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	(b)(6)
Recipient:	"Gallihugh, Ronald (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2018/01/30 00:16:20
Delivered Date:	2018/01/30 00:16:22

From:	Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/30 00:20:33
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

From: Office of the Secretary

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 3:29:10 PM

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Recipient	(b)(6)	
Sent Date:	2018/01/30 00:20:32	
Delivered Date:	2018/01/30 00:20:33	

From:	BrenisChrist, Carmen (b)(6)
To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 12:47:38
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Congratulations.

Patricia Brenis Christ

Office of the Administrator

O: 571- (b)(6)

C: (b)(6)

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From: Office of the Secretary

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:29 AM

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To:	"BrenisChrist, Carmen (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Recipient:	"BrenisChrist, Carmen	(b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2018/01/29 23:44:55	
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 23:44:56	

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To:	"Logan, Christopher (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/30 00:15:27
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thanks, Chris. Appreciate the note.

From: Logan, Christopher
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:09:44 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

Congratulations, Chad! Well-deserved.

Best,
Chris.

Christopher Logan
Director
Public Assistance
DHS/FEMA
202 (b)(6)

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Recipient:	"Logan, Christopher	(b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2018/01/30 00:15:26
Delivered Date:	2018/01/30 00:15:27

From:	Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/30 00:04:53
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Thank you, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Appreciate the note and hope all is well.

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:00:28 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

Chad –

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All the best,

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Sent Date:	2018/01/30 00:04:52	
Delivered Date:	2018/01/30 00:04:53	

From:	Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
To:	"Echeverria, Wendy (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/30 00:14:48
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Haha. You are in good hands at TSA. Appreciate the note.

From: Echeverria, Wendy
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:17:57 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

See... Now my feelings are DEFINITELY hurt you didn't take me with you. ☹

WENDY ECHEVERRIA

DHS/TSA/OA/Office of the Chief of Staff

Phone: 571- (b)(6)

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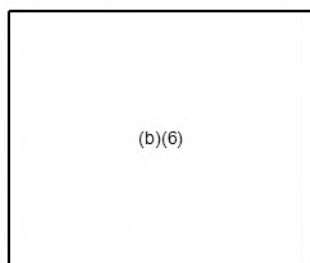
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From:	(b)(6)
To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Congratulations
Date:	2018/01/29 13:03:23
Type:	Note

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Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2018/01/29 12:54:53
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 13:03:23

From:	Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
To:	"MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 23:44:43
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

It makes it easier working with great folks like yourself. Appreciate the support.

From: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 5:56:25 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

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Recipient:	"MCALEENAN, KEVIN K (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Sent Date:	2018/01/29 23:44:42
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 23:44:43

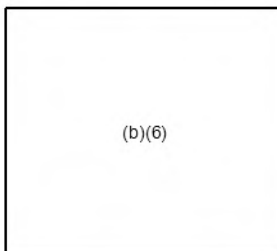
From:	Wolf, Chad	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)	
Subject:	RE: Congratulations	
Date:	2018/01/29 23:42:30	
Priority:	Normal	
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Mr. Wolf,

Congrats from Orlando. Looking forward to our continued success.

(b)(6)
Lead Behavior Detection Officer/VIPR Team
DHS / TSA - Orlando International Airport (MCO)
Orlando, Florida
Cell: (b)(6) **Office: (407)** (b)(6)
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From:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To:	"Wolf, Chad"; (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Sender:	MCALEENAN, KEVIN K	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
Recipient:	"Wolf, Chad	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Sent Date:	2018/01/29 12:56:25	
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 12:56:26	

From:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 13:44:22
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Mr. Wolf,

I just wanted to complement you an outstanding last name! 😊

All my best regards,

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(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Chief Technology Officer,
Senior Scientific Professional
Office of Information and Technology
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
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Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security	
Date:	2018/01/29 15:59:32	
Priority:	Normal	
Type:	Note	

Thank you

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:21:29 PM
To: Wolf, Chad
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

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(b)(6)
Protocol Officer
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Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 15:59:32	

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Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Congrats – I hope...

