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May 23, 2017

Brendan Fischer
Campaign Legal Center
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Ref.: Request number 2017-03002
CLC v. DOJ, 1:17-cv-01170-EGS (D.DC.)

Dear Mr. Fischer:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A copy of your request is attached to this letter.

Bureau of Prisons staff thoroughly searched for the records you requested using the terms and search parameters referenced in your request. Specifically, we searched our Administration Division, Correctional Programs Division, Information, Policy and Public Affairs Division, Office of General Counsel (Litigation Branch), and the Director's Office. However, we located no records responsive to your request.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account at: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from BOP's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. C. Darnell Stroble 202-616-7750 or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information, Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

X *S Arellano*

S. Arellano, for
Ronald Rodgers, Senior Counsel
Signed by: BOP



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20530

September 20, 2017

Brendan M. Fischer
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**Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY17-134
Campaign Legal Center v. DOJ, No. 17-cv-1170 (D.D.C.)**

Dear Mr. Fischer:

This letter responds to your February 28, 2017 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC"), seeking, for the time period from November 9, 2016 to February 21, 2017: (1) "factual materials, reports, and other evidence that the DOJ considered in reaching its conclusion to rescind the August 18, 2016 memo [by former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates] on private prisons," (2) correspondence with six named individuals, and (3) any records "that mention 'Rebuilding America Now.'" As you know, the request is also the subject of the above-captioned litigation, and has been narrowed to particular custodians by negotiations through counsel. A search of OLC's files has located no documents responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Serena M. Orloff of the Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at (202) 305-0167.

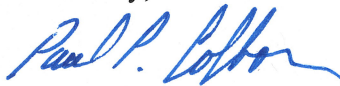
Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Although your request is the subject of ongoing litigation, and administrative appeals are not ordinarily acted upon in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you of your right to file an administrative appeal. You have the right to an administrative appeal.

You may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy ("OIP"), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site:

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Sincerely,



Paul P. Colborn
Special Counsel

cc: Serena M. Orloff, Trial Attorney
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

September 21, 2017

Brendan Fischer
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Subject: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request [17-OIG-143]

Dear Mr. Fischer:

This responds to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to records maintained by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). After a thorough search, please be advised that no responsive documents were located in the OIG.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Deborah Waller at (202) 616-0646 for any further assistance of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government

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September 25, 2017

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Re: DOJ-2017-002681 (AG)
DOJ-2017-003038 (DAG)
DOJ-2017-003040 (OLA)
DOJ-2017-003041 (PAO)
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Dear Mr. Fischer:

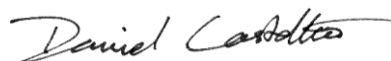
This is our final response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information (FOIA) request, received in this Office on March 1, 2017, and related lawsuit. This request sought records pertaining to (1) Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to rescind former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates' August 18, 2016 memorandum instructing the Federal Bureau of Prisons to phase out the use of privately-operated correctional facilities and (2) correspondence with certain individuals and organizations. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, and Public Affairs.

Please be advised that searches have been completed in response to your request, and that ninety-four pages were located that contain records responsive to your request. I have determined that fifty-five pages are appropriate for release with certain excisions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), and copies are enclosed. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please note that these enclosed pages also contain records relating to news articles that are not responsive to your request. Those records have not been processed and are marked accordingly. The remaining thirty-nine pages are being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Serena Orloff of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at 202-305-0167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel Castellano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel R. Castellano
Senior Attorney

Enclosures

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Trump Inaugural Chairman Promises A Celebration Of 'harmony, Inclusion And Democracy'

By Roxanne Roberts

[Washington Post](#), December 6, 2016

If you need to raise \$70 million fast, who you gonna call? Billionaires and multimillionaires, of course.

To drum up the funds for his inauguration next month, President-elect Donald Trump has asked 25 longtime friends and supporters to lead his Presidential Inaugural Committee. This group plans most of the official events for the inauguration — lunches, dinners, a parade and the official balls — and will pay for it with private donations. Because the timeline for fundraising is only eight weeks, Trump has turned to CEOs, casino magnates and financiers who can pull it all off by Jan. 20.

Leading the effort is multimillionaire Thomas J. Barrack Jr., one of Trump's oldest friends and a longtime business partner. Barrack raised \$32 million to support Trump, appeared frequently on television to speak for him, and he was given a prominent role at the GOP convention.

His vision for the inauguration? A celebration of the peaceful, nonpartisan transition of power that proves that the American system works.

