

**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 12:58 PM  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG); Seidman, Ricki (OASG); West Rasmus, Emma (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: ASG Election Security Remarks FINAL  
**Attachments:** Detailed Script for Election Threats Run of Show v.5.docx

All: here is my most updated detailed script for today's 2pm. I've shared this with Tamarra/Tim/Kevin. My understanding is that the AG/DAG statements have changed, but I have included the most recent versions in this set.

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**Subject:** RE: ASG Election Security Remarks FINAL

Sorry, caught a few nits

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**From:** Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 12:23 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6) >; West Rasmus, Emma (OASG) (b) (6) >; Rodgers, Nicholas (JMD) (b) (6) >; Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** ASG Election Security Remarks FINAL

Associate AG's remarks for the teleprompter.

Thanks!

**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 12:59 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Logistics  
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In the event this is useful, this is my most detailed script. Have not been able to touch base with Kim Wyman; but will let you know.

Ardoin texted me that for the one question he will tee up, it will be the second one about CISA. Thanks, Peter

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
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**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Logistics

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Are you all joining in person or remotely via Zoom? If by Zoom, I don't have the panel log in, though I don't think I need it.

**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:09 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Lisa Monaco  
**Cc:** Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** updated Q&A from Secretaries of State  
**Attachments:** Updated Q&A.docx

Will have hardcopies at meeting.

**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
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Updated. FYSA, I've also made contact with Kim Lyman, she said she would make sure everyone asks one question during their first turn, and then circle back.

Also – is the AG closing out the meeting? I would recommend he do so but defer to you all.

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG); Seidman, Ricki (OASG); West Rasmus, Emma (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: ASG Election Security Remarks FINAL  
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Updated with a revised version with updates from OAG.

VG: all of the Qs are ones that are posed for DAG/FBI and possibly AG. But providing everything for you here for your awareness. Thank you!

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**Subject:** RE: ASG Election Security Remarks FINAL

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG (b)(6) Kim Wyman  
**Subject:** RE: Question so far

Kim: please see below the questions we've collected. Thanks, Peter

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**Sec. of State Ardoin Questions:**

- 1. We had an experience recently where an alert was shared nationwide with law enforcement about an elevated threat level that involved election related conspiracies. We read about it in the media. We need to develop a better two-way communication pathway on potential violence and physical threats, like we have done with CISA for cybersecurity threats. What do you propose?**
- 2. Several political entities use social media to spread conflicting and competing information, leading to more and more public meeting takeovers by these highly emotional groups and further threats to election officials. Are task force members and social media companies working together to see how best to prevent this?**
- 3. What is the role of the task force?**
- 4. What happens in the reporting process?**
- 5. What DOJ is doing to improve communications with state election officials about viable threats?**

**2:26pm to 2:32pm: New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way**

- 1. We have a good working relationship with our state fusion center and for the last few years, we have been working more closely with federal law enforcement as well. As one of a few states holding statewide elections every single year, we in New Jersey know this work is ongoing 24/7.**

**States need strong relationships with this Task Force so that we can**

efficiently work together on any challenges that may come. Given that, what is the most essential action we can take to collaborate more effectively with your team?

**2:32pm to 2:38pm: Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson**

1. Are the reports we are submitting being investigated?
2. We are being told to report everything, but it's likely not everything is a threat that rises to a criminal level. What happens then? Is anyone being investigated anywhere for the threats and harassment?
3. Will the task force build a way for election administrators to formally be involved or otherwise have a direct connection for regular communication?

**2:38pm to 2:44pm: Wisconsin Election Commission Administrator [Meagan Wolf](#)**

**2:44pm to 2:50pm: Escambia County (Florida) Supervisor of Elections [David Stafford](#)**

1. As this is an unfortunate, relatively new issue for local election officials, how do we discern whether something is a "threat" that necessitates notifying local, state or federal law enforcement vs. a more general, aggressive communication?
2. What is the best mechanism to report and to whom?

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:18 AM

**T** (b)(6) Kim Wyman; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** Question so far

Hi Kim –

I am counting questions I've received from three participants so far. And I just pinged the remaining two.

From Secretary Ardoin:

**plans to ask about the role of the task force, what happens in the reporting process, and what DOJ is doing to improve communications with state election officials about viable threats.**

From Secretary Way:

**We have a good working relationship with our state fusion center and for the last few years, we have been working more closely with federal law enforcement as well. As one of a few states holding statewide elections every single year, we in New Jersey know this work is ongoing 24/7. States need strong relationships with this Task Force so that we can efficiently work together on any challenges that may come. Given that, what is the most essential action we can take to collaborate more effectively with your team?**

And from David Stafford in Escambia County Florida:

**As this is an unfortunate, relatively new issue for local election officials, how do we discern whether something is a “threat” that necessitates notifying local, state or federal law enforcement vs. a more general, aggressive communication? And what is the best mechanism to report and to whom?**

**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b)(6) Kim Wyman  
**Subject:** RE: Question so far  
**Importance:** High

Kim: additionally, I wanted to flag that the Attorney General will CLOSE the meeting, roughly at 2:58pm ET or so. You can just pass it to him to close when time is winding down. Thank you!

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**Subject:** RE: Question so far

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**Kim Wyman**

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**From:** Kim Wyman  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Question so far

Thanks Peter!

Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 10:36 AM, Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Kim Wyman  
**Subject:** Re: Question so far

Hi Kim -  
Yes, correct!  
The AG will turn it over to you after the last Fed speaker - FBI

Then at the very end the AG will close

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On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:36 PM, Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
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To: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Shub, Jordan R.  
(ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
(b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Zeller, David A. (JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 13:49:40 EDT  
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AG NOT USING THE TELEPROMPTER NOW, JUST ZOOM FEATURE!!!

From: Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:13 AM  
To: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

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From: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
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To: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
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Cc: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
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(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Zeller, David A. (JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 13:51:02 EDT  
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Yes, No teleprompter!!

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On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:49 PM, Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:52 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** Q and A

Hi -  
We reviewed the q and a  
AG will likely follow up on others' answers rather than imitating a response -

He will huddle with the principals beforehand on this

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On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:32 PM, Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Great flag. Tamarra just covered with AG — he will close. Thanks, Peter.

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On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:27 PM, Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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From: Zeller, David A. (JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Greer, Christopher  
M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
(b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 13:53:01 EDT  
Attachments:

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Thank you for the confirmation. Multimedia is ready.

Cheers,  
David Zeller  
DOJ Multimedia

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:51 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** Event Memo for TODAY  
**Attachments:** Election Officials Event Memorandum August 26.doc

For posterity

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EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Tamarra Matthews Johnson

EVENT: DOJ Leadership Teleconference with Election Officials

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On Thursday, August 26, You, along with the Deputy Attorney General, the Associated Attorney General, and the FBI Director will conduct a teleconference with state and local election officials on the subject of threats to election officials nationwide.

RUN OF SHOW:

2:00pm to 2:05pm: Attorney General Merrick Garland /  
Call to order and delivery of opening remarks

2:05pm to 2:10pm: Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco

2:10pm to 2:13pm: Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta

2:13pm to 2:17pm: FBI Director Christopher Wray

2:17pm to 2:20pm: Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman

Introduces Self and Chairs the Remainder of the Meeting

2:20pm to 2:26pm: Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin

2:26pm to 2:32pm: New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way

2:32pm to 2:38pm: Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

2:38pm to 2:44pm: Meagan Wolf, Wisconsin Election Commission  
Administrator

2:44pm to 2:50pm: David Stafford, Escambia County (Florida)  
Supervisor of Elections

2:50pm to 2:58pm: Q&A/ follow up comments if time remains

2:58pm to 3:00pm: Closing

PARTICIPANTS:

Invited to joint this event are state and local election *officials* from across the country. I have bolded the word officials because this community refers to state and local election “*officials*” as the secretaries of state, election directors, county clerks, probate judges, and their staff, elected and appointed. If we use the term “*workers*” that signals poll workers, who are short term staff for the days of an election, rather than the “officials” (elected and hired) who do this work day in and day out on a consistent basis. The organizations include:

National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) <https://www.nass.org/>

Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the nation’s oldest, nonpartisan professional organization for public officials. Membership is open to the 50 states, the District of Columbia and all U.S. Territories. NASS serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy. The association has key initiatives in the areas of elections and voting, state business services, and state heritage/archives.

National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) <https://www.nased.org>

NASED is a nonpartisan professional organization that disseminates election administration best practices and information across the states. Its members are Election Directors from across the country, many of whom have worked in election administration at the state and local level for decades. In each of their states, they are responsible for implementing election laws and policies, maintaining the voter registration databases, working with local election officials to ensure a successful voting experience for all voters, and more. In 40 states, these directors report to the secretaries of state; but in 10 states, like Wisconsin, these directors are the chief election officer of the state.

National Association of Election Officials <https://www.electioncenter.org>

The Election Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. The Election Center’s purpose is to promote, preserve, and improve democracy. The Center is also known as the National Association of Election Officials.

The Center provides its members an alert service which informs and updates state, city and other elections and voter registration officials regarding legislation, regulations, court decisions, and Justice Department rulings which affect the conduct of voter registration or elections administration. Additionally, the Center performs research for such governmental units concerning the similarities and differences in state or local laws, regulations, or practices concerning voter registration and elections administration.

The Center is the election profession's premier organization for training and certification of election and voter registration administrators. The result is improved service to voters, the public, the taxpayers and to government. The Center trains between 600 and 1,000 election and voter registration administrators every year.

International Association of Government Officials (iGO) <https://iaogo.org>

The International Association of Government Officials is the leading organization for government officials, fostering excellence in public service through education, innovation, and networking. Their website says they are "representing the finest clerks, recorders, election officials, and treasurers."

National Association of Counties (NACo) <https://www.naco.org>

NACo strengthens America's counties, serving nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to: advocate county priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public's understanding of county government.

CISA (<https://www.cisa.gov/>)

We also met with a contact from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to identify the private vendors who provide the technology, equipment, and personnel to state and local election officials. These vendors are members of the election infrastructure subsector coordinating council. They too have been the subject of threats, harassment and intimidation and we thought it important to include them.

CONCERNS FROM THIS CONSTITUENCY:

As the media reports and congressional testimony explicate (Tabs 9-10), election officials feel they are under siege. And with good reason. (b) (6)

(b) (6), were both targeted by the “Enemies of the People” website that launched in early December 2020. Their names were not widely reported, and I know that (b) (6). In an excerpt of media coverage below, there is also a reference to threats against (b) (6) Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray and former CISA chief Christopher Krebs were among more than a dozen people whose images, home addresses and other personal information were posted on the website titled “Enemies of the People.” Crosshairs were superimposed over the photos.

The “Enemies” hit list falsely accused swing-state governors, voting systems executives, Krebs and Wray of being responsible for “changing votes and working against the President” in a treasonous attempt to “overthrow our democracy.” It was shared on social media using the hashtags #remembertheirfaces and #NoQuarterForTraitors. “The following individuals have aided and abetted the fraudulent election against Trump,” the website falsely claimed.

The FBI has concluded that Iran was behind online efforts earlier this month to incite lethal violence against the bureau’s director, a former top U.S. cyber expert and multiple state elections officials who have refuted claims of widespread voter fraud promoted by President Trump and his allies, federal and state officials said Tuesday. Iran was active in seeking to interfere in the U.S. election, targeting Democratic voters in October with fake but menacing emails that purported to be from a far-right group threatening recipients to vote for Trump “or we will come after you.”

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The threats created a climate of fear for some families. On a recent Saturday night, for instance, armed protesters gathered at the Detroit home of **Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D)**, one of those targeted on the hit list, as she finished stringing holiday lights and prepared to watch “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” with her 4-year-old son. Echoing Trump’s unfounded claims, protesters said she was ignoring widespread voter fraud and chanted “Stop the steal!” Neighbors urged the protesters to leave because they were scaring some of the neighborhood children, but they refused.



THEMES IN CONVERSATIONS SO FAR:

I have had the opportunity to speak with some of the participants and the executive directors of NASS and NASED. A few themes animated those discussions:

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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**BIOGRAPHIES:**

**Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman (R) [Moderator]**



Kim Wyman is Washington's 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is only the second female Secretary of State in Washington's history. Prior to being elected to this office, Kim served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and served three terms as the elected Thurston County Auditor (2001-2013).

As head of one of the most diverse offices in state government, Secretary Wyman is responsible for overseeing state and local elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, and the Washington State Archives.

Secretary Wyman is committed to promoting civility and civic engagement, and connecting people with their government. She serves on many state and national boards, enjoys mentoring students, participates in leadership-development organizations, and advocates for preserving and teaching our history and traditions, and the importance of civics education and volunteering in our communities.

A leader of national renown, Secretary Wyman often shares Washington's award-winning, innovative election administration and cybersecurity practices with

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organizations across the country. Her office led the successful statewide effort to modernize and secure the state's election infrastructure and continues to focus on securing elections in 2020 and beyond.

Secretary Wyman graduated from California State University Long Beach and earned her master's degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. City University of Seattle awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in Leadership in 2015. She received CERA certification from The Election Center and Auburn University in 2004, and has been a Washington State Certified Election Administrator since 1995.

### **Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin (R) NASS President**



Kyle Ardoin is Louisiana's 44th Secretary of State and the President-Elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State. A resident of Baton Rouge and native of Ville Platte, Secretary Ardoin was first elected on Dec. 8, 2018, after serving as acting Secretary of State since May of 2018. He was recently re-elected to a full term in December of 2019 and brings a wealth of knowledge to the office with nearly a decade of prior service as First Assistant Secretary of State. Since his election, Secretary Ardoin has championed legislation to strengthen Louisiana's elections and cybersecurity, including laws that ban ballot harvesting and require

managed service providers to register and report to the Department of State. His efforts have seen the agency recognized nationally by the Election Assistance Commission and other organizations.

During the 2020 election, Secretary Ardoin oversaw one of the most difficult election cycles in modern history, as Louisiana suffered from three hurricanes, two tropical storms, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Through his leadership, the agency worked with its private and local partners to successfully execute the largest turnout election (in terms of raw voters) in Louisiana's history.

As a lifelong Louisiana resident, Secretary Ardoin is an experienced leader with a genuine passion for citizenship, civic engagement and voter participation. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he earned degrees in political science and speech communications. Secretary Ardoin is a leading national voice on election security and frequently consulted on matters regarding Managed Services Providers and Managed Security Service Providers. He brings to the office more than 30 years of experience working in both the private and public sectors.

**New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way (D)  
NASS President-Elect**



Tahesha Way serves as New Jersey's 34th Secretary of State. Nominated for appointment by Governor Phil Murphy on December 18, 2017, Ms. Way was sworn in on February 26, 2018. As Secretary of State, Ms. Way holds one of the

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nation's oldest constitutional offices and leads a department with a diverse portfolio. She serves as New Jersey's top election official, overseeing the state Division of Elections and its work in securing our democracy and ensuring broad, fair access to the right to vote. Ms. Way also chairs New Jersey's Complete Count Commission, a 27 member non-partisan commission established to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census. In addition to the critical work protecting what Secretary Way calls the "fraternal twins of democracy," Ms. Way also oversees the state government offices supporting New Jersey's vibrant arts, culture, history, and business communities.

