## Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) Tuesday, December 11, 2018 2:51 PM Sent: To: Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA) Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) Subject: RE: Issue Paper Update Attachments: OLA Briefing Paper\_Religious Liberty\_12.10.18\_clean.docx Dorothy, here is our revised religious liberty briefing paper. Please let me know if you need anything else on this one. Thanks! Jennie From: Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA) <dwhildabrand@jmd.usdoj.gov> Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 5:53 PM To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> Subject: RE: Issue Paper Update Does that help? Thanks, Dorothy From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 5:42 PM To: Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA) < dwhildabrand@jmd.usdoj.gov> Subject: RE: Issue Paper Update

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:53 PM

To: Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA) < dwhildabrand@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Issue Paper Update

Hi Dorothy - (b) (5)

I assume the former would be most helpful but before I expand it considerably just want to have confirmation from you.

Thanks! Jennie

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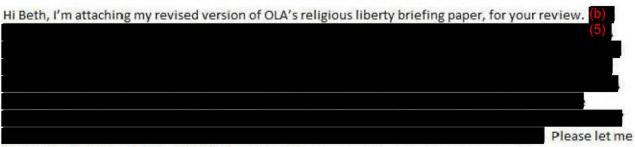
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:03 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: OLA issue briefer - religious liberty

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know if you have any edits or would like to discuss.

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Thanks! Jennie

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POC & DIRECT LINE: Jennie Lichter (202-514-4606)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 11:43 AM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: Letter for Beth's signature

Attachments: Response Letter (5) (5) .docx

Hi Val, could you please prepare the attached letter for Beth's signature?

Once she has signed, this can go back to OLA. It is workflow ID 4148211.

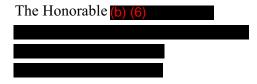
Thank you very much.

Jennie

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Dear Judg (b) (6),

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated October 31, 2018, recommending your law cler (b) (6) for a position on the Religious Liberty Task Force. Thank you for taking the time to brin (b) (6) interest in the Department's work, and your positive experience with him in your chambers, to our attention.

The Religious Liberty Task Force, which the Attorney General announced on July 30, 2018, will help the Department of Justice implement the Attorney General's religious liberty guidance, issued last October, by ensuring that all Department components are adhering to its principles in the cases they bring and defend, the arguments they make in court, the policies and regulations they adopt, and the conduct of their operations.

The Task Force will not be funded independently and is not currently planning to hire new staff. Instead, it will institutionalize and coordinate the religious liberty work already occurring across the Department. To the extent that it undertakes new projects or initiatives, that work will be part of the regular duties of the Task Force members and supporting staff who are drawn from participating Department components. In short, the Task Force has no open positions at this time, so we will unfortunately be unable to entertain an application fro

Thank you for your letter, and for your service on the bench. (b) (6) is clearly fortunate to be serving in your chambers.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Williams Assistant Attorney General

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 10:02 AM

To: Steve Mcfarland - US

Subject: RE: Good to meet you last week

Thanks. Will call you then.

From: Steve Mcfarland - US <SMcFarla@WorldVision.org>

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 7:58 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Good to meet you last week

11 am is fine, 202 572-6337

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2018, at 9:05 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov > wrote:

Tomorrow works for me. Thank you! How about 11am? If that doesn't work, I'm happy to work around your schedule.

Jennie

From: Steve Mcfarland - US <SMcFarla@WorldVision.org>

Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 4:20 PM

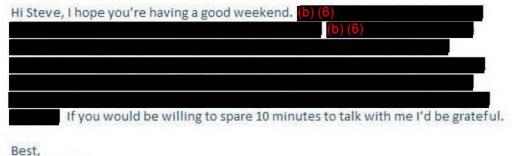
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Good to meet you last week

Sure, Jennie. Happy to. Tomorrow would be better for me as we are headed out for back to back Christmas parties. What time works for you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov > wrote:



Jennie Lichter

From: Steve Mcfarland - US <SMcFarla@WorldVision.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:51 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Good to meet you last week

#### Jennie:

The honor was mine. Thank you for soliciting our views and for listening so patiently. I am indeed grateful that people of your caliber and heart are in DOJ at such a critical time.

Please do not hesitate to let me know how I can support your work on behalf of religious liberty.

Gratefully,

Steven T. McFarland
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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) [mailto:Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 11:49 AM

To: Steve Mcfarland - US < SMcFarla@WorldVision.org>

Subject: Good to meet you last week

#### Steve,

It was very good to meet you last week during our listening session at the DOJ. I'd heard your name (all good things!) in the past from (b) (6) and others who till the same soil, and I'm glad to have connected. Thank you for the thoughts you shared with us and for the good work that you do.

I look forward to crossing paths again. Please feel free to be in touch at any time.

Best, Jennie Lichter

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 5:20 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: Re: Draft Response Letter re Recommendation for TF STaff

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2018, at 5:01 PM, Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks, Jennie. I just gave some minor edits to Katie.

#### Beth A. Williams

Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Policy U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530 Office: (202) 514-4601

#### (b)(6)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:26 AM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6)

Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Draft Response Letter re Recommendation for TF STaff

Hi Beth, I'm attaching a draft response letter to a letter of recommendation that came in from a judge who is recommending one of her law clerks for a position on the religious liberty task force.

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Happy to make any edits.

Thanks! Jennie

#### Hart, Jessica E. (OLA)

From: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA)

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:50 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: RE: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

#### Thanks!

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:50 AM

To: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < jehart@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Ok – thanks for the follow-up. I'll finalize a draft and let Beth take a look, and will have it to you all before long.

From: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < jehart@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:50 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Hey Jennie,

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I think just draft your own at this point so we can keep it moving.

Thanks for doing this!

Jessica

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < jehart@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Jessica, any luck on the "letter of recommendation" language or should I just draft my own at this point? Just want to keep this letter moving one way or another. Thanks very much.

Jennie

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < jehart@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Sounds good! Thanks.

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From: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < <u>jenart@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
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Hey Jennie,

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and get back to you.

Thanks for putting the letter together.

Jessica

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 11:02 PM
To: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA) < jehart@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Response to Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Hi Jessica – I've drafted a short response to the recommendation letter that (b) (6) (b) (6) sent to the AG recommending one of her law clerks for a position on the religious liberty task force. (b) (5)

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Thanks! Hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

Jennie

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) < kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:43 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Subject: FW: Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Not urgent, but let's discuss on Monday.

Katie Crytzer Chief of Staff

Office of Legal Policy U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20530 Office: (202) 353-3069

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Katherine Crytzer2@usdoj.gov

From: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA)

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:13 PM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Letter from Honorable(b) (6)

Hey Katie,

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I can send the originals to you all through ExecSec. Who would it go to in your office to work on the response?

Thanks, Jessica

## Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 2:10 PM

Cc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Bcc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

**Subject:** Candidate Religious Task Force

Attachments: The Honorabl (b) (6) .rtf; Candidate Reglious Task Force.pdf

#### Good afternoon

Please prepare a response letter to The Honorabl (6)

#### Thank you.

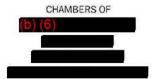
#### Valorie Davis

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Telephone: 202-514-4601

## United States Court of Federal Claims

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October 31, 2018

By Hand Delivery and E-mail

The Honorable Jeff Sessions Attorney General of the United States United States Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: (b) (6) — Candidate For The Religious Liberty Task Force

Dear: Attorney General Sessions

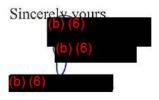
One of my current law clerks, (b) (6), is interested in working on the Religious Liberty Task Force at the end of his clerkship in August 2018.



The Honorable Jeff Sessions October 31, 2018 Page 2



I recommend that you take a close look at [6]. Not only does he have strong analytical and writing skills, but his positive attitude and professionalism will be a great contribution to the Task Force. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.



Enclosure: (b) (6) Resume

#### Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA)

From: Hildabrand, Dorothy W. (OLA)

Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 2:11 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Subject: Religious liberty letter

Attachments: 2018-12-3 Importance of religious liberty and the standard for deciding ....pdf

Hi Jennie,

This religious liberty letter went out today. I'll try to send all the religious liberty letters your way when we actually send them.

Thanks,

Dorothy

Dorothy Hildabrand Attorney Office of Legislative Affairs U.S. Department of Justice

Phone: 202-305-7851

Email: Dorothy W. Hildabrand@usdoi.gov



## U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John Cornyn United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated September 17, 2018, regarding the importance of religious liberty and the standard for deciding petitions for asylum based on claims of religious persecution.

The Department of Justice (Department) shares your commitment to religious freedom. As James Madison explained in his Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments, the free exercise of religion "is in its nature an unalienable right" because the duty owed to one's Creator "is precedent, both in order of time and in degree of obligation, to the claims of Civil Society." The Department counts it a privilege to defend and protect our first freedom.

As you mentioned in your letter, soon after taking office, President Trump issued an Executive Order on *Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty*. In it, he directed the Attorney General to issue legal guidance for all executive agencies on how to apply existing religious liberty protections in federal law. The Attorney General issued that guidance last October, and it sets out 20 fundamental principles for the Executive Branch to follow. The Department has been working to promote those principles and looks forward to expanding our efforts through the Religious Liberty Task Force, announced by the Attorney General in July. The Task Force will help the Department fully implement the Attorney General's religious liberty guidance by ensuring that all Department components are upholding that guidance in the cases they bring and defend, the arguments they make in court, the policies and regulations they adopt, and the conduct of their operations.

The Department also shares your concern for persecuted people of faith around the globe. We are committed to ensuring that aliens with valid claims to asylum based on religious persecution receive benefits to which they are entitled. We are equally committed to ensuring that asylum is granted even-handedly and consistently with our laws, so that meritless or fraudulent claims are recognized as such. Rule-of-law values and fairness to all asylum applicants require that we vigorously protect the integrity of the asylum system.

The Honorable John Cornyn Page Two

To assist them in identifying meritorious claims, all immigration judges receive mandatory annual training on religious persecution claims pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act. At this year's immigration judge conference—attended by immigration judges from across the country—the Department partnered with a group of international religious freedom experts to provide a special training session about religious asylum claims originating in China.

