Included in this issue is a message from Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, information about City Department updates, a featured story on the Chabad Jewish Center of St. Charles County, a local barber shop story, interview with an ice carver, and more!



Fete De Glace

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We look forward to seeing everyone next weekend!

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Parks & Recreation Updates

We're Hiring
 LOOKING FOR A FUN & REWARDING JOB?
 JOIN OUR TEAM!

ST. CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION
 MISSOURI

Are you thinking about a part-time or summer job yet? It's never too early to apply!

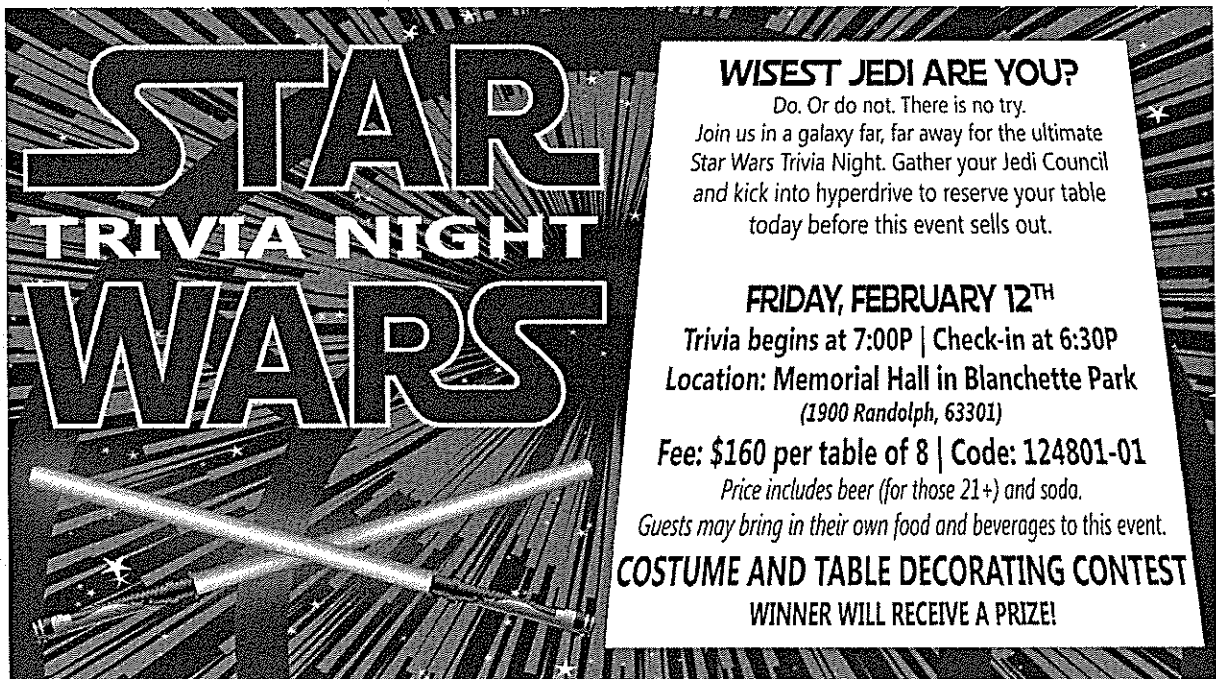
Concession positions start early March. Lifeguards and day camp counselors begin late April. Recreation positions like youth sports instructors are year round. There are also opportunities to work multiple roles for more hours. Get a head start and apply today!

[Visit our website to complete your application.](#)

Job Opportunities:

Applicants must be 16 years or older by start date unless otherwise noted.

- Concession Stand Workers
- Aquatics: Lifeguards/Swim Instructors
- Day Camp Counselors
- Youth Sports Instructors
- Cultural Arts Program Instructors
- Fitness Instructors
- Adult Softball Umpires/Sports Referees
- Park Maintenance Staff *(Must be 18 or older)*
- Bartender/Lead Concessions *(Must be 21 or older)*

A promotional graphic for a Star Wars Trivia Night event. The background features a stylized, high-contrast image of a lightsaber. The text is arranged in a white box on the right side of the graphic.

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Public Works: Potholes



It's Pothole season again!

The City of St. Charles' goal is to have potholes repaired within three days of reporting. Potholes deemed to be big enough to cause damage will be fixed as soon as possible.

Please help us find potholes by calling our Public Works Pothole Hotline at 636-255-6120 or send an email to public.works@stcharlescitymo.gov

Report a Pothole!



We have several roads running through our City that the City does not maintain. If you are not sure the road is maintained by the City of St. Charles **CLICK HERE** to find the potholes location and what agency maintains that roadway. This link will automatically send a request to the proper agency and create a Work Order for that agency to make the repair.

Or you may contact by phone;
St. Charles County Highway at 636-949-7900.
Missouri Department of Transportation at 314-340-4100.

Please Slow Down, Phones Down and Buckle up for Safety while driving through any work zone.

Foundry Art Centre: Summer Art Camp Supply Drive

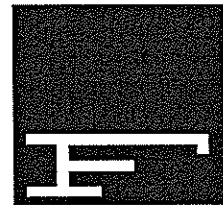
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**IT'S TIME TO ACT
ON COVID-19 LIABILITY**

Step one: complete
Missouri Senate committee approves COVID-19 liability protections

A Missouri Senate committee has taken an important first step toward stopping opportunistic lawsuits against Missouri employers.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has passed legislation to stop frivolous lawsuits alleging COVID-19 exposure.

The vote moves this much-needed legislation forward. In the wake of the pandemic, it is anticipated that a wave of COVID-19 lawsuits will be filed against Missouri employers. Many states have acted to protect employers from these lawsuits. However, Missouri businesses remain completely exposed.

Nearly 800 Missouri employers and individuals have joined the Missouri Chamber in calling for action on this problem.

Four Senate committee members have taken the lead on addressing this issue by voting in favor of this legislation: The four senators who voted to move this legislation forward are: Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer, Sen. Bob Onder, Sen. Holly Rehder and Sen. Bill White.

Please join the Missouri Chamber in showing your support for these lawmakers.

[SEND MESSAGE](#)

Giving product lawsuits reasonable time limits

On Jan. 21, a Missouri Senate committee heard legislation to give product liability lawsuits a reasonable time limit, commonly called a "statute of repose." Without a statute of repose, innocent retailers frequently become a target for trial attorneys. 2020 Missouri Chamber Business Champion Sen. Jeanie Riddle (R-Fulton) is sponsoring Senate Bill 7 to address this problem.



[Read more](#)

NEW: Vaccinating Missouri's workforce

This free document gives Missouri's employers an understanding of when the COVID-19 vaccine could be available to their employees and describes the options employers have to participate in the vaccination of their workforce. Employers play a critical role in protecting their employees from COVID-19 workplace exposure and in making sure economic vitality continues through efforts to help employees receive access to the vaccine.

[Get the guide](#)

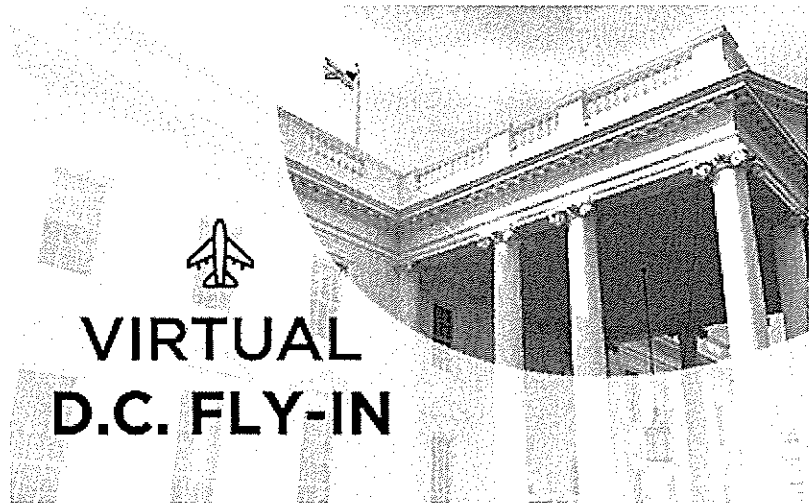
STRONGER TOGETHER

Vaccinating Missouri's Workforce against COVID-19 A Guide for Employers

FEB 11, 18, 25: Virtual DC Fly-In

This virtual trip offers the opportunity to be part of today's biggest federal policy discussions and share your thoughts with the elected leaders representing Missouri in our nation's capitol. Speak with Missouri's congressional delegation and share your insight into the issues that are important to your business.

[Register](#)



Scholarship opportunity: STEM Signing Day

High schoolers graduating this year who plan to study STEM at college or tech school in Missouri are eligible to apply for these scholarships!

We offer this program to recognize outstanding students dedicated to pursuing STEM in postsecondary education, and to raise awareness of Missouri companies with career opportunities that they and others can pursue. Applications close March 1.

[Learn more](#)



Join the ranks of Missouri's most effective leaders

Our widely acclaimed Leadership Missouri program will enhance your leadership skills and deepen your knowledge of our state's challenges and unique opportunities. [Hear what the 2019 class had to say about the experience!](#) If you want to become a better leader in business or government, register before Jan. 31.

[Learn more](#)



MO Return Strong Job Fairs

The MO Dept of Workforce Development is hosting 10 digital job fairs from January through June. Through a virtual booth loaded with your company content and a chat function accessible from any location and device, this is a convenient way to support recruitment efforts and showcase your company. Tap into talent while building on the diversity and inclusion of your workplace.



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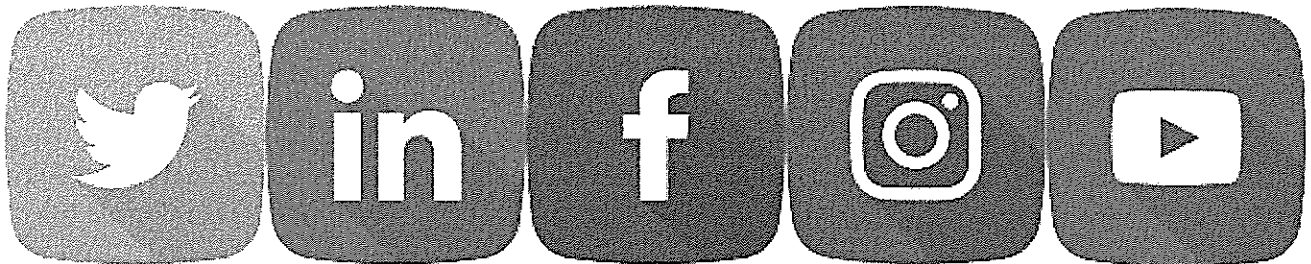
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AND GET BACK TO WORK

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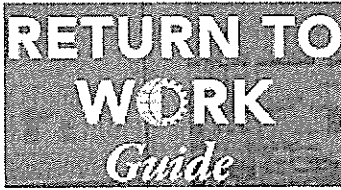
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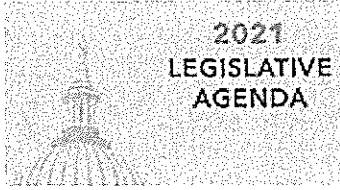
Chamber Benefit Plan.

Affordable health coverage has arrived for Missouri small businesses.
Learn more at ChamberBenefitPlan.com.



NEW: Updated
Return to Work
Guide

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Get our 2021
Legislative
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upcoming virtual
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IMPORTANT DATES

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STEM Signing Day scholarship applications due

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Chamber Federation Legislative Impact

This virtual event will take you inside the capitol and connect you with Missouri's top lawmakers as they work on policy for the state. This is ideal for local chambers of commerce and all employers interested in gaining insight into what's happening in Jefferson City and helping ensure their local priorities are on the map.

