

Issues Addresses 1/26/2018

More than seventy civil rights groups oppose Eric Dreiband's nomination as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. Dreiband was first nominated in 2017, but his appointment was not voted on before the winter recess. Now Trump has nominated him once again.

According to CNN, when Dreiband was originally nominated, he came "under a wave of criticism from civil rights organizations and LGBT activists because of his work defending major corporations against discrimination lawsuits, and in some cases flip-flopping his position."

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund said that Dreiband's nomination serves to undermine "fundamental civil rights priorities." While in private practice Dreiband has defended companies like R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in an age discrimination case, Bloomberg in a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit, CVS Pharmacy in an employee severance agreement lawsuit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. A man with a history of defending civil rights violators, should not be the top pick for defending civil rights via the Department of Justice.

**INFORM** members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that Dreiband is an unacceptable nominee

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- **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841
- **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

According to Sen. Cory Booker, Thomas Farr, currently up for a position as a federal judge, "has spent much of his legal career undermining civil rights and voting protections for people of color." As an attorney, Farr has defended biased redistricting and voter ID laws. He was also employed by the late Senator Jesse Helms. Like several other nominees, he has been re-nominated this year after his appointment did not go through in 2017.

**TELL** the Senate Judiciary Committee that Farr is no more acceptable in 2018 than he was in 2017

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California Attorney General Xavier Becerra has issued a reminder to California businesses not to violate the law by divulging employees' private information to ICE

**THANKS** to

- **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, 1300 "I" St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

According to Freedom United, "Immigrants detained in a private prison in San Diego allege that they have been subjected to forced labor and threatened with solitary confinement or restricted visitation rights if they refused to work. The complainants say the company that owns the prison, CoreCivic, one of the largest private prison companies in the US, pays at most \$1.50 per day,

and sometimes nothing at all, for their work as kitchen staff, janitors, barbers and in various other roles. But reports of forced labor are not isolated to immigration detention centers. In Oklahoma, offenders sentenced to rehabilitation end up forced into labor on chicken farms, without any recourse or access to an actual recovery program. Prisoners in California are forced into labor and made to risk their lives fighting the state's wildfires for a dollar an hour or less.

**DEMAND** an investigation of forced labor at detention centers and prisons, particularly those privately run for profit

- **Mark S. Inch**, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St. NW, Washington DC 20534, (202) 307-3198
- **Judi Simon Garrett**, Assistant Director, Information, Policy, and Public Affairs, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St. NW, Washington DC 20534, (202) 307-3198
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- **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553
- **Representative Bob Goodlatte** (R-VA), Chair, House Judiciary Committee, 2309 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5431
- **Representative Jerry Nadler** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee, 2109 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5635

According to *Science* magazine, The U.S. Interior Department will now funnel certain grants through a political screening intended to ensure the federal dollars “better align” with the administration's “priorities.” The move empowers a senior Interior Department adviser named Steve Howke, to review grants potentially “circumventing the secretarial priorities or the review process.” Note that Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's priorities include securing our southern border, ensuring “American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs” to cutting restricted access (i.e. mining) provisions that apply to many public lands. The Public Lands, Forestry, and Mining Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has oversight in this area.

**DENOUNCE** this inappropriate review process

- **Senator Mike Lee** (R-UT), Chair, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, 361A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5444
- **Senator Ron Wyden** (D-OR), Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, 225 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5244

The Department of Homeland Security has announced (less than a week after the President's “shithole” remarks) that Haitians will no longer be eligible for visas given to low-skilled workers.