Thank you for raising this important issue, and thank you for your commitment to religious liberty. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

lineerely,

tephen E. Boyd

Assistant Attorney General

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 12:01 PM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: RE: Workflow 4148211 The Honorable (b) (6)

Thanks Val. I am working with OLA on this one and will have it finished soon.

Jennie

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP) <vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 10:37 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Workflow 4148211 The Honorable (b) (6)

Good morning Jennie,

Reminder: The following correspondence is due Thursday, December 6

The Honorable (b) (6)

Subject: Recommending (6) (6) for a position on the Religious Liberty Task Force.

#### Thank you.

Valevie Davis
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Room 4250
Washington, D.C. 20530

Telephone: 202-514-4601

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 2:26 PM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: Re: OLA response letter

Thanks for the reminder. I just spoke directly to Dorothy Hildabrand in OLA, who is the attorney handling the letter, and we have worked this out. Please let Shirley know that she doesn't need to worry about this anymore. Thanks again.

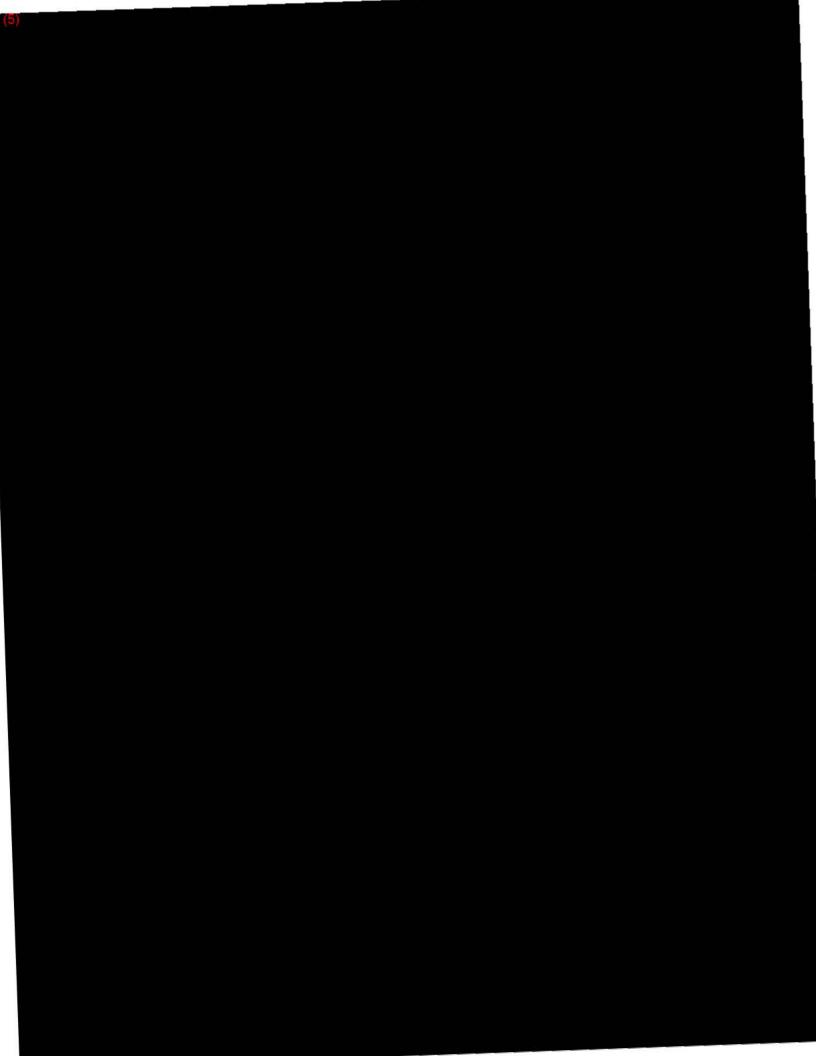
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On Nov 28, 2018, at 1:52 PM, Davis, Valorie A (OLP) < vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

#### Hi Jennie

We did submit this letter October 11, 2018 the letter you sent me earlier today was the second letter that was revised Shirley McKay (OLA) is asking who made the changes on the letter she assumed someone in OLA.





From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP) <a href="mailto:vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov">vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov</a>

Subject: RE: OLA response letter

Hi Val, (b) (5)

Did we submit this letter to OLA already? I don't

remember that.

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP) < vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < lichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: OLA response letter

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 11:52 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < lichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: OLA response letter

#### Hello Jennifer

OLA Shirley McKay is requesting who is the person in OLA suggested the changes to be made to the letter.

#### Thank you.

Valorie Davis

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Washington, D.C. 20530 Telephone: 202-514-4601

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 9:48 AM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP) < vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov > Subject: OLA response letter

Hi Val, could you please submit the attached draft response letter to OLA? It is workflow ID number 4093419.

Thanks! Jennie

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Cell: (b) (6)

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#### Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:33 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: OLA response letter

Attachments: DOJ's Reglious Liberty Task Force - Nadler 11.28.docx

#### Hi Jennie

Shirley McKay is asking who advised the changes to the correspondence you forward to me this morning. I haven't forward the letter as of yet waiting for your reply regarding Shirley McKay question.

#### Thank you.

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP) <vadavis@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: OLA response letter

Hi Val, could you please submit the attached draft response letter to OLA? It is workflow ID number 4093419.

Thanks! Jennie

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#### Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 6:55 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: Re: OLP Weekly Report -- Updates By Wednesday Please

Thanks, Jennie.

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On Nov 21, 2018, at 4:00 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@imd.usdoi.gov > wrote:





From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:59 PM

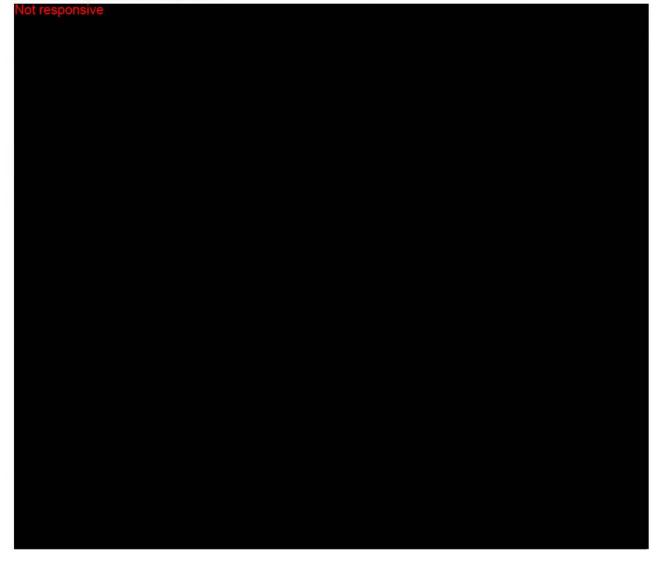
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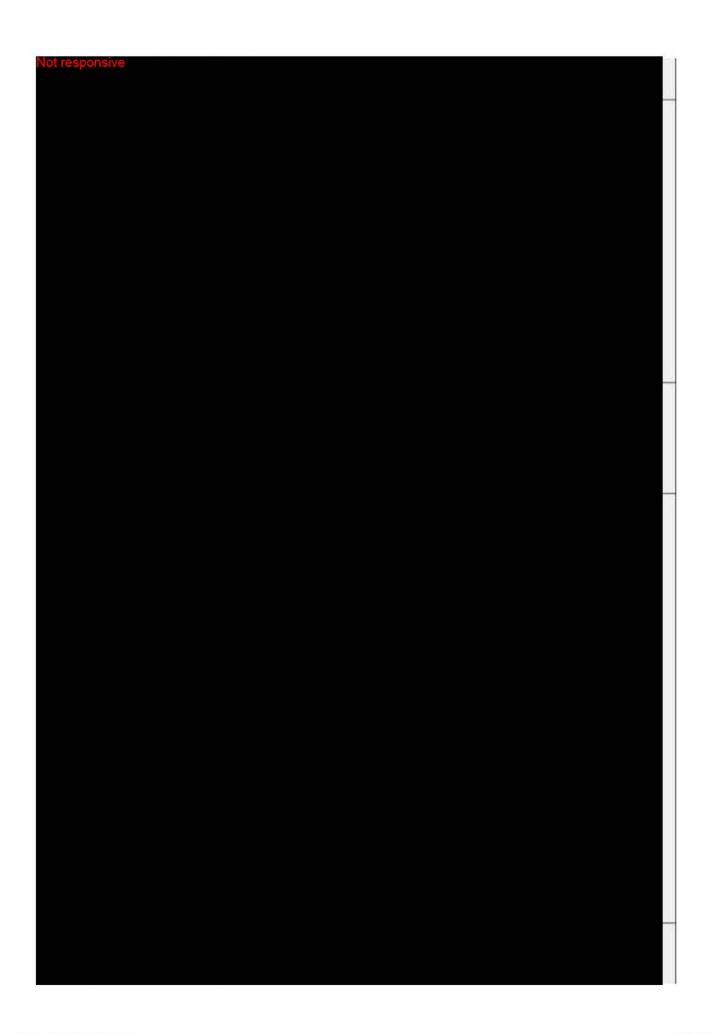
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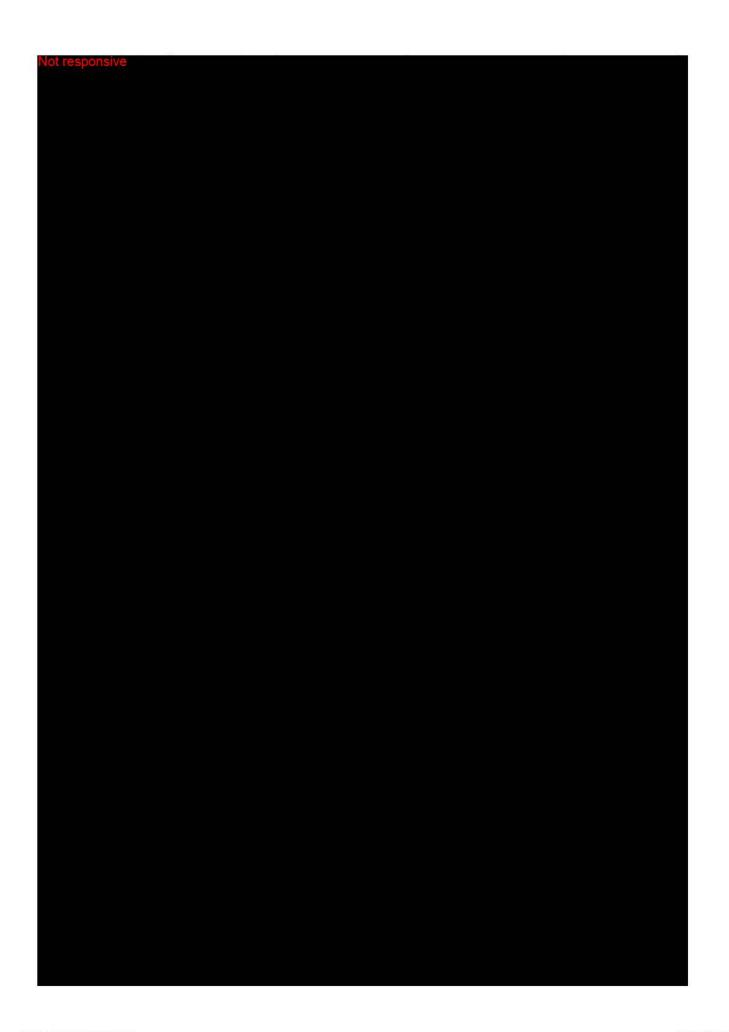
Attached and below is OLP's weekly report from last week. Given the Thanksgiving holiday, please provide your updates by 8:00 pm. Wednesday. Thank you.