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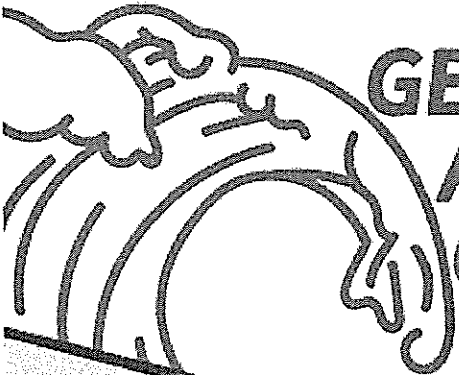

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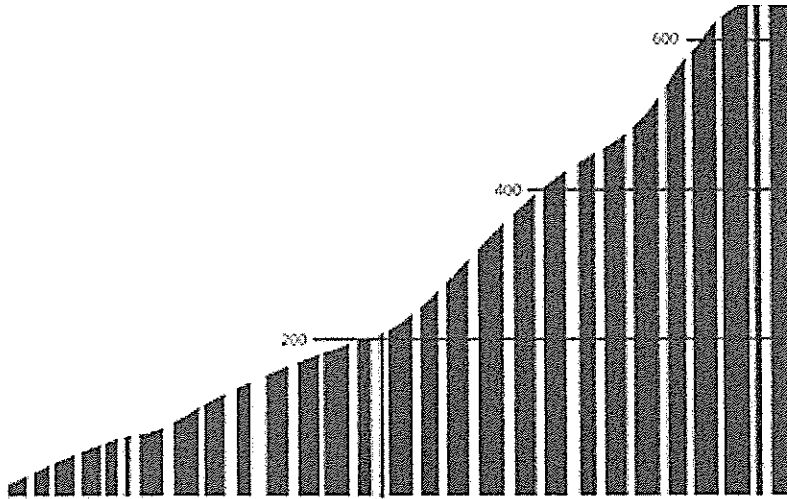
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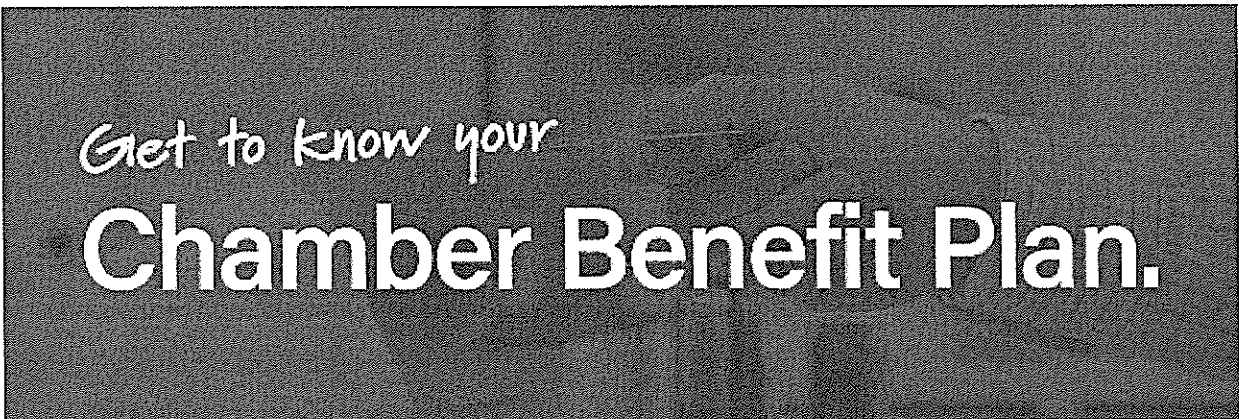
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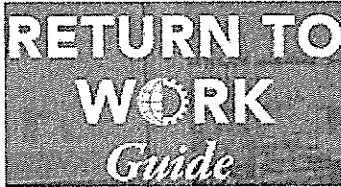
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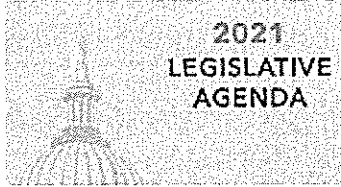
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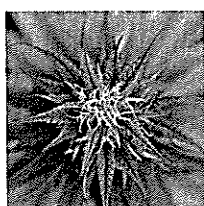
NIH study suggests using cannabis while trying to conceive may reduce pregnancy chances

Women who use marijuana and who are trying to conceive may have a more difficult time doing so than women who don't use marijuana. Sunni L. Mumford and colleagues at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a National Institute of Health (NIH) agency, studied a small group of women who were part of a larger study investigating conception in women after suffering miscarriages.

The researchers found that those who used marijuana were 40% less likely to conceive per monthly cycle than those who did not use the drug. Because this study involved a small number of women (62), the researchers caution that their results need to be replicated with a much larger group of women. However, they say women who are trying to conceive should refrain from using the drug during that time.

Read *NIH News* account of this study [here](#).

Read full text of this study published in *Human Reproduction* [here](#).



Cannabidiol use during pregnancy affects the brain and behavior in adulthood

Nicole M. Wanner and colleagues at the University of Minnesota's Department of Animal Science and College of Veterinary Medicine conducted a rodent study that, for the first time, shows CBD use during pregnancy and lactation may affect mood and cognition in offspring throughout their lives.

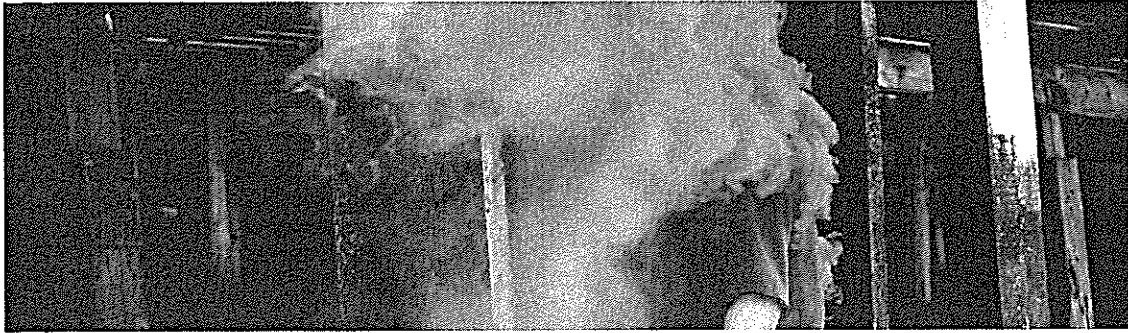
"Key findings of the study include:

- Chronic maternal CBD treatment increased anxiety and improved memory performance in adult female offspring, while males were unaffected.
- The effects of CBD during pregnancy persisted even though the offspring had no direct exposure as adults.
- Maternal CBD treatment shifted gene regulatory marks (DNA methylation) at hundreds of genes in the brains of adult female offspring.
- Genes affected by CBD were involved in the formation of new neurons and synapses, communication between neurons, and diseases like autism spectrum disorder, epilepsy and substance use disorder."

Read the university's account of this study [here](#).

Read full text of *Clinical Epigenetics* article [here](#).

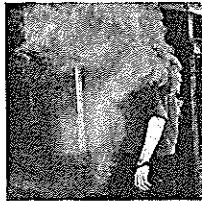
VAPING



A good time to quit: Smoking and vaping amid COVID-19

A survey of 13- to 17-year-olds found that a COVID-19 diagnosis was five times more likely among those who vaped and seven times more likely among those who vaped and smoked. Lung specialist say this information places even more emphasis on how important it is to quit both.

Read this *Medical Express* article [here](#).



Vape store body lobbies government for essential retailer status

The British government shut down vape shops last spring because of COVID-19. The UK Vaping Industry Association has redoubled its lobbying effort to get the government to classify vape shops as essential businesses. Why? Because former smokers who now vape could be tempted back to cigarettes, they claim.

The Independent British Vape Trade Association has joined in, pressuring the government to reconsider its closure of vape shops.

Given the "Good Time to Quit" story above, we say, "Here, here" to the British government.

Read *The Grocer* story [here](#).

PSYCHEDELICS



Florida lawmaker introducing psilocybin legalization

State Rep. Michael Grieco is the first lawmaker on the East Coast to introduce a bill to legalize psilocybin-assisted therapy. He plans to drop his bill next week. It is patterned after an Oregon voter initiative that passed last November.

However, Grieco is proposing not only legal access but legal consumption as well, like the legalization of marijuana for medical use.

Read *Forbes* article [here](#).



Supporting the decriminalization of entheogenic plants.

The City Council of Somerville, Massachusetts unanimously approved a resolution supporting the decriminalization of entheogenic plants, which it defines as “the full spectrum of psychedelic plants, fungi, and natural materials containing indole amines, tryptamines, phenethylamines, including psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca, cacti, and iboga.”

Read the Somerville City Council Resolution [here](#).

HEMP



NIST study will help labs distinguish between hemp and marijuana

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is inviting laboratories to take part in a study that it hopes will lead to accurate measurements of THC in marijuana and hemp in order to distinguish one kind of plant from the other.

Read the *NIST News* article [here](#).



USDA publishes final rule for the domestic production of hemp

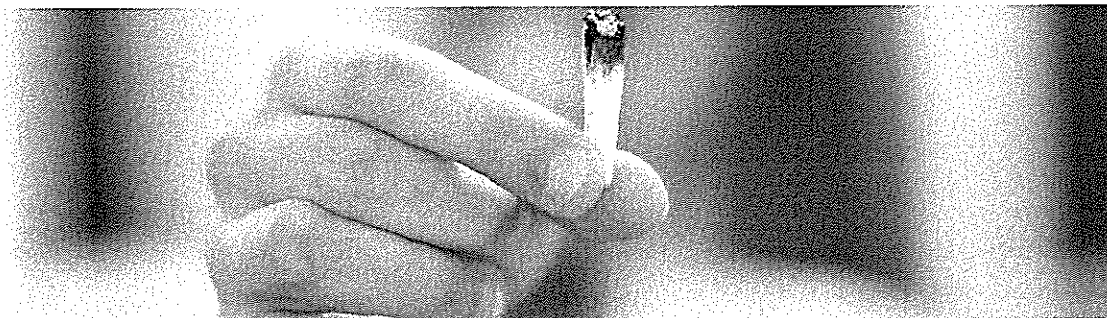
The US Department of Agriculture released its final rule this week that will regulate the production of hemp in the nation. The final rule evolved from a final interim rule issued shortly after Congress legalized hemp in the 2018 Farm Bill. A USDA announcement says the final rule includes the following provisions:

- licensing requirements
- recordkeeping requirements for maintaining information about the land where hemp is produced
- procedures for testing THC concentration levels for hemp
- procedures for disposing of non-compliant plants, and
- procedures for handling violations

Read the USDA announcement [here](#).

Access more information about the final rule on the department's Hemp Production webpage [here](#).

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AMA urges court to overturn medical cannabis ballot initiative

The American Medical Association has joined the Mississippi State Medical

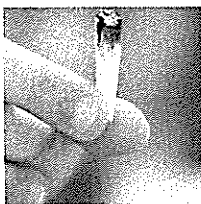
Association in a friend-of-the-court brief urging the state's supreme court to declare the recently passed medical marijuana voter initiative unconstitutional. In addition to a dispute about legal jurisdictional issues, the brief argues that the initiative threatens public health and burdens the state's physicians.

Both organizations oppose legalizing marijuana for medical use "through state legislative, ballot initiative, or referendum process."

The brief continues, "While it is possible there may be beneficial medicinal uses of marijuana, numerous evidence-based studies demonstrate that significant deleterious effects abound" and "public health risks are immense." These include:

- Drug abuse and addiction
- Change in brain function
- Lung disease
- Intoxication and impaired driving
- Developmental interference
- Impaired cognition
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- Negative social functioning effects
- Cancer

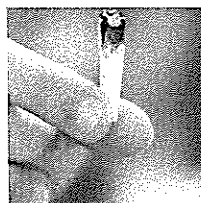
Read *AMA News* article [here](#).



Record of cities/counties prohibiting licensed recreational marijuana facilities

Oregon has released a list of local jurisdictions that have prohibited the establishment of licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers.

Access the list compiled by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which also regulates marijuana, [here](#).



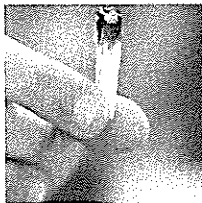
Marijuana legalization bills introduced in Nebraska Legislature

Two Nebraska senators have introduced legalization bills in the new legislature this year. One would remove marijuana from state laws

criminalizing drugs and remove past convictions for marijuana possession from the record books. The other would legalize the drug for medical use.

The author of the second bill introduced a similar one two years ago and launched an initiative petition at the same time. However, the bill faced stiff opposition and the Nebraska Supreme Court struck down the petition because it violated a single-subject requirement for ballot initiatives in the state constitution.

Read the *Omaha World-Herald* story [here](#).

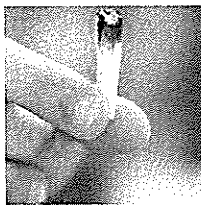


State has 30 days to notify cannabis businesses of billboard ban

The California Bureau of Cannabis Control has 30 days to notify marijuana business owners across the state they can no longer advertise on highways that cross state lines.

The bureau ruled in 2019 that billboards advertising marijuana could be advertised on state highways except within a 15-mile radius of state borders. But a father sued, saying that the bureau misinterpreted the intent of Prop 64, which legalized the drug for recreational use in 2016. The court agreed with the father and pot billboards are no longer allowed on highways anywhere in the state if they continue beyond state borders.

Read *CalCoastNews.com* article [here](#).



Nearly 100 people apply to be on Vermont's Cannabis Control Board

Ninety-four people have applied for three seats on the new Vermont Cannabis Control Board. A nominating committee appointed by the governor will vet the applications.

State law says applicants' names may not be disclosed but the governor has released demographic information about them including that 77 are from Vermont but 17 live out of state.

Read *Seven Days Vermont* article [here](#).



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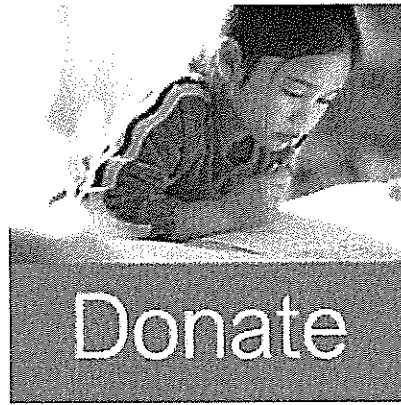
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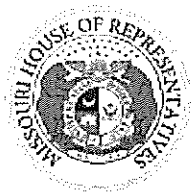
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112 pinto circle Ofallon, MO 63368 Constituent

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From: Eli Morgan <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Support the Second Amendment Preservation Act for Missouri!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Support the Second Amendment Preservation Act for Missouri!

Re: Support the Second Amendment Preservation Act for Missouri!

