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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2020-01-207

This is the final response of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 12/30/2019. You have requested access to the following records:
"I request the results of an electronic search of the email account of 1) the Treasury Department White House Liaison; 2) the Treasury Department Executive Secretary, and 3) the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs.

For each email (TO or FROM or CC) that contains the word "TUBMAN", along with any email enclosures or email attachments for those emails. I limit my' request to the time period January 1,2019 to the present.

You may omit any compilations of news clippings from the scope of this request."
Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A reasonable search was conducted for records responsive to your request. In response to the search, 138 pages were located within the Departmental Offices of Treasury. After carefully considering these records, I am releasing 105 pages in full and 31 pages in part. I am also withholding two (2) pages in full. The withheld information is protected from disclosure under the FOIA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).

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There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below $\$ 25$.
You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

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You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via e-mail at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA case number 2020-01-207 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,


Mark Bittner
Director, FOIA \& Transparency
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records

## Enclosures

Responsive document set (138 pages)

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WASHINGTON. DC 20510

June 19, 2019

The Honorable Eric M. Thorson Inspector General U.S. Department of Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220
Dear Inspector General Thorson:
I write to request that your office investigate the circumstances surrounding the Department of Treasury's decision to delay redesign of the $\$ 20$ note featuring the portrait of Harriet Tubman, including any involvement by the White House in this decision. More than three years ago, Secretary Jacob Lew announced that he had ordered the acceleration of redesigns of the $\$ 20, \$ 10$ and $\$ 5$ notes, and that the "final concept design" of the $\$ 20$ note, including Harriet Tubman's portrait, would be released in 2020.

Shortly after the Trump Administration took office, however, all mentions of the Tubman $\$ 20$ bill were deleted without explanation from the Treasury Department's website. Then we learned, according to recent testimony by Secretary Steven Mnuchin that a decision had been made to delay the release of the new $\$ 20$ note until the year 2028. The Treasury Department subsequently refused to confirm that Harriet Tubman's image would ever appear on the new note - notwithstanding recent reports that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has already completed extensive planning work on the redesign effort.

We do not know the real reason for these decisions, but we do know that during his campaign, President Trump referred to efforts to replace President Jackson's likeness on the front of the $\$ 20$ note as "pure political correctness." Secretary Mnuchin attempted to explain the delay as necessary to accommodate anti-counterfeiting measures, but it is simply not credible that with all the resources and expertise of the U.S. Treasury and Secret Service, a decade or more could be required to produce a new $\$ 20$ bill. If the Empire State Building could be completed in 13 months almost 100 years ago, the $21^{\text {st }}$ century Treasury Department ought to be able to get this job done in a reasonable period of time.

Harriet Tubman was an extraordinary American and New Yorker whose story deserves to be shared with current and future generations. She deserves to be honored for her bravery, compassion, and service to the United States. There is no reason to reverse the original decision to recognize her heroic legacy on the $\$ 20$ note. Any unnecessary delays, especially for political reasons, in redesigning the $\$ 20$ note in her honor are improper and unacceptable.

For these reasons, I ask that you conduct an investigation into decisions made at the Treasury since January of 2018 regarding the delay of the redesign of the $\$ 20$ rote. I also ask that you review the involvement of other participants in the interagency process related to the redesign - including the Secret Service, Federal Reserve, and the White House - to ensure that political considerations have not been allowed to infect the process for designing American currency.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.


# United States Mint 

## Connecting America through Coins

# Updated Quarters Program <br> Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign 

February 7, 2020

## Congressional Discussions

- Treasury \& Mint legislative affairs officials met with:
- Staff from the sponsors of Women's History and 19 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Amendment legislation
- Potential sponsors of Treasury's proposal
- House Financial Services staff (both majority \& minority)
- All parties agreed to a nine-year program as follows:
- 2022-2025: Prominent American Women depicted on quarters
- 2026: USA's $250^{\text {th }}$ (designs on all circulating coins; 5 designs for the quarter)
- 2027-2030: Youth Sports depicted on quarters (Both Chairwoman Waters and Rep. Lee have expressed support for the Youth Sports theme)
- Commemorative Coin for the U.S. Olympic Committee and the 2028 Olympic Games. (The 2028 Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles.)


## Program Overview

## 2022-2025

## Quarters honoring Prominent American Women - up to five (5) designs per year

- Maintain George Washington portrait on obverse ("heads")
- Reverse ("tails") to feature designs emblematic of the achievements of selected honorees (diversity across race, regions, and accomplishments)
- At least 21 coins featuring women or their achievements over a five-year period (one or more associated with $250^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence - see below)


## 2026

Celebration of the $250^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence - one-year redesign of all circulating coins

- One redesign for the obverse and reverse of penny, nickel, dime and half-dollar celebrating American independence
- 5 designs for the quarter, at least one to feature a prominent woman or women related to the birth of the United States


## 2027-2030

Quarters celebrating Youth Sports - up to five (5) designs per year

- Maintain George Washington portrait on the obverse ("heads")
- Reverse ("tails") to feature designs reflecting sports that are popular among American youth


## Financial Impact - new proposal

The 9 year proposal recently agreed to by members of Congress would generate an additional $\$ 2.497$ billion in revenue above the alternative of no new program for the quarter (reverting to a design of George Washington crossing the Delaware River).

| Potential Program | Years | Revenue |
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| No New Quarter Dollar Program <br> (Washington Crossing Delaware) | $2022-2030$ | $\$ 4.278$ billion |
| 9 Year proposal recently agreed to by <br> Members of Congress: | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2 - 2 0 3 0}$ | $\$ 6.775$ billion |
| - Prominent American Women Quarters | $2022-2025$ | $\$ 2.184$ billion |
| - 250th Circulating Coins | 2026 | $\$ 0.928$ billion |
| - Youth Sports_Paralympics | $2027-2030$ | $\$ 3.613$ billion |
| - USOC Commemorative Coin | 2028 | $\$ 0.050$ billion |

## Program Overview

- Secretary to maintain final approval authority
- Prominent American Women
- Consultation with Smithsonian Institution American Women’s History Initiative and other Federal Government subject matter experts
- Formal concept consultation with Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), Citizen Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. (Rep. Lee's office is very supportive of consulting with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues)
- Youth Sports/Paralympics
- Focus will be on the actual sports (not specific athletes or athletic teams) popular among American youth
- Legislation is silent on design selection process (there are multiple options available, but the final decision will be made by the Secretary)
- Up to five (5) designs annually on quarters
- One (1) design annually of a Paralympic sport on the half-dollar


## Harriet Tubman Commemorative Coin Act

- Staff from Sen. Rosen (D-NV) and Rep. Meeks (D-NY) are preparing The Harriet Tubman Commemorative Coin Act for 2022. (2022 will mark Harriet Tubman's 200 th birthday.) Draft legislation was shared with U.S. Mint for technical assistance. Mint provided suggested edits on January 28.
- If passed, the Mint would be required to issue coins in CY 2022 depicting Tubman's image \& name on the obverse and her legacy as an abolitionist on the reverse.
- There are competing commemorative coin bills for 2022 that have also been introduced.
- Integration of Baseball Commemorative Coin Act
- National World War II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act
- National Purple Heart Honor Mission Commemorative Coin Act
- Conan Commemorative Coin Act
- Regardless of whether this legislation passes, Tubman could be among the prominent American women depicted on quarters during 2022-2025 under Treasury's proposal.


# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO MAINTAIN THE ORIGINAL TIMELINE TO INTRODUCE HARRIET TUBMAN AND OTHER FEMALE AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS ONTO UNITED STATES CURRENCY BY 2020 TO CELEBRATE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

WHEREAS, throughout United States history, women and persons of color have played instrumental roles in the advancement of human and civil rights for all Americans, as well as in the formation of a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman was born into slavery, spent the bulk of her life as a leading abolitionist advocate and suffragist, and also served as a spy for the Union during the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in April 2016, Secretary of the Treasury Jacob L. Lew announced that with the input of more than one million Americans, the $\$ 20, \$ 10$, and $\$ 5$ notes would be updated to include Harriet Tubman, along with other suffrage and civil rights leaders; and

WHEREAS, the centennial anniversary of Women's Suffrage is to be celebrated in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve periodically redesigns United States currency to stay ahead of counterfeiting threats and keep counterfeiting levels low; and

WHEREAS, as defined by the United States Department of the Treasury, the criteria for representation on a United States bank note is that the portraits on our currency notes shall be of deceased persons whose places in history the American people know well; and

WHEREAS, one of the functions of United States banknotes is to celebrate the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, United States banknotes are internationally distributed and send a message at home and abroad about what and whom we value as a nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the United States Treasury is urged to expedite the process of designing the new $\$ 5, \$ 10$, and $\$ 20$ banknotes, fulfilling the commitment made in 2016 to introduce Harriet Tubman and other female and civil rights leaders onto United States currency by 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Federal Reserve should be authorized to continue to work on the designs of the new currencies with an aim of unveiling them to the American people and the world during the centennial year of women's suffrage in 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementation of the new Federal Reserve notes, as a statement of our American values, should be streamlined to allow for the introduction into public use within the next decade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, United States Secretary of the Treasury, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Chair of the Federal Reserve, and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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Dear sir,

Attached are draft remarks for the President for today's signing ceremony for H.R. 2423, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act.

Affirmative clearances are requested from WHCO, OLA, and OPL.
We are asked to review and send all edits and clearances to STAFF SEC by 2:30 p.m. today.

Thank you,
David

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Executive Secretary | U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20220



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Reading Materials for June 7, 2019
Reading Materials for Friday June 7 2019.pdf

Hey (b) - We've uploaded some more reading materials on the iPad. Two items to flag are one new piece of Congressional correspondence and some materials from the White House related to Mexico tariffs. Let me know if you have any questions.

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June 6， 2019
The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
U．S．Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave．，N．W．
Washington，D．C． 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin：
I am writing today to both request further information on your agency＇s decision to postpone the redesign of the $\$ 20$ bank note and a formal，specific timeline of the redesign process as it pertains to all American bank notes．

On May 22，2019，you sat before the House Financial Services Committee and indicated that you believe that representation matters－both within American politics and our imagery．${ }^{1}$ You also agreed that people other than white men have greatly contributed to this country and to its history． However，these two acknowledgements are in direct contradiction with your refusal to carry out the redesign timeline set forth by your predecessor，former Treasury Secretary Jack Lew，which would include Harriet Tubman on the front of the redesigned $\$ 20$ bill．

Additionally，your agency＇s deliberate removal of the ModernMoney．Treasury．gov website，which was created by your predecessor to give a detailed account of the redesign process，further proves your agency＇s profound unwillingness to engage in transparent and cooperative governance with the American public．

Mr．Secretary，representation matters to the American people．Secretary Lew launched a massive public campaign to solicit suggestions as to who should be featured on our currency－hosting roundtables at American history museums，townhalls at local state and community colleges，and collecting letters and emails－resulting in over a million responses．After 10 －months of data collection，the American people overwhelmingly voted in favor of featuring Harriet Tubman－an American icon，hero and patriot－on one of the most commonly circulated bank notes in our economy－the American $\$ 20$ bill．In his open letter，Secretary Lew stated：＂After more than 100 years，we cannot delay，so the next bill to be redesigned must include women，who for too long have been absent from our currency．＂I could not agree more．The 2018 midterm elections are

[^0]clear evidence that our democracy is not truly representative until it proudly includes women and people of color in American government and in American symbols, such as our currency.

Following the announcement, Secretary Lew directed the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to accelerate plans for the redesign, aligning the final design concepts with the 100 -year anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. Furthermore, Secretary Lew and Former Treasurer Rosie Rios confirmed that changes to our currency manufacturing process, including the development of tactile features for the visually impaired, had already been tested and approved prior to the Trump Administration taking office, allowing the BEP to expedite the production of new bank notes. However, since Secretary Lew's departure, the Treasury Department under your failed leadership has refused to update our currency to be more historically accurate nor to be inclusive of visually impaired Americans.

During the hearing before the House Financial Services Committee earlier this month, you stated, "The primary reason that we looked to redesign currency is for counterfeiting issues. Based upon this, the twenty-dollar bill will now not come out until 2028. The ten-dollar bill and the fifty-dollar bill will come out with new features before then." In order to ensure transparency (or lack thereof) surrounding the Treasury Department's redesign process, and your agency's efforts to protect American bank notes from counterfeiting, I respectfully request responses to the following questions by close of business on July 1, 2019:

1. Please provide specific detail about your Agency's decision and rationale to postpone the release and circulation of the $\$ 20$ redesign, including:
a. The date in which your agency decided to formally postpone the redesign;
b. The cause of the currency redesign delay as compared to the timeline put forth by your predecessor
c. Any internal memos from the Treasury Department to the BEP regarding the redesign process
2. A detailed explanation on the removal of the ModernMoney.treasury.gov website and all associated resources detailing the extensive public comment process which informed the redesign, including the exact date in which the website was removed;
3. A thorough and specific timeline outlining your agency's redesign schedule for each of our bank notes: the $\$ 1$, the $\$ 5$, the $\$ 10$, the $\$ 20$, the $\$ 50$ and the $\$ 100$, as it relates to when they are due for security redesign.

I look forward to your response and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Ayanna Pressley
Member of Congress
Financial Services Committee

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Rep Speier just sent a response to the Treasury response. It has been sent to (b)(6) and You.
From (b)(6) @treasury.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:27 PM
To: McGuire, Brian [Brian.McGuire@treasury.gov](mailto:Brian.McGuire@treasury.gov)
Cc: Bang, Jennifer [Jennifer.Bang@treasury.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Bang@treasury.gov); (b)(6) @treasury.gov>; Blum, Jonathan [Jonathan.Blum@treasury.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Blum@treasury.gov); (b)(6) @treasury.gov>
Subject: RE: Night Note 1.31.19
$\mathrm{Hi}(\mathrm{b})(6)$

Please see the night note below:

## Jennifer

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- Received a call from Congressman Michael San Nicolas (Territory of Guam), he would like to work with Treasury ensure Treasury can make payments to claimants of the Guam War Claims Program Act.
- TFI/FinCEN briefing set for next Tuesday at 3pm at House Approps
- Treasury's OTA call with House/Senate Approps scheduled tomorrow at 3pm
- Congressman Katko will be attending Problem Solver's Caucus briefing with the Secretary next Wednesday, he would like a minute or so with the Secretary to tell him about his bill he is introducing to put Harriet Tubman on any note, not just the $\$ 20$.


