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Just to clarify – I think Illinois is available at these times, and we’re hoping to see when Colorado can join. [@david.oppenheim@state.co.us](#) – mind letting us know as soon as possible?

Thank you!


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Update:

The Colorado Governor’s office can do 9:30-10, 10-10:30, and 12-12:30 MT.



Can anyone from the Illinois Governor's office do 10:30-11 am, 11-11:30 am, or 1-130 pm Central?

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**Subject:** Time to talk on Fri re WH mtg pre-call?

Hi team!

I'm reaching out now to set up a time for any/all offices planning to join the **WH meeting next week** (likely on Mon or Tues) to touch base first. That way, we can know who will be on next week, what the priorities are, what each office's ask(s) might be, and who will cover what on the call with the WH.

I realize we have a check-in tomorrow, but if we set up a time now for that pre-call then we can get it on everyone's agenda.

Are there any **times on Fri** that work for at least one person from each office? Throwing out **9 am MT/10 am Central or 11 am MT/noon Central** just as a starting point. But please offer up anything that works for you!

Best,  
Allegra

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**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Governors Action Alliance "VOANews story on Jared Polis, GSD & Immigration Issues"  
**Date:** Monday, December 9, 2024 3:13:43 PM

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Sounds good, thanks!

On Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 5:12 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

hey there sorry, we are in touch with them and will take off your hands. thanks!

**Conor Cahill**  
Communications Director



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On Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 2:56 PM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi - guessing this does not rise to the top of the pile. Will go ahead and decline, barring objection.

Best,  
Erin

On Fri, Dec 6, 2024 at 6:22 PM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Any deep desire to engage here?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Governors Action Alliance <[noreply@archieplatform.com](mailto:noreply@archieplatform.com)>  
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From: Shelley Schlender [shelleyschlender@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyschlender@gmail.com)  
Subject: VOANews story on Jared Polis, GSD & Immigration Issues

Message Body:

Greetings -- VOANews has asked me to do a story on Jared Polis,

Governors Safeguarding Democracy and a look at how Immigration may be one of the areas to safeguard. Who in your group might I talk with for background/context on these topics? My deadline for filming/info gathering is the end of next week.

Shelley [REDACTED]

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hey there, hope you're well. Wanted to see what we could get on the books before Christmas. Please let us know, thanks!

**Conor Cahill**  
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On Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 8:37 AM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:  
Adding Alex from Gov. Pritzker's team here.

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Hi Conor,

We have a lot of moving pieces on our end and I'm hoping to get back to you as soon as I can. For now, to be clear, we're not confirmed for that 12/2 date.

Currently planning out the next few weeks and we're definitely interested in having Governor Polis on the show.

Happy Thanksgiving to you as well!

Take care,  
-Saul

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 1:29 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Hi there, making sure we're confirmed. Happy thanksgiving!

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On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 4:16 PM Saul Rubin <[saul@crooked.com](mailto:saul@crooked.com)> wrote:

Hey Conor,

Understood on the LA event; we're still working on timing -- I'll get back to you as soon as I can about 12/2.

Thanks!

On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 10:47 AM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor

<[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Hey Saul, thanks for that but my boss won't be attending that. Does 12/2 work?

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On Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 5:18 PM Saul Rubin <[saul@crooked.com](mailto:saul@crooked.com)> wrote:

Hi all,

We've heard that DGA is holding a holiday event in LA on 12/6 with some media availability on 12/6 and 12/7 and was wondering whether the Governors were planning on attending?

Thanks!



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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 2:22 PM Saul Rubin <[saul@crooked.com](mailto:saul@crooked.com)> wrote:

Thanks Erin!

Hi Conor and Jordan,

Will get back to you as soon as I can with an update.

Thanks!



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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 9:49 AM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor

<[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Hi all, looking forward to this. How about 12/2 at 1030CT/1130AM MT. This time works for both governors. Would you need 30, 45 or 1 hour? We can set up a nice set remotely.

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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 5:26 AM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi Saul,

Looping in Jordan from Team Pritzker and Conor from Team Polis to help us find a date/time for this. I think it will need to be a remote interview as I don't think they will be in LA together anytime soon.

Best,  
Erin

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 6:47 PM Saul Rubin <[saul@crooked.com](mailto:saul@crooked.com)> wrote:

Hi Erin,

My name is Saul and I'm a producer at Pod Save America; I know you've been in touch with Tommy about the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance.



I wanted to follow up on that -- we'd definitely be interested in having Governor Polis and/or Pritzker on the pod -- potentially together. Do the Governors plan on making a trip to Los Angeles in the near future?

If not, we'd be open to recording remotely as well. Let me know if that's something we can put together; and feel free to add folks to the thread if needed.

Thank you!



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**Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:12:22 PM  
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All,

Attached is the final FAQ on GSD for your govts as they go into holiday parties this weekend. We're happy to send it to other offices if/when you think that makes sense.

Thanks,  
Julia

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**Governors Safeguarding Democracy:  
Frequently Asked Questions - For Governor Offices Only**

**1. Why have you launched Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) at this time?**

GSD decided to launch the public side of its work after the November election to avoid confusion during the election itself. With the election over, GSD's public-facing work is aimed at reassuring the public that governors are committed to working together for the purpose of strengthening and protecting state institutions of democracy in concrete, tangible ways. A recent post-election poll GovAct's 501(c)(4) arm (GovAct & Affiliates Action Fund) conducted reinforced the importance of this work, finding that a strong majority of Americans, across parties, describe the threat to American democracy as major and want to see significant changes as a result. GSD is committed to helping governors effectuate that change.

As you know, governors' offices have been working together for several months on ways to help ensure that longstanding democratic institutions and norms become stronger with time, no matter who sits in the White House or controls Congress.

**2. Why should I join now?**

The purpose of GSD is to provide governors and their staff with a vehicle to work together in a sustained, coordinated, and affirmative way that protects fundamental freedoms and rights, as with the Reproductive Freedom Alliance. The principle underlying GSD is a belief that when our offices work together, the whole can be so much greater than the sum of its parts. Given the scope and scale of the challenges our states are facing, we believe that the whole needs to be as big and strong as possible. GovAct Affiliates & Action Fund's poll found that a majority of voters trust governors, providing a great foundation for this work.

GSD is also able to provide resources to support your office with surge capacity and other implementation tools. Please inquire with GSD staff if you are interested in learning more about support.

**3. Do I need to formally sign on, or can my staff continue to participate in briefings?**

Any governors' office that is committed to protecting and strengthening democracy is welcome to continue participating in briefings, trainings, and other convenings. However, some materials will only be available to offices that have a common interest with the other members of GSD.

**4. How does the Alliance make policy/governance/operational decisions?**

All Alliance priorities and actions are determined by the governors and their senior staff based on their urgency and on the opportunity for meaningful intervention and impact. GSD serves as a nexus through which governors exchange ideas, strategize, and discuss best practices, but each office will of course arrive at its own decisions on any actions or implementation.

**5. If I join the Alliance, am I bound to all future actions the Alliance may take?**

No. It will be up to you and your office, action by action and issue by issue, to determine what makes sense for you and your state.

**6. As a Governor, will statements be issued in my name?**

Statements will not be the standard form of communication for GSD unless the governors would like them to be. If statements or use of your name are desired, GSD will ensure appropriate signoff has been secured from you and/or your designated staff.

**7. How will you determine what actions will be done collectively and which will require state by state sign off?**

Collective versus coalition actions will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the interests of the group. Over time, GSD will aim to formalize this process with clear procedures and protocols.

**8. What will the Alliance do, specifically? Does it have a set of core focus areas?**

GSD, in partnership with a range of experts and organizations, is focused on working with governors' offices on a range of issues, including:

- Preparing to mitigate the impacts of mass deportation and related operations;
- Securing sensitive data and records maintained by our states;
- Augmenting staffing at the state level, drawing upon federal expertise as desired;
- Protecting federal funding streams;
- Preparing for potential regulatory threats and increased state-level needs;
- Fortifying election processes and procedures; and
- Developing a set of aligned democracy protection and advancement actions.

GSD will work with participating governors' offices to determine future focus areas as they arise in a potentially fast-changing climate.

**9. What is the difference between GSD, DGA/RGA, NGA, States United Democracy Center, and other related entities?**

GSD's unique role is to work with all governors dedicated to fundamental freedoms to:

- Help build a network of staff across governors’ offices to coordinate on strategy and actions;
- Leverage the knowledge of governors and their teams to foster cross-state collaboration for the purpose of designing and implementing affirmative strategies that strengthen state institutions and protect the rule of law – using all tools and powers available to governors (e.g., budgets, legislation, executive actions, agencies, procurement, clemency, etc.);
- Marshal expertise and partners to provide trainings, briefings, and other relevant materials tailored to governors’ offices;
- Incubate innovative new policy approaches and strategies; and
- Facilitate rapid response and action plans as needed and desired.

The DGA and RGA are organizations with explicit partisan missions to elect Democratic and Republican Governors and candidates, respectively. NGA is a nonpartisan governors’ organization focused on convenings and toolkits. States United Democracy Center provides organizational expertise to governors and attorneys general on an attorney-client basis, with a focus on election protection and political violence. These are all critical institutions that we believe are great partners and complementary to GSD’s work and mission.

**GSD Summary - For Governors Offices**

- **Mission**
  - Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) is a nonpartisan group of governors working together to uphold and fortify U.S. democracy.
  - GSD is focused on working together across offices to share best practices, craft plans, laws, and policies to protect states’ rights; strengthen state institutions; combat misinformation; and support the rule of law using governors’ unique authorities as the chief executives of their states.
- **Members**
  - GSD is co-chaired by Governors Pritzker and Polis and has been working with over 20 governors’ offices for several months. Governors’ teams are welcome to continue working with GSD in this capacity, though some materials will be privileged and only available to those offices that share a common interest.
  - Any governors supporting the mission of GSD are welcome to join – GSD is open to all governors with a demonstrated commitment to upholding and fortifying democracy, regardless of political affiliation.
- **GSD’s Distinct Benefits**
  - ☞ GSD provides a set of unique benefits, including:
    - (1) tapping into the power of solidarity and **collective action**
    - (2) building a **leadership network** across governors’ offices
    - (3) providing **new capacities** to leverage the tools and powers available to governors (e.g., budgets, legislation, executive actions, agencies, procurement)

- (4) facilitating coordinated **rapid response** to breaking developments
- (5) incubating **innovative new policy approaches** and strategies
- GSD complements the work of organizations like DGA and groups that are focused on election protection to think about how to build out the infrastructures needed within state governments and take actions together when we can. We are working closely with a wide range of partners and are eager to continue enhancing and supporting the work that is underway.
- **Current Priority Areas of Work**
  - GSD is working on a set of urgent post-election actions, including:
    - Preparing to mitigate the impacts of mass deportation and related operations;
    - Securing sensitive data and records maintained by our states;
    - Augmenting staffing at the state level, drawing upon federal expertise as desired;
    - Protecting federal funding streams;
    - Preparing for potential regulatory threats and increased state-level needs;
    - Fortifying election processes and procedures; and
    - Developing a set of aligned democracy protection and advancement actions.
- **Risk/Retaliation Mitigation**
  - GSD is pursuing a belt and suspenders approach to maintaining confidentiality across governors' offices. Please reach out to GSD staff to learn more.

For questions about GSD, please contact **Allegra Chapman**: [Allegra.Chapman@govsfordemocracy.org](mailto:Allegra.Chapman@govsfordemocracy.org).

