

OLA Weekly Report (August 29-September 2)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Carlos Felipe Uriarte, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for August 29 to September 2, 2022

Both the House and Senate are in recess. The Senate is scheduled to return September 6. The House is scheduled to return September 13.

The following is a summary of our current Congressional activities:

A. Hearings at Which the Department is Testifying

1. **War Crimes**: On Wednesday, September 28, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on accountability for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Eli Rosenbaum, the Justice Department Counselor for War Crimes Accountability, and Beth Van Schaack, the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, will testify.

B. Hearings of Interest to the Department

1. **Clean Air Act**: On Wednesday, September 7, the Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing to examine legislation related to the Clean Air Act, including:
 - S.2736 - Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act
 - S.1475 - Livestock Regulatory Protection Act
 - S.2661 - Smoke-Ready Communities Act
 - S.2421 - Smoke Planning and Research Act

C. Scheduled Briefings

1. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**: On Monday, August 29, Section Chief Craig Donnachie from the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group, Chris Hardee and Colin Ross from the National Security Division, and officials from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Aviation Administration will provide a semi-annual briefing on countering unmanned aircraft systems to staff for the Senate Judiciary, Homeland Security and

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Governmental Affairs, and Commerce, Science, and Transportation committees. OLA will participate in the briefings.

2. **National Incident Reporting Based System (NIBRS)**: On Tuesday, August 30, Amy Blasher, Assistant Section Chief of the Law Enforcement Support Section within the FBI, and Erica Smith, Chief of the Law Enforcement Statistics Unit within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), will brief congressional staff in advance of the September 26 release of the FBI's *Crime in the United States* report. Briefings will be provided to staff of the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committees and the House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees.
3. **Efforts to Combat Elder Fraud Affecting Persons Living with Dementia**: On Tuesday, September 6 at 3:30 PM, Andy Mao, the Department's National Elder Justice Coordinator, and Sarah Carroll, Counsel for the Office of the Associate Attorney General, will brief Representative Deutch's staff regarding the Elder Justice Initiative's prosecutorial efforts, programmatic and training initiatives, and victim resources. OLA will participate in this briefing.
4. **SCOTUS Threats**: On a date to be determined the week of September 12, the Department will provide a bipartisan briefing to staff for the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding threats to Supreme Court justices and 18 U.S.C. § 1507. OLA will participate in this briefing.
5. **Breach of the U.S. Courts Case Management System**: On Thursday, September 15, FBI Counterintelligence Division Acting Deputy Assistant Director Cynthia Kaiser, officials from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Adam Hickey in the National Security Division will brief staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in a classified setting concerning updates about the breach of the Courts case management system. OLA will participate in the briefing.
6. **Domestic Threat to the Homeland Posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)**: On a date to be determined in September, Section Chief Craig Donnachie from the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group, Brad Wiegmann or Chris Hardee from the National Security Division, and Kevin Jinks from the Office of Legal Policy, as well as officials from the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Counter-Terrorism Center, will provide an updated classified threat briefing to staff from the House Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees concerning the threat posed by UASs. Donnachie, Wiegmann, Jinks, and the other officials will provide the same briefing to Members later in September. OLA will participate in both briefings.

D. Committee Markups & Business Meetings

1. House

A. Week of August 22 – 26

None to report.

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B. Week of August 29 – September 2

None to report.

2. Senate

A. Week of August 22 – 26

None to report.

B. Week of August 29 – September 2

None to report.

E. Significant Legislative Developments of Interest to the Department

None to report.

F. Department Leadership Nominations

New Activity: None.

Total Nominees Pending, Awaiting Senate Floor Action: None.

Total Nominees Pending, Awaiting Senate Judiciary Committee Action: Two (Rosie Hidalgo, nominated to serve as Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, May 6, 2022; Amy Solomon, nominated to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, May 20, 2022).

G. U.S. Attorney Nominations:

New Activity: None.