Secretary Way belongs to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), serving on the Executive Board as Treasurer, and previously serving as co-chair of NASS's Heritage Committee and International Relations Committee. In 2019, she and nine of her colleague Secretaries from across the US traveled as a delegation to Israel for a trip focused on cultural, economic, civic engagement, democratic elections and technology. Ms. Way serves on the Advisory Council of the civic engagement non-profit "More Than A Vote," and spearheads the New Jersey Ballot Bowl collegiate and high school competition and the Vote for Valor tribute initiative to further civic engagement and voter participation.

Throughout her career, Secretary Way has devoted herself to public service. Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Secretary Way was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of New Jersey. In 2006, Secretary Way was elected to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders and served as the Freeholder Director in 2009. She served as special counsel for the Passaic County Board of Social Services overseeing all agency litigation. She also served as a council member for the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council. She is the former president of the Women Empowered Democratic Organization of Passaic County, an organization dedicated to empowering Democratic women by increasing their participation with the goal of achieving greater equality in the political process. Secretary Way also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Women's Policy Research, a leading national think tank geared towards advancing dialogue and policy for improving women's lives and their families.

## **Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D)**



Jocelyn Benson is Michigan's 43rd Secretary of State. In this role she is focused on ensuring elections are secure and accessible, and dramatically improving customer experiences for all who interact with our offices.

Benson is the author of *State Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process*, the first major book on the role of the secretary of state in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. She is also the Chair of Michigan's Task Force on Women in Sports, created by Governor Whitmer in 2019 to advance opportunities for women in Michigan as athletes and sports leaders.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and expert on civil rights law, education law and election law, Benson served as dean of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit. When she was appointed dean at age 36, she became the youngest woman in U.S. history to lead a top-100, accredited law school. She continues to serve as vice chair of the advisory board for the Levin Center at Wayne Law, which she founded with former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. Previously, Benson was an associate professor and associate director of Wayne Law's Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.



Prior to her election, she served as CEO of the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE), a national nonprofit organization using the unifying power of sports to improve race relations.

Benson is co-founder and former president of Military Spouses of Michigan, a network dedicated to providing support and services to military spouses and their children.

### **Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator Meagan Wolfe**



Meagan Wolfe is the non-partisan Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the state's Chief Election Official. Meagan was appointed by the bi-partisan, six-member Commission in February of 2018 and unanimously confirmed by the Wisconsin State Senate in May of 2019 for a four-year term.

Serving as an election security advocate and ambassador for the needs of Wisconsin's clerks and voters are among her highest priorities. A significant part of her job is ensuring that Wisconsin's 1,922 local election officials (the most of any state) have the resources and technology they need to conduct elections.

Meagan previously served as WEC's Deputy Administrator and IT Director, managing the teams that develop and maintain the statewide voter registration system, election security, and all other IT applications of the Commission. Meagan joined state service in 2011, starting as the state's voter outreach coordinator and

later as an elections IT project manager leading a major redesign of the MyVote Wisconsin voter information portal ([myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)).

### **Escambia County (Florida) Supervisor of Elections David Stafford**



David Stafford has served as Escambia County Supervisor of Elections since January 2005, following his election the previous November. A graduate of the University of Florida, Stafford is a past president of the Florida Supervisors of Elections and current legislative co-chair of the National Association of Election Officials. Stafford has served on CISA’s election infrastructure subsector government coordinating council as one of nine local election officials nationally. He currently serves on its Executive Committee and helped author the communications and information sharing protocols for the sector.

Stafford serves on the Council of State Governments Overseas Voting Initiative, a multi-year partnership with the Department of Defense to improve the voting experience for military and overseas voters. He was a member of the 2017 Florida Military and Overseas Voting Task Force and testified before Congress on the subject in 2011. Stafford was a presenter to the National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on the Future of Voting in 2017 and served as a reviewer of its report, “Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy.” His office was the recipient of a 2020 U.S. Election Assistance Commission Clearinghouse Award, also known as the “Clearie” Awards, for best practices in election administration.



**Kim Wyman**

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**From:** Kim Wyman  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: Question so far

This all looks great! Thank you for pulling this together and we will make this work, no matter what. That's what election officials are good at. 😊

Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 10:49 AM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.13780

From: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Zeller, David A. (JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
(b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 13:59:34 EDT  
Attachments:

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Ran into Ricki and she let me know earlier— thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:53 PM, Zeller, David A. (JMD) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.15847

From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:03:03 EDT  
Attachments:

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Theresa, Do you have the telephone dial-in number for the call? I'd like to dial in from my desk.

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:50 PM  
To: Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >; Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
>  
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Zeller, David A. (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Importance: High

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.11730.11900

Document ID: 0.7.11730.14789

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:06:22 EDT  
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+Nikita

From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:03 PM  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

Duplicative Information - See Document ID 0.7.11730.15847

Document ID: 0.7.11730.14362

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Greer, Christopher M  
(JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:08:07 EDT  
Attachments:

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Hey Chris: Do you have the dial-in number we can give to Kate?

From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:03 PM  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

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From: Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson,  
Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and  
security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:08:40 EDT  
Attachments:

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+Tamarra.

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:08 PM  
To: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for  
state and local election officials

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.15395

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:09:40 EDT  
Attachments:

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Do you have the dial-in number so Kate can listen in from her desk?

From: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:00 PM  
To: Zeller, David A. (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >; Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: YES, no teleprompter

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Kim Wyman  
**Cc:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: Question so far

So true!

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:58 PM, Kim Wyman (b) (6) > wrote:

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.15361

From: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:11:45 EDT  
Attachments:

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Yes, Chris is going to send to her.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 2:09 PM, Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.13194

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: FW: YES, no teleprompter  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:12:29 EDT  
Attachments:

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Kate: Chris will send it shortly.

From: Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:12 PM  
To: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: YES, no teleprompter

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.13287

From: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Purdy, Nikita (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: Re: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:12:46 EDT  
Attachments:

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I replied to Kate and Theresa.

Chris Greer  
Mobile (b) (6)

On Aug 26, 2021, at 2:08 PM, Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.13501

From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson,  
Tamarra D.  
(OAG) (b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and  
security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:13:04 EDT  
Attachments:

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Thank you!

From: Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:13 PM  
To: Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for  
state and local election officials

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Document ID: 0.7.11730.14099

From: Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
To: Greer, Christopher M (JMD)  
(b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita  
(OAG)  
(b) (6) >  
Cc: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson,  
Tamarra D.  
(OAG) (b) (6) >  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and  
security for state and local election officials  
Date: Thu Aug 26 2021 14:13:11 EDT  
Attachments:

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THANKS SO MUCH!!

From: Greer, Christopher M (JMD) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:13 PM  
To: Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Cc: Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >  
Subject: Re: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for  
state and local election officials

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:57 PM  
**To:** Kim Wyman  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Question so far

Kim - perhaps one more question? And then passing it back to the AG?

Peter S. Hyun  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

(b) (6)

On Aug 26, 2021, at 1:58 PM, Kim Wyman (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:58 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Readout

Hi -  
For the readout

I wanted to flag some themes sounded by our principals today - and I invite others to add

**Relationships** - we want this convening to be part of a process of building relationships  
Election officials, federal law enforcement, local law enforcement

**Communications** - two ways -

We want election officials at every level to preserve and immediately provide any threatening harassing or troubling communication - we want to receive them

We want to be able to provide intelligence and data on trends and help election officials navigate this very challenging environment

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

On Aug 26, 2021, at 2:42 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

On that note, Tamarra or Tim, are you able to share with us the AG's final remarks, as prepared for delivery?

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:42 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Looping in OPA

Copy, and thanks. We should have a draft readout for you all shortly!

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:24 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Looping in OPA

Hi Kelsey -

I'm about to connect you to Leslie and Amy at NASS and NASED for press/media communications that might follow the event.

I'll start a new chain with this group. Just so we stay in the loop with any requests from Leslie and/or Amy, please include us on those comms.

Thanks!

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobil (b) (6)

On Aug 25, 2021, at 5:10 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

Great, and thanks very much!

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Looping in OPA

Thanks so much! As you may have heard, we told NASS and NASED that this event would be closed to the press, and that our readouts typically do not mention participants by name, aside from the principals from DOJ. I don't expect that to be any different here. I just wanted to flag that there are sensitivities for this constituency.

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >



**Subject:** RE: Looping in OPA

Thanks Kevin!

Yes, Anthony has asked that we have a readout of this ready to go when the meeting wraps up tomorrow. I will draft one tonight for folks to review tomorrow, and coordinate with Josh (our relevant spokesperson here who is returning from official travel).

Thanks all,  
Kelsey

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:53 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >;  
Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG)  
(b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Looping in OPA

Kelsey has asked to be connected with this group to aid in drafting a readout for this meeting. Welcome, Kelsey.

**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Readout

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For the readout

I wanted to flag some themes sounded by our principals today - and I invite others to add  
Over **1100** participants joined the xall

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Counsel

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Mobil (b) (6)

On Aug 26, 2021, at 2:42 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)**

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Purdy, Nikita (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Watson, Theresa (OAG); Ellis, Corey Frazier (DO) (DET) (FBI); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

A quick note to thank all of you for your extraordinary work arranging today's meeting. It was very important to get this group together and we had over 1,000 election officials and workers join the call. Well done!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2021, at 3:24 PM (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI wrote:

Thanks Nikita. + our COS, Corey Ellis.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (JMD) (b) (6) >; Watson, Theresa (OAG) (JMD) (b) (6) > (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

+FBI Director's Schedule (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

Thanks,  
Nikita

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 2:38 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D.

(PAO) (b) (6) >; Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Watson,  
Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

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**Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)**

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

Great great work today. Very important event.

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:01 PM  
**T** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI (DO) (FBI) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Cc:** Purdy, Nikita (OAG) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) >; Ellis, Corey Frazier (DO) (DET) (FB (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

I was just about to press send on our draft. Give me a few mins to try and incorporate Tamara's edits and then I will send to this group for larger edits and final approval?

P.S. please send AG remarks when possible, thanks!!

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper,  
Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Readout

Can we please also include the summary of the Associate remarks too? Looping Ricki.

Peter S. Hyun  
Office of the Associate Attorney General  
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On Aug 26, 2021, at 2:58 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)**

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Cc:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: Readout

AG remarks on the way to you. Can mention in readout that the meeting had over 1,400 attendees.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2021, at 3:03 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:14 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Leslie Reynolds (b)(6) Amy Cohen (b)(6) Kim Wyman ;  
(b)(6) Kyle Ardoin (b)(6) Joel Watson (b)(6) Tahesha Way ;  
(b)(6) Elizabeth Vouk (b)(6) Jocelyn Benson (b)(6) Meagan Wolfe ;  
David Stafford  
**Cc:** Visser, Tim (OAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Thank You

Thanks to all of you for your assistance and participation in this call, and your public service. We look forward to hearing more information about the meeting Secretary Wyman mentioned, and to our ongoing communications.

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

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Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

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On Aug 25, 2021, at 9:49 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

> wrote:

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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:16 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
**Attachments:** Election Threats.AG Remarks.Final.08262021.docx

Good afternoon everyone,

Attached and copied below for review and approval is a draft readout of the 2 PM election threats meeting. Can OASG, ODAG, and OAG please review and clear for all equities?

We had just finalized a draft readout through Anthony when we received the helpful topline themes/messages to include. You will see those noted in red (Anthony, flagging in particular for your review as these are new from the version you cleared).

With thanks to Matt, I am also attaching what we have received as the AG's remarks, as prepared for delivery. We will be posting and releasing those along with the readout. Our hope is to get this out this afternoon so please let us know ASAP if there is any more info you need from us.

Many thanks,  
Kelsey and Josh

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**Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers**

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*To report suspected election related threats or violent acts, contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324), prompt 1, then prompt 3. You also may file an online complaint at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov).*

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice

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Remarks by the Attorney General (final)  
The Department Leadership Teleconference  
with State and Local Election Officials  
August 26, 2021

**Good afternoon. I appreciate the willingness of so many of you to be with us today to discuss threats to the safety of election officials and election workers. I am doubly appreciative of your willingness to do so on relatively short notice.**

**But as you well know, this is a problem that will not wait.**

**Moreover, it is a problem that is the subject of intense focus by the highest levels of the Department of Justice. That is why I am joined today by the Deputy Attorney General, the Associate Attorney General, and the Director of the FBI.**

**The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, the right from which all other rights ultimately flow. Protection of that right is a top priority of the Justice Department. Indeed, it was one of the principal reasons for the Department's founding in 1870.**

**Today, we must protect not only the right of eligible voters to vote. We must also protect those who administer our voting systems from threats and intimidation. Only by protecting those who administer the election process can we ensure that the right to vote, itself, is protected.**

**But no one needs to tell you that. Indeed, you have been making the point publicly and repeatedly. And we have heard you.**

**In June of this year, I publicly noted “the dramatic increase in menacing and violent threats against all manner of state and local election workers, ranging from the highest administrators to volunteer poll**

**workers.” Those threats, I said, “undermine our electoral process.”**

**And I promised that the Department’s Civil Rights, Criminal and National Security Divisions, the 93 United States Attorneys, and the FBI, would investigate and prosecute any violations of federal law.**

**Two weeks later, I announced that the Deputy Attorney General would issue a directive to all federal prosecutors and the FBI, which would “highlight the prevalence of these threats and instruct them to prioritize” investigating and prosecuting them. That same day, the Deputy Attorney General issued the directive and launched a law enforcement task force specifically aimed at combatting threats against election officials and election workers.**

**The Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and Director of the FBI will say more about that task force in a few moments.**

**We are, of course, under no illusions that our expressions of concern and assignment of law enforcement resources has solved this problem. I have personally listened to some of the testimony offered at the July 28 House of Representatives committee hearing concerning threats to election workers.**

**And I have read media reports of the threats recounted at the conferences held this month by the National Association of State Election Directors and by the National Association of Secretaries of State.**

**I want to assure you that our attention to this issue will not wane. The Department is committed to investigating and prosecuting violations of federal law against election officials and election workers, and to supporting your safety and security.**

**To help us help you, I urge that you preserve and immediately provide to the FBI any threatening communications you receive in any form. Subsequent speakers will explain the best way to transmit that information to the Bureau.**

**When the DOJ speakers conclude, we will turn the microphone over to those of you on this call. Hearing your concerns directly will help us organize the Department's enforcement efforts in a way that is most responsive to the problems you are seeing at ground level.**

**I am now pleased to turn the program over to the Deputy Attorney General, who is leading our threats-against-election-workers task force.**

**Before I do, I want to thank each of you for the vital work you do -- day in and day out -- to protect the right of Americans to vote. I recognize that your work has become far more difficult and dangerous, which makes your commitment to public service all the more extraordinary and important.**

**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
**Attachments:** Election Threats.AG Remarks.Final.08262021.docx

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With apologies, resending with both attachments: AG remarks and word doc of draft readout.

Thank you!  
Kelsey

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
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**Subject:** For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Thanks, Kelsey!

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- Defer to others, bu (b) (5)

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Visser, Tim (OAG)**

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**From:** Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
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Defer to the two of you, but is it over the top t (b) (5)? I know that is technically true, but I worry if that overstates it (b) (5)

Also I wonder if there should be (b) (5).