"An inauguration is a tribute to the people and democracy, not a person," he says. "This inauguration, in particular, is intended to honor the democratic process and our country, which embraces debate, various points of view and independence in a united manner."

This will be Trump's first chance as president to share his "worldly perspective, inclusive attitude and conciliatory personality" to a global audience, he says, and it is Barrack's job to make sure that it happens exactly the way the 45th president envisions. The 69-year-old Barrack, chief executive of the private-equity real estate firm Colony Capital, brings decades of business and management experience to the task — and, more important, a personal friendship of almost 40 years.

"I understand how he would like to portray the greatest democracy in the world to the whole universe of people watching around the globe," he says. "It is a massive undertaking, similar to producing the Olympics within a 70-day period. Each detail needs to be strung together so that every element of a multiday process comes together as a seamless canvas of harmony, inclusion and democracy."

Sounds ambitious, but the Los Angeles native has never shied from a challenge. In a September posting on his company website, Barrack wrote about the importance of taking risks and shared his daily mantra: "Fate whispers to the warrior, 'You cannot withstand the tiger,' and the warrior whispers back 'I am the tiger.'"

That quote, he says, best describes his commitment and his singular focus: "Unlike many political jobs or functions, an inauguration has a beginning, a middle and an end. In order to achieve excellence in the end, the litany of horrors in the middle must be eliminated. This requires a tiger, not a kitty."

The grandson of Lebanese immigrants and the son of a grocer, Barrack got a law degree from the University of Southern California and served as deputy undersecretary at the Interior Department during the Reagan administration. That led to a job with Texas billionaire Robert Bass, who owned the Plaza Hotel at the time. Barrack negotiated the sale of the property, which is when he first met Trump.

In 1990, he founded Colony Capital and began buying distressed properties here and abroad. The firm is now one of the largest of its kind in the world and manages \$58 billion in assets.

Barrack is probably best known for his high-profile deals in Hollywood. In 2008, he saved Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch from foreclosure; the property is on the market for \$100 million. He saved Annie Leibowitz from bankruptcy when the celebrity photographer was \$24 million in debt. And along with other investors, he bought independent film distributor Miramax for \$663 million and then flipped it this year for more than \$1 billion.

He was slated to provide financing for Trump's luxury hotel here in Washington, but the Trump family decided that they would pay for the entire project on their own. No harm to the friendship, it seems: Barrack formed the super PAC Rebuilding America Now, which raised \$32 million, and hosted a glitzy fundraiser for Trump at his Santa Monica mansion.

Barrack wasn't a big fan of Trump's insults and bluster during the campaign and refused to say anything negative about Hillary Clinton at the GOP convention, where he spoke just before Ivanka Trump introduced her father. "I'm here because Donald Trump is one of my closest friends for 40 years," he told the delegates.

He then shared a personal story about the night in 1999 when he and Trump spent some time alone together at the funeral home after the death of Trump's father, Fred.

"So we sat there just kibbitzing, musing, and I said, 'How do you feel?' He said, 'I'm thankful that I have my dad's strength and my mom's sensitivity. And all I want to do is leave the legacy of the Trump name that they built brick by brick a little bit better than I found it.'"

Barrack looked at the convention delegates. "He's done it," he said.

The two men share a certain bravado and showmanship, which could make this inauguration different from previous celebrations. For fun, Barrack plays polo and surfs and recently bought a vineyard that makes Bordeaux-style wine.

Of course, Barrack can't pull the inauguration off alone, so Trump has also tapped a long list of very wealthy friends to help. The committee includes Sheldon Adelson, the billionaire owner of the Venetian and Palazzo casinos in Las Vegas, and his wife,

Miriam. Adelson was the moneyman behind Newt Gingrich's 2012 presidential run and has given millions and millions to conservative candidates — although he was a late and somewhat modest supporter of Trump's campaign.

Billionaire casino magnates Steve Wynn and Phil Ruffin are also on the list. Wynn, like Adelson, was not an early supporter of Trump's campaign. But Ruffin, who co-owns the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Las Vegas, was tapped to speak at the GOP convention and told the crowd that Trump "can do it all. I know him like a brother. I love the man. He will make this country great again. Go Donald! See you in Washington."

From the corporate world, the committee includes billionaire oilman Harold Hamm, roofing billionaire Diane Hendricks, billionaire coal baron Joe Craft, and Gail Icahn, wife of billionaire investor Carl Icahn. And from sports: the always colorful New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, who hosted an August fundraiser for Trump at his Hamptons estate and ticked off the neighbors. The committee's finance co-chairs are Roy Bailey and Lew Eisenberg, veteran Republican fundraisers.