**DECRY** this bigoted new policy that has nothing to do with “securing” the “homeland”

- **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528, comment line (202) 282-8495
- **Senator Ron Johnson** (R-WI), Chair, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 328 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5323

- **Senator Claire McCaskill** (D-MO), Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 503 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6154
- **Representative Michael McCaul** (R-TX), Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, 2001 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2401
- **Representative Bennie Thompson** (D-MS), Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland Security, 2466 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5876

As reported in the *New York Times*, Michael Novogradac, managing partner of a national accounting firm, estimates the new tax law will reduce the growth of subsidized affordable housing by 235,000 units over the next ten years, worsening the already existing shortage. He warns ““It’s the greatest shock to the affordable-housing system since the Great Recession.” **ASK** those responsible for housing policy how they plan to alleviate the coming scarcity of low-income housing

- **Benjamin S. Carson**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, **451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1112**
- **Senator Michael Crapo** (R-ID), Chair, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 239 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6142
- **Senator Sherrod Brown** (D-OH), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 713 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2315

Plastic bottlecaps are a major environmental problem both on terra firma and in our planet’s oceans. California AB 319, which would come into full effect in 2020, authored by Santa Cruz’s own Mark Stone, requires that all single-use beverages sold in the state have bottlecaps that are tethered to their containers to improve the likelihood that they will be recycled.

**THANKS** and **MESSAGES** of local pride to

- **Assemblymember Mark Stone** (Santa Cruz), State Capitol, PO Box 982049, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-2029

The Economic Policy Institute has issued a new report on the Department of Labor’s (DOL) proposed rule that would make it legal for employers to pocket their workers’ tips, as long as they pay those workers at least the minimum wage. This report is specifically focused on the disproportionate effect of this rule on women workers, who, being both more likely to be tipped workers and to earn lower wages, would lose \$4.6 billion of the estimated \$5.8 billion of lost wages that would result from the new rule.

**REMIN**D those responsible for labor policy that taking away earnings from some of our nation’s lowest paid (and disproportionately female) workers is reprehensible

- **Alexander Acosta**, Secretary of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC 20210, (866) 4-USA-DOL
- **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4944
- **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2621

Following the passage of the new tax bill, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan had a massive influx of cash, courtesy of the Charles Koch and his wife. Thirteen days after the tax plan passed, both Charles Koch and his wife made \$247,000 donations to Team Ryan, which raises money for the congressman, the National Republican Congressional Committee and a political action committee run by Ryan. On the same day, they each also donated \$237,000 to the Republican National Campaign Committee.

**CASTGATE** the Speaker for lining his own pockets and handing over our democracy to the highest bidder

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House office building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

Thank Harris and Feinstein for being among the eighteen Senators who stuck with “No DACA; no deal” during the January 22 Senate vote to extend the federal budget for an additional three weeks.

**THANKS** to

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

When he took office, Trump promised to donate any profits from spending by foreign governments at his self-branded hotel to the U.S. Treasury. In the past year, many foreign governments, particularly the governments of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Kuwait, have spent significant sums for lodging and events in Trump’s Washington DC hotel, but no donations to the Treasury have been forthcoming.

**REMINDERS** about this promise to

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**QUESTIONS** about how they’re ensuring that Trump keeps his promises and avoids conflicts of interest to

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• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

School shooting, including suicides and shootings with multiple fatalities have already reached the double digits in 2018 (and that’s the number of *events*, not the number of people affected).

**ASK** Congressional leaders if we can try a remedy other than “Thoughts and prayers” and

**CALL** for real action on gun legislation

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House office building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

While budget negotiations have saved the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for another six, funding for the country's 12,000 Community Health Centers, which provide low-cost healthcare to 25 million of us who do not qualify for Medicaid OR CHIP, is still in limbo. **REMIN**d our representatives and Congressional leaders that health insurance is meaningless without health centers at which to receive care

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Kirstjen Nielsen, Director of Homeland Security, is waiving environmental regulations to accelerate construction of the proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

**PROTEST** putting a pointless and expensive wall over the welfare of our environment

- **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528, comment line (202) 282-8495

**ASK** the leaders of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works to do their job and see that environmental regulations are honored

- **Senator John Barroso** (R-WY), Chair, Environment and Public Works Committee, 307 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6411
- **Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works Committee, 513 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2441

Trump has imposed a 30% tariff on imported solar panels, supposedly to protect American manufacturing jobs from cheaper Chinese imports, but industry analysts warn that the move also threatens tens of thousands of jobs that Trump has vowed to protect, because companies that install solar panels will probably trim their workforces in response to higher costs.

