

**Responses of the Department of Justice
Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker
Questions for the Record
Submitted October 25, 2017**

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QUESTIONS FROM SENATOR LEAHY

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5. Earlier this month you issued new executive guidance interpreting religious liberty protections in federal law. I have heard from Vermonters who are concerned that this guidance amounts to a license to discriminate. A President who campaigned on banning members of a certain religion from entering our country cannot credibly claim to defend “religious liberty,” and certainly cannot weaponize it to discriminate against LGBTQ individuals and other minorities.
 - a. Let’s say a gay man whose husband just died is denied surviving-spouse benefits because the Social Security Administration employee – a public servant – is personally opposed to gay marriage. Would that type of discrimination be permissible under your memorandum?

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[Redacted]

- b. It's been reported that you consulted with the Alliance Defending Freedom on this guidance,⁶ which the Southern Poverty Law Center classifies as a hate group for its anti-LGBT positions.⁷ If accurate, what did the consulting consist of? What other organizations, if any, did you or your staff meet with about this guidance?

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[Redacted]

Not responsive

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QUESTIONS FROM SENATOR HIRONO

Not responsive



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6. At your hearing, I asked you about the new guidance you issued on religious liberty, broadly directing federal agencies and attorneys to observe 20 “principles of religious liberty.” I asked you if you issued principles relating to other topics, for example, what the DOJ should do with regard to civil rights issues, or individual liberties issues, or voting rights, or on Second Amendment cases. You answered that you have not.

Why not? Are those topics not worthy of such detailed attention as religious liberty?

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7. At the time you issued the principles, you also released a memo explaining that the principles should be incorporated into litigation strategy and arguments, operations, grant administration, pending cases, and opinions for other agencies.

- a. Which offices were involved in the production of this memo?

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- b. Were any career attorneys involved in the drafting of memo?

(b) (5)

- c. Were there any other agencies involved with putting together or drafting the memo?

(b) (5) [Redacted]

- d. Did any outside groups contact any Department official to urge the Department to issue the memo?

(b) (5) [Redacted]

- e. Which groups, and what position were they advocating that DOJ take? Please produce any documents that were prepared by outside groups and provided to DOJ in any format in connection with such meetings.

(b) (5) [Redacted]

- f. Are there any other cases in which DOJ is advancing the arguments set forth in the memo?

(b) (5) [Redacted]

- g. Were there any documents prepared as part of DOJ's internal deliberations setting forth the arguments for the memo? If so, please identify those documents.

(b) (5) [Redacted]

- h. Were there any components of DOJ that disagreed with any portion of the memo?

(b) (5)

- i. Have any employees involved in the creation of such recommendations been retaliated against in any way?

(b) (5)

- j. In your memo, you prioritize religious liberty claims and invite people to invoke their faith to discriminate against LGBT people. What concerns of the LGBT community did you factor in when developing the memo?

(b) (5)

- 8. Based on your religious principles memo, you appear to believe that an individual's right to practice their religious belief trumps the right of an individual to be free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. When pressed during the hearing, you were not able to provide answers to questions about the results that your analysis would produce in particular scenarios.

- a. In your view, based on the principles that you set forth in your Oct 6, 2017, memorandum, may federal employees deny services to LGBT people based on their religious beliefs?
- b. Specifically, may a State Department employee refuse to process the passport application of child who provides a birth certificate listing two women as the child's parents if their marriage violates if it violates the employee's religious beliefs?
- c. May an employee at the Social Security Administration refuse to process an application for benefits for the surviving same-sex spouse of the deceased if it violates the employee's religious beliefs?
- d. May federal contractors who are opposed to homosexuality refuse to hire gay employees if it violates the contractor's religious beliefs?
- e. May federal contractors who assert a religious objection to transgender people refuse to hire them?

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(b) (5) [Redacted text block]

Not responsive

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Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Morrissey, Brian (OAG)
Subject: Religious Liberty: Utah trip TPs
Attachments: RL TPs for AG_10.3.18.docx

Attaching the TPs for AG Sessions' early October Utah trip. (Second page was trip-specific, as you'll see.)

Just one key update since then (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Let me know if you need anything else.