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Might the portion below in BLUE work? [@Seidman, Ricki \(OASG\)](#) what do you think? Thank you!

**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

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**Subject:** For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**David Stafford**

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**From:** David Stafford  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Thank You

Thank you. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in this effort.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:14 PM  
**T** (b)(6) Leslie Reynolds (b)(6) Amy Cohen (b)(6) Kim Wyman (b)(6) Kyle Ardoin ;  
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(b)(6) Meagan Wolfe ; David Stafford (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin  
(ODAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Thank You

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**Seidman, Ricki (OASG)**

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**From:** Seidman, Ricki (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:34 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Substitute for Peter's add below:

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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:45 PM  
**To:** Seidman, Ricki (OASG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
**Attachments:** DRAFT Election Workers Readou (3.40 OPA).docx

Thank you all for the very quick review!

Attached please find an edited version that should include everyone's comments. Tamarra, I think you wanted to take a turn editing from here?

Quick question on th (b) (5)

Also flagging that for all principals, I have streamlined the formatting to be title, and then name.

Lastly, Tamarra, would you like for us to share an advanced copy with NASS and NASED, right before we send it out?

Thanks so much everyone,  
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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**From:** Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Small punctuation thing in the first paragraph....

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:28 PM

**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper,  
Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >

**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >;  
Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

I want to make sure we are tracking the various inputs

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A couple more from me:

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Second line of the third paragraph should read (b) (5)

May I please see the next turn once everyone has weighed in

**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >

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(OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki  
(OASG) (b) (6) >

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:46 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Seidman, Ricki (OASG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Hi –

I defer to Klapper because I am not sure of the protocol, but I do not think we need to send NASS and NASED and advance copy.

I will take a look at this draft, thank you!

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:45 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Reynolds, Leslie**

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**From:** Reynolds, Leslie  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Amy Cohen (b)(6) Kim Wyman (b)(6) Kyle Ardoin ;  
(b)(6) Joel Watson (b)(6) Tahesha Way (b)(6) Elizabeth Vouk ;  
(b)(6) Jocelyn Benson (b)(6) Meagan Wolfe ; David Stafford; Visser, Tim  
(OAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Thank You

Thank you, Tamarra. We don't have any meeting scheduled, I think Sec Wyman was just referencing this as the start of our work together.

I do think our folks would be interested in learning more about the training Deputy Attorney General Monaco referenced the task force was planning with state and local law enforcement. It may be helpful to have some election officials participate in that training, if possible. We have done a number of tabletop exercises with CISA and other federal agencies on Cybersecurity issues. Maybe something like this with federal, state and local law enforcement and election officials could be considered.

Thanks again,  
Leslie

Leslie D. Reynolds  
Executive Director  
National Association of Secretaries of State

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On Aug 26, 2021, at 3:13 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

> wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
**Attachments:** DRAFT Election Workers Readout tmj 4 pm.docx

Thanks Kevin-

Here are my edits in the attached. You will see that I used the ter (b) (5) wherever we used the ter (b) (5)

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**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
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Kevin should double check it for sure but it was pulled straight from the task force press release:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/blog/justice-department-launches-task-force-combat-threats-against-election-workers-0>

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**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Hi –

I will circulate edits shortly. Kevin, are we sure that the italicized FBI phone and prompt information is current and correct?

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**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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## Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:14 PM  
**To:** Keller, John (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Subject:** FW: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

John/Corey:

See highlighted below. Can FBI fix this so that we don't have to send new guidance on the prompts? Who can we ask for help at FBI about it?

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**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Maria Benson**

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**From:** Maria Benson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO (b)(6) Amy Cohen); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Reynolds, Leslie  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Hi Kelsey,

Thank you for this!

For the audience attending, I would say "Chief Election Officials" instead of merely Secretaries of State. This will more accurately reflect the few Lt. Governors and NASED members who serve in this capacity.

Also, how do you normally go about follow-up questions to readouts? After this goes out, I'm assuming I will get reporter inquiries asking for more specific information.

Yes, please send it our way.

Thanks again,

*Maria Benson*

Director of Communications  
National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)  
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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO (b)(6)) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:06 PM  
**T** (b)(6) Amy Cohen; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG (b)(6)); Reynolds, Leslie (b)(6); Maria Benson (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO (b)(6)); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG (b)(6)); Hyun, Peter (OASG (b)(6)); Visser, Tim (OAG (b)(6)) >  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Hi all,

We are planning to issue a broad readout of the meeting later today, noting that the AG hosted a virtual discussion on the ongoing threat to election workers across the country and the Department's Election Threats Task Force. It will not mention any organizations by name or identify any specific participants, other than DOJ leadership. It references a bipartisan group of election officials, and several Secretaries of State and local election supervisors. It will also include guidance on how to report related election threats.

We will send this to our regular press distro, and post it online. We are happy to send you a link once it has been

released?

Thanks very much,  
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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**From:** (b)(6) Amy Cohen (b)(6) Amy Cohen >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG (b) (6) >; 'Leslie Reynolds' (b) (6) >; 'Maria Benson' (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Thank you, Tamarra. Looping Maria Benson, NASS Communications Director.

Kelsey and Josh, we understand that you're planning to do a readout. Can you let us know what your plan is for distributing that?

Amy

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 2:26 PM  
**To:** Leslie Reynolds (b) (6) >; Amy Cohen (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG (b) (6) >; Hyun, Peter (OASG (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** PAO Contacts

Hi Leslie and Amy -

I wanted to put you on contact with Kelsey and Josh from PAO. Thanks! T

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: PAO Contacts

Ah! Do I need to make this edit?

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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Minus a few people:

This is why I wanted to be on this chain. This the tricky part about sending out summaries of readouts. They are sticklers

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Is this still an issue in the revised draft I circulated? Perhaps you can send me the relevant sentence flagged -thanks!

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: PAO Contacts

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**From:** (b)(6) Amy Cohen  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** 'Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)'  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Thanks!

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Yes, we are on top of that. I think Kelsey was quickly summarizing, but the term "official" appears throughout, as you heard in the remarks by our leadership today which referred to officials and workers as a phrase, or officials alone.

We do not circulate readouts in advance, but will send you the link once it is public. Thanks! T

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Thank you, Kelsey.

As I mentioned to Tamarra, there is a difference from our side between election workers, who are temporary employees typically staffing voting locations, and election officials, who are the officials and staff in every jurisdiction that administer elections. I would encourage you to say "threats to election officials" instead of "workers" where you can – I know the name of the task force specifies workers.

Most importantly, there was only one local election official (supervisor is a term specific to Florida) who spoke on the call. Meagan Wolfe is the Chief Election Official from Wisconsin.

I would appreciate the link when it's live and if it's possible to see it before distribution, that would be great, too.

Best,

Amy

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My apologies!! I didn't want them to be too upset about not getting to see it in advance and I thought I was being vague enough in sharing just the topline, but clearly I wasn't!

Tamarra, here is the sentence where I think th (b) (5) edit would apply:

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**Keller, John (CRM)**

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:25 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
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Pinging FBI will follow up.

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Hi—

That's a sentence I added at the end of the draft and isn't the same as what you sent them. Your description to them below matched the original opening paragraph, which stated (b) (5) [REDACTED]

Your phrasing omits (b) (5) [REDACTED]

I lived through this a few days ago, so please don't assume any of this is intuitive.

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**Subject:** RE: PAO Contacts

Ha, thank you, I appreciate that, because my head is definitely spinning! I will send the final version of the readout back on the full chain, having accepted all of your edits.

Thank you all so much,  
Kelsey

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**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** (Final) RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
**Attachments:** DRAFT Election Workers Readout tmj 4 pm (Final).docx

Attached is **the final** readout, which incorporates all of Tamarra's edits. **Please let us know ASAP if we need to hold for anything, otherwise we are pressing send!**

Thank you all,  
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:36 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: (Final) RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

It will be proofed by our expert proofers! I will take this to mean we are good to go 😊

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:35 PM  
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**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >  
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It's been proofed for typos I hope -please don't rely on my proofing!

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**Subject:** RE: (Final) RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Caught a preposition issue

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:00 PM  
**To:** Keller, John (CRM)  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Many thanks.

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >  
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FYI—FBI is working on the hotline issue.

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**From** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
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John – Thanks for pointing this out. I just called the number myself, and I agree, it’s confusing. I have a point of contact at CJIS that I am going to reach out to. I’ll try to get you an update on this tomorrow.

Thanks,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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Acting Unit Chief  
FBI HQ - Public Corruption Unit  
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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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**Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)**

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Tamarra, FYI that the Director's Office called over with the attached two edits to the Director's mention, which seem fine/in their purview.

Than you for everything on this!

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No but in my effort to appease them, I did let them know we'd be issuing a general readout and then inadvertently stepped in a hot debate that Tamarra had recently experienced over election worker vs. official.

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Catching up on email. Agree.

Has that happened?

On Aug 26, 2021, at 3:46 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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These changes work for me

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**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
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I have italicized new information.



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On it. Thank you.

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We just sent this: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/readout-justice-department-leadership-meeting-threats-election-workers>

I will defer to Josh on this exact topic but usually (barring a question that needed to be handled differently), we would (b) (5).

Thanks,  
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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**To:** Shub, Jordan R. (ODAG); Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Suero, Maya A. (ODAG); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Election Threats Readout  
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Frank



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Thanks!

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National Association of State Election Directors (NASED)

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Kevin,

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I doubt it, as it was billed as of the record. But I will check.

The Director was very well prepared and engaged, no doubt thanks to your great work.

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**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
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**Solomon, Amy (OJP)**

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**From:** Solomon, Amy (OJP)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2021 8:37 AM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Rose, Kristina (OJP); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC)  
**Cc:** Pride Jr, Theron P. (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: \*REVISED LINK\* Readout of Justice Department Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Excellent, thanks for sharing. Looks like a productive meeting.

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2021 8:16 AM  
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ASG discussed VictimConnect as noted in the readout.

**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
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Correct, no recording at the request of the election official groups

Let's catch up on the look ahead for the TF, training, communications, etc. We can talk about the worker/official issue (apologies I didn't get a chance to call), and some of the key points the groups raised yesterday

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
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**Rose, Kristina (OJP)**

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**Cc:** Solomon, Amy (OJP); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC); Pride Jr, Theron P. (OASG)  
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Thank you, Peter! We are sharing with OVC staff and NCV. Great result!

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**Lin, Frank (ODAG)**

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Priority Initiative Updates 2021.08.27  
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Hi! Here are the priority initiative updates. Please create have the spreadsheet up front, "front pocket" goes in front pocket, followed by the staff's priority initiative updates. Please also include a TOC that lists priority initiative updates by staff name. Thank you, and let me know if questions!

Frank

**Lin, Frank (ODAG)**

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

FROM: Kevin Chambers  
SUBJECT: Election Workers Threats Meeting  
DATE: August 26, 2021

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Attached are materials to assist with preparing for a meeting with a meeting between DOJ leadership and select election officials.

Attachments

- Tab A Proposed DAG Remarks
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DAG Monaco Remarks Addressing the Task Force on Threats to Election Workers

Teleconference August 26, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

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**Opening and Introductions by DOJ Leadership**

- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

**Comments by Election Officials**

(b) (5) [Redacted]

**Order of Election Official Speakers\*<sup>i</sup>:**

- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

**Additional Q&A (time permitting)**

**Closing**

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# Secretary of State Kim Wyman Biography

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Kim Wyman is Washington's 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is only the second female Secretary of State in Washington's history. Prior to being elected to this office, Kim served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and served three terms as the elected Thurston County Auditor (2001-2013).

As head of one of the most diverse offices in state government, Secretary Wyman is responsible for overseeing state and local elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, and the Washington State Archives.

Secretary Wyman is committed to promoting civility and civic engagement, and connecting people with their government. She serves on many state and national boards, enjoys mentoring students, participates in leadership-development organizations, and advocates for preserving and teaching our history and traditions, and the importance of civics education and volunteering in our communities.

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A leader of national renown, Secretary Wyman often shares Washington's award-winning, innovative election administration and cybersecurity practices with organizations across the country. Her office led the successful statewide effort to modernize and secure the state's election infrastructure and continues to focus on securing elections in 2020 and beyond.

Secretary Wyman graduated from California State University Long Beach and earned her master's degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. City University of Seattle awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in Leadership in 2015. She received CERA certification from The Election Center and Auburn University in 2004, and has been a Washington State Certified Election Administrator since 1995.

Kim and her husband John came to Washington when he was assigned to the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Fort Lewis after being stationed in Ansbach, Germany. They live in Thurston County and have two adult children.

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Kyle Ardoin is Louisiana's 44th Secretary of State and the President-Elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State. A resident of Baton Rouge and native of Ville Platte, Secretary Ardoin was first elected on Dec. 8, 2018, after serving as acting Secretary of State since May of 2018. He was recently re-elected to a full term in December of 2019 and brings a wealth of knowledge to the office with nearly a decade of prior service as First Assistant Secretary of State. Since his election, Secretary Ardoin has championed legislation to strengthen Louisiana's elections and cybersecurity, including laws that ban ballot harvesting and require managed service providers to register and report to the Department of State. His efforts have seen the agency recognized nationally by the Election Assistance Commission and other organizations.

During the 2020 election, Secretary Ardoin oversaw one of the most difficult election cycles in modern history, as Louisiana suffered from three hurricanes, two tropical storms, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Through his leadership, the agency worked with its private and local partners to successfully execute the largest turnout election (in

terms of raw voters) in Louisiana's history.

As a lifelong Louisiana resident, Secretary Ardoin is an experienced leader with a genuine passion for citizenship, civic engagement and voter participation. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he earned degrees in political science and speech communications. Secretary Ardoin is a leading national voice on election security and frequently consulted on matters regarding Managed Services Providers and Managed Security Service Providers. He brings to the office more than 30 years of experience working in both the private and public sectors.

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### Tahesha Way, Esq. New Jersey Secretary of State

Tahesha Way serves as New Jersey's 34th Secretary of State. Nominated for appointment by Governor Phil Murphy on December 18, 2017, Ms. Way was sworn in on February 26, 2018. As Secretary of State, Ms. Way holds one of the nation's oldest constitutional offices and leads a department with a diverse portfolio. She serves as New Jersey's top election official, overseeing the state Division of Elections and its work in securing our democracy and ensuring broad, fair access to the right to vote. Ms. Way also chairs New Jersey's Complete Count Commission, a 27 member non-partisan commission established to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census. In addition to the critical work protecting what Secretary Way calls the "fraternal twins of democracy," Ms. Way also

oversees the state government offices supporting New Jersey's vibrant arts, culture, history, and business communities.

Secretary Way belongs to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), serving on the Executive Board as Treasurer, and previously serving as co-chair of NASS's Heritage Committee and International Relations Committee. In 2019, she and nine of her colleague Secretaries from across the US traveled as a delegation to Israel for a trip focused on cultural, economic, civic engagement, democratic elections and technology. Ms. Way serves on the Advisory Council of the civic engagement non-profit "More Than A Vote," and spearheads the New Jersey Ballot Bowl collegiate and high school competition and the Vote for Valor tribute initiative to further civic engagement and voter participation.

