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## MORNING BELL

February 4 2022

*Happy Friday from Washington, where shadowy interests are in play as President Biden prepares to pick a Supreme Court justice. Fred Lucas reports on the influence of Demand Justice. California keeps trying to put government in charge of health care, Bob Moffit writes. On the podcast, a congressman warns of growing antisemitism in the U.S. Plus: the madness of generous unemployment checks and men's say in whether women get abortions. A hundred years ago today, Ford Motor Co., losing market share to General Motors, acquires failing luxury automaker Lincoln Motor Co. for \$8 million.*

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NEWS

### [4 Things to Know About Dark Money Interests Behind Biden's Supreme Court Choice](#)



**By Fred Lucas**

Before helping the president pick a Supreme Court nominee, Paige Herwig was in a legal group—bankrolled by a liberal firm—that listed possible justices for the Biden campaign.

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## California Tries and Fails Again to Create Government-Controlled Health Care System



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The bill would have abolished virtually all private and employer-sponsored health insurance and replaced it with a state-run system promising universal coverage, including for illegal immigrants.

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## Biden Officials Brief Senators on Russia's Confrontation With Ukraine



**By Fred Lucas**

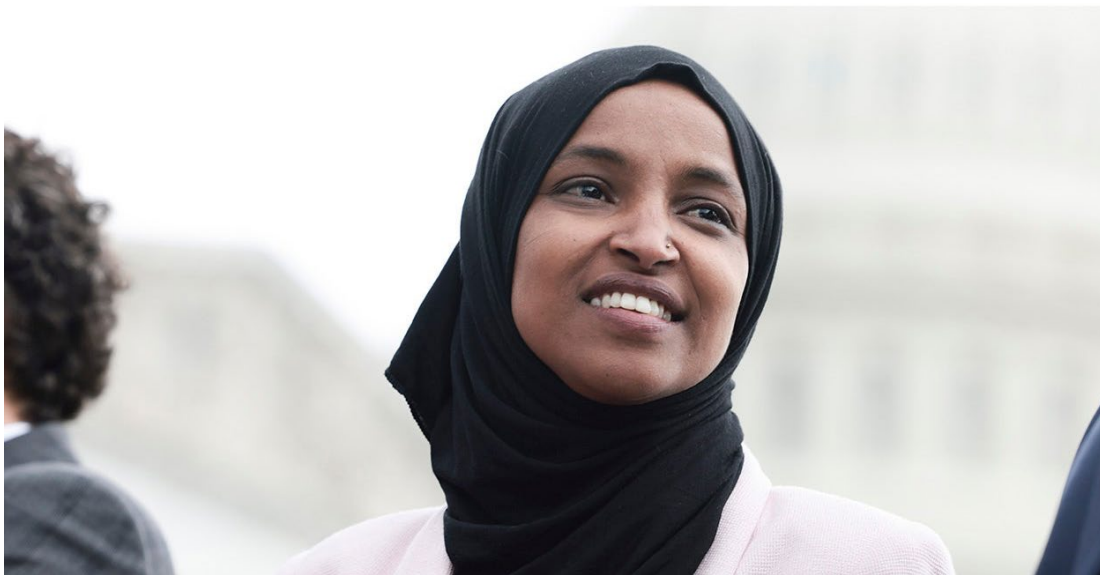
Top Biden administration officials give senators a classified briefing about a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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ANALYSIS

## What You Say as a Representative Matters: Rep. David Kustoff on Antisemitism in America, Congress



**By Douglas Blair**

Rep. Ilhan Omar has made remarks many consider to be antisemitic. Rep. David Kustoff of Tennessee, one of two Jewish Republicans in Congress, is horrified by those remarks.

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COMMENTARY

## No Surprise: Study Finds Enhanced Jobless Benefits Prolong Unemployment



**By Patrick Tyrrell**

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### Men Play Large Role in Women's Abortion Decision, Study Finds



**By Virginia Allen**

Roughly 3 out of every 4 men say their partner talked with them about getting an abortion before going through with it.

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### NBC Sitcom 'American Auto' Mocks Woke Advertising Panic





**By Tim Graham**

The situation comedy skewers all sides as a fictional auto company tortures itself about being more inclusive of the “LGBTQIA community.”

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**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:47:39 AM  
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Thanks Daniel, I appreciate it.

On Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:46 AM Daniel Ruiz <[druiz@az.gov](mailto:druiz@az.gov)> wrote:

Hi Paul— thank you for your input. I will be sure the governor receives your support for Mr. Rovinsky.

