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Elijah E. Cummings, MD7-D

Photo Cliff Owen, AP

**“Do you hear that? Do you hear the silence?
This is the sound of House Republicans conducting
no oversight of President Trump. ”**

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EDITORIAL

“You Lie!” — She Persisted

In September of 2009, Rep. Joe Wilson, SC-02R, shouted out, “You lie!” when President Obama stated illegal immigrants would not be able to subscribe to the proposed (at the time) Affordable Care Act. Later, Wilson apologized and stated he was simply caught up in the moment. My thought, at the time and since then came right out of my teacher training and classroom experiences. That is, bad behavior, regardless of the circumstances, must be dealt with swiftly and must have consequences. President Obama accepted the apology and went on about the business of state. My prediction was without any consequences for Wilson, it would only get worse. And it has.

Fast forward to this week. During the Senate hearing regarding the confirmation of Sen. Jeff Sessions AL-R, “You lie!” took the form of shutting up the “little lady,” [Sen. John Cornyn TX-R] Senator Elizabeth Warren, MA-D, via an obscure Senate procedural rule, Rule 19. This rule forbids a member of the Senate from making disparaging remarks about another member of the senate. Warren was censured for reading into the record a known letter about Sessions written by Coretta Scott King when he was up for consideration for the federal bench. To make matters worse, the very next day, four senators, all male, were allowed to read into the record the very same letter written by Mrs. King. Was the censure of Warren born out of a lie because the truth was too close to home-reality, or was it due to misogynistic discrimination? A further question is the necessity of explaining of how reading a known, documented letter, written by a known legitimate source, Coretta Scott King, is construed by the GOP’per leadership to Senator Warren making a disparaging remark about another member? This is reinforced by the granting of permission for the four (male) members to read the document in question into the record. When is a lie a lie and when is it just a thing?

She persisted, a new rallying call for progressive folks.

Senator Warren did not bend to the attempted shaming of the “uppity” female. Graham tried to ramp up the censure by stating, “The bottom line is, it was long overdue with her,” Graham said. “I mean, she is clearly running for the nomination in 2020.” What? I thought Graham was saying she was impugning another member. But he stated she was running for president in 2020. Taking into consideration that four male senators were permitted to read the very same letter the next day, is Graham saying those four senators (Udall NM-D, Sanders VT-I, Brown OH-D and Merkley OR-D) are not running for president in 2020 and therefore they can impugn another member? Or was Graham saying that because these four are male, there is no impugning?

Breaking News: 02/09/17

Now that Sessions is no longer a member of the Senate because he was confirmed as U.S. Attorney General, the gag order (#19) on Sen. Warren is no longer in force.

But that’s not the end of the story. The onslaught of unqualified, but wealthy candidates are being confirmed. We must be persistent and watch this tDrump ship of state every moment — calling them out and insisting upon truth and reality.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

Trump Is Marketing “Meeting His Campaign Promises” Through The Use of Executive Actions

— *Katherine Savers McGovern*

Since January 20, 2017, President Trump has engaged in a clever marketing scheme to appear to be “Meeting His Campaign Promises”.

As of February 3, 2017, Trump has issued 20 Executive Actions on:

1. ACA rollback
2. Regulation freeze
3. Abortion
4. Trans-Pacific Partnership
5. Federal hiring freeze
6. Speeding approval of Dakota Access Oil Pipeline
7. Speeding approval of Keystone Oil Pipeline
8. Speeding up environmental reviews for all priority infrastructure
9. American steel in pipelines
10. Review manufacturing regulations
11. Deportations and sanctuary cities
12. Border wall
13. Reshaping the military
14. Blocking refugees and all visitors from some countries
15. Plan to fight ISIS
16. Reorganizing the top security councils
17. Lobbyist bans
18. Cutting regulations
19. Financial regulations
20. Fiduciary Rule delay.

It's obvious the marketing tactic is to be able to provide Trump's supporters with a kind of check list of fake accomplishments. To understand the limitations on Executive Actions, a summary of the definitions is provided below.

It is important to remember in reviewing any Executive Action that:

1. It can only impact the actions of a federal agency to the extent that the agency has authority under the U.S. Code and implementing regulations to take or not take such actions;
2. Many Executive Actions are vaguely drafted so that the interpretation of what is being mandated or ordered becomes subjective, thereby subject to abuse and legal challenge.