## Jon

- Bimal meeting w/ Crapo staff $2 / 7$.
- Bimal pre-hearing meeting 2/4.
- Had call w/ OMWI office about annual report/HFSC subcommittee activity.
- Spoke w/ Warner staff, they indicated a BSA/AML reform draft bill may be forthcoming.

Have a great night!
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| From: | Bang, Jennifer |
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| Sent: | Wed, 6 Mar 2019 15:15:57-0600 |
| To: | McGuire, Brian (b)(6) |
| Subject: | RE: Tomorrow's Hearing Prep: Additional Topic |

Justin-I had PA approved talkers in the Problem Solvers Caucus memo for the Secretary's meeting a few weeks ago. I can send them to you. (b)(5)

## Jennifer Bang

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of the Treasury

1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Direct: 202-622-7593
Cell: ${ }^{(b)(6)}$

From: McGuire, Brian [Brian.McGuire@treasury.gov](mailto:Brian.McGuire@treasury.gov)
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6) @treasury.gov>; Bang, Jennifer [Jennifer.Bang@treasury.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Bang@treasury.gov)
Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow's Hearing Prep: Additional Topic
Importance: High
See below re currency. Need to add for tomorrow's prep.

From: (b)(6) (aitreasury.gov>
Date: March 6, 2019 at 4:08:31 PM EST
To: McGuire, Brian <Brian,McGuire Qutreasury, gov>
Ce: Miller, Eli <Eli.Miller(atreasury.gov>
Subject: Tomorrow's Hearing Prep: Additional Topic
Importance: High

Brian -
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Please add to the topics of discussion to cover in tomorrow's hearing prep.
Thanks much!
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Special Assistant to the Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
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| From: | Wood, Jennifer |
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| Sent: | Thu, 17 Jan $201917: 59: 50+0000$ |
| To: | McGuire, Brian |
| Subject: | FW: Congressman Katko Meeting Request w/ Secretary Mnuchin |

Hi Brian -

Our office put in a request months ago to setup a meeting with our boss and Secretary Mnuchin. Congressman Katko will be reintroducing legislation soon to require Harriet Tubman to appear on US currency. I know things are difficult to arrange with the ongoing shutdown but we'd appreciate knowing a timeline for when a meeting or brief phone call may take place. I'm glad to discuss this in more detail over the phone.

Thank you!

Best,
Jenn

Jennifer Wood
Legislative Director
Office of Congressman John Katko
202-225-3701

From: Bazydlo, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:13 PM
To: (b)(6) Qtreasury.gov'
Subject: Congressman Katko Meeting Request w/ Secretary Mnuchin

Good Afternoon,

Congressman Katko would like to request a meeting with Secretary Mnuchin while Congress is in session in September. Congressman Katko would like to discuss Harriet Tubman appearing on US currency. We can be flexible with timing around the voting schedule and are open to a phonecall if a meeting is not possible. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me to process this request.

Best,

Emily Bazydlo
Scheduler
Rep. John Katko (NY-24)
1620 Longworth House Office Building
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Sign up to receive Rep. Katko's e-newsletter here!

| From: | Sayegh, Tony |
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| Sent: | Thu, 7 Mar 2019 12:21:58-0600 |
| To: | McGuire, Brian (b)(6) |
| Cc: | Meiners, Molly |
| Subject: | Fwd: Treasury Statement on Harriet Tubman |
| Attachments: | FINAL PACKAGE -- Shaheen on Currency Redesign, 2018-SE-1278.pdf |

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Jeame Shaheen
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Dear Senator Shaheen:
Thank you for your April 24, 2018, letter to Secretary Mnuchin regarding the Department of the Treasury's efforts to redesign the $\$ 20$ note. There is no question that Harriet Tubman is an important figure in the history of our country. Her extraordinary courage and persistence are emblematic of our values and ideals.

Banknote design and production is a lengthy and complex process. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's primary goal in currency redesign is the security of the notes. Therefore, the development of security features, such as color-shifting ink and watermarks, drives the timeline. We must continually address evolving counterfeiting threats to help ensure the integrity of our currency system.

In 2013, the Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence Steering Committee, which includes officials from Treasury, the United States Secret Service, and the Federal Reserve, recommended that the $\$ 10$ note be the next note to be redesigned. Subject to any new developments in counterfeiting threats or technology issues, the new $\$ 10$ note is expected to be released in 2026 with subsequent redesigned denominations to follow. It will likely be more then 10 years before the new $\$ 20$ note is released.

The redesign of the next currency series is still in the early stages, and neither the final designs nor all features have been finalized for the now notes. For this reason, the Department is unable to provide additional information regarding the potential designs at this time.

We appreciate your interest in the next currency redesign. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs.


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WASHINGTON, DC 20570
April 24, 2018
The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury

1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20220
Dear Secretary Mnuchin,
I was disappointed to see recent reports suggest that the Department of the Treasury will be delayed in its efforts to re-design the $\$ 20$ bill. As you know, the Department announced its intention to feature Harriet Tubman on the front of this note and stated its goal for unveiling the new designs by 2020 , in conjunction with the $100^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the $19^{\text {th }}$ amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. I write to request that you provide detailed information regarding the timeline and efforts at the Department of the Treasury to honor women who have contributed to our nation's history by meeting this important milestone.

The Department of the Treasury announced this decision in response to a grassroots campaign that engaged hundreds of thousands of Americans behind a common mission: placing the likeness of a woman who has contributed to our nation's history on our paper currency. After more than a half million votes online, the campaign suggested that the $\$ 20$ bill feature Harriet Tubman, a trailblazing role model whose life of fighting for freedom and her country can inspire young girls across the country. The Department of the Treasury's outreach confirmed this grassroots interest.

This recognition is long overdue. Women have been a critical part of our nation's history and values, and the lack of a woman on our American currency is glaring oversight. We handle paper currency every day, and the symbols on these bills represent American values and explain part of our identity as a nation. Unfortunately, the symhols on our paper currency have been reserved exclusively for men who have shaped our history. That's why the time has come to honor the contributions that women bave made to our society, and reaffirm that women will be an important part of our future.

To ensure that we meet this objective, the Department of the Treasury announced plans to accelerate work to re-design the $\$ 20$ bill. This work includes efforts to ensure that our currency stays on the cutting edge and ahead of counterfeiters. However, recent reports have called into question whether the Department is working to meet this important milestone. To ensure transparency for Congress and the public, I request that you provide responses to the following questions:

1. Does the Department of the Treasury plan to meet its stated objective of unveiling a new design for the $\$ 20$ bill to feature the likeness of Harriet Tubman by 2020, the anniversary
of the $19^{\text {th }}$ amendment? If not, please explain why the Department will fail to meet this goal.
2. As part of the announcement of changes to the $\$ 20$ bill, the Department also indicated that the updated $\$ 5$ and $\$ 10$ bills would feature heroes of the women's suffrage and civil rights movements. Will the Department continue with its plans to change other notes, including the $\$ 5$ and $\$ 10$ bill, to tell the story of these movements?
3. What steps has the Bureau of Engraving and Printing done to accelerate work on the new $\$ 20$ note?
4. What information is available to the general public about the important historical figures and events that the Department plans to honor on the currency?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Neary on Senator Shaheen's staff at chris nearyoushabeen.senate.gov or (202) 224-3052.

I look forward to your prompt response.
Sincerely,


Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Wed, 6 Feb 2019 07:57:46-0500
McGuire, Brian
: Night Note 2.5.19

Hì Brian,

Please see the night note below - I'll print one for you.
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- I have updated the Problem Solvers Caucus memo with background and talking points on Congressman Katko/Harriet Tubman.

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Special Assistant

Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of the Treasury
(b)(6) @treasury.gov
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From: White House Press Office
Sent: Fri, 5 Jul 2019 19:51:08 +0000

Office of the Press Secretary
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 5, 2019

> REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
> AT A SALUTE TO AMERICA

> Lincoln Memorial
> Washington, D.C.

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\text { July 4, } 2019
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6:36 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Hello, America. Hello. The First Lady and
I wish each and every one of you a Happy Independence Day on this truly historic Fourth of July! (Applause.)

Today, we come together as one nation with this very special Salute to America. We celebrate our history, our people, and

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Fri, 19 Jul 2019 09:23:39-0400
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## DELIBERATIVE/PRE-DECISIONAL

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- Washington Post had great article on Monday re Harriet Tubman and $\$ 20$ bill, but published another editorial last night bashing the Secretary regarding the controversy
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Thanks, ${ }^{(b)(6)}$

From ${ }^{(\text {(b) (6) }}$ (Contractor) ${ }^{(b)(6)}$ (a)treasury.govs
Date: June 27, 2019 at 4:24:21 PM GMT+3
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## DELIBERATIVE/PRE-DECISIONAL

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- Members of Congress holding press event outside of Treasury this morning re $\$ 20$ bill Harriet Tubman redesign

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To: Fynes, Teresa D.
Subject: RE: S.872-116th Congress (2019-2020): A bill to require the Secretary of the
Treasury to redesign $20 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for
other purposes. | Congress.gov | Library of Congress
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Thanks for sending.
J. Baylor Myers |o: 202-622-0987|c $\sqrt{(b)(6)}$ paylor.myers(atreasury.gov

White House Liaison | Office of the Secretary |U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Washington, D.C. 20220
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From: Fynes, Teresa [Teresa.Fynes@bep.gov](mailto:Teresa.Fynes@bep.gov)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:53 AM
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FYI...Shaheen bill. No text yet.
https://www.congress.gov/bill/L16th-congress/senate-bill/872

Teresa Dean
Office of External Relations, Chief
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
U.S. Department of the Treasury
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Treasury to redesign $\$ 20$ Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes. | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

FYI this bill was introduced yesterday by Senator Shaheen (D-NH):
S. 872 - A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign $\$ 20$ Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes.
J. Baylor Myers | o: 202-622-0987|c:(b) baylor.nyers@treasury.gov White House Liaison | Office of the Secretary | U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20220
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Office of External Relations, Chief
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
U.S. Department of the Treasury (b)(6)

| From: | $(\mathrm{b})(6)$ |
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| Sent: | Mon, 15 Jul 2019 14:31:29-0500 |
| To: | Secretary |
| Cc: | Crowley, Monica;Myers, Baylor |
| Subject: | Fwd: Rough Transcript: CNBC: STM @ WH Press Briefing Room |

Sir - Please see below.
From: (b)(6) @treasury.gov>

Date: July 15, 2019 at 3:30:01 PM EDT
To: (b)(6) Otreasury.gov>, Myers, Baylor
[Baylor.Myers@treasury.gov](mailto:Baylor.Myers@treasury.gov)

