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Via email: ablutstein@americarisingllc.com

Re: HQ-2021-00776-F

Dear Mr. Blutstein:

This is a final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Email sent and received by Ali Nouri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, that include the term "Congressional Review Act" or "CRA" from January 20, 2021 to the present. I can further narrow the scope of the request by limiting these communications to individuals using the email address "@mail.house.gov" or "senate.gov".

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) to conduct a search of its files for responsive records. ES started its search on June 10, 2021, which is the cut-off date for responsive records. ES has completed its search and identified two (2) documents responsive to your request. The documents are being released in their entirety as described in the accompanying index.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the preferred method by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.



You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our June 7, 2021 letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the "other" category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have any questions about the processing of your request or this letter, you may contact me or Anh-Chi Nguyen of this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-586-5955.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

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To: [Nouri, Ali](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: HOTLINE: 2 ROLL CALL VOTES EXPECTED SHORTLY
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:16:12 PM

From: Patterson, Liza (Dem-Secretary)
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:15:47 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: D-HOTLINE@LISTS.SENATE.GOV
Subject: HOTLINE: 2 ROLL CALL VOTES EXPECTED SHORTLY

For the information of all Senators, we expect two roll call votes to begin shortly on the following:

1. Motion to discharge PN79-2, Kristen M. Clarke (Assistant Attorney General) from the Judiciary Committee
2. Motion to proceed to Calendar #33, S.J.Res.13, EEOC CRA

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From: [Del Monico, Tim](#)
To: [Nouri, Ali](#); [Baumann, Jeremiah](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Floor Report:
Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:21:46 PM

From: Del Monico, Tim
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Del Monico, Tim <Tim.DelMonico@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Floor Report:

The Mother's Day hangover edition.

Subject: Floor Report:

The Big Action:

The House is vote on the following this month:

Week One:

- H.R. 2547 – Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act (Rep. Waters – Financial Services) (Subject to a Rule)
- H.R. 1065 – Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- The House will also “address critical mental health needs in our communities, including by strengthening suicide-prevention efforts, authorizing grants for school-based mental health services, and addressing disparities in mental health care among underserved and high-poverty communities.”

Week Two:

- Hirono's Senate-Passed Covid hate crimes bill (companion to Rep. Meng's bill and includes Beyer's No Hate Act as an amendment)
- Appropriations for Capitol Security
- “House will act on bipartisan suspension bills promoting early-career STEM fellowships aimed at helping recent graduates from underrepresented communities, rural areas, and Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) while working to address sexual harassment in the STEM workforce. The House will also consider suspensions from the Veterans Affairs Committee relating to Memorial Day to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and meet our commitment to those who served.”

House Side: (First Votes: Tuesday @ 6:30pm; Last Votes: Friday @ 3:00pm)

- On Monday, the House is not in session.
- On Tuesday, the House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business, with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.
 - Suspensions (14 bills)

1. H.R. 433 – Family Support Services for Addiction Act of 2021 (Rep. Trone – Energy and Commerce)
2. H.R. 1475 – Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act (Rep. Watson Coleman – Energy and Commerce)
3. H.R. 586 – STANDUP Act of 2021 (Rep. Peters – Energy and Commerce)
4. H.R. 721 – Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2021, as amended (Rep. Napolitano – Energy and Commerce)
5. H.R. 2877 – Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2021 (Rep. Ferguson – Energy and Commerce)
6. H.R. 1260 – Bipartisan Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2021 (Rep. Ruppersberger – Energy and Commerce)
7. H.R. 1205 – Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2021 (Rep. Ruiz – Energy and Commerce)
8. H.R. 1324 – Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2021 (Rep. Bilirakis – Energy and Commerce)
9. H.R. 1480 – HERO Act (Rep. Bera – Energy and Commerce)
10. H.R. 2862 – Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act (Rep. Beyer – Energy and Commerce)
11. H.R. 2981 – Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021 (Rep. Katko – Energy and Commerce)
12. H.R. 2955 – Suicide Prevention Act (Rep. Stewart – Energy and Commerce)
13. H.R. 768 – Block, Report, And Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act of 2021 (Rep. McKinley – Energy and Commerce)
14. H.R. 1629 – Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act (Rep. Dean – Energy and Commerce)

- On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for Morning Hour debate and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

- On Thursday, the House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

- On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business, with last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m.