Thanks,

Daniel

On Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:43 AM Paul Rockower <[paul.rockower@jcrphoenix.org](mailto:paul.rockower@jcrphoenix.org)> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

I received this error message that my letter was not delivered to Gov. Ducey. However, I did get a response about judicial nominations. Please can you confirm that my letter was received and will end up in the correct place.

best,  
Paul

On Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 3:29 PM Paul Rockower <[paul.rockower@jcrphoenix.org](mailto:paul.rockower@jcrphoenix.org)> wrote:

Dear Governor Ducey,

Enclosed please find my letter of support for Jeremy Rovinsky's appointment to the Maricopa County Superior Court. At a time of rising antisemitism, his appointment would be a ground-breaking achievement for Arizona.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,  
Paul Rockower

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Hi Art,

It was a pleasure meeting you earlier. Thank you for helping organize today's signing of the antisemitism bill, HB 2675.

I have a few national news outlets asking for hi-res photos, but I only have low res from my phone (attached).

Could you remind your colleague to send me a link to download high-res photos and video that I can share onward? Thank you! Much appreciated!

Regards,  
Jake

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Shalom Katie and Laura,

I hope this email finds you both well. Please find attached a letter of gratitude from Consul General Newman to Governor Ducey for his signature of IHRA into law this week.  
A hardcopy will follow in the mail.

Thank you,



**Oshri Cohen**  
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April 27, 2022  
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Dear Governor Ducey,

On the eve of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day), I write to you to express the deep appreciation on behalf of the State of Israel, the Consulate General of the Pacific Southwest, and myself personally, for your signing SB1251/HB2675 into law this week.

We fully recognize the unique and unprecedented dimension of Arizona's adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism, ensuring that the IHRA definition will be considered by state authorities when investigating incidents of crime or discrimination. In this legislation and signing into law the great State of Arizona has taken a strong moral stand, for which we commend you and the state legislature.

Today's antisemitism is not yesterday's antisemitism. As we discussed in our meeting last month, aside from the classical antisemitism, which we unfortunately witness frequently, today's antisemitism has an additional aspect of masking itself under a veil of anti-Israel rhetoric. IHRA is important to the State of Israel because it aligns with the needs of the day.

Governor Ducey, signing this bill into law is not only a testimony to your commitment to ensuring antisemitism has no haven in Arizona, but also as a testimony to your commitment to values. It is a further demonstration of your record of friendship with the State of Israel. Among the many actions you have taken, we have noted the increasing Arizona-Israel trade, the establishment of the trade office in Israel and the decision to divest state funds from Ben & Jerry's, implementing HB2617, which you also signed into law, and thus standing firmly against unjust discrimination against Israel.

You have supported Israel not only in word, but in action. You have stood with Israel and the Jewish people, and you continue to stand with Israel and the Jewish people. For all the above we express our appreciation and applaud your extraordinary legacy.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Hillel Newman  
Consul General of Israel

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Mrs. Sandra Watson, President and CEO of ACA,  
Mr. David Yaari, Head of the Arizona, Trade Office in Tel Aviv



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Received, many thanks!

On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM Consul General Assistant- Consulate of Israel in Los-Angeles <[Cg-Assistant@la.mfa.gov.il](mailto:Cg-Assistant@la.mfa.gov.il)> wrote:

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## NGA Daily Brief – Friday, April 29, 2022

Good afternoon Governors,  
Below please find the latest news and resources from the National Governors Association. As always, our mission is to support your work and the success of all states and territories.

If you would like technical assistance or more information from NGA, contact [Tiffany Waddell](#) (NGA Government Relations) or [Tim Blute](#) (NGA Center for Best Practices).

Best,

Bill

**Bill McBride**  
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## Upcoming Events for Governors

**NGA Chairman's Initiative Roundtable**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** May 18-19 in Boston, Massachusetts  
[Registration](#) | Contact: [Seth Gerson](#), [Catherine Van Ness](#)

**NGA Fifth National Summit on State Cybersecurity**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** June 22-24 in Columbus, Ohio  
[Registration](#) | Contact: [Steve Fugelsang](#)

**NGA Annual Summer Meeting**  
**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** July 13-15 in Portland, Maine  
[Registration](#) | Contacts: [Ann Corcoran](#), [Tonya Smith](#)

**Seminar for New Governors**  
**SAVE THE DATE** November 17-19 in Charleston, South Carolina  
Contact: [Ann Corcoran](#)



## Highlights

- NGA Chairman Governor Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas and Vice Chairman Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Janet Yellen requesting that the U.S. Department of Treasury immediately distribute the remaining tranche of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and clarify that all eligible governments in receipt of past funding have qualified for obligation.
- Governor Jared Polis of Colorado has written an [opinion piece](#) published in The Washington Post regarding new U.S. Department of Education rules impacting the federal Charter School Program (CSP). Gov. Polis writes that the rules put significant barriers in the way of charter schools seeking CSP funding.
- NGA offers a [new guide](#) for state governments implementing comprehensive targeted violence prevention programming. "State Targeted Violence Prevention: Programming and Key Performance Indicators" provides menus of options for what comprehensive violence prevention programming might look like in each of three categories: preparation, prevention and monitoring.