steven mnuchin is approaching the podium let's go to him right now.
recently, as you know, there's been a great deal of interest about digital assets, including cryptocurrency such as bitcoin and libra. there are many regulatory and supervisory questions regarding libra, virtual assets, and virch wal currencies but $i$ will focus primarily on the serious concerns the treasury has regarding the growing misuse of virtual currencies by money launderers, terrorist financiers and other bad players. this week representatives of facebook's calibra will go to capitol hill to discuss their proposal for a crippo currency at the treasury department, across the u.s. government, and with the international financial community, there's been a great deal of activity recently related tot of digital assets and cryptocurrencies $i$ would like to give some brief explanatory remarks about what we have been doing on this front since there's lots of interest and then i will open it up to questions. last month, the libra association, a consocrtium of 28 businesses including a facebook subsidiary announced it's developing a cryptocurrency called the libra the treasury department has expressed very serious concerns that libra could be misused by money launderers and terrorists financiers cryptocurrency such as bit coin have been exploited to support billions of dollars of illicit activity like cyber crime, tax evasion, extortion, ransomware, illicit drugs, human trafficking. many players have attempted to use cryptocurrencies to fund their malign behavior. this is indeed a national security issue the united states has been at the forefront of regulating entities that provide cryptocurrency we will not allow digital asset service providers to operate in the shadows ss and will not tolerate the use of the cryptocurrencies in support of illicit activities treasury has been very clear to facebook, bitcoin users, and other providers of digital financial services that they must implement the same anti-money laundering and countering finances of terrorism known as aml-cft safe guards of financial institutions money transmitters of cryptocurrency must comply with the relevant banksecrecy act obligations and register with thl crimes
enforcement network known as fin-cen many people are not familiar with fin sen it's a bureau of the u.s. department of treasury fin sen's mission is to safe guard the financial system from illicit use, combat money laundering, and promote national security through the dissemination of financial intelligence last year alone, it collected over 20 million bsa reports and has collected over 300 million in the last 11 years finsen implements the bank secrecy act's regulation and has federal regulatory, have supervisory and enforcement regulation over banks. the rules governing money service providers apply to physical and electronic transactions alike as money service businesses, cryptocurrency money transmitters are subject to compliance examinations just like every other u.s. bank to be clear, fincen will hold any agency that works with any cryptocurrency to its highest standards. i also recently established the financial stability oversight council's working group on digital assets this fsoc group enables u.s. financial regulateors such as th fed, occ, cftc, cfpb, and other key stakeholders to work together to combat risks posed by cryptocurrencies. as the president has said, bitcoin is highly volatile and based on thin air. we are concerned about the speculative nature of bitcoin and will make sure the u.s. financial system is protected from fraud given the international nature of cryptocurrencies, we are lengths to insure that effective regulation does not stop here at the u.s. border last month, led by the united states, the financial action task force known as fatf, the global standard setter for aml-cft, adopted comprehensive measures on how countries must regulate and supervise activities and providers in this space. this was a major step towards harmonizing international regulations concerning cryptocurrencies we have also had extensive work at the $\mathrm{g}-20$ and i will be addressing this again this week at the $\mathrm{g}-7$ finance ministers in france to be clear, the u.s. welcomes responsible innovation, including new technologies that may improve the efficiency of the financial system that being said, with respect to facebook's libra and other developments in cryptocurrencies, our overriding goal is to maintain the integrity of our financial system and protect it from abuse abuse. treasury takes very seriously the role of the u.s. dollar as the world's reserve currency and will continue our efforts to protect our country and secure the u.s. and global financial systems. with that, i know there's been a lot of interest in this subject, and perhaps a few others, so i'll take a few questions. in the back.
thank you, mr. secretary. two questions for you if you don't mind the first is jay powell of the fed said last week that fsoc would be meeting in the future to discuss facebook's libra product specifically has that happened yet. secondly, you talked about facebook putting this out. if facebook is able to resolve all your concerns about aml and other issues, do you want facebook to be in the business of issuing cryptocurrency.
let me make the first comment, which is we, i say we, either ae deputies level, we had multiple meetings across the regulators with representatives of facebook and expressed our concerns we have also had multiple meetings of the fsoc working group. i think you know jay powell and i meet weekly and we talked about this extensively there are these discussions going on they will continue to go on. again, to the extent that facebook can do this correctly and can have a payment system, you know, correctly with proper aml, that's fine they have a lot of work to do to convince us to get to that place.
can you address the problems of raising the debt ceiling?
why don't i do this i'm sure there's a lot of interest in that as well but why don't i take a bunch of cryptocurrency questions, and we'll come back to you on that i'll give you that, but you can ask a cryptocurrency question or i'll come back to you. i'll wait for you.
facebook had privacy issues in the past. how does that play into your concern and what is your level of concern with facebook having libra?
well, again, i would just say we obviously have concerns with the privacy issues there's been items in the press about potential settlements. i'm not going to comment on that but obviously, the regulators and one of the regulators, as i said, most people haven't heard on fin-sen, so one of the reasons i wanted to explain this is whether they're banks or nonbanks, they're under the same regulatory environment for fin-sen, and we'll hold them accountable. they're going to have to convince us of very high standards before they have access to the u.s. financial system
mr. secretary, the social media summit last week, the president essentially accused the social media giants of animus against conservatives can you assure the markets and everyone watching that whatever actions this government will take is not a result of the president's view that these social media giants are biased against him?
again, i can -- what does have concerns, as it relates to bitcoin and cryptocurrencies and those are legitimate concerns that we have been working on for a long period of time but no, we're not going to target any one entities. everybody is playing by the same rules. again, whether you walk into a money service provider or whether you walk into a bank or you do it digitally, you have to adhere to the same rules
considering that bitcoin, what do you tell americans who want to invest in bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies
well, i can tell them to be careful, okay. they should be clear why they're investing in them. there's a lot of good things to invest in. obviously, we know about but youknow, our number one issue is that one, we don't want bad actors using crypto currencies that's our number one issue. i think to a large extent, these cryptocurrencies have been dominated by illicit activityies and speculation. we'll make sure that the general public and investors understand what they're investing in and whether it's the s.e.c. or other regulators there's proper dish closure.
you're uncomfortable with facebook launching the cryptocurrency -
i didn't say i was comfortable with them launching a currency
if they launched it in an appropriate and safe way
i'm not comfortable today let me just be careful, as i said, they and others have a lot of work to do before they get us comfortable.
do you have a sense of a timeline there is facebook being candid with the administration about how many years
i think they're being very candid with the administration and where they are i'm not going to publicly speculate how long i think it will take for us to get to a point where we're comfortable with it, and part of it, there's been a lot of public interest in this that's why i wanted to get the public the assurance before they or anyone else does this, that we're going to make sure the financial system is protected and as i said,t of illicit activity we'll be shutting down forpeople using cryptocurrencies for bad purposes
secretary, can you give a sense about how those discussions are going with your counterparts from other g - 20 countries on this particular area
i would say there's enormous agreement on this, as $i$ said $i$ was in orlando, $i$ think it was two weeks ago, the u.s. just finished the presidency, if $i$ gave the keynote address there that was adopted that is the largest organization, much bigger than the $g-20$, and it's kind of the gold standard of aml and those rules were adapted and at the g - 20 and the $\mathrm{g}-7$, we have absolute general agreement that in the u.s., if you deal with the u.s. financial system, you have to adhere to the same rules, and that's something that the rest of the $g$ - 20 is very focused on
mr. secretary, you said you would take questions on a number of subjects so i'll ask one.
i said i am first going to finish the cryptocurrencies. let me finish. we'll come back to you
so you said that treasury is concerned about bad actors using cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin. which has become very popular among white nationalist groups what sort of actions has treasury taken to stop these bad actors from using these decentralized cryptocurrencies and then i have a follow up.
as it relates to any specific group, i'm not going to comment on any specific group. what i will tell you is that fin-sen has multiple investigations going on. there have been enforcement actions that will be more enforcement actions. we're going to beef up our resources for regulatory oversight. this is something we're absolutely focused on and on top of
may i ask a follow-up we'll try to get everyone a question
what specifically language wise are you looking out of the you kftd you'll get a statement.
i would say, again, my understanding is that there will be a chairman's report, there won't necessarily be a communique in general, but i live that to the french. $i$ will say, we have working groups at the $g$ - 7 and $g$ - 20 this has been in the g-20 notifications. i think we have a lot of interest in the digital tax. we're focusing on the international tax issue, but this will be high on our discussion issue
mr . secretary, back in march, sanctions were imposed on the venezuela cryptocurrency, and our understanding is the venezuelan regime is still trying to keep it afloat can you give us an update on the resource you have gotten from the restrictions and whether you have knowledge that the venezuelan regiment is --
i'm not aware of anyone who is really using that or it's taken off or had any success whatsoever
so the restrictions worked?
absolutely.
mr . secretary, aren't you afraid of painting everybody with the same brush? you have some of the crypto who have been going to the cftc, going to the imf and lagarde and the ecb and every regulator and getting it done, and libra comes up you're still putting everybody in the same broad brush.
i don't think we're doing that at all. as $i$ said, one of the reasons why $i$ wanted to speak about this is there's been lots of activity that's been going on for the last year on this. and you know, whether it's congress or other areas of the press, because of libra, it's caught a lot of attention, and people weren't aware of all the work going on. so that's the purpose.
let me know when you're ready.
okay. any more crypto before we move on okay
i wonder if you could be specific as to the illicit actions that you're referring some examples so the american people can know if they're interested in getting into cryptocurrency, what things to avoid
again, if you're dealing with a legitimate entity in the u.s., those legitimate entities that are attached to crypto are indeed subject to familiar customer rules and aml if you're looking to use bitcoin to go through those entities and go on the dark web and think you're not going to get caught, you're going to get caught so this is a warning if you want to use it for speculation, that's one thing. if you want to use it for illicit activities, we're going to put the full effort of the u.s. treasury and the regulators on to that
do the new regulations favor traditional banks, maybe in the same way --
no, this is intended to be a level playing field. whether you're moneygram or a bank or you're an online or you're paypal, this is intended to be a level playing field, and again, what we do encourage, and there's been a lot of financial innovation, away from traditional banks, for electronic payment systems lots of people use electronic payment systems in dollars very effectively. and you know, we'll continue to support those activities we want technology to evolve
yes, do you believe that the rise in bitcoin value was fueled by fraud have you seen evidence of that
i'm not going to speculate. i have no idea why bitcoin trades where it is i'm not commenting on whether it's high or low again, i'm here to talk about the regulatory environment and warn people against illicit use.
hi, secretary as a member of the cabinet, the president today talked pretty extensively about his tweets about the four congresswomen do youpresident's tweets racist and what do you make of white nationalists praising the tweets.
i don't find it racist. the president went on and clarified his comments he speaks for himself on that and he was very clear. again, we're focused on cryptocurrencies and then i'll do debt ceiling.
you think they're not racist?
mr . secretary, why did you push back the $\$ 20$ redesign with harriet tubman was it to help the president save face? he suggested that was done out of pure political correctness, suggesting she should be on a less popular bill.
i'll take it we're not going to switch off of cryptocurrency to some other things so i'm going to give you the benefit of that, then we'll talk i'll give you some brief debt ceiling. i'm sure there's interest in that again, there's a lot of misinformation okay, on this issue. and $i$ have received letters being accused of
postponing this and everything else. so again, this is a nonpolitical situation where the primary objective of changing the currency is to stop counterfeiting if you look at the $\$ 100$ bill and what went into the $\$ 100$ bill, that was over a ten-year process. what people don't understand is when it comes to counterfeiting, and again, protecting the currency is my responsibility. there are multiple ways we protect the currency some of these are physical things that you can see, like when you look at the $\$ 100$ bill and you see the thread there are security features that you can't see. okay there are security features that are limited to the government being able to see. so we don't advertise what all the security features are. but these are very complex things that once they're developed, then require different machinery to be made and a different manufacturing process. so the new currency is not going to come out for a long perio when people talked about the design, and again, the design starts with what i would call the artwork, not design, and again, even in the most optimistic scenario of me staying through the president's second term, $\mathrm{i}^{\top}$ m not staying past the president's second term this currency isn't going to come out this is not a political issue. and again, we're happy to comment on it.
back to harriet tubman. you say it's not a political issue, but with everything, all the controversy swirling right now, as it relates to regs and things that have happened before, is this an issue about race
no. and that, matter of fact, okay, we're going to do more research on kind of what's been done at treasury in the past at some point, we will be having to look at, when we have the currency, and at that appropriate time, we'll address the thing. everybody is going to get one question
the economy canpresident can talk about the economy at the naacp meeting.
i'm not aware, but i always like him to talk about the economy. the economy the doing fabulous it's a proud spot of growth. the black economy is doing terrific as well
i have two questions for you, and i think it will address some of the questions my colleagues have you said you find the president's tweets aren't racist many find it racist. you're a member of the cabinet i want to know personally if you're concerned people see that tweet as racist?
again, what i'm going to say is we have a lot of important topics i have already answered my one comment on this. i think i was very clear on this
i'm asking a different question
again, ithink my answer is the same
you're not concerned. i don't want to put word in your mouth. i would like you to speak to it directly
again, what $i$ already said is $i$ think the president clarified his comment. i understand what the president's comment is i'm not concerned by the president's comment, and again, issue. we have other important things to talk about.
i'll follow up, but on the debt ceiling, are you planning to raise the debt ceiling when and will it take place before the government runs out of money?
i'm glad you asked. now we're on a very important issue. the debt ceiling unfortunately, as you know, i can't raise the debt ceiling it's congress' job to raise the debt ceiling what i have said, and you know,
given the importance of this, we run multiple scenarios of how we predict the government's cash flow i think hopefully everybody would agree that to the extent we want to limit spending, we, congress has the right to limit spending but once we agree to spend money, we have to pay for it and the credit of the united states government is of utmost importance the debt ceiling has to be raised one of our scenarios triggers a problem the first week of september before they get back so i have urged congress to raise it before they leave
a follow-up -
i don't see the government shutdown looming again, that's not an issue until the end of september, and i have no expectation there will be a government shutdown.
is a short term extension, if you're unable to get a longer term deal that would punt until october, is that on the table? and can you describe the nature of your negotiations with speaker pelosi on this issue, reportedly, youhad a phone conversation on saturday night
the speaker and $i$ have been speaking regularly $i$ think we have had very productive discussions $i$ also spoke to mitch mcconnell and kevin mccarthy and others over the weekend $i$ have been working very closely with mick and russ and had daily conversations with the president. i met with the president this morning. we updated him $i$ expect to speak again later today. $i$ think there is a preference on both parties to the extent we can agree on the debt ceiling and a budget deal, that that is the first choice $i$ think we're getting closer i would just comment that the president very much cares about the v.a. i'm just commenting in regards to the speaker's comment you know, the military versus the defense versus nondefense tends at times to be viewed as a republican versus democrat issue. it's not let me be clear. the republicans all care very much about nondefense as well. and we will make sure that there's enough money to support the military and what we need to do in the military, the v.a., and everyone else.
mr. secretary
thank you
can we spread it around, please
the treasury just announced he's not concerned that white nationalists find --
i'm not answering more of these questions. go ahead
do you have any concerns serving in the administration with which white nationalists seem to find common cause and a president and under a president who routinely says he has no problem with the support
to be hansonest with you, i find that question disrespectful to me as secretary of the treasury. i'm here talking about issues in my domain. $i$ answered a bunch of questions on this. i'm also on my way to doj to give a speech on anti-semitism i'm happy to turn to people who want to talk about the debt ceiling and the budget
can you give a clear timeline for when you expects this deal to be made, and on a separate but not unrelated issue, can you give us an update on trade talks with china
sure. ithink the leadership on both sides and the president would like tan agreement as quickly as possible. and that's why, you know, i am speaking to the speaker and others, and again, let me say this is a team effort. although i'm directly negotiating with the speaker, i'm doing that at the direction of the president, and he's taking input from a lot of people you know, i think we're very close to a deal. but as you know, these deals are complicated. there's the top line number. we want to do a two-year deal. there's typically offsets that have been negotiated as part of these deals. that's been done every single time so, you know, i'm very hopeful we can come to an agreement quickly, but having said that, if for whatever reason we can't agree on all these issues before they leave, i would either expect them to stick around or raise the debt ceiling china, ambassador lighthizer and $i$ have had several conversations on china with our counterparts we expect to have another principal level call this week, to the extent we make significant progress, there's a good chance we'll go there later.
just to be clear, do you expect the debt limit to be raised on time
of course, $i$ expect the debt ceiling to be raised on time because $i$ would say both parties, there's no uncertainty that neither party nor anybody wants to put the credit risk of the united states government at risk so yes, i expect that the debt ceiling will be raised, and by the way, the speaker has said that, mitch mcconnell has said that last question.
yes i wanted an opportunity. thank you very much. i wondered if you could address how does the president feel about trade talks at this point? and could you also tell us how he's feeling specifically about the job that his commerce secretary wilbur ross is doing has he talked to you about that at all
ie every reason to think secretary ross is doing a good job. i never heard anything otherwise. secretary ross has been an important part of the trade team again, this has been an integrated team, and $i$ think the president is very pleased on trade. i would say, last pitch for the speaker and others, would like to see usmca, a very important economic package, and i'm hopeful. i know ambassador lighthizer is working with leadership on that. thank you.
you've been listening to treasury secretary steven mnuchin in this press conference that was called just about an hour ago

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Hi Tony,

Thanks for getting together today and introducing me to Monica! Just to clarify, her title as of next week will be assistant secretary for public affairs?