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Jared Stevens
jaredstevens2003@yahoo.com
1403 Tucks Inn Court Lake St Louis, MO 63367 Constituent

Igor Shalai

From: Family Policy Alliance <mail@familypolicyalliance.com> on behalf of Maureen Drake <mail@familypolicyalliance.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Take Action to Oppose Biden's Transgender Agenda

Jan 27, 2021

State Representative Justin Hill
State Capitol, Room 300
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear State Representative Hill,

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It is my hope and request that you will make it a top priority to push back against this agenda as a leader of our state. The Biden transgender agenda has no place in our state's schools, and I need you to hold the line for our children.

I look forward to hearing how you will push back against the Biden transgender agenda as he attempts to implement it nationwide.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maureen Drake
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Wentzville, MO 63385-4604
(660) 853-9959
maureen.drake@icloud.com

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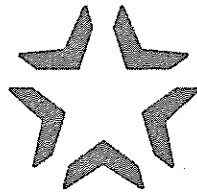
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Igor Shalai

From: Meredith Beeson <mbeeson@globalbusiness.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: The Global Business Alliance's CSR Award Winners



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Representative Hill,

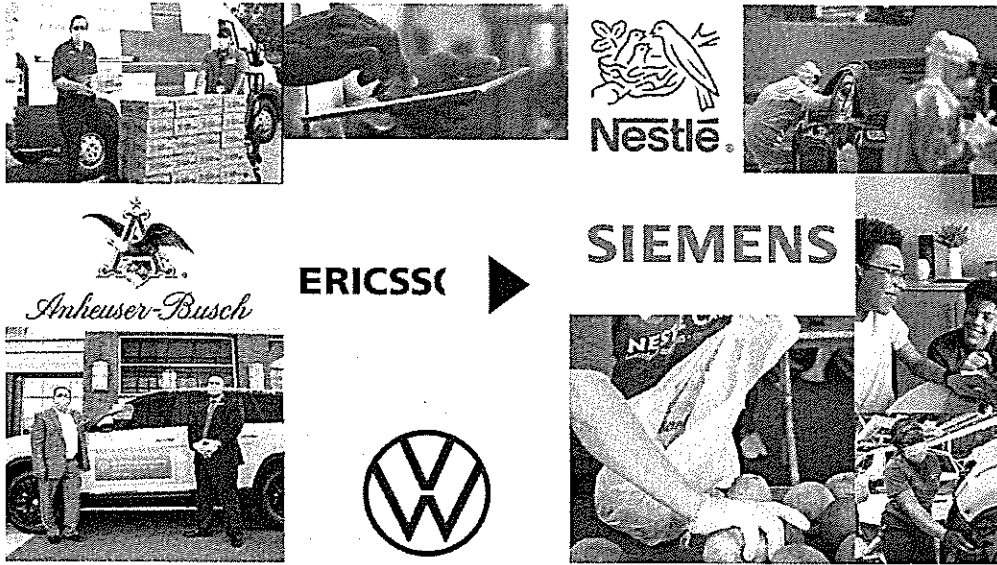
I am excited to announce this year's winner of GBA's annual CSR Award, which showcases the incredible work that international companies conduct in the local communities in which they sustainably operate. No company undertakes something like this for the recognition, but we could not let such undertakings go unrecognized.

[Learn more](#) about what our members are doing in your state.

See all of the finalists and this year's winner in this video:



Given the extraordinary moment we all find ourselves in, we also thought it was important to spotlight how GBA members have stepped up to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn about this year's finalists and see this year's winner in this video:



Learn more about how international companies support your state's economy.

Best,
 Meredith Beeson
 Director, State Government Affairs

Global Business Alliance
 99 M Street, SE, Suite 200
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To: Igor Shalai
Subject: This Week at ALEC

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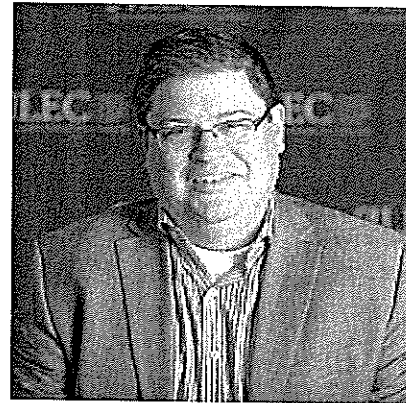
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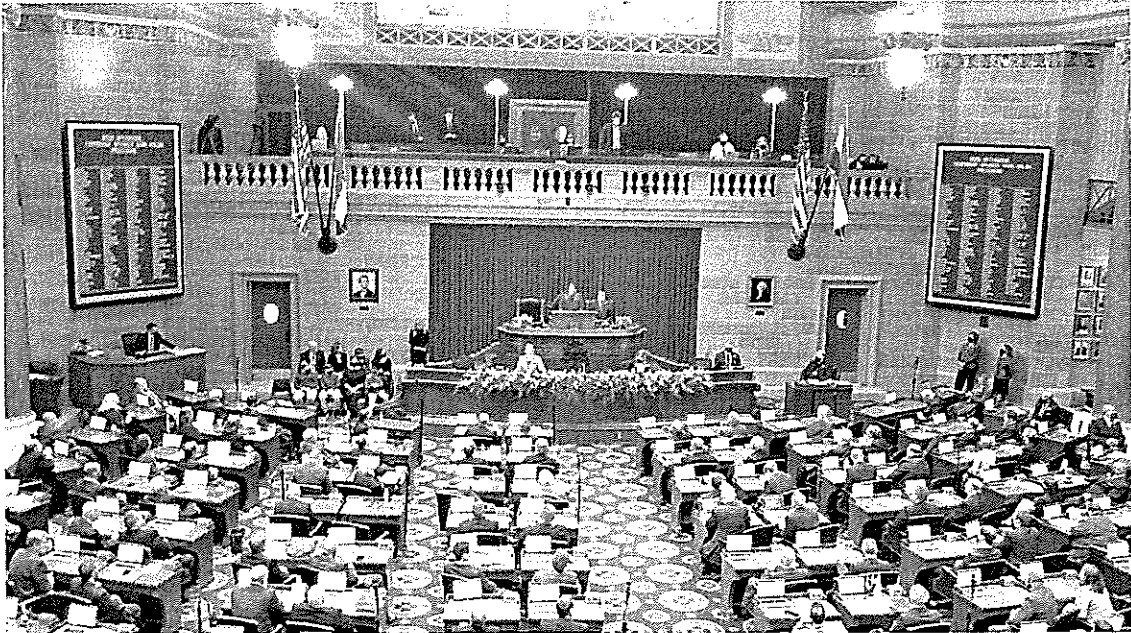
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From: Matt Goodsell <matt.goodsell@capmin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED



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Igor Shalai

From: Anne Taetzsch Fitzgerald <anne@dayoftears.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 4:59 AM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Today is the Day of Tears; please lower your flag

Day of Tears

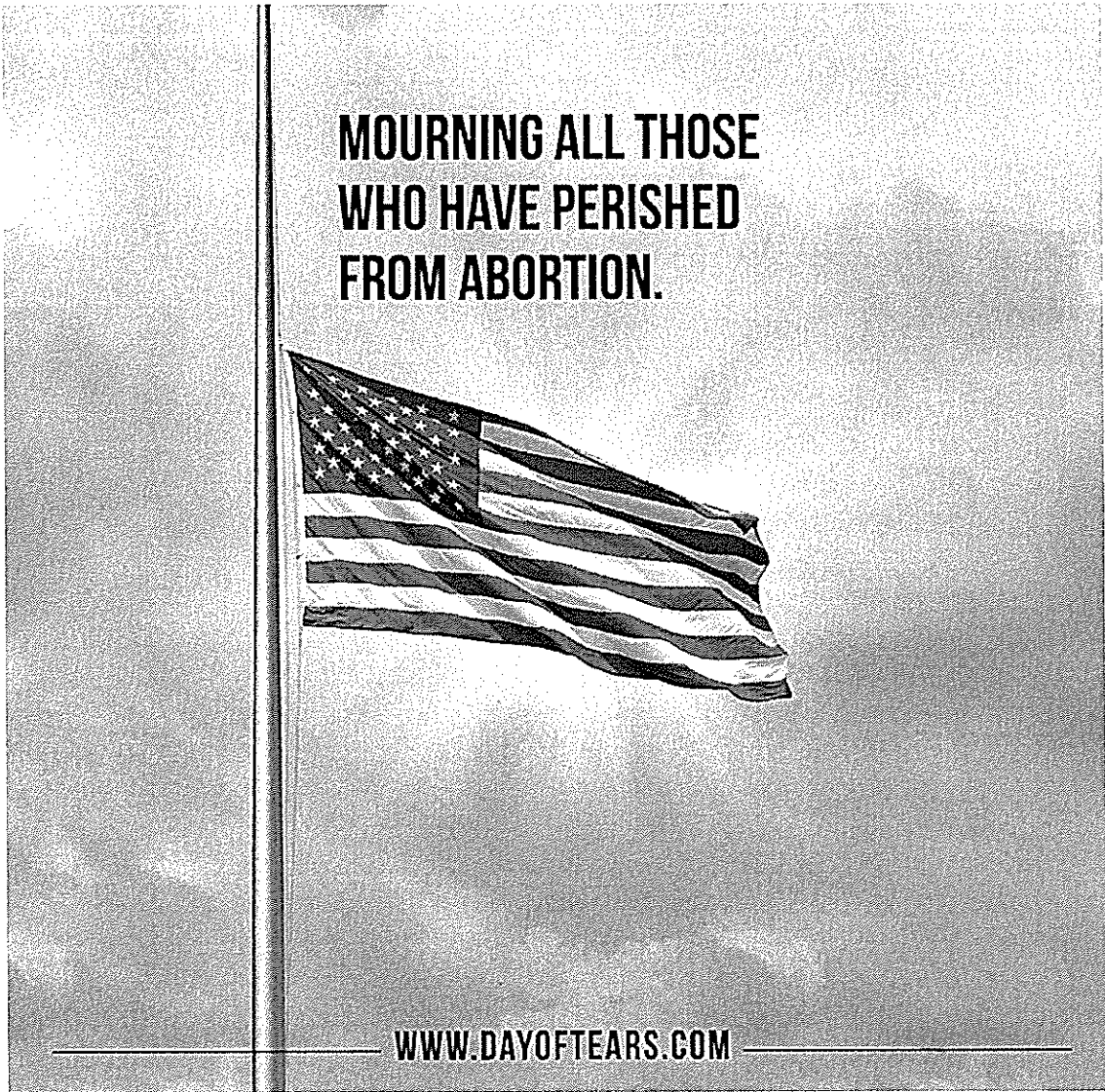
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Today is the Day of Tears. On this day 48 years ago, the Supreme Court of the United States made its fateful ruling that abortion was a right under the 14th Amendment. Since that day, 61 million babies have been aborted. That is more lives than the entire population of Canada. That is more lives than California, Washington, Utah, Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada combined.

On this day, we ask our fellow countrymen to lower their flags in honor and remembrance of those we have lost to abortion. We ask our nation to lower their flags for the women, men, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins who have lost a family member to abortion.

We lower our flags so that families may find healing.

Today is the Day of Tears; please lower your flag.



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Day of Tears

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Igor Shalai

From: Rich Johnson <richjohnson905@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Unity And Hope

Dear Honorable Justin Hill,

As a resident of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri I would like to send you a note and try to appeal to your better side during this challenging period for our country. I just watched the inauguration of Joe Biden with great pleasure. I believe our country is made stronger by embracing all of our citizens and diversity. I came across an article in st. louis public radio that called you out for stating you are proud of Senator Hawley for taking a stand for our state and nation.

<https://news.stlpublicradio.org/2020-12-30/hawley-to-object-to-electoral-college-results-but-blunt-wont-join-him>

State Rep. Justin Hill, R-St. Charles County, said in a statement that “millions of Missourians, I included, are proud of Senator Hawley for taking a stand for our state and nation.”

This position you take is to overthrow the election of Joe Biden whom I voted for in the election. This was an attack against our democracy and personally, it feels like you put my family's stability and future at risk. I hope you will reconsider this position for the good of our nation.

Sincerely,
Rich Johnson
905 Monterra Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368

Igor Shalai

From: Representative John H. Wills <john.wills@legis.iowa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Update from the Statehouse -- All is Quiet

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"Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves." - Ronald Reagan

Update from the Statehouse

Friends,

Well, the legislature is fully in session, and we are conducting the business of the state of Iowa. This session is already so different than past sessions. While at the Capitol, one of my favorite things is to meet constituents who come to the Capitol, and thus far, visitors are few and far between.

I never knew how much time meeting constituents and visitors took out of my schedule. Yet, it seems that even with a heavier committee load than normal I still have time on my hands, and that is not because things are slow at the Statehouse. This week was a busy one with committee meetings, sub-committee meetings, and finalization of the rules that will govern how the House will be run over the course of the next 100 days, or so.

I have already run several bills in sub-committee, and we had a floor debate in the House on January 20 to pass the rules that will govern how the House functions over the next two years. With all that activity it is still eerie in the Capitol with a quiet that I haven't heard before, especially during the session. The normal hustle-bustle of activity has been replaced with hushed conversations and people moving and footsteps being heard through the halls and the rotunda.

Many people have emailed or contacted me to let me know their thoughts on the legislative session. Some are appreciative that masks are not required, and some don't even know why the legislature is in session right now. I will tell you that regardless of your opinion on masks, being in session, or simply doing the business of the day, we have work to do in Des Moines. That work doesn't stop for a pandemic. In fact, the workload is heavier right now as members of the House have been working with the Governor's office to bring financial relief to businesses that were harmed due to restrictions placed by emergency proclamation.