Running the day-to-day operations is Sara Armstrong, the former Republican National Committee executive who spent the past year living in Cleveland as vice president of the committee planning the 2016 GOP convention. A marketing specialist, Armstrong has risen steadily in the Republican ranks, first working in the White House as special assistant to President George W. Bush and deputy chief of staff for Laura Bush, then moving to the RNC, where she became chief operating officer. She'll oversee a staff based in Washington, with headquarters near L'Enfant Plaza, although Trump's transition team will be based in New York.

As chairman, Barrack says his role is "consistently to set the vision, reset the vision and set the vision once again."

As with previous inaugurations, most of the planning is still in the early stages. The committee has not announced a specific fundraising goal, although the New York Times reports that the amount is \$65 million \$75 million. That's in line with Barack Obama's first inauguration in 2009, which raised \$53 million in private donations.

Any money raised above the amount needed to fund the inaugural events will be donated to charity, said inaugural committee spokesman Boris Epshteyn, and no donations will be accepted from state or federal registered lobbyists.

The committee has not officially released any specifics about the events being planned, but the Center for Public Integrity and The Washington Post obtained copies of a fundraising brochure detailing the underwriting packages offered to top donors.

Inaugural packages range from \$25,000 to \$1 million. The top VIPs — those giving \$1 million or more — will get tickets to the following: a candlelit dinner with the president- and vice-president-elect and their wives, lunch with Cabinet appointees and congressional leaders, a separate dinner with Mike and Karen Pence, a concert on the Mall, the swearing-in and the inaugural balls. (The committee has not yet announced the number of official balls; there were two for President Obama's second inauguration in 2013 and 10 for his first in 2009.) They will also get booking at an unnamed "premier inaugural hotel."

It's unclear how much each of Trump's committee members will personally contribute for the inauguration. But we'll know exactly how generous they were next year — all donations of \$200 and more must be listed with the Federal Election Commission.

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Trump Taps McMahon To Head SBA. [USA Today](#)

(12/7, Jackson, 5.28M) reports President-elect Donald Trump “said Wednesday he will nominate Linda McMahon – co-founder of World Wrestling Foundation – to be the leader of his Small Business Administration.” In a statement “touting her experience in the pro wrestling business,” Trump said that McMahon “helped grow WWE from a modest 13-person operation to a publicly traded global enterprise with more than 800 employees in offices worldwide. Linda is going to be a phenomenal leader and champion for small businesses and unleash America’s entrepreneurial spirit all across the country.” USA Today noted that “Trump has appeared on wrestling shows and is a member of the WWE Hall of Fame.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/7, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.37M) notes that Trump also said yesterday, “Linda has a tremendous background and is widely recognized as one of the country’s top female executives advising businesses around the globe.”

The [Washington Times](#) (12/7, Miller, 272K) reports that “after leaving WWE, Mrs. McMahon twice ran unsuccessfully for US Senate in Connecticut,” and “founded Women’s Leadership Live to boost women in the business world.” McMahon’s “resume includes work with WWE’s Get R.E.A.L. educational and literacy programs and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.” She and her husband, Vince McMahon, also “were major donors to Rebuilding America Now, a pro-Trump political action committee.” [Politico](#) (12/7, Cassella, 2.46M) indicated, however, that “the Connecticut Republican wasn’t always a Trump fan: She called New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie her favorite during the Republican primary, and she criticized some of Trump’s rhetoric during the campaign as ‘deplorable.’”

[The Hill](#) (12/7, Vladimirov, 1.25M) reported that House Small Business Committee Chairman Steve Chabot on Wednesday lauded McMahon’s selection, calling her “an excellent choice.”

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Trump Tabs Linda McMahon To Head Small Business Administration

By S.A. Miller

[Washington Times](#), December 7, 2016

President-elect Donald Trump announced Wednesday that he would nominate former professional wrestling mogul Linda McMahon to run the Small Business Administration.

Mr. Trump said Mrs. McMahon would be instrumental in advancing his “America First” agenda to bring back jobs and roll back regulations that he said are hurting middle-class workers and small businesses.

“Linda has a tremendous background and is widely recognized as one of the country’s top female executives advising businesses around the globe,” Mr. Trump said.

Mrs. McMahon, the co-founder and former chief executive officer of World Wrestling Entertainment, said that she was honored to join the “incredibly impressive economic team” that Mr. Trump had assembled.