Re: the Treasury story we discussed...The story will focus on diversity issues at Treasury, both in terms of women and people of color - with caveat that this is often a problem at financial-focused agencies and occurred too under Obama (with data from OMWI).

Story will say:

- Typically in senior staff meetings, there are 2-3 women (Jovita, Sigal, and now Monica, sometimes Molly) and one person of color (Pimal) out of a group of roughly 20 to 30 ppl .
- Hiring of Monica was effort, in part, to bring high profile female into agency.
- Mnuchin stumbled over the OMWI q at that House hearing in 2018
- Diversity has been a problem across Trump admin
- Mnuchin in public often surrounds himself with an all-male posse. Ancedote about boy band at Jay Powell announcement, Craig Phillips all-dude LinkedIn photo in Treasury dining room.
- Part about how Mnuchin totally trusts Jovita and Sigal...Office of terrorism has several high profile women...Obama treasury, by contrast, had 9 women serving in top Senate confirmed positions, per OMWI stats.
- Part of diversity problem has stemmed from Miller and Baylor's interviewing q's, which came across as amateurish to many interviewees and discounted $p p l$ who could not answer their $q$ 's.
- Story about Anita Hunt, which we already discussed. Eli viewed it as loyalty issue. Others inside the building thought it was terrible optics. She was replaced by a young white woman.
- Harrict Tubman postponed redesign, for many ppl inside the building, put a fine point on agency's diversity problems.
- Treasury exodus offers Mnuchin chance to fill lots of jobs, tho he likes to keep things lean.

Would love something on the record from you... Happy to chat with Sigal too!

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PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
    Remarks as prepared for delivery
TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:
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Madam Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, the First Lady of the United States, and my fellow citizens:

Three years ago, we launched the great American comeback. Tonight, I stand before you to share the incredible results. Jobs are booming, incomes are soaring, poverty is plumeting, crime is falling, confidence is surging, and our country is
thriving and highly respected again! America's enemies are on the run, America's fortunes are on the rise, and America's future is blazing bright.

The years of economic decay are over. The days of our country being used, taken advantage of, and even scorned by other nations are long behind us. Gone too are the broken promises, jobless recoveries, tired platitudes, and constant excuses for the depletion of American wealth, power, and prestige.

In just 3 short years, we have shattered the mentality of American decline, and we have rejected the downsizing of America's destiny. We are moving forward at a pace that was unimaginable just a short time ago, and we are never going back!

I am thrilled to report to you tonight that our economy is the best it has ever been. Our military is completely rebuilt, with its power being unmatched anywhere in the world -- and it is not even close. Our borders are secure. Our families are flourishing. Our values are renewed. Our pride is restored.

And for all these reasons, I say to the people of our great country, and to the Members of Congress before me: The state of our Union is stronger than ever before!

The vision $I$ will lay out this evening demonstrates how we are building the world's most prosperous and inclusive society -- one where every citizen can join in America's unparalleled success, and where every community can take part in America's extraordinary rise.

From the instant $I$ took office, I moved rapidly to revive
the United States economy -- slashing a record number of jobkilling regulations, enacting historic and record-setting tax cuts, and fighting for fair and reciprocal trade agreements. Our agenda is relentlessly pro-worker, pro-family, pro-growth, and, most of all, pro-American. We are advancing with unbridled optimism and lifting high our citizens of every race, color, religion, and creed.

Since my election, we have created 7 million new jobs -5 million more than Government experts projected during the previous administration.

The unemployment rate is the lowest in over half a century.

Incredibly, the average unemployment rate under my Administration is lower than any administration in the history of our country. If we had not reversed the failed economic policies of the previous administration, the world would not now be witness to America's great economic success.

The unemployment rates for African-Americans, HispanicAmericans, and Asian-Americans have reached the lowest levels in history. African-American youth unemployment has reached an all-time low.

African-American poverty has declined to the lowest rate ever recorded.

The unemployment rate for women reached the lowest level in almost 70 years -- and last year, women filled 72 percent of all new jobs added.

The veterans' unemployment rate dropped to a record low.

The unemployment rate for disabled Americans has reached an all-time low.

Workers without a high school diploma have achieved the lowest unemployment rate recorded in United States history.

A record number of young Americans are now employed.

Under the last administration, more than 10 million people were added to the food stamp rolls. Under my Administration, 7 million Americans have come off of food stamps, and 10 million people have been lifted off of welfare.

In 8 years under the last administration, over 300,000 working-age people dropped out of the workforce. In just 3 years of my Administration, 3.5 million working-age people have joined the workforce.

Since my election, the net worth of the bottom half of wage-earners has increased by 47 percent -- 3 times faster than the increase for the top 1 percent. After decades of flat and falling incomes, wages are rising fast -- and, wonderfully, they are rising fastest for low-income workers, who have seen a 16 percent pay-increase since my election. This is a blue collar boom.

Real median household income is now at the highest level ever recorded!

Since my election, United States stock markets have soared

70 percent, adding more than $\$ 12$ trillion to our Nation's wealth, transcending anything anyone believed was possible -this, as other countries are not doing well. Consumer confidence has reached amazing new heights.

All of those millions of people with $401(k) s$ and pensions are doing far better than they have ever done before with increases of $60,70,80,90$, and even 100 percent.

Jobs and investment are pouring into 9,000 previouslyneglected neighborhoods thanks to Opportunity Zones, a plan spearheaded by Senator Tim Scott as part of our great Republican tax cuts. In other words, wealthy people and companies are pouring money into poor neighborhoods or areas that have not seen investment in many decades, creating jobs, energy, and excitement. This is the first time that these deserving communities have seen anything like this. It is all working!

Opportunity Zones are helping Americans like Army Veteran Tony Rankins from Cincinnati, Ohio. After struggling with drug addiction, Tony lost his job, his house, and his family -- he was homeless. But then Tony found a construction company that invests in Opportunity Zones. He is now a top tradesman, drugfree, reunited with his family, and he is here tonight. Tony: Keep up the great work.

Our roaring economy has, for the first time ever, given many former prisoners the ability to get a great job and a fresh start. This second chance at life is made possible because we passed landmark Criminal Justice Reform into law. Everybody said that Criminal Justice Reform could not be done, but I got it done, and the people in this room got it done.

Thanks to our bold regulatory reduction campaign, the United States has become the number one producer of oil and natural gas in the world, by far. With the tremendous progress we have made over the past 3 years, America is now energy independent, and energy jobs, like so many elements of our country, are at a record high. We are doing numbers that no one would have thought possible just 3 years ago.

Likewise, we are restoring our Nation's manufacturing might, even though predictions were that this could never be done. After losing 60,000 factories under the previous two administrations, America has now gained 12,000 new factories under my Administration with thousands upon thousands of plants and factories being planned or built. We have created over half a million new manufacturing jobs. Companies are not leaving; they are coming back. Everybody wants to be where the action is, and the United States of America is, indeed, where the action is.

One of the single biggest promises I made to the American people was to replace the disastrous NAFTA trade deal. In fact, unfair trade is perhaps the single biggest reason that I decided to run for President. Following NAFTA's adoption, our Nation lost one in four manufacturing jobs. Many politicians came and went, pledging to change or replace NAFTA -- only to do absolutely nothing. But unlike so many who came before me, I keep my promises. Six days ago, I replaced NAFTA and signed the brand new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) into law.

American auto jobs, and massively boost exports for our farmers, ranchers, and factory workers. It will also bring trade with Mexico and Canada to a much higher degree, but also to a much greater level of fairness and reciprocity. This is the first major trade deal in many years to earn the strong backing of America's labor unions.

I also promised our citizens that I would impose tariffs to confront China's massive theft of American jobs. Our strategy worked. Days ago, we signed the groundbreaking new agreement with China that will defend our workers, protect our intellectual property, bring billions of dollars into our treasury, and open vast new markets for products made and grown right here in the United States of America. For decades, China has taken advantage of the United States, now we have changed that but, at the same time, we have perhaps the best relationship we have ever had with China, including with President Xi. They respect what we have done because, quite frankly, they could never believe what they were able to get away with year after year, decade after decade, without someone in our country stepping up and saying: Enough. Now, we want to rebuild our country, and that is what we are doing.

As we restore American leadership throughout the world, we are once again standing up for freedom in our hemisphere. That is why my Administration reversed the failing policies of the previous administration on Cuba. We are supporting the hopes of Cubans, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans to restore democracy. The United States is leading a 59-nation diplomatic coalition against the socialist dictator of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro. Maduro is an illegitimate ruler, a tyrant who brutalizes his people. But Maduro's grip of tyranny will be
smashed and broken. Here this evening is a man who carries with him the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of all Venezuelans. Joining us in the gallery is the true and legitimate President of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó. Mr. President, please take this message back to your homeland. All Americans are united with the Venezuelan people in their righteous struggle for freedom!

Socialism destroys nations. But always remember, freedom unifies the soul.

To safeguard American Liberty, we have invested a recordbreaking $\$ 2.2$ trillion in the United States Military. We have purchased the finest planes, missiles, rockets, ships, and every other form of military equipment -- all made in the United States of America. We are also finally getting our allies to help pay their fair share. I have raised contributions from the other NATO members by more than $\$ 400$ billion, and the number of allies meeting their minimum obligations has more than doubled.

And just weeks ago, for the first time since President Truman established the Air Force more than 70 years earlier, we created a new branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Space Foree.

In the gallery tonight, we have one of the Space Force's youngest potential recruits: 13-year-old Iain Lanphier, an eighth grader from Arizona. Iain has always dreamed of going to space. He was first in his class and among the youngest at an aviation academy. He aspires to go to the Air Force Academy, and then, he has his eye on the Space Force. As Iain says, "most people look up at space, I want to look down on the world."

Sitting beside Iain tonight is his great hero. Charles McGee was born in Cleveland, Ohio, one century ago. Charles is one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen -- the first black fighter pilots -- and he also happens to be Iain's greatgrandfather. After more than 130 combat missions in world War II, he came back to a country still struggling for Civil Rights and went on to serve America in Korea and Vietnam. On December 7 th, Charles celebrated his 100 th birthday. A few weeks ago, I signed a bill promoting Charles McGee to Brigadier General. And earlier today, I pinned the stars on his shoulders in the Oval Office. General McGee: Our Nation salutes you.

From the pilgrims to our Founders, from the soldiers at Valley Forge to the marchers at Selma, and from President Lincoln to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Americans have always rejected limits on our children's future.

Members of Congress, we must never forget that the only victories that matter in Washington are victories that deliver for the American people. The people are the heart of our country, their dreams are the soul of our country, and their love is what powers and sustains our country. We must always remember that our job is to put America first!

The next step forward in building an inclusive society is making sure that every young American gets a great education and the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. Yet, for too long, countless American children have been trapped in failing government schools. To rescue these students, 18 States have created school choice in the form of Opportunity Scholarships. The programs are so popular, that tens of thousands of students
remain on waiting lists. One of those students is Janiyah Davis, a fourth grader from Philadelphia. Janiyah's mom Stephanie is a single parent. She would do anything to give her daughter a better future. But last year, that future was put further out of reach when Pennsylvania's Governor vetoed legislation to expand school choice for 50,000 children.

Janiyah and Stephanie are in the gallery this evening. But there is more to their story. Janiyah, I am pleased to inform you that your long wait is over. I can proudly announce tonight that an Opportunity Scholarship has become available, it is going to you, and you will soon be heading to the school of your choice!

Now, I call on the Congress to give 1 million American children the same opportunity Janiyah has just received. Pass the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act -because no parent should be forced to send their child to a failing government school.

Every young person should have a safe and secure environment in which to learn and grow. For this reason, our magnificent First Lady has launched the "Be Best" initiative -to advance a safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free life for the next generation, online, in school, and in our communities.

Thank you, Melania, for your extraordinary love and profound care for America's children.

My Administration is determined to give our citizens the opportunities they need regardless of age or background.

Through our Pledge to American Workers, over 400 companies will also provide new jobs and education opportunities to almost

15 million Americans.

My Budget also contains an exciting vision for our Nation's high schools. Tonight, I ask the Congress to support our students and back my plan to offer vocational and technical education in every single high school in America.

To expand equal opportunity, I am also proud that we achieved record and permanent funding for our Nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

A good life for American families also requires the most affordable, innovative, and high-quality healthcare system on Earth. Before I took office, health insurance premiums had more than doubled in just 5 years. I moved quickly to provide affordable alternatives. Our new plans are up to 60 percent less expensive. I have also made an ironclad pledge to American families: We will always protect patients with pre-existing conditions -- that is a guarantee. And we will always protect your Medicare and your Social Security.

The American patient should never be blindsided by medical bills. That is why I signed an Executive Order requiring price transparency. Many experts believe that transparency, which will go into full effect at the beginning of next year, will be even bigger than healthcare reform. It will save families massive amounts of money for substantially better care.

But as we work to improve Americans' healthcare, there are those who want to take away your healthcare, take away your doctor, and abolish private insurance entirely. One hundred thirty-two lawmakers in this room have endorsed legislation to
impose a socialist takeover of our healthcare system, wiping out the private health insurance plans of 180 million Americans. To those watching at home tonight, I want you to know: We will never let socialism destroy American healthcare!

Over 130 legislators in this chamber have endorsed legislation that would bankrupt our Nation by providing free taxpayer-funded healthcare to millions of illegal aliens, forcing taxpayers to subsidize free care for anyone in the world who unlawfuly crosses our borders. These proposals would raid the Medicare benefits our seniors depend on, while acting as a powerful lure for illegal immigration. This is what is happening in California and other States -- their systems are totally out of control, costing taxpayers vast and unaffordable amounts of money. If forcing American taxpayers to provide unlimited free healthcare to illegal aliens sounds fair to you, then stand with the radical left. But if you believe that we should defend American patients and American seniors, then stand with me and pass legislation to prohibit free Government healthcare for illegal aliens!