The term “Executive Action” is a catchall phrase for any of the following actions through which a President may engage: Executive Order; Executive Memorandum; Proclamation.

Executive Order

An Executive Order is a mandate to federal agencies under the Executive Branch of government. It is the most formal and must be published in the Federal Register. “An Executive Order gives agencies instructions on how to interpret and carry out federal law.” [January 27, 2017 NPR at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/runtdown/cheat-sheet-executive-orders-memorandums-proclamations/>] An Executive Order has the power of law “as long as the president has authority in the policy area, and those policies are a reasonable interpretation of court precedent.”

Executive Memorandum

An Executive Memorandum is also an instruction to federal agencies under the Executive Branch which requires the federal agency to take or refrain from taking actions otherwise within the agency's authority. As with the Executive Order, the President has to have the authority pursuant to the federal laws, and the Constitution, under which the federal agency exists. Unlike an Executive Order, a Memorandum does not have to be published in the Federal Register, which makes a Memorandum less accessible to the general public because it does not have to be maintained in a specific location.

Proclamation

A Proclamation is not legally binding. For example, on the death of a President, a Proclamation may be issued requiring flags on federal buildings to be lowered to half-staff. By custom, all federal buildings lower their flags to half-staff but it is not legally required.

As has been widely reported, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the Washington State U.S. District Court's Temporary Restraining Order enjoining the Executive Order on Immigration. Based on current reports from the White House, it appears that revised Executive Orders on Immigration written to avoid the constitutional and legal impairments of the President's first E.O. on Immigration will soon be issued. If that happens, the legal effect may be to make the legal proceedings before the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. District Court moot, assuming that the E.O. on Immigration pending is withdrawn.

Congressional Actions as of 2/13/2017

www.congress.gov

House:

Introduced — 1178; Reported — 10; Passed - 122

Senate:

Introduced — 426; Reported — 22; Passed - 29

www.congress.gov/bills-with-chamber-action/115th-congress/browse-by-date

Select House bills:

H.J.R. 10 **Authorization to use force** to prevent Iran from having nuclear weapons

H.R. 861 **Terminate** Environmental Protection Agency

H.R. 899 **Terminate** Dept.of Education 12/31/18.

H.R. 367 Hearing Protection Act of 2017. **Eliminate the \$200 transfer tax on firearm silencers** and treat any person who acquires or possess a firearm silencer as meeting any registration or licensing requirements of the National Firearms Act with respect to such silencer

H.R. 637 **Stopping EPA Overreach Act of 2017**

H.R. 610 **To distribute Federal funds for elementary and secondary education in the form of vouchers** for eligible students and repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in schools. The DOE is authorized only to award block grants to qualified states.

H.R. 621 **Disposal of Excess Federal Lands** in AZ, CO, ID, MT, NE, NM, UT, and WY.

Senate active legislation related to health:

H.R. 7 s t **Prohibits using funds in the budget of the District of Columbia for abortion or healthcare that includes abortion** and amends the I.R.S. code and the A.C.A. from including coverage for abortions in health plans sold on exchanges.

H.J.Res. 27 D.C. Council Death with Dignity law. **Repealed**

H.J.Res. 36 **Nullifies the Bureau of Land Management rule that addresses waste during oil and gas production**

H.J.R. 41 **Nullifies the requirement for resource extraction issuers to disclose payments to governments for the commercial development of oil natural gas, or minerals. Signed by Trump**

H.J.Res. 38 **Nullifies the Stream Protection Act that addressed the impact of coal mining on surface water, groundwater. Signed by Trump**

Is there anything here that makes your life better?

What Have They Done for You?

2/12/2017 (day 23)

The White House: www.whitehouse.gov

Legislation: Pending - 0; Signed Vetoed 0.