“Our small businesses are the largest source of job creation in our country,” she said.

After leaving WWE, Mrs. McMahon twice ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in Connecticut. She also founded Women’s Leadership Live to boost women in the business world.

Her resume includes work with WWE’s Get R.E.A.L. educational and literacy programs and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Mrs. McMahon and her husband, Vince McMahon, also were major donors to Rebuilding America Now, a pro-Trump political action committee.

Rep. Steve Chabot, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, called Mrs. McMahon an excellent choice who would reform the SBA.

“I look forward to working with her and the new administration to roll back burdensome regulations and increase access to capital for America’s 28 million small businesses,” the Ohio Republican said. “Our committee will work with the new administrator to advance meaningful reforms that will make the SBA more efficient and customer-friendly for small businesses.”

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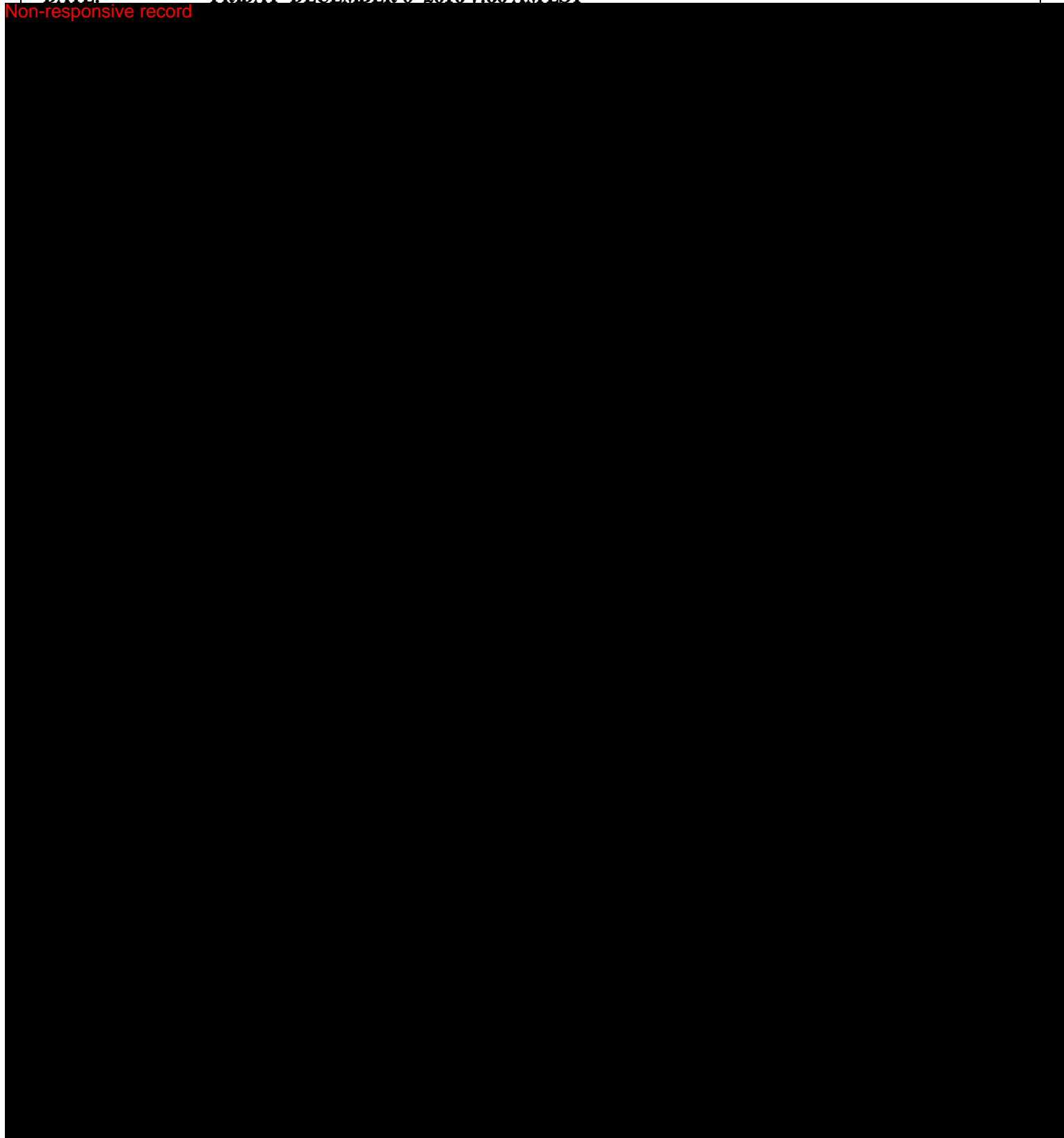
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Harry Reid Says The Democratic Party Is Perfectly Fine And Would Have Won Without Jim Comey

By Bonnie Kristian

[The Week](#), December 8, 2016

Donald Trump and his allies spent the bulk of the presidential campaign criticizing the “donor class,” but at least six of Trump’s top appointees so far have been direct or indirect contributors to his campaign, Adam Smith of the nonprofit political advocacy group Every Voice pointed out on Twitter.