Hope you're doing well.

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To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 11:25:15
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

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To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 11:18:04
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Great news. Congrats, Chad!

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Federal Air Marshal Service
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Recipient:	"Wolf, Chad	(b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2018/01/29 11:18:03	
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 11:18:04	

From:	Wong, Ricardo	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
To:	"Wolf, Chad"	(b)(6)
	(b)(6)	
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security	
Date:	2018/01/29 10:45:42	
Priority:	Normal	
Type:	Note	

Good morning Mr. Wolf,

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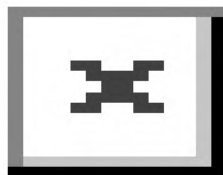
Have a great day and again, congratulations!

Respectfully,

Ricardo A. Wong, Field Office Director | Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Chicago Field Office - IL, IN, WI, KY, KS, MO

101 W Congress Parkway Suite 4000
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Recipient:	"Wolf, Chad <(b)(6)> (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2018/01/29 10:45:41
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 10:45:42

From:	Phelan, Gerry (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 11:37:22
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Sincerely,

Gerry

Gerry Phelan
FSD, IAH

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Recipient:	"Wolf, Chad	(b)(6)
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From:	Linkins, Gail (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 11:42:02
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Congratulations from a friend from the early days of TSA! We are in good hands under your leadership.

Gail Linkins
Federal Security Director
State of Alabama
BHM, HSV, MOB, MGM, DHN, MSL
205 (b)(6) (office BHM)
251 (b)(6) (office MOB)
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To:	"Maher, Joseph (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Date:	2018/01/29 11:34:07
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Only the best to you !

Regards,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Sent Date:	2018/01/29 11:34:06
Delivered Date:	2018/01/29 11:34:07

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To:	"Wolf, Chad (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/01/29 11:08:47
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Chad,

Congratulations on your official appointment. Great news for us in the Components!

(b)(6) **Acting Chief-of-Staff**
Department of Homeland Security
Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers
Office of the Director
 (b)(6)

From: Office of the Secretary
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Subject:	RE: TEST: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Subject:	Politico: Chad Wolf named DHS chief of staff
Date:	2018/01/29 13:46:59
Priority:	Normal
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Politico

By Ted Hesson

Jan 29, 2018 1:02 PM EST

<https://www.politicopro.com/cybersecurity/whiteboard/2018/01/chad-wolf-named-dhs-chief-of-staff-492675>

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen announced today the appointment of acting DHS chief of staff Chad Wolf to take the position permanently.

Wolf took the role in an acting capacity in August after former DHS Secretary John Kelly and Nielsen left the department to work in the White House.

Wolf also worked as chief of staff at the TSA from March until July.

Before joining the Trump administration, Wolf spent more than a decade at Wexler | Walker, a lobbying firm. During that time, he lobbied on behalf of a security company that sought a contract with TSA.

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Subject:	TEST: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:17 AM
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Subject:	RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security
Date:	2018/02/03 15:30:23
Priority:	Normal
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Thanks! I was keeping a low profile while recuperating from an (b)(6) All is well now, and working with (b)(6) and the team here is excellent.
Thanks for all that you are doing!

Susan Corbin, Senior Advisor
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction
(b)(6)

From: Wolf, Chad
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:06:53 PM
To: Corbin, Susan
Subject: RE: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

Susan!!! Had no idea you were in CWMD. Hope you are well and enjoying the new gig.

Chad F. Wolf
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Department of Homeland Security
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From: Corbin, Susan
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 9:31 AM
To: Wolf, Chad (b)(6)
Cc: Corbin, Susan (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Message from Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen on the Appointment of Chad Wolf as Chief of Staff for the Department of Homeland Security

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To:	"Houlton, Tyler (b)(6)
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Subject:	RE: POLITICO's Morning Shift: DACA stalled at SOTU — Q&A with Cissna on H-1B — Wolf lobbied for Indian outsourcing companies
Date:	2018/01/30 10:29:50
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

Is this on PoliticoPro or free site?