The first round of relief will be directed at bars and restaurants that have had to bear the brunt of closures and social distancing efforts. There will be 40 million dollars available for these bars and restaurants based on the amount their business has been harmed over the course of the pandemic. This program will

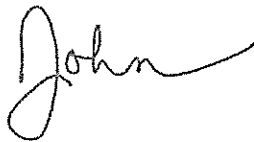
be administered by the IEDA through an online application that has yet to be developed. These funds will be CARES Act money and will be distributed as early as February.

In addition, the House has focused attention on Parental Choice in Education, The Life Amendment, The Freedom Amendment, and many other bills. I am proud to say that we are moving a pro-conservative agenda once again and in the next few weeks we will have ended the judicial mandate that calls abortion a right. We will also have passed a resolution calling for Iowan Citizens to vote during the next general election to add the right to own and bear arms to our State Constitution.

Despite the general quietness of the session, we have work to do for you, the taxpayers of Iowa. I am proud of the work that we have done. So far the efforts will make Iowa an even better place to raise a family, bring a business to, and a place to enjoy your life. I always have Iowa's motto in the back of my mind to guide me through the session, "Our Liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain."

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you and the values of Northwest Iowa. In my opinion, while Iowa is a great place to live, Northwest Iowa is the best of the best. This is all because of the people who live there.

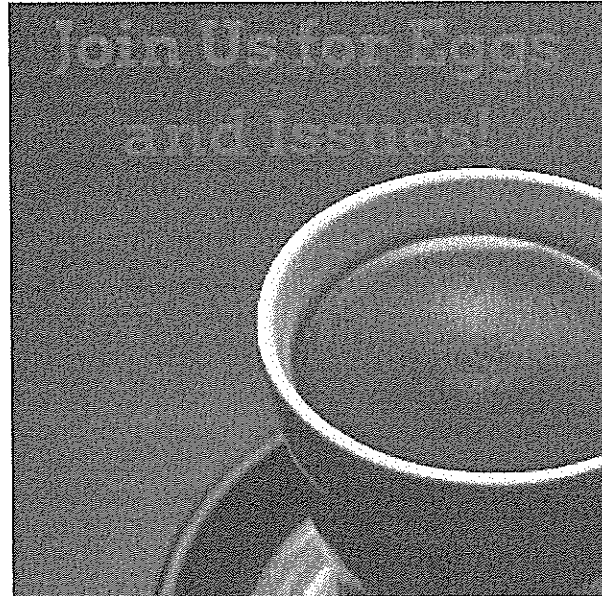
Sincerely,



John H. Wills

Speaker Pro-Tempore

House District 1



Forum Schedule:

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- February 20, 8:00-9:30 am, Forster Community Center, Rock Rapids
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New from the Governor & The Iowa House:

Iowa Restaurant and Bar Relief Grant Program

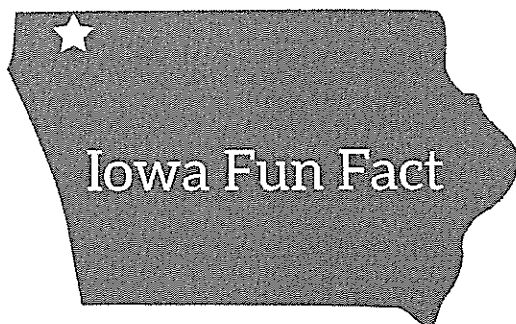
An Extension of the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant Program

Overview: Gov. Reynolds' November 16, 2020 proclamation ordered bars, restaurants and other establishments to limit their hours of operations and continue social distancing measures to assist in preventing the further spread of COVID-19. The Iowa Restaurant and Bar Relief Grant program will provide eligible businesses with a one-time grant to assist with short-term cash flow. A webpage will soon be available through the IEDA website.

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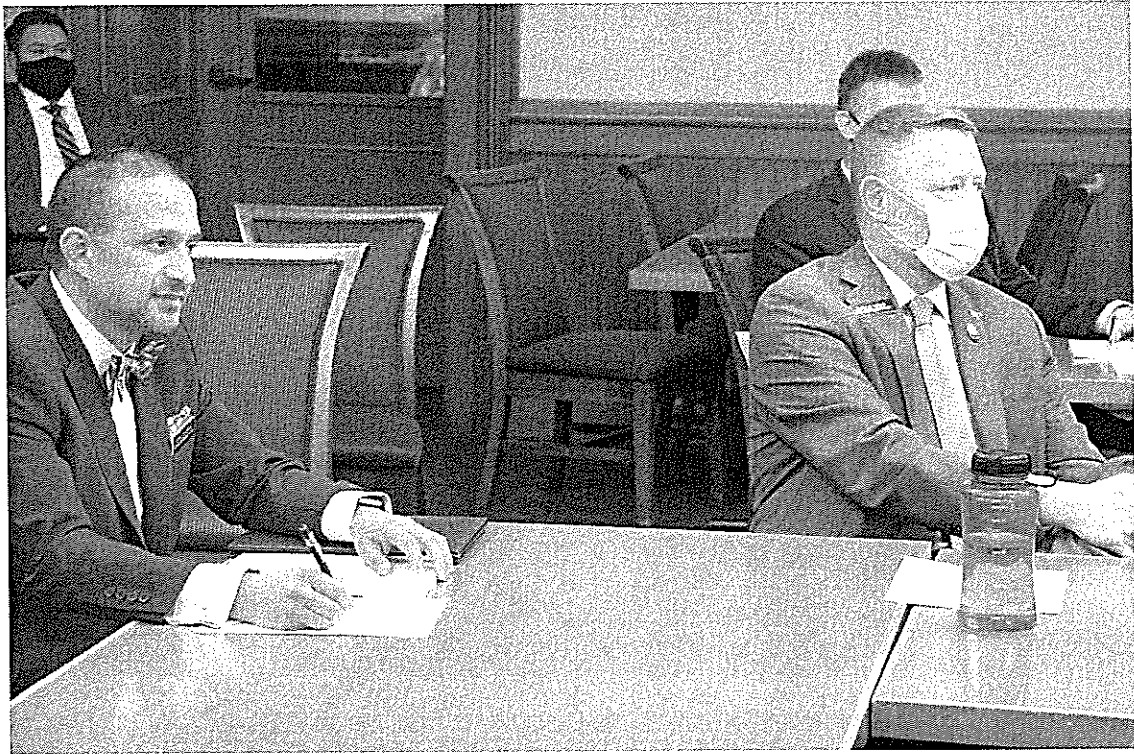
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Iowa is the only state name that starts with two vowels! You can hardly pronounce it on your first trial.

From District One to Des Moines



I have been spending a lot of time in subcommittee and committee meetings this week. In these meetings I am able to express and discuss my thoughts with my fellow Representatives surrounding proposed bills.



Let's Stay Connected

Have you caught my "Wednesday with Wills" videos from the Capitol? If not, feel free to [like my Facebook page](#) and follow along every Wednesday.

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:00 PM
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Subject: Update from the Statehouse -- Meet Camryn, My Legislative Clerk

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Update from the Statehouse

Hello District One!

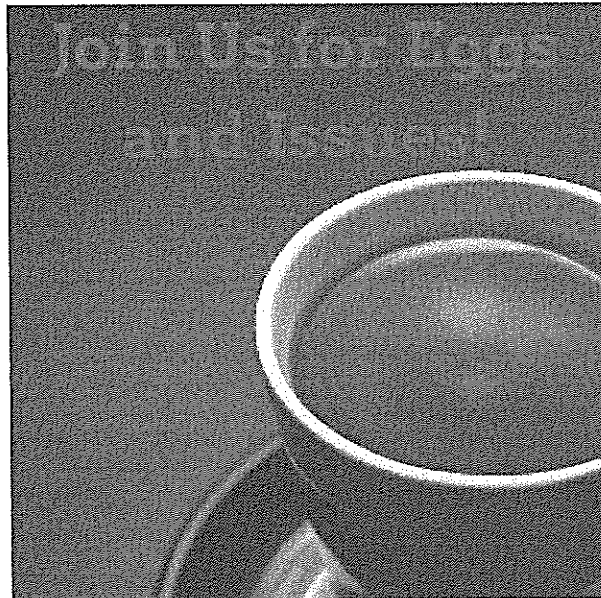
My name is Camryn Huyser, and I have the extraordinary honor of serving as Representative Wills' clerk for the 2021 Legislative Session. I am a student at Drake University with double majors in Law, Politics, and Society as well as Spanish. I plan to graduate in May of 2022 and attend law school thereafter. My ultimate goal is to study family law with an emphasis on children's rights or advocacy. I am an Iowa native from Pella, so I have no shortage of Iowa or Dutch pride!

The first thing you must know about me is that I have always dreamed of working at the Capitol since elementary school, so this is a dream come true. I also love to read, and one day I hope to become a lawyer. Currently, my time is filled with studying for the LSAT (the law school entrance exam), working for Representative Wills, and maintaining a full class load. Now I know some of you might be thinking, "wow that sounds like a lot", but I am what some may call a Type-A personality, so being busy and having a schedule after this past year of change/nothing has been perfect for me. We are only three weeks into the legislative session but this opportunity to work at the Statehouse is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am so grateful. It also doesn't hurt to work in one of the most beautiful buildings in the state!

When I first started this position during the second week of January I had no idea what to expect. My experience here at the Capitol is a wonderful chance to learn and experience our democracy in action. As a potential lawyer, I am very interested in all of the inner workings of passing bills and legislation. Representative Wills has already provided me with opportunities to research legislation, sit-in on meetings, and discuss the process. As I said, I had no idea what to expect when I first started and still every single day looks a little different! My time is filled with attending meetings, scheduling events, sending out this newsletter, giving tours, and so much more. Although the pandemic makes this legislative session look a little different, everyone, especially Representative Wills, is working their hardest for their constituents. The next couple of months are going to go fast, and I can't wait to meet those of you who make the journey to the Capitol!

This summer, I will be headed back to Pella to hopefully intern at a local law firm, otherwise, I tend to find myself busy volunteering with my church or working in one of Pella's many small businesses. Pella is one of my favorite places in the whole world, so if you ever need recommendations or even a tour guide I would LOVE to help!

Thank you!
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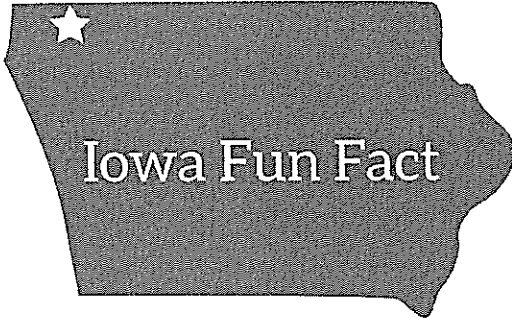
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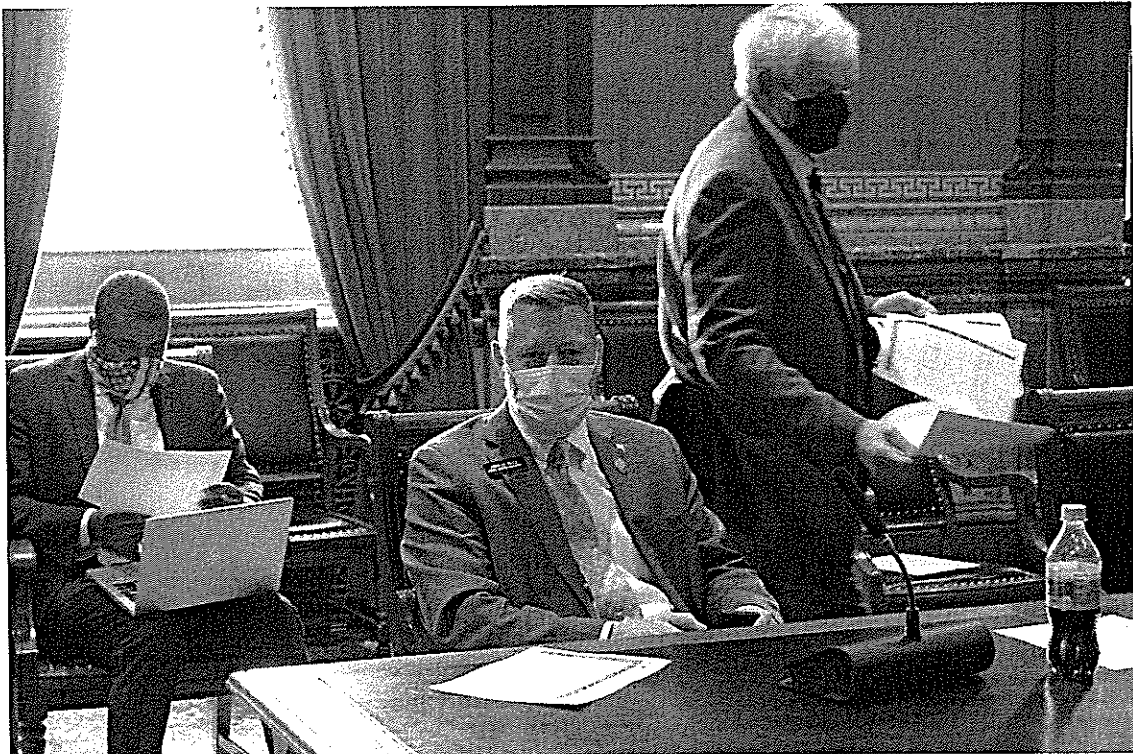
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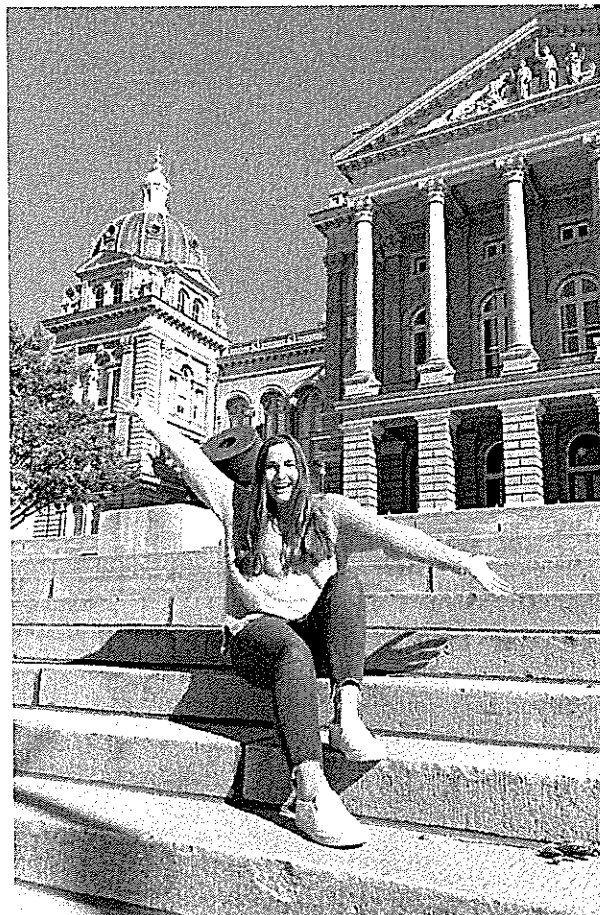