Throughout her career, Secretary Way has devoted herself to public service. Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Secretary Way was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of New Jersey. In 2006, Secretary Way was elected to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders and served as the Freeholder Director in 2009. She served as special counsel for the Passaic County Board of Social Services overseeing all agency litigation. She also served as a council member for the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council. She is the former president of the Women Empowered

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Democratic Organization of Passaic County, an organization dedicated to empowering Democratic women by increasing their participation with the goal of achieving greater equality in the political process. Secretary Way also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Women's Policy Research, a leading national think tank geared towards advancing dialogue and policy for improving women's lives and their families.

Secretary Way is a graduate of Brown University, where she served as Vice President of the collegiate chapter of the NAACP, President of her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, taught religious education, and was a radio announcer for WBRU-FM. Ms. Way holds a juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law at Charlottesville, where she clerked for the Virginia Legal Aid Society and the United Steelworkers of America.

Secretary Way lives in Passaic County with her husband, former New York Giant and NFL executive Charles Way, and their four daughters. Secretary Way has been a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Garden State Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Association of Black Women Lawyers, Passaic County Bar Association, and the New Jersey Women's Lawyers Association.



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## Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson



Jocelyn Benson is Michigan's 43rd Secretary of State. In this role she is focused on ensuring elections are secure and accessible, and dramatically improving customer experiences for all who interact with our offices.

Benson is the author of *State Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process*, the first major book on the role of the secretary of state in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. She is also the Chair of Michigan's Task Force on Women in Sports, created by Governor Whitmer in 2019 to advance opportunities for women in Michigan as athletes and sports leaders.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and expert on civil rights law, education law and election law, Benson served as dean of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit. When she was

appointed dean at age 36, she became the youngest woman in U.S. history to lead a top-100 accredited law school. She continues to serve as vice chair of the advisory board for the Levin Center at Wayne Law, which she founded with former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. Previously, Benson was an associate professor and associate director of Wayne Law's Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

Prior to her election, she served as CEO of the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE), a national nonprofit organization using the unifying power of sports to improve race relations.

Benson is co-founder and former president of Military Spouses of Michigan, a network dedicated to providing support and services to military spouses and their children.

In 2015, she became one of the youngest women in history to be inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

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A brief biography and photograph of Ms. Wolfe are attached.

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## DAVID H. STAFFORD

ESCAMBIA COUNTY  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



### ABOUT DAVID

David Stafford has served as Escambia County Supervisor of Elections since his election in November of 2004. A graduate of the University of Florida, Stafford is a past president of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections and current legislative chair of the National Association of Election Officials.

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U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

The Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

June 25, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FEDERAL PROSECUTORS  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM: THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL *Lisa Monaco*

SUBJECT: Guidance Regarding Threats Against Election Workers

In recent months, there has been a significant increase in the threat of violence against Americans who administer free and fair elections throughout our Nation. As the Attorney General stated two weeks ago: There are many things that are open to debate in America. But the right of all eligible citizens to vote is not one of them. The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy, the right from which all other rights ultimately flow.

For this vital right to be effective, election officials must be permitted to do their jobs free from improper partisan influence, physical threats, or any other conduct designed to intimidate. The Department of Justice has a long history of protecting every American's right to vote, and will continue to do so. To that end, we must also work tirelessly to protect all election workers – whether they be elected officials, appointed officials, or those who volunteer their time – against the threats they face.

The United States Attorney's Offices and Federal Bureau of Investigation are critical to fulfilling this obligation to safeguard the electoral process. To protect the franchise for all voters, we must identify threats against those responsible for administering elections, whether federal, state, or local. A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is, at bottom, a threat to democracy. We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated. I am confident that you will meet this obligation and investigate all instances of election-related intimidation.

To assist with this important effort, the Department is launching a task force – including members from the Criminal Division, the Civil Rights Division, the National Security Division and the FBI – to address the rise in threats against election officials. More information on this task force will be communicated to your office in the coming days, including a toll-free hotline for members of the public to report election-related threats. Until then, please work closely with state and local officials to encourage threat reporting, and if you are currently investigating or



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learn of allegations of threats against election workers in your district, you must contact John Keller, Principal Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division for coordination and guidance.

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
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**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
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**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

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## Opening and Introductions by DOJ Leadership

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## Comments by Election Officials

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## Additional Q&A (time permitting)

## Closing

## Biographies

### Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman (R) [Moderator]



Kim Wyman is Washington's 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is only the second female Secretary of State in Washington's history. Prior to being elected to this office, Kim served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and served three terms as the elected Thurston County Auditor (2001-2013).

As head of one of the most diverse offices in state government, Secretary Wyman is responsible for overseeing state and local elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, and the Washington State Archives.

Secretary Wyman is committed to promoting civility and civic engagement, and connecting people with their government. She serves on many state and national boards, enjoys mentoring students, participates in leadership-development organizations, and advocates for preserving and teaching our history and traditions, and the importance of civics education and volunteering in our communities.

A leader of national renown, Secretary Wyman often shares Washington's award-winning, innovative election administration and cybersecurity

practices with organizations across the country. Her office led the successful statewide effort to modernize and secure the state's election infrastructure and continues to focus on securing elections in 2020 and beyond.

Secretary Wyman graduated from California State University Long Beach and earned her master's degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. City University of Seattle awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in Leadership in 2015. She received CERA certification from The Election Center and Auburn University in 2004, and has been a Washington State Certified Election Administrator since 1995.

## Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin (R) NASS President



Kyle Ardoin is Louisiana's 44th Secretary of State and the President-Elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State. A resident of Baton Rouge and native of Ville Platte, Secretary Ardoin was first elected on Dec. 8, 2018, after serving as acting Secretary of State since May of 2018. He was recently re-elected to a full term in December of 2019 and brings a wealth of knowledge to the office with nearly a decade of prior service as First Assistant Secretary of State. Since his election, Secretary Ardoin has championed legislation to strengthen Louisiana's elections and cybersecurity, including laws that ban ballot harvesting and require managed service providers to register and report to the Department of State. His efforts have seen the agency recognized nationally by the Election Assistance Commission and other organizations.

During the 2020 election, Secretary Ardoin oversaw one of the most difficult election cycles in modern history, as Louisiana suffered from three hurricanes, two tropical storms, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Through his leadership, the agency worked with its private and local partners to successfully execute the largest turnout election (in terms of raw voters) in Louisiana's history.

As a lifelong Louisiana resident, Secretary Ardoin is an experienced leader with a genuine passion for citizenship, civic engagement and voter participation. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he



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earned degrees in political science and speech communications. Secretary Ardoin is a leading national voice on election security and frequently consulted on matters regarding Managed Services Providers and Managed Security Service Providers. He brings to the office more than 30 years of experience working in both the private and public sectors.

## **New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way, Esq.(D) NASS President-Elect**



Tahesha Way serves as New Jersey’s 34th Secretary of State. Nominated for appointment by Governor Phil Murphy on December 18, 2017, Ms. Way was sworn in on February 26, 2018. As Secretary of State, Ms. Way holds one of the nation’s oldest constitutional offices and leads a department with a diverse portfolio. She serves as New Jersey’s top election official, overseeing the state Division of Elections and its work in securing our democracy and ensuring broad, fair access to the right to vote. Ms. Way also chairs New Jersey’s Complete Count Commission, a 27 member non-partisan commission established to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census. In addition to the critical work protecting what Secretary Way calls the “fraternal twins of democracy,” Ms. Way also oversees the state government offices supporting New Jersey’s vibrant arts, culture, history, and business communities.

Secretary Way belongs to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), serving on the Executive Board as Treasurer, and previously serving as co-chair of NASS’s Heritage Committee and International Relations Committee. In 2019, she and nine of her colleague Secretaries from across the US traveled as a delegation to Israel for a trip focused on cultural, economic, civic engagement, democratic elections and technology. Ms. Way serves on the Advisory Council of the civic engagement non-profit

“More Than A Vote,” and spearheads the New Jersey Ballot Bowl collegiate and high school competition and the Vote for Valor tribute initiative to further civic engagement and voter participation.

Throughout her career, Secretary Way has devoted herself to public service. Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Secretary Way was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of New Jersey. In 2006, Secretary Way was elected to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders and served as the Freeholder Director in 2009. She served as special counsel for the Passaic County Board of Social Services overseeing all agency litigation. She also served as a council member for the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council. She is the former president of the Women Empowered Democratic Organization of Passaic County, an organization dedicated to empowering Democratic women by increasing their participation with the goal of achieving greater equality in the political process. Secretary Way also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, a leading national think tank geared towards advancing dialogue and policy for improving women’s lives and their families.

Secretary Way is a graduate of Brown University, where she served as Vice President of the collegiate chapter of the NAACP, President of her Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, taught religious education, and was a radio announcer for WBRU-FM. Ms. Way holds a juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law at Charlottesville, where she clerked for the Virginia Legal Aid Society and the United Steelworkers of America.

Secretary Way lives in Passaic County with her husband, former New York Giant and NFL executive Charles Way, and their four daughters. Secretary Way has been a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Garden State Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Association of Black Women Lawyers, Passaic County Bar Association, and the New Jersey Women’s Lawyers Association.

## Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D)



Jocelyn Benson is Michigan's 43rd Secretary of State. In this role she is focused on ensuring elections are secure and accessible, and dramatically improving customer experiences for all who interact with our offices.

Benson is the author of *State Secretaries of State: Guardians of the Democratic Process*, the first major book on the role of the secretary of state in enforcing election and campaign finance laws. She is also the Chair of Michigan's Task Force on Women in Sports, created by Governor Whitmer in 2019 to advance opportunities for women in Michigan as athletes and sports leaders.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and expert on civil rights law, education law and election law, Benson served as dean of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit. When she was appointed dean at age 36, she became the youngest woman in U.S. history to lead a top-100, accredited law school. She continues to serve as vice chair of the advisory board for the Levin Center at Wayne Law, which she founded with former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. Previously, Benson was an associate professor and associate director of Wayne Law's Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

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Prior to her election, she served as CEO of the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE), a national nonprofit organization using the unifying power of sports to improve race relations.

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:38 PM  
**To:** Hatch,Ricky  
**Subject:** Re: DOJ leadership teleconference with state and local election officials on TH, Aug. 26, 2021 at 2-3 pm Eastern

Hi Ricky -

It seems we missed each other in the hustle and bustle of last week, but please let me know a good time we can connect on Monday or Tuesday if there are good times for you. T

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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On Aug 26, 2021, at 12:37 PM, Hatch,Ricky (b) (6) > wrote:

I'm available right now, either office or cell.

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**Corey Ellis**

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**From:** Corey Ellis  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2021 3:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Matthew Klapper  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TELECONFERENCE Thursday, August 26, from 2-3 pm Eastern: Safety and security for state and local election officials

Matt,

Our folks tell me that they will have a budget piece by COB tomorrow. I am concerned that the AG needs information more quickly. Your thoughts?

Thanks

Corey

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
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I think tomorrow COB is fine. Should also send to the DAG.

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**Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)**

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Tamarra,

Attached please find an updated agenda along with Tabs A – G. Please let me know if you need anything else. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Gwen

Gwendolyn A. Stamper  
Acting Chief of Staff  
Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, August 26, 2021

**Readout of Justice Department Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers**

Today, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland convened a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss mounting and persistent threats to the safety of election officials and workers across the country, and the Justice Department's recently launched Election Threats Task Force. Attorney General Garland was joined by Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco; Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta; and Director of the FBI Christopher A. Wray.

Attorney General Garland reiterated that the right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, and the right from which all other rights flow. Our democracy depends on protecting the right of eligible voters to vote, and also on protecting those who administer and safeguard our electoral system. He made clear that the Justice Department will not tolerate threats to, or intimidation of, election officials and election workers, and that the Department is committed to supporting them as they fulfill their public duties. Attorney General Garland also stressed that communication between federal law enforcement and election officials is key to combatting threats, and that meetings like today's are an integral part of fostering strong working relationships. His full remarks are available [here](#).

Announced by Deputy Attorney General Monaco in June, the Election Threats Task Force is composed of the Department's Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, the Civil Rights Division's Voting and Criminal Sections, and the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section, as well as the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division and the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Deputy Attorney General Monaco provided an overview of how the Task Force unites subject matter experts from those offices and agencies to engage with state and local election agencies to better understand and deter threats to elections.

Associate Attorney General Gupta further elaborated on how the Civil Rights Division is participating in the Task Force and working more broadly to protect the right to vote and our country's electoral processes. She also made participants aware of VictimConnect, a weekday helpline funded by the Office of Victims of Crime that connects victims of crimes and threats to trained professionals who can provide emotional support, information and referrals in over 200 languages by calling or texting 1-855-484-2846 (855-4VICTIM).

Director Wray explained how the FBI's Election Crimes Coordinators — FBI Special Agents across all 56 FBI Field Offices — work with state and local election officials on election crime matters. He also stressed the importance of reporting *all* election-related threats and troubling communications to the FBI, even if it is unclear whether there is a violation of federal law, so that law enforcement can investigate, identify trends and share information with partners across the country.

Elections officials, including three secretaries of state, a state election director, and a county election supervisor had the opportunity to address and ask questions of the Attorney General and the Department leadership. The meeting ended with a firm reminder that the Department, through this Task Force, will use all available tools to protect the individuals working tirelessly to serve the public and maintain our proud tradition of free and fair elections.

*To report suspected election related threats or violent acts, contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324), prompt 1, then prompt 3. You also may file an online complaint at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov).*

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Not a problem, Tamarra.

I'm available Tuesday at 10:30-11:30 AM Eastern Time, and again from 2-4 PM Eastern Time.

Happy to chat.

R.

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Carpe Diem  
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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** Hatch,Ricky (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: DOJ leadership teleconference with state and local election officials on TH, Aug. 26, 2021 at 2-3 pm Eastern

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: OAG/CRM Meeting Agenda  
**Attachments:** OAG Criminal Division Briefing 9.1.21.2.doc; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab F (b)(5) P [REDACTED]; Tab G (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]

Hi – the CRM check in is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 pm. I will ask the scheduler to add you to the invite – thanks! T

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**From:** Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2021 5:42 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** OAG/CRM Meeting Agenda

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:45 AM  
**To:** Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG); Watson, Theresa (OAG)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Subject:** CRM check in binder materials  
**Attachments:** CRM Senior Leadership Org Chart with Pictures and Hyperlinks 7.21.21 with Polite (v2).pdf; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM; Tab G (b)(5) per CRM; OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21.doc

Hi –

May I please receive 2 binders with these materials? And the CRM org chart should be included just after the cover memo, no tab needed. Thanks! T

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** CRM Briefing materials  
**Attachments:** OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21 4PM.doc; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]

In electronic form. This agenda was adjusted to reflect the conversation with the AG

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

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Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6) [REDACTED]

**Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)**

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:25 PM  
**To:** Washington, Tracy T (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: CRM check in binder materials  
**Attachments:** CRM Senior Leadership Org Chart with Pictures and Hyperlinks 7.21.21 with Polite (v2).pdf; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; Tab G (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]; OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21.doc

Tracy – I don't need these in a binder, but would you mind printing them? This is for the 3pm meeting.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:45 AM  
**To:** Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Watson, Theresa (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** CRM check in binder materials

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** Washington, Tracy T (OAG); Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: CRM Briefing materials  
**Attachments:** OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21 4PM.doc; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** CRM Briefing materials

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Davidson, Marcia A. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: CRM Briefing materials  
**Attachments:** OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21 4PM.doc; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM

Hi! Digital binder. Bruce is going to talk about the issues reflected in the NYT article (Tab G). Thanks! T

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** CRM Briefing materials

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**Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)**

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**From:** Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: CRM Briefing materials  
**Attachments:** OAG Criminal Division Briefing Cover Memo 9.1.21 4PM.doc; Tab E (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab F (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab (b)(5) per CRM (b)(5) per CRM ; Tab A - Election Threats Guidance.pdf; Tab B - Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers.pdf; Tab C - Mechanics of Task Force.docx; Tab D (b)(5) per CRM

Here you go!