Chad F. Wolf
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Department of Homeland Security

From: Houlton, Tyler
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Wolf, Chad (b)(6); Hoffman, Jonathan (b)(6)
Subject: RE: POLITICO's Morning Shift: DACA stalled at SOTU — Q&A with Cissna on H-1B — Wolf lobbied for Indian outsourcing companies

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FYI

WOLF LOBBIED FOR INDIAN OUTSOURCING COMPANIES: Chad Wolf, who was appointed DHS chief of staff on Monday, lobbied in 2015 and 2016 on behalf of a trade association that represents Indian information technology and outsourcing companies, according to related lobbying disclosure forms. Wolf, who spent more than a decade at the lobbying firm Wexler Walker before joining the Trump administration last year, worked to advance immigration issues for the National Association of Software and Services Companies, known as NASSCOM, according to the documents. In one sample filing in late 2016, Wexler Walker earned \$60,000 for the service, which targeted members of the Congress. A senior administration official said Wolf had lobbied on a "fee issue" but would not provide further details. The official also said Wolf has recused himself from related matters.

NASSCOM has fought for years against proposals that seek to penalize so-called "H-1B dependent" companies (for a large company, that means 15 percent or more of its full-time employees hold H-1B visas). Just last week, the trade association criticized provisions in a bill from Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) that would place more scrutiny on companies with a high percentage of H-1B workers. Wolf has been acting chief of staff at DHS since August and held the chief of staff role at the Transportation Security Administration from March until June. POLITICO noted in June that Wolf was one of several longtime lobbyists who did not receive an ethics waiver when he entered the administration. Read the late 2016 lobbying disclosure form here.

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By Ted Hesson | 01/30/2018 10:00 AM EDT

With help from Ian Kullgren, Andrew Hanna, Theodoric Meyer and Marianne LeVine

DACA STALLED AT SOTU: President Donald Trump will deliver his first formal State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress at 9 p.m. tonight. He told reporters Monday that

immigration would be a topic, along with taxes and trade. "For many, many years they've been talking immigration, they never got anything done," Trump said following a swearing-in ceremony for Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar. "We're going to get something done, we hope. It's going to be bipartisan because the Republicans really don't have the votes to get it done in any other way, so it has to be bipartisan. But hopefully the Democrats will join us, or enough of them will join us, so we can really do something great for DACA and for immigration generally."

Trump's push comes as lawmakers continue fractious immigration talks on Capitol Hill. Several top Republicans and Democrats met Monday afternoon with White House chief of staff John Kelly, legislative affairs director Marc Short, and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to discuss the administration's legislative framework. The White House plan, which includes a path to citizenship for nearly 2 million DREAMers, \$25 billion for a border wall, limits on family-based immigration, and a termination of the diversity visa lottery, received a cold reception last week from many Democrats and some Republicans.

Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin(D-Ill.) reiterated his opposition to the Trump plan as he entered the meeting, citing as "one of the most serious problems" the administration's drastic reduction in family-based immigration. "The strength of American families has been a pillar of our country for as long as I can remember," he said. "To literally divide families from their children is inconsistent with the values that I thought both parties embraced." (The proposal would allow citizens and permanent residents to sponsor spouses and minor children, but not parents, adult children, or other family members.)