- *Suspensions (8 Bills)*

1. H.R. 958 – Protecting Moms Who Served Act (Rep. Underwood – Veterans' Affairs)
2. H.R. 297 – To require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of, and the potential land that could be included in, a unit of the National Forest System in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes (Rep. Case – Natural Resources)
3. H.R. 49 – To designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and for other purposes (Rep. Soto –

Natural Resources)

4. H.R. 478 – Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act (Rep. O’Halloran – Natural Resources)
 5. H.R. 810 – To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes (Rep. Fortenberry – Natural Resources)
 6. H.R. 1688 – Native American Child Protection Act (Rep. Gallego – Natural Resources)
 7. H.R. 2208 – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act (Rep. Escobar – Natural Resources)
- *Non-Suspension:*
 - H.R. 2547 – Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act (Rep. Waters – Financial Services) (Subject to a Rule)
 - H.R. 1065 – Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (Rep. Nadler – Education and Labor) (Subject to a Rule)
 - Additional Legislative Items Are Possible

The Rules Committee is scheduled to meet on the following day:

- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. to report a Rule for H.R. 2547 and H.R. 1065. Amendments to H.R. 2547 were due to Rules at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021.

Scheduling Highlights:

- Tuesday @ 5:00pm: Freshman Member Dinner Discussion (hosted by Assistant Speaker Clarke) – Topic: Immigration Reform
- Wednesday @ 7:30am: E&C Health Subcommittee Hearing – The Fiscal Year 2022 HHS Budget w/Secretary Becerra
- Wednesday @ 9:30am: New Dem Meeting w/Secretary Yellin
- Thursday @ 7:30am: E&C ECC Subcommittee Hearing – The CLEAN Future Act: Superfund Proposals to Advance Cleanups, Equity, and Climate Resilience
- Thursday @ 11:30pm: CHC Member Level Meeting

Senate Side:

The Senate will be back in tomorrow, Monday, May 10 at 3pm. On Monday, the Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination of Andrea Palm to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Monday at 5:30pm—1 roll call vote:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrea Palm to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Agenda for the week—

In addition to the Palm nomination, Senator Schumer filed cloture on the nomination of Cynthia Marten to be Deputy Secretary of Education. We currently anticipate votes on the Marten nomination on Tuesday. Other possibilities for the week include additional nominations, the EEOC conciliation CRA, or the True Lender CRA. There is also a desire to move the three nominees to the Postal Board of Governors (Anton Hajjar, Amber McReynolds, and Ron Stroman) soon and perhaps during the work period.

Legislative highlights

- Tuesday @ 10am: Banking Committee Hearing on nominations. Nominees:
 - **Adrienne Todman**, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - **Nuria Fernandez**, to be Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration.

- Tuesday @ 2:30pm: Finance Committee Taxation Subcommittee Hearing entitled, “Closing the Tax Gap: Lost Revenue from Noncompliance and the Role of Offshore Tax Evasion.” Witnesses:
 - **Barry Johnson**, Acting Chief, Research and Analytics Officer, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury;
 - **Doug O’Donnell**, Deputy Commissioner, Services & Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Department of the Treasury;
 - **J. Russell George**, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, U.S. Department of the Treasury;
 - **Nina E. Olson**, Executive Director, Center for Taxpayer Rights, Washington, DC; and
 - **Charles O. Rossotti**, Former Commissioners (1997-2002), Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.

- Wednesday @ 9:30am: Finance Committee Hearing on the President’s 2021 Trade Policy Agenda. Witness: **Katherine Tai**, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

- Wednesday @ 10am: Foreign Relations Committee Hearing entitled, “COVID-19 Pandemic and the International Response.” Witnesses:
 - **Gayle Smith**, Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security, U.S. Department of State; and
 - **Jeremy Konyndyk**, Executive Director of the COVID-19 Task Force, United States Agency for International Development.

- Wednesday @ 3pm: Finance Subcommittee on Health Care Hearing entitled, “The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Improving Mental Health and Addiction Services in Our Communities.” Witnesses:
 - **Victor Armstrong**, Director of North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services;
 - **Stephanie Woodard**, Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services;

- **Lenette Kosovich**, CEO, Rimrock Foundation, Billings, MT; and
- **Malkia Newman**, Team Supervisor, CNS Healthcare Anti-Stigma Program, Waterford, MI.

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