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**To:** [Civitas/GovAct](#); [Emma Clough](#); [zdedolph@az.gov](#); [repcampbell@gmail.com](#); [wgaona@az.gov](#); [jowens@az.gov](#); [richard.figueroa](#); [david.sapp@gov.ca.gov](#); [carel.ale@gov.ca.gov](#); [brandon.l.davis@state.co.us](#); [colleen.morey@state.co.us](#); [jenna.goldstein@state.co.us](#); [Matthew.Brokman@ct.gov](#); [claudio.qualified@ct.gov](#); [jonathan.dach@ct.gov](#); [Jessica.Borcky@delaware.gov](#); [Natalie.Criscenzo@delaware.gov](#); [jon.sheehan@delaware.gov](#); [jayne.flores@guam.gov](#); [jeffrey.moots@guam.gov](#); [karen.a.sheley](#); [scott.lerner@illinois.gov](#); [emily.miller@illinois.gov](#); [anna.crane@illinois.gov](#); [LaTasha.Buckner@ky.gov](#); [bobby.puckett16@gmail.com](#); [coulter.minix@gmail.com](#); [ben.goodman@maine.gov](#); [scott.ogden@maine.gov](#); [maureen.regan@maryland.gov](#); [asma.keeler@state.co.us](#); [fagan.harris2@maryland.gov](#); [lucinda@mstatepartners.com](#); [Gabe.Viator@mass.gov](#); [Sarah.Sabshon](#); [Jillian.E.Fennimore@mass.gov](#); [hulsj1@michigan.gov](#); [OsherD@michigan.gov](#); [GrossiC1@michigan.gov](#); [HansonK5@michigan.gov](#); [BlaneA@michigan.gov](#); [mary.fee@state.mn.us](#); [Chris.Schmitter@state.mn.us](#); [emily.kirby](#); [eric.fletcher@nc.gov](#); [Jennifer.Spiegel@nj.gov](#); [Tim.Hillmann@nj.gov](#); [natasha.camhi@nj.gov](#); [john.butler@nj.gov](#); [ddschlegel@mac.com](#); [Holly.Aqajanian@exec.nm.gov](#); [Courtney.Kerster](#); [Kyle.Duffy@exec.nm.gov](#); [justin.zanetti@exec.ny.gov](#); [stacy.lynn@exec.ny.gov](#); [emily.kadar@exec.ny.gov](#); [brian.mahanna@exec.ny.gov](#); [justin.zanetti@exec.ny.gov](#); [nichols.silbersack@exec.ny.gov](#); [fulvia.vargasdeleon@exec.ny.gov](#); [cwpdx@yahoo.com](#); [kristina.narayan@oregon.gov](#); [richard.lane@oregon.gov](#); [Taylor.SMILEYWOLFE@oregon.gov](#); [dfritz@pa.gov](#); [jafinkel@pa.gov](#); [Camille.Capraro@governor.ri.gov](#); [Deirdre.Robins@governor.ri.gov](#); [reily.s.connaughton@governor.ri.gov](#); [antonio.afonso@governor.ri.gov](#); [Karyn.Lowe@governor.ri.gov](#); [joby.shimomura@gov.wa.gov](#); [kathryn.leathers@gov.wa.gov](#); [Molly.Voris@gov.wa.gov](#); [maggie.gau@wisconsin.gov](#); [mel.barnes@wisconsin.gov](#); [amanda.tomten1@wisconsin.gov](#); [jenni.dye@wisconsin.gov](#); [khuffman](#); [htyrrell](#); [rhasan](#); [Celine Mizrahi](#); [VFong](#); [kgrainger@civitaspublicaffairs.com](#); [gna](#); [Christina Chang](#); [allegra.chapman@govactalliance.org](#); [david.oppenheim@state.co.us](#); [conor.cahill@state.co.us](#); [kara.veitch@state.co.us](#); [Anne.Caprara@Illinois.gov](#); [Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](#); [Jason@arcstrategiesil.com](#); [ann.spillane@illinois.gov](#); [allie.kimmel@state.co.us](#); [jonny.dorsey@maryland.gov](#); [will.j.kane@hawaii.gov](#); [Kristin.beneski1@gov.wa.gov](#); [Benjamin Lazarus](#); [Allegra Chapman](#); [Ben Henderson](#); [Miller, Katherine \(GOV\)](#); [Ruiz Marquez, Yuliana - GOV](#); [Natalia Ahn -GOV- Allegra Chapman](#); [Emma Clough](#); [Berke, Barry H.](#); [Civitas/GovAct](#)  
**Subject:** Follow Up Re: 12/2 GovAct/GSD Briefing: Common Interest, Biden Asks, & Staffing (Confidential)  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 12:10:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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All,

Thank you so much for joining us for the GSD briefing yesterday. We are looking forward to more great discussions and information sharing among your offices.

**Below is contact information and next steps on the agenda items that we discussed:**

1. Common Interest Agreement (CIA)

- We will share a draft CIA shortly for your review and signature shortly.
- If you have any outstanding questions about the CIA or your state law, please reach out to Barry Berke at [bberke@gibsondunn.com](mailto:bberke@gibsondunn.com) to schedule a meeting.

2. WH Meeting & Priority Asks

- Gov. Pritzker's Chief of Staff Anne Caprera will host a call with the Administration to discuss lock-in asks. If your office would like to join this meeting, please email Julia Spiegel at [julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org) by the end of this week.

3. Staffing Support Interest

- Charlie Posner - [charlie@srvproject.org](mailto:charlie@srvproject.org); [interest form shared](#).
- Monika Hansen, Civic Match - [monika@workforamerica.org](mailto:monika@workforamerica.org) has offered white glove service to support staffing efforts at the state level (gov offices and agencies). If of interest, please feel free to reach out directly.

As a reminder, we will hold our next GSD briefing on **Thursday, December 12 at 1 pm ET/10 am PT to discuss sensitive data and national guard protections.** You should have already received a calendar invitation; if not, let us know and we'll send it your way.

We look forward to more great discussions and information-sharing ahead.

Julia

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**From:** Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org

**When:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM December 2, 2024

**Subject:** GovAct/GSD Briefing: Common Interest, Biden Asks, & Staffing (Confidential)

**Location:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/\[REDACTED\]](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/[REDACTED])  
[REDACTED]

All:

We look forward to reconvening to discuss action plans for the coming weeks as your offices prepare for a new federal administration. A proposed agenda is below.

**Please share this invite with your legal team so that at least one lawyer from each office can join for the first 15-20 minutes of the meeting.** GSD's counsel will present on the contours of a proposed common interest agreement, after which the lawyers are welcome to stay on or hop off.

Proposed Agenda:

- Welcome from Co-Chairs (5 min)
- Common Interest Agreement Presentation & Discussion (15 min)
- Priority Asks of the Biden Administration & WH Meeting (20 min)
- Staffing Presentation & Discussion (20 min)

See you soon,

Julia



**Meeting Information**

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Join Zoom Meeting

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**To:** [Miller, Emily \(GOV\)](#); [Caprara, Anne](#); [David Oppenheim](#); [Spillane, Ann](#); [Sheley, Karen A](#); [Conor Cahill - GOVOffice](#); [Allie Kimmel - GOVOffice](#); [Veitch - GovOffice, Kara](#)  
**Cc:** [Emma Clough](#); [Allegra Chapman](#); [Jordan Abudayyeh](#); [Jason Rubin](#); [Civitas/GovAct](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Facilitator Agenda for Monday GSD Briefing (12/2)  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 10:42:21 AM  
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That sounds great, Emily – thank you! I believe David will offer a few opening remarks as well.

See many of you soon!

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**From:** Miller, Emily (GOV) <Emily.Miller@Illinois.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7:01 AM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>, Caprara, Anne <Anne.Caprara@Illinois.gov>, David Oppenheim <david.oppenheim@state.co.us>, Spillane, Ann <Ann.Spillane@Illinois.gov>, Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@Illinois.gov>, Conor Cahill - GOVOffice <conor.cahill@state.co.us>, Allie Kimmel - GOVOffice <allie.kimmel@state.co.us>, Veitch - GovOffice, Kara <kara.veitch@state.co.us>  
**Cc:** Emma Clough <emma.clough@govactalliance.org>, Allegra Chapman <allegra.chapman@govsfordemocracy.org>, Jordan Abudayyeh <Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>, Jason Rubin <Jason@arcstrategiesil.com>, Civitas/GovAct <civitasgovact@civitaspublicaffairs.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Facilitator Agenda for Monday GSD Briefing (12/2)

Hello—

I'm happy to lead the portion at the beginning of the agenda. Let me know if that's helpful, and thanks for putting this together.

Emily

Emily Miller  
Senior Advisor to the Governor for Policy and Legislative Affairs

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>

**Sent:** Friday, November 29, 2024 9:59 PM

**To:** Caprara, Anne <Anne.Caprara@Illinois.gov>; David Oppenheim <david.oppenheim@state.co.us>; Miller, Emily (GOV) <Emily.Miller@Illinois.gov>; Spillane, Ann <Ann.Spillane@Illinois.gov>; Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@Illinois.gov>; Conor Cahill - GOVOffice <conor.cahill@state.co.us>; Allie Kimmel - GOVOffice <allie.kimmel@state.co.us>; Veitch - GovOffice, Kara <kara.veitch@state.co.us>

**Cc:** Emma Clough <emma.clough@govactalliance.org>; Allegra Chapman <allegra.chapman@govsfordemocracy.org>; Jordan Abudayyeh <Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>; Jason Rubin <Jason@arcstrategiesil.com>; Civitas/GovAct <civitasgovact@civitaspublicaffairs.com>

**Subject:** [External] Proposed Facilitator Agenda for Monday GSD Briefing (12/2)

**Importance:** High

Hi all,

Attached please find a proposed facilitator agenda for Monday's GSD briefing.

As you can see, the agenda starts with one person from Gov. Pritzker's and Gov. Polis's offices welcoming the group and providing an overview of GSD's purpose and goals. **Can you please let us know who from each team will lead this part, ideally before Monday if possible?**

All edits to the proposed agenda are also very welcome.

Thanks, all.

Julia

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**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor; Julia Seigel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 10:10:28 AM  
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Thank you so much, Conor!

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Executive Associate  
**GOV/ACT**  
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**From:** Conor Cahill <conor.cahill@state.co.us>  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 9:30 PM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Cc:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos

You should have access sorry!

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On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 9:40 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Also Conor, if there's someone else we should go to on these sorts of things, just let us know. So sorry to hound you!

Julia Spiegel  
CEO & Founder

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**From:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 8:48 AM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos

Hi Conor,  
Apologies for adding another email to your inbox. As I'm working on the social media graphics, I wanted to check in and see if you could share any additional approved photos – or perhaps a folder with a variety of options. Having some options on hand would be helpful as I create content going forward to highlight the Gov's work on GSD!

Really appreciate all your help on this thus far. Thanks in advance.

Best,

Emma  
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Executive Associate

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 8:42 PM  
**To:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>, Conor Cahill <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos

In case it's helpful, we are trying to lean into photos of the governors engaging with constituents to reinforce the message that they are being heard and their needs are being addressed.

Julia Spiegel  
CEO & Founder

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**From:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 5:40 PM  
**To:** Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>  
**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos

Thank you for sending these over so quickly. I think we are looking for photos similar to [these](#). But I'll run the ones you sent by our Comms team now to confirm!

Really appreciate your help with this.

Thanks,

Emma

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Executive Associate

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**From:** Conor Cahill <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 5:08 PM  
**To:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>  
**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gov. Polis Photos

Thanks for reaching out. Looking forward to it. I can get some better versions of these this weekend if these are what you're looking for.

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On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 5:41 PM Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Hi Conor,  
Happy Friday! Really looking forward to working with you.

We're currently in the final stage of building out the GSD Website and was hoping to include some photos with Governor Polis and constituents. Do you have any approved photos on hand we could use?

Thank you so much in advance.

Best,

Emma

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**From:** [Erin Pelton](#) on behalf of [Erin Pelton <erin@helloforetell.com>](#)  
**To:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#)  
**Cc:** [Wieman - GOVOffice, Shelby](#); [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AP Request for Pritzker/Polis  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 1:55:49 PM

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You got it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2024, at 3:31 PM, Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

If you could connect me that would be great. I'll check his schedule.

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**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 at 1:08 PM  
**To:** Wieman - GOVOffice, Shelby <[shelby.wieman@state.co.us](mailto:shelby.wieman@state.co.us)>  
**Cc:** Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>, Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: AP Request for Pritzker/Polis

Will do! And Jordan if Gov. Pritzker would like to speak with him just let me know and I'll connect you, too.

Erin

On Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 1:32 PM Wieman - GOVOffice, Shelby <[shelby.wieman@state.co.us](mailto:shelby.wieman@state.co.us)> wrote:

Hi all, we are interested in making this work. Erin, would you be able to connect me with the reporter directly?

On Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 9:36 AM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

I'll check too and circle back.



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**From:** Wieman - GOVOffice, Shelby <[shelby.wieman@state.co.us](mailto:shelby.wieman@state.co.us)>

**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 at 9:45 AM

**To:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>

**Cc:** Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>, Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Subject:** Re: AP Request for Pritzker/Polis

Thanks Erin! Let me check on this.

**Shelby Wieman**  
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On Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 8:43 AM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi Shelby and Jordan,

I received a text from the AP this morning with the request in italics below. Would either of the governors like to speak with Steve? It's the AP so it will be syndicated across the country, so I would suggest someone participate. If the governors are not available, would it make sense for Julia to speak with him? Thanks! -E

*Hi Erin. It's Steve Peoples from the Associated Press. I'm writing a big story on the state of the Democratic Party and I want to mention that new group that Pritzker and Polis started. Could you help set up a quick call with one of them for today or tomorrow? I want to get update on the group (assume not much has happened yet) and get their broad*

*thoughts on the election and what needs to change in party moving forward, if anything. 10-15 mins on phone would do it.*

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**To:** [Erin Pelton](#); [Shelby Wieman - GOVOffice](#)  
**Cc:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Face the Nation  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 3:00:04 PM

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We can follow up next week if Gov. Polis can do it. I'm out all next week so please connect with Shelby our press secretary

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On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 2:54 PM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:  
Ok to decline for Polis too?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2024, at 1:01 PM, Jordan Abudayyeh  
<[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

I don't think Gov. Pritzker is available this weekend.