Total Nominees Pending, Awaiting Senate Floor Action: Three (E. Martin Estrada, D.C.C., favorably reported July 28, 2022; and Gregory J. Haanstad, D.E.W., favorably reported July 28, 2022; Natalie K. Wight to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, favorably reported August 4, 2022).

Total Nominees Pending, Awaiting Senate Judiciary Action: One. (Sopen B. Shah to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin.)

H. U.S. Marshal Nominations:

New Activity: None.

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Total Nominees Pending, Awaiting Senate Floor Action: One (Enix Smith, E.D. LA, favorably reported July 14, 2022).

Summary: There are currently seven U.S. Marshal nominees pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee: David Davis (S.D. IL), Thomas Brown (N.D. GA), Stephen Lynn (M.D. GA), Roy Minter (S.D. GA), Brian Kyes (D. MA), Kirk Taylor (D. CO), and Chrissie Latimore (D. SC).

I. Congressional Priority Correspondence

1. Incoming

Letter from Senators Rubio and Lee to ATR Assistant Attorney General Kanter expressing concern about the 568 Exemption of the *Improving America's Schools Act of 1994* and alleged collusion among universities in their handling of financial aid and requesting that the Department investigate whether any academic institutions have violated antitrust laws in their coordination of financial aid awards. (August 22, 2022)

Letter from Senator Ernst to Attorney General Garland expressing concern and requesting information about ATF's investigative practices for firearm straw purchases and the use of "knock and talk" investigations. (August 23, 2022)

Letter from Senator Markey to Attorney General Garland and FTC Chairwoman Khan – Expressing concern about and urging an investigation into Twitter's security practices in response to whistleblower allegations from Twitter's former head of security. (August 23, 2022)

Letter from Representative DeLauro to Attorney General Garland requesting a status update in regard to the Department's investigation into Johnson & Johnson for its sale of baby powder containing asbestos and expressing concern about the company's alleged misuse of bankruptcy laws. (August 24, 2022)

Letter from Representative Cohen to Attorney General Garland requesting a status update in regard to the Department's investigation into Johnson & Johnson for its sale of baby powder containing asbestos. (August 24, 2022)

Letter from Speaker Pelosi to Attorney General Garland requesting that the Department consider and grant Enrico Forti's request for a transfer to Italy pursuant to the International Prisoner Transfer Program. (August 26, 2022)

2. Outgoing

Response to Representative Issa's January 21, 2022, letter to Attorney General Garland, Secretary Blinken, and Secretary Mayorkas requesting an investigation into how British

citizen Malik Faisal Akram entered the United States prior to his act of terrorism targeting the Jewish Community on January 15, 2022, in Colleyville, Texas. (August 19, 2022)

Responses to Representatives Gomez and Lieu's March 31, 2022, letter to Attorney General Garland requesting that the Department launch a formal investigation into the actions of former President Donald Trump for potentially violating the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and Federal Election Commission regulations. (August 22, 2022)

Response to Navajo Nation President Nez's letter to Attorney General Garland requesting Tribal consultation with the Department and information relevant to claims filed under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. (August 22, 2022)

Confirmation of receipt to Senator Lee and Rubio's August 22, 2022, letter to ATR Assistant Attorney General Kanter pertaining to concerns about Section 568 of the *Improving America's Schools Act of 1994*. (August 24, 2022)

Response to Representative Burchett's May 12, 2022, letter to Attorney General Garland regarding a request to investigate alleged instances of price-gouging and stockpiling of baby formula. (August 25, 2022)

Response to Senators Warner and Rubio's August 14, 2022, letter requesting information about the potential risk to national security posed by documents recovered during the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and seeking non-public information regarding a related criminal investigation. (August 26, 2022)

Response to Representative Turner's August 8, 2022, August 9, 2022, and August 19, 2022, letters requesting information about the potential risk to national security posed by documents recovered during the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and seeking non-public information regarding a related criminal investigation. (August 26, 2022)

J. Additional Noteworthy Items

None to report.