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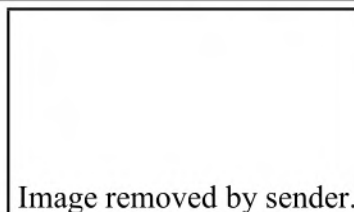
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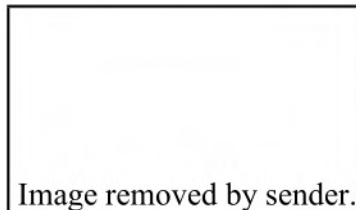


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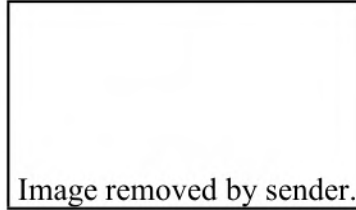
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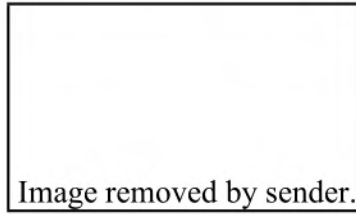
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Lawmakers say fence project comes up short

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The fence that Boeing Co. is building along the U.S.-Mexico border may be virtual, but the political headaches it has generated are not. To relieve the pressure, the company appears to be relying on a time-tested Washington remedy: redefining the debate. The aerospace giant came under fire last week after the Department of Homeland Security revealed that the so-called virtual fence that is part of the effort to secure the Southern U.S. border is badly behind schedule and has failed to meet many of its goals. The first 100 miles of the high-tech barrier were supposed to be completed this year, and the rest, by 2011.

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In an attempt to assuage irritated lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Boeing has engaged in a two-pronged lobbying and public relations strategy that is part mea culpa and part reframing expectations.

The stakes are especially high, since the project agreement allows Boeing to be replaced once its contract elapses.

"I'm sure it is an uncomfortable place for them to have such a high-profile contract on such a radioactive issue," said C. Stewart Verdery Jr., a former DHS official who now heads the Monument Policy Group, a lobbying firm that specializes in homeland security.

Boeing declined to comment, referring reporters to the DHS and to the company's earlier testimony during a House homeland security hearing.

During the hearing, Boeing's president of network and space systems, Roger Krone, said the company was trying to do better.

"While we are proud of the accomplishment of our P-28 team, we recognize the need to incorporate improvements and lessons learned into the overall SBInet program," he said. The Southern Border Initiative network, or SBInet, is the official name of the virtual fence program. The first stage is called Project 28.

Meanwhile, in meetings with lawmakers, Boeing's lobbyists argue that P-28 was never supposed to have been a fully functioning barrier — just a prototype or a demonstration project.

"It is unfair to judge it as a Berlin Wall," said a Boeing insider who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "It will be clear as this moves forward that this is a system that has great promise and that it is going to be an integral part of the overall solution to the immigration problem."

Among its many lobbyists on contract, Boeing has some well-connected advocates. Thomas Blank, former acting deputy administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, and Chad Wolf, who was the agency's assistant administrator, are working on the issue. Both are with Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, which was paid \$120,000 to work on the contract during the second half of last year.

Also on call is former Rep. Bill Paxon (R-N.Y.), who's managing a team of lobbyists in the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, which Boeing paid \$300,000 during the same time period.

The real problem, say Boeing's advocates, is that the DHS oversold the project. They argue that Boeing did a lot in a very short time — only eight months — and had met its goal of a demonstration project for high-tech fencing

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Thomas Blank, a former lobbyist and Republican official, was recently appointed to serve as the chief of staff to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the agency charged with investigating and enforcing immigration-related matters for the Department of Homeland Security.

There was no public press release and no announcement to mark the senior appointment. Rather, the only official acknowledgement of Blank's new post was found through a quiet update to the ICE leadership [website](#) this week.

"Thomas Blank's appointment as Chief of Staff for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was finalized on Wednesday, July 12," said ICE Assistant Director for Public Affairs Liz Johnson, in a statement to The Intercept.

"Information about his appointment was then sent internally to staff and posted on the ICE.gov website, as is standard practice. Since Mr. Blank did not represent clients with ICE interests and never lobbied the agency, there are no conflict of interest concerns with Mr. Blank's former employment."