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**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 11:56 AM  
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**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Face the Nation

Any interest? I wasn't totally thrilled with their bait and switch last weekend...

Erin

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From: **Joynt, Carol** <[CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com](mailto:CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com)>  
Date: Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 12:46 PM  
Subject: Re: Face the Nation  
To: Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>, Miller, Jake  
<[MillerW@cbsnews.com](mailto:MillerW@cbsnews.com)>, Hsu, Anne <[hsua@cbsnews.com](mailto:hsua@cbsnews.com)>

Hello Erin -

We want to try to do this for Thanksgiving weekend, our Dec 1 show. Would be grateful to know, as before, whether Gov Pritzker and/or Gov Polis would be available that Sunday morning. Major Garrett is hosting as Margaret will be off.

I'm looping in Jake Miller and Anne Hsu, as I will be off all week.

Thank you

Carol

Carol Ross Joynt

Senior Producer

**Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan**

CBS News - Washington

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**From:** Joynt, Carol <[CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com](mailto:CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:09 PM

**To:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>

**Subject:** Face the Nation

Hello Erin ==

I'm sorry this has taken so long, in fact longer than I expected. Unfortunately, we will not be booking Govs. Polis and Pritzker. Just so you know, in a different vein, we have booked Gov. Beshear. I don't think he's involved with Governors Safeguarding Democracy, (or maybe he is?) but the objective may come up in the interview.

Not ruling out a future interview that focuses on the initiative.

Please lets keep in touch. I'm grateful for the attention you gave us on this.

Carol

Carol Ross Joynt

Senior Producer and Booking

*Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan*

CBS News Washington

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**From:** [Erin Pelton](#) on behalf of [Erin Pelton <erin@helloforetell.com>](#)  
**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Governors Action Alliance "Reporter questions about safeguarding democracy"  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 10:52:09 AM

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Would you all like to engage here given CO connection? -E

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**From:** **Governors Action Alliance** <[noreply@archieplatform.com](mailto:noreply@archieplatform.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 12:50 PM  
**Subject:** Governors Action Alliance "Reporter questions about safeguarding democracy"  
**To:** <[inquiries@govactalliance.org](mailto:inquiries@govactalliance.org)>

**From:** Rachel Cohen [rachel.cohen@kunc.org](mailto:rachel.cohen@kunc.org)  
**Subject:** Reporter questions about safeguarding democracy

Message Body:

Hello,

I am a reporter for KUNC in Colorado and cover the Mountain West for NPR stations across the region. I am reporting on what local advocacy organizations and officials are doing and considering to prepare for Trump's deportation plans.

I was wondering if anyone from the organization would be able to speak with me about the range of actions, policies and ideas that are on the table for states and localities to do specifically with regards to immigration.

I would be open to talking on background.

Thank you for considering,

Rachel Cohen  
[rachel.cohen@kunc.org](mailto:rachel.cohen@kunc.org)

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This is a notification that a contact form was submitted on your website (Governors Action Alliance <https://govactalliance.org>).

**From:** [Erin Pelton](#) on behalf of [Erin Pelton <erin@helloforetell.com>](#)  
**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#); [Jordan Abudayyeh](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: GovAct MEDIA REQUEST from the GUARDIAN  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 9:15:55 AM

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Hi Both - do you think it would be helpful for Julia to engage with The Guardian? She asked that I run these kinds of request by you.

Erin

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**From:** Rudy Mehrbani <[rmehrbani@democracyfund.org](mailto:rmehrbani@democracyfund.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 9:54 PM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Cc:** Bethany Georgianni <[bgeorgianni@democracyfund.org](mailto:bgeorgianni@democracyfund.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: GovAct MEDIA REQUEST from the GUARDIAN

Hi Julia - We received the below inquiry from Ed at The Guardian and would like to connect him with you. Before doing so, we wanted to confirm you're comfortable with our doing so. We generally think they're a good outlet to connect with, but you're of course free to decline the opportunity or respond however you see fit.

Let us know and Bethany will connect you.

Thanks,  
Rudy

**Rudy Mehrbani**  
Senior Director, Governance Program  
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**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST from the GUARDIAN  
**Date:** November 20, 2024 at 10:31:29 AM EST  
**To:** [media@democracyfund.org](mailto:media@democracyfund.org)

Hi

I sent a request through your website portal yesterday but following up here too

We are reporting a lot at the Guardian on the preparations of blue states for the Trump onslaught, whether in the form of mass deportations or going after progressive groups or communities or however it manifests.

Would love to hear how GovACT is working with Dem governors in this regard, and see if there are stories to be reported about the preparations.

Could we talk?

Ed

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**Ed Pilkington**

Chief reporter

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**From:** Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor on behalf of Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <conor.cahill@state.co.us>  
**To:** Erin Pelton; Julia Spiegel  
**Subject:** Re: Trying to reach Julia Spiegel re. "Safeguarding Democracy"  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 3:03:34 PM

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Passing this along

On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 2:30 PM Maruyama - GovOffice, Eric <[eric.maruyama@state.co.us](mailto:eric.maruyama@state.co.us)> wrote:

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**From:** Kiefer, Francine <[kieferf@csps.com](mailto:kieferf@csps.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 10:50 AM  
**Subject:** Trying to reach Julia Spiegel re. "Safeguarding Democracy"  
**To:** <[shelby.wieman@state.co.us](mailto:shelby.wieman@state.co.us)>  
**Cc:** <[eric.maruyama@state.co.us](mailto:eric.maruyama@state.co.us)>

Hello Gov. Polis team,  
Francine Kiefer here, West Coast reporter for The Christian Science Monitor. I'm working on a story about Gov. Gavin Newsom and the special legislative session that he is calling on Dec. 2 to gird for legal battle against the Trump administration. I see that Julia Spiegel, former legal advisor to Gov. Newsom, is with the Safeguarding Democracy project. Do you have a contact for her? She would provide some good insight on California's previous efforts as well as be a bridge to Safeguarding Democracy. Filing the story Thursday, so would really appreciate hearing from you soon. Best way to reach me is either email [kieferf@csps.com](mailto:kieferf@csps.com), or cell: [REDACTED] That's a DC number but I'm based in Los Angeles. Thanks in advance for your help!  
Best,  
Francine Kiefer

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**To:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#)  
**Cc:** [Erin Pelton](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Govs. Polis and/or Pritzker on Pod Save America  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 9:00:46 PM

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Want to look at Wednesday or Thursday?

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 8:00 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:  
We're in!

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**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 8:59:43 PM  
**To:** Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>  
**Cc:** Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>; Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Govs. Polis and/or Pritzker on Pod Save America

Great! Jordan if you're in I will connect you both and we can figure out timing. Have a good evening! Erin

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 18, 2024, at 9:17 PM, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

We can do it remotely and happy to connect with them if you can loop. Would be good to do ahead of the holiday.

**Conor Cahill**  
Communications Director



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On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 4:50 PM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Let me know what you think -- happy to connect you directly if easier! -E

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Date: Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 6:47 PM  
Subject: Govs. Polis and/or Pritzker on Pod Save America  
To: <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
Cc: Adriene Hill <[adriene@crooked.com](mailto:adriene@crooked.com)>, Reid Cherlin <[reid@crooked.com](mailto:reid@crooked.com)>, Farrah Safari <[farrah@crooked.com](mailto:farrah@crooked.com)>, David Toledo <[toledo@crooked.com](mailto:toledo@crooked.com)>

Hi Erin,

My name is Saul and I'm a producer at Pod Save America; I know you've been in touch with Tommy about the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance.

I wanted to follow up on that -- we'd definitely be interested in having Governor Polis and/or Pritzker on the pod -- potentially together. Do the Governors plan on making a trip to Los Angeles in the near future?

If not, we'd be open to recording remotely as well. Let me know if that's something we can put together; and feel free to add folks to the thread if needed.

Thank you!



**Saul Rubin**  
**Producer, Pod Save America** | Crooked Media  
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**To:** [Emma Clough](#); [Julia Spiegel](#); [Melissa Bell](#); [Jordan Abudayyeh](#); [Jason Rubin](#); [Conor Cahill - GOVOffice](#); [erin](#); [nicole](#); [khuffman](#); [Allegra Chapman](#); [Allegra Chapman](#)  
**Cc:** [Nick Gourevitch](#); [Jefrey Pollock](#); [Samantha Chester](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GSD Alliance Analysis  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 3:47:40 PM  
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Hi Emma, Julia,

Ideally, we need 1 hour.

Here are our updated avails for Jef, Nick & Melissa:

**11/19: 3-5pm ET**

**11/20: 11am-12noon ET**

**11/22: 9-1130am & 4-6pm ET (updated)**

They can do up to 1130am ET on Friday, 11/22

Can we make something in these frames work?

**Liana Kane**

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<jpollock@globalstrategygroup.com>; Samantha Chester <schester@globalstrategygroup.com>

**Subject:** Re: GSD Alliance Analysis

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Hi Liana,

Sounds good. I've adjusted Friday's invite to be 30-minutes (11:30am-12pm). Additionally, I've also added 30-minutes for tomorrow (4pm-4:30pm ET). If we everyone is able to meet and we get through everything during tomorrow's meeting, I can just pull down the Friday hold.

Does that work on your end?

Thanks again,

Emma

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**Subject:** RE: GSD Alliance Analysis

Jef, Nick and Melissa can do up to 1130am ET on Friday 11/22. But they have a conflict starting at 12noon ET.

**11/22: 9-1130am & 230-6pm ET**

Any time between those times works.

**Liana Kane**

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Hi everyone,

I've sent an invite for the suggested 11/22 11:30am ET time. Please let me know if I should adjust anything on my end.

Thanks all,

Emma

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Hi Julia, Let me clean this up a bit for you. Nick, Jef and Melissa can do:

11/19: 3-5pm ET

11/20: 11am-12noon ET

11/22: 9-1130am & 230-6pm

\*\* 11/21: Jef is not available but Nick and Melissa can do: 9am – 1130am, 3-5pm ET

Thanks,

Liana

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Can you please give some options for Thursday?

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**Subject:** RE: GSD Alliance Analysis

The GSG team is open 3-6pm ET tomorrow, 11/19, as well as 11/20, 11am-12noon ET.

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
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Sorry all. I just lost Jef's window tomorrow, Tuesday 11/19 5-6pm ET

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**Date:** Friday, November 15, 2024 7:58:45 AM  
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Makes sense - thanks all.

On Fri, Nov 15, 2024 at 9:57 AM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

I don't think this is a huge priority.

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Thanks but we cannot accommodate

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Any deep desire to do St Louis radio? :)

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From: **Inquiries** <[inquiries@govsfordemocracy.org](mailto:inquiries@govsfordemocracy.org)>

Date: Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 6:41 PM

Subject: FW: KMOX Radio- St Louis

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**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:17 AM

**To:** Inquiries <[inquiries@govsfordemocracy.org](mailto:inquiries@govsfordemocracy.org)>

**Subject:** KMOX Radio- St Louis

Good afternoon,

I'm the producer for Total Information AM on KMOX Radio in St Louis.

I'd love to set up an interview with Gov Pritzker or Gov Polis regarding this new effort.

Perhaps one of them may have time next week for either a recorded or live interview with Megan Lynch?

Thank you for the consideration,

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**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:31:22 PM  
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Better thank you

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On Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM Gough, Alex <[Alex.Gough@illinois.gov](mailto:Alex.Gough@illinois.gov)> wrote:

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**Subject:** [External] Re: Statement

have you ever in your life seen a quote in the new york times that says its from two people?

On Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 9:37 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

Well, it’s a joint statement since they’re both chairs.

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ok a quote needs to be from one person, not two. this isnt a letter to the editor.

On Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 6:15 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

You can use this from Alex Gough and Conor Cahill, spokespeople for Govs. Pritzker and Polis. (They're cc'd here)

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**To:** Reid Epstein <[reid.epstein@nytimes.com](mailto:reid.epstein@nytimes.com)>

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I'm a contractor so let me check and see whose name they want to use

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Hi -

We dont use statements attributed to spokespeople without their names. Can you put your name to this? Thanks

Reid

On Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 4:33 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

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**From:** **Joynt, Carol** <[CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com](mailto:CarolJoynt@cbsnews.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** Face the Nation  
**To:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>

Hello Erin ==

I'm sorry this has taken so long, in fact longer than I expected. Unfortunately, we will not be booking Govs. Polis and Pritzker. Just so you know, in a different vein, we have booked Gov. Beshear. I don't think he's involved with Governors Safeguarding Democracy, (or maybe he is?) but the objective may come up in the interview.