Jennie

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McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)

From: McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Carr, Peter (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: OIP's Weekly Report: Significant FOIA Requests and Litigation
Attachments: Senior Management Offices - Significants (10.29.18).docx; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mallon, Carmen L (OIP)" <cmallon@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: November 5, 2018 at 1:32:31 PM EST
To: "Morrissey, Brian (OAG)" <bmorrissey@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Sheehan, Matthew (ODAG)" <msheehan@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Perkins, Paul (ODAG)" <pperkins@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Parker-Bissex, Rachel (OASG)" <racparker@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Hall, Jeffrey (OASG)" <jehall@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)" <mhankey@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA)" <kkellner@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)" <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Pustay, Melanie A (OIP)" <mpustay@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Talebian, Bobak (OIP)" <btalebian@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Hibbard, Douglas (OIP)" <dhibbard@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Brinkmann, Vanessa R (OIP)" <vbrinkmann@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: OIP's Weekly Report: Significant FOIA Requests and Litigation

Senior Management Offices - Significant Report
Week of October 29, 2018

FOIA Requests OIP Received:

Not responsive

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- DOJ-2019-000409, et al. [OAG, ODAG, OASG, OLP, PAO]
 - Lindsay Kaley (ACLU)
 - various records pertaining to the Religious Liberty Task Force (RLTF), dating since October 1, 2017.

- DOJ-2019-0004999, et al. [OAG, OASG, OLP]
 - David Mora (Columbia University)
 - Correspondence pertaining to the Religious Liberty Task Force between the Department and the Alliance Defending Freedom.

Not responsive

FOIA Litigation:

Not responsive

Special Counsel's Office and FOIA:

Not responsive

Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Sunday, November 4, 2018 9:20 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene (OAG)
Subject: Cornyn letter
Attachments: Response Letter_Cornyn.docx

Look ok to you? Cleared by my boss and by James.

J.

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Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 4:56 PM
To: Treene, Eric (CRT)
Subject: RE: AJC #ShowUpForShabbat Initiative Gathers Widespread Support

Thank you for the heads-up. (b) (6)
It's a very good idea, and I hope that all are able to worship safely tonight.

Have a good weekend.

Jennie

From: Treene, Eric (CRT)
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Cook, Steven H. (ODAG) <shcook@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Thomas, Mary (CRT) <Mary.Thomas@crt.usdoj.gov>; Hall, Jeffrey (OASG) <jehall@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Moosy, Robert (CRT) <Robert.Moosy@crt.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: AJC #ShowUpForShabbat Initiative Gathers Widespread Support

Steve,

CRT received the below request to publicize this synagogue outreach event tonight and tomorrow to law enforcement. I forwarded to CRS, but I am told you are the ODAG law enforcement point of contact so you may have people you would like to send this to as well.

Copying the POC's for the religious liberty task force for their visibility.

Thanks

Eric Treene

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From: Daniel Elbaum <elbaumd@ajc.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 5:22 PM

To: Treene, Eric (CRT) <Eric.Treene@crt.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Marc Stern <sternm@ajc.org>
Subject: FW: AJC #ShowUpForShabbat Initiative Gathers Widespread Support

Hi Eric –

I got your contact information from Marc Stern who speaks very highly of you.

I want to share the below release about a national event that AJC is running encouraging Jews and non-Jews to go to Synagogue. I imagine that law enforcement is aware in many localities, but I wondered if there was some sort of general advisory that could go out. Perhaps this has already been done as there are many organizations participating, but I thought it would be prudent to reach out to see if you might be able to forward this to the appropriate person.

I can be reached at any time on my cell phone at (b) (6).

Thank you,
Dan

Daniel Elbaum
Chief Advocacy Officer
AJC

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elbaumd@ajc.org

From: Kenneth Bandler
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 3:56 PM
Subject: AJC #ShowUpForShabbat Initiative Gathers Widespread Support

AJC #ShowUpForShabbat Initiative Gathers Widespread Support

November 1, 2018 – New York – American Jewish Committee's (AJC) #ShowUpForShabbat initiative is gathering widespread support across the United States and around the world. The initiative was launched on Sunday, the day after the murderous attack on the Tree of Life Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh.

"The rapid, continually growing response to #ShowUpForShabbat is heartwarming. It restores hope in the human capacity to unite in confronting anti-Semitism and attacks on houses of worship," said AJC CEO David Harris. "Clearly, the Pittsburgh attack, the murder of 11 Jews in their synagogue, unleashed a strong revulsion and a desire to come together as Americans and reaffirm our core values."

On Sunday, AJC called on Jewish communities across the country—along with elected officials, religious and civic leaders, diplomats, and other communal allies—to flock to synagogues this coming Shabbat (Friday night and Saturday morning, November 2-3).

The outpouring of support for #ShowUpForShabbat and pledges to participate by attending services at synagogues is broad and diverse. The New York Times, CNN, USA Today and other national and local media have featured the AJC initiative.