**TELL** Trump what you think of this move

- **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**ASK** our representatives to do all they can to keep solar energy affordable

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Reuters reported that "Senior U.S. congressional Democrats urged social media companies on [January 23] to investigate reported actions by automated Russia-linked accounts in connection

with a Republican memorandum that was said to be critical of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of President Donald Trump's ties with Russia."

**THANK** our Senator for her role in petitioning for this action

- **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

**TELL** social media companies we want to see follow-through on this request

- **Mark Zuckerberg**, Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Facebook, 1601 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 543-4800

- **Sheryl Sandberg**, Chief Operating Officer, Facebook, 1601 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 543-4800

- **Jack Dorsey**, Chief Executive Officer, Twitter, 1355 Market St, Ste. 900, San Francisco, CA, (866) 924-2008

- **Anthony Notto**, Chief Operating Officer, Twitter, 1355 Market St, Ste. 900, San Francisco, CA, (866) 924-2008

The New York Times reports that, "On 5,753 occasions from 2010 to 2016, the United States military asked to review Afghan military units to see if there were any instances of 'gross human rights abuses.' If there were, American law required military aid to be cut off to the offending unit. Not once did that happen. That was among the findings in an investigation into child sexual abuse by the Afghan security forces and the supposed indifference of the American military to the problem, according to a report released [January 22] by the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction (SIGAR)." The majority of events reported were sexual abuse of Afghan boys. U.S. is supposed to be immediately terminated if such abuses are found.

**DEPLORE** this callous failure to protect the human rights of children by Afghan military units that receive U.S. funding

- **James N. Mattis**, Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1000

- **General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.**, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9999 Joint Staff Pentagon, Washington DC 20318-9999

- **Dr. Mark T. Esper**, Secretary of the Army, 101 Army Pentagon, Washington DC 20310-0101

- **General Mark A. Milley**, Army Chief of Staff, 200 Army Pentagon, Washington DC 20310-0200

- **Senator John McCain** (R-AZ), Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee, 218 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2235

- **Senator Jack Reed** (D-RI), Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, 728 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 29510, (202) 224-4642

- **Representative Mac Thornberry** (R-TX), Chair, House Committee on Armed Services, 2208 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3706

- **Representative Adam Smith** (D-WA), Ranking Member, House Committee on Armed Services, 2264 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-6435

- **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), Member, House Committee on Armed Services, 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Speaking to the Council on Foreign Relations, Joe Biden said that Mitch McConnell rejected Obama administration efforts to warn the public about Russian election interference. Obama felt that any announcement that was not bipartisan would serve the Kremlin's interest in dividing the country. McConnell refused to sign such a bipartisan statement.

**CASTIGATION** for putting party before the American people and American democracy itself

- **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

In 2017, the Federal Communications Commission assembled a Broadband Deployment Advisory Group. While sixty-four city and state officials were nominated for the panel, but the agency initially chose only two: Sam Liccardo, mayor of San Jose, California, and Kelleigh Cole from the Utah Governor's Office. FCC head Ajit Pai later appointed another city official, Andy Huckaba, a member of the Lenexa, Kansas, city council, bringing the total representation for city and state representatives to 3. Business nominees appear to have had a much easier time finding a seat at the table. More than three out of four seats on the BDAC are filled by business-friendly representatives from the biggest wireless and cable companies such as AT&T Inc., Comcast Corp., Sprint Corp., and TDS Telecom. Crown Castle International Corp., the nation's largest wireless infrastructure company, and Southern Co., the nation's second-largest utility firm, have representatives on the panel. Also appointed to the panel were broadband experts from conservative think tanks who have been critical of FCC regulations such as the International Center for Law and Economics and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

**DECRY** the domination of a committee that should serve the public by industry representatives

- **Ajit Pai**, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

- **Senator John Thune**, Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

- **Senator Bill Nelson**, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 716 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

- **Senator Roger Wicker** (R-MS), Chair, Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet Subcommittee, 555 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6253

- **Senator Brian Schatz** (D-HI), Ranking Member, Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet Subcommittee, 722 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3934

The Justice Department has demanded that sanctuary cities, counties, and states turn over documents on whether local law enforcement agencies are illegally withholding information from U.S. immigration authorities—and have said they will issue subpoenas if responses are not full and immediate. Watsonville is one of the cities receiving such a demand, as are San Francisco, Fremont, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. Demands have also been issued to Sonoma, Sacramento San Francisco, and Monterey counties.