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From District One to Des Moines



More time in subcommittee and committee meetings this week. We spent a lot of our time debating and sharing our opinions with one another.



Hi! I'm Camryn, Representative Wills' legislative clerk for the 89th general assembly. I look forward to meeting those of you who make the trip to the beautiful State Capitol this session!

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Subject: US Navy Seal Mem Hwy

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Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Justin Hill
Subject: Video Rewind - President Biden Assumes Office

January 22, 2021



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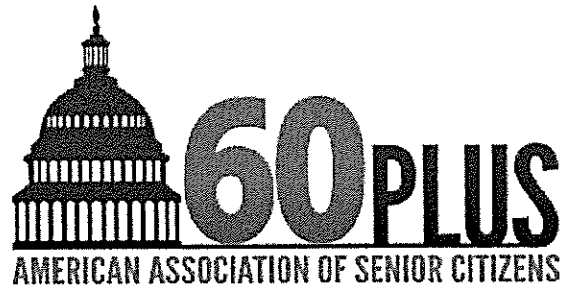
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To: Justin Hill
Subject: Video Rewind - We Need a Balanced Budget Amendment

January 29, 2021



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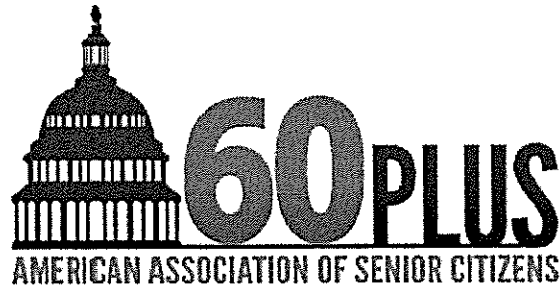
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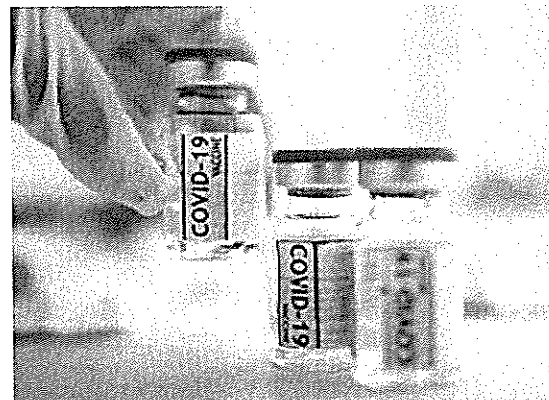
Recently, Missouri and Illinois announced the next phase of their COVID-19 vaccine plans, which include certain members of the public. BJC and Washington University School of Medicine are working to provide vaccinations to those who are eligible according to federal and state guidelines.

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The Timeline of the Vaccine

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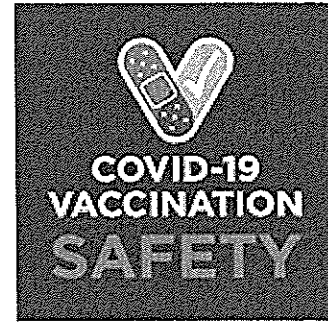
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What to Know About the Side Effects of the Vaccine

Like any vaccine, the new COVID-19 vaccines can cause some minor side effects. Learn what kinds of reactions have been reported, how often they've occurred and how the vaccines — and any side effects — are being monitored.

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KMOV

Dr. Hilary Babcock, an infectious disease physician from Barnes-Jewish Hospital, joined Great Day St. Louis to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

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St. Louis American

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From: National Farmers Union <news@nfudc.org>
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Subject: What Biden's First Actions Mean for Agriculture



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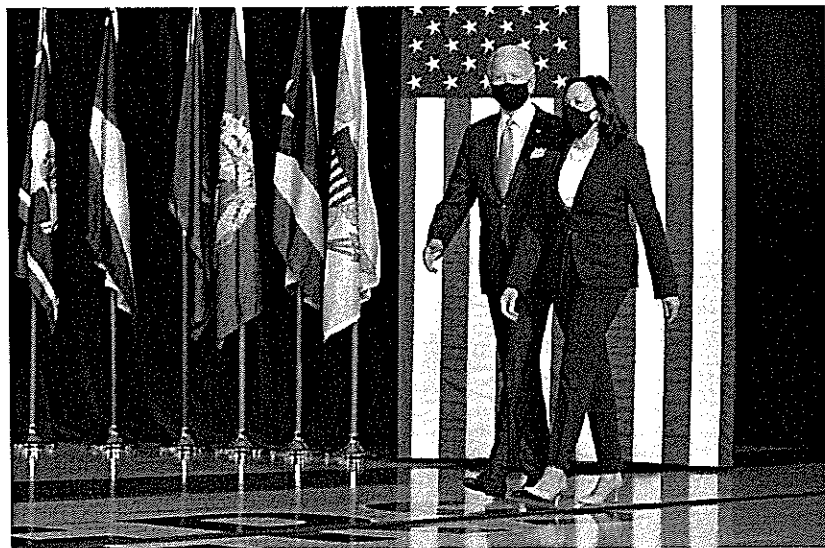
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Featured

Biden Starts Presidency With Flurry of Activity

Following a swearing-in ceremony held at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris today officially began their four-year terms as president and vice president of the United States.

Between a global pandemic, deep political divisions, high levels of economic inequality, and climate change, the new administration certainly has its work cut out for it. As National Farmers Union (NFU) President Rob Larew noted in a statement, the agriculture industry is also facing a separate set of issues: corporate consolidation, chronic overproduction, an overdependence on exports, crumbling rural infrastructure, and an aging farm population.



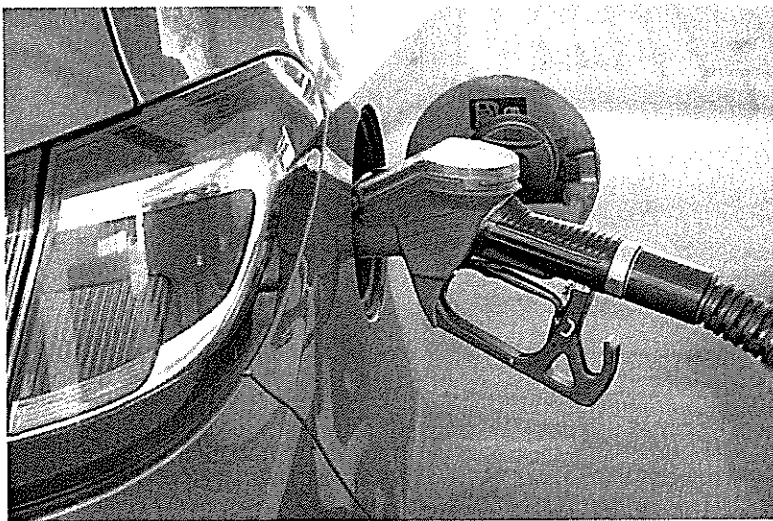
However, the fact that Biden and Harris have "surrounded themselves with highly qualified and diverse advisors and staff" and "issued comprehensive plans outlining how it will tackle many of the aforementioned problems" is a good sign that they are up to the task, according to Larew.

The pair certainly did not waste any time getting to work. Following the inauguration, President Biden took 17 executive actions covering a wide range of issues. Of particular interest to National Farmers Union (NFU) is President Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement. The organization, which has long advocated aggressive climate mitigation, called the previous administration's move to withdraw from the pact a "shameful mistake." Larew commended President Biden "for approaching climate change with the urgency it deserves and prioritizing solutions from day one" and urged him to "build on this effort with aggressive, economy-wide climate action and ongoing global leadership."

The President also released the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, a comprehensive plan for immigration reform that he plans to send to Congress next week. Among other things, the bill creates a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, fast-tracking "Dreamers" as well as farm workers and other essential workers. This approach aligns with Farmers Union's official immigration policy, which supports bipartisan efforts that address the needs of businesses while protecting the interests of workers. Larew said he was "encouraged" by the plan, adding that immigrants are central to our food system and offering them a clear future in this country is "the very least we can do."

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EPA Issues Last Minute Biofuels Waivers



In its final hours under President Donald Trump's jurisdiction, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued three waivers exempting oil refineries from their obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) – two for 2019 and one for 2018. The agency said that the waivers will cumulatively erode demand for renewable fuels by 260 million

gallons. Another 65 waiver requests are still pending.

For the duration of President Trump's term, National Farmers Union (NFU) has criticized his administration's duplicitous approach to biofuels policy. While he publicly promised to support the industry, his EPA undermined the intent of the RFS, giving free pass after free pass to multinational oil corporations. Given this context, NFU President Rob Larew said that EPA's last minute waivers were "a surprise to no one," but they were still "deeply troubling." He urged the agency under President Biden's leadership to depart from this "drama and hypocrisy" and instead "show strong and unwavering commitment to expand the use of homegrown biofuels."

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Dr. Jewel Bronaugh Nominated to be Deputy Agriculture Secretary

In the days leading up to his inauguration, President Joe Biden rushed to fill several leadership positions across every federal agency. At the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), he named Dr. Jewel Bronaugh to serve as his Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. If confirmed, she will be the first Black woman to hold the second-in-command position at the agency.

Dr. Bronaugh – who has been the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services since 2018 – has more than 20 years of experience in food and agricultural issues. During her career, she has also served as the dean of Virginia State University's (VSU) College of Agriculture; as the executive director of the VSU Center for Agricultural Research, Engagement and Outreach; and as the executive director for Virginia's state USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.



In a statement, National Farmers Union (NFU) President Rob Larew welcomed Dr. Bronaugh's nomination, saying she brings "a wealth of experience and expertise" to the USDA, particularly in "farm programs, extension, education, and research." He added that as the first Black woman in the role, she "brings an important perspective to the USDA" that will help push the agency "several leaps forwards" in regards to racial and gender equity.

President Biden also selected other senior level employees at the agency, including Katherine Ferguson for chief of staff; Stacy Dean for deputy undersecretary of Food,

Nutrition and Consumer Services; and Kumar Chandran for senior advisor for nutrition in the Office of the Secretary.

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Reminders

Farmers Union Convention is Going Virtual!

The rumors are true: National Farmers Union's 119th Anniversary Convention will be held virtually!

In addition to being hosting online, the event will be structured a bit differently than it has been in year's past. Instead of holding all the educational events, panel discussions, breakout discussions, and policy deliberation



within a few days, we'll be doing our best to prevent Zoom fatigue by splitting everything up into several separate sessions over the course of a month. Every week from **January 28 through February 26**, we'll be featuring one education session. Then, on **March 1 and 2**, delegates to the convention will have an opportunity to discuss, amend, and adopt the organization's policy positions and priorities. This process will stream live for all non-delegates to watch. Here's what we have lined up so far:

January 28 - **Forming Cooperatives** with Erbin Crowell, Neighboring Food Co-op Association

February 4 - **Farm Stress Panel** with Ruby Brown-Herring, RBH Wellness Solutions, LLC, and Dr. Michael Rossman, Ag Behavioral Health

February 11 - **Access to Ag Education for Diverse Students** with Kelsey Duchenaux, Project H3lp, and Nathan Harkleroad, Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)

Even better - the whole event is free! Registration is open— stay tuned for additional details about programming and speakers in the coming weeks.

Register Here

Register for the College Conference on Cooperatives!



There are so many reasons to love cooperatives: they create good jobs, put power in the hands of workers, provide critical services and utilities, offer more innovative products for consumers, ensure fair prices, and revitalize rural and BIPOC communities.