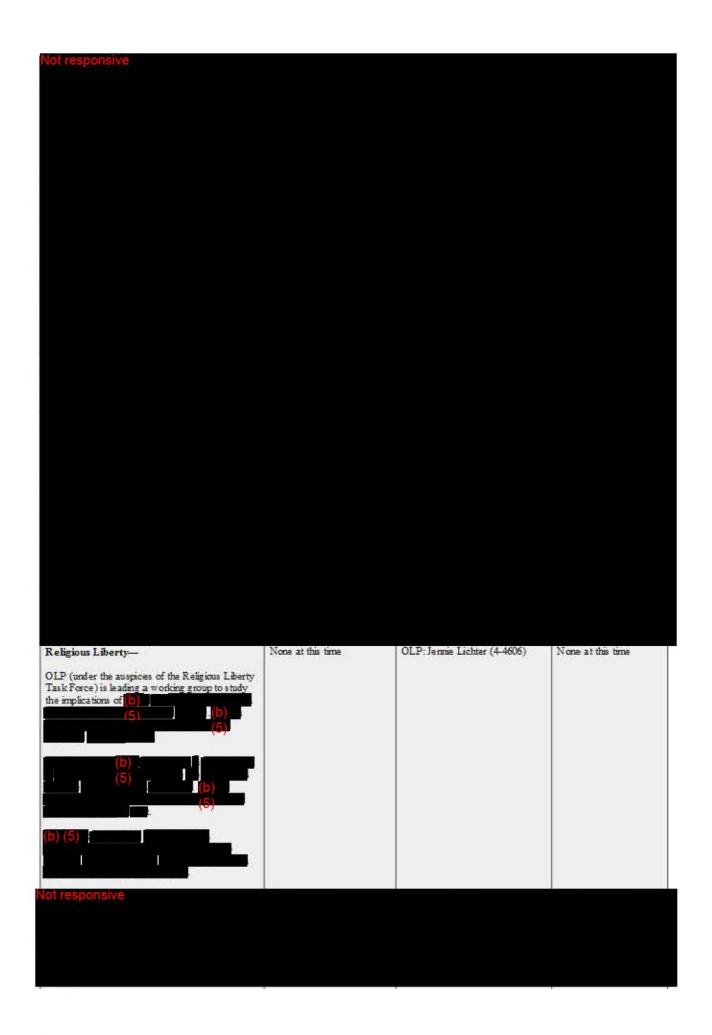
#### Katie

#### November 16, 2018 OLP Weekly Report















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### Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:51 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: The Honorable Jamie Raskin due date October 4

Attachments: The Honorable Jamie Raskin.rtf

Good morning Jennie

Please provide with the status of the overdue correspondence

Thank you.

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Telephone: 202-514-4601

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 10:15 AM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: Task Force response letter: Rep Nadler

Attachments: DOJ's Reglious Liberty Task Force - Nadler 11.14.docx

Hi Beth, I'm attaching a new version of the response letter to Rep. Nadler for your quick review. (5)

Jeff has promised me they will look at our draft response to Rep Raskin / the Congressional Freethought Caucus today, so that we can get caught up.

Thanks! Jennie

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Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 5:42 PM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: Re: Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

Yes. I think Val has already given me the exec sec hard copy of this one. (b) (5), (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2018, at 4:42 PM, Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) < kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov > wrote:

Not urgent, but let's discuss on Monday.

### b) (5)

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From: Hart, Jessica E. (OLA)

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:13 PM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) < kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Letter from Honorable (b) (6)

### Hey Katie,

(b)(5)

I can send the originals to you all through ExecSec. Who would it go to in your office to work on the response?

Thanks,

Jessica

<WF 4148211.pdf>

### Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 5:38 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Subject: RE: Weekly Report

Thanks, Jennie.

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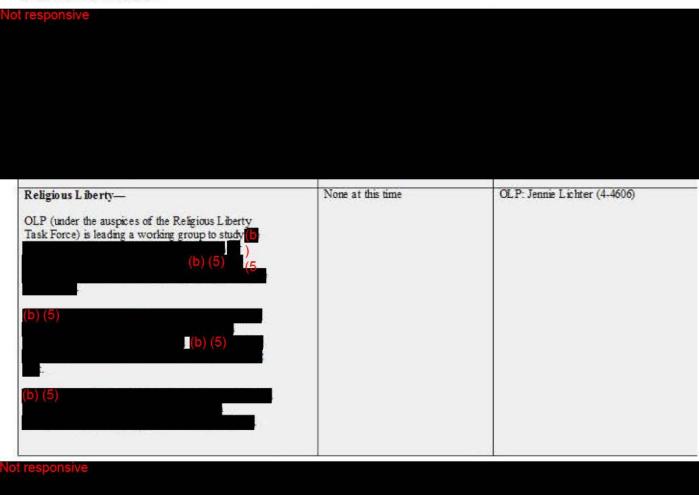
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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:49 PM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) < kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Weekly Report



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From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 1:10 PM

To: Antell, Kira M. (OLA) < kimantell@jmd.usdoj.gov >; Aslan, Erin (OLP) < easlan@jmd.usdoj.gov >; Champoux, Mark (OLP)

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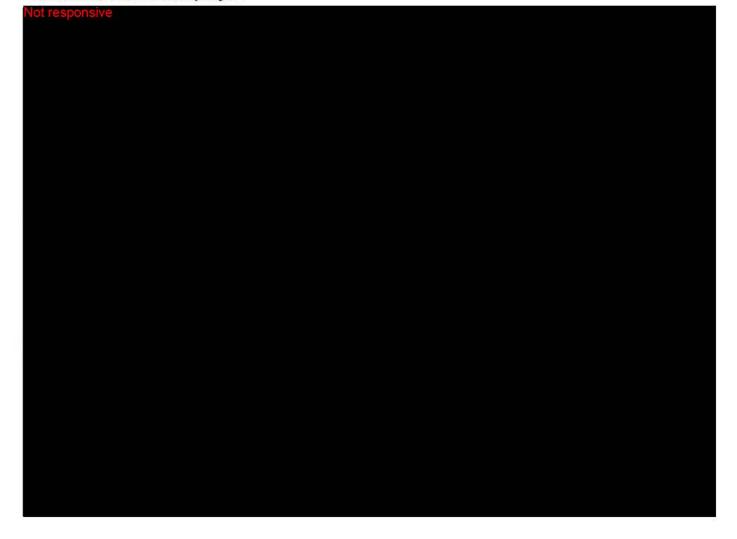
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Team.

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Katie

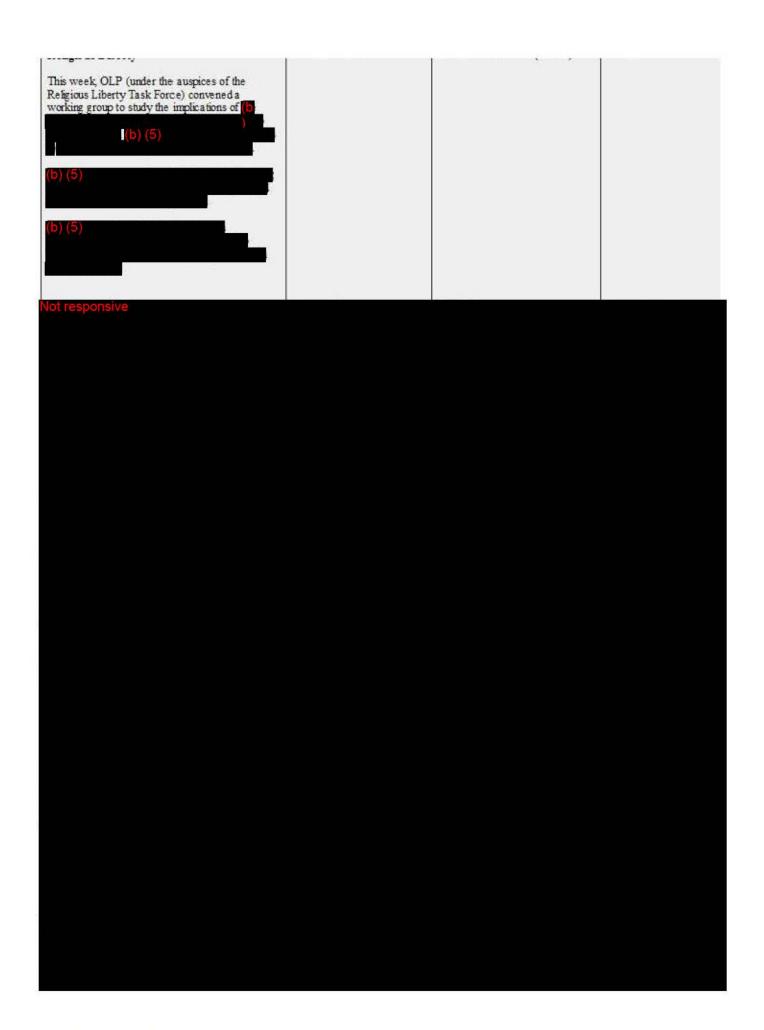
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#### Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 10:17 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Subject: Re: OLP Weekly Report

Thanks, Jennie!