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** Washington, Tracy T (OAG) (b) (6) >; Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: CRM Briefing materials

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** CRM Briefing materials

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**Gupta, Vanita (OASG)**

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**From:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** Conley, Danielle Y. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** FW: \*REVISED LINK\* Readout of Justice Department Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

This is from last week. I can't remember if you saw this already or not.

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**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** \*REVISED LINK\* Readout of Justice Department Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 6e Amendments

In addition to the 6(e) discussion, which Andrew provided, the AG/CRM update covered the following:

- I. (b) (5)
  - a (b) (5)
  - b (b) (5)
- II. (b) (5)
  - a (b) (5)
  - b (b) (5)
- III. (b) (5)
  - a (b) (5)
  - b (b) (5)
  - c (b) (5)
- IV. **ELECTION THREATS TASK FORCE**
  - a. Kevin Driscoll thanked the AG for convening the recent meeting of approximately 1,400 elections officials, describing it as a big step in the continuing efforts to reach out to the state, local, and municipal elections officials and law enforcement personnel closest to threats
  - b. AG voiced concern about stories of threats against local election officials and highlighted the importance of providing the information that potential victims of election threats need to report threats to DOJ
  - c. Driscoll note (b) (5)
  - d. AG emphasize (b) (5)
  - e. AG offered t (b) (5)
- V. **CLOSING**
  - a (b) (5)

**From:** Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 8:13 AM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 6e Amendments

For the summary of yesterday's meeting with the AG and CRM, in addition to the details of the AG's proposal below (which was the same as the one Tamarra previewed for me on Tuesday), here are a few other important points:

- The AG indicated tha (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- The AG doesn't expect tha (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- With respect to the potential concern tha (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- The AG know (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- The AG noted that we'd need t (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- For ease of reference, here's the AG-generated proposal:

Text:

\* \* \*

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

**ANDREW D. GOLDSMITH**  
Associate Deputy Attorney General &  
National Criminal Discovery Coordinator  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Desk (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
Cell (b) (6) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:50 AM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Rule 6e Amendments

I'll call you later, but given the extremely tight time frame, I'm not sure that's doable. Plus, in the past, Wroblewski or

Betsy would do this for other Rule proposals so this is not out of the ordinary. The real question, in my view, is wheth (b) (5) so I'll need to nail that down.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2021, at 7:44 AM, Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Why n (b) (5)  
? Happy to discuss this morning.

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**Anita M. Singh**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

On Sep 1, 2021, at 10:08 PM, Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)  
(b) (6) > wrote:

More. Have a pleasant evening.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Date:** September 1, 2021 at 10:06:25 PM EDT  
**To:** "Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject: Re: Rule 6e Amendments**

You too! For discussion tomorrow:

Distro list  
Peter in OASG,  
Anita and relevant persons in ODAG (I can think of about 5-6),  
Monty and Norm for EOUSA

Copying Kate, Tamarra, Nick, Gwen, and Jonathan

The email would notify ODAG and OASG of the components that should receive this: CIV, CRM, OSG.

The message would simply quote the August 16 letter, provide (or attach) the proposal, and ask each component to provide their position. If there is an alternative a component is offering to any aspect of the proposal, please provide that alternative in redline with a brief explanation of the change.

The deadline is COB Tuesday, September 7.

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

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Counsel

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U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

On Sep 1, 2021, at 9:51 PM, Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)

(b) (6) > wrote:

Glad to chat in the morning. Have a pleasant evening.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2021, at 9:32 PM, Matthews-Johnson,

Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

(b) (6) > wrote:

Hi -

Kate just called me about this, and whether you can send. Can we discuss in the am?

I said I think we will need to give people until **cob Tuesday** to respond. That's still enough time for Jonathan to receive feedback, make any outside calls he needs to make to socialize where this lands, and draft the letter before 9/13.

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)"

(b) (6) >

**Date:** September 1, 2021 at 6:40:21

PM EDT

**To:** "Wroblewski, Jonathan (CRM)"

(b) (6) >

"Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)"

(b) (6) >

"Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D.

(OAG)" (b) (6)

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**Cc:** "McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)"



(b) (6) >  
"Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)"  
(b) (6) >  
"Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)"  
(b) (6) >  
**Subject: RE: Rule 6e Amendments**

Jonathan,

That's fine – we or ODAG are happy to send.

Best,

Kate

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**From:** Wroblewski, Jonathan (CRM)  
(b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:29 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >;  
Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >;  
McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
(b) (6) >;  
Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6) >;  
Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 6e Amendments

All – This needs to go out from the Attorney General's office or the Deputy Attorney General's office. The Attorney General personally developed the proposal he wants vetted, and the components ought to know that and know with precision what the Attorney General is asking of them. In addition, they need to know that the AG's office wants a response in 48 hours (b)(5)

(b)(5) per CRM  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

(b)(5) per CRM

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

-Jonathan

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D.  
(OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6) >;  
Wroblewski, Jonathan (CRM)  
(b) (6) >;  
McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
(b) (6) >;  
Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM)  
(b) (6) >;  
Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG)  
(b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Rule 6e Amendments

Goldsmith and I discusse (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2021, at 5:31 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)

(b) (6)

[REDACTED] >

wrote:

I agre (b) (5)

[REDACTED] - T

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)

(b) (6)

[REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:28 PM

**To:** Matthews-Johnson,

Tamarra D. (OAG)

(b) (6)

>;  
Wroblewski, Jonathan  
(CRM)

(b) (6)

>;  
McQuaid, Nicholas  
(CRM)

(b) (6)

>; Stamper,  
Gwendolyn (CRM)

(b) (6)

>  
**Cc:** Goldsmith, Andrew  
(ODAG)

(b) (6)

>; Chambers,  
Kevin (ODAG)

(b) (6)

>  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 6e  
Amendments

I agree with this distro  
list and think it would  
be best (on further  
reflection) f (b) (5)

Jonathan, does that  
make sense to you?  
Kate

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**From:** Matthews-  
Johnson, Tamarra D.  
(OAG)

(b) (6)

>  
**Sent:** Wednesday,  
September 1, 2021  
5:17 PM

**To:** Wroblewski,  
Jonathan (CRM)

(b) (6)

>;  
McQuaid, Nicholas  
(CRM)

(b) (6)

>; Stamper,  
Gwendolyn (CRM)

(b) (6)

>  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate  
(OAG)

(b) (6)

>; Goldsmith,  
Andrew (ODAG)

(b) (6)

>; Chambers,  
Kevin (ODAG)

(b) (6)

>  
**Subject:** Rule 6e  
Amendments

Hi all-

Thank you for your  
time today, and all of  
your work on this to  
date. Below is the  
outline discussed in  
the meeting today.

Distro list:

Kate, I just glanced at  
your list, and I had  
one of my own, so  
please correct me if I  
missed any  
components you had,  
and others please  
weigh in.

**OAG**

**ODAG**

**CRM**

**EOUSA (Monty who  
in turn will designate  
members of the  
USAO community)**

**CIV**

**CIV APPELLATE**

**OSG**

**Associate's Office**

**ATJ**

Email Solicitation  
(preliminary thoughts):

I think we should  
acknowledge th (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

We should probably

(b) (5)

We  
could als (b) (5)

We should ask for any  
comments **NLT COB**  
**Friday, September 3,**  
**2021.** I welcome  
suggested  
formulations of how to  
describe the comments  
being solicited.

Text:

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(b) (5)

(b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Thanks! T

**Tamarra Matthews**

**Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney

General

U.S. Department of

Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

(b)(6) Lisa Monaco

**From:** (b)(6) Lisa Monaco  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: CRM meeting with AG recap

Thanks very much

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2021, at 3:34 PM, Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Just FYSA

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Goldsmith, Andrew (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 6e Amendments

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## Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Readout

Here is the readout: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/readout-justice-department-leadership-meeting-threats-election-workers>

As far as shining a light on this work, the Department is:

1. Reaching out to all election officials with contact information for the Election Crimes Coordinator (ECC) in each of the officials regions
2. Increasing the level of contact with local municipal election officials
3. FBI has created a prompt on the 1-800 hotline to accept tips specifically related to election threats
4. The TF is planning reachout/training for state and local election officials, and law enforcement (including sheriff's offices, etc.)
5. The TF is planning nationwide training for USAOs regarding identification and reporting of election threats

I will make an introduction to Corey Amundson and John Keller to provide more (and probably more accurate) detail.

### **The OPA contact who has been working this to date is:**

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

I can check with Kelsey

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**From:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Thank you, and thanks for the connection to Corey and John. And again (b)(5) per WHCO, that would help too.

Best,  
Larry

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Readout

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## Amundson, Corey (CRM)

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**From:** Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:51 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Thanks all. John and I could make ourselves any time before the relevant 3:00 deadline.

### Corey R. Amundson

Chief | Public Integrity Section  
Criminal Division | United States Department of Justice  
1301 New York Avenue NW | Washington, D.C. 20530  
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[www.justice.gov/criminal-pin](http://www.justice.gov/criminal-pin)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Thanks (b) (5). I explained the same to him.

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Kevin:

(b)(5) per CRM  
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(b) (6), (b) (5).

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: Readout

Corey/John:

I just received a call from Larry Schwartztol in W (b)(6) per WHCO who just joined and is working on election-related issues. He is putting together some high level bullet point (b)(5) per WHCO. I've provided the bullets below, but would like to put you in touch with Larry directly to provide more detail or hit answers to the question that I've missed.

He is working against a 3p deadline, and I'm on a call, which is why I didn't call you directly.

kAC

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:27 PM

**To:** Schwartzol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >

**Subject:** Readout

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**McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)**

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:03 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Great. Just spoke to Larry (b) (5)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
(b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

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**McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)**

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** Re: Readout

Two more clarifications. (b)(5) per CRM

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On Sep 7, 2021, at 1:51 PM, Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

(b)(5) per WHCO [REDACTED] PAO's understanding is that only one article was published following the readout. Likely this one: <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/aug/27/biden-justice-department-has-intense-focus-threats/>

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**From:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

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## Stueve, Joshua (PAO)

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:59 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Readout  
**Attachments:** July 30 Clips Threats Against Election Workers.docx

Hey! Here is what I have. -josh

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[JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THREATS AGAINST ELECTION WORKERS](#)

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:52 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

I don't think we did any because if memory serves me right, there was only one article written about our readout.

Josh, are you tracking anything I'm missing?

Thanks!  
Kelsey

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:34 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: Readout

Hey Kelsey. Do we have a list of press pickups for the election threats meeting from 8/26?

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**From:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:31 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Thank you, and thanks for the connection to Corey and John. And again (b)(5) per WHCO , that would help too.

Best,  
Larry

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Readout

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There's an address down in Florida where you may want to knock on the door and ask some questions. Don't mind the excessive marble or gold toilet seats.

 **Justice Department**  @TheJusticeDept · 23h

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 **John Kruzel**   
@johnkruzel

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[thehill.com](#)

[Luke Zaleski](#) – Condé Nast

 **Luke Zaleski**   
@ZaleskiLuke

trump vs america -- no incitement though, nope. none

 **John Kruzel**   
@johnkruzel · 20h


JUST IN: New DOJ task force will address violent threats against election workers, which spiked in 2020 due in large part to Trump's repeated lies about the election being stolen [thehill.com/homenews/admin...](#)

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[Jerry Dunleavy](#) – DC Examiner

 **Jerry Dunleavy**   
@JerryDunleavy

“The Department of Justice has launched a law enforcement task force to address the rise in threats against election workers, administrators, officials, and others associated with the electoral process.”



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[justice.gov](#)

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[Steve Herman](#) – Voice of America



**Steve Herman**   
@W7VOA

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"The Department of Justice needs the public's assistance in remaining vigilant and reporting suspected threats or acts of violence against election workers."

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[Kerry Eleveld](#) – Daily Kos



**Kerry Eleveld**   
@kerryeleveld

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No idea how effective this will be, but it's success is critical to the health of our democracy. Intimidation, often in the form of death threats and repeated harassment, has become the goto tool of Trumpers and the right wing. Disgraceful and entirely anti-democratic.

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
[Joan McCarter](#) – Daily Kos



**Joan McCarter**   
@joanmccarter

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Does that include protecting Fulton County elections officials from the Republican legislature?  
[ajc.com/news/atlanta-n...](https://ajc.com/news/atlanta-n...)

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[Joe My God](#) – Blogger

**Joe. My. God.** JoeMyGod ✓  
@JoeMyGod

DOJ Task Force To Focus On Threats To Election Officials - [is.gd/66j9ZJ](https://is.gd/66j9ZJ)



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[Sasha Ingber](#) – Newsy

**Sasha Ingber** ✓  
@SashaIngber

The [@TheJusticeDept](#) announces it is partnering with the [@FBI](#) to investigate threats to election workers. The 2020 election process was sadly marred by these threats.

**FBI** ✓ @FBI · 21h  
A threat to an election worker is a threat to democracy. @TheJusticeDept has launched a task force that will partner with the #FBI and U.S. attorney's offices throughout the country to investigate and prosecute threats against election workers. [go.usa.gov/xFKxp](https://go.usa.gov/xFKxp)  
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"The FBI will not tolerate threats against any federal, state, or local election worker participating in the common goals of safeguarding our electoral process and the rights of voters. From election administrators to volunteers to vendors and contractors, threats against any one individual is a threat against us all. The FBI's mission is to protect the American people and uphold our Constitution, and protecting our democratic process is paramount. We take this responsibility seriously and will investigate any and all federal violations to the fullest."



## Other

[Sherrilyn Ifill](#) – President of NAACP Legal Defense Fund

 **Sherrilyn Ifill** ✓  
@Sifill\_LDF

This is important.

 **Justice Department** ✓ @TheJusticeDept · 23h

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[Joshua Holland](#) – Host of We've Got Issues podcast

 **Joshua Holland** ✓  
@JoshuaHol

Good, throw some of these fascist scumbags in prison. Important deterrent.

DOJ "launched a law enforcement task force to address the rise in threats against election workers, administrators, officials, and others associated with the electoral process."

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[Rick Hasen](#) – Election law professor, UC Irvine

 **Rick Hasen** ✓  
@rickhasen

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**The Hill:** [DOJ launches task force to address violent threats against election workers](#) by *John Kruzel*

The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Thursday launched a task force aimed at combating violent threats against election workers following a spike in such incidents tied to the 2020 presidential election.

The announcement comes after the DOJ last month indicated that criminal law enforcement would play a key role in the Biden administration's push to protect voting rights and safeguard elections.

"A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, who will lead the effort. "We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated."