This will be a tremendous boon to our already very-strongly guarded southern border where, as we speak, a long, tall, and very powerful wall is being built. We have now completed over 100 miles and will have over 500 miles fully completed by early next year.

My Administration is also taking on the big pharmaceutical companies. We have approved a record number of affordable generic drugs, and medicines are being approved by the $E D A$ at a faster clip than ever before. I was pleased to announce last year that, for the first time in 51 years, the cost of
prescription drugs actually went down.

And working together, the congress can reduce drug prices substantially from current levels. I have been speaking to Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa and others in the Congress in order to get something on drug pricing done, and done properly.
I am calling for bipartisan legislation that achieves the goal of dramatically lowering prescription drug prices. Get a bill to my desk, and $I$ will sign it into law without delay.

With unyielding commitment, we are curbing the opioid epidemic -- drug overdose deaths declined for the first time in nearly 30 years. Among the States hardest hit, Ohio is down 22 percent, Pennsylvania is down 18 percent, Wisconsin is down 10 percent -- and we will not quit until we have beaten the opioid epidemic once and for all.

Protecting Americans' health also means fighting infectious diseases. We are coordinating with the Chinese government and working closely together on the Coronavirus outbreak in China. My Administration will take all necessary steps to safeguard our citizens from this threat.

We have launched ambitious new initiatives to substantially improve care for Americans with kidney disease, Alzheimer's, and those struggling with mental health challenges. And because the Congress funded my request, we are pursuing new cures for childhood cancer, and we will eradicate the AIDS epidemic in America by the end of the decade.

Almost every American family knows the pain when a loved one is diagnosed with a serious illness. Here tonight is a
special man, someone beloved by millions of Americans who just received a Stage 4 advanced cancer diagnosis. This is not good news, but what is good news is that he is the greatest fighter and winner that you will ever meet. Rush Limbaugh: Thank you for your decades of tireless devotion to our country. Rush, in recognition of all that you have done for our Nation, the millions of people a day that you speak to and inspire, and all of the incredible work that you have done for charity, I am proud to announce tonight that you will be receiving our country's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I will now ask the First Lady of the United States to please stand and present you with the honor. Rush, Kathryn, congratulations!

As we pray for all who are sick, we know that America is constantly achieving new medical breakthroughs. In 2017, doctors at St. Luke's hospital in Kansas City delivered one of the earliest premature babies ever to survive. Born at just 21 weeks and 6 days, and weighing less than a pound, Ellie Schneider was born a fighter. Through the skill of her doctors -- and the prayers of her parents -- little Ellie kept on winning the battle for life. Today, Ellie is a strong, healthy 2-year-old girl sitting with her amazing mother Robin in the gallery. Ellie and Robin: We are so glad you are here.

Ellie reminds us that every child is a miracle of life.
Thanks to modern medical wonders, 50 percent of very premature babies delivered at the hospital where Ellie was born now survive. Our goal should be to ensure that every baby has the best chance to thrive and grow just like Ellie. That is why I am asking the Congress to provide an additional $\$ 50$ million to fund neo-natal research for America's youngest patients. That
is also why I am calling upon the Members of Congress here tonight to pass legislation finally banning the late-term abortion of babies.

Whether we are Republican, Democrat, or Independent, surely we must all agree that every human life is a sacred gift from God!

As we support America's moms and dads, I was recently proud to sign the law providing new parents in the Eederal workforce paid family leave, serving as a model for the rest of the country. Now, I call on the Congress to pass the bipartisan Advancing Support for Working Families Act, extending family leave to mothers and fathers all across the Nation.

Forty million American families have an average $\$ 2,200$ extra thanks to our child tax credit. I have also overseen historic funding increases for high-quality child care, enabling 17 States to serve more children, many of which have reduced or eliminated their waitlists altogether. And I sent the Congress a plan with a vision to further expand access to high-quality childcare and urge you to act immediately.

To protect the environment, days ago, I announced that the United States will join the One Trillion Trees Initiative, an ambitious effort to bring together Government and the private sector to plant new trees in America and around the world.

We must also rebuild America's infrastructure. I ask you to pass Senator Barrasso's highway bill -- to invest in new roads, bridges, and tunnels across our land.

I am also committed to ensuring that every citizen can have access to high-speed internet, including rural America.

A better tomorrow for all Americans also requires us to keep America safe. That means supporting the men and women of law enforcement at every level, including our Nation's heroic ICE officers.

Last year, our brave ICE officers arrested more than 120,000 criminal aliens charged with nearly 10,000 burglaries, 5,000 sexual assaults, 45,000 violent assaults, and 2,000 murders.

Tragically, there are many cities in America where radical politicians have chosen to provide sanctuary for these criminal illegal aliens. In Sanctuary Cities, local officials order police to release dangerous criminal aliens to prey upon the public, instead of handing them over to ICE to be safely removed.

Just 29 days ago, a criminal alien freed by the Sanctuary City of New York was charged with the brutal rape and murder of a 92-year-old woman. The killer had been previously arrested for assault, but under New York's sanctuary policies, he was set free. If the city had honored ICE's detainer request, his victim would be alive today.

The State of California passed an outrageous law declaring their whole State to be a sanctuary for criminal illegal immigrants -- with catastrophic results.

Here is just one tragic example. In December 2018,

California police detained an illegal alien with five prior arrests, including convictions for robbery and assault. But as required by California's Sanctuary Law, local authorities released him.

Days later, the criminal alien went on a gruesome spree of deadly violence. He viciously shot one man going about his daily work; he approached a woman sitting in her car and shot her in the arm and the chest. He walked into a convenience store and wildly fired his weapon. He hijacked a truck and smashed into vehicles, critically injuring innocent victims. One of the victims of his bloody rampage was a 51-year-old American named Rocky Jones. Rocky was at a gas station when this vile criminal fired eight bullets at him from close range, murdering him in cold blood. Rocky left behind a devoted family, including his brothers who loved him more than anything. One of his grieving brothers is here with us tonight. Jody, would you please stand? Jody, our hearts weep for your loss -and we will not rest until you have justice.

Senator Thom Tillis has introduced legislation to allow Americans like Jody to sue Sanctuary Cities and States when a loved one is hurt or killed as a result of these deadly policies. I ask the Congress to pass the Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act immediately. The United States of America should be a sanctuary for law-abiding Americans -- not criminal aliens!

In the last 3 years, ICE has arrested over 5,000 wicked human traffickers -- and I have signed 9 pieces of legislation to stamp out the menace of human trafficking, domestically and around the globe.

My Administration has undertaken an unprecedented effort to secure the southern border of the United States.

Before $I$ came into office, if you showed up illegally on our southern border and were arrested, you were simply released and allowed into our country, never to be seen again. My Administration has ended Catch-and-Release. If you come illegally, you will now be promptly removed. We entered into historic cooperation agreements with the Governments of Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. As a result of our unprecedented efforts, illegal crossings are down 75 percent since May -- dropping 8 straight months in a row. And as the wall goes up, drug seizures rise, and border crossings go down.

Last year, I traveled to the border in Texas and met Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz. Over the last 24 months, Agent Ortiz and his team have seized more than 200,000 pounds of poisonous narcotics, arrested more than 3,000 human smugglers, and rescued more than 2,000 migrants. Days ago, Agent Ortiz was promoted to Deputy Chief of Border Patrol -- and he joins us tonight. Chief Ortiz: Please stand -- a grateful Nation thanks you and all the heroes of Border Patrol.

To build on these historic gains, we are working on legislation to replace our outdated and randomized immigration system with one based on merit, welcoming those who follow the rules, contribute to our economy, support themselves finaneially, and uphold our values.

With every action, my Administration is restoring the rule of law and re-asserting the culture of American freedom.

Working with Senate Majority Leader McConnell and his colleagues in the Senate, we have confirmed a record number of 187 new Federal judges to uphold our Constitution as written. This includes two brilliant new Supreme Court Justices, Neil Gorsuch, and Brett Kavanaugh.

My Administration is also defending religious liberty, and that includes the Constitutional right to pray in public schools. In America, we do not punish prayer. We do not tear down crosses. We do not ban symbols of faith. We do not muzzle preachers and pastors. In America, we celebrate faith. We cherish religion. We lift our voices in prayer, and we raise our sights to the Glory of God!

Just as we believe in the First Amendment, we also believe in another Constitutional right that is under siege all across our country. So long as I am President $I$ will always protect your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

In reaffirming our heritage as a free Nation, we must remember that America has always been a frontier nation. Now we must embrace the next frontier, America's manifest destiny in the stars. I am asking the Congress to fully fund the Artemis program to ensure that the next man and the first woman on the moon will be American astronauts -- using this as a launching pad to ensure that America is the first nation to plant its flag on Mars.

My Administration is also strongly defending our national security and combating radical Islamic terrorism. Last week, I announced a groundbreaking plan for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Recognizing that all past attempts have
failed, we must be determined and creative in order to stabilize the region and give millions of young people the change to realize a better future.

Three years ago, the barbarians of ISIS held over 20,000 square miles of territory in Iraq and Syria. Today, the ISIS territorial caliphate has been 100 percent destroyed, and the founder and leader of ISIS -- the bloodthirsty killer Al-Baghdadi -- is dead!

We are joined this evening by Carl and Marsha Mueller. After graduating from college, their beautiful daughter Kayla became a humanitarian aid worker. Kayla once wrote, "Some people find God in church. Some people find God in nature.
Some people find God in love; I find God in suffering. I've known for some time what my life's work is, using my hands as tools to relieve suffering." In 2013, while caring for suffering civilians in Syria, Kayla was kidnapped, tortured, and enslaved by ISIS, and kept as a prisoner of Al-Baghdadi himself.

After more than 500 horrifying days of captivity, Al-Baghdadi murdered young Kayla. She was just 26 years old.

On the night that United States Special Forces Operators ended Al-Baghdadi's miserable life, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, received a call in the Situation Room. He was told that the brave men of the elite Special Forces team, that so perfectly carried out the operation, had given their mission a name -- "Task Force 8-14."
It was a reference to a special day: August 14 th -- Kayla's birthday. Carl and Marsha, America's warriors never forgot Kayla -- and neither will we.

Every day, America's men and women in uniform demonstrate the infinite depths of love that dwells in the human heart.

One of these American heroes was Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hake. On his second deployment to Iraq in 2008, Sergeant Hake wrote a letter to his l-year-old son, Gage:
"I will be with you again," he wrote to Gage. "I will teach you to ride your first bike, build your first sand box, watch you play sports and see you have kids also. I love you son, take care of your mother. I am always with you. Dad." On Easter Sunday of 2008, Chris was out on patrol in Baghdad when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. That night, he made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Sergeant Hake now rests in eternal glory in Arlington, and his wife Kelli is in the gallery tonight, joined by their son, who is now 13 years old. To Kelli and Gage: Chris will live in our hearts forever.

The terrorist responsible for killing Sergeant Hake was Qasem Soleimani, who provided the deadly roadside bomb that took Chris's life. Soleimani was the Iranian Regime's most ruthless butcher, a monster who murdered or wounded thousands of American service members in Iraq. As the world's top terrorist, Soleimani orchestrated the deaths of countless men, women, and children. He directed the December assault on United States Forces in Iraq, and was actively planning new attacks. That is why, last month, at my direction, the United States Military executed a flawless precision strike that killed Soleimani and terminated his evil reign of terror forever.

Our message to the terrorists is clear: You will never escape American justice. If you attack our citizens, you
forfeit your life!

In recent months, we have seen proud Iranians raise their voices against their oppressive rulers. The Iranian regime must abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons, stop spreading terror, death, and destruction, and start working for the good of its own people. Because of our powerful sanctions, the Iranian economy is doing very poorly. We can help them make it very good in a short period of time, but perhaps they are too proud or too foolish to ask for that help. We are here. Let's see which road they choose. It is totally up to them.

As we defend American lives, we are working to end America's wars in the Middle East.

In Afghanistan, the determination and valor of our warfighters has allowed us to make tremendous progress, and peace talks are underway. I am not looking to kill hundreds of thousands of people in Afghanistan, many of them innocent. It is also not our function to serve other nations as a law enforcement agency. These are warfighters, the best in the world, and they either want to fight to win or not fight at all. We are working to finally end America's longest war and bring our troops back home!

War places a heavy burden on our Nation's extraordinary military families, especially spouses like Amy Williams from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and her 2 children -- 6-year-old Elliana and 3-year-old Rowan. Amy works full time, and volunteers countless hours helping other military families.

For the past 7 months, she has done it all while her husband, Sergeant First Class Townsend Williams, is in Afghanistan on
his fourth deployment to the Middle East. Amy's kids have not seen their father's face in many months. Amy, your family's sacrifice makes it possible for all of our families to live in safety and peace -- we thank you.

As the world bears witness tonight, America is a land of heroes. This is the place where greatness is born, where destinies are forged, and where legends come to life. This is the home of Thomas Edison and Teddy Roosevelt, of many great Generals, including washington, Pershing, Patton, and MacArthur. This is the home of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Amelia Earhart, Harriet Tubman, the Wright Brothers, Neil Armstrong, and so many more. This is the country where children learn names like Wyatt Earp, Davy Crockett, and Annie Oakley. This is the place where the pilgrims landed at Plymouth and where Texas patriots made their last stand at the Alamo.

The American Nation was carved out of the vast frontier by the toughest, strongest, fiercest, and most determined men and women ever to walk the face of the Earth. Our ancestors braved the unknown; tamed the wilderness; settled the wild west; lifted millions from poverty, disease, and hunger; vanquished tyranny and fascism; ushered the world to new heights of science and medicine; laid down the railroads, dug out canals, raised up the skyscrapers -- and, ladies and gentlemen, our ancestors built the most exceptional Republic ever to exist in all of human history. And we are making it greater than ever before!

This is our glorious and magnificent inheritance.

We are Americans. We are the pioneers. We are the pathfinders. We settled the new world, we built the modern
world, and we changed history forever by embracing the eternal truth that everyone is made equal by the hand of Almighty God.

America is the place where anything can happen! America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true!

This Nation is our canvas, and this country is our masterpiece. We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American Adventure, has only just begun!

Our spirit is still young; the sun is still rising; God's grace is still shining; and my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come!