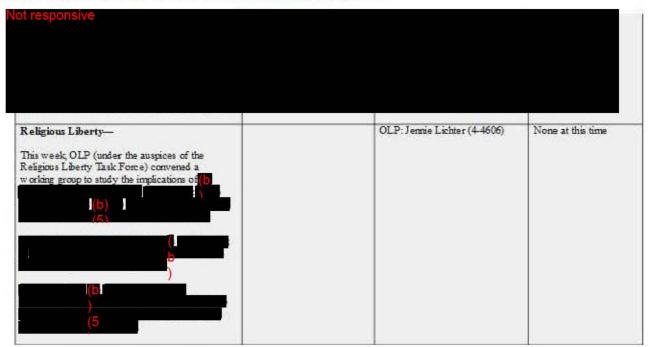
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On Nov 8, 2018, at 9:53 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@imd.usdoj.gov > wrote:



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From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent Thursday, November 8, 2018 5:16 PM

To: Pazur, Shannon (O LP) < spazur@imd.usdoj.gov>; Rothenberg, Laurence E (OLP) < frothenberg@imd.usdoj.gov>; Higginbotham, Ryan K (OLP) < rhigginbotham@imd.usdoj.gov>; Hudson, Andrew (OLP) < rhigginbotham@imd.usdoj.gov>; Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < flichter@imd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: OLP Weekly Report

Team,

Please send your weekly report updates as soon as possible. Thanks.

Katie

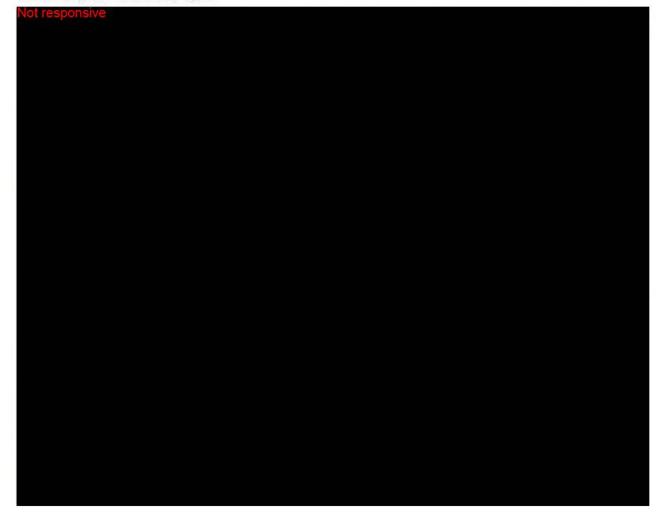
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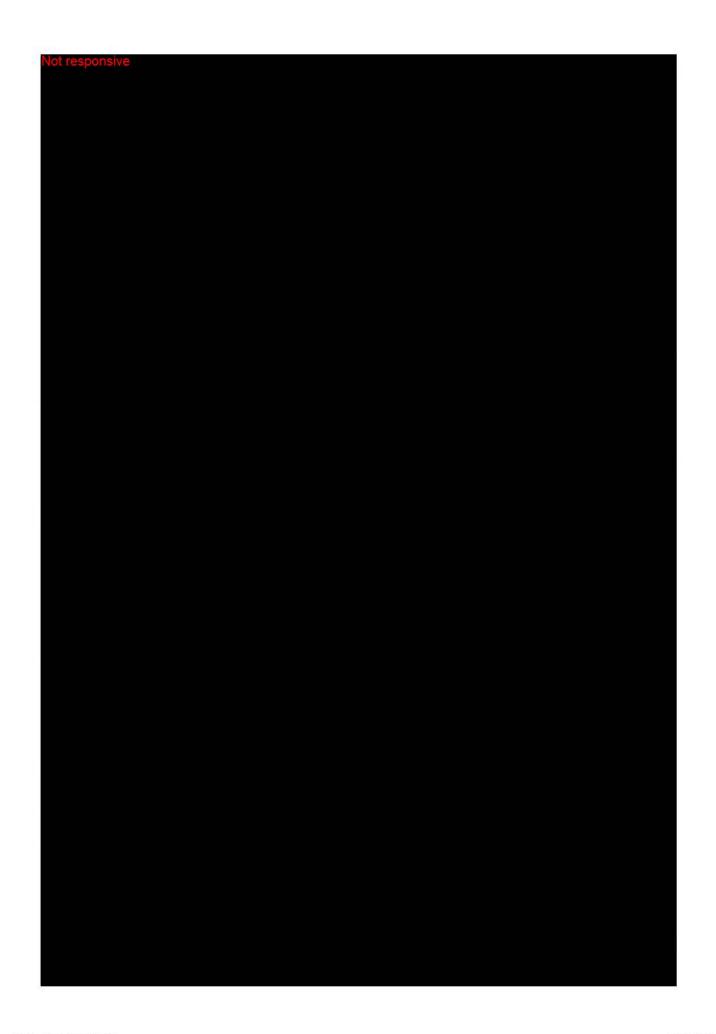
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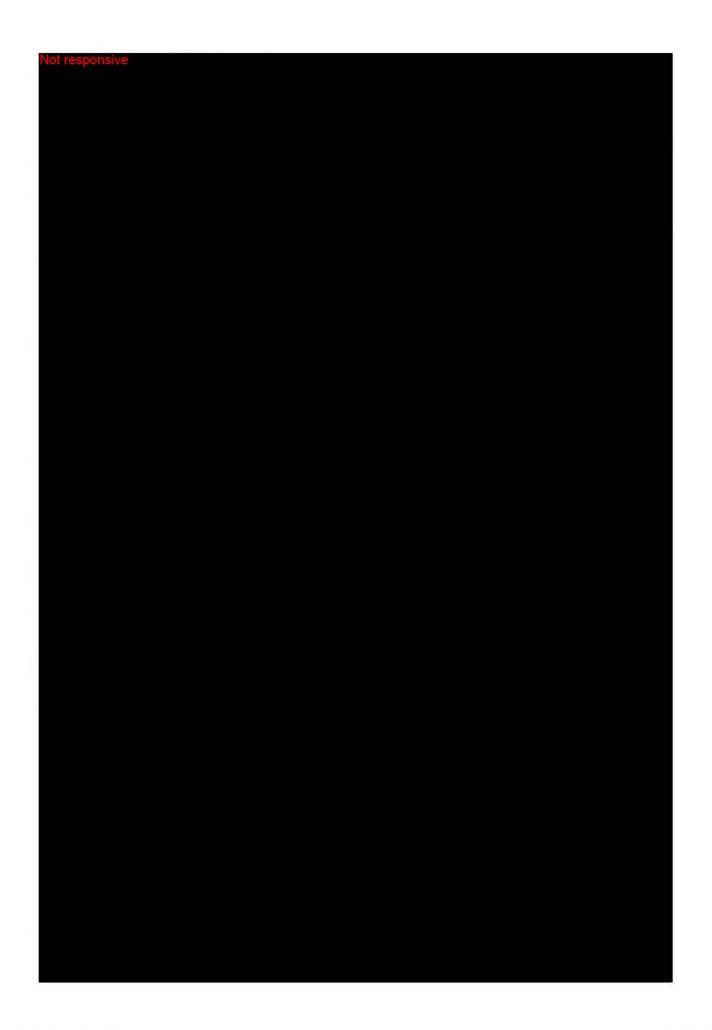
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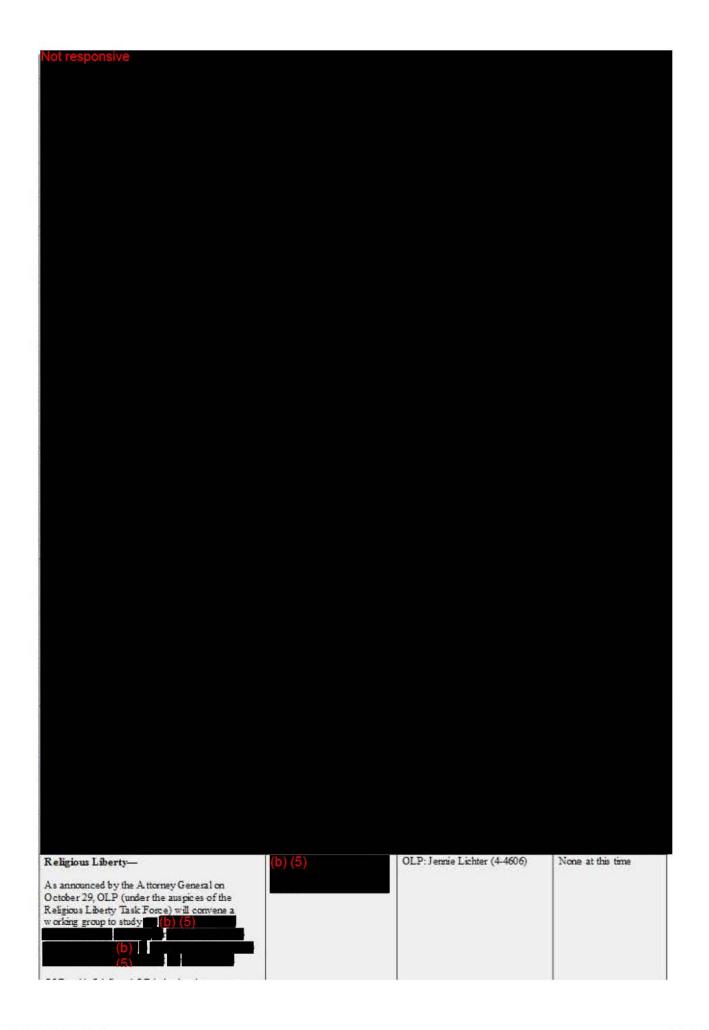
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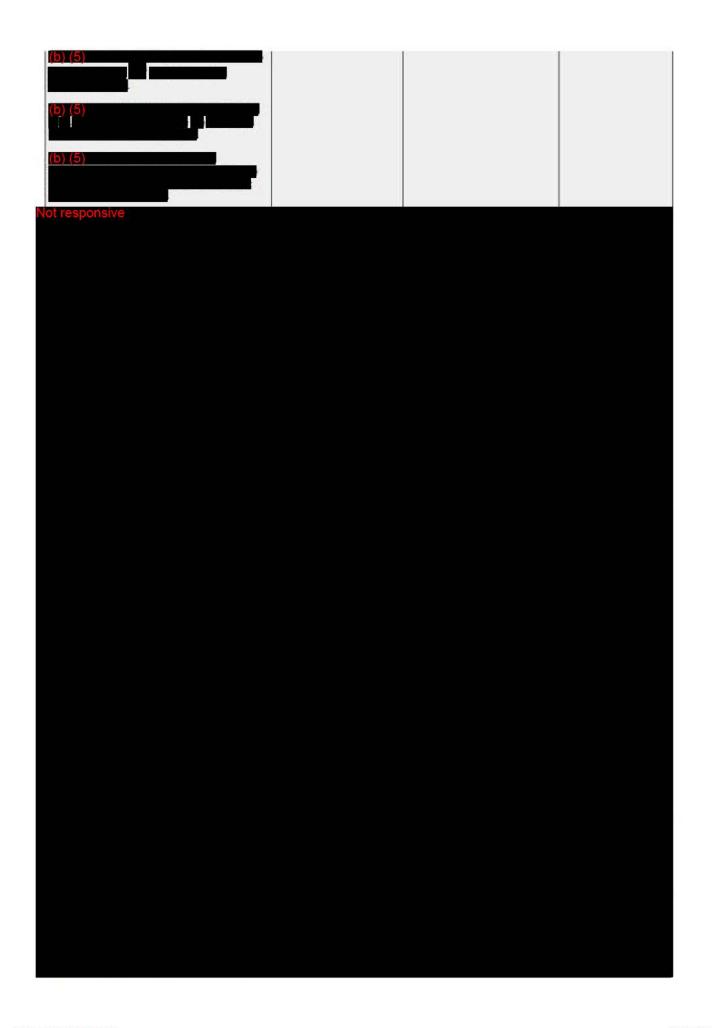
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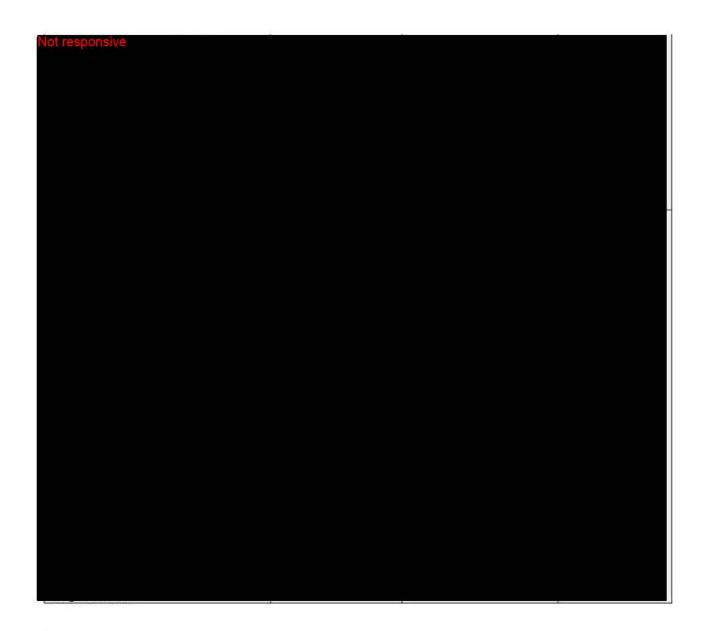