"Our #ShowUpForShabbat initiative has taken off like wildfire, reaching many millions through AJC Twitter, Facebook and Instagram," said Harris. "The response has been overwhelming. Diplomats from many countries, leaders of Christian, Muslim, Sikh and other faith communities, journalist Arianna Huffington, actors Jeremy Pivin and Mayim Bialik, Senators Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, and

Patrick Leahy, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, among many others, have endorsed the initiative.

"We are not alone," said Harris, who praised the many thousands of people who already have declared that they will be attending Shabbat services this weekend." As an example, a European ambassador will be joining Harris and his family at synagogue, and expressing his solidarity from the podium.

Representatives of AJC's 22 offices across the United States have reached out to communal partners and local government officials to ask them to participate in the #ShowUpForShabbat campaign. Simultaneously, AJC's 11 international offices are working with partners in over 35 Jewish communities around the globe to launch similar initiatives locally.

"The community of conscience must stand as one, whether in the face of the hate-motivated attack against a black church in Charleston, which took nine lives, or a synagogue in Pittsburgh, which took 11 lives," said Harris. "We are determined to ensure that love triumphs over hate, good over evil, unity over division. That's our America."

Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 8:58 PM
To: Dummermuth, Matt (OJP)
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Task Force: funding working group

Thanks. I will definitely keep you in the loop on all meetings. I saw that you'll be out all of next week - ?
(b) (5) So please feel free to forward the invite to whomever you'd like to send in your place for the meeting next Monday; and I hope we'll catch you for the next one.

Jennie

From: Dummermuth, Matt (OJP)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Task Force: funding working group

I would like to be involved in the working group given the amount of grants OJP gives out. I may not be able to make every meeting but I will at least send someone in my place to the meetings to assist.

Matt Dummermuth
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Dummermuth, Matt (OJP); Hunt, Jody (OLP); Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Gore, John (CRT); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Mooppan, Hashim (CIV)
Cc: Panuccio, Jesse (OASG); Williams, Beth A (OLP); Hall, Jeffrey (OASG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: Religious Liberty Task Force: funding working group

Dear Task Force members:

As Beth and I mentioned at our meeting the other day, and as the AG announced in Boston about an hour ago, our first working group on the policy side will examine the landscape of government funding to religious entities – including the implications of *Trinity Lutheran*, and how we might be able to address “baby Blaines.”

I will send a calendar invite shortly to your staff designees (for components that have one) to convene an initial working group meeting sometime in the next week or so. If you would like to be involved personally in this effort too, let me know and I'll keep you in the loop.

Please let Beth and me know if you have questions or suggestions.

Many thanks.
Jennie

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Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

Subject: Accepted: Religious Liberty Task Force: Funding Working Group

Location: OLP Conference Room 4525

Start: Monday, November 5, 2018 4:00 PM

End: Monday, November 5, 2018 5:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)

Required Attendees: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Mooppan, Hashim (CIV)
Cc: Hunt, Jody (CIV)
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Task Force: funding working group

Thanks for the good catch! Sorry about that Jody.

From: Mooppan, Hashim (CIV)
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Dummermuth, Matt (OJP) <Matt.Dummermuth@ojp.usdoj.gov>; Engel, Steven A. (OLC) (b) (6); Gore, John (CRT) <John.Gore@crt.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Hunt, Jody (CIV) (b) (6)
Cc: Panuccio, Jesse (OASG) <jpanuccio@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6); Hall, Jeffrey (OASG) <jehall@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Religious Liberty Task Force: funding working group

Adding jody's civ address in lieu of his olp address.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)" <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: 10/29/18 1:44 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Dummermuth, Matt (OJP)" <Matt.Dummermuth@ojp.usdoj.gov>; "Hunt, Jody (OLP)" <(b) (6)>; "Engel, Steven A. (OLC)" (b) (6); "Gore, John (CRT)" <John.Gore@crt.usdoj.gov>; "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; "Mooppan, Hashim (CIV)" (b) (6)
Cc: "Panuccio, Jesse (OASG)" <jpanuccio@jmd.usdoj.gov>; "Williams, Beth A (OLP)" <(b) (6)>; "Hall, Jeffrey (OASG)" <jehall@jmd.usdoj.gov>; "Tucker, Rachael (OAG)" <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Subject: RE: Boss going home with Boston shortly
Attachments: 181029 Boston v2_jbl.docx

Couple of edits on p.12. thanks. Have a good weekend –
Jennie

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>;
Morrissey, Brian (OAG) <bmorrissey@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>;
Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <kkupec@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gore, John (CRT) <John.Gore@crt.usdoj.gov>; Treene, Eric
(CRT) <Eric.Treene@crt.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Allen, Alexis (OAG) <aallen@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Boss going home with Boston shortly