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its many benefits, National Farmers Union (NFU) hosts the College Conference on Cooperatives, an educational event for college students who are interested in cooperative principles and businesses. This year's conference, which will be held online on February 10 and 11, will feature sessions on the role of cooperatives in Indigenous community development, cooperative careers, cooperative business best practices, and cooperative advocacy, among other topics. In addition to gaining applicable skills and knowledge, attendees will have the opportunity to virtually tour Minneapolis cooperatives, strengthen their resumes, and network with several notable professionals in the cooperative field.

Students from any college are welcome to attend, but spots are limited to be sure to sign up soon!

Learn More and Register

College Students: Apply for a Farmers Union Scholarship

College students: did you know that National Farmers Union (NFU) offers several scholarships every year to help cover tuition and books?

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This year, the following awards are available:

- **Stanley Moore National Scholarships** are awarded to Farmers Union members enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university to be used for tuition and books. Several \$1,500 awards are available.
- The **Hubert K. JoAnn Seymour Scholarship** is awarded to one or two enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university to be used for tuition and books. One or two scholarships of between \$1000 and \$2000 will be awarded.
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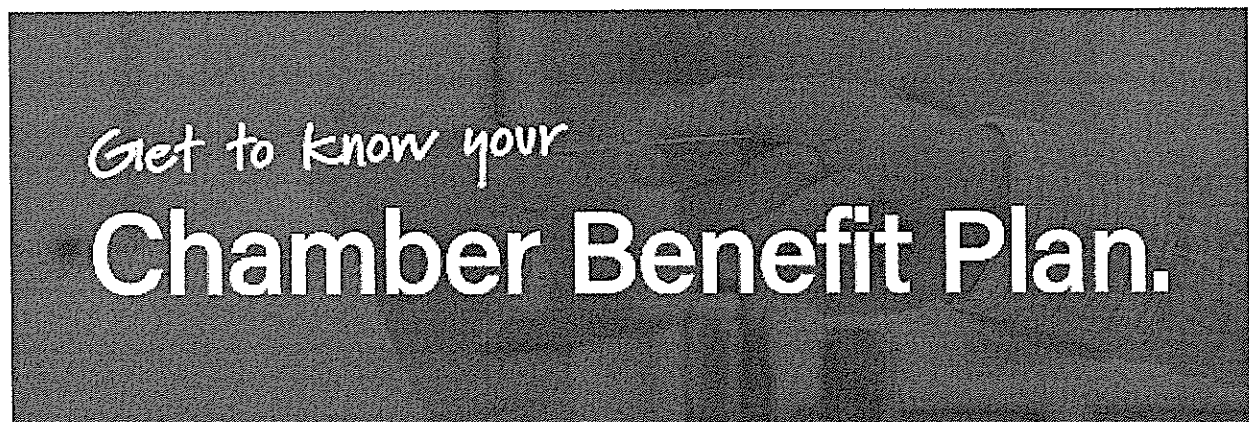


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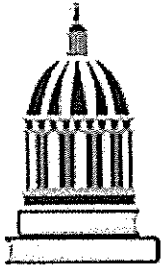
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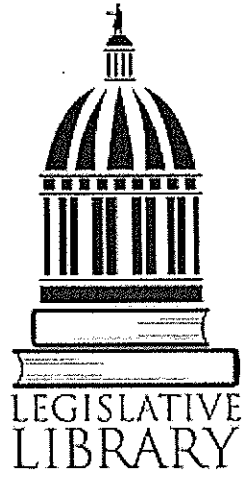
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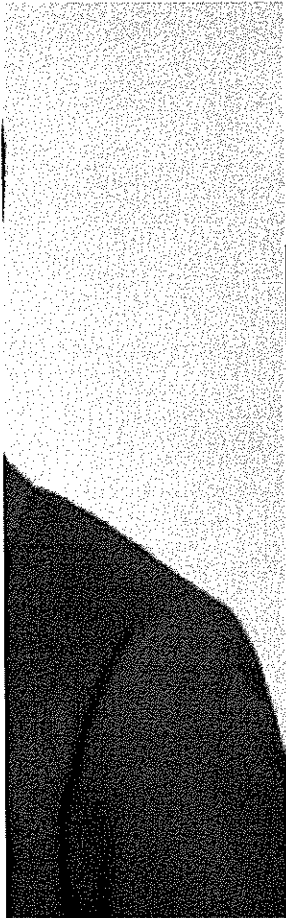
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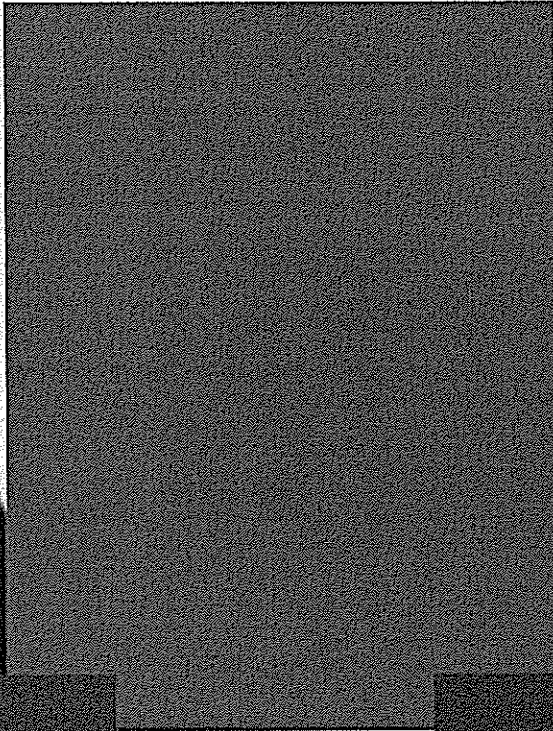
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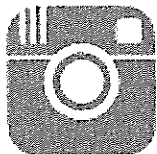
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Dear Rep. Hill,

I wanted to make sure you saw this invitation for MAP's upcoming redistricting webinar. We are excited to partner with the Campaign Legal Center to provide information on redistricting and answer your questions! The chat will be open during the webinar, but you can also submit your questions for the presenters directly to me in advance at alex@millennialaction.org.

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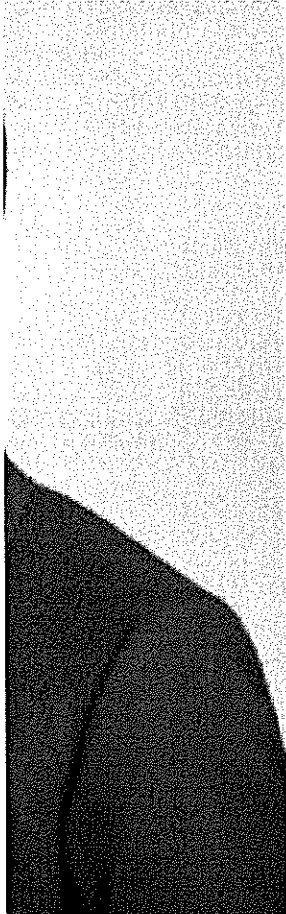
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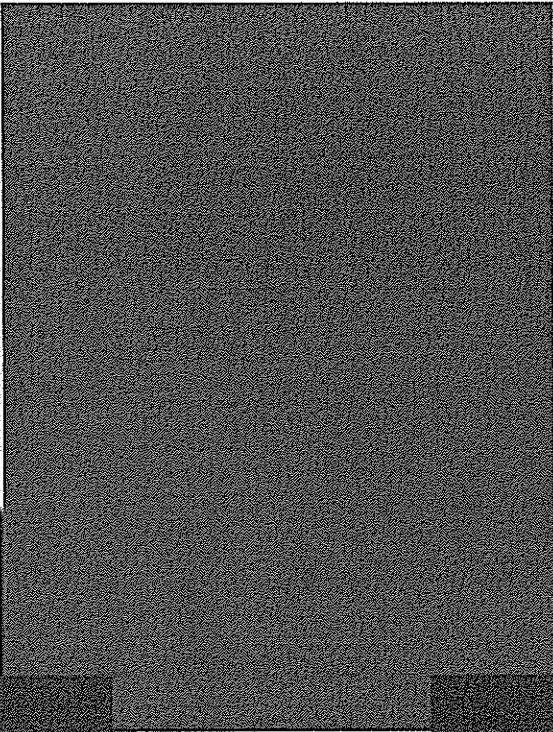
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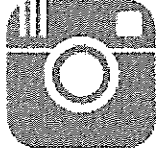
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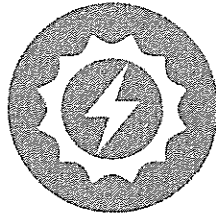
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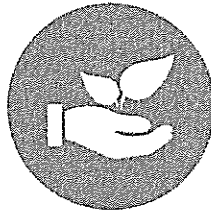
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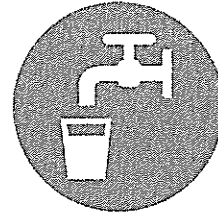
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Representative –

Much has happened in Washington these last few days, and as promised, I wanted to give you some insight into what we are seeing on the foreign policy front during inauguration week – especially given the outsized impact on our health and economic recovery here at home.

To start with, President Biden followed the tradition of past presidents from both parties of including a **message for Americans and the world** in his inauguration address. His message on alliances was clear, declaring that the U.S. would be “the leading force for good in the world.”

And lots to share down below in this week’s GLOBAL GAB including Administration actions, players and nomination hearings, the 2020 budget finale, and the new and frightening details emerging on the global pandemic.

As always, let me know what you’re reading and hearing – and your thoughts from this past week.

Best,

Liz
Liz Schraye, USGLC

THE GLOBAL GAB: This Week in Washington
January 22, 2021

DAY ONE. The president’s inaugural words to “repair our alliances and engage the world” were backed up by several immediate actions on the global front – including commitments to rejoin the **WHO** and the **Paris Climate Accords** and joining **COVAX**, a multinational vaccine distribution effort.

The very next day, **Dr. Tony Fauci** represented the U.S. at the WHO’s board meeting and **said the U.S. “stands ready to work in partnership and solidarity to support the international COVID-19 response.”**

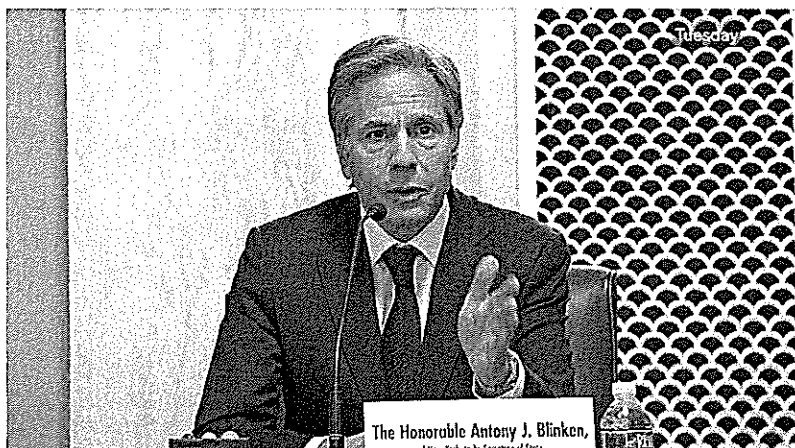
In addition, the Administration:

- Rolled out its National Strategy for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness that included a focus on the international COVID response, calling “epidemic and pandemic preparedness, health security, and global health... **top national security priorities.**”

- Signed an Executive Order to reinstate the global health preparedness office at the National Security Council.
- Rejected a rescission package of nearly **\$17 billion for the State Department and USAID**, proposed by the outgoing Administration, that **would have frozen funds for critical programs, such as the global vaccine efforts, PEPFAR and McGovern-Dole food aid programs**. While **Congress would have surely rejected this proposal**, the immediate unfreezing of these funds ensures these programs can continue to advance America’s national interests and save lives around the world.
- And prior to taking office, Biden outlined a **COVID-19 economic stimulus plan that endorsed the importance of a global response to the pandemic** – proposing \$11 billion in new international resources. Here is the [USGLC’s statement](#) on why **scaling up America’s international COVID-19 response is essential** to protecting our own domestic health and economic security.

All this becomes that much more important with the latest news announced by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson today that the new UK strain of COVID could be not just more contagious but also more deadly – an important reminder that these efforts to bolster America’s international response could not be more urgent.

CONFIRMATION WATCH. Ahead of Inauguration Day, the Senate began moving the top national security picks through the confirmation hearing process. **Secretary of State nominee Tony Blinken** testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:



- **On U.S. global leadership:** “The reality is the world simply does not organize itself. When we’re not engaged... one of two things is likely to happen: Either some other country tries to take our place... or maybe just as bad, no one does.”
- **On diplomacy:** “As a general rule, we’re much better off being at the table than being outside the room if we’re going to try to influence those institutions and organizations and move them in a better direction.”
- **On China:** “If we’re pulling back from the world, if we’re pulling back from the institutions, if we’re pulling back from playing that lead role in shaping the rules and the norms, that gives [China] the free field to redefine the century more on their terms than on ours.”
- **On democracy:** “Our charge is to put democracy and human rights back at the center of American foreign policy.”

- **On COVID-19:** “We have a national interest... in doing our part to make sure that as the vaccine becomes available, we help get it out there as quickly and as effectively as we can.” The risk if we don’t: “The potential for a debt crisis among emerging economies... public health crises... state fragility.”
- **On diversity:** “One of the things that I am determined to focus on, if confirmed, is on making good on building... a workforce at State that looks more like the country it represents.”