Andrew Puzder, who was selected by Trump as labor secretary Thursday, “gave \$10,000 to pro-Trump super PAC Rebuilding America Now in August,” CNBC reports. “He also donated \$75,000 to a Trump joint fundraising committee with the Republican Party and gave the maximum \$2,700 to Trump’s campaign in May.” Steven Mnuchin, Trump’s treasury secretary, is

also a donor, having given \$2,700 to Trump's presidential campaign. Trump's secretary of commerce, Wilbur Ross Jr., is described as a "donor and longtime associate of Trump's," by NPR. Additionally, Ross "helped [Trump] resurrect his casino company after it went bankrupt in the early 1990s." And the Chicago Tribune reports that Todd Ricketts' family spent "\$1 million to back Trump's presidential bid." Ricketts was recently tapped for deputy commerce secretary.

Betsy DeVos, who is Trump's pick for education secretary, is described by The New Yorker in such a way: "It would be hard to find a better representative of the 'donor class' than DeVos, whose family has been allied with Charles and David Koch for years." Finally, Linda McMahon, whom Trump named Wednesday as the head of the Small Business Administration, donated \$6 million to Trump's super PAC, Rebuilding America Now, in August and September, The Washington Post reports. Jeva Lange

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Scott Speaks With Trump, Pledges Florida's Help To 'Support A Pro-democracy Movement In Cuba'

By Sergio Bustos

[Politico](#), November 26, 2016

Gov. Rick Scott said he spoke directly with President-elect Donald Trump early Saturday morning to offer the state's help "in any way to support a pro-democracy movement in Cuba," saying Fidel Castro's death should bring a "new era" of freedom to the communist island nation only 90 miles from Florida's shores.

Scott did not lay out any specifics on how the state could assist in such efforts or what else was discussed with Trump.

The governor has a close relationship with Trump after backing him for the White House following the March 15 Florida primary and serving as national chairman of the Rebuilding America Now Super PAC, which was dedicated to electing Trump as president.

Said Scott in a statement: "I spoke to President-elect Trump this morning to let him know that the State of Florida will help his administration in any way to support a pro-democracy movement in Cuba."

The governor's public schedule on Saturday was dominated by meetings with Cuban-American lawmakers and leaders from South Florida. He spoke with Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez, along with U.S. Rep.'s Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart and Carlos Curbelo.

Scott expressed optimism over Cuba's future following Castro's announced death on Friday night. The longtime dictator died at age 90, though his 85-year-old brother Raul remains in power as president.

"I join Cuban-Americans and Floridians across the country who are incredibly hopeful for the future of Cuba," said Scott. "After decades of oppression, the Cuban people deserve freedom, peace and democracy."

He said "now is the time to look at policy changes that will demand democracy in Cuba."

"Today's news should usher in an era of freedom, peace and human dignity for everyone in Cuba and the State of Florida stands ready to assist in that mission," Scott said.

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SPOTTED -- New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone last night hard at work in the cafe car on the Acela to D.C ... John Kerry at the Georgetown Apple store yesterday at noon checking out new iPhones with a security detail ... Chris Cuomo at Equinox at the Ritz ... John Berman on a treadmill at Equinox ... Ken Langone talking Trump with Hardwick Clothing's Allan Jones at The Jefferson ... Rick Perry coming out of the Rebuilding America Now breakfast meeting at the W hotel rooftop around 8 a.m. ... Michael Moore on the Acela first class 9:05 p.m. train ... On the 11 a.m. Amtrak from NY to DC: Jodi Kantor, Ben Smith, Gayle King, Matt Lauer, Al Roker ... John Elway holding court at the Congressional Leadership Fund event at the Library of Congress ... BLT Prime was abuzz all afternoon at the Trump Hotel: Kellyanne Conway, Patriots owner Bob Kraft and son Jonathan, Rick Perry celebrating with his family fresh off his confirmation hearing, Redskins owner Dan Snyder, the Prism Group's John

Stanford, Locust Street's Ben Jenkins, Roger Stone, Cindy Adams (interviewing Conway), the U.S. Chamber's Jared Parks, Jets owner and soon to be U.K. Ambassador Woody Johnson and the storied Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell celebrating with Perry ...