The Hill has reached out to the DOJ requesting a tally of ongoing investigations, charges filed and any convictions secured.

An [April survey of local election workers](#) for the Brennan Center for Justice found that nearly 1 in 6 respondents received threats of violence, and almost 1 in 3 said they feel unsafe because of their job.

The surge in violent threats, fueled in large part by former [President Trump's](#) repeated lies about the 2020 election being stolen, has prompted growing alarm among Democratic lawmakers and voting rights advocates that election workers could leave their posts in droves.

"Our democracy is at stake, that's no exaggeration," Larry Norden, director of the Election Reform Program at the Brennan Center, told The Hill. "You cannot have free and fair elections without election workers who are able to ensure nonpartisan administration, and can do so without fear."

The DOJ in a Thursday statement said its new task force would combine efforts from multiple entities within the department, including its criminal, civil rights and national security divisions, as well as the FBI and Department of Homeland Security.

In a speech last month outlining the DOJ's election protection measures, Attorney General [Merrick Garland](#) said the department has "not been blind to the dramatic increase in menacing and violent threats" targeting election administrators.

"Such threats undermine our electoral process and violate a myriad of federal laws," Garland said during the June 11 speech in Washington.

**The Epoch Times:** [DOJ Launches Task Force for Threats Against Election Officials](#) by *Jack Phillips*

The Department of Justice on Thursday said it created a task force to deal with threats made against [election](#) workers, administration, or other individuals connected to the electoral process.



The agency said in a news release that the task force will focus on threats of violence against the workers and staff to ensure they perform their jobs and will get support from various U.S. Attorneys' Offices and FBI field offices. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco will head the effort.

"To protect the electoral process for all voters, we must identify threats against those responsible for administering elections, whether federal, state, or local," said Monaco in a statement. "A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy. We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated."

Monaco added that the FBI and [Justice Department](#) won't "tolerate threats against any federal, state or local election workers" and the agency "will investigate any and all federal violations to the fullest."

In a speech in June outlining the agency's election protection measures, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the agency is monitoring alleged violent threats targeting elections officials.

"Such threats undermine our electoral process and violate a myriad of federal laws," the attorney general said during the June 11 speech in Washington.

Last year, following the conclusion of the Nov. 3 election, two Republican canvassers in Wayne County said they received death threats after rescinding their votes to certify the election in the country.

The Justice Department's news release on Thursday didn't provide details about the nature of the threats and did not make mention of the numerous alleged threats that were made against election observers during the Nov. 3 contest.

The move comes a day after the agency alerted states that it is [monitoring the election audit](#) in Maricopa County, Arizona, as well as proposed audits in other areas.

"Where election records leave the control of elections officials, the systems for maintaining the security, integrity, and chain of custody of those records can easily be broken," a guidance document from the Justice Department said.

Furthermore, the document said that "where elections records are no longer under the control of elections officials, this can lead to a significant risk of the records being lost, stolen, altered, compromised, or destroyed."

"This risk is exacerbated if the election records are given to private actors who have neither experience nor expertise in handling such records and who are unfamiliar with the obligations imposed by federal law," said the agency.

**American Independent:** [DOJ vows to protect election workers facing threats in the wake of Trump's fraud lies](#) by Emily Singer

The Department of Justice on Thursday [announced](#) it is stepping up its efforts to stop the growing number of threats [election workers](#) have received since the 2020 election, following the spread of President Donald Trump's lies of voter fraud and a stolen election.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said in a news release announcing a task force to combat the threats:

To protect the electoral process for all voters, we must identify threats against those responsible for administering elections, whether federal, state, or local. A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy. We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated.

A [survey](#) published by the Brennan Center for Justice in June found that "one in three election officials feel unsafe because of their job, and nearly one in five listed threats to their lives as a job-related concern."

Some high-profile election officials have even required extra security due to the threats they've faced in the wake of Trump's loss.

In May, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey [ordered security](#) for Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs after Hobbs received threats following her vocal criticism of the scandal-plagued election audit in Maricopa County initiated by GOP members of the state Senate.

In Pennsylvania, Republican City Commissioner Al Schmidt [received numerous death threats](#) after Trump criticized Schmidt's handling of the 2020 election. One threatening text Schmidt received read, "You lied. You a traitor. Perhaps 75cuts and 20bullets will soon arrive."

And Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who drew Trump's ire after he refused to "find" the exact number of ballots to declare Trump the winner of Georgia, also received [numerous threats](#), both to him and his family.

"You and your family will be killed very slowly," read one threatening text to Raffensperger's wife, Tricia, according to a report from Reuters.

In its June report, the Brennan Center proposed that the Justice Department create a task force like the one announced on Thursday.

The department said in a news release that the task force "will receive and assess allegations and reports of threats against election workers and will partner with and support U.S. Attorneys' Offices and FBI field offices throughout the country to investigate and prosecute these offenses where appropriate."

Deputy FBI Director Paul Abbate said that his agency "will not tolerate" the threats.

"From election administrators to volunteers to vendors and contractors, threats against any one individual is a threat against us all," Abbate said in the release. "The FBI's mission is to protect the American people and uphold our Constitution, and protecting our democratic process is paramount. We take this responsibility seriously and will investigate any and all federal violations to the fullest."

**Newsmax:** [Justice Department Launches Task Force for Threats Against Election Officials](#) by *Theodore Bunker*

The Justice Department has created a new task force to combat threats made against election workers, administration, officials, and anyone else connected to the electoral process, the department [announced](#) on Thursday.

The task force will focus on threats of violence against election workers to ensure that they are able to perform their jobs without fear of threats or intimidation. The group will receive support from the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and FBI field offices across the country, and will be led by Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco.

"To protect the electoral process for all voters, we must identify threats against those responsible for administering elections, whether federal, state, or local," said Monaco. "A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy.

"We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated."

"The FBI will not tolerate threats against any federal, state or local election worker participating in the common goals of safeguarding our electoral process and the rights of voters," said FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate. "From election administrators to volunteers to vendors and contractors, threats against any one individual is a threat against us all.

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The Brennan Center for Justice found in a [survey](#) of local election workers last April that almost 1 in 6 had received threats of violence, with 1 in 3 saying that their job made them feel unsafe.

"Our democracy is at stake, that's no exaggeration," Larry Norden, director of the Brennan Center's Election Reform Program, told [The Hill](#). "You cannot have free and fair elections without election workers who are able to ensure nonpartisan administration and can do so without fear."

**ABC News 13:** [DOJ launches task force to probe threats against election workers](#) by *Stephen Loiaconi*

WASHINGTON (SBG) — Amid a surge in hostility toward election workers across the country following the contentious 2020 election, the Department of Justice [launched a task force](#) Thursday to investigate threats against officials associated with the electoral process.

“A threat to any election official, worker, or volunteer is a threat to democracy,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco. “We will promptly and vigorously prosecute offenders to protect the rights of American voters, to punish those who engage in this criminal behavior, and to send the unmistakable message that such conduct will not be tolerated.”

State and local election officials have reported an increase in threats against themselves and their families, frequently by people who falsely [claimed the election was stolen](#) from former President Donald Trump. Current and former officials testified at a House Administration Committee hearing Wednesday about the abuse they faced since last fall and measures they had to take to protect themselves.

“The safety and security of election officials and voters is vital to the sustainability of our Republic,” said Adrian Fontes, who served as county recorder for [Maricopa County, Arizona](#) from 2016 to 2020. “Recent and significant escalation in the number and frequency of threats and intimidation against election officials is a critical issue which strikes at the core viability of our most fundamental of institutions - those offices which oversee the administration of elections.”

The task force will work with federal prosecutors and FBI field offices to investigate and prosecute alleged threats and violence against election officials, workers, and volunteers. Election officials have also urged Congress to enact new laws against harassing or intimidating their staffs while carrying out their duties.

“From election administrators to volunteers to vendors and contractors, threats against any one individual is a threat against us all,” said FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate. “The FBI’s mission is to protect the American people and uphold our Constitution, and protecting our democratic process is paramount.”

Workers can report threats on [the FBI’s website](#) or by dialing 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324), prompt 1, then prompt 3.



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**From:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:59 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Thanks again for your help today. Outside this fire drill, I'd love to check in generally on this topic. Are there times this week that would work for you?

Best,  
Larry

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:22 AM  
**To:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

Sure. Let me get back to you with some times.

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**From:** Schwartztol, Larry M. EOP/WHO (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:59 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Readout

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## Hyun, Peter (OASG)

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: AG Voting Speech

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/readout-justice-department-leadership-meeting-threats-election-workers>

**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

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**From:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: AG Voting Speech

Do you have more info on the call VG referenced?

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**From:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 4, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) >; Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: AG Voting Speech

Thanks, Sparkle. This is great. Under 12, we can add the call that the AG, DAG, FBI Dir and I did with over 1200 election officials re threats on Aug 26.

Of course, more to come on the civil and crim enforcement side.

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**From:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 9:22 PM  
**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6) >; Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** AG Voting Speech

Vanita and Matthew—The attached spreadsheet provides updates on CRT's efforts to implement the various action items laid out in the AG's voting speech. Let me know if you need more on this. Thanks, Sparkle

**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

Got it. Made a slight edit to the final sentence ... Will be sure Anthony sees this version after the AG presser. I've previously provided the readout of the meeting referenced below, so we should be good to go there. Thanks!

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:28 PM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CR ) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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Josh proposed edits here:

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**Cc:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CR ) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

Josh. You will be getting some revisions to the quote from CRM, shortly.

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:47 AM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CR ) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CR ) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

Anthony and Kevin:

Reuters is working on a follow-up story to the piece they ran yesterday ([U.S. election workers get little help from law enforcement as terror threats mount](#)), which primarily focused on the individual stories of those who have received threats. The follow-up will focus more on the law enforcement response, and specifically the work of the task force.

I have worked with PIN to draft the below statement, which has been approved/cleared by PIN and CRM front office. Please review/edit/clear prior to 1p, if possible.

Here is the quote:

(b) (5) [Redacted]

I'd also like to provide the below bullet points on background.

- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- (b) (5) [Redacted]

Thank you!

**Joshua Stueve** | Senior Communications Advisor  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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**Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)**

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**From:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: AG Voting Speech

Thanks!

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:36 PM  
**To:** Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: AG Voting Speech

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**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

Okay, here's what we have ... I will take the below quote and bullets to Anthony after the AG presser, and I will specifically request that Reuters include information from [the threats meeting readout](#) as well.

Updated quote:

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[Redacted text block]

Bullet points on background:

- (b) (5) [Redacted bullet point]
- (b) (5) [Redacted bullet point]

Additional context:

- On June 25, the Department [launched](#) a task force to address the rise in threats against election officials.
- On July 15, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section gave its first training session on threats against election workers to USAOs and FBI field offices.
- On August 26, the Attorney General [convened](#) a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the Department's task force to address these threats.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:50 PM

**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

They already have the readout from the meeting. I can ask that they be sure t (b) (5)

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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- (b) (5)

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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(b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE Media Query: Threats Against Election Workers

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## Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Question from Maddow -- ON DEADLINE

From the bottom up...

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:55 PM  
**To:** Rubin, Lisa (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Aronson, Isaac-Davy (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Question from Maddow -- ON DEADLINE

Hi all, Here's an on record statement from a DOJ spox for your piece:

"The Justice Department is committed to aggressively addressing threats of violence directed toward state and local election workers and will work tirelessly with our federal, state, and local partners to strengthen our collective efforts to combat this recent and entirely unacceptable phenomenon."

Here's some additional context

- In June, the department [launched](#) a task force to address the rise in threats against election officials.
- On July 15, 2021, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section gave its first training session on threats against election workers to USAOs and FBI field offices.
- On August 26, 2021, the Attorney General [convened](#) a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the Department's task force to address these threats. Key parts of the readout we issued are highlighted below.

### Readout of Justice Department Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Today, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland convened a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss mounting and persistent threats to the safety of election officials and workers across the country, and the Justice Department's recently launched Election Threats Task Force. Attorney General Garland was joined by Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco; Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta; and Director of the FBI Christopher A. Wray.

Attorney General Garland reiterated that the right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, and the right from which all other rights flow. Our democracy depends on protecting the right of eligible voters to vote, and also on protecting those who administer and safeguard our electoral system. He made clear that the Justice Department will not tolerate threats to, or intimidation of, election officials and election workers, and that the Department is committed to supporting them as they fulfill their public duties. Attorney General Garland also stressed that communication between federal law enforcement and election officials is key to combatting threats, and that meetings like today's are an integral part of fostering strong working relationships. His full remarks are available [here](#).

Announced by Deputy Attorney General Monaco in June, the Election Threats Task Force is composed of the

Department's Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, the Civil Rights Division's Voting and Criminal Sections, and the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section, as well as the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division and the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Deputy Attorney General Monaco provided an overview of how the Task Force unites subject matter experts from those offices and agencies to engage with state and local election agencies to better understand and deter threats to elections.

Associate Attorney General Gupta further elaborated on how the Civil Rights Division is participating in the Task Force and working more broadly to protect the right to vote and our country's electoral processes. She also made participants aware of VictimConnect, a weekday helpline funded by the Office of Victims of Crime that connects victims of crimes and threats to trained professionals who can provide emotional support, information and referrals in over 200 languages by calling or texting 1-855-484-2846 (855-4VICTIM).

Director Wray explained how the FBI's Election Crimes Coordinators — FBI Special Agents across all 56 FBI Field Offices — work with state and local election officials on election crime matters. He also stressed the importance of reporting *all* election-related threats and troubling communications to the FBI, even if it is unclear whether there is a violation of federal law, so that law enforcement can investigate, identify trends and share information with partners across the country.

Elections officials, including three secretaries of state, a state election director, and a county election supervisor had the opportunity to address and ask questions of the Attorney General and the Department leadership. The meeting ended with a firm reminder that the Department, through this Task Force, will use all available tools to protect the individuals working tirelessly to serve the public and maintain our proud tradition of free and fair elections.

*To report suspected election related threats or violent acts, contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324), prompt 1, then prompt 3. You also may file an online complaint at tips.fbi.gov.*

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:05 PM  
**To:** Rubin, Lisa (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Aronson, Isaac-Davy (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Question from Maddow -- ON DEADLINE

Hi all, Adding our lead spox for criminal matters Joshua Stueve. He can share more context our recent efforts (we're just getting started here. New task force about two months old.) we're very focused on this....

Josh, Will you make sure that msnbc has our record statement and context of recent efforts.

On Sep 8, 2021, at 7:25 PM, Rubin, Lisa (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) > wrote:

Anthony and Dena,

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well post-Labor Day. Following on the [Reuters special report](#) today, we are covering the dearth of prosecutions of those who have threatened election workers. We are aware of the Justice Department's complaint against Katelyn Jones, who has been

charged for threatening Monica Palmer of Wayne County's Board of Canvassers.

Beyond Ms. Jones, however, has the Department charged any other person with a violation of 18 USC 245 or any other federal crime for threatening an election worker/administrator and/or family member thereof?

We would appreciate hearing back from you by 8:30 p.m. I've copied my colleague Isaac Aronson, who is working on this segment.