- The Food and Drug Administration has released a [chart](#) listing which COVID-19 home tests have received shelf-life extensions. The information will prevent wasted tests that are still usable beyond the date on the box. People are advised not to use COVID-19 tests beyond the extended date, because it could return inaccurate or invalid results.
- [Registration](#) for the NGA Annual Summer Meeting scheduled for July 13-15 in Portland, Maine, is now open.

## NGA Calendar

### NGA Center for Best Practices / Pew Charitable Trusts Improving Procedures for State Business Regulations

May 4 from 12-2:30 p.m. EDT

[Registration](#) | Contact: [Sally Rood](#)

### NGA / DOT Monthly IIJA Briefing

May 4 at 3 p.m. EDT

[Registration](#) | Contact: [Richard Lukas](#)

### NGA Chairman's Initiative Roundtable

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[Registration](#) | Contact: [Seth Gerson](#), [Catherine Van Ness](#)

### NGA Center for Best Practices Economic Mobility Summit

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** May 23-25 in St. Louis, Missouri

Contact: [Jessica Moise](#)

### NGA 2022 Policy Summit

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** June 9-10 in Indianapolis, Indiana

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## Spotlight

## Governor Asa Hutchinson Releases Key Findings on Addressing the Digital Divide in Arkansas

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson [released](#) key findings and recommendations of an anticipated state broadband [report](#) from consultant, Broadband Development Group.

“I’m pleased to see the state broadband report and recommendations from Broadband Development Group,” said Gov. Hutchinson. “We’ve already made significant progress with an aggressive approach to getting broadband deployed to rural areas of Arkansas. I’m appreciative of the thorough report and recommendations of BDG, and I am particularly grateful for the partnership with the Arkansas General Assembly in getting ahead of the curve with an early start to deploying rural broadband. I look forward to expedited progress as we put into operation the recommendations and continue our partnership.”

BDG, hired in October of last year, conducted a six-month, statewide study to develop a comprehensive master plan for addressing the digital divide across Arkansas. According to its findings, Arkansas currently has 210,000 underserved households. 100,000 of these households are covered by a grant under the federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Because of the federal rules associated with this grant, the state cannot fund grants to these areas. But Arkansas can address the gap in service of the remaining 110,000 households.

The state anticipates future funding for broadband through the Coronavirus Capital Project Fund, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and a second installment of American Rescue Plan Act funds this summer. The State Broadband office, created by Governor Hutchinson in July 2019, has awarded \$386 million in grants through the Arkansas Rural Connect grant program.

BDG was hired to determine the true state of broadband coverage in Arkansas and to find the most efficient way to fund deployment to those remaining underserved. The firm hosted a series of more than 300 community meetings in all 75 counties and received more than 18,000 surveys from residents across the state.



## Posts of the Day

### Connecticut

Governor Ned Lamont [tweeted](#):

"This #YomHaShoah, we honor the 6 million lives taken in the Holocaust. May their memories be a blessing.

Today and everyday, we stand with the Jewish Community in Connecticut and across the globe against rising antisemitism so the atrocities of the past never happen again."



### Alaska

Governor Mike Dunleavy [tweeted](#):

"We must continue teaching our children about the atrocities by Nazi Germany that



took the lives of 6 million Jews from 1933 to 1945. I issued a [proclamation](#) today that seeks to remind us of tolerance and to commemorate Yom Hashoah."

## NGA Activities

### **NGA Leaders Urge Distribution of Remaining CSLRF**

NGA Chairman Governor Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas and Vice Chairman Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Janet Yellen requesting that the U.S. Department of Treasury immediately distribute the remaining tranche of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and clarify that all eligible governments in receipt of past funding have qualified for obligation.

"On behalf of the nation's Governors, we request that the U.S. Department of Treasury immediately distribute the remaining tranche of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and clarify that all eligible governments in receipt of past funding have qualified for obligation.

"Since enactment of ARPA, we have been working collaboratively with the White House and the U.S. Department of Treasury to implement the \$350 billion provided under the law.

"However, as calls for a rescission of these vital resources continue, we urge the Department to expedite the deployment of these funds so they can provide the needed fiscal relief that Congress intended.

