

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Monday, September 1, 2015

Correspondence:

Staff	6 Days Old or Less	7-13 Days Old	14 Days Old or More	Average Days Pending
Ashton Lee	1	0	0	0.00
Austin Smith	6	0	0	4.00
Beth Webb	3	0	0	1.33
Brian Symmes	1	0	0	0.00
David Glaccum	0	0	0	0.00
Hal Peters	14	0	0	1.07
Haley Mottel	0	0	0	0.00
Joshua Baker	21	9	0	4.90
Katherine Haltiwanger	1	0	1*	9.00*
Katie Philpott	1	0	0	0.00
Nicole Priester	1	0	0	0.00
Rebecca Schimsa	0	0	0	0.00
Total:	49	9	0	1.69

*Halti has one out-of-state travel request that is pending.

Other:

National Action Network – Swati met with representatives of the National Action Network today. They had concerns related to gun violence in black male populations in SC. They asked if we could speak with SLED to talk about illegal gun activity. They said they will also attend public meetings of the Governor’s new Commission on Advancement of Public Safety that Chief Keel and Director Smith are co-chairing.

Governors’ Letter on Iran Deal – The RGA is circulating a governors’ letter to voice opposition against the Iran nuclear deal. Governors who have agreed to sign: Pence (IN); Abbott (TX); Hutchinson (AR); and Fallin (OK). The RGA reports that 8 additional governors’ signatures are pending confirmation.

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Dear Mr. President:

We write today to express our opposition to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, generally referred to as the Iran nuclear agreement, which your Administration recently negotiated with Iran, the P5+1 and European Union.

If implemented, this agreement would lead to the lifting of United States nuclear-related sanctions on Iran without any guarantee that Iran's drive toward obtaining a nuclear weapon will be halted or even slowed. Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism, and it should not be permitted any pathway toward obtaining a nuclear weapon, now or ever.

The lifting of federal sanctions that will result from this agreement will only result in Iran having more money available to fund terrorist groups and attacks. Adam Szubin, acting Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes recently told the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs that he expects "to continue to see Iran funding Hezbollah and its other violent terrorist proxies."

The people of our states will not be safer as a result of this agreement, much less citizens of countries like Israel which Iran has threatened to destroy.

Many of our states have divestment policies for state run pension funds and other state investments, as well as restrictions against state contractors being invested in or doing business with the government of Iran.

Paragraph 25 of the Iran nuclear agreement provides that the federal government will "actively encourage" states to lift state-level sanctions such as the divestment and contracting restriction laws. While Secretary Kerry confirmed in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the agreement will not preempt state law because it is not a treaty, we are concerned about what steps your Administration may take to attempt to implement paragraph 25.

Therefore, we wish to make it clear to you in advance of any efforts to implement paragraph 25 that our states do not intend to lift the various state-level sanctions that are now in effect. These state-level sanctions are critically important and must be maintained.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the Senate