Two other critical nominees spoke up on the diplomacy, global health, and development arena:

- **Just confirmed Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin** echoed the sentiments of former **Secretary of Defense Bob Gates** during his confirmation hearing when asked about the importance of diplomacy to America’s national defense: “**I think it is absolutely important that the State Department be resourced adequately.**”
- **Avril Haines**, Biden’s pick for Director of National Intelligence, told the Senate Intelligence Committee, “enabling U.S. global health leadership and positioning us to defend and detect future outbreaks before they become pandemics” will be a top priority.

POWER UP. Making it the earliest nomination for USAID Administrator in recent memory, President Biden named **Ambassador Samantha Power** as his pick to lead the agency. As a former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, she is an exceptional choice and another example of positive momentum for the global development agenda.

- Of particular significance is that the USAID Administrator will also become a formal member of the National Security Committee – something USGLC has been urging for years that **will ensure development has a permanent seat at the national security table.**

Biden has selected two of the country’s top diplomats to serve in other leading cabinet roles:

- **Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield** is the president’s nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, whose deep experience throughout Africa gives her invaluable perspectives on today’s global health and humanitarian challenges.
- **Ambassador Bill Burns**, a member of the USGLC’s National Advisory Council, is Biden’s pick to lead the CIA. He has been a strong and principled voice for the importance of America’s role in the world and brings a steadfast commitment to diplomacy and global development.

BUDGET WRAP-UP. Looking back on a long year, 2020 started with a proposal to cut nearly a quarter of America’s civilian footprint around the world – and that was *before* the COVID-19 outbreak exploded into a global pandemic. Congress not only rejected the proposed cuts but provided a 1.5% increase over last year in the bipartisan year-end spending deal.

- **In addition, the COVID relief package passed by Congress included \$4 billion for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance** – a critical step in the right direction for the U.S. global response.
- **Last year, over 200 House members from both sides of the aisle called for strategic global resources**, most urging for at least \$20 billion for an economic and humanitarian response and support for programs that have a direct impact on our security and health like GAVI, the Global Fund, CEPI, and the

World Food Program. **And a third of Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. Senate called** for increasing these critical programs.

- In announcing the final year-end deal, **global health was specifically called out as a priority** in the summary released by **Speaker Pelosi** and **Leader Schumer** – and **House Foreign Affairs Committee Republican Lead Michael McCaul** said, “More must still be done to address the indirect impacts of the pandemic, particularly the damage it’s done to stabilization efforts in fragile states and on the food security of vulnerable populations around the world.”
- Typically, new Administration’s release their first budget proposal sometime in February or March. We’ll be tracking their funding proposal closely, especially as global needs to fight the COVID-19 pandemic become more urgent by the day.

GLOBAL PANDEMIC RAGES ON. As new COVID-19 strains from South Africa and the UK crop up in the U.S. and the death toll continues to rise, **humanitarian leaders report that the global needs are “skyrocketing.”**

- **The number of people going hungry increased from a record 97 million in 2019 to more than 270 million in 2020**, according to the World Food Program.
- **At least 24 million children are projected to drop out of school around the world**, according to UNICEF.
- The economic impacts of the pandemic could push **an estimated 5 million girls into marriage over the next five years**, according to Save the Children.
- While at least 50 countries have started distributing vaccines, the director general of the World Health Organization has said that **“low and most middle-income countries are not yet receiving the vaccine.”**
- Since the start of the global pandemic, at least 14 vaccination campaigns against polio, measles, cholera, human papillomavirus, yellow fever, and meningitis have been postponed, **delaying immunization to more than 13.5 million people in 13 of the world’s least-developed countries.**

LAST READ. In case you missed the USGLC’s latest op-ed in The Hill following the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol, [click here](#) to read “The world is watching – and it matters.”

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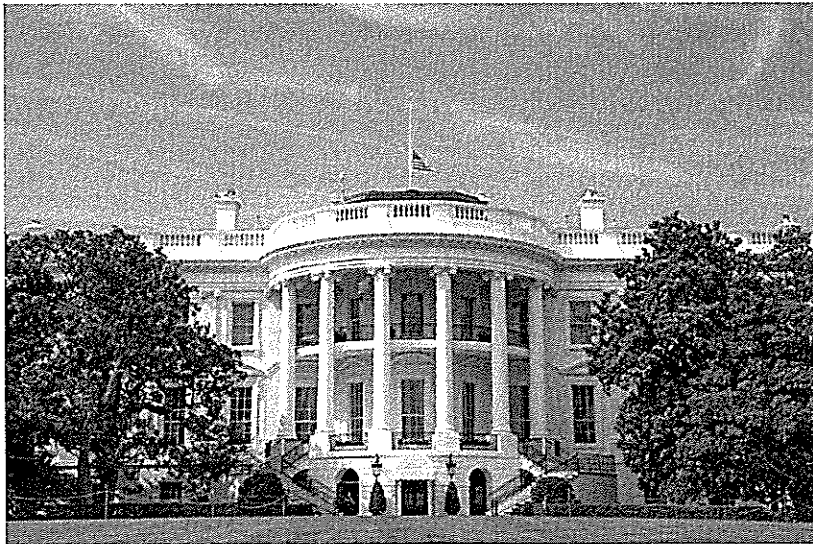
You might know that co-ops can empower workers, offer critical services and utilities at a fair price, and support local economies.

But how do you actually start one? At **2 pm ET TODAY**, January 28, join us for a **free webinar** to learn more about the ins and outs of cooperative enterprise, led by the executive director of the Neighboring Food Co-Op Association, Erbin Crowell.

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Featured

Biden Administration Takes Executive Action on Food Security, Immigration Reform, Climate Change, and Farm Debt Relief



Following his inauguration last Wednesday, President Joe Biden has wasted no time implementing his agenda. In the last week, he has issued more than three dozen executive orders, proclamations, and memoranda on a wide range of issues.

Many of these actions have implications for agriculture. Here's a

brief summary of what they mean:

Climate Change

On his first day in office, President Biden announced that the United States will rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement. The voluntary agreement sets benchmarks for each participant around reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing renewable energy, and increasing energy efficiency with the ultimate goal of keeping "a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels." (Read NFU's response [here](#).)

A week later, Biden issued two executive orders and a memorandum outlining actions his administration will take to cut greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, invest in renewable energy, advance environmental justice, and protect climate research. Among other things, the plan prioritizes increasing carbon sequestration in the agriculture sector and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to solicit input from farmers and other stakeholders "on how to use federal programs to encourage adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices that produce verifiable carbon reductions and sequestrations and create new sources of income and jobs for rural Americans." (NFU's response.)

Immigration

One of Biden's first acts as president was announcing a comprehensive plan for immigration reform. In addition to addressing the causes of migration and modernizing border control, the proposal would strengthen protections for immigrant workers and allow undocumented residents to create a path to citizenship for undocumented residents, fast-tracking "Dreamers," temporary protect status (TPS) holders, and farm workers. (NFU's response.)

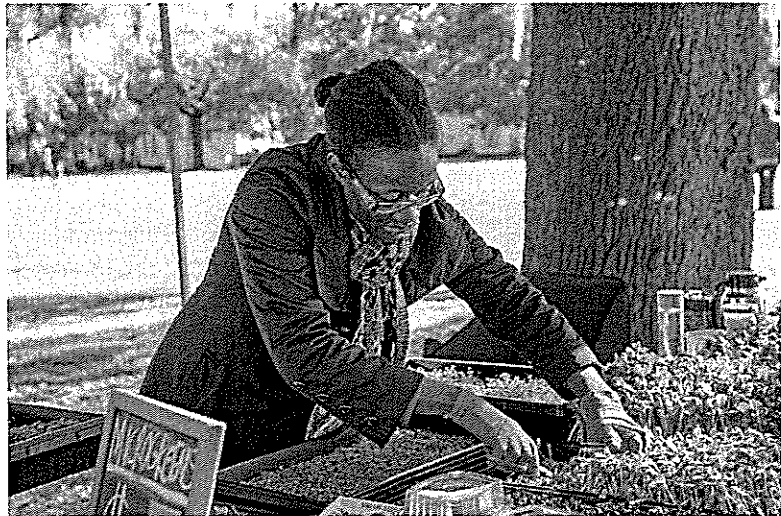
Food Security

To respond to the financial pressures Americans are facing as a result of the pandemic, President Biden issued an order offering relief, including nutrition assistance. The plan would extend a 15 percent boost in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, increase food assistance for families missing

meals due to school closures, invest \$3 billion to help women and children access food, and allow states to increase SNAP emergency allotments for the lowest income Americans. On top of that, it instructs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reassess its metrics for determining SNAP benefit levels. (NFU's response.)

USDA Offers Debt Relief to Farmers

To ease mounting financial pressures, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it will temporarily suspend past-due debt collections and foreclosures for farmers borrowing under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs. The agency also plans to offer greater flexibilities under the Guaranteed Loan Program, extend deadlines

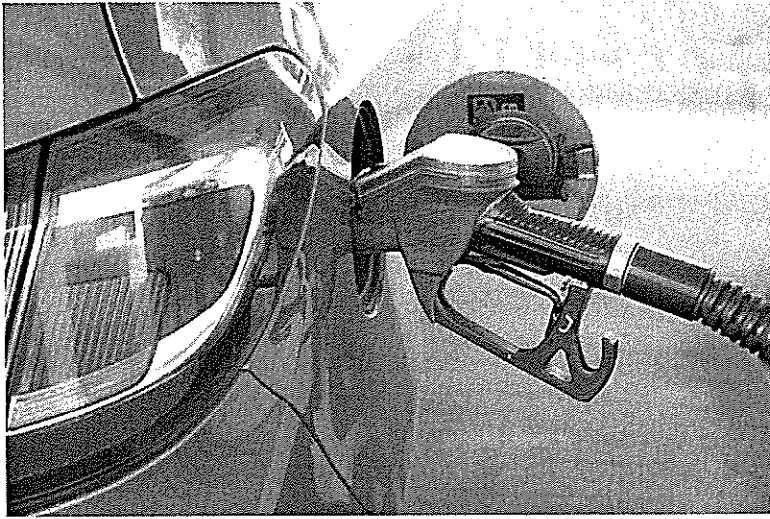


for producers to respond to loan servicing options, and halt foreclosures and evictions that are already underway. Approximately 12,000 farmers, representing 10 percent of Farm Service Agency borrowers, will be eligible for this assistance.

National Farmers Union (NFU) President Rob Larew applauded the move, saying it will "help struggling farmers stay on their land and continue growing food for their fellow Americans." He noted that it will be particularly helpful to "beginning and historically underserved farmers" who "almost certainly do not. . . have the resources" to withstand several difficult years consecutively.

[**Read Our Full Statement**](#)

Farm, Biofuels and Environmental Groups Oppose SAFE Rule



An alliance of farm, biofuels, and environmental organizations filed an amicus brief in objection to the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficiency Vehicle (SAFE) Rule.

The rule, which was finalized in April, reversed Obama-era regulations that required 5 percent increase in vehicle efficiency each year for

light-duty vehicles. Under the new rule, the annual improvement was reduced to just 1.5 percent. Additionally, as it was in the process of finalizing the rule, EPA had requested information on octane levels and how they could be increased in accordance with the Clean Air Act, but ultimately failed to address these concerns.

In doing so, EPA both failed to account for toxic pollution from aromatic-laden fuel as well as ignored the important role that ethanol can play in improving fuel efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

According to National Farmers Union, which is leading the brief, the rule will "increase the overall emissions from the U.S. transportation industry," and "delay and disincentivize the development and adoption of renewable fuels and cleaner, more efficient vehicles – all of which will erode air quality, contribute to climate change, worsen health outcomes, and increase fuel costs for consumers."

[**Read Our Full Statement**](#)

Take the Survey: Cleaning and Food Safety

You asked, we listened – and now we have a few follow-up questions!

Partners at the University of Vermont, Cornell University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and National Farmers Union Foundation (NFUF) are working together to develop a new training program to help small and medium-scale farmers take their businesses to the next level of **safe and efficient vegetable handling systems**.



Do you have a 5 minutes to complete a short survey to help us? The voice of farmers is invaluable to the process and development of [this project](#).

Take the Survey

Revised Paycheck Protection Program Application Open, With Expanded Eligibility for Farmers



In mid-January, the Small Business Administration (SBA) resumed offering loans to small businesses through its Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Originally created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security (CARES) Act, the forgivable loan program was reauthorized, modified, and further funded by the most recent coronavirus relief bill signed into law on December 27.

SBA is offering PPP “first draw” loans for first time program participants and “second draw” loans for certain businesses that previously received a PPP loan. In some cases, it is possible for current PPP borrowers to modify their existing loan. Farmers or ranchers previously ineligible to receive a PPP loan because they had net negative income in 2019 are now eligible to apply using their gross income.

Applications will be accepted through **March 31, 2021**. To learn more about PPP and to determine if your business is eligible, you can review Iowa State University’s

extensive guide for the program. Lenders can also help you determine eligibility; to be matched with a lender, visit SBA's lender match page.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Reminders

Farmers Union Convention is Going Virtual!

The rumors are true:
National Farmers
Union's 119th
Anniversary Convention
will be held virtually!