Blank arrived to ICE after working for over a decade as a corporate lobbyist, helping corporate contractors secure business before the agency he now leads. As the [vice chairman](#) of the lobby shop Wexler & Walker, Blank "established the firm's growing Homeland Security Practice by building a base of clients with policy and business development interests on Capitol Hill, in The White House, and before the Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation."

Blank's ICE biography makes a passing reference to his 12-year lobbying career, noting that he "provided private sector consulting services in business development primarily for the security technology industry."

Records show Blank attempted to influence lawmakers and homeland security officials on behalf of a number of government contractors. His clients included firms such as the company formerly known as Taser International, the manufacturer of electronic shock weapons used by law enforcement as an alternative to firearms. Another former Blank client, Assuretec Inc., specializes in facial recognition and identity authentication.

Notably, Chad Wolf, another prominent Homeland Security lobbyist appointed this year by the Trump administration to the Department of Homeland Security, was Blank's colleague on a number of lobbying campaigns. The pair registered to lobby on behalf of Analogic Corp., a baggage screening company, which sought a bid for lucrative contracts with the Transportation Security Administration.

Blank, before his career as an influence peddler, worked as a staffer to then-Speaker Newt Gingrich, and after that, as a senior official in the George W. Bush administration. He assisted with the creation of the Office of Transportation Security Policy, the sub-agency that developed security procedures for the Transportation Security Administration after the attacks of September 11. Like many officials charged with overseeing the growth of the post-9/11 TSA, Blank transitioned afterwards to the private security industry to help business interests cash in on new contracts.

Blank has also worked for former Democratic lobbyist Dick Gephardt at his firm, Gephardt Government Affairs, and through a firm founded by Blank called Belvedere Strategies. Last year, Blank signed a contract, through a partnership with Gephardt Government Affairs, to lobby on behalf of the government of Turkey to assist with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's outreach efforts in Washington.

The appointment is the latest in a long procession of revolving door hires. President Donald Trump has filled his government with former corporate lobbyists overseeing key decisions on matters from agriculture to health to financial regulation to military acquisition and beyond.

Homeland security lobbyists have played a pivotal role in shaping the administration's agenda in particular. As we've reported, lobbyists for businesses involved in immigrant detention and mass surveillance have won political appointments to ICE and DHS. Secretary John Kelly, the head of the agency, failed to publicly disclose his own financial ties to security contractors during the confirmation process.

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With help from Ian Kullgren, Andrew Hanna, Theodoric Meyer and Marianne LeVine

DACA STALLED AT SOTU: President Donald Trump will deliver his first formal State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress at 9 p.m. tonight. He told reporters Monday that immigration would be a topic, along with taxes and trade. "For many, many years they've been talking immigration, they never got anything done," Trump said following a swearing-in ceremony for Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar. "We're going to get something done, we hope. It's going to be bipartisan because the Republicans really don't have the votes to get it done in any other way, so it has to be bipartisan. But hopefully the Democrats will join us, or enough of them will join us, so we can really do something great for DACA and for immigration generally."

Trump's push comes as lawmakers continue fractious immigration talks on Capitol Hill. Several top Republicans and Democrats met Monday afternoon with White House chief of staff John Kelly, legislative affairs director Marc Short, and Homeland Security

Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to discuss the administration's legislative framework. The White House plan, which includes a path to citizenship for nearly 2 million DREAMers, \$25 billion for a border wall, limits on family-based immigration, and a termination of the diversity visa lottery, received a cold reception last week from many Democrats and some Republicans.

Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin(D-Ill.) reiterated his opposition to the Trump plan as he entered the meeting, citing as "one of the most serious problems" the administration's drastic reduction in family-based immigration. "The strength of American families has been a pillar of our country for as long as I can remember," he said. "To literally divide families from their children is inconsistent with the values that I thought both parties embraced." (The proposal would allow citizens and permanent residents to sponsor spouses and minor children, but not parents, adult children, or other family members.)

Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn(R-Texas), also in attendance, said Democrats would need to embrace some aspects of the White House proposal. "I know the Democrats would just like to take the DACA piece and forget the rest, but we're not going to do that," he told reporters after the meeting. Nielsen, who attended the gathering with DHS legislative affairs director Ben Cassidy and other department officials, said the president's framework should guide discussions on Capitol Hill, but she wouldn't say where lawmakers had found agreement, if any. "I think president has made an offer, so we're starting from there," she said.

At least two dozen Dreamers will attend the State of Union, mostly as guests of Democrats, though Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.) also invited a DREAMer. At the other pole of the immigration debate, the White House - which has repeatedly sought to link immigration and crime - will invite the mother of a teenager allegedly killed by four MS-13 gang members, the New York Times reports. Several Democrats, including Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.), won't attend the event, CNN's Sophie Tatum reports. "I cannot in good consciousness attend the #SOTU address after the president went so low in his remarks about Haiti & African nations," Wilson tweeted in mid-January. "It would be hypocrisy to go to an event at which he is honored."

Questions about the State of the Union? Read a guide from POLITICO's Ayanna Alexander and Elizabeth Castillo with everything you need to know here.

GOOD MORNING! It's Tuesday, Jan. 30, and this is Morning Shift, POLITICO's daily tipsheet on employment and immigration policy. Send tips, exclusives and suggestions to thesson@politico.com, ikullgren@politico.com, ahanna@politico.com and tnoah@politico.com. Follow us on Twitter at [@tedhesson](https://twitter.com/tedhesson), [@AndrewBHanna](https://twitter.com/AndrewBHanna), [@IanKullgren](https://twitter.com/IanKullgren) and [@TimothyNoah1](https://twitter.com/TimothyNoah1).

Q&A WITH CISSNA ON H-1B: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Francis Cissna called the replacement of native-born tech workers with H-1B guest workers "not acceptable" in a recent interview with POLITICO's Ted Hesson. "It shouldn't be the case that an American worker sitting in his job right now would be laid

off and intentionally replaced by a foreign worker for whatever reason," Cissna said. The Trump administration plans significant changes to the H-1B program in the coming year to better protect U.S. workers. Pros can read about the changes and a Q&A with Cissna [here](#).

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FARM INJURIES: Children in rural areas face a grave risk of getting injured because of dangers on the farm, raising difficult questions about when the government should intervene, Jack Healy writes for The New York Times. "At a time when industries and some rural residents have rallied behind the Trump administration's push to roll back an array of regulations, the debate over safety standards on family farms raises difficult questions about the line where personal responsibility should end and government oversight should begin."

"Questioning whether a child should be riding in a tractor or playing in the barn is no easy thing in rural communities," writes Healy. "Generations of farm children have woken before dawn to feed livestock and do chores that families call a sacrosanct part of life. It is a way of passing on lessons about hard work, responsibility and the pulse of the land that their children will someday take over. With prices plummeting for wheat, dairy and other products, smaller, struggling farms are also under intense financial pressure, and entire families are pitching in to survive." More [here](#).

FARM HARASSMENT: Sexual harassment is an unseen but prevalent menace on American farms, especially for guest workers on H-2A visas, Ariel Ramchandani writes in the Atlantic. "In recent months, stories of sexual harassment and assault have been flowing on a daily basis from the entertainment, media, and tech industries. But low-

wage workers, who are disproportionately women of color, are extremely susceptible to harassment in the workplace, and their stories receive far less attention. ... In a 2012 Human Rights Watch report, nearly all of the farmworkers interviewed said they had experienced sexual violence or harassment or knew someone who had. In 2010, a study found that of 150 Mexican women working in the Central Valley in California, 80 percent had experienced sexual harassment." More [here](#).