Not ruling out a future interview that focuses on the initiative.

Please lets keep in touch. I'm grateful for the attention you gave us on this.

Carol

Carol Ross Joynt

Senior Producer and Booking

*Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan*

CBS News Washington

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**From:** [Gutierrez - GOVOffice, Emily](mailto:emily.gutierrez@state.co.us) on behalf of [Gutierrez - GOVOffice, Emily](mailto:emily.gutierrez@state.co.us)  
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**Subject:** Re: GSD Check-in/10-week planning call  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:21:36 AM  
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Hi Emma,

I'm seeing that an invite got sent out for tomorrow at 1:30 pm MT. Does the 3:30 MT / 4:30 CT option no longer work tomorrow? David will be speaking at a panel from from 1:15 - 2:15 MT tomorrow.

On Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 10:18 AM Gutierrez - GOVOffice, Emily <[emily.gutierrez@state.co.us](mailto:emily.gutierrez@state.co.us)> wrote:

Hi Emma,

Thank you for reaching out. Can we please hold Friday 3:30 pm MT / 4:30 pm CT? That time will likely work for our team, just waiting to hear back from EA's to confirm. Thank you!!

**Emily Gutierrez (She/Her)**

**Senior Executive Assistant and Project Manager**



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On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 5:42 PM Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Hi all,

So sorry to add more to your inboxes. The Pritzker team is hoping to do the GSD check-in & a planning call either **tomorrow or Friday**, but we wanted to make sure your team would be able to make it.

Here are some proposed times that work:

- Thursday: 3-3:30 CT/ 1-1:30pm PT

- Friday: Before 9:30, 2:30-3:30pm, 4:30-5pm CT/ Before 7:30, 12:30pm-1:30pm, 2:30pm-3pm PT

Really appreciate all your help and support!

Best,

Emma

Emma Clough (she/her)

Executive Associate

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**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:09:51 AM

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It was a great interview – thank you all!

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**From:** O'Neill, Clare <Clare.ONeill@Illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 1:05 PM  
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Thank you, Hank, for all your help!

I'm glad we could make it work.

Thanks,

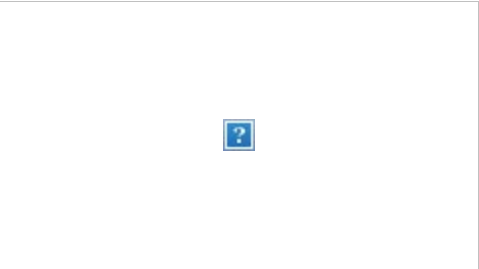
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**Subject:** [External] Re: CNN / Laura Coates interview with Governor Polis + Pritzker 11/13

Hi everyone! Thank you so much for making tonight's interview happen, what a treat to have both Governors join Laura! Hope you all have great evenings, and we'd love to have both of them back on the show again soon. Take care! Clip of their segment is below:  
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Yes! Still a 9:30pmMT/10:30pmCT/11:30pmET hit time.

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Hi Hank!

Are we still looking at 10:30pm for the hit time?

Thanks!

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Hi everyone! I'm here if anyone needs anything ahead of tonight. We're really looking forward to the interview.

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**Subject:** Re: CNN / Laura Coates interview with Governor Polis + Pritzker 11/13

Great, thanks Andrea!

On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 3:45 PM Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cnn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com)> wrote:

Sorry for the delay!  
This is slated for 11:30pm ET / 10:30pm CT / 9:30pm MT  
Can they arrive at 11pm ET / 10pm CT / 9pm MT and be seated at 11:15pm ET / 10:15pm CT / 9:15pm MT?

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Mike [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

Hi all – the truck and studio are all set. Unfortunately, with the AG news the hit time is still a little up in the air. It will either be 11:20 ET or 11:30pm ET. I am adding my colleague Hank who will be in late tonight and will get you an exact time ASAP.

You all have my cell and Hank's is [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

Adding my colleague Ally as well, thanks!

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**Subject:** RE: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

Hi – let me get you an exact time this afternoon. I think we will be doing this segment at 11:15pm ET / 10:15pm CT / 9:15pm MT but not confirmed yet. If so, we would love everyone on-site 30 minutes early and in the chair 15 minutes early. I did request TV house through my production people.

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Hello Andrea, we will have him at TV House like Jason & Jordan mentioned above.

I've already given TV house a heads up, so they are aware and ready but please let me know if you need their number as well.

What time would you like him in the chair ready to go?

And would you mind sending me your cell # here in case we need to get in touch before?

Thanks,

Clare O'Neill

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That works – I will request now

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Adding Clare with the Pritzker team. We generally do these from TV House at [566 W Adams](#) in Chicago if that works.

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I am in touch with Shelby on the Boulder truck.

Jordan and Jason – where will Governor Pritzker be tonight and how does he want to get on TV? I am happy to arrange whatever he needs.

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**Subject:** Re: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

yes that works. Feel free to connect us with the van operator for a spot in Boulder. thanks!

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 9:45 AM Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cnn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com)> wrote:

Great! Laura is live from 9-10pm MT. Can we do sometime in between there live? The exact hit will likely be 9:20pm MT or 9:30MT.

Studio van to Boulder?

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hey Andrea, we can do 9pm MT or 10pm MT tomorrow night with a studio van if that works!

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On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 9:41 AM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi Andrea and Jessica,

I'm looping in the wonderful comms teams for Gov. Polis (Conor) and Gov. Pritzker (Jordan and Jason) to try and lock in a plan for tomorrow's show with Laura Coates. I think we're able to accommodate both governors schedule-wise, but I will leave it to you all to confirm logistics work.

My Best,

Erin

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 11:26 AM Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cmn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cmn.com)> wrote:

Great – and I am adding my colleague Jess who has been in touch with Pritzker’s office.

**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:02 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cmn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cmn.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

Wonderful! Working on Pritzker.

On Mon, Nov 11, 2024 at 5:54 PM Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cnn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com)> wrote:

Conor confirmed that Gov. Polis can join Wednesday.

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**To:** Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cnn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

OK great - let me triple confirm with the governors and I'll come back to you and also get you the embargoed press release. I may need to loop in their comms folks.

Cheers,

Erin

On Mon, Nov 11, 2024 at 1:45 PM Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cnn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com)> wrote:

Erin, we definitely want to do this so just let me know what we need to do to confirm.

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**To:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

We would love to have them on ! And yes please send over the release.

**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2024 1:31 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Andrea <[andrea.lewis@cmn.com](mailto:andrea.lewis@cmn.com)>  
**Subject:** Launch of New Alliance of Governors to Protect US Democracy

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Hi Andrea,

I'm working with a number of Governors who will be launching a new alliance on Wednesday AM to protect American democracy. The Co-Chairs, Governors Polis and Pritzker, would be interested in joining Laura on Wednesday to discuss.

Can I send you over the embargoed press release so you can take a look and see the art of the possible? We have a lot of media interest so I do think this will be a bit of a news driver.

Thank you!

Erin

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**Subject:** Re: Key GSD Clips  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:09:00 PM  
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Great list and coverage! Thank you team!

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**Subject:** Key GSD Clips

This is not fully comprehensive but it will give you a very good sense of the landscape.  
Nice work, team. -Erin & Nicole



**Snapshot of Launch Media Coverage**  
Nov 13, 5 pm ET

**The New York Times:** [Democratic Governors Form a Group to Oppose the Trump Administration](#)  
**Associated Press:** [Democratic state leaders prepare for a tougher time countering Trump in his second term](#)  
**Axios:** [Blue state resistance builds against Trump](#)  
**ABC News:** [Illinois, Colorado governors announce state-level coalition to resist Trump policies](#)  
**Washington Post:** [The Early Brief Newsletter \(11/13\)](#)

**Morning Joe:** [New alliance of governors works to safeguard democracy in wake of Trump re-election](#)

**Denver Post:** ["Increasing threats of autocracy" spur Jared Polis to join Illinois governor in new initiative ahead of 2nd Trump term](#)

**Reuters:** [Democratic governors create group to resist Trump policies](#)

**Politico:** [Blue States Unite to Resist Federal Pressure Under Trump](#)

**The Hill:** [Pritzker, Polis to lead state-level group aimed at safeguarding democracy](#)

**ABC:** [Illinois, Colorado governors announce state-level coalition to resist Trump policies](#)

**Chicago Sun Times:** [Pritzker, Colo. Gov. Polis launch governors' coalition to protect against 'threats of autocracy' under Trump](#)

**Colorado News Online:** [Colorado, Illinois governors launch organization to 'safeguard' democracy ahead of Trump presidency](#)

**Democracy Docket:** [Democratic Governors Form Coalition to Safeguard Democracy Ahead of Trump Term](#)

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Alex (who I just added to this chain) is going to check Gov. Pritzker's availability and report back.

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**Subject:** Re: Reaching out from The Economist

Here's Gov Polis' availability in mostly 30 min blocks  
All times MT :  
Mon 18th at 1:45pm or 2pm  
Tues 19th at 10am or 4pm,  
Wed 20th is pretty open at 12:45 for 15. also time after 2pm MT

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On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 12:58 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

I like the joint vibes if we can make it work.

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Want to do something jointly or individual calls like we did with NYT?

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Hi Teams Pritzker and Polis --

How would you like me to handle this one? -E

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**Date:** Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 2:14 PM  
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**To:** <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
**Cc:** Daniel Knowles <[danielknowles@economist.com](mailto:danielknowles@economist.com)>

Hi Erin,

My name is Aryn Braun, and I cover the western states for The Economist. I'm working on a story with my colleague Daniel Knowles (who covers the Midwest) about how Democratic states are preparing for Donald Trump's second term--and the higher visibility of state powers more broadly in recent years. The launch of GSD fits right into that, though I know it's meant to be bipartisan.

I was wondering if Governors Pritzker and Polis would be available for an interview with Daniel and I?

Hope to hear back soon.

Best,  
Aryn

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Adding [@Mehundrew, Alishia](#). I'm available from 8 – 9 am central on Friday.

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**Subject:** [External] Re: Launch Sync Friday

Hi all – Adding a few folks from the Gov Pritzker team here who are going to try and join us for this call. Jordan and I should be pretty flexible on timing.

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**Subject:** Re: Launch Sync Friday

Hi everyone!

As we are now looking to Friday instead, could everyone send me their updated availability at their earliest convenience?

Thanks again,

Emma

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**Subject:** Launch Sync tomorrow

Hi all!

Per our conversation earlier, I'm reaching out to set up a time to sync back up tomorrow. GovAct team can make any time work, so could everyone reply with their availability for tomorrow?

To spare everyone's inboxes, please feel free to send it to me privately on this thread and I can set up a meeting that suits everyone's schedules.

Thanks all for your ongoing support!

Best,

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 2:24:37 PM

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Thanks so much, Erin.

Hi Conor. Jordan, Jason, great to be connected with you all. Hopefully we can find a time that works for the governors. A zoom call would be ideal if possible, since we're all in different places. My deadline is next Thursday, November 21st.

Best,  
Aryn

On Wed, 13 Nov 2024 at 12:01, Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi Aryn,

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Hi All - in case you need it, attached is the final GSD press release. We're also posting the clips on the GSD website [here](#).

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**Governors Launch Initiative to Protect American Democracy**  
***Governors Pritzker and Polis Lead Launch of Nonpartisan Governors' Initiative to Fortify Essential Democratic Rights Nationwide***

**Nov 13, 2024** – As the nation faces increasing threats against American democracy – including the dangers of authoritarianism and the undermining of democratic institutions – governors will lead a new initiative, Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD), chaired by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and Colorado Governor Jared Polis. GSD is a historic nonpartisan coalition of governors working together to protect the state-level institutions of democracy, leveraging their unique legislative, budgetary, executive, and administrative powers to deliver results for the American people.

“At this critical moment in our history, we must unite to protect the foundations of our democracy and ensure our institutions withstand threats and persevere in their mission to improve the lives of our people,” said Illinois Governor and GSD Co-Chair J.B. Pritzker. “Governors Safeguarding Democracy will serve as a powerful force in state-level efforts to ensure that our democracy lives up to our ideals and thrives for generations to come.”

"In this moment, protecting democracy has never been more relevant or important, and doing so demands strong leadership at the state level," said Colorado Governor and GSD Co-Chair Jared Polis. "Governors Safeguarding Democracy shows our shared dedication to defending the democratic principles upon which our country is built."