In addition to being
hosted online, the event
will be structured a bit
differently than it has
been in year's past.
Instead of holding all
the educational events,
panel discussions,
breakout discussions,
and policy deliberation



within a few days, we'll be doing our best to prevent Zoom fatigue by splitting everything up into several separate sessions over the course of a month. Every week from **January 28 through February 26**, we'll be featuring one education session. Then, on **March 1 and 2**, delegates to the convention will have an opportunity to discuss, amend, and adopt the organization's policy positions and priorities. This process will stream live for all non-delegates to watch. On those days, we will also have some speakers from Congress and the administration, presentation of awards, the State of the Farmers Union speech, and other convention staples. Here's what we have lined up so far:

January 28 - **Growing Cooperative Enterprise**
with Erbin Crowell, Neighboring Food Co-op Association

February 4 - **Supporting Wellbeing in the Agricultural Community**
with Ruby Brown-Herring of RBH Wellness Solutions, LLC
Dr. Michael Rossman of Ag Behavioral Health,
and JC Carrica, Southeast Health Group

February 11 - **Why Representation and Accessibility Matter in Agriculture Education**

with Kelsey Duchenaux of Project H3lp
Nathan Harkleroad and Erendira Saenz of Agriculture and Land-Based Training
Association (ALBA)
Elizabeth Myles of Alcorn State University,
and Randy Savvy of the Compton Cowboys

February 11 - **Important Considerations for Succession Planning**
with American Farmland Trust

Even better - the whole event is free! Registration is open— stay tuned for additional
details about programming and speakers in the coming weeks.

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Register for the College Conference on Cooperatives!



There are so many reasons to love cooperatives: they create good jobs, put power in the hands of workers, provide critical services and utilities, offer more innovative products for consumers, ensure fair prices, and revitalize rural and BIPOC communities.

To promote the cooperative model and

its many benefits, National Farmers Union (NFU) hosts the College Conference on Cooperatives, an educational event for college students who are interested in cooperative principles and businesses. This year's conference, which will be held online on February 10 and 11, will feature sessions on the role of cooperatives in Indigenous community development, cooperative careers, cooperative business best practices, and cooperative advocacy, among other topics. In addition to gaining applicable skills and knowledge, attendees will have the opportunity to virtually tour Minneapolis cooperatives, strengthen their resumes, and network with several notable professionals in the cooperative field.

Students from any college are welcome to attend, but spots are limited to be sure to sign up soon!

Learn More and Register

College Students: Apply for a Farmers Union Scholarship

College students: did you know that National Farmers Union (NFU) offers several scholarships every year to help cover tuition and books?

The application deadline for this year's scholarships is April 1, and winners will be announced on July 31.



This year, the following awards are available:

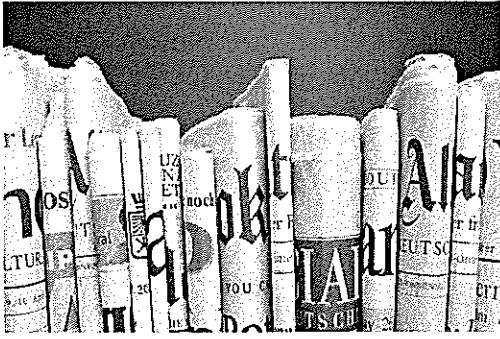
- **Stanley Moore National Scholarships** are awarded to Farmers Union members enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university to be used for tuition and books. Several \$1,500 awards are available.
- The **Hubert K. JoAnn Seymour Scholarship** is awarded to one or two enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or university to be used for tuition and books. One or two scholarships of between \$1000 and \$2000 will be awarded.
- The **Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Scholarship** is awarded to MANRRS members or their children to cover tuition or books. One scholarship of \$1500 is available.

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NFU In the News

How the deep roots of farm labor solidarity helped Wisconsin survive the pandemic

Hannah Faris – *In These Times*
Read it here



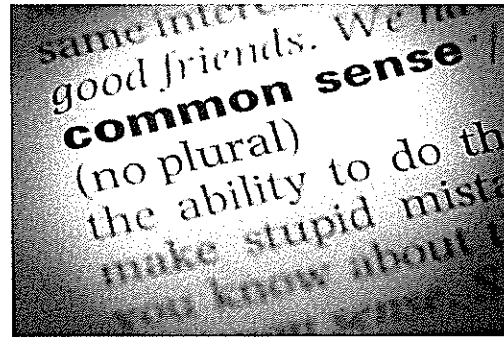
EVP and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams was featured this week in Splice Today on potential minimum wage repercussion for small businesses.

"Potentially up to 3.7 million jobs would be erased by raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, so there are real economic harms and consequences to the very groups that politicians sell the minimum wage to help."

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Williams was also featured in Forbes for his commentary on West Virginia's plan to join nine other states in eliminating their income tax.

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Catch ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson in the Greenville Sun.

"When we empower local control and say "no thanks" to big government, we encourage the innovation and decision making of our state legislators, industry leaders and partners"

Read

Nelson was also featured in The Hill for her op-ed, "Look to the states for solutions in 2021."

Read

A Statement on the Events of January 6, 2021

Following the disturbing events at the United States Capitol, ALEC has issued a statement. Coming together as a country in unity of spirit and diversity of opinion is what makes America a world leader. America has been a prospering nation because of our value for respectful discussion of complex ideas, and the invasion we saw yesterday was a rejection of those values.





The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened signup for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program on January 6. This new program provides assistance to producers who suffered eligible crop quality losses due to natural disasters occurring in 2018 and 2019.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, except for grazed crops and value loss crops, such as honey, maple sap, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng root, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, and turfgrass sod.

Additionally, crops that were sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible; however, crops that were destroyed before harvest are not eligible. Crop quality losses occurring after harvest, due to deterioration in storage, or that could have been mitigated, are also not eligible.

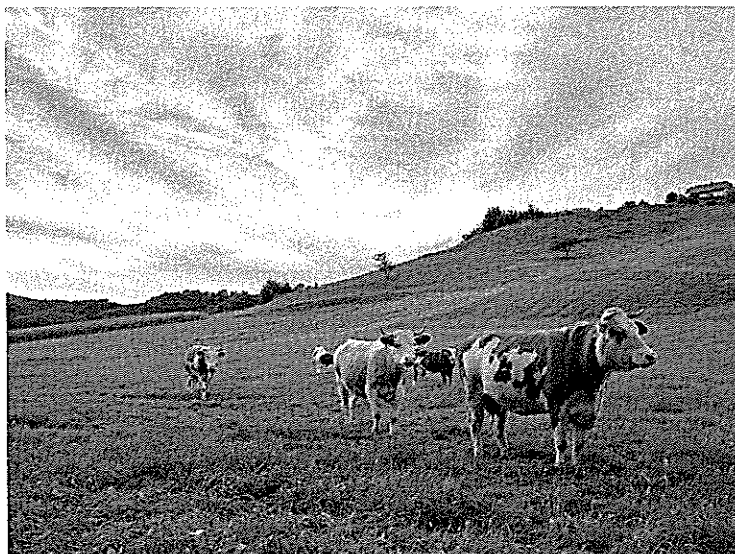
Assistance is based on a producer's harvested affected production of an eligible crop, which must have had at least a 5% quality loss reflected through a quality discount; or for forage crops, a nutrient loss, such as total digestible nutrients.

The deadline to apply for QLA is Friday, March 5, 2021.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Conservation Reserve Program Application Period Opens

Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for program until February 12, 2021.



The competitive program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes. New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on September 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin October 1, 2021.

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NFU In the News

Trump's massive farmer bailout failed to make up for the 'self inflicted' trade damage

Adriana Belmonte – *Yahoo! Finance*

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Agriculture offers input for Biden administration

Carol Dumas – *Capital Press*

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Biden's agriculture deputy choice may reflect minority critics

Ellyn Ferguson – *CQ-Roll Call*

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There is a lot of money on the table with carbon markets. But farmers are skeptical.

Sarah Bowman & London Gibson – *Indianapolis Star*

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Trump administration reportedly considers biofuel waivers in final days

Dan Nosowitz – *Modern Farmer*

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Biden set to take office with flurry of actions

Ben Nuelle & Philip Brasher – *Agri-Pulse*

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Agriculture groups were right to take a stand on U.S. Capitol riots

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Fixing farm finances will improve mental health

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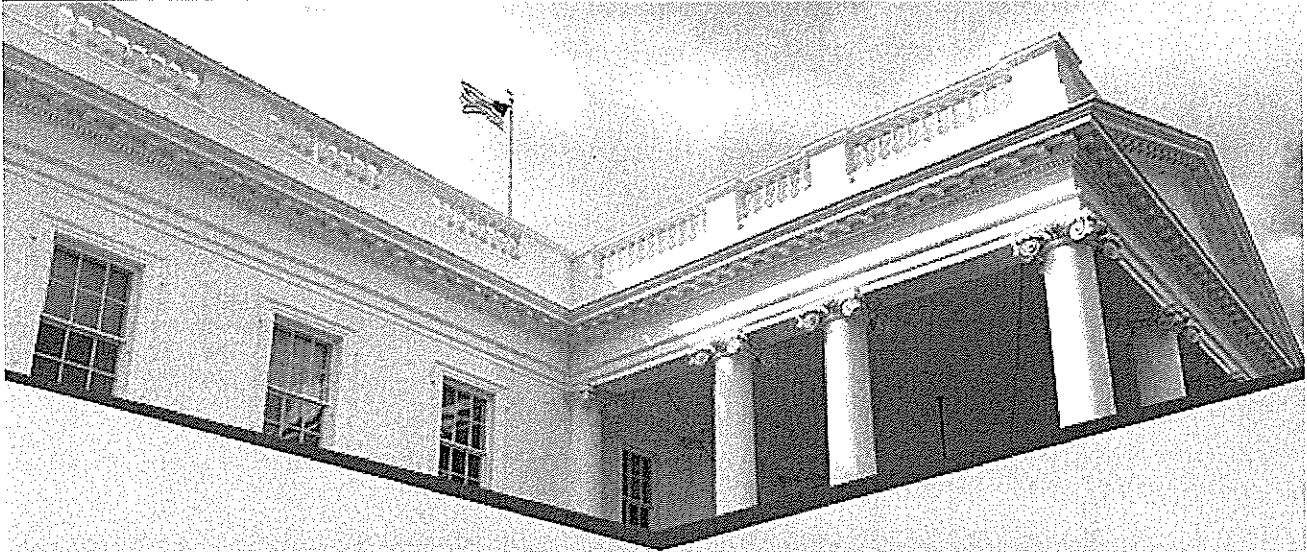
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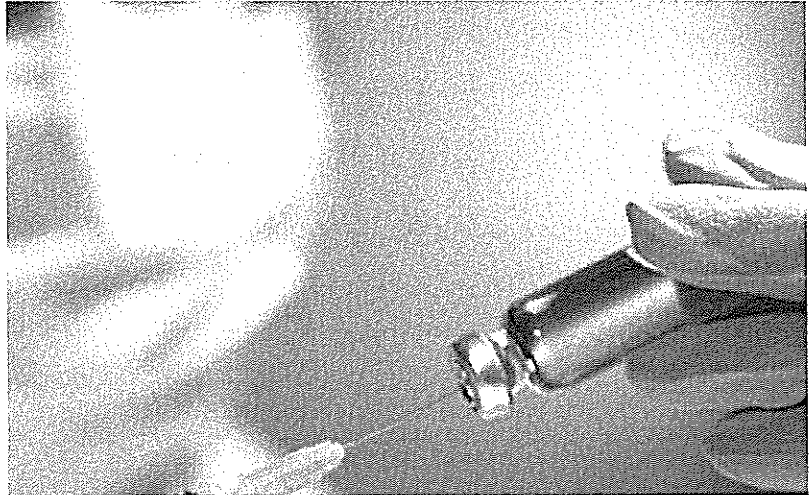
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Today at 1pm — you can still register for our free vaccine rollout update webinar!

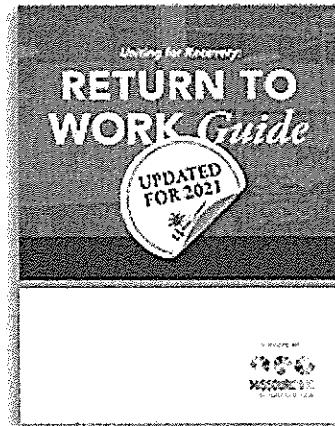
The Missouri leaders who are planning the state's multi-phased vaccine rollout will join us for this critically important discussion. Hear how the vaccine will be distributed and what factors determine when it will be available at your organization. Learn what steps employers should be taking right now to prepare.



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NEW: Get the updated Return To Work guide

Much has happened since we first released our Return To Work guide last year! It now includes new and updated information, including guidance on employee vaccination and more.



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The second round of Paycheck Protection Program loans through the Small Business Administration is now open. Funds aren't expected to last long, so don't wait.

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The Missouri Chamber's top pro-jobs legislative priorities for 2021

We prepared this agenda with polling and input from more than 500 CEOs and top business leaders from across the state. We're asking lawmakers for a special focus on stopping the threat of COVID-19 litigation, fixing Missouri's crumbling transportation infrastructure and enhancing the state's ability to train and attract a workforce that empowers growth.

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High schoolers graduating this year who plan to study STEM at college or tech school in Missouri are eligible to apply for these scholarships!

We offer this program to recognize outstanding students dedicated to pursuing STEM in postsecondary education, and to raise awareness of Missouri companies with career opportunities that they and others can pursue. Applications close March 1.

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