NLRB NOMINEE RING REPORTS INCOME: "Morgan, Lewis & Bockius partner John Ring, the latest Trump pick for the National Labor Relations Board, on Friday reported \$2.7 million in partner and bonus income and disclosed a host of big-name clients, including Google, Amazon.com and Marriott International, as his nomination advances to the U.S. Senate," Erin Mulvaney reports in the National Law Journal. More [here](#).

NLRB GETS WORKPLACE RULE DO-OVER: "The D.C. Circuit on Monday remanded most of a restaurant chain's appeal of a National Labor Relations Board ruling that a slew of the chain's workplace rules violated federal labor law, granting the board's request to reconsider whether several of those rules are still illegal under a new standard the NLRB created last month," Vin Gurrieri reports in Law360. "A three-judge panel remanded a majority of the NLRB's findings from a multi-pronged 2016 ruling which, among other things, held that The Daily Grill proffered a series of workplace handbook rules that were too broad and could be interpreted by employees as discouraging them against engaging in union activity." More [here](#).

#METOO TRICKY IN 2018: "As they prepare for the 2018 elections, both Democrats and Republicans are dealing with dissenting opinions in their ranks over their handling of candidates or officeholders facing sexual harassment allegations," POLITICO's Maggie Severns and Marianne LeVine report.

"While most Republican officeholders interviewed by POLITICO over the past two weeks expressed the view that voters, not lawmakers, should decide whether a lawmaker accused of sexual harassment loses his or her seat, the GOP lawmakers charged with increasing their party's majorities in Congress say they're ready to take action if credible allegations against a candidate surface in the future," the pair write. "Meanwhile, Democrats, who moved quickly to withdraw support for Sen. Al Franken, Rep. John Conyers and Kansas congressional candidate Andrea Ramsey based on allegations from many years earlier, are facing some complaints over what some perceive to be a rush to judgment." More [here](#).

DEMS CALL FOR BETTER DATA: "Twenty-two Democratic senators sent a letter to the top federal labor officials on Monday demanding their department collect more and better data concerning sexual harassment in the United States workforce," Lam Thuy Vo reports in BuzzFeed. "The senators are requesting the Labor Department collect data on the 'prevalence and cost of sexual harassment,'" the outlet reports. "In particular, the senators want the department to do a study on the economic impact of sexual harassment on the labor force broadly and on workers themselves on a national level." More [here](#).

CATO ON WHITE HOUSE PLAN: David Bier and Stuart Anderson of the libertarian Cato Institute write in a blog post that the Trump immigration plan "calls on Congress to enact draconian restrictions on legal immigrants. Members of Congress will have to flesh out the details, but in the most likely scenario, the new plan would cut the number of legal immigrants by up to 44 percent or half a million immigrants annually-the largest policy-driven legal immigration cut since the 1920s." Read the analysis [here](#).

CHAMBER BACKS DACA, TPS PROTECTIONS: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urged the federal government to safeguard immigrants in a post ahead of Trump's State of the Union address. "We're calling on Congress to quickly take action to protect the roughly 200,000 TPS beneficiaries, the over 30,000 spouses of high-skilled visa holders, and the some 690,000 Dreamers in our country," Executive Vice President Neil Bradley wrote Monday. The business group also said it hopes to see Trump "lay out a vision for more pro-growth policies" on infrastructure reform and trade modernization. More [here](#).

COFFEE BREAK:

- "Harassment training for lawmakers: where's the line?" from [the Wall Street Journal](#)

- "Exclusive: ICE is about to start tracking license plates across the US," from [the Verge](#)

- "On her first anniversary, the SBA's Linda McMahon reflects on accomplishments, changes," from [the Washington Post](#)

- "Nearly 9,000 DACA teachers face an uncertain future," from [NPR](#)

- "Immigrants aren't 'pouring' across the border, as Trump says in pitching the wall," from [the Dallas Morning News](#)

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