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Exec. Orders (EO) and

Presidential Memorandum (PM)

1. EO: **Minimizing the Economic Burden** of the A.C.A. *Pending Appeal*
2. PM **for the Heads Of Executive Dept's and Agencies**
3. PM **Regarding the Hiring Freeze**
4. PM **Regarding Withdrawal of the U.S. from the TPP** Negotiations and Agreement
5. PM **Regarding the Mexico City Policy**
6. PM **Regarding Construction: Dakota Access Pipeline**
7. PM **Regarding Construction: Keystone XL Pipeline**
8. EO **Expedite Environmental Reviews & Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects**
9. PM **Regarding Construction of American Pipelines**
10. PM **Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens** for domestic manufacturing.
11. EO: **Enhancing Public Safety in the U.S. Interior.**
12. EO: **Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements - border wall**
13. **National School Choice Week 2017 Proclamation**
14. EO: **Immigrant travel ban** to protect the U.S. from Foreign Terrorist entry.
15. PM **Rebuilding the U.S. Armed Forces**
16. PM **To Defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria**
17. PM **Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council**
18. EO: **Ethics Commitments by Exec. Branch Appointees**
19. EO: **Reduce Regulation & Control Regulatory Costs.**
20. EO: **Core Principles for Regulating the U.S. Financial System**
21. PM **on Fiduciary Duty Rule**
22. EO: **Task Force on Crime Reduction & Public Safety**
23. EO: **Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers**
24. EO: **Enforcing Federal Law with respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking**
25. EO: **Providing Order of Succession Within the DOJ.**

Select which ones make your life better!



GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE FROM THE ROCKWALL DEMOCRATIC CHAIR

Congressman John Ratcliffe TX4-R Votes to Allow Folks With Mental Illness to Have Guns

The Gun Control Act of 1968 was enhanced in 1993 with the passage of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. The Brady Act created a list of categories of individuals to whom the sale of firearms is prohibited. (18 U.S.C. 922 (d))

The fourth category covers the mentally ill. The Brady Act states: “It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of any firearm or ammunition to any person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such person has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution.”

After the Sandy Hook massacre, President Obama moved to enforce the Brady Act by directing the Social Security Administration to send records of some beneficiaries with severe mental disabilities to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. About 75,000 people found mentally incapable of managing their financial affairs would have been affected.

On Thursday, the GOP-controlled House voted to overturn the Obama administration directive designed to keep firearms out of the hands of some people deemed mentally ill. The repeal will allow those with severe mental disabilities to have guns.

Congressman John Ratcliffe TX4-R supported the National Rifle Association position that President Obama's rule infringed upon Second Amendment rights by denying due process. Supporters of the rule argued it was designed to stop mentally ill persons from getting firearms.

In a Tweet Ratcliffe stated, “Today's vote against Obama's last minute action to limit Second Amendment rights is a win for #Constitution. A tweet of this nature leaves many of his constituents uninformed about the substance of the issue and the effects of his vote.

This is beyond reasonable. Keeping guns out of the hands of those with severe mental disabilities is a good thing. Congressman John Ratcliffe needs to explain his vote to repeal the rule that kept our homes and communities safe.

Judith Matherne
Rockwall County Democratic Party Chair

editor: Chair Matherne wrote this article as a letter to the editor. Rep. Ratcliffe was not alone in his vote. The Senate has also voted to overturn the gun rule.

House votes to overturn Obama gun rule By Tim Devaney - 02/02/17 04:09 PM EST

The House on Thursday struck down an Obama-era regulation that could block some recipients of disability benefits from buying guns.

The House voted 235-180 to roll back a rule that required the Social Security Administration to report people who receive disability benefits and have a mental health condition to the FBI's background check system. The database is used to determine eligibility for buying a firearm.

Critics said the rule stripped Second Amendment rights from people who are not dangerously mentally ill, such as those who have eating disorders or mental disorders that prevent them from managing their own finances.

<http://thehill.com/regulation/317634-house-republicans-block-obama-era-gun-rule>



GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE DALLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIR

May Justice Prevail!

Glory Hallelujah! Our system works. On Wednesday, February 9, 2017, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously denied the request of President Donald J. Trump to lift the federal court stay of his Muslim ban.

Unbeknownst to Donald Trump, there are actually three branches of government in the United States. The position of the presidency is not a dictatorship; rather, it is the leading position of but one of the three branches of our government.