Many thanks, and all best,

Lisa

Lisa Rubin | Off-Air Legal Analyst | *The Rachel Maddow Show* | @lawofrubby (b) (6)

**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 9:57 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Priority Update  
**Attachments:** Chambers Priority Update (09-10-21).docx

**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Update  
**Attachments:** Chambers Priority Update (09-10-21).docx

Please use this version instead. Thanks.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 9:57 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Priority Update

**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Update  
**Attachments:** Chambers Priority Update (09-10-21) v3.docx

If not, maybe you can slide this in. Adds one item r (b) (5) that just came up.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (5) >  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Update

Hey Frank, has this already gone to her book?

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (5) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (5) >  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Update

Will do, thank you

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (5) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (5) >  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Update

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**Lin, Frank (ODAG)**

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Initiative Updates  
**Attachments:** Benedict.docx; Braverman.docx; Chambers.docx; Figures.docx; Goldsmith.docx; Lan.docx; O'Herron.docx; Oloya Toomey Ralston.docx; Thiemann.docx; Violent Crime (Nguyen and Thiemann).docx

Here they are! Spreadsheet to follow

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**From:** Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Initiative Updates

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 9:38 AM  
**To:** Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Priority Initiative Updates

It will be a tight one today! I've asked for them by 10:45, will send to you right away with spreadsheet to follow. Need to have printed and provided around noon so DAG can bring with her when she leaves at 12:30. Thanks!

Frank

## Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 3:26 PM  
**To:** Keller, John (CRM)  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

John,

There is some more social media going out tomorrow or Friday on the election threats hotline (see below). Do you know if the hotline issue is resolved?

Thanks  
Kevin

### COMBATTING THREATS AGAINST ELECTIONWORKERS



The Department of Justice has launched a law enforcement task force to address the rise in threats against election workers, administrators, officials, and others associated with the electoral process.

The Department of Justice needs the public's assistance in remaining vigilant and reporting suspected threats or acts of violence against election workers. To report suspected threats or violent acts, contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324), prompt 1, then prompt 3. You also may file an online complaint at: [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov). Complaints submitted will be reviewed by the task force and referred for investigation or response accordingly. If someone is in imminent danger or risk of harm, contact 911 or your local police immediately.

[Read more](#)

**From:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >

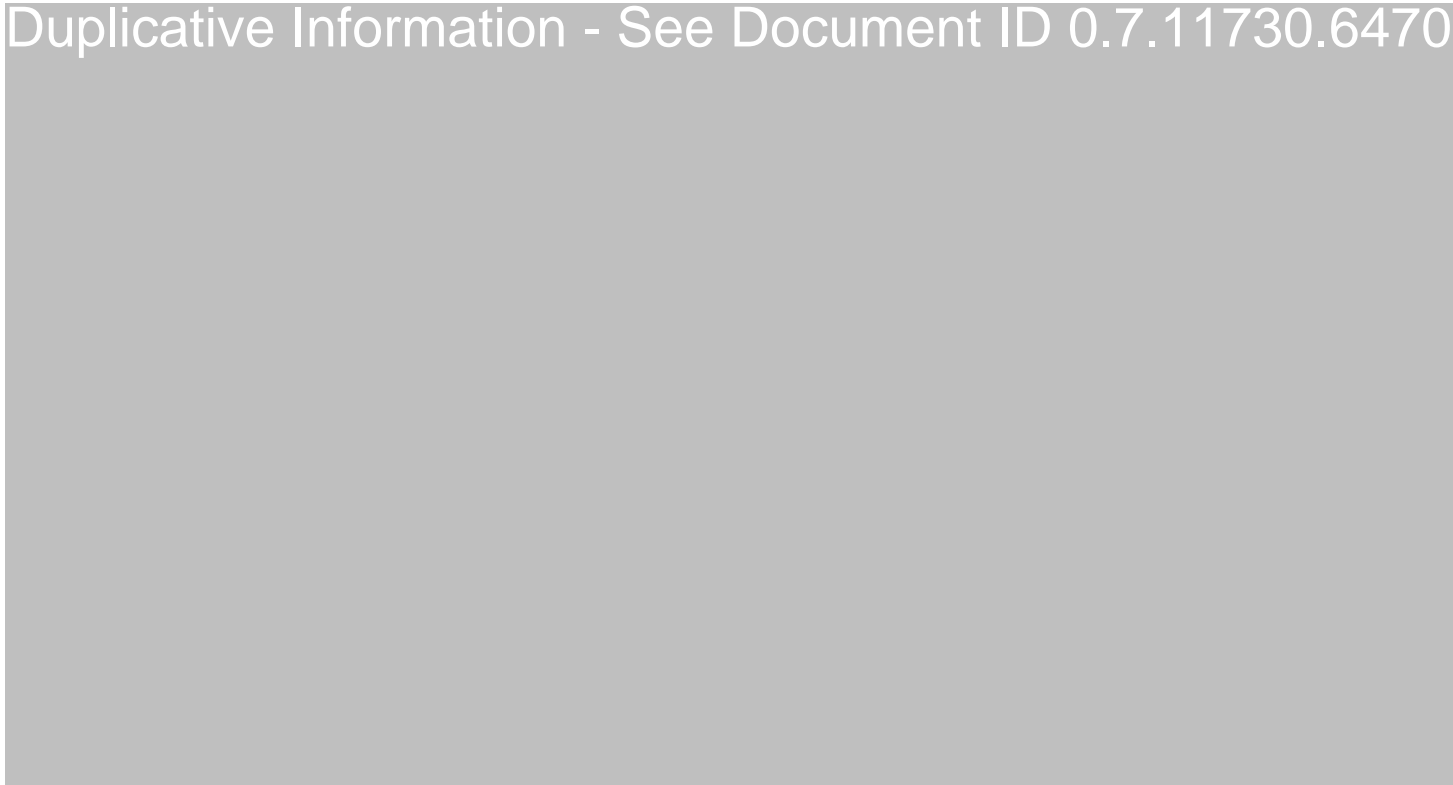
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:59 PM

**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >

**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** FW: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Keller, John (CRM)**

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Subject:** Re: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers  
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Kevin,

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-John

On Sep 15, 2021, at 2:25 PM, Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

John,

There is some more social media going out tomorrow or Friday on the election threats hotline (see below). Do you know if the hotline issue is resolved?

Thanks  
Kevin

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:59 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** FW: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

Driscoll: Can you call me on this; it makes no sense.

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** Keller, John (CRM)  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**From:** Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: For Review and Approval: Readout of DOJ Leadership Meeting on Threats to Election Workers

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**Hyun, Peter (OASG)**

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Subject:** TPs on Variety of Topics v.1  
**Attachments:** TPs on Variety of Topics v.1.docx

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

*“Nearly two and a half centuries into our experiment of ‘government of the people, by the people, for the people,’ we have learned much about what supports a healthy democracy. We know that expanding the ability of all eligible citizens to vote is the central pillar. That means ensuring that all eligible voters can cast a vote; that all lawful votes are counted; and that every voter has access to accurate information. The Department of Justice will never stop working to protect the democracy to which all Americans are entitled.” - Attorney General Merrick B. Garland*

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

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**DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

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**PROSECUTING THREATS AGAINST ELECTION WORKERS**

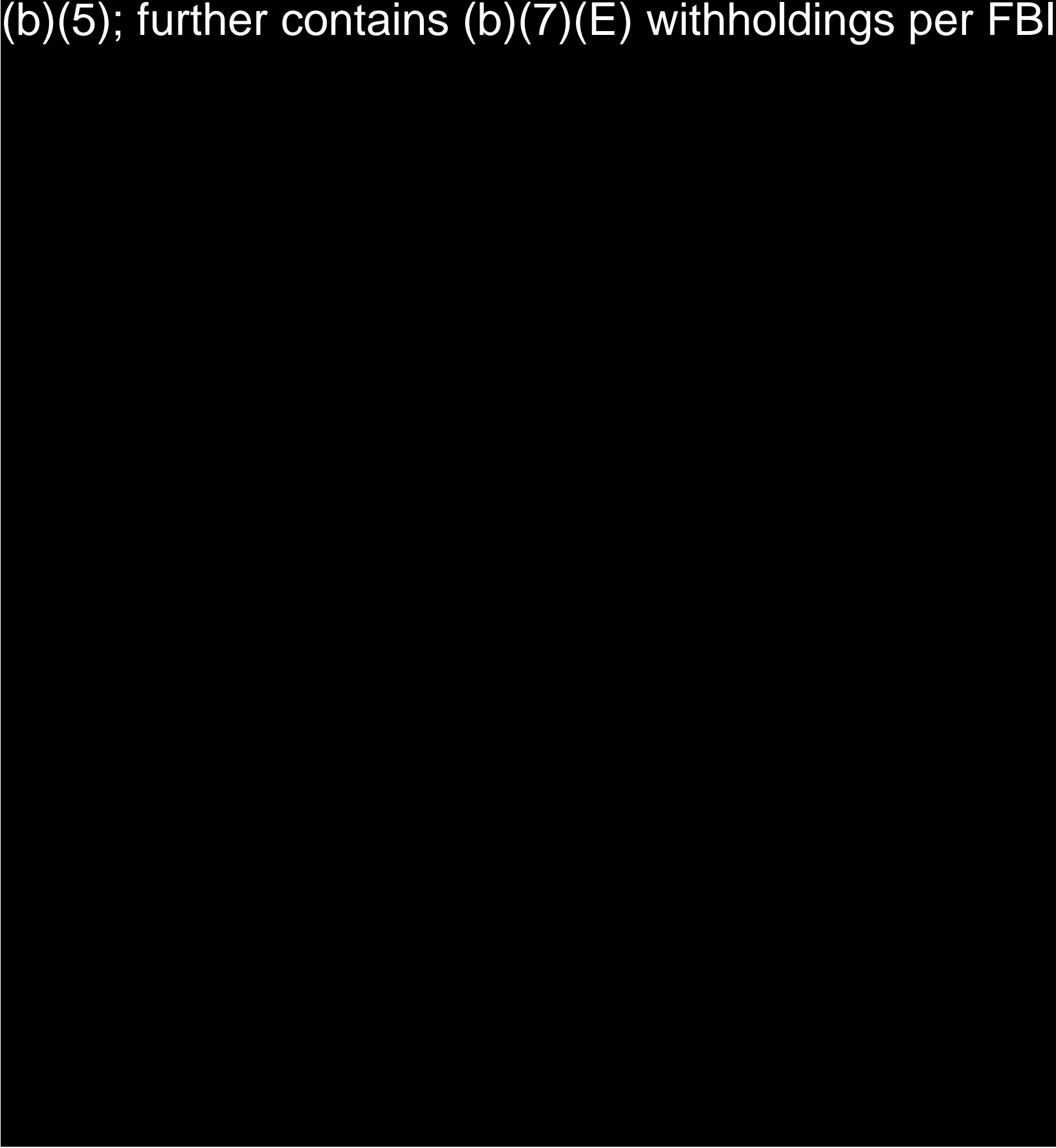
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*“The right to vote is one of the most central rights in our democracy and protecting the right to vote for all Americans is at the core of the Civil Rights Division’s mission. The Department of Justice will use all the tools it has available to ensure that each eligible citizen can register, cast a ballot, and have that ballot counted free from racial discrimination.” - Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke for the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division*



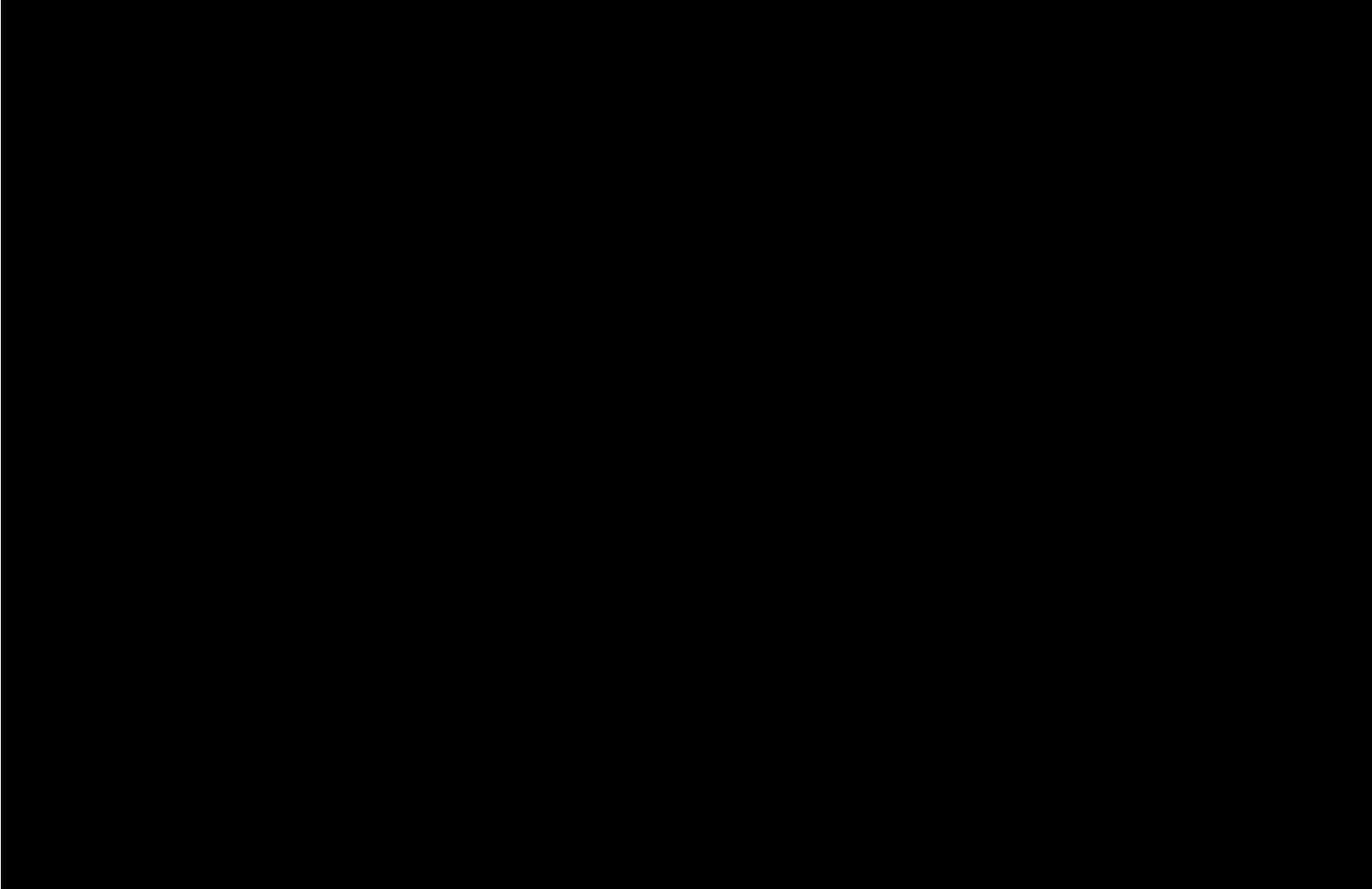
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**Composition of Task Force**