Grounded in the belief that saving and strengthening our democracy will require proactive and robust efforts at the state-level, GSD will:

**— GOVERNORS —**  
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- Leverage our collective strength, experience, and institutional knowledge to design and implement affirmative strategies to protect the rule of law and deliver for people in the states;
- Reinforce key state institutions to protect executive agencies, elections, state courts, and other core democratic bodies; and
- Develop playbooks to enable Governors and their teams to anticipate and swiftly respond to emerging threats.

By supporting state leaders with tools, knowledge, and resources to protect and strengthen state democratic institutions, GSD seeks to ensure that American democracy remains vibrant, resilient, and responsive to the needs of its people.

GSD's central aim is to fortify democratic institutions in the states and ensure the rule of law serves all people. Through governor-led efforts and the support of a network of senior staff designated by each governor, GSD will foster cross-state collaboration, including the sharing of essential tools, knowledge, and resources.

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Stephanie,

What time would you like the Governor seated in the chair ready to go tomorrow?

Thanks,

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**Subject:** [External] RE: PBS NewsHour for tomorrow - Governors Polis and Pritzker

Thank you Clare! And yes, that's the best number to reach me. I'll let you all know when TV House is confirmed for this interview. Thanks again!

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[EXTERNAL]

Hello All,

Our preferred studio is, TV House Studios ([TV HOUSE® STUDIOS](#)). I called and gave them a heads up, so they are aware you guys will be reaching out.

Stephanie, confirming your cell is [REDACTED] Just confirming in case we need to get in touch tomorrow.

Please let me know if there's anything else you need.

Either myself or someone from my team will be Advancing him tomorrow night.

Thanks,

**Clare O'Neill**

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Correct!

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Hey Jason! Just reconfirming this is the address for TV House in Chicago; 566 W Adams St. Suite 450 Chicago, IL 60661, as opposed the studio in Hyde Park/U of Chicago.

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[EXTERNAL]

Adding a few folks from the Pritzker team. We usually use TV House in Chicago

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This is GREAT! Thank you all so much! Conor, please keep us posted on Gov. Polis. In the meantime, Jordan/Jason, where will Gov. Pritzker be tomorrow? Is there a studio in particular you'd like to use? Thanks again!

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[EXTERNAL]

Hi Stephanie,  
Connecting you here with the wonderful comms team for Governor Pritzker, Jordan and Jason. Gov. Pritzker is available from 6:15-6:45 pm ET tomorrow to join NewsHour. I am also cc'ing Conor from Gov. Polis's team as they are trying to make that window work but are not yet locked. Will let you all work on logistics from here.

Stephanie, I will share some more background with you on Governors Safeguarding Democracy between now and then as well.

Best,  
Erin

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Yes! Operator: Josh Burluson, [REDACTED] [studio@tviveshots.com](mailto:studio@tviveshots.com)  
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thanks Elan, is it Josh Burelson?

**Conor Cahil**

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM Bird, Elan (NBCUniversal) <[Elan.Bird@nbcuni.com](mailto:Elan.Bird@nbcuni.com)> wrote:

Great, the mobile studio is confirmed for Gov. Polis, getting an operator contact asap

Here is a zoom link that Gov. Pritzker could use, could he log on around 850amET/750amCT for his 905amET/805amCT hit?

Who will be the best contacts in the AM?

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Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/\[REDACTED\]](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/[REDACTED])

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That timing works for Gov Pritzker. Adding a few others who are helping with the zoom setup



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Ok great! Can we confirm 905amET?

Does Gov. Pritzker have a solid zoom setup?

Will look into mobile studio for Gov. Polis

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Gov. Polis can do anytime before 10am ET

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 9:06 AM Bird, Elan (NBCUniversal) <[Elan.Bird@nbcuni.com](mailto:Elan.Bird@nbcuni.com)> wrote:

Hi, our emails crossed.  
So 905amET is not an option?

Thanks,  
Elan

Elan Bird  
*Morning Joe & Way Too Early*  
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Great to connect! Elan and Eliza can help sort out timing for MJ tomorrow. Thank you!

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Jesse, hope you're well. Gov. Polis can do Morning Joe tomorrow morning before 8am MT. Does that work? We could use a studio van, happy to pass along local studio van contacts. Thanks! - Conor

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On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 9:01 AM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Great! Looping in the fantastic comms experts from Gov. Pritzker's team (Jason/Jordan) and Gov. Polis's team (Conor) to discuss timing/logistics.

Best,  
Erin

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 10:16 AM Rodriguez, Jesse (NBCUniversal) <[Jesse.Rodriguez@nbcuni.com](mailto:Jesse.Rodriguez@nbcuni.com)> wrote:

Morning! Let's lock in the co-chairs for Morning Joe for tomorrow morning. Adding the team to sort out timing. Thank you.

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Here you go -- still adding governors but the list as of last night is below. We've got a ton of media interest so I expect this to drive some news on Wednesday. Cheers. -E

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**Governors Form Alliance to Protect American Democracy  
Governors Pritzker and Polis Lead Launch of Nonpartisan Governors'  
Initiative to Fortify Essential Democratic Rights Nationwide**

Nov 13, 2024/PRNewswire/ – As the nation faces increasing threats against American democracy – including the dangers of authoritarianism – governors from across the country have forged a new alliance, Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD), led by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and Colorado Governor Jared Polis. GSD is a historic nonpartisan coalition of governors working together to protect the state-level institutions of democracy, leveraging their unique legislative, budgetary, executive, and administrative powers to deliver results for the American people.

“At this critical moment in our history, we must unite to protect the foundations of our democracy and ensure our institutions withstand threats and persevere in their mission to improve the lives of our people,” said Illinois Governor and GSD Co-Chair JB Pritzker. “Governors Safeguarding Democracy will serve as a powerful force in state-level efforts to ensure that our democracy lives up to our ideals and thrives for generations to come.”

The coalition is made up of governors from **XX** states, including:

- JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois (Co-Chair)
- Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado (Co-Chair)
- Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania
- Andy Beshear, Governor of Kentucky
- Maura Healey, Governor of Massachusetts
- Tony Evers, Governor of Wisconsin
- Josh Green, Governor of Hawaii
- Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico

Grounded in the belief that saving and strengthening our democracy will require proactive and robust efforts at the state-level, GSD will:

- Leverage our collective strength, experience, and institutional knowledge to design and implement affirmative strategies to protect the rule of law and deliver for people in the states;
- Reinforce key state institutions to protect executive agencies, elections, state courts, and other core democratic bodies; and
- Develop playbooks to enable Governors and their teams to anticipate and swiftly respond to emerging threats.

"In this moment, protecting democracy has never been more relevant or



important, and doing so demands strong leadership at the state level," said Colorado Governor and GSD Co-Chair Jared Polis. "Governors Safeguarding Democracy shows our shared dedication to defending the democratic principles upon which our country is built."

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Awesome! I'll ask our production team to check that studio's availability now. Thanks!

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Executive Producer, Washington Week with The Atlantic  
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**Subject:** Re: PBS NewsHour for tomorrow - Governors Polis and Pritzker

[EXTERNAL]

Adding a few folks from the Pritzker team. We usually use TV House in Chicago

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**Subject:** RE: PBS NewsHour for tomorrow - Governors Polis and Pritzker

This is GREAT! Thank you all so much! Conor, please keep us posted on Gov. Polis. In the meantime, Jordan/Jason, where will Gov. Pritzker be tomorrow? Is there a studio in particular you'd like to use? Thanks again!

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**Subject:** PBS NewsHour for tomorrow - Governors Polis and Pritzker

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Stephanie,  
Connecting you here with the wonderful comms team for Governor Pritzker, Jordan and Jason. Gov. Pritzker is available from 6:15-6:45 pm ET tomorrow to join NewsHour. I am also cc'ing Conor from Gov. Polis's team as they are trying to make that window work but are not yet locked. Will let you all work on logistics from here.

Stephanie, I will share some more background with you on Governors Safeguarding Democracy between now and then as well.

Best,  
Erin

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**Cc:** [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Outstanding Media Queries -- Governors Safeguarding Democracy  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:38:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Outstanding Media Queries -- Governors Safeguarding Democracy

Thanks!

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**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>  
**Subject:** Outstanding Media Queries -- Governors Safeguarding Democracy

Hi Teams Pritzker and Polis -- here in one place is an updated list of media queries for the governors. You can also find them [here](#) in the final tab. If you can let me know what you'd like to pursue and what I can gently decline that would be great. Thank you! -Erin

| Outlet                           | Producer Name    | Producer Email   | Request  | Status   |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| CBS Streaming                    | Allison Brennan  | <a href="mailto:Allison.Brennan@cbsinteractive.com">Allison.Brennan@cbsinteractive.com</a>   | P&P to come on Wed or Thurs  | Pending with P&P teams   |
| MSNBC - Andrea Mitchell          | Tammy Caputo     | <a href="mailto:Tammy.Caputo@nbcuni.com">Tammy.Caputo@nbcuni.com</a>   | Pritzker to come on Wednesday  | Pending with Pritzker team   |
| PBS NewsHour                     | Stephanie Kotuby | <a href="mailto:skotuby@newshour.org">skotuby@newshour.org</a>   | P&P Wednesday, either live between 6-7 pm ET or taped between 3:30-5:20pm ET | Pending with P&P teams   |
| CNN Laura Coates                 | Andrea Lewis     | <a href="mailto:andrea.lewis@cnn.com">andrea.lewis@cnn.com</a>   | P&P Wednesday in 11 pm ET hour   | Polis confirmed; Pritzker pending  |
| MSNBC Chris Jansing Reports      | Brian Drew       | <a href="mailto:Brian.Drew2@nbcuni.com">Brian.Drew2@nbcuni.com</a>   | P or P Wednesday 1-3 pm ET   |  |
| Crooked Media - Pod Save America |                  | <a href="mailto:adriene@crooked.com">adriene@crooked.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:madeleine@crooked.com">madeleine@crooked.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:reid@crooked.com">reid@crooked.com</a> | P & P to come on in near term  | Crooked will come back to me with dates; they are OK not going this week |

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request -- Laura Coates, CNN  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 8:19:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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we're on for the media call tomorrow and can do CNN w/ Coates Wednesday night.  
Thanks!

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On Mon, Nov 11, 2024 at 4:45 PM Jason Rubin <[Jason@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jason@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

Adding Connor to see if this works

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request -- Laura Coates, CNN

Great. Jordan/Jason please let us know if Gov. Pritzker can join, or if I should decline on his behalf.

Best,

Erin

On Mon, Nov 11, 2024 at 5:37 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

we're ok to do this wednesday night.

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Hi Teams Pritzker and Polis --

Laura Coates would love to have Govs. Pritzker and Polis on Wednesday evening. Her show is in the 11 pm ET hour (blessedly that is earlier for you all). Can I confirm this? If so, I will loop you in on logistics. Only other update is that MSNBC will be back to me on Morning Joe and Joy Reid soonest.

More to come,

Erin

p.s. Can we lock in 3:30 pm ET tomorrow for the embargoed media call? Would love to get the advisory out.

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**Cc:** [Emma Clough](#); [Julia Spiegel](#); [Nicole Flotteron](#)  
**Subject:** Final materials & details for tomorrow's GSD call  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 6:02:19 PM  
**Attachments:** [Embargoed Call Script \(1\).docx](#)

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Hi Everyone,

Hopefully this is the last email from me. Looping everyone together with final details/materials for tomorrow:

- The embargoed media call is at 3:30 pm ET tomorrow. We already have 23 RSVPs and will surely get more between now and the call.
- The call will be conducted via Zoom's Webinar feature so we can control access to Qs. The hosts will be Gov Polis, Gov Pritzker, Julia, and me (moderator); all others will be admitted as participants (listeners). Participants will be allowed to speak by raising their hands and being called on by the moderator.
  - IMPORTANT NOTE: We need ONE email for us to send the host invitation to **(still waiting for Polis's team)**. This must be the email of the person who will be joining the zoom account. This email address will receive a webinar host invite directly from Zoom with a link the Governors must use to join the meeting as a host. Emma will be on standby to troubleshoot any issues that may arise.
  - Please have hosts (or their proxies) join the call 5 minutes early to test the tech and functionality. Once we conduct the test, we will open the call to let the reporters.
- [Draft call script with Q&A](#) (also attached in Word)

Best,  
Erin

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request -- PBS NewsHour  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 4:42:42 PM  
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Adding Connor to take a look

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request -- PBS NewsHour

Adding Connor from gov office to see what's workable

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request -- PBS NewsHour

this will be tough for us but keep me posted and if Gov. Pritzker can do it we can try to

make it work, thanks!