In the 3 weeks since his Inauguration, Donald Trump has eroded his credibility with each and every executive order he has signed. Such orders have been discriminatory, heavy-handed, and without the support of the majority of the American people. Additionally, most of these orders are unenforceable, as they require congressional action. For example: His executive order about building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico requires funding of over \$20 billion; however, only Congress can vote to allocate the funds.

In the case of the Muslim ban, the executive order was deemed unconstitutional. More than one lower court stayed [put a stop to] enforcement of the ban. Massachusetts, New York, Virginia and Washington filed suit to stop the Muslim ban. Since Washington's suit was filed first, Trump's appeal went to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which decided to keep the stay intact.

And what was Donald Trump's reaction to the rulings of the courts? Demonstrating the cowardice of all cyberbullies, Trump personally attacked U.S. District Judge James Robart of Seattle, Washington, via tweet:

"The opinion of this so-called judge, which essentially takes law-enforcement away from our country, is ridiculous and will be overturned!"

"Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!"

When asked the significance of the lower court ruling, Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson replied, "No one is above the law — not even the president."

In support of their ruling, the three judges from the 9th Circuit panel that heard Trump's appeal, declared that the administration had not shown an urgent need to have the order go into effect immediately. Additionally, the Court found that the federal government (acting on behalf of Trump) failed to present evidence that the ban was needed for national security: "The Government has pointed to no evidence that any alien from any of the countries named in the Order has perpetrated a terrorist attack in the United States." [Note: Trump did not include in the ban any Muslim-dominated country in which his company does business.]

And what was Trump's presidential response to the unanimous 9th Circuit Court ruling?

Via tweet, he said: "SEE YOU IN COURT, THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS AT STAKE!"

The more Trump acts defiant, the less Americans are happy with him. Based on a poll taken only last week by Public Policy Polling of Fordham University, 40 percent of voters already want to impeach him, and 52 percent say they'd rather Obama was President again. Yes, those were the good ole' days!

Meanwhile, don't get depressed. Work for success!

- ✓ Work with the Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) to register more Democrats to vote;
- ✓ Let your voice be heard in various rallies and marches. (Check the DCDP online calendar.);
- ✓ Help DCDP recruit Democratic voters;
- ✓ Assist with a DCDP vote-by-mail ballot sign-up campaign;
- ✓ Boycott all Trump businesses and products;
- ✓ Thank Nordstrom for discontinuing Ivanka Trump's products;
- ✓ Contact Zappos, Macy's, Lord & Taylor and Bloomingdales and tell them you won't shop there until they discontinue Ivanka Trump's products;

To help with any of these projects, call the DCDP office at 214-821-8331. Additionally, you can help by doing any of the following: 1) Volunteer 2) Join a Club 3) Become a Sustaining Member 4) Make a one-time donation

5) Become a precinct chair

Yours Democratically,
Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair

On the Wall

We live in a very strange time, which looks like the early 1940's in some ways. Back then, as we tooled up for a war which was coming and then to create the machines and weapons to win that war. The economy looked like this: We taxed and borrowed billions to build things that would only be good for a few weeks or years and then be obsolete or destroyed. The companies who made those weapons made a profit and its workers — all union members — made good wages and the economy prospered but we will have created nothing to increase our national wealth.

When we build Trump's wall, we will be building something not unlike the battleships and tanks of WWII, in that companies will make money, employees will make less money since unions are less prevalent. We will have at the end of the day something which will be useless for increasing our national wealth.

A growing economy requires a growth in the nations wealth, which is, in part, new and expanded means of production — things like farm tractors, cement plants, auto assembly plants, rail and roadways, electrical grids, hospitals, schools and universities and power plants, etc. After we build the wall, as after WWII, we will find our economy LESS able to sustain a living wage for our growing population.

What should we be doing? Investing in the means of production, which means the means of transportation, communications, food production, energy production and distribution.

We will get none of that from building a wall though the stock market and corporate America and a few workers will love it during the building of it and then it will all go away leaving a less prosperous, less educated, older and sicker America because we squandered our wealth on building a wall which, in a cruel irony, not only keeps others out but keeps us in!