Thank you. God Bless You. God Bless America.

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SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you for being here. Recently, as you know, there's been a great deal of interest about digital assets, including cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin or Libra.

There are many regulatory and supervisory questions regarding Libra virtual assets and virtual currencies. But I will focus primarily on the serious concerns that Treasury has regarding
the growing misuse of virtual currencies by money launderers, terrorist financiers, and other bad players.

This week, representatives of Facebook's Calibra Project will go to Capitol Hill to discuss their proposal for a cryptocurrency, the Libra.

At the Treasury Department, across the U.S. government, and with the international financial community, there's been a great deal of activity recently related to the regulation and the treatment of digital assets and cryptocurrencies.

I'd like to give some brief explanatory remarks about what we've been doing on this front, since there's lots of interest, and then I'll open it up to questions.

Last month, the Libra Association -- a consortium of 28 businesses, including a Facebook subsidiary -- announced that it is developing a cryptocurrency called the "Libra." The Treasury Department has expressed very serious concerns that Libra could be misused by money launderers and terrorist financiers.

Cryptocurrencies, such as Bitcoin, have been exploited to support billions of dollars of illicit activity like cybercrime, tax evasion, extortion, ransomware, illicit drugs, human trafficking. Many players have attempted to use cryptocurrencies to fund their malign behavior. This is indeed a national security issue.

The United States has been at the forefront of regulating entities that provide cryptocurrency. We will not allow digital asset service providers to operate in the shadows and will not

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tolerate the use of cryptocurrencies in support of illicit
activities.
Treasury has been very clear to Facebook, Bitcoin users, and other providers of digital financial services that they must implement the same anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism -- known as AML/CFT -- safeguards as traditional financial institutions.
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Money transmitters of cryptocurrency must comply with the relevant Bank Secrecy Act obligations, known as BSA, and register with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, known as FinCEN.

Many people are not familiar with FinCEN. It is a bureau of the U.S. Department of Treasury. FinCEN's mission is safeguard the financial system from illicit use, combat money laundering, and promote national security through the dissemination of financial intelligence.

Last year alone, it collected over 20 million BSA reports and has collected over 300 million in the last 11 years. FinCEN implements the Bank Secrecy Act's requlation and has federal regulatory, supervisory, and enforcement authority over money service businesses and banks.

The rules governing money service providers apply to physical and electronic transactions alike. As money service businesses, cryptocurrency money transmitters are subject to compliance examinations just like every other U.S. bank.

To be clear: FinCEN will hold any entity that transacts in

Bitcoin, Libra, or any other cryptocurrency to its highest standards.

I also recently established the Financial Stability Oversight Council's Working Group on Digital Assets. This ESOC group enables U.S. financial regulators, such as EinCEN, the Fed, OCC, CFTC, CFPB, SEC, and other key stakeholders to work together to combat risks posed by cryptocurrencies.

As the Eresident has said, Bitcoin is highly volatile and based on thin air. We are concerned about the speculative nature at Bitcoin and will make sure that the U.S. financial system is protected from fraud.

Given the international nature of cryptocurrencies, we are also going to great lengths to ensure that effective regulation does not stop here at the U.S. border. Last month, led by the United States, the Financial Action Task Force, known as FATF, the global standard setter for AML/CFT -- adopted comprehensive measures on how countries must regulate and supervise activities and providers in this space. This was a major step towards harmonizing intermational regulations concerning cryptocurrencies.

We have also had extensive work at the $G 20$, and $I$ will be addressing this again this week at the $G 7$ Finance Minister in France.

To be clear, the U.S. welcomes responsible innovation, including new technologies that may improve the efficiency of the financial system and expand access to financial services. That being said, with respect to Facebook's Libra and other
developments in cryptocurrencies, our overriding goal is to maintain the integrity of our financial system and protect it from abuse.

Treasury takes very seriously the role of the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency, and we'll continue our efforts to protect our country and secure the U.S. and global financial systems.

With that, I know there's been a lot of interest in this subject and perhaps and few others, so I'll take a few questions.

In the back.

Q Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Two questions for you, if you don't mind. The first one is, Jay Powell, from the Fed, said last week that FSOC would be meeting in the future to discuss Facebook's Libra product specifically. Has that happened yet?

And then, secondly, you talk about Facebook putting this product out. If Facebook is able to ultimately resolve all of your concerns about AML and other issues, do you want Facebook to be in the business of issuing cryptocurrencies?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: So let me make the first comment in, which is: We -- and I say "we," either at the principals" level or at the deputies' level -- we've had multiple meetings across the regulators with representatives of Facebook, and expressed our concerns. We've also had multiple meetings of the FSOC Working Group. I think you know Jay Powell and I meet weekly, and we've talked about this extensively.

So there are these discussions going on. They will continue to go on. Again, to the extent that Facebook can do this correctly and can have a payment system, you know, correctly, with proper AML, that's fine. They've got a lot of work to do to convince us to get to that place.

Q Mr. Secretary, can you address the problems of raising the debt ceiling?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, why don't I do this: I'm sure there's a lot of interest in that as well, but why don't $I$ take a bunch of cryptocurrency questions, and then --

Q Since I've already ask it, can you just --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: We'll come back to you on that. I'll give you that. But you can ask a cryptocurrency question or I'll just come back to you.

Q Well, I really want to talk about the debt ceiling.

Q It's all related.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Okay. I'll wait for you.

Q What are your concerns? Facebook has had privacy issues in the past. How does that play into your concern? And what is your level of concern with Facebook having Libra?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, again, I would just say we obviously have concerns with the privacy issues. There has been items in the press about potential settlements. I'm not going
to comment on that.

But obviously the regulators -- and one of the regulators, as I've said -- most people haven't heard on FinCEN. So one of the reasons $I$ wanted to explain this is, whether they're banks or whether they' re non-banks, they're under the same regulatory environment for EinCEN. And we will hold them accountable. And they're going to have to convince us of very high standards before they have access to the U.S. financial system.

Q Mr. Secretary, at the Social Media Summit last week, the President essentially accused the social media giants of an animus against conservatives. Can you assure the markets and everyone watching that whatever action this government will take is not a result of the President's view that these social media giants are biased against him?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, again, I can -- what I will tell you is the President does have concerns as it relates to Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies, and those are legitimate concerns that we've been working on for a long period of time.

But, no, we're not going to target any one entity. Everybody is playing by the same rules. Again, whether you walk into a money service provider or whether you walk into a bank or you do it digitally, you're going to have to adhere to the same rules.

Q Thank you, Secretary. Considering that Bitcoin is decentralized, what do you tell Americans who want to invest in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, one, I tell them to be careful, okay? They should be clear why they're investing in them. There's a lot of good things to invest in, obviously, we know about.

But, you know, our number-one issue is that: one, we don't want bad actors using cryptocurrencies. That's our number-one issue. I think, to a large extent, these cryptocurrencies have been dominated by illicit activities and speculation. We'll make sure that the general public and investors understand what they're investing in and, whether it's the SEC or other regulators, there's proper disclosures.

Q Mr. Secretary, you said that you're comfortable with Facebook launching the currency if they do it in the right way.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No, I didn't say that, actually. I didn't say I was comfortable with them launching a currency.

Q If they launched it in the appropriate and in a safe way, in terms of --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Yeah. But I'm not comfortable today. So let me just be careful. As I've said, they and others have a lot of work to do before they get us comfortable.

Q Do you have a sense of the timeline there? Is Facebook being candid with the administration about how many years it would take them (inaudible)?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I think they' re being very candid with the administration and where they are. I'm not going to
publicly speculate how long $I$ think it will take them to get to the point where we're comfortable with it. But they' re -- they are a long way away from -- and, again, part of it, there's been a lot of public interest in this. That's why I wanted to give the public the assurance that, before they or anyone else does this, that we're going to make sure the financial system is protected.

And, as $I$ said, there's a lot of illicit activity that we'll be shutting down for people who are using cryptocurrencies for bad purposes.

Q Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Can you give a sense about how those discussions are going with your counterparts from other $G 20$ countries on this particular issue?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I would say there's enormous agreement on this. As I said, I was in Orlando, I think it was two weeks ago. The U.S. just finished the presidency of FATF. I gave the keynote address there. That was adopted. I mean, that is the largest organization -- much bigger than the G20 -- and it's kind of the gold standard of AML. And those rules were adapted.

And, at the G20 and the G7, we have absolute, general agreement that, in the U.S., if you deal with the U.S. financial system, you have to adhere to the same rules. And that's something that the rest of the $G 20$ is very focused on.

Q Mr. Secretary, you said you'd take questions on a number of subjects, so I'll ask, on another subject.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No. I said I was first going to -- I'm
first going to finish the cryptocurrencies. We'll spend any finished --

Q Well, then $I$ do have a cryptocurrency question, sir.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: We'll come back to it.

Okay. Go ahead, cryptocurrency.

Q And a follow-up. So you've said that Treasury is concerned about bad actors using cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, which has become very popular among white nationalist groups. What sort of actions is Treasury taking to stop these bad actors from using these decentralized cryptocurrencies?

And I have a follow-up, sir.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Okay. Well, I'm not -- as it relates to any specific group, I'm not going to comment on any specific group. But what $I$ will tell you is that Fincen has multiple investigations going on. There are -- there have been enforcement actions. There will be more enforcement actions. We're going to beef up our resources for regulatory oversight. This is something we're absolutely focused on and on top of.

Q And while you have me, may $I$ ask a follow-up -another question?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: We're going to try and give everybody one question. Thank you.

Q Mr. Secretary, what specifically, language-wise, are
you looking for out of the $G 7$ Finance Ministers Meeting? And are you confident that you'll get a statement that has some teeth?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, we've had -- I'd say, again, my understanding is that, you know, there'll be a chairman's report. There won't necessarily be a communiqué in general, but I leave that to the French.

I will say we have working groups at the $G 7$ and G20. This has been in the G20 notifications. I think, you know, we got a lot of interest in the digital tax. We're focusing on the international tax issue. But this will definitely be high on our discussion issue.

Q Mr. Secretary, back in March, Treasury imposed restrictions or sanctions on the Venezuelan cryptocurrency -the petro. And our understanding is that the venezuelan regime is still trying to keep it afloat. Can you give us an update on the results that you've gotten from those restrictions and whether or not you have any knowledge that the venezuelan regiment is trying to keep (inaudible)?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I'm not aware of anybody who's really using that, or it's taken off, or had any success whatsoever.
$Q \quad$ So the restrictions worked?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Absolutely.

Q Mr. Secretary, aren't you afraid of painting everybody with the same brush? You know, you have some of the crypto
(inaudible) have been going to the CFTC; they've been going with the IMF and Lagarde and the ECB and every regulator, getting this done in the rules. And the Libra sort of comes up. So you're sort of putting everybody in the same -- painting the same brush for all the (inaudible).

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No, I don't think we're doing that at all. As a matter of fact, you know, as I said, one of the reasons why I wanted to speak about this is there's been lots of activity that's been going on for the last year on this. And, you know, whether it's Congress or other areas of the press, because of Libra, it's caught a lot of attention and people weren't aware of all the work that's been going on. So that's the purpose.

Q So can we go back (inaudible)? Let me know when you're ready for that one.

Q Can $I$ cross over to debt limits?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Any more crypto before we move on to --

Q Yes. I wonder if you can be speeific as to the illicit actions that you're referring to. Can you give us some examples, so the American people can know, if they're interested in getting into cryptocurrency, what things to avoid?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Well, again, if you're dealing with a legitimate entity in the U.S., those legitimate entities that are attached to crypto are indeed subject to the Know Your Customer rules and AML .

If you're looking to use Bitcoin to go through those entities
and go on the dark web and think you're not going to get caught, you're going to get caught. So this is a warning.

If you want to use it for speculation, that's one thing. If you want to use it for illicit activities, we're going to put the full effort of the U.S. Treasury and the regulators onto that.

Q Do the new regulations favor traditional banks, maybe in the same ways --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No. This is intended to be a level playing field whether you're MoneyGram, or you're a bank, or you're an online, or you're Paypal. This is intended to be a level playing field. And, again, what we do encourage -- and there's been a lot of financial innovation away from traditional banks for electronic payment systems. Lots of people use electronic payment systems, in dollars, very effectively. And, you know, we'll continue to support those activities. We want technology to evolve.

Q Yes. Do you believe that the rise in Bitcoin value was fueled by fraud? Have you seen evidence of that?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I'm not going to speculate. I have no idea why Bitcoin trade is where it is. I'm not commenting that it's high or low. Again, I'm here to talk about the regulatory environment and warn people against illicit use.

Q Hi, Secretary. As a member of the Cabinet, the President today talked pretty extensively about his tweets about these four congresswomen. Do you find the President's tweets racist? And what do you make of white nationalists praising those
tweets?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, I think the Eresident -- I don't find them racist. The President just went on and clarified his comments. I think he speaks for himself on that. And he was very clear.

But again, we're focused on cryptocurrencies and then I'll do some debt ceiling stuff.

Q Secretary, why do you think they' re not racist?
$Q \quad$ If $I$ could have a follow-up.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: GO ahead.

Q Mr. Secretary, why did you push back the 20-dollar bill redesign with Harriet Tubman? Was it to help the President save face? Because he has suggested that that redesign was done out of pure political correctness and even suggested she should be on a less popular bill.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Okay, well, I'll take it we're now going to switch off of cryptocurrency to some other things. So I'm going to give you the benefit of that. Then we'll talk -I'll give you some brief debt ceiling. I'm sure there's some interest in that.

Again, there's a lot of misinformation, okay, on this issue. And I've received letters being accused of postponing this and everything else. So, again, this is a non-political situation where the primary objective of changing the currency
is to stop counterfeiting. And if you look at the 100-dollar bill and what went into the 100 -dollar bill, that was over a $10-$ year process.

What people don't understand is when it comes to counterfeiting -- and again, protecting the currency is my responsibility -- there are multiple ways we protect the currency. Some of these are physical things that you can see, like when you look at the 100 -dollar bill and you see the thread. There are security features that you can't see, okay? There are security features that are limited to the government being able to see. So we don't advertise what all the security features are. But these are very complex things that, once they' re developed, then require different machinery to be made and a different manufacturing process.