"America's state, territory, and local governments have been engaged in our nation's response to COVID-19 since the earliest days; and providing these governments with the full distribution of these financial resources, along with regulatory clarity, is the surest way to see that our nation's preparedness and responsivity continues."

### **State Officials Collaborate on Solutions for Health Worker Shortages**

On the second and final day of the [Healthcare Workforce Learning Collaborative](#)



kick-off event, representatives from 14 participating states convened virtually to begin the action planning process. Over the next six months, Governors' offices and other senior state officials across health, education and workforce development agencies will work together to tackle the growing shortage of health care workers.

To guide the planning discussion, experts from health care workforce organizations – including the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association – briefed the collaborative on the challenges health care delivery employees face and shared their perspectives on potential policy solutions to address burnout and trauma.

NGA is preparing an extensive health care workforce toolkit to assist states in the planning process. Subject matter experts and NGA consultants from Veritas Health Solutions presented the first iteration of the toolkit, which will be available only to Learning Collaborative states during its initial roll-out. Materials from the Learning Collaborative launch will soon be available on NGA's website.

The Department of Health and Human Services and its Health Resources Services Administration are supporting the project. The Learning Collaborative will publish findings and recommendations this year. Contacts: [Shelby Hockenberry](#), [Amanda Winters](#)

### **NGA Releases Guide on State Targeted Violence Prevention**

NGA has released a [new guide](#) to assist state governments implementing comprehensive targeted violence prevention (TVP) programming. The guide, "State Targeted Violence Prevention: Programming & Key Performance Indicators," provides a menu of options states can use to tailor comprehensive TVP programming to their needs. Organized along three categories of TVP implementation activities -- Preparation, Prevention, and Monitoring – the resource is designed to help state governments not only lay the groundwork for effective programming but also sustain those efforts in perpetuity.

**Statehood Anniversary**

# Happy Birthday Louisiana!

April 30, 1812



## NGA State and Territory Policy Trackers

NGA is maintaining a [tracker](#) on state executive orders and guidance regarding the situation in Ukraine. Contact: [Micaja Verna](#)

NGA is maintaining a [tracker](#) covering state actions regarding public health emergency orders. Contact: [Lauren Dedon](#)

## Recent Steps Taken By the Federal Government and Administration

**April 28** — The Department of Transportation issued a [Notice of Proposed Temporary Waiver](#) of Buy America Requirements for Construction under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. In order to prepare for compliance with the IJJA's new Made in America standards for construction materials, DOT is seeking comment on proposing to issue a transitional waiver on May 14. The proposed transitional waiver would expire within 180 days after May 14. The proposed waiver is intended to strengthen Made in America processes and provide for strengthened enforcement over time. During the proposed time period, states, industry and other partners would begin the compliance process. DOT, using feedback from this proposed waiver and continued engagement through the waiver period, will work to ensure the creation of robust enforcement and compliance mechanisms.

Suppliers and other stakeholders are encouraged to inform DOT of currently sufficient domestic availability of categories of construction materials to help DOT shorten the transitional waiver or narrow its applicability to rapidly encourage domestic sourcing. DOT is required by law to provide notice and seek comment on proposed waivers 15 days in advance of issuance. Contact: [Richard Lukas](#)

**April 27** — The White House [reiterated](#) the need for Congress to provide funding for the nation's COVID-19 response, noting that inaction would lead to fewer vaccines, treatments and tests for the American people, as well as fewer shots in arms around the world. Contact: [Maribel Ramos](#)

**April 27** — The Treasury Department [published](#) a set of answers to frequently asked questions related to State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act. This document is designed to help recipients understand and apply the final rule. The FAQs addresses many of the questions received by Treasury since the final rule was released and also includes many answers that were available in connection with the interim final rule (although numbering may have changed) because they remain applicable under the final rule. Answers to frequently asked questions that are unique to the interim final rule remain available at [Interim Final Rule: Frequently Asked Questions](#). Treasury anticipates updating this document as additional guidance is developed.

For overall information about the program, including information on requesting funding, please see the [SLFRF website](#). For general questions about SLFRF, please email [SLFRF@treasury.gov](mailto:SLFRF@treasury.gov). Contact: [Richard Lukas](#)

**April 27** — The Department of Energy released a request for information soliciting input on how best to structure a \$2.5 billion [formula grant program](#) to strengthen and modernize the country's power grid, included as Section [40101\(D\)](#) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The new program will provide funding to states and tribal nations for projects to build grid reliability and resiliency. DOE is seeking feedback on the program's notice of intent, draft application and award requirements, and draft award formula allocation. Comments are due June 27. A public webinar for additional information will be held May 5 from 2-3pm EDT, [registration](#) required. Contact: [Christian Lovell](#)

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