Please send edits/approvals/objections before he leaves

Steven J. Stafford
U.S. Department of Justice

Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 2:54 PM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: RE: RFRA - speech thoughts
Attachments: 181029 Boston_jbl.docx

Thanks. Handful of thoughts in the attached – (b) (5)

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. I won't try to put it in "speechwriter" form, but see below for some background. And here is the Trinity Lutheran decision, for your reference: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/16pdf/15-577_khlp.pdf

(b) (5)

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:51 PM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: RFRA - speech thoughts

Thank you very much

Here is a draft

Steven J. Stafford
U.S. Department of Justice

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>

cc: [redacted], [redacted] (cc); jbradley@usdoj.gov

Subject: RFRA - speech thoughts

(b) (5) [redacted] but I have a few more quick thoughts for your consideration for the RFRA portion of the Boston speech. (b) (5) [redacted]

All of that would be helpful background for the RFRA themes we discussed yesterday. (b) (5) [redacted]

I'm happy to brainstorm further with you if it would be helpful.

Thanks.
Jennie

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Stafford, Steven (OPA)

From: Stafford, Steven (OPA)
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: FW: Boston
Attachments: 181029 Boston.docx

Steven J. Stafford
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From: Morrissey, Brian (OAG)
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 7:57 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG) <ratucker@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Panuccio, Jesse (OASG) <jpanuccio@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Snow, Corinne (OASG) <csnow@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Stafford, Steven (OPA) <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Boston

Steve's draft of Boston attached. Thoughts welcome.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stafford, Steven (OPA)" <sstafford@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: October 25, 2018 at 11:57:44 PM EDT
To: "Gore, John (CRT)" <John.Gore@crt.usdoj.gov>, "Morrissey, Brian (OAG)" <bmorrissey@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Boston

Steven J. Stafford
U.S. Department of Justice

Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Subject: RE: TF meeting today
Attachments: RLTF Meeting_10.18 FINAL.docx

Yep, here's the agenda. We're planning to hand out copies of the TF Memo too, in case anyone hasn't read it yet.

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

From: Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 7:04 AM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: TF meeting today

Hey Jenn,

Do you have a run of show for today's meeting? Thanks!

Religious Liberty Task Force
October 18, 2018

1. Introduction of the Task Force

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

2. Component Reports

3. Litigation

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

4. Policy

5. Religious Freedom Restoration Act Anniversary Event

- [REDACTED] (b) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Panuccio, Jesse (OASG)

Subject: Religious Liberty Task Force

Location: Rm 4525

Start: Thursday, October 18, 2018 1:00 PM

End: Thursday, October 18, 2018 2:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Panuccio, Jesse (OASG)

Required Attendees: Williams, Beth A (OLP); Hall, Jeffrey (OASG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Lichter, Jennifer (OLP); Hunt, Jody (CIV); Gore, John (CRT); Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Mooppan, Hashim (CIV); Mokha, Harpreet S. (CRS); NealyCox, Erin (USATXN); Grant, Eric (ENRD); Kupec, Kerri (OPA); Dummermuth, Matt (OJP); Treene, Eric (CRT); Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC); LaCour, Alice S. (CIV); Sturgill, Lowell (CIV); Moran, John S. (ODAG); Laco, Kelly (OPA); Wood, Jeffrey (ENRD)

Optional Attendees: Forrester, Nate (OLC)

Timmons, Mollie (OASG)

Subject: Religious Liberty Task Force

Location: Rm 4525

Start: Thursday, October 18, 2018 1:00 PM

End: Thursday, October 18, 2018 2:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Timmons, Mollie (OASG)

Required Attendees: Williams, Beth A (OLP); Hall, Jeffrey (OASG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG); Lichter, Jennifer (OLP); Wood, Jeffrey (ENRD); Hunt, Jody (CIV); Gore, John (CRT); Engel, Steven A. (OLC); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Mooppan, Hashim (CIV); Mokha, Harpreet S. (CRS); NealyCox, Erin (USATXN); Grant, Eric (ENRD)

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Optional Attendees: Forrester, Nate (OLC)

Williams, Beth A (OLP)

From: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP); Panuccio, Jesse (OASG); Hall, Jeffrey (OASG); Tucker, Rachael (OAG)
Cc: Timmons, Mollie (OASG)
Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Task Force

I think so. I don't know if others have thoughts.

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From: Hall, Jeffrey (OASG)
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To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Subject: RE: LDS TPs
Attachments: RL TPs for AG_10.3.18.docx

Here you go!

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Jennie - when can we expect the TPs? It would be good to have by 4 pm today.

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