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Hi Teams Pritzker and Polis --

The PBS NewsHour would love to have Govs. Pritzker and Polis on Wednesday, either live between 6-7 pm ET or taped between 3:30-5:20pm ET. Can I confirm this? If so, I will loop you in on logistics.

One of the hosts recently sent me some interesting data that I thought I'd share on the show's viewership: *"2 million every night to the show and many more million online. Our average total viewership beats Anderson Cooper 360, the Situation Room, All in with Chris Hayes, and others. \*And\* our audience is evenly split -- a third conservative, a third liberal, a third independent."*

Erin

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**Subject:** Re: EMAILS (+ attachments) TO SEND TO CHIEFS OF STAFF  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 12:57:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [GSD Social Launch Toolkit - Governors FINAL.pdf](#)  
[GSD Press Release Draft.pdf](#)  
[GSD Messaging Document FINAL.pdf](#)  
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Hi all,  
Attached are the finalized attachments to use. Thank you!

Best,

Emma

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**Subject:** EMAILS (+ attachments) TO SEND TO CHIEFS OF STAFF

Hi all,

Here are the emails and breakdown of outreach for governors' offices, divided by west v. east (sorry Pritzker folks – looks like we're more east heavy in this alliance!). FYI, I'm already in touch with Cooper/Stein folks, so no need to do outreach there. I don't have contact info for all the chiefs, but let me know if you need us to help track down info.

\* = Send confirmation email  
No \* = Send request email

Please make sure to attach all three attachments for each email that goes out.

**\*TO: CONFIRMED GOVERNORS**

**From:** Governor Pritzker or Governor Polis' office  
**Cc:** [Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>](#)

**Subject Line:** Confirmation re: Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) Alliance Launch

**Attach:**

- Draft press release
- Messaging guidance
- Social media toolkit

Dear **XX**,

We appreciate Governor **XX** speaking with Governor **[Polis/Pritzker]** last week regarding the launch of the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance (GSD). We are thrilled that they have agreed to join this critical effort. In advance of GSD's public launch on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, we wanted to send along materials to review and utilize. **All press and public outreach for the launch is embargoed until 6:00 am ET on Wednesday morning.**

Attached is the press release that is going live on Wednesday and messaging guidance, governor Q+A purpose, and a social media toolkit – we'd appreciate your governor and team amplifying the launch as much as possible.

Finally, we have two questions we'd like an answer on **by \*Tuesday 3 pm ET\***:

- Is your governor comfortable being listed in our press release?
- Is your governor comfortable using the headshot listed on the Reproductive Freedom Alliance [website](#) for the GSD website?

Please let us know if you need any additional information, or if it would be helpful to talk staff-to-staff.

Thank you again for your support.

**XX**

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**TO: GOVERNORS WHO HAVE NOT CONFIRMED**

**From:** Governor Pritzker or Governor Polis' office

Cc: Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>

Subject Line: Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) Alliance Launch

Attach: Draft press release

Dear XX,

We would like to invite Governor XX to join the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance (GSD), a new, nonpartisan alliance of governors working together to uphold and fortify American democracy, co-chaired by Governor J.B. Pritzker of Illinois and Governor Jared Polis of Colorado.

Last week, Governor [Polis/Pritzker] tried to reach Governor XX about the effort. We would greatly value their participation and support. Please let us know by **3 pm ET Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** if your governor is interested in joining this alliance. We launch publicly on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

By way of additional background, we have attached the embargoed press release which will go live 6 am ET on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

If your governor is interested in signing on by this time, please also let us know:

1. if they are comfortable being listed in the press release and,
2. if we may use the same headshot listed on the Reproductive Freedom Alliance [website](#) for the GovAct website.

We are also happy to find time to connect the governors with each other or coordinate a staff-to-staff call if it is helpful, realizing time is short.

Thank you,  
XX

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**Outreach List**

| Polis          |               |                  | Pritzker |         |                         |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------|
| AZ             | Hobbs         | Chad Campbell    | CT       | Lamont  | Matthew Brokman         |
| CA             | Newsom        | Dana Williamson  | DE       | Carney  | Jessica Borcky Weinberg |
| GU             | Leon Guerrero | Jon Junior Calvo | KY*      | Beshear | La Tasha Buckner        |
| HI*            | Green         | Brooke Wilson    | ME       | Mills   | Jeremy Kennedy          |
| NM*            | Lujan Grisham | Daniel Schlegel  | MD       | Moore   | Fagan Harris            |
| OR             | Kotek         | Chris Warner     | MA*      | Healey  | Kate R. Cook            |
| WA* (outgoing) | Inslee        | Joby Shimoura    | MI       | Whitmer | JoAnne Huls             |
| WA (incoming)  | Ferguson      |                  | MN       | Walz    | Chris Schmitter         |
|                |               |                  | NJ       | Murphy  | Tim Hillman             |
|                |               |                  | NY       | Hochul  | Stacy Lynch             |
|                |               |                  | PA*      | Shapiro | Dana Fritz              |
|                |               |                  | RI       | McKee   | Antonio Afonso          |
|                |               |                  | VM       | Scott   |                         |
|                |               |                  | WI*      | Evers   | Maggie Gau              |

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**Cc:** [Nicole Flotteron](#); [Julia Spiegel](#); [Emma Clough](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Documents for GSD Launch  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 10:21:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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We're good with 2:30pm ct for the press call tomorrow! Just need to be done by 3.

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**Subject:** Documents for GSD Launch

Hi All --

Per the call just now please find attached the following PDFs:

- GSD Social toolkit -- for use by governors
- GSD Messaging
- Press release draft ([Google Doc here](#); still adding governors)

Best,

Erin

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**From:** [Erin Pelton](#) on behalf of [Erin Pelton <erin@helloforetell.com>](#)  
**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#)  
**Cc:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#); [Jason Rubin](#); [Nicole Flotteron](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pitching TV for Wednesday  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 9:55:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [Embargoed Call Script .docx](#)

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[Here's the draft script](#) with Q&A for Wednesday. Word doc attached. -E

On Mon, Nov 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Early could work on our end. Pod Save sounds good. Any interest in CNN Laura Coates, MSNBC Joy Reid in the evening?

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On Sun, Nov 10, 2024 at 10:20 AM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi Jordan, Jason and Conor --

Assuming we're still marching ahead with a Wednesday AM launch, I thought I could reach out to the following outlets tomorrow to see if they'd be interested in having Govs Polis/Pritzker on that day to discuss GSD, following embargo lift, but I wanted to check with you all first:

- CNN This Morning
- MSNBC Morning Joe
- CBS Mornings
- PBS NewsHour
- NPR's Morning Edition

I already reached out to Pod Save America and they asked for more info, which I sent.

NYT is also interested in covering the launch.

Thoughts on this list? If you all have deep ties to any of these shows I'm happy to have you take the lead. Just let me know. We can also try some daytime stuff if the governors are available. I just need windows of time and I can map out some options.

Best,  
Erin

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**To:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#)  
**Cc:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#); [Jason Rubin](#); [Erin Pelton](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Social Toolkit for Govs  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024 7:12:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Govs Office Toolkit Updated 1111.docx](#)

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Hi All,

Please use this version. We had to update the graphic links. Thanks!

On Sun, Nov 10, 2024 at 7:46 PM Nicole Flotteron <[nicole@helloforetell.com](mailto:nicole@helloforetell.com)> wrote:

Hi All -

Please find the social toolkit for the govts attached.

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**To:** [Jordan Abudayyeh](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicole Flotteron](#); [Jason Rubin](#); [Erin Pelton](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Photos for the GSD Website  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 9:19:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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here are photos for Gov Polis

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UpI8O8XhwObW2vVu8I6C9vWlQEhubPRQ>

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On Sun, Nov 10, 2024 at 5:02 PM Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)> wrote:

[here](#) is a link to photos with Gov Pritzker and constituents. Let me know if it doesn't work!

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*Founding Partner*



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**From:** Nicole Flotteron <[nicole@helloforetell.com](mailto:nicole@helloforetell.com)>

**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:55 PM

**To:** Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>, Jason Rubin <[Jason@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jason@arcstrategiesil.com)>

**Cc:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>, Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@gmail.com](mailto:julia.spiegel@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Photos for the GSD Website

Hello & Happy Sunday -

We are looking to source photos for the GSD website and wondering if there are high-res photos from either of your offices that we could potentially use. Ideally, it would be the Gov engaging with constituents in a contextually relevant setting (talking about democracy or issues related to democracy). If you have anything that you think could be a fit, please send it here. Thanks so much!

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**To:** [Erin Pelton](#); [Julia Spiegel](#)  
**Subject:** Re: GSD Materials  
**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:37:00 PM

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press release looks good, thanks!

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On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 5:19 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

here's a headshot you can use too

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 1:30 PM Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)> wrote:  
Hi Team Polis,

As discussed, here are some key documents we've developed:

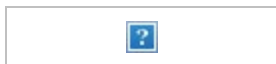
- [Press release](#)
- [Topline messaging / Hard Q&A](#)
- [Website copy](#)
- [Embargoed media call script](#) (this will surely be updated by your team)

Social toolkits will come -- we're still working on graphics.

Conor -- if you're the right POC on media, perhaps we can offline on that. I had suggested targeting CNN, MSNBC, and CBS Morning shows; PBS NewsHour, NPR Morning Edition, and Pod Save America to start. We can obviously build that out to include more cable and other podcasts, depending on availability.

Best,  
Erin

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**To:** [Veitch - GovOffice, Kara](#)  
**Cc:** [David Oppenheim - GOVOffice](#); [Conor Cahill - GOVOffice](#); [Jordan Abudayyeh](#); [Jason Rubin](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Amended List for Gov. Polis Outreach  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 8:57:13 PM  
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Great. Please circle back if you don't get traction and I'll try to help.

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**From:** Veitch - GovOffice, Kara <kara.veitch@state.co.us>  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 7:43 PM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>  
**Cc:** David Oppenheim - GOVOffice <david.oppenheim@state.co.us>, Conor Cahill - GOVOffice <conor.cahill@state.co.us>, Jordan Abudayyeh <Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>, Jason Rubin <Jason@arcstrategiesil.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Amended List for Gov. Polis Outreach

We are also reaching out to them. Thanks.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 8:15 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Could NGA provide the contacts for the gov? I suspect governor numbers are tightly held, but NGA must have them.

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**From:** Veitch - GovOffice, Kara <[kara.veitch@state.co.us](mailto:kara.veitch@state.co.us)>

**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 6:53 PM

**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Cc:** David Oppenheim - GOVOffice <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)>, Conor Cahill - GOVOffice <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>, Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>, Jason Rubin <[Jason@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jason@arcstrategiesil.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Amended List for Gov. Polis Outreach

yes

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

For the governors?

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**From:** Veitch - GovOffice, Kara <[kara.veitch@state.co.us](mailto:kara.veitch@state.co.us)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2024 4:19:24 PM

**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Cc:** David Oppenheim - GOVOffice <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)>; Conor Cahill - GOVOffice <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)>; Jordan Abudayyeh <[Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jordan@arcstrategiesil.com)>; Jason Rubin <[Jason@arcstrategiesil.com](mailto:Jason@arcstrategiesil.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Amended List for Gov. Polis Outreach

Do you happen to have their contact info?

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 1:29 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

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| AZ | Hobbs         | Chad Campbell    |
| GU | Leon Guerrero | Jon Junior Calvo |
| HI | Green         | Brooke Wilson    |
| NM | Lujan Grisham | Daniel Schlegel  |
| OR | Kotek         | Chris Warner     |
| RI | McKee         | Antonio Afonso   |
| WA | Inslee        | Joby Shimoura    |

We have some others, too, if he gets through these.

I'm also happy to follow up with any chiefs of staff once these calls have been made so we don't fall into the gov-to-gov conversation vacuum. Just let me know.

Thank you!

Julia Spiegel  
CEO & Founder

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**From:** [Erin Pelton](#) on behalf of [Erin Pelton <erin@helloforetell.com>](#)  
**To:** [Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor](#)  
**Subject:** Re: GSD Materials  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 4:51:35 PM

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Hey Conor - can I call you in 10?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 8, 2024, at 4:07 PM, Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

This looks good, will close loop on release shortly. Sounds great, yes I can work with you on media on this project. Feel free to give me a call [REDACTED]

**Conor Cahill**  
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On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 1:34 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

As for validators, we have GovAct advisory board members teed up, including former Governors Bill Weld (R-MA), Arne Carlson (R-MN), Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS), and Deval Patrick (D-MA) and Sally Yates. Very happy to reach out to others you think would be good voices in this space.

Thanks, all.