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**From:** Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 3:26 PM

**To:** Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: Task Update: Requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in

the religious liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use

and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIP (b) (6

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the religious liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000

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Start Date: Monday, September 10, 2018

Due Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018

Status: Completed Percent Complete: 100%

**Date Completed:** Friday, November 2, 2018

**Total Work:** 0 hours **Actual Work:** 0 hours

Owner: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Requested By: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Good morning Jennie,

Attached is an incoming correspondence from ES from The Honorable Louie Garment requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in the religious liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA (b) (6)

Please send a response by due date **September 20, 2018.** Thank

you

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### Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 8:35 AM

Cc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Bcc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

**Subject:** Requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in the religious

liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and

Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIP (b) (6

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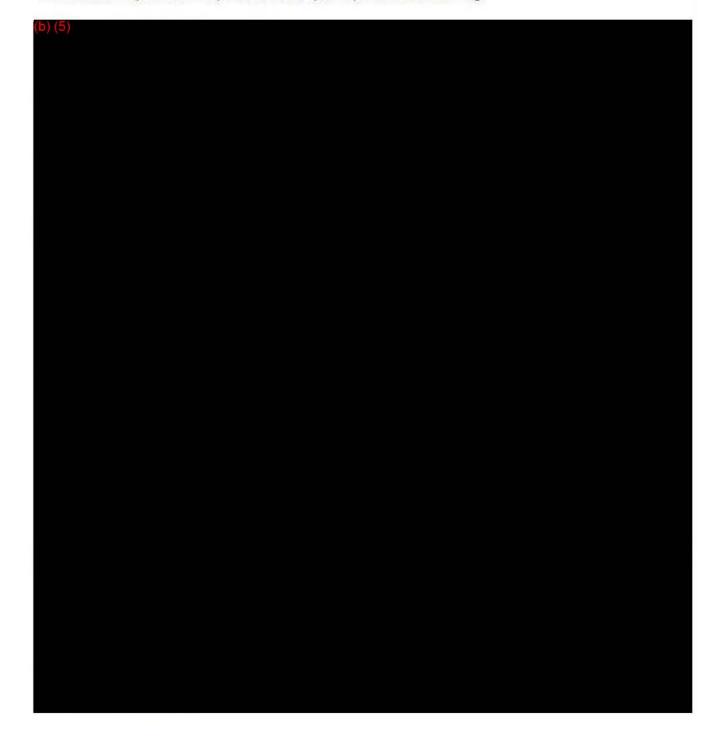
From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 2:33 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

### Good afternoon

This was the only document upload in the ES system you sent this morning.





## Thank you.

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# Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 2:12 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Subject: Response LetterCornyn

Attachments: Response LetterCornyn.docx

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 9:15 AM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: FW: Religious Persecution Service

Attachments: Religious Persecution Service.msg; Cornyn Letter.pdf; Response

Letter\_Cornyn.docx

Hi Val, the attached draft response is ready to go to OLA. Could you please upload it into the system?

Thanks! Jennie

## Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:37 PM

Cc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Bcc: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

**Subject:** Religious Persecution Service

Good afternoon Jennie

This correspondence is marked "EXPEDIATE"

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)

Meeting Status: No response required

Organizer: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

### McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:50 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

#### Great. Thanks, Jennie.

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:49 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) <srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) <pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

I think so! Let me check quickly with OAG and OPA.

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:47 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@imd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>ofescalona@imd.usdoj.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

### Could November 19th work for this event?

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:50 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>lichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Hi, guys-

Unfortunately, that week is a no-go for Senator Hatch. Is it possible to offer another date the next week?

Thanks, Suzanna

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:03 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) < <a href="mailto:srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov">srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> <a href="mailto:cc: Escalona, Prim F.">Cc: Escalona, Prim F.</a> (OLA) <a href="mailto:spfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov">spfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</a>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Perfect. Thank you for the follow-up.

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 8:37 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov > Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov >

Subject: Re: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Hi, Jennie-

I spoke with Hatch's staff yesterday, and they are going to get back to me once they've had a chance to review with the Senator. I'll ping them again this afternoon if I haven't heard from them.

Thanks, Suzanna

On Oct 23, 2018, at 11:00 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov > wrote:

Hi Suzanna, any luck today reaching the Hatch folks? I'd like to be able to let Beth know tomorrow if possible whether we have at least made initial contact.

Thanks again for your help.

Jennie

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 10:11 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Roger that. Thanks!

On Oct 22, 2018, at 9:59 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ok great, so maybe we'll have more options than I thought. Off the top of my head the only other date (besides Fed Soc) that we'd want to avoid is Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, when there will be another big religious liberty event in town.

Thanks again to both of you. Looking forward to hearing what you find out tomorrow.

Jennie

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:54 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) <srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Lichter, Jennifer

(OLP) <ili>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Thanks, Jennie. We expect them to be in town for several weeks in November to

figure out the CR situation at least. I would guess that Senator Hatch may also attend Fed Soc, but that is just speculation on my part. We will see what we can find out and get back to you asap so that you can firm up some plans.

Suzanna – I know Hatch's judiciary staffer. Let's talk in the morning, and I can let him know about the invite as well.

Thanks! Prim

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:50 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Hi, guys-

I will reach out to his office first thing tomorrow and let you know what I find out.