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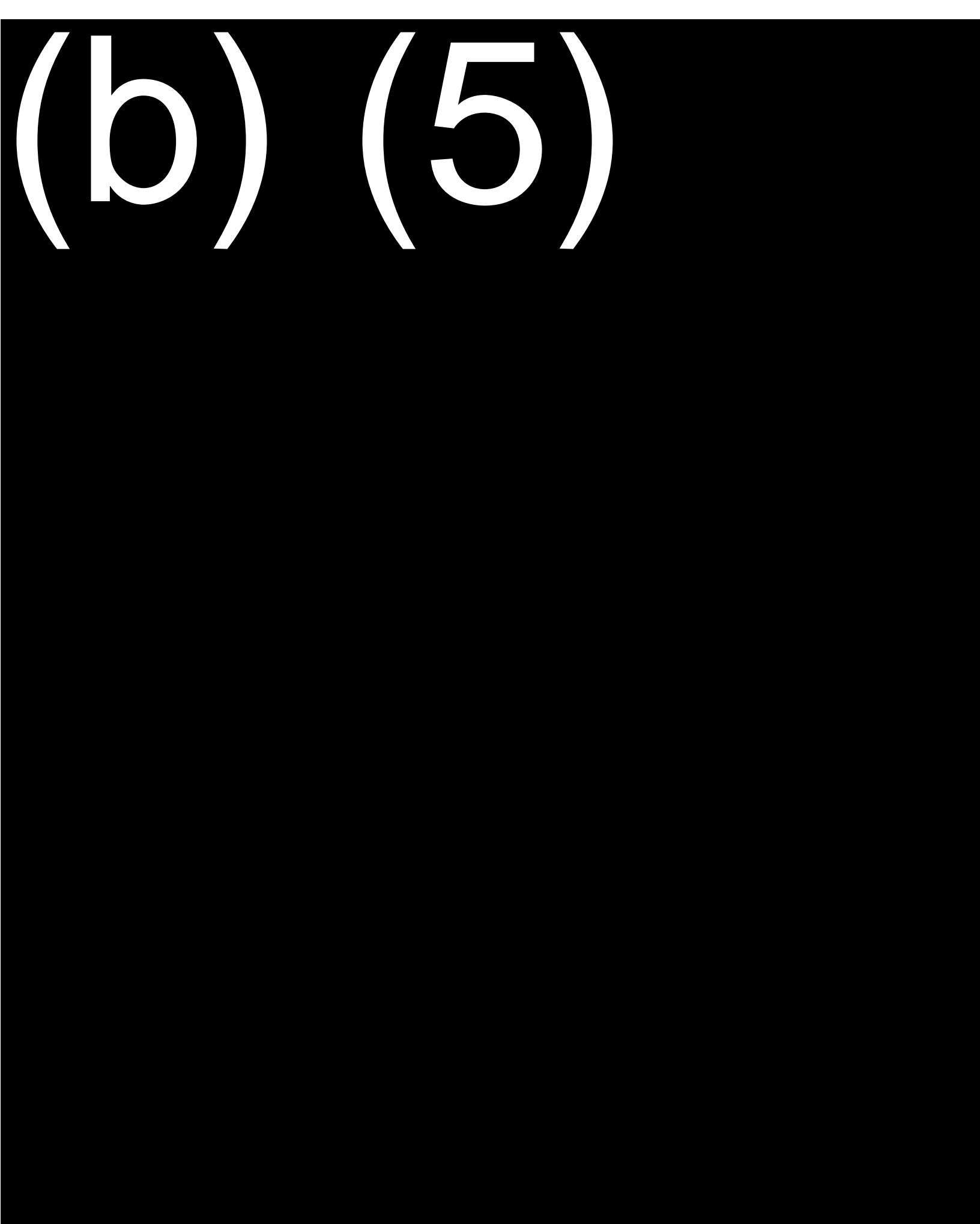
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**Antitrust Enforcement in the Biden Administration Department of Justice**

High-Level Talking Points – August 6, 2021

**1. The Economic Justice Mission**

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## 2. Meeting the Challenges of Digital Markets

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Q&A

Competition:

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**Suggested Talkers for NOBLE Q/A**  
**August 3, 2021**

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Q&A

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*DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RIGHT TO VOTE*

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*PROSECUTING THREATS AGAINST ELECTION WORKERS*

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**Q&A For Election Threats Meeting with State and Local Election Officials**

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*Title IX Filing re: Religious Colleges and LGBTQ Discrimination*

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*Partisan Use of DOJ*

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**Antitrust Enforcement in the Biden Administration Department of Justice**

High-Level Talking Points – August 6, 2021

**1. The Economic Justice Mission**

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## McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN  
**Importance:** High

Josh:

We need to give others, including OAG and ODAG, a chance to weigh in before we finalize our response to this inquiry (b)(5) per CRM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Adding Kevin and Tamarra here.

Nick

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:37 AM  
**To:** Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) >; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) >; Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Team: FYSA ... I provided the below to CNN in response to a query on threats against election workers. You will recognize the messaging, as it was all recently vetted/cleared through PIN/CRM/ODAG/OAG. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Josh

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:18 AM  
**To:** Schouten, Fredreka (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Hi Fredreka. Nice speaking with you a moment ago and thanks for your attention to this issue.

Below are two on-the-record quotes, and two bullets you can use on background, and some additional context on our efforts over the last 90 days. You should also see the information from [the threats meeting readout](#).

You can attribute the following quote to me: "The Justice Department is committed to aggressively addressing threats of violence directed toward state and local election workers and will work tirelessly with our federal, state, and local partners to strengthen our collective efforts to combat this recent and entirely unacceptable phenomenon."

You can attribute the following quote to John D. Keller, Principal Deputy Chief of the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, who oversees the Threats Against Election Workers Task Force: "Threats against election workers have historically been handled primarily as a state or local matter, usually without significant federal involvement. This

is changing rapidly in response to the surge in threats nationwide since the last election cycle. The Justice Department is now supplementing state and local efforts with resources, national coordination, training, and intelligence, as well as specially designated federal agents and prosecutors in every jurisdiction in the country and subject matter experts from the department's criminal, civil rights and national security divisions, along with the FBI's public corruption, violent crime, domestic terrorism, and cyber-security units. We look forward to continuing to ramp up our efforts and supporting our state and local partners in combatting this deeply disturbing trend. To that end, on August 26 the top leadership of the Justice Department, including the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and the FBI Director met with over 1400 state and local election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the Department's task force to address these threats."

Bullet points on background:

- The task force is collecting and analyzing the information that's being reported from a national perspective, trying to develop trends and similarities relating to common tactics and actors, but also modality. So whether threats are coming in as text messages, whether the majority of threats are coming in by voice mail or calls, whether they're coming in through social media.
- The task force is committed to ensuring that all reported incidents of threats to election workers and officials are carefully assessed for threat mitigation. What that means is victim outreach and FBI intervention where appropriate, and when a matter does rise to the level of a criminal threat, vigorously investigating the matter with all of our criminal tools and aggressively prosecuting the matter where appropriate.

In the last 90 days, the Department has:

- On June 25, the Department [launched](#) a task force to address the rise in threats against election officials.
- On July 15, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section gave its first training session on threats against election workers to USAOs and FBI field offices.
- On August 26, Justice Department leadership, including the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and the FBI Director met with over 1400 state and local election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the Department's task force to address these threats.

**Joshua Stueve** | Senior Communications Advisor

U.S. Department of Justice

Cel (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Schouten, Fredreka (b) (6) >

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:20 AM

To: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Great! Not sure whether it will publish today or over the weekend but aiming to turn it in today...I'm (b) (6), cell.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:18 AM

To: Schouten, Fredreka (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Hi Fredreka. Happy to connect on this. Are you publishing today?

Joshua Stueve | Senior Communications Advisor U.S. Department of Justice

Cel (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [no-reply@usdoj.gov](mailto:no-reply@usdoj.gov) <[no-reply@usdoj.gov](mailto:no-reply@usdoj.gov)>

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:56 AM

To: Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Date Friday, September 17, 2021 - 8:55am EDT

Name: Fredreka Schouten

Email Address (b) (6)

Topic: Victims of Crime

Media Outlet: CNN

Deadline: 4 pm ET 9/17/2021

Inquiry:

Greetings -- I'm writing about the threats against election officials -- and the stepped-up inquiries some local officials have seen in recent weeks from the FBI. I've reached out to the FBI, but wanted to talk with someone about the DOJ task force's work on this matter. One election official said the FBI agent who contacted him said they had recently been given permission to pursue these investigations from DOJ. I also wanted to touch base about some concerns from Secretaries of State about the need for more federal help to monitor these threats.....



**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:48 AM  
**To:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

I will advise the reporter we may have additional/revised information to provide in addition to all of the previously vetted/cleared messaging below.

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) >; Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN  
**Importance:** High

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**Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)**

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Priority Initiative Updates  
**Attachments:** Chambers Priority Update (09-17-21).docx

New items in *ital*, requests in **bold**.

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Lin, Frank (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Priority Initiative Updates

Hello all— Please send priority initiative updates by 1p. Please also let me know if you have no updates.

Thanks!  
Frank

**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Tamarra and Kevin: Just checking to see if you have anything to add/edit here, or if we are good to stick with the recently vetted/cleared messaging. Thanks!

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CR ) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Polite, Kenneth (CR ) (b) (6) >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CR ) (b) (6) >; Driscoll, Kevin (CR ) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CR ) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CR ) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN  
**Importance:** High

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**Lin, Frank (ODAG)**

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**From:** Lin, Frank (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 2:38 PM  
**To:** Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG); Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Priority Initiative Updates  
**Attachments:** Front Pocket.docx; Atkinson.docx; Braden.docx; Braverman.docx; Chambers.docx; Figures.docx; Goldsmith.docx; Harris.docx; Lan.docx; O'Herron.docx; Oloya Toomey Ralston.docx; Solow.docx

Hi there—Here are this week's priority initiative updates. I will send the spreadsheet before COB. Thanks!

**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED]); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Got it. Thanks very much, Tamarra. Will modify here and going forward.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 3:23 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED]; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Hi -  
I am digging out after th (b) (6) [REDACTED] travel and so I need a moment to take a look.

I want to flag one issue about which this constituency is sensitive (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]

I think we need t (b) (5) [REDACTED]

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobil (b) (6) [REDACTED]

On Sep 17, 2021, at 1:01 PM, Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] > wrote:

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN  
**Importance:** High

Hi –

We are getting media inquiries about the threats against election officials. The quotes below are attributed only to Stueve and Keller. There's sensitivity among this constituency t (b) (5) and I'd suggest that we (b) (5) We might also want t (b) (5) All comments welcome. T

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**From:** McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >; Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) >; Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI ; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN  
**Importance:** High

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**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED]); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

(b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Beginning with this response to query, I w (b) (5) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 3:53 PM  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) per FBI [REDACTED] McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Polite, Kenneth (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Amundson, Corey (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >; Keller, John (CRM) (b) (6) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Thanks - I'm also not sur (b) (5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobil (b) (6) [REDACTED]

On Sep 17, 2021, at 2:49 PM, Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] > wrote:

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[REDACTED]



**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Agreed - wondering if there's time now maybe not

On Sep 17, 2021, at 3:08 PM, Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Defer to Matt but I think we shoul (b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2021, at 3:59 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Visser, Tim (OAG)**

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**From:** Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Agreed all around – both wit (b) (5) and wit (b) (5). FWIW, I als (b) (5)

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:09 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

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**Visser, Tim (OAG)**

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**From:** Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Truth.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Yes, I flagged t (b) (5) as well  
Should sound more lik (b) (5)  
But perhap (b) (5)

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**  
*she/her/hers*  
Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobil (b) (6)

On Sep 17, 2021, at 3:12 PM, Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

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**Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)**

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

Agree on broader poin (b) (5).

From a practical perspectiv (b) (5)

Tamarr (b) (5) I'll talk wit (b) (5)

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:09 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

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**Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)**

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

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I'll rais (b) (5)

I'll leave to yo (b) (5)

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

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Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobil (b) (6)

On Sep 17, 2021, at 3:20 PM, Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
wrote:

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**Stueve, Joshua (PAO)**

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**From:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 18, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI [REDACTED]); McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM); Polite, Kenneth (CRM); Stamper, Gwendolyn (CRM); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM); Amundson, Corey (CRM); Keller, John (CRM)  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry from Fredreka Schouten - CNN

UPDATE: The CNN story is out. Think they did a good job with it, featuring the work of the task force prominently in the second graph and including multiple quotes and background info on the task force I provided.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/18/politics/fbi-threats-election-officials/index.html>

Joshua Stueve | Spokesman  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Cel (b) (6) [REDACTED]

On Sep 17, 2021, at 4:02 PM, Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED] > wrote:

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**Carlin, John P. (ODAG)**

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**From:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Lisa Monaco  
**Subject:** Fwd: CNN Story on Election Threats

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Date:** September 19, 2021 at 9:17:21 AM EDT  
**To:** "Carlin, John P. (ODAG)" (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** **CNN Story on Election Threats**

See link: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/18/politics/fbi-threats-election-officials/index.html>

OPA used same TPs from Reuters story. Explains that FBI/DOJ is responding to what is essentially a new type of threat and highlights meeting with election officials last month.

**Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)**

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**From:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Question for you re past weekly reports when you have a minute  
**Attachments:** Weekly Reports.zip

Recommend flagging there is a 100 day “weekly” report buried in there as well.

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Question for you re past weekly reports when you have a minute

OAG asked for a set of the Weekly Reports since March. I found the folder on the G drive but cannot access it so was wondering if you could send me a zip and then I will add the more recent ones and send on to Maggie (and will also ask SeLena for access but know that can take awhile).

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**From:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 12:29 PM  
**To:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Question for you re past weekly reports when you have a minute

Great – let’s touch base post HR450?

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Question for you re past weekly reports when you have a minute

**Margot G. Benedict**  
Counsel  
United States Department of Justice  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
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Cel (b) (6)



**Benedict, Margot (ODAG)**

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**From:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Julie (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Weekly Reports  
**Attachments:** Weekly Reports.zip

Maggie:

As discussed, attached is a zip file of weekly reports since March 11, 2021. These are the versions that were sent up to Matt so may not be the final ones sent across to the White House. There is also a 100 day “weekly” report included in the zip.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Margot

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**From:** Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA); Seidman, Ricki (OASG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: restoring norms fact sheet  
**Attachments:** Weekly Reports.zip

Thanks very much, Helaine – I wasn't able to open the doc you shared but I've requested access to it.

Three things:

1. I've created a shared folder for the oversight hearing prep materials (see link [here](#) – I also sent the link to you by email)
2. I've attached here and uploaded to the shared folder under "DOJ Accomplishments" the weekly DOJ reports we discussed on Friday (see [here](#)). I'm still checking to be sure these are the most updated versions of the reports but in the meantime there's a 100 day report in that folder which may be helpful as a starting point.
3. Before end of day today, I'll circulate a proposed schedule with clear deadlines for the prep materials we've discussed between now and the Oct. 27 hearing for your review.

Best,  
Maggie

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**From:** Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6) >; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >;  
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**Subject:** FW: restoring norms fact sheet

Here is the first response to my request for any accomplishments or priorities or goals for the Oversight hearings.  
From OPA.

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 11:50 AM  
**To:** Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** restoring norms fact sheet

Helaine,

Here is the most recent restoring norms one pager. [Reaffirming DOJ Norms 07.09.21.docx](#)

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