Julia Spiegel  
CEO & Founder

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**From:** Erin Pelton <[erin@helloforetell.com](mailto:erin@helloforetell.com)>  
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**Subject:** GSD Materials

Hi Team Polis,

As discussed, here are some key documents we've developed:

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- [Topline messaging / Hard Q&A](#)
- [Website copy](#)
- [Embargoed media call script](#) (this will surely be updated by your team)

Social toolkits will come -- we're still working on graphics.

Conor -- if you're the right POC on media, perhaps we can offline on that. I had suggested targeting CNN, MSNBC, and CBS Morning shows; PBS NewsHour, NPR Morning Edition, and Pod Save America to start. We can obviously build that out to include more cable and other podcasts, depending on availability.

Best,

Erin

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**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@GovActAlliance.org>; Brandon Davis - GovOffice <Brandon.Davis@state.co.us>; Danielle Oliveto - GOVOffice <Danielle.Oliveto@state.co.us>; Emma Clough - GovOffice <emma.clough@govactalliance.org>; Erin Pelton <erin@helloworld.com>; Oppenheim - GOVOffice <David.Oppenheim@state.co.us>; Jenna Goldstein - GovOffice She Her <jenna.goldstein@state.co.us>; Kara Veitch - GovOffice <kara.veitch@state.co.us>; Nathanson - GovOffice <isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us>; Shelby Wieman - GOVOffice <shelby.wieman@state.co.us>; Miller, Emily (GOV) <Emily.Miller@illinois.gov>; Jordan Abudayeh <jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>; Jason Rubin <jason@arcstrategiesil.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials  
**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 12:58:36 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.png

I apologize—our Comms shop can take the meeting if you set it up again for 2. We got our wires crossed.

**From:** Gutierrez - GOVOffice, Emily <emily.gutierrez@state.co.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2024 1:55 PM  
**To:** Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@illinois.gov>  
**Cc:** Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org>; Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <conor.cahill@state.co.us>; Brandon Davis - GovOffice <brandon.l.davis@state.co.us>; Danielle Oliveto - GOVOffice <danielle.oliveto@state.co.us>; Emma Clough - emma.clough@govactalliance.org>; Erin Pelton <erin@helloworld.com>; Oppenheim - GOVOffice <David.Oppenheim@state.co.us>; Jenna Goldstein - GovOffice She Her <jenna.goldstein@state.co.us>; Kara Veitch - GovOffice <kara.veitch@state.co.us>; Nathanson - GovOffice <isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us>; Shelby Wieman - GOVOffice <shelby.wieman@state.co.us>; Miller, Emily (GOV) <Emily.Miller@illinois.gov>; Jordan Abudayeh <jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>; Jason Rubin <jason@arcstrategiesil.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Thank you Karen. I'll follow up shortly to reschedule.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 12:50 PM Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@illinois.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

I'm very sorry, but the right people to discuss these questions were pulled into another meeting, so we need to pull the meeting down, rather than make you wait. Our veto session is next week and we're juggling a bit today. We'd be happy to meet Monday on the holiday or first thing Tuesday.

I am very much looking forward to working with all of you.

Thanks,

Karen

**Karen Sheley**

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**Cc:** Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <conor.cahill@state.co.us>; Brandon Davis - GovOffice <brandon.l.davis@state.co.us>; Danielle Oliveto - GOVOffice <danielle.oliveto@state.co.us>; Emma Clough <emma.clough@govactalliance.org>; Erin Pelton <erin@helloworld.com>; Oppenheim - GOVOffice, David <david.oppenheim@state.co.us>; Jenna Goldstein - GovOffice She Her <jenna.goldstein@state.co.us>; Kara Veitch - GovOffice <kara.veitch@state.co.us>; Nathanson - GovOffice <isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us>; Shelby Wieman - GOVOffice <shelby.wieman@state.co.us>; Miller, Emily (GOV) <Emily.Miller@illinois.gov>; Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@illinois.gov>; Jordan Abudayeh <jordan@arcstrategiesil.com>; Jason Rubin <jason@arcstrategiesil.com>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Thank you, Julia.

Discussion topics:

- Get on the same page about the initiative
- Announcement details
- Is there an ask for our office to reach out to other Governors

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:29 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Fantastic – thank you! This group is already moving mountains.

Julia Spiegel  
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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Julia,

I just heard back from EA's on our side and we can make 1pm MT/2pm CT work. Apologies for the delay and I just sent a calendar invite. I'll follow up shortly regarding topic of discussion.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:18 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Colorado folks:

1. Any chance 1 pm MT / 2 pm CT works? I know Illinois and GovAct can meet then.
2. Can you share what you'd like to sync on so we make sure we have all the right folks on the call?

Really looking forward to getting the teams together.

Julia

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I will make any time work – but am adding Pritzker folks here so we can all coordinate together. Thank you!

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Julia, our team is available today at 12:30 pm MT, would that work for you and Gov Pritzker's team? If not, please let me know what times work on your end and we will accommodate.

Thank you,

Emily

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 9:21 AM Oppenheim - GOVOffice, David <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)> wrote:  
Julia, can we do a quick call with you and the Pritzker team today?

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:03 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:  
Thanks Julia. Will look out for it Erin and happy to connect. [REDACTED]

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 3:42 PM Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:  
Fantastic – thank you. Off we go!

We are retaining counsel to ensure our communications are privileged, since our understanding is that a CIA, alone, might be insufficient. I'll have more to share by early next week, if that's ok.  
Adding Erin Pelton here to help run the traps on the press side – e.g., press release/quote approval, availability for media hits, etc.

Thank you all!  
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Hi,  
I can confirm our participation as co-chair. If there's a common interest agreement can you please share with Kara (copied here).

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Fantastic – thank you!

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi,  
I'm adding Kara. We will discuss and be back in-touch.  
On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:35 AM Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)> wrote:  
Adding our comms team!

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:16 AM Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:  
Hi all,  
I gather your gov has been in direct touch with Gov. Pritzker about co-chairing the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance. We're absolutely thrilled and are so excited to work together.  
On a related note: who is the best person to coordinate on clearing press materials?  
Thanks so much for all you're doing!

Julia  
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Hi Izzy,  
Fantastic! We're thrilled to have Gov. Polis and the team on board. So nice to be in touch with you, Brandon and Jenna.  
More to come from us very soon!

All my best,  
Julia  
Julia Spiegel  
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**From:** Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 2:35 PM

**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Julia,

Thanks for reaching out. Governor Polis has agreed to join the alliance, and has designated Brandon and Jenna, cc'd, as his representatives.

Thanks,

Izzy

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

David, Danielle, Izzy,

Hope you're all hanging in there during this crazy time. I just wanted to circle back to see if you had any updates on Gov. Polis' participation in the Governors safeguarding Democracy alliance, or if a further conversation or anything else would be helpful.

Thanks so much,

Julia

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 9:39 AM

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**Subject:** Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

David, Danielle, Izzy:

Great to connect with you today.

Attached is a one-pager on GovAct.

The Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) alliance is advancing three core scopes of work:

- Developing Crisis Response Playbooks:** GSD is developing crisis scenario roadmaps and response playbooks to help Governors work across their administrations to safeguard elections, defend against security threats to government infrastructure and personnel, protect against foreign interference, and safeguard sensitive information about state operations and individuals.
- Reinforcing Key Institutions, Including State Courts:** GSD is working to protect election administration officials and elected officials from harassment and other threats; build state judicial pipelines and strategies; and assist Governors in navigating the post-Chevron landscape, including by working proactively to bolster state regulations – ranging from labor standards to food and drug safety to health care – as well as state enforcement of those regulations.
- Advancing Affirmative Strategies:** GSD is proactively strategizing to protect rule of law in the states using Governors' unique authorities. For example, GSD is developing trainings and other materials to educate governors and their staff on best-in-class data protection and record retention practices that will better protect state officials, agencies, and constituents from attack.

Modeled on the 23-governor [Reproductive Freedom Alliance](#), GSD engages in this work by:

- **Forging a Critical Network of Leaders** by helping establish a network of senior staff in Governors' Offices, each designated by their governor to lead on democracy.
- **Serving as a Policy Innovator & Incubator** to brainstorm, pilot, partner, and implement new approaches to problem-solving.
- **Building Capacity** by sharing best practices, model policies, legislation, and innovative strategies.
- **Creating a Collective Voice** by using strategic communications that are undergirded by targeted research and polling to ensure the messaging is effective.

This agenda has been set by governors and their senior staff.

Feel free to send any additional questions my way. Or call any time: [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Julia

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL - HYBRID] MEETING  
**Location:** Zoom / David's Office , GOV - 136\_ZM\_ChiefOfStaffConference

This event has been updated

Changed: location

Meeting with Julia Spiegel (virtual)  
Topic: Governors Action Alliance (GovAct)

Danielle and David approved 9/16

**When**  
Wednesday Oct 9, 2024 - 10am - 10:30am (Mountain Time - Denver)

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**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 12:57:44 PM  
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Sorry all -- we don't actually want to pull this down. Jordan, who is handling comms for Gov. Pritzker along with Jason, can make it and has updates. Can we please keep the meeting?

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**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Thank you Karen. I'll follow up shortly to reschedule.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 12:50 PM Sheley, Karen A <Karen.A.Sheley@illinois.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

I'm very sorry, but the right people to discuss these questions were pulled into another meeting, so we need to pull the meeting down, rather than make you wait. Our veto session is next week and we're juggling a bit today. We'd be happy to meet Monday on the holiday or first thing Tuesday.

I am very much looking forward to working with all of you.

Thanks,

Karen

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**Subject:** [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Thank you, Julia.

Discussion topics:

- Get on the same page about the initiative
- Announcement details
- Is there an ask for our office to reach out to other Governors

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:29 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Fantastic -- thank you! This group is already moving mountains.

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Hi Julia,

I just heard back from EA's on our side and we can make 1pm MT/2pm CT work. Apologies for the delay and I just sent a calendar invite. I'll follow up shortly regarding topic of discussion.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:18 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Colorado folks:

1. Any chance 1 pm MT / 2 pm CT works? I know Illinois and Govact can meet then.
2. Can you share what you'd like to sync on so we make sure we have all the right folks on the call?

Really looking forward to getting the teams together.

Julia

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I will make any time work – but am adding Pritzker folks here so we can all coordinate together. Thank you!

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**From:** Gutierrez - GOVOffice, Emily <[emily.gutierrez@state.co.us](mailto:emily.gutierrez@state.co.us)>

**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2024 at 9:12 AM

**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

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Julia, our team is available today at 12:30 pm MT, would that work for you and Gov Pritzker's team? If not, please let me know what times work on your end and we will accommodate.

Thank you,

Emily

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 9:21 AM Oppenheim - GOVOffice, David <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)> wrote:

Julia, can we do a quick call with you and the Pritzker team today?

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:03 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Thanks Julia. Will look out for it Erin and happy to connect: [REDACTED]

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 3:42 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Fantastic – thank you. Off we go!

We are retaining counsel to ensure our communications are privileged, since our understanding is that a CIA, alone, might be insufficient. I'll have more to share by early next week, if that's ok.

Adding Erin Petton here to help run the traps on the press side – e.g., press release/quote approval, availability for media hits, etc.

Thank you all!

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**From:** Oppenheim - GOVOffice, David <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)>

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Hi,

I can confirm our participation as co-chair. If there's a common interest agreement can you please share with Kara (copied here).

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 12:12 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Fantastic – thank you!

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi,

I'm adding Kara. We will discuss and be back in-touch.

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:35 AM Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)> wrote:

Adding our comms team!

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:16 AM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Hi all,

I gather your gov has been in direct touch with Gov. Pritzker about co-chairing the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance. We're absolutely thrilled and are so excited to work together.

On a related note: who is the best person to coordinate on clearing press materials?

Thanks so much for all you're doing!

Julia

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 3:03 PM

**To:** Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)>

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Izzy,

Fantastic! We're thrilled to have Gov. Polis and the team on board. So nice to be in touch with you, Brandon and Jenna.

More to come from us very soon!

All my best,

Julia

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# GOV/ACT

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 2:35 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Julia,

Thanks for reaching out. Governor Polis has agreed to join the alliance, and has designated Brandon and Jenna, cc'd, as his representatives.

Thanks,

Izzy

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

David, Danielle, Izzy,

Hope you're all hanging in there during this crazy time. I just wanted to circle back to see if you had any updates on Gov. Polis' participation in the Governors safeguarding Democracy alliance, or if a further conversation or anything else would be helpful.

Thanks so much,

Julia

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David, Danielle, Izzy:

Great to connect with you today.

Attached is a one-pager on GovAct.

The Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) alliance is advancing three core scopes of work:

- Developing Crisis Response Playbooks:** GSD is developing crisis scenario roadmaps and response playbooks to help Governors work across their administrations to safeguard elections, defend against security threats to government infrastructure and personnel, protect against foreign interference, and safeguard sensitive information about state operations and individuals.
- Reinforcing Key Institutions, Including State Courts:** GSD is working to protect election administration officials and elected officials from harassment and other threats; build state judicial pipelines and strategies; and assist Governors in navigating the post-Chevron landscape, including by working proactively to bolster state regulations – ranging from labor standards to food and drug safety to health care – as well as state enforcement of those regulations.
- Advancing Affirmative Strategies:** GSD is proactively strategizing to protect rule of law in the states using Governors' unique authorities. For example, GSD is developing trainings and other materials to educate governors and their staff on best-in-class data protection and record retention practices that will better protect state officials, agencies, and constituents from attack.

Modeled on the 23-governor [Reproductive Freedom Alliance](#), GSD engages in this work by:

- **Forging a Critical Network of Leaders** by helping establish a network of senior staff in Governors' Offices, each designated by their governor to lead on democracy.
- **Serving as a Policy Innovator & Incubator** to brainstorm, pilot, partner, and implement new approaches to problem-solving.
- **Building Capacity** by sharing best practices, model policies, legislation, and innovative strategies.
- **Creating a Collective Voice** by using strategic communications that are undergirded by targeted research and polling to ensure the messaging is effective.

This agenda has been set by governors and their senior staff.

Feel free to send any additional questions my way. Or call any time: [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
Julia

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL - HYBRID] MEETING  
**Location:** Zoom / David's Office , GOV - 136\_ZM\_ChiefOfStaffConference

This event has been updated

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Meeting with Julia Spiegel (virtual)  
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I can make it and will update the group.

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**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi all,

I'm very sorry, but the right people to discuss these questions were pulled into another meeting, so we need to pull the meeting down, rather than make you wait. Our veto session is next week and we're juggling a bit today. We'd be happy to meet Monday on the holiday or first thing Tuesday.

I am very much looking forward to working with all of you.

Thanks,

Karen

**Karen Sheley**  
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Thank you, Julia.

Discussion topics:

- Get on the same page about the initiative
- Announcement details
- Is there an ask for our office to reach out to other Governors

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:29 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Fantastic – thank you! This group is already moving mountains.

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Hi Julia,

I just heard back from EA's on our side and we can make 1pm MT/2pm CT work. Apologies for the delay and I just sent a calendar invite. I'll follow up shortly regarding topic of discussion.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:18 AM Julia Spiegel <Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org> wrote:

Colorado folks:

1. Any chance 1 pm MT / 2 pm CT works? I know Illinois and GovAct can meet then.
2. Can you share what you'd like to sync on so we make sure we have all the right folks on the call?

Really looking forward to getting the teams together.

Julia

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I will make any time work – but am adding Pritzker folks here so we can all coordinate together. Thank you!

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Julia, our team is available today at 12:30 pm MT, would that work for you and Gov Pritzker's team? If not, please let me know what times work on your end and we will accommodate.

Thank you,  
Emily

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 9:21 AM Oppenheim - GOVOffice, David <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)> wrote:

Julia, can we do a quick call with you and the Pritzker team today?

David Oppenheim  
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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:03 PM Cahill - GOVOffice, Conor <[conor.cahill@state.co.us](mailto:conor.cahill@state.co.us)> wrote:

Thanks Julia. Will look out for it Erin and happy to connect - [REDACTED]

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 3:42 PM Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Fantastic – thank you. Off we go!

We are retaining counsel to ensure our communications are privileged, since our understanding is that a CIA, alone, might be insufficient. I'll have more to share by early next week, if that's ok.

Adding Erin Pelton here to help run the traps on the press side – e.g., press release/quote approval, availability for media hits, etc.

Thank you all!

Julia Spiegel

CEO & Founder

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Subject: Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi,

I can confirm our participation as co-chair. If there's a common interest agreement can you please share with Kara (copied here).

David Oppenheim

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Fantastic – thank you!

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Subject: Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi,

I'm adding Kara. We will discuss and be back in-touch.

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:35 AM Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)> wrote:

Adding our comms team!

On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:16 AM Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

Hi all,

I gather your gov has been in direct touch with Gov. Pritzker about co-chairing the Governors Safeguarding Democracy alliance. We're absolutely thrilled and are so excited to work together.

On a related note: who is the best person to coordinate on clearing press materials?

Thanks so much for all you're doing!

Julia

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From: Julia Spiegel <[julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:julia.spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

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Hi Izzy,

Fantastic! We're thrilled to have Gov. Polis and the team on board. So nice to be in touch with you, Brandon and Jenna.



More to come from us very soon!

All my best,  
Julia

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 2:35 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Julia,

Thanks for reaching out. Governor Polis has agreed to join the alliance, and has designated Brandon and Jenna, cc'd, as his representatives.

Thanks,  
Izzy

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

David, Danielle, Izzy,

Hope you're all hanging in there during this crazy time. I just wanted to circle back to see if you had any updates on Gov. Polis' participation in the Governors safeguarding Democracy alliance, or if a further conversation or anything else would be helpful.

Thanks so much,  
Julia

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 9:39 AM

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**Subject:** Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

David, Danielle, Izzy:

Great to connect with you today.

Attached is a one-pager on GovAct.

The Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) alliance is advancing three core scopes of work:

- Developing Crisis Response Playbooks:** GSD is developing crisis scenario roadmaps and response playbooks to help Governors work across their administrations to safeguard elections, defend against security threats to government infrastructure and personnel, protect against foreign interference, and safeguard sensitive information about state operations and individuals.
- Reinforcing Key Institutions, Including State Courts:** GSD is working to protect election administration officials and elected officials from harassment and other threats; build state judicial pipelines and strategies; and assist Governors in navigating the post-Chevron landscape, including by working proactively to bolster state regulations – ranging from labor standards to food and drug safety to health care – as well as state enforcement of those regulations.
- Advancing Affirmative Strategies:** GSD is proactively strategizing to protect rule of law in the states using Governors' unique authorities. For example, GSD is developing trainings and other materials to educate governors and their staff on best-in-class data protection and record retention practices that will better protect state officials, agencies, and constituents from attack.

Modeled on the 23-governor [Reproductive Freedom Alliance](#), GSD engages in this work by:

- **Forging a Critical Network of Leaders** by helping establish a network of senior staff in Governors' Offices, each designated by their governor to lead on democracy.
- **Serving as a Policy Innovator & Incubator** to brainstorm, pilot, partner, and implement new approaches to problem-solving.
- **Building Capacity** by sharing best practices, model policies, legislation, and innovative strategies.
- **Creating a Collective Voice** by using strategic communications that are undergirded by targeted research and polling to ensure the messaging is effective.

This agenda has been set by governors and their senior staff.

Feel free to send any additional questions my way. Or call any time: [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
Julia

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL - HYBRID] MEETING  
**Location:** Zoom / David's Office , GOV - 136\_ZM\_ChiefOfStaffConference

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Changed: location

Meeting with Julia Spiegel (virtual)  
Topic: Governors Action Alliance (GovAct)  
Danielle and David approved 9/16

When  
Wednesday Oct 9, 2024 · 10am – 10:30am (Mountain Time - Denver)

Meeting host: [gmily.gutierrez@state.co.us](mailto:gmily.gutierrez@state.co.us)

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More to come from us very soon!

All my best,  
Julia

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Hi Julia,

Thanks for reaching out. Governor Polis has agreed to join the alliance, and has designated Brandon and Jenna, cc'd, as his representatives.

Thanks,  
Izzy

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David, Danielle, Izzy,

Hope you're all hanging in there during this crazy time. I just wanted to circle back to see if you had any updates on Gov. Polis' participation in the Governors safeguarding Democracy alliance, or if a further conversation or anything else would be helpful.

Thanks so much,  
Julia

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Great to connect with you today.

Attached is a one-pager on GovAct.

The Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) alliance is advancing three core scopes of work:

1. **Developing Crisis Response Playbooks:** GSD is developing crisis scenario roadmaps and response playbooks to help Governors work across their administrations to safeguard elections, defend against security threats to government infrastructure and personnel, protect against foreign interference, and safeguard sensitive information about state operations and individuals.
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- **Creating a Collective Voice** by using strategic communications that are undergirded by targeted research and polling to ensure the messaging is effective.

This agenda has been set by governors and their senior staff.

Feel free to send any additional questions my way. Or call any time: [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
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This event has been updated

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Danielle and David approved 9/16

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Talk soon --  
Erin

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Hi Izzy,

Fantastic! We're thrilled to have Gov. Polis and the team on board. So nice to be in touch with you, Brandon and Jenna.

More to come from us very soon!

All my best,  
Julia

Julia Spiegel  
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[Julia.Spiegel@GovActAlliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@GovActAlliance.org)

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**From:** Nathanson - GovOffice, Isabelle <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 2:35 PM  
**To:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

Hi Julia,

Thanks for reaching out. Governor Polis has agreed to join the alliance, and has designated Brandon and Jenna, cc'd, as his representatives.

Thanks,  
Izzy

On Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

David, Danielle, Izzy,

Hope you're all hanging in there during this crazy time. I just wanted to circle back to see if you had any updates on Gov. Polis' participation in the Governors safeguarding Democracy alliance, or if a further conversation or anything else would be helpful.

Thanks so much,  
Julia

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**From:** Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 9:39 AM

**To:** David Oppenheim - GOVOffice <[david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)>, Danielle Oliveto - GOVOffice <[danielle.oliveto@state.co.us](mailto:danielle.oliveto@state.co.us)>, Isabelle Nathanson - GovOffice <[isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us](mailto:isabelle.nathanson@state.co.us)>

**Cc:** Emma Clough <[emma.clough@govactalliance.org](mailto:emma.clough@govactalliance.org)>

**Subject:** Follow-Up: GovAct / Governors Safeguarding Democracy Materials

David, Danielle, Izzy:

Great to connect with you today.

Attached is a one-pager on GovAct.

The Governors Safeguarding Democracy (GSD) alliance is advancing three core scopes of work:

1. **Developing Crisis Response Playbooks:** GSD is developing crisis scenario roadmaps and response playbooks to help Governors work across their administrations to safeguard elections, defend against security threats to government infrastructure and personnel, protect against foreign interference, and safeguard sensitive information about state operations and individuals.
2. **Reinforcing Key Institutions, Including State Courts:** GSD is working to protect election administration officials and elected officials from harassment and other threats; build state judicial pipelines and strategies; and assist Governors in navigating the post-*Chevron* landscape, including by working proactively to bolster state regulations – ranging from labor standards to food and drug safety to health care – as well as state enforcement of those regulations.
3. **Advancing Affirmative Strategies:** GSD is proactively strategizing to protect rule of law in the states using Governors’ unique authorities. For example, GSD is developing trainings and other materials to educate governors and their staff on best-in-class data protection and record retention practices that will better protect state officials, agencies, and constituents from attack.

Modeled on the 23-governor [Reproductive Freedom Alliance](#), GSD engages in this work by:

- **Forging a Critical Network of Leaders** by helping establish a network of senior staff in Governors’ Offices, each designated by their governor to lead on democracy.
- **Serving as a Policy Innovator & Incubator** to brainstorm, pilot, partner, and implement new approaches to problem-solving.
- **Building Capacity** by sharing best practices, model policies, legislation, and innovative strategies.
- **Creating a Collective Voice** by using strategic communications that are undergirded by targeted research and polling to ensure the messaging is effective.

This agenda has been set by governors and their senior staff.

Feel free to send any additional questions my way. Or call any time: [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
Julia

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**From:** [david.oppenheim@state.co.us](mailto:david.oppenheim@state.co.us)  
**When:** 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM October 9, 2024  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL - HYBRID] MEETING  
**Location:** Zoom / David's Office , GOV - 136\_ZM\_ChiefOfStaffConference

**This event has been updated**

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(virtual)

Topic: Governors Action Alliance

(GovAct)

Danielle and David approved 9/16

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**Guests**

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[Danielle Oliveto - GOVOffice](#)

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**Subject:** Re: Listserv  
**Date:** Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:04:34 PM  
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Thank you!

**Brandon L. Davis**  
Senior Policy Advisor  
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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 9:57 PM Julia Spiegel <[Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org](mailto:Julia.Spiegel@govactalliance.org)> wrote:

You got it. Jenna, Brandon –we’ve got you on the list.

Julia Spiegel  
CEO & Founder

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**Subject:** Listserv

Hi Julia,

For some reason our team is not getting the Alliance emails. Can you please add the cc'd folks to the GSA list? I'll just be representing our Gov on the RFA work.

Thanks,

Izzy

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