Thanks, Suzanna

On Oct 22, 2018, at 9:47 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@imd.usdoj.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks for the quick reply. Yes, will be here at Main – we think in the Great Hall, although I wouldn't promise that yet. We will likely have one other speaker or panel, (b) (5)

If you think it would be appropriate, it would be helpful if you could feel out his schedule – for Nov 13/14 and for any other dates in November that he will be in town and available. (Someone told me the other day that the Senate is not in session very much next month so we are guessing he might have only a handful of dates that could work.)

Jennie

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:43 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) <<u>srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Jennie

Thank you for reaching out. This sounds great. Yes, OLA needs to handle the outreach, and we are happy to help with that invitation! I assume that it will be at Main? Do you want us to see what his school us looks like an the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> along with gauging interest.

or do you want to nail down a date first?

Thanks, Prim

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:34 PM

To: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) 
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Subject: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Prim, the Religious Liberty Task Force is planning to put together an event commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RFRA's passage. (OLP + OAG will be leads on this.) (b) (5)

We do not have a specific date nailed down yet but the anniversary is November 16, and we'd like to stay relatively close to that date while avoiding a conflict with the Fed Soc convention. Nov 13/14 seem like likely candidates, but again, there is some flex there. At this point though we'd like to reach out to Senator Hatch, both to gauge his interest and to get a sense for his availability next month. Would you prefer for someone in OLA to make the first contact with his office, or are you comfortable with me reaching out directly?

Thanks – Jennie

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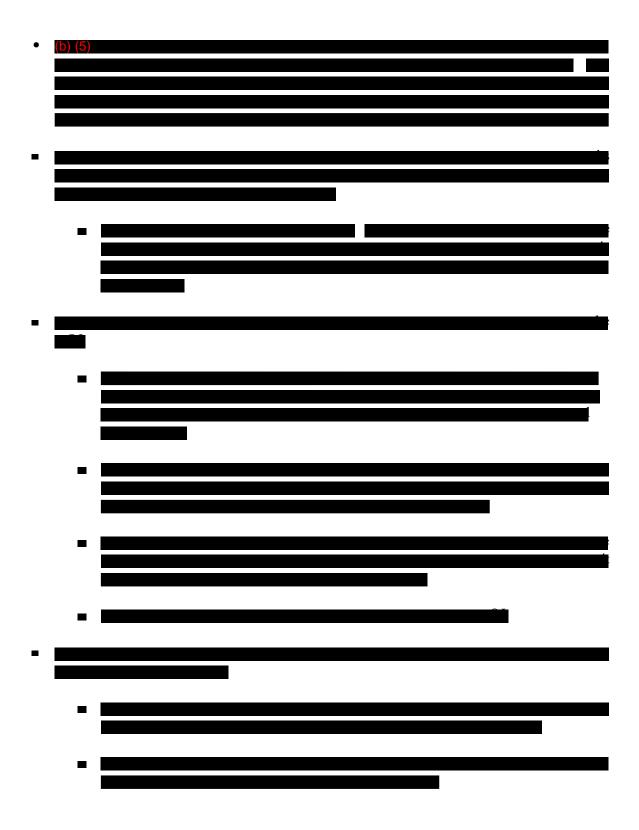
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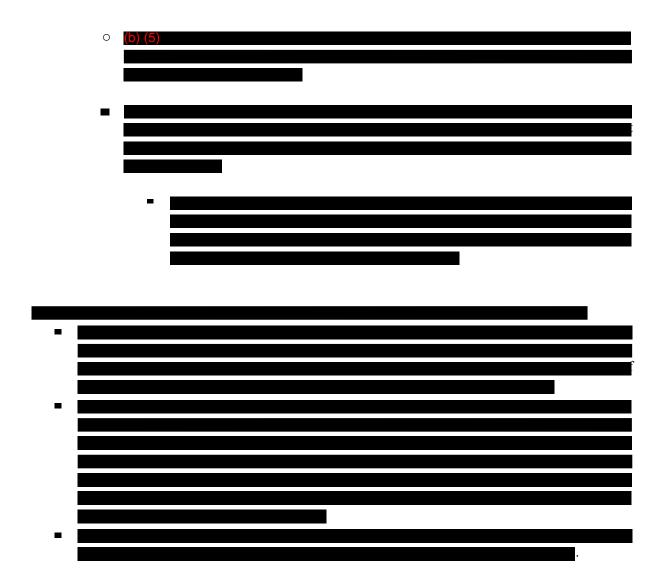
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## DRAFT | PREDECISIONAL AND DELIBERATIVE



From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:39 AM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: OLA response letter

Attachments: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country.msg; Response Letter\_Clore.BGAV.docx

Hi Val, the attached draft response is ready to go back to OLA. Can you please submit it?

Thanks! Jennie

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:59 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this country

Hi Jennie

This correspondence was tasked to you this week.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 1:17 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Thanks. Yes. Is he interested in the event as a general matter? If so, we're willing to work around his schedule. Could you please ask them to let us know any dates in November that would work for him? It would be helpful to have at least a few possibilities so that we can cross check Great Hall and AG calendars. (In the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> I think we wouldn't want to get too close to Thanksgiving, since we'd risk low attendance numbers, but that Monday or maybe that Tuesday would be ok.)

Jennie

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:50 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) cpfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Hi, guys-

Unfortunately, that week is a no-go for Senator Hatch. Is it possible to offer another date the next week?

Thanks, Suzanna

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:03 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) < <a href="mailto:srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov">srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Perfect. Thank you for the follow-up.

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA)

Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 8:37 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>

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Thanks, Suzanna

On Oct 23, 2018, at 11:00 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Suzanna, any luck today reaching the Hatch folks? I'd like to be able to let Beth know tomorrow if possible whether we have at least made initial contact.

Thanks again for your help.

Jennie

From: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 10:11 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA) < <u>pfescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Roger that. Thanks!

On Oct 22, 2018, at 9:59 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ok great, so maybe we'll have more options than I thought. Off the top of my head the only other date (besides Fed Soc) that we'd want to avoid is Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, when there will be another big religious liberty event in town.

Thanks again to both of you. Looking forward to hearing what you find out tomorrow.

Jennie

From: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 9:54 PM

To: McKinney, Suzanna R. (OLA) <srmckinney@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Lichter, Jennifer

(OLP) <ili>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

Thanks, Jennie. We expect them to be in town for several weeks in November to figure out the CR situation at least. I would guess that Senator Hatch may also attend Fed Soc, but that is just speculation on my part. We will see what we can find out and get back to you asap so that you can firm up some plans.

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Thanks – Jennie

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 5:56 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: OLA response letter: Congressional Freethought Caucus

Attachments: Religious Liberty Task Force.msg; Response Letter\_Raskin.docx

Beth, here is another response to a letter about the task force. This one is from the Congressional Freethought Caucus. (b) (5)



Please let me know if you have any edits. Thank you!

Jennie

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:28 PM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Task Force

### Working on this - thanks.

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 3:52 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Religious Liberty Task Force

Good afternoon

STATUS: Attached overdue correspondence "Religious Liberty Task Force" October 6.

### Thank you.

### Valorie Davis

Office of Legal Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Room 4250

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:28 PM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: RE: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious

liberty task force

OLA has seen this one; it is under review in the Associate's office.

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 3:57 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious liberty task force

Good afternoon:

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STATUS: The attached "Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the Religious Liberty Task Force" past due September 7, 2018.

### Thank you.

### Valorie Davis

Office of Legal Policy U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4250

### Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:01 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country

Attachments: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country.msg

### Good afternoon

Please provide status the attached "Expressing Support for the AG's efforts to Protect Religious Liberty in this Country" past due September 20.

### Thank you.

### Valorie Davis

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### Thank you.

### Valorie Davis

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 4:07 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

**Subject:** Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious

liberty task force

Attachments: Commending AG to protect religious liberity through the creation of the Reglious

Liberty Task Force.pdf; The Honorable Doug Lamborn rtf.rtf

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# Congress of the United States

# House of Representatives Washinaton, **DC** 20515—0605

August 30, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

I commend the actions you have undertaken as Attorney General to protect religious liberty through the creation of the Religious Liberty Task Force.

Freedom of religion and the ability to express one's religious beliefs have been a core American principle since our nation's founding. All Americans have the First Amendment right to speak and peacefully live consistently with their religious convictions. However, these liberties are under assault. As you have previously stated, "A dangerous movement, undetected by many, is now challenging and eroding our great tradition of religious freedom. There can be no doubt. This is no little matter. It must be confronted and defeated." And nowhere is the assault on religious freedom more pervasive then at the Colorado Civil Rights Commission through their selective application of the law, using it to target viewpoints that contradict their own personal beliefs.

For over six years now, the Colorado Civil Rights Commission has been on a crusade against Jack Phillips because its officials despise what he believes and how he practices his faith. After Phillips defended himself all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won, he thought Colorado's hostility towards his faith was over. Unfortunately, he was wrong. The Colorado Civil Rights Division has filed a Probable Cause determination in a new attack on Mr. Phillips and his business.

It is abundantly clear that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission is incapable of being fair and impartial to the people who are before them. It is imperative that the Department of Justice investigate the actions of Ms. Aubrey Elenis as the Director of the Colorado Civil Rights Division and to actively monitor the Colorado Civil Rights Commission for continued religious bias in violation of the U.S. Constitution. The Department of Justice cannot continue to allow a biased arbiter, who holds a near monopoly on anti-discrimination cases within the state, to continue to wage a personal campaign against individuals they disagree with.

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The Department of Justice should have a substantial interest in ensuring that Colorado's public accommodation statutes, which share certain features with federal public accommodation laws, including Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000a *et seq.*, and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12181 *et seq.* are not applied to violate fundamental first amendment freedoms, including freedom of religion. Indeed, you have said the Department of Justice must also protect people of faith from unjust discrimination.