Yes, Filibuster Gorsuch

RE: Don't Filibuster Gorsuch 2-2-17 DMN editorials

Everyone has a right to be wrong occasionally. The DMN editorial board is wrong about the Gorsuch nomination. Democrats should filibuster Gorsuch as part of a walk-back of the grave injury to the court and the nation by a Republican majority in the Senate refusing to even consider Obama's nomination, Merrick Garland. This was a naked power-grab, unprecedented in history and further contributed to the idea the public has that it is wall-to-wall politics in Washington, that nobody is there looking after the people's interest. "Equal justice under law," not "The law according to a partisan majority" is engraved over the door to the Supreme Court building.

Gorsuch, his academics notwithstanding, is not ready to be a Supreme Court Justice. He has only been on a federal bench since 2006. The 10th Circuit is not noted for being the most significant court as courts go. His chops come from the accident of cases involving the Affordable Care Act. In those cases, Gorsuch has injected the most novel of ideas: that corporations — creations of government — have religious attributes, moral personhood, in that they can express faith positions defensible under law where the law respects no religions... and that signing a card can be characterized as a violation of one's religious freedom. As a Christian theologian, cognitive personhood, apart from a solitary human form, is a concept too bazaar to imagine. This sounds less like the mind of a giant of the 20th Century court and more like someone on talk radio. That he is thought so highly of by this President should give everyone pause!

And, in its effort to appear impartial, the board has engaged in twisted logic: equating the Democrat's change to Senate rules to allow Obama to bring his governing team on board, with the Republican's effort to totally hamstring the Obama's presidency. In what ethical code is there a moral equivalency between those who impede another party fulfilling their obligation to the Constitution and that party's struggles to fulfill their obligation? Is this a case in which those who inflict harm on others have equal standing as their victims attempting to evade harm?

Justice is about healing an injury, and healing does not mean inflicting additional injury on victims. The Obama presidency, his legacy, the courts of this land and the People of this country were denied "equal protection under law" by the refusal of Senate Republicans to even consider filling a vacant seat in the SCOTUS. Asking those injured to sustain additional injury by having an extremist ideologue forced upon them by the most extremist occupant of the White House in the history of the country — for the next 40+ years — cannot be seen as right or prudent.

Submission to injustice is never the correct strategy in a democracy. The greatest moments of our national history have not been when the victimized submitted to injustice, but when they refused to bow their back. When any force in a Democracy does things "just because they have the political power" our freedom is not safe. Tyrants impose their rule by power. Democratic rule is based on equal treatment and respect for all under law.

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

BITS & PIECES 2

“You Voted for Trump ...”

*Phyllis Moroney Castro Valley, CA
originally published on FaceBook*

- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because Clinton was going to be in Wall Street’s pocket. Trump wants to repeal Dodd-Frank and eliminate the Fiduciary Rule, letting Wall Street return to its pre-2008 ways.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because of Clinton’s emails. The Trump administration is running its own private email server.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because you thought the Clinton Foundation was “pay for play.” Trump has refused to wall off his businesses from his administration, and personally profits from payments from foreign governments.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because of Clinton’s role in Benghazi. Trump ordered the Yemen raid without adequate intel, and tweeted about “FAKE NEWS” while Americans died as a result of his carelessness.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because Clinton didn’t care about “the little guy.” Trump’s cabinet is full of billionaires, and he took away your health insurance so he could give them a multi-million-dollar tax break.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because he was going to build a wall and Mexico was going to pay for it. American consumers will pay for the wall via import tariffs.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because Clinton was going to get us into a war. Trump has provoked our enemies, alienated our allies, and given ISIS a decade’s worth of recruiting material.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because Clinton didn’t have the stamina to do the job. Trump hung up on the Australian Prime Minister during a 5:00 p.m. phone call because “it was at the end of a long day and he was tired and fatigue was setting in.”
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because foreign leaders wouldn’t “respect” Clinton. Foreign leaders, both friendly and hostile, are openly mocking Trump.
- ⊗ **You voted for Trump** because Clinton lies and “he tells it like it is.” Trump and his administration lie with a regularity and brazenness that can only be described as shocking.

Let’s be honest about what really happened.

The reality is that you voted for Trump because you got conned. Trump is a grifter and the American people were the mark. Now that you know the score, quit insisting the con-man is on your side.