So the new currency is not going to come out for a long period of time. When people talked about the design -- and again, the design starts with the security features, okay? There were some preliminary art- -- what $I$ would call "artwork" -- not design.

And again, even in the most optimistic scenario of me staying through the President's second term -- I'm not staying past the President's second term -- this currency isn't going to come out. So this is not a political issue. And again, we're happy to comment on (inaudible).

Q Mr. Secretary, back on Harriet Tubman -- back on Harriet Tubman: You say it's not a political issue, but with everything -- all the controversy swirling right now as it relates to race and things that have happened before -- is this
an issue of race?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No. And matter of fact, okay, we' re going to do more research on kind of what's been done at Treasury in the past. At some point, we will be having to look at when we have the currency. And at that appropriate time, we' ll address (inaudible). I'm going to -- I'm going to --

Q And a follow-up, sir. A follow-up. Are you hopeful that the President -- sir, are you hopeful that the president - -

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Everybody is going to get one question.

Q Sir, are you hopeful that the President can talk about the economy at the NAACP convention, which he was invited to come and speak to?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, I'm not aware of whether he's going to that or not. But $I$ always like him to talk about the economy because the economy is doing fabulous. It's the bright spot of growth. And I'll be very proud going to --

Q The black economy?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: The black economy is doing terrific as well.

Q Thank you, Mr. Secretary. I have two questions for you. And I think this will address some of the questions my colleagues have. First of all, you said the President's tweets, you find, were not racist.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No, no. Look, I'm not --

Q Many others find it racist, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARy MNUCHIN: Okay. Okay, can I --

Q You are a member of the Cabinet. I want to know personally if you're concerned that people see that tweet as racist.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, what I'm going to say is, we have a lot of important topics. I've already answered my one comment on this. I think I was very clear on this.

Q Respectfully, sir, I'm asking a different question.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, I think my answer is the same.

Q That you're not concerned? I don't want to put words in your mouth. I'd like you to speak to it directly, please.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, what I've already said is, I think the President clarified his comment. I understand what the President's comment is. I'm not concerned by the President's comment. And again, that's the last comment I'm going to make on this issue. We have other important things to talk about.

Q On the debt ceiling -- can we go to the -Q Go ahead.

Q Thanks. And I'll follow up. But on the debt ceiling, do you -- are you planning to raise the debt ceiling? When? And will that take place before the government runs out of money?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Okay, well I'm glad you asked. Now we're on a very important issue: the debt ceiling.

Q Well, the other issues are important too.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Unfortunately, as you know, I can't raise the debt ceiling. That's -- it's Congress's job to raise the debt ceiling. What $I$ have said -- and, you know, given the importance of this, we run multiple scenarios of how we predict the government's cash flow. I think, hopefully, everybody would agree that, to the extent we want to limit spending, we -Congress has the right to limit spending. But once we agree to spend money, we have to pay for it. And the credit of the United States government is the utmost importance.

So the debt ceiling has to be raised. One of our scenarios triggers a problem the first week of September, before they get back. So I have urged Congress to raise it before they leave.

Q But wait a minute. Wait a minute. Just to follow up, do you see a government shutdown looming?

Q Thank you, Mr. Secretary. With regards to --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I don't see a government shutdown looming. Again, that's not an issue until the end of September, and I have no expectation that there will be a government
shutdown whatsoever.

Q To follow up on the issue of the debt ceiling, is a short-term extension -- if you're unable to get a longer-term deal that would punt until October -- is that on the table? And can you describe the nature of your negotiations with Speaker Pelosi on this issue? Reportedly, you guys had that phone conversation on Saturday night.

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Yeah. The Speaker and I have been speaking regularly. I think we've had very productive discussions. I also spoke to Mitch McConnell and Kevin McCarthy and others over the weekend. I've been working very closely with Mick and Russ, and I've had daily conversations with the President. I met with the President this morning. We updated him. I expect to speak to the Speaker again later today.

I think -- I think there is a preference on both parties, to the extent we can agree on the debt ceiling and a budget deal, that that is the first choice. And I think we're getting closer.

I would just comment that, you know, the President very much cares about the $V A$. I'm just commenting in regards to the Speaker's comment. You know, the military versus the defense versus nondefense tends, at time, to be viewed as a Republican versus Democrat issue. It's not, let me be clear.

The Republicans all care very much about nondefense as well. And we will make sure that there is enough money to support the military and what we need to do in the military -- the VA and everyone else.

Q On what the President just now said -- he's not concerned that white nationalists find common cause with him --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Again, I'm not -- I'm not answering more of these questions.

Go ahead.

Q Okay. But, sir -- but, sir, may $I$ - $\quad$ sir, may I finish?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: No, no. Go.

Q You're a Jewish American, sir.

Q I don't want to interrupt my colleague.

Q Do you have any concern serving an administration with which white nationalists seem to find common cause and a President -- and under a President who routinely says he has no problem with having the support of white nationalists?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Really, I -- to be -- to be honest with you, I find that question disrespectful to me, as Secretary of the Treasury. I'm here talking about issues that are in my domain. I've answered a bunch of your questions on this.

I am also on my way to DOJ to give a speech on anti-Semitism, okay? So, again, I'm happy now to turn to people who want to talk about the debt ceiling and budget.

Q Can you give, Mr. Secretary, a clear timeline for when you
expect this deal to be made? And on a separate but not unrelated issue, can you give us an update on the trade talks with China and when you expect to have a sit-down meeting?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Sure. So, I mean, I think the leadership on both sides, and the President, would like to reach an agreement as quickly as possible. And that's why, you know, I am speaking to the Speaker and others.

And, again, let me just say this is team effort, although I'm directly negotiating with the Speaker. I'm doing that at the direction of the President, and he's taking input from a lot of people.

You know, I think we're very close to a deal. But, as you know, these deals are complicated. There's the topline number. We want to do a two-year deal. There's typically offsets that have been negotiated as part of these deals. That's been done every single time. So, you know, I'm very hopeful we can come to an agreement quickly.

But having said that, if for whatever reason we can't agree on all these issues before they leave, I would either expect them to stick around or raise the debt ceiling.

Q And on China?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: On China -- Ambassador Lighthizer and I have had several conversations on China. With our counterparts. We expect to have another principal-level call this week. And to the extent we make significant progress, I think there's a good chance we'll go there a bit later.

Q Mr. Secretary, just to be very clear, do you expect the debt limit to be raised on time? In other words --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Of course, I expect the debt ceiling to be raised on time, because $I$ would say both parties -- there's no uncertainty that neither party nor anybody wants to put the credit risk of the United States government at risk. So, yes, I expect that the debt ceiling will be raised. And, by the way, the Speaker has said that; Mitch Mcconnell has said that. Every (inaudible).

Last question. Thank you. Last question. Go ahead. Do you want to ask?

Q Yes. No, I just wanted to give you the opportunity for this --

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: Last question.

Q -- but thank you very much. I wondered if you could address: How does the President feel about trade talks at this point? And could you also tell us how he's feeling specifically about the job that his Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is doing? Has he talked to you about that at all?

SECRETARY MNUCHIN: I have every reason to think Secretary Ross is doing a good job. I've never heard anything otherwise. Secretary Ross has been an important part of the trade team. Again, this has been an integrated team, and I think the President is very pleased on trade.

I would say -- last pitch for the Speaker and others -- we'd like to see USMCA. It's a very important economic package. And I'm hopeful. I know Ambassador Lighthizer is working with leadership on that.

Thank you everybody. END

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
AT A RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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AUDIENCE: Trump! Trump! Trump!

THE PRESIDENT: WOw. Thank you very much. Wow, what a good group this is. This is the future. This is the future. (Applause.) True. That's true. The First Lady and I are thrilled to host so many friends, and pastors, and government leaders. And our stage is being filled
up with a bunch of winners like you. Because I've known you for a long time, Bob, and $I$ want to thank you very much. A special -- a special guy, a special friend for a long time. To be at the White House to celebrate African American History Month. (Applause.) Do you like the White House? Right?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah!
THE PRESIDENT: This is the place. Right? You know that.

We're also grateful to be joined by our wonderful vice President and Second Lady, Mike and Karen Pence. Hi, Mike. Hi, Karen. (Applause.) Mike, come on over here. Come on over here. Get up here, Mike. Come on, Karen. What a job they do.

Today, we are here to honor the extraordinary contributions of African Americans to every aspect of American life, history, and culture. From the earliest days of this nation, African American leaders, pioneers, and visionaries have uplifted and inspired our country in art, in science, literature, law, film, politics, business, and every arena of national life. The depth and glory of these contributions are beyond measure. You know it. I know it. And everybody knows it.

We especially pay tribute to the African American heroes who have sacrificed in the name of freedom, equality, and dignity for all Americans. (Applause.) Thank you.

Every citizen alive today, and generations yet unborn, are forever in debt of the brave souls who stared down injustice and championed the eternal cause of civil rights. (Applause.)

We're joined for tonight's ceremony by many distinguished
guests, including Surgeon General Jerome Adams. Where is Jerome? Jerome. Get up here, Jerome. (Applause.) Come on, Jerome. Thank you very much. Hi, Jerome. It's been a little while, huh? Thank you very much. Great job you're doing.

I'd also like to thank all of the members of my Cabinet who are in attendance. We have a lot of them here tonight, and I want to thank you very much for being here. You're doing a great job. You just take a look at our economy -- stronger than it's ever been before. (Applause.)

And, by the way, as you've been hearing me say: African American unemployment is at an all-time low. Historic low. (Applause.) In the history of our country, it's never been better. So that's a great thing.

Thank you all, as well, to the young African American activists who are here today. You are really and truly the leaders of the future. (Applause.) And get in there and go get them.

Since the beginning of our republic, African Americans have given their heart, their love, and their very lives to the pursuit -- and you know this better than anybody; you have worked so hard. I guess when you get right down to it, we're all working very hard -- but the pursuit of liberty and justice for all.

During the Revolutionary War, African American soldiers fought at the battle of Yorktown and helped our nation gain independence.

In the next century, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth,

Harriet Tubman, and countless others risked everything to end the evil of slavery and secure the sacred blessings of freedom. (Applause.)

And here we are, all together in the White House. This is a great thing. Right? This is a great thing. And this is a very, very special place.

A century later, Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, and the immortal Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged our nation to fulfill its founding promise that we are all created equal by God. (Applause.)

In every moment of our history, African Americans have called our nation to greatness. This year marks the looth anniversary of the birth of Jackie Robinson. How good was Jackie Robinson? (Applause.) How good was Jackie? As a baseball fan, Jackie was special. He had to be special because that was not an easy journey for Jackie. He was a special man. His courage on the field and off the field stands as an everlasting monument to the triumph of the human spirit.

African American scientists, artists, musicians, educators, faith leaders, and countless others have lifted our nation to absolutely incredible heights.

Today, we thank God for all of the blessings the African American community continues to give our nation, and we pledge our resolve to expand opportunity for Americans of every race, religion, color, and creed. (Applause.)

Since my election, we have created 5.3 million new jobs.
(Applause.) People thought that was -- and I tell you, you know, I'm very proud of it being the lowest ever in the history for African Americans. But today, right now, we have the most people working in the history of our nation. Almost 160 million people. We've never had that many people working. (Applause.) Right?

Tell me: How do they beat us on the debate stand when we say we have the best unemployment numbers ever? Right? The best unemployment numbers ever and the most people working ever. The best economy perhaps that we've ever had. We got a lot of things going on here. Very good things. And we cut your taxes, by the way. And we cut your taxes. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: You're right. (Laughs.) He said, "Don't ever get tired, Mr. President." (Laughter.) I better not. I better not get tired. (Laughter.)

Under my administration, the African American poverty rate has fallen to its lowest level. And if you think about that, that's a special category. The poverty rate for African Americans is the best it's ever been. The lowest level it's ever achieved.

Nearly one million additional African Americans have found new jobs. As a -- really, and $I$ think this -- we can really attribute it to regulatory cuts or as a result of our tax cuts. The largest tax cuts in the history of our country.

More than 8,700 distressed communities are now designated as Opportunity Zones. And Mike Pence was just in South Carolina
and he was talking about those incredible achievements, Karen -the incredible achievements that have been made with Tim Scott and everybody on the Opportunity Zones. (Applause.)

And we're bringing in new investments and jobs to places that really need it the most -- places that were forgotten, but they're not forgotten with us.

Through our Pledge to American Workers, we've secured privatesector commitments to provide 6.5 million new jobs and training opportunities. And that also is an absolute, total record. That one is an easy one by a lot.

Just months ago, we passed groundbreaking criminal justice reform. (Applause.)

Pastor. Pastor. We have Pastor Darrell Scott. Will you come up here, Darrell? Darrell. Darrell, get up here. (Applause.) He's always defending me on television. (Laughter.) And I'll tell you, if you want somebody to defend you, this is about as good as you can get. I want to -- he is brutal. Sometimes I say, "You're a pastor?" You're the toughest pastor I've ever -(laughter) -- thank you, Darrell.

This long-awaited legislation reform -- and it's really the sentencing laws that nobody thought we could get this done. We worked with conservatives and liberals, and those in the middle. We worked with a lot of people and we got it done. Nobody thought this -- you know, they've been trying to get this done for 25 years, but we got it done -- criminal justice reform. The laws are disproportionately -- as you know, they harmed African American communities, and far, far greater than
anybody else. And it gives former inmates a second chance at life.

We are very proud to be joined tonight by a citizen who transformed her life while in prison and is now the first woman to be released under the FIRST STEP ACt, Catherine Toney. Where's Catherine? (Applause.)

Do you want to say something? Come on.

AUDIENCE: Catherine! Catherine! Catherine!

MS. TONEY: Yes, I just want to thank the President and everybody that worked so hard -- Jared -- for working so hard on this prison reform FIRST STEP Act. Because if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be standing before you all today -- (applause) -- with my daughter and my granddaughter.