For nearly 25 years, Jack Phillips has owned and operated Masterpiece Cakeshop, Inc. (Masterpiece), a Colorado bakery that creates and sells custom cakes and other baked goods. Mr. Phillips is a Christian who seeks to incorporate his religious principles into all facets of his business. For example, he closes Masterpiece on Sundays, refuses to sell goods containing alcohol, and chooses not to create or sell goods relating to Halloween. Mr. Phillips also believes that he must honor God through the creative aspects of his business, including the design and creation of custom cakes. Mr. Phillips views the creation of custom cakes as a form of art, to which he devotes his creativity and artistic talents.

Both Mr. Phillips and Masterpiece serve everyone. All people – no matter who they are, what they believe, or what protected class they belong to – are welcome in Mr. Phillips' shop and may purchase anything available for sale. But as a devout Christian, Mr. Phillips cannot create custom cakes that express messages or that celebrate events in conflict with his deeply held religious beliefs.

Mr. Phillips was first targeted by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission when he declined to create a custom wedding cake celebrating a view of marriage that conflicts with his faith's teachings. The Colorado Civil Right Commission punished Mr. Phillips, while allowing other cake artists to refuse to create cakes with messages they deem objectionable, simply because their ideology aligned with the Commission's. State officials went so far as to publicly compare Mr. Phillips's religious exercise to the defense of slavery and the Holocaust.

To punish Mr. Phillips, the Colorado Civil Rights Commission mandated that he implement comprehensive staff reeducation to teach him and his employees that it is wrong for him to operate his business according to his faith. The state also ordered him to either violate his religious beliefs or shut down his custom cake business. Because Mr. Phillips could not turn his back on his faith, he was forced to give up that part of his work, which cost him and his family 40% of their income and caused more than half of his employees to lose their jobs.

After six grueling years, Mr. Phillips was vindicated by the Supreme Court in a 7-to-2 decision, bolstered by an amicus brief from the Department of Justice. The ruling declared that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission acted with "clear and impermissible hostility toward [his] sincere religious beliefs," *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. V Colo. Civil Rights Comm'n,* 138 S. Ct. 1719, 1729 (2018). The Supreme Court held that the Commission manifested its anti-religious hostility by disparaging Mr. Phillips' religion, "describing it as despicable," and enforcing a double standard that harshly punished Mr. Phillips while exonerating other cake artists who similarly decline requests for cakes with messages they deem offensive.

And what has the Colorado Civil Rights Commission done to remedy what the U.S. Supreme Court called its "impermissible religious hostility"? Absolutely nothing. Instead, less than one month after the *Masterpiece* decision, state officials targeted the very same individual in retaliation for fighting against the Commission's abject hostility towards his religious beliefs.

In June of 2017, the very day that the Supreme Court decided to hear *Masterpiece*, a local attorney asked Jack to design a custom pink-and-blue cake to celebrate their gender transition, a request that Jack politely declined because the cake's artistic messages clearly conflicted with his deeply held Christian beliefs. In moving forward with this new case, the Colorado Civil Rights Commission is yet again confirming that it applies the law in an arbitrary and unequal way, which the Supreme Court has already said it cannot do.

No one should be bullied or banished from the marketplace simply because their beliefs don't line up with the government-favored viewpoint.

We are stronger as a nation because of the societal contribution of religious Americans like Jack Phillips. Mr. Phillips and other creative professionals should not be targeted by the government for living consistently with their deeply held beliefs just because an agency director or the government doesn't like those beliefs.

Religious freedom is critical to maintaining a free society, and it must be defended. The U.S. Constitution stands as a bulwark against state officials, like Ms. Elenis and the Civil Rights Commissioners, who target individuals and seek to ruin their livelihoods because of the government's anti-religious animus. I am asking the Department of Justice to protect the rights of religious Coloradans by ensuring that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission cannot continue its harassment of people of faith in my home state and its attempts to violate their first amendment freedoms.

Thank you for your attention and careful consideration of this request.

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Doug Lamborn Member of Congress

CC: Jesse Panuccio

Acting Associate Attorney General

Beth Williams

Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy

Aubrey Elenis

Director of the Colorado Civil Rights Division

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Cc: Escalona, Prim F. (OLA)

Subject: RE: Invite to Senator Hatch for RFRA 25th anniversary event

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 2:51 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: Draft response letter - for review

Attachments: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country.msg; Response Letter\_Clore.BGAV.docx

Beth, here is another draft response letter for your review on religious liberty. (b) (5)

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Happy to make any edits. Thanks!

Jennie

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 9:59 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this country

Hi Jennie

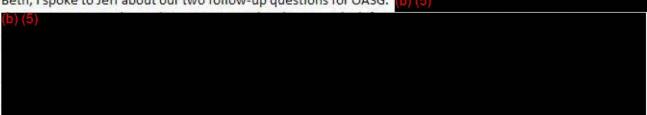
This correspondence was tasked to you this week.

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 12:20 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) Subject: faith groups + TF meeting

Beth, I spoke to Jeff about our two follow-up questions for OASG.



It sounds like they may stop by your office a couple of minutes before the meeting to touch base on what you will cover and what Jesse will cover. I will let you know when Jeff confirms that.

The list of groups that attended the listening sessions surrounding the summit is below.

Jennie

Interfaith Alliance

**Baptist Joint Committee** 

ACLU religion project

Muslim Advocates

Anti-Defamation League

Muslim Public Affairs Council

Sikh Coalition

Agudath Israel

Jewish Federation of North America

Orthodox Union

American Jewish Committee

Coalition for Jewish Values

ADF

Liberty Counsel

Becket

First Liberty

ACL

Christian Legal Society

Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance

DeVos Center, Heritage

Christian Medical and Dental Association

Seventh-day Adventists

National Association of Evangelicals

LDS Church

Orthodox Union

Catholic Conference

First Amendment Partnership
Faith and Freedom Coalition
Southern Baptist Convention
Navigators
Association of Christian Colleges and Universities
Knights of Columbus
Focus on the Family
Family Research Council
World Vision

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### Williams, Beth A (OLP)

From: Williams, Beth A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:15 PM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP); Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP); Champoux, Mark (OLP)

Subject: RE: Religious Liberty Case FYSA

### Thanks Drew

### Beth A. Williams

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I'll make sure y'all get the press release once the USAO sends it out today about the sentencing.

https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/jury-convicts-perez-hate-crime-burning-victoria-mosque

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:36 AM

Hudson, Andrew (OLP); Williams, Beth A (OLP) To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP); Champoux, Mark (OLP) Cc:

RE: Religious Liberty Case FYSA Subject:

Thanks for the heads-up! (6)(5)

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

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### Williams, Beth A (OLP)

From: Williams, Beth A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:24 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: Re: Task Force Meeting Agenda

Yes, thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2018, at 10:26 PM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sounds good. (b) (5

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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 9:49 PM

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Subject: Re: Task Force Meeting Agenda

Looks great, thanks Jennie. (b) (5)

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Beth, here is what I have so far for the agenda. I will send to Jeff momentarily for him to add material under litigation. Please let me know if you'd like any changes or additions, or if there's any other material I could put together for the meeting that would be helpful.

Thanks! Jennie

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 9:26 PM

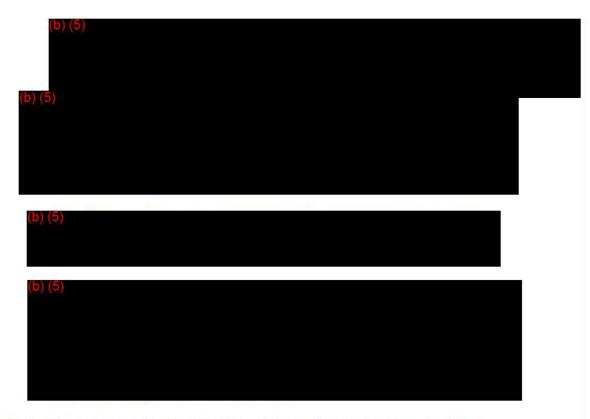
To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) (6)

Subject: Task Force Meeting Agenda

Hi Beth – Jeff Hall and I talked today about a proposed agenda for the task force meeting on Thursday. Please let me know if you have anything particular in mind in terms of what you want to accomplish at this meeting. (b) (5)

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Rachael let me know today that the AG has a lunch scheduled on Thursday to last until 2pm, so with the earlier time slot he will not be able to stop by our meeting.



Happy to meet to talk about this tomorrow if you'd like.

Thanks! Jennie

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 9:30 PM

To: Hankey, Mary Blanche (OLA)

Subject: question re letter from Congressman requesting a third party meeting

Attachments: Requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in the religious

liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and

Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) (b) (6)

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### Hi Mary Blanche,

Beth received the attached letter last month from Rep Gohmert, requesting that she meet with a friend of his about a religious liberty issue. We scheduled that meeting but have run into a bit of a wrinkle on which we'd like OLA's input. Is there a good time tomorrow when I could give you a quick call or stop by your office to fill you in and ask your advice?

Many thanks. Jennie

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To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6)

Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in the religious liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA)

This is the OLA assignment of the Gohmert letter.

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 11:37 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Requesting a meeting with Rabbi Moshe Arya Vise who is an ally in the religious liberty realm to discuss the enforcement of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA)

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 4:45 PM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Subject: DRAFT letter re task force

Attachments: Response Letter\_Nadler\_10.10.docx

As we discussed.

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 4:02 PM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Subject: Fwd: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tom Gjelten < TGjelten@npr.org>
Date: October 15, 2018 at 3:24:40 PM EDT

To: "'jennifer.lichter@usdoj.gov'" <jennifer.lichter@usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

Jennie, I'm re-upping this request in case you didn't see it the first time. Thanks! Tom Gjelten

From: Tom Gjelten

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 4:40 PM

To: jennifer.lichter@usdoj.gov

Subject: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

Hello Jennifer,

After being away from NPR for most of the summer, I'm trying to catch up with stories I missed during my absence. Among them is the formation of the Religious Liberty Task Force. In the next week or so, I'll be working on that, and it would be good to meet and interview Beth Williams. I'm thinking that she, as the vice chair for policy, might be a better subject for me than Jesse Pannuccio.

Might you help arrange a face-to-face, on-the-record (on tape) interview for me? My contacts are below.