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE
BITS & PIECES 3

The Ides of Trump
Et tu, Brute?

On March 15th, each of us will mail Donald Trump a postcard that publicly expresses our opposition to him. We, in vast numbers from all corners of the world, will overwhelm the man with his unpopularity and failure. We will show the media and the politicians what standing with him — and against us — means. Most important, we will bury the White House post office in pink slips, all of which informing Donnie that he's fired.

Each of us — every protester from every march, each congress calling citizen, every boycotter, volunteer, donor, and petition signer — if each of us writes even a single postcard and we put them all in the mail on the same day, March 15th, well: you do the math.

No alternative fact or Russian translation will explain away our record-breaking, officially-verifiable, warehouse-filling flood of fury. Ask him about his tax returns.

We're setting a new record: over a million pieces of tangible countable mail in a day, with not a single nice thing to say.

Sharpen your wit, unsheathe your writing implements, and see if your sincerest ill-wishes can pierce Donald's famously thin skin.

Prepare for March 15th, 2017, a day hereafter to be known as #TheIdesOfTrump

Write one postcard. Write a dozen! Take a picture and post it on social media tagged with #TheIdesOfTrump ! Spread the word! Everyone on Earth should let Donnie know how he's doing. They can't build a wall high enough to stop the mail.

On March 15th, mail your messages to:

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

It might just be enough to make him crack!

Post cards (6 inches by 4 1/4") can be sent for 34 cents

Reposted on Facebook by Patti Fink

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BITS & PIECES 4

“Hit them with your wallet.”

That’s what Shannon Coulter, a brand and digital strategist, did when she started #GrabYourWallet (hashtag) back in October after the infamous “grab ’em by the p*ussy” video by Donald Trump.

Following Trump’s election, others have joined her protest by circulating a spreadsheet with 32 retailers that do business with the Trump family, including how to contact each business. The goal is for each and every retailer to drop Trump’s products.

You can get the full list and contact numbers and emails at www.GrabYourWallet.org. Or you can scroll down and check out the list right here (info taken from the Grab Your Wallet site).

6pm.com – (702) 943-7777
Amazon – 1 (206) 266-1000
Bed Bath & Beyond – 1 (908) 688-0888
Belk.com – 1 (704) 357-1000
Bloomingdale’s – 1 (212) 705-2000
Bluefly – 1 (212) 944-8000
Bon-Ton – 1 (800) 937-5449
Build.com – 1 (800) 375-3403
Burlington Coat Factory – 1 (609) 387-7800
Buy Buy Baby – 1 (908) 688-0888
Carson’s – 1 (317) 971-6200
Century 21 Dept. Store – 1 (888) 221-2551
Dillard’s – 1 (501) 376-5200
DSW – 1 (614) 237-7100
Elder Beerman – (717) 751-0714
Filene’s Basement – 617-348-7000
Gilt – 877-445-8692
Heels.com – 1 704-206-1006
Hudson Bay – 1 (800) 521-2364
HSN – (727) 872-1000
Jet – 1 (844) 538-2255
Kmart – 248-463-1000
Lord & Taylor – 1 (212) 391-3344
Macy’s – 1 (513) 579-7000
Marshalls – 1 (508) 390-1000
Neiman Marcus – 1 (562) 463-9333
Nordstrom – 1 (206) 628-2111
Nordstrom Rack – 1 (206) 628-2111
Overstock.com – 1 (801) 947-3100
Perfumania – 1 (800) 228-3489
Ross – (925) 965-4400
Saks Off Fifth – 1 (212) 320-4700

NOTE: Several of these outlets have already discontinued Trump products.

What has happened ?

What has happened across our nation over the past 24 hours does not represent the America made up of immigrants or the values we cherish, one being freedom of religion.

I stand in solidarity with the refugees, immigrants and their loved ones who are being banned from entering our country.

And to those detained at DFW, I am waiting to be fully briefed so my staff and I can fully provide assistance and guidance to those who need it during this time.

Ashley Tunnell Williamson If there is one good thing to say she and Royce West usually always come through.

Comments:

Alex Hamby: This is good news. Thank you.
John Spanogle & Roger Herrera: Thank you Congresswoman!