I've been incarcerated for 16 years, and it took the President and Jared and the CAN-DO and the cut Five [sic], and everybody else to free me. And I'm so thankful. (Applause.) I'm so thankful to them. And I'm so thankful to God for the opportunity to be standing before you all. And thank you again, Mr. President. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's so nice. And I'll tell you, as far as criminal justice reform -- and other things -- Jared, thank you. What a great job. (Applause.) What a great job. He doesn't want praise. He doesn't want praise. But it was so nice to have you come up. And, Jared, thank you. Like, you're best friends. You probably know him a little bit, huh? (Laughter.)

MS. TONEY: Yes, I do. (Laughs.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's incredible. He's incredible. Does so much. Thank you, Jared. That was amazing. That was a great tribute to you.

During the State of the Union Address, I also called on Congress to pass school choice. (Applause.) No child should be trapped in a failing school that stands in the way of their dreams. Every citizen, of every background, deserves a government that puts their needs first. (Applause.) Like your hat, right? (Laughs.) Like that hat.

Here with us today is an incredible leader. Some of you know him well. I do. And I know him, really, more than anything else, as an incredible leader. That's exactly what he is. It's Bob Woodson. Do you know Bob Woodson? (Applause.) You will. You will. Because he's got an incredible story.

Bob joined the Air Force in the 1950s. You don't look that old, I'll tell you that. (Laughter.) 1950s? Really? Wow. You're in good shape. (Laughter.) I want to talk to him later, find out what's going on. (Laughter.)

While he was stationed in the Deep South, he confronted discrimination firsthand. He then became a Civil Rights leader, met Dr. King, and was jailed for leading a very peaceful protest. As Bob puts it, "Even when defeat was all around us, it was not in us." That's beautiful, right? Huh? That was just beautiful.

Over the last 50 years, Bob helped found social enterprise movements and to restore jobs, dignity, and hope within the heart of very, very distressed communities. Bob, I want to thank you very much. You are a very special man. And having you at our place in New Jersey for a little while, and you helped me so much with making a couple of our good choices. We really appreciate you being here. Thank you, Bob. (Applause.)

MR. WOODSON: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, please.

MR. WOODSON: I just want to thank God and also President Trump for turning the tables over in the temples -- (laughter) -- and attacking the status quo that is hostile to the interest of poor people. And I also want to bless you for your administration and the policies of Opportunity Zones and to giving low-income people an opportunity to help themselves. That's all they want; they want an opportunity to achieve. And your administration is working with us to make that happen. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks, Bob. So nice.

MR. WOODSON: Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Great guy.

We're also very proud to be joined by Clarence Henderson, who was among the first students to begin the Greensboro sit-in. You know what that is, right? In 1960, on the second day of the sit-in, Clarence was one of four students who sat at the longsegregated Woolworth's lunch counter -- very, very famous event
-- in Greensboro, North Carolina. He helped spark a national movement. In cities and towns all across America, students joined in the protest, and really, it was an incredible moment in the history of our country. The grave injustice of segregation was really spelled out loud and clear.

After more than 170 days of protest, the woolworth lunch counter finally integrated. That was -- doesn't sound like such a big deal, Bob, but it was a big, big deal, right? As Clarence has said, "It doesn't take many people to make a change. It just takes courage." And, Clarence, you have incredible courage, and I want to thank you very much for being here. (Applause.)

MR. HENDERSON: I am delighted to be here with the President. You know, Nehemiah was told by God to build a wall. And that's what you're doing. (Applause.) Amen.

It is indeed a pleasure to be here with you this evening and to share this great hour and great time. I can tell you right now, with the Frederick Douglass Foundation, with the state of North Carolina, and the President, and we're still moving forward to change America and make America great again. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thanks, Clarence. So nice.

As we commemorate African American History Month, we remember the words of Dr. King. In 1964, he said, "When years have rolled past...children will be taught that we have a finer land, a better people, a more noble civilization -- because these humble children of God were willing to suffer [the] righteousness'
sake."

And, you know, nobody said it better than Dr. Martin Luther King. And few people had words so beautiful as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Don't you agree? Don't you agree, Bob? (Applause.) He made us all look maybe not quite as good. Great man.

Today, we remember the heroic legacy of African Americans who bravely battled oppression to usher in a bright new dawn of freedom. It's exactly what you're doing. And you are at the forefront. You know, this is a new age. This is a very exciting time. It's very exciting time for our country.

Our country is respected again all over the world -- they are respecting -- (applause) -- like we haven't been respected in many, many years, I'll tell you. And thanks to you also, and thanks to you. Look at the progress that you've made. Look at those numbers that I gave you before with unemployment and all of the other numbers that we have together.

So we pledge, in the honor of our great African American community, to build a future when every American child can live in safety, dignity, liberty, and peace.

As Americans, we all share the same dreams, the same hopes, and the same magnificent destiny. We are now, and will forever be, one people, one family, and one glorious nation under God. (Applause.)

I want to thank you all. I want to God bless you. I just want to say God bless you all and God bless America. Thank you for
being at the White House. (Applause.) Thank you.
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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP
IN A SIGNING CEREMONY FOR H.R. 2423,
THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

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THE PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you very much. In a few moments, I will be signing into law the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act. This new law directs the Treasury Department to issue 400,000 one-dollar silver coins in a commemoration of the looth anniversary of women securing the right to vote. Nobody is going to take that one off. We just said -- nobody. Not with these women.

We're pleased to be joined on this special occasion by Secretary Elaine Chao, Deputy Secretary Karen Dunn Kelley, Deputy Director Margaret Weichert, Acting Deputy Secretary Kate MacGregor, Administrator Emily Murphy, and Chairman Mary Anne Carter. Thank you all very much.

Also thanks to Senator Marsha Blackburn, who has been doing an incredible job, and Representative Liz Cheney, likewise an incredible job. And actually, I just learned something, Liz. Would you say what you just told me about Wyoming?

REPRESENTATIVE CHENEY: Yes, sir, Mr. President. Wyoming was the first place on Earth where women had the right to vote. We've been voting 150 years in Wyoming.

THE PRESIDENT: Number one. Number one. (Applause.)

That's pretty good, right? (Applause.)

Also with us are members of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission: Executive Director of the Commission Anna Laymon; Treasurer of the United States Jovita Carranza; Assistant Secretary Susan Combs; President of Independent Women's Voice Heather Higgins; President of the Heritage Eoundation Kay Coles James; President of the Susan B. Anthony List Major -- that's Marjorie Dannenfelser; President of Concerned Women of America -- that's Penny Nance; Julissa Marenco from the Smithsonian; Colleen Shogan from the Library of Congress. Those are great names, I'll tell you. (Laughter.) But they're doing the job.

The one-dollar coins that we -- will be issued under the Act will honor the vital history of the women's suffrage
movement and celebrate many of the brave heroes who fought for the right to vote, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Ida B. Wells.

All proceeds from the sale of these coins will go to the Smithsonian's Women's History Initiative. My administration will always celebrate the immeasurable contributions of women to every facet of American history and life. We will fight for every day, and we will fight every night. We'll make this happen, and we'll continue to make it happen -- this is going to be a tremendous success -- to ensure opportunity, prosperity, justice, and equality for all women in the United States.

And I'm now going to sign the bill, and then I'm going to ask you, folks, some of you -- whoever would like to -- to say a few words, okay? Let me sign this first.

SENATOR BLACKBURN: Oh, yes. Cannot wait. Long time coming.

THE PRESIDENT: This is a big one, right? You came all the way back for this signing, right?

SENATOR BLACKBURN: I did. I did.

THE PRESIDENT: Good.
(The bill is signed.)

So who should get the first pen, Marsha? Who?

PARTICIPANT: Marsha!

PARTICIPANT: Marsha. (Laughter.)

SENATOR BLACKBURN: It's my bill! (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: That sounds reasonable.

SENATOR BLACKBURN: Yes. (Laughs.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's a big thing. This is a great -you've been working on this for years, right? (Applause.)

So -- and they have. They've been working on this for years and years. And I'm curious, why wasn't it done a long time ago, and also -- well, I guess the answer to that is because now I'm President, and we get things done. We get a lot of things done that nobody else got done. But maybe you could say a few words, just on (inaudible).

SENATOR BLACKBURN: Oh, I'll be happy to. This was a project that so many women have worked on. Elise Stefanik was the lead sponsor in the House. Liz Cheney helped shepherd it through the House. Kirsten Gillibrand was the lead Democrat cosponsor in the Senate. We passed it out of the senate with every single senator voting for it in June --

THE PRESIDENT: WOW.

SENATOR BLACKBURN: -- and sent it over to the House. And then we had to work a little harder to get it through over there. But it came through with over 300 co-sponsors on the bill.

And it's important to realize that women's suffrage was a 72-year process. It started at Seneca Falls, New York. And then, 72 years later, in Nashville, Tennessee -- August 18th, 1920 -- is when the 19 th Amendment was ratified. So Tennessee and New York have a strong history in this, and we're just thrilled to have this bill.

Proceeds from this coin -- the Women's Suffrage Commission and the Smithsonian Women's History Project -- this will go into funding that process. Now, we're doing this coin with no government expenditures because Jovita and her team are doing a great job on the sale of this coin. And then it will help fund this to make certain that all Americans realize what women have done for the cause of freedom for our nation. So thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, great job. (Applause.)

And Jovita?

MS. CARRANZA: I wanted to share with you that the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission had a very robust and very aggressive outreach program, with Senator Blackburn calling the Secretary of Treasury, Secretary Mnuchin. He got the call and I got the second call, and we made it happen with all of their support.

And this is great leadership, and we're looking forward to having several months to position this coin to benefit a very worthy cause, the Smithsonian, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: So why wasn't this done a long time ago --
years ago?

MS. CARRANZA: Well, I think has started out with you nominating Kay Coles James this year --

THE PRESIDENT: That helped. (Laughter.)

MS. CARRANZA: -- and myself as the U.S. Treasurer on the commission.

THE PRESIDENT: You know what helps.

MS. CARRANZA: And then, of course, we assem- -- we assembled a wonderful team.

THE PRESIDENT: Please. Go ahead, Kay.

MS. JAMES: No, I was just going to say thank you. It has been an honor to be your representative on this commission.

But one of the things that's most noteworthy is that we have worked together in such a bipartisan way to celebrate women's suffrage and the right to vote in this country. And I'm sorry Barbara couldn't be here today -- Senator Mikulski. She has done such a phenomenal job.

THE PRESIDENT: That's right.

MS. JAMES: And we have great leadership right here, in our chair and our co-chair. But it has been exciting, and we look forward to educating and celebrating with the women of America.

THE PRESIDENT: You did a fantastic job. Thank you very much.

MS. JAMES: Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: How about our chair saying something? Please.

MS. SHOGAN: Susan.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY COMBS: Well, I just want to say that this is a privilege to be your appointee, your nominee, but also to work with this great team.

And what $I$ really like is the zest and the energy and the enthusiasm everybody showed. In fact, we just make it impossible not to support this. So you go from 100 to 300 , that's the power of a lot of women working together. So thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Great job. Really fantastic.

Lynne [sic]? Thank you. Please, come on up. Lynne [sic] Cheney.

REERESENTATIVE CHENEY: Thank you. Appreciate it. Well, it's an honor to be here. I think it's really important for us to remember that all of us who are elected officials, who are women, all of us who are serving serve on the shoulders and the accomplishments of so many women who have come before us. I'm very proud in Wyoming of the strong women -- my mother, my
grandmothers, my great grandmothers -- and just the tremendous work and effort that went into this over the years. And so it's an honor to be here.

THE PRESIDENT: Your daughter.

REPRESENTATIVE CHENEY: Oh, my daughter.

THE PRESIDENT: She's the strongest. (Laughter.)

REPRESENTATIVE CHENEY: Exactly. That's right. And my daughter, Elizabeth, who's following in our footsteps. So thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

Who would like to say something?

MS. HIGGINS: Can $I$ add something?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, you can.

MS. HIGGINS: I think they're underrepresenting senator Blackburn and Jovita. You asked why this hadn't gotten done before. Jovita basically took a page from the wollman Rink in New York, and overcame an awful lot of the process and obstacles to make sure that something happened on time and in the right way.

THE PRESIDENT: That's good.

MS. CARRANZA: Thank you.

SENATOR BLACKBURN: Yeah, she did.

THE PRESIDENT: That's great. I've heard that. That's great. Fantastic. Proud of you.

SENATOR BLACKBURN: Great work. Good teamwork.

MS. NANCE: Mr. President, I would just add that -- I'm Penny Nance with Concerned Women for America. This has been just a beautiful picture of bipartisanship that $I$ think many in Congress could take a page from. Women of every ilk were able to come together and actually get something done. So we hope Congress does that same.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you. Great job. Anybody? Anybody? Final -- Einal -- Kellyanne? How about Kellyanne?

MS. CONWAY: Mr. President, thank you --

THE PRESIDENT: She's always very laidback and shy. (Laughter.)

MS. CONWAY: I'll be laidback. Thank you. I think the women speak for itself. And thank you for your leadership. We really look forward to continuing the celebration of the Centennial of the Women's Right to Vote. We go right up into next August of 2020. But it's even hard to imagine it's only been 100 years. And since we still have had -- never had any female Eresident, perhaps we'll have that in our lifetime, but your victory kept that job open. So we're here to celebrate --

THE PRESIDENT: In five years, right? (Laughter.) Five years.

PARTICIPANT: Or longer. (Laughter.)

MS. NANCE: Yeah, we can wait.

MS. CONWAY: That's right. But, sir, thank you for your leadership. I think the four-letter word called "will" is the difference between what does not get done and what gets done. And the leadership and, really, some of your great team here at the white House has been working around this around the clock and has helped. Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. They have been working very hard on this.

So thank you very much. This is a very important bill, and it's an honor to be involved with it. And I'm glad we got it done. (Applause.) This administration has gotten a lot done. Thank you.

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UPDATE:

- Congresswoman Joyce Beatty is organizing the event. As you may know, Rep. Beatty has recently been vocal about the $\$ 20$ bill redesign, including sending a letter to Treasury (Leg. Affairs can confirm is a response has been sent).
- It is scheduled to take place at $9: 00$ am tomorrow at the $15^{\text {th }}$ Street exit.
- Rep. Beatty has invited approximately 25 other Members of Congress, and Secret Service anticipates another $25+$ participants.

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