Many thanks,

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:33 PM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Co: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: response letter

Attachments: Response Letter\_Nadler\_10.10.docx

Hi Val, the attached letter is ready to go to OLA. Could you please upload it? The workflow ID is 4093419.

Thanks! Jennie

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### Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:44 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: RE: RL Interview Request T. Gjelten

I've got this info together so we can talk to Beth about this interview whenever is convenient now. Is there a time this afternoon or tomorrow on her schedule where we can chat with her for 5-10 minutes?

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:20 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: RL Interview Request T. Gjelten

Sounds great, thanks.

On Oct 10, 2018, at 10:13 AM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov > wrote:



From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:09 AM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP) <a href="mailto:ahudson@jmd.usdoj.gov">ahudson@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Cc: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <a href="mailto:jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov">jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</a>

Subject: RL Interview Request T. Gjelten

Drew.

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It would

be great to get the info today. Please feel free to work with/assign to an intern if the timing is tough. Thanks!

Tom Gjelten Correspondent, Religion and Belief NPR

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Katherine.Crytzer2@usdoj.gov

### Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:15 PM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)
Cc: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: RE: research on NPR religion correspondent

### Perfect. Thank you for your help!

From: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 12:53 PM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP) <a href="mailto:ahudson@jmd.usdoj.gov">
Cc: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jli>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: research on NPR religion correspondent

### Tom Gjelten:

From 2017, In Religious Freedom Debate, 2 American Values Clash https://www.npr.org/2017/02/28/517092031/in-religious-freedom-debate-2-american-values-clash

From 2015, Conservatives Call For 'Religious Freedom,' But For Whom? https://www.npr.org/2015/12/11/458969192/conservatives-call-for-religious-freedom-but-for-whom

Interview with Tom Gjelten and Greg Baylor (ADF) regarding Trump's Johnson Amendment Executive Order Promise

https://www.npr.org/2017/05/04/526838358/trump-order-would-relax-restrictions-on-political-activity-by-religious-groups

Christian Colleges Are Tangled In Their Own LGBT Policies https://www.npr.org/2018/03/27/591140811/christian-colleges-are-tangled-in-their-own-lgbt-policies

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 11:06 AM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < <a href="mailto:dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov">dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Cc: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <a href="mailto:jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov">jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Subject: Re: research on NPR religion correspondent

### Thank you.

On Oct 10, 2018, at 11:04 AM, Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) <a href="mailto:dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov">dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> wrote:

### NPR's coverage of the Religious Liberty Task Force

- NPR's Audie Cornish interviewed Emma Green, a reporter for The Atlantic.
- The interviewed focused on the meaning around the term "religious liberty."

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https://www.npr.org/2018/08/02/635047680/new-religious-liberty-task-force-highlightssessions-doj-priorities

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### Katherine

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:45 AM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < <a href="mailto:dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov">dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Cc: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <a href="mailto:jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov">jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Subject: Re: research on NPR religion correspondent

Perfect, thanks. (b) (5)

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On Oct 10, 2018, at 10:40 AM, Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) <a href="mailto:dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov">dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> wrote:

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:29 AM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov >; Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

<ahudson@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: research on NPR religion correspondent

### Thanks!

From: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:29 AM

To: Hudson, Andrew (OLP) <a href="mailto:hudson@jmd.usdoj.gov">ahudson@jmd.usdoj.gov</a>; Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

<jli>chter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: research on NPR religion correspondent

Yes. Will research this now!

From: Hudson, Andrew (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:28 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < <u>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Cc: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < <u>dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov</u>>
Subject: Re: research on NPR religion correspondent

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Thanks for doing this!

On Oct 10, 2018, at 10:25 AM, Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>ilichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

### wrote:

Hi Katherine, if you have the time today, (b) (5)
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Thanks! Jennie

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### Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:42 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country

Attachments: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country.msg

### Good morning

Please provide an extension on the attached overdue correspondence and state reason and how long is required. Thank you.

### Valorie Davis

Office of Legal Policy U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 4250

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:38 PM

To: Champoux, Mark (OLP)

Subject: RE: TPs

Attachments: RL TPs for AG\_10.3.18\_redline.docx

Yes, sorry. Here you go.

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TPs and I haven't seen them. But I'll forward you John's suggestions and, again, if you have additional thoughts feel free to let me know.

From: Champoux, Mark (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:32 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: TPs

I don't see any red highlighting. Is there a different version you meant to send?

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:13 PM

To: Champoux, Mark (OLP) <mchampoux@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: TPs

# See attached. (b) (5)

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Feel free to edit however you'd like. Thanks!

Jennie

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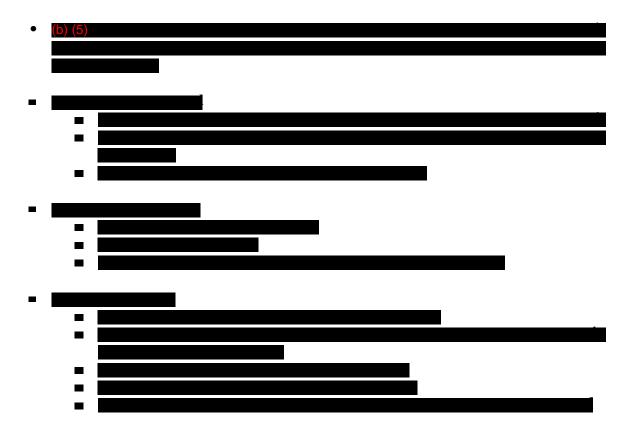
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# <u>Religious Liberty Talking Points for LDS Meeting – 10/3/18</u>

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## **Background on LDS Attendees**



### Champoux, Mark (OLP)

From: Champoux, Mark (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 2:01 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: RE: TPs

Attachments: RL TPs for AG\_10.3.18\_redline - MC.docx

Looks good. Here are my suggestions. (b)

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MC

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Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:38 PM

To: Champoux, Mark (OLP) <mchampoux@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: TPs

Yes, sorry. Here you go.

There is also meant to be another set of TPs, by the way. (b) (5)

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Jeff is handling those

TPs and I haven't seen them. But I'll forward you John's suggestions and, again, if you have additional thoughts feel free to let me know.

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From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:44 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious

liberty task force

Attachments: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious

liberty task force.msg

Good morning

The attached correspondence is past due 9/25/2018

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:40 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Religious Liberty Task Force
Attachments: Religious Liberty Task Force.msg

### Good morning

Please provide status on the attachment correspondence. If you need an extension. Please put reason in writing and how much days are required.

### Valorie Davis

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### Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 10:06 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: RE: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

Thanks, Jennie.

Katie Crytzer Chief of Staff

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:53 AM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

This is the most recent email I sent re NPR.

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 9:18 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6)

Cc: Hudson, Andrew (OLP) <a href="mailto:hudson@jmd.usdoj.gov">hudson@jmd.usdoj.gov</a> Subject: FW: Interview with Asst AG Beth Williams

Beth, I shared this invite with Drew and with Sarah as we'd discussed. (b) (5)

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This reporter left me a follow-up voicemail today but of course I haven't called him back. (b) (5) (5)

Jennie

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:48 AM

To: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Subject: RE: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious

liberty task force

Thanks! I have been in touch with OLA about all of these. I appreciate the reminder.

Jennie

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:44 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: FW: Commenting AG to protect religious liberty through Creation of the religious liberty task force

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Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:40 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country

Attachments: Expressing support for the AG's efforts to protect religious liberty in this

country.msg

Good morning

Reminder: The attached is due Tuesday, October 9

From: Davis, Valorie A (OLP)

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:39 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Subject: FW: Religious Liberty Task Force
Attachments: Religious Liberty Task Force.msg

### Good morning

Reminder: T Valorie Davis

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Washington, D.C. 20530 Telephone: 202-305-0072

he attached correspondence is due Friday, October 5.

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 2:47 PM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP)

Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: RE: TPs for AG's meeting with LDS Church

Attachments: RL TPs for AG\_10.3.18.docx

Beth, I checked with Brinton Lucas in CIV about (b) (5)

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Is this ok to send up to OAG?

From: Williams, Beth A (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 12:50 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP) <kcrytzer@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: TPs for AG's meeting with LDS Church

Thanks, Jennie. Looks good. (b) (5)

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## Beth A. Williams

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### (b) (6)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 11:54 AM

To: Williams, Beth A (OLP) (b) (6)

Subject: TPs for AG's meeting with LDS Church

Beth, here are proposed TPs per Patrick's request. (b) (5)

Please let me know if you'd like to make any changes before I send to Pat.

Thanks! Jennie

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Cell: (b) (6)

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:40 PM

To: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Subject: RE: TPs for AG's meeting with LDS Church

Attachments: RL TPs for AG\_10.3.18\_redline.docx

Attached. The redlines are changes I will probably make in the final, (b) (5)

From: Crytzer, Katherine (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:17 PM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov> Subject: RE: TPs for AG's meeting with LDS Church

Thanks, Jennie. Would you mind sending a copy of the TPs?

Katie Crytzer Chief of Staff

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Thanks! (D) (5)

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### Beth A. Williams

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 1:44 PM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)

Subject: RE: religious liberty materials
Attachments: RL TPs for AG\_10.3.18.docx

Finished product looks like this, FYI.

From: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 11:18 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) < jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: religious liberty materials

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From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 10:38 AM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: religious liberty materials

This looks great - thank you very much. (b) (5)

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From: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 9:34 AM

To: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP) <ili>jlichter@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: religious liberty materials

Here are the remarks. Let me know if you need any additional work on it, I did go with over inclusive so I can trim it down if needed.

### Thanks!

From: Lichter, Jennifer (OLP)

Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 5:43 PM

To: Beck, Dorothy K. (OLP) < dkbeck@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: religious liberty materials

So sorry for the delay! Have not had much time at my computer this afternoon. See attached task force memo.

And here are a couple of the AG speeches:

https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-department-justice-s-religious-liberty-summit

https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-delivers-remarks-alliance-defending-freedoms-summit

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