Facebook Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson TX30 -D

Trump Kills a Dodd Frank Rule

Why should the President kill a Dodd Frank Act Rule requiring Oil and Gas Industry to disclose payments made to foreign governments? The real question is whether these companies can charge their corruption payments off as a business expense under some Tax Code loop hole?

“President Donald Trump has overturned an Obama-era anti-corruption rule that would have forced oil, gas and mining companies to disclose payments to foreign governments, becoming the first president in 16 years to take advantage of a law that allows him to rescind a predecessor’s regulations.

Trump on Tuesday signed a congressional resolution to repeal a Securities and Exchange Commission disclosure rule that was called for in the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act.”

Facebook 02/14/17 Katherine Savers McGovern

Ruining America's Reputation

Re: "'America first' — Analysis: President delivers defiant message against political order," Saturday, *The Dallas Morning News* story.

Good grief! I expected a puffed-with-pride President Donald Trump to say something kind of icky like, "This USA will be strong again now that it has the greatest, strongest president of all time."

I would have gagged, but also laughed. I don't remember Trump's exact words, but he slobbered a bib full of negativity. The picture his words painted for me was of a wasteland dotted with rusty machinery and dark, empty, rusted-out cities. And the money the poor middle-class people used to have has been torn from their arms and thrown to enrich foreigners.

Hasn't Trump done a little business with foreigners?

What is most scary is Trump's determination to end trade agreements and make his policy America first, always America first. I felt worse about that when I found there is an America First Party.

What about needing allies? What about God's order to love your neighbor? What about not ruining the reputation of the United States in order to be sure you get credit for making it great when you start admitting that this is a great nation?

—*Willa Kulhavy, Garland
Dallas Morning News Letters to the Editor 01/23/17*

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Statement from State Representative Victoria Neave, House District 107D

In these times of uncertainty for immigrant families, including our Muslim brothers and sisters, including Legal Permanent Residents and visa-holders, our community must unite in support of people who are being discriminated against because of the color of their skin or one's religion. While we are witnessing unprecedented normalization and legalization of discrimination, please do not stand by and let this happen to our great state and nation.

I went to DFW Airport and visited with the Executive Director of CAIR, Alia Salem. We are now working behind the scenes with Dallas Bar leaders to make sure people have access to legal representation. There are some great volunteer attorneys on the ground right now who are leading the efforts. I'm proud of our community and legal community.

On Monday, January 30, 2017, Representative Rafael Anchia TX103D filed a resolution for consideration by our House colleagues condemning the Muslim ban and is asking for bipartisan support. I support the resolution.

On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, I welcomed our Muslim brothers and sisters at the Texas Capitol for Muslim Capitol Day.

On Thursday, February 16, 2017, we held a bilingual Immigration Informational in our district.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts to unify our community, including Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Rep. Rafael Anchía, TX103D and Rep Chris Turner TX101D.

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GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE OUT & ABOUT

January 21, 2017 Protest Marches Around the World!

The inauguration day of the orange-man sparked protest marches around the world. The biggest march was in Washington, D.C. . The photos below were taken in Austin, Texas where over 50,000 persons participated.



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Have you seen our representative?



PETE SESSIONS

United States House of Representatives, Texas' 32nd District

Refuses to schedule a Town Hall with his constituents.
May be hiding in Washington, DC

**Join us on Tuesday, February 21st from 5:30- 8:30 outside of the Museum of Biblical Art (7500 Park Ln, Dallas, Texas 75225), where Pete Sessions is speaking at a Republican Women meeting.

We will rally outside of the event and focus on ONE goal - getting a town hall with Pete Sessions. Bring signs such as "Missing - Pete Sessions", "When is our Town Hall?", "We are your constituents, too". Be creative, invite your friends, and see you there!

Tom B: Ask them who who won the Presidential race in CD32. (The correct answer is Hillary Rodham Clinton.)

Posted on Facebook 02/17/17



Call to Action!

Unbelievable. Trump just said, "I haven't had one call" complaining about the Dakota Access Pipeline, I don't even think it was controversial." Let's prove him wrong. Call the Army Corps of Engineers and tell them you oppose DAPL.

Call 1 (888) 464-1997 now! #NoDAPL

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