**CONDEMN** this attack on the wishes of local governments and communities

- **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530, comment line (202) 353-1555

- **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3744

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With reports from the New York Times that President Trump attempted to remove Special Counsel Robert Mueller last June, we need legislation that would prevent him from being able to do so. The Senate Judiciary Committee has held hearings on two bipartisan proposals, S 1735 and S 1741. Meanwhile, Senator Mitch McConnell claims that he isn't hearing from people who want action taken to protect the special counsel.

**URGE** our Senators to support S 1735, S 1741, and any similar legislation

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• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**CLARIFY** for Senator McConnell that a great many people *do* want special counsel protection

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

Senator Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) S 534, Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, requires amateur athletics governing bodies to report sex-abuse allegations and otherwise protects young athletes from abuse. It passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on November 14, 2017. The House's similar version of the bill, HR 1973, passed in May, but nothing has been done to reconcile these bills, a process that must happen before this legislation can be sent on for the President's signature. Children's lives and futures are at stake. It's up to Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell to schedule reconciliation.

**INSIST** that reconciliation for S 534 and HR 1973 be prioritized

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• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House office building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

Professor Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, has released a "Statement on Visit to the USA," a result to a two-week investigatory visit to the U.S. Among the issues he reports on are the 40 million people in the US living in poverty (1 in 8 Americans or 12.7% of our total population), the use of minor infraction notices "which seem to be intentionally designed to quickly explode into unpayable debt, incarceration, and the replenishment of municipal coffers," the lack of dental care for the poor, our high rates of opioid addiction, the highest infant mortality rate in the developed world, the growing gap in life expectancy between the US and other developed countries, our position as 36<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of access to clean water. He noted US rejection of "the idea that economic and social rights are full-fledged human rights, despite their clear recognition not only in key treaties that the US has ratified (such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination), and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which the US has long insisted other countries must respect." He contrasts the US narrative of hard-working rich versus "shiftless" poor with the reality in which "many of the wealthiest citizens do not pay taxes at the rates that others do, hoard much of their wealth off-shore, and often make their profits purely from speculation rather



than contributing to the overall wealth of the American community.” And all of the preceding is just a fraction of the seventy-one findings in his report.

**QUERY** key cabinet secretaries, committee chairs, and committee ranking members about actions they intend to take to address these findings

- **Eric Hargan**, Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201, (877)-696-6775
- **Benjamin S. Carson**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, **451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1112**
- **Alexander Acosta**, Secretary of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC 20210, (866) 4-USA-DOL
- **Wilber L. Ross**, Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington DC 20230, (202) 482-2000
- **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4944
- **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2621
- **Senator Michael Crapo** (R-ID), Chair, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 239 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6142
- **Senator Sherrod Brown** (D-OH), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 713 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2315
- **Senator John Thune** (R-SD), Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2321
- **Senator Bill Nelson** (D-FL), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 716 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5274

Since September 5, when Trump rescinded DACA, 122 DACA recipients have lost their protection every day

**REMIND** our Senators that any budget action without DACA is unacceptable

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Trump’s nominee for the head of NASA has been approved by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on a 14-13 party-line vote. The full Senate will now have to vote on the appointment. The nominee, Representative Jim Bridenstine (R-OK) would be the first member of Congress to oversee NASA, politicizing the position in a way that hasn’t been done before. Bridenstine has been a climate-change denier, who has previously proposed legislation to remove Earth Science from NASA’s mission. He has now acknowledged that climate change exists, but questions the significance of humans’ role in this.

SHARE your concerns about Bridenstine’s ability to serve effectively in a position for which he lacks the scientific qualifications with

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