... Marla Maples having dinner with friends at BLT at the Trump Hotel ... Mayor Rahm Emanuel yesterday on AA 1407 from O'Hare to Miami, first class ... Rick Santorum at the University Club ... Wednesday night Chris Christie was spotted chowing down on pasta at Tosca and yesterday he was at the Willard Hotel's cafe du Parc ... Michael Steele at the Subway at 15 and L - "he's a man of the people! No fancy lunches for him." ... Rep. Ryan Costello at the Cozen O'Connor reception at Tredici Enoteca in Hotel George ... Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) at the Western Caucus Foundation at Western Popup in Capitol Hill (11 D St. SE).

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Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday said he would turn down any job offered by President-elect Donald Trump, but singled out Attorney General Pam Bondi as someone Trump should consider as he builds his administration.

Scott, a former hospital executive, said he wouldn't accept a position as the head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which would put him atop of the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"I've got 789 days left in this job," said Scott, who was re-elected in 2014. "I ran hard to get this job twice. I really believe in this state.... I'll do anything I can for president-elect Donald Trump to be successful (but) I like this job and I want to finish this job."

In a stunning and historic win, Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton, winning the key battleground states of Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Scott, like Trump, was opposed by leading officials in the Republican Party when he initially ran for governor in 2010 and he noted the similarities between his victory for governor and Trump's bid for president.

"Trump prevailed like we were able to in 2010 because we focused on what Americans care about; they care about jobs. They care about making this country great again," Scott said, adding that he was "grateful" Trump won Florida.

Scott endorsed Trump shortly after he won the March presidential primary in Florida, where he trounced Sen. Marco Rubio. He then became chairman of the super PAC, Rebuilding America Now, that ran ads in several battleground states, including Florida and Pennsylvania.

"The political elites are shocked and a lot of them are dismayed," Scott said. "They just couldn't believe this was happening to them but the American public has stood up and said 'We're going to take our country back again.'"

While he made clear that he had no intention of joining a Trump Cabinet, Scott did praise Bondi as a "wonderful" person worthy of consideration.

"She works her tail off," Trump said of Bondi, who was the first high-profile Republican in Florida to endorse Trump. "If I were president elect Trump, it's someone I would look at."

Bondi, like Scott, was elected in 2010. She is term limited out of office in 2018.

Bondi's ties to Trump came under scrutiny in connection with a \$25,000 campaign contribution made to her re-election campaign at the same time her office said it was examining fraud allegations against Trump University that it ultimately didn't pursue.

Bondi later told reporters that the contribution, made to her political committee amid her 2014 reelection campaign, had no bearing on her office's decision to not join a civil fraud lawsuit filed by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman against Trump University, which was defunct by the time she first took office in 2011.

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Donald Trump Talks Job Creation With Linda McMahon, Former WWE Boss

By S.A. Miller

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Former World Wrestling Entertainment boss Linda McMahon met Wednesday with President-elect Donald Trump to talk about entrepreneurship, job creation and the Small Business Administration, she said.

After leaving WWE, Mrs. McMahon twice ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in Connecticut. She also founded Women's Leadership Live to boost women in the business world.

"The meeting went great. It was really nice to be up, and I was honored to be asked to come in. Anytime I think the president-elect of the United States asks you to come in for a conversation, you're happy to do that," Mrs. McMahon told reporters in the lobby of Trump Plaza in Manhattan.

"We talked about business and entrepreneurs and creating jobs and we talked about SBA," she said. "We had a really good conversation."

Pressed about whether she was seeking a job or if there was an offer, Mrs. McMahon didn't rule either out.

"That remains to be seen. Stay tuned," she said.

Mrs. McMahon and her husband, Vince McMahon, were major donors to Rebuilding America Now, a pro-Trump political action committee.

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Wrestling Exec Linda McMahon A Top Choice For Trump's Small Business Chief

By Megan Cassella

[Politico](#), November 30, 2016

Linda McMahon, a professional wrestling executive and former Republican contender for Connecticut's U.S. Senate seats, is among the top contenders to lead Trump's Small Business Administration, sources close to the matter tell POLITICO.

McMahon has talked to several members of the transition team over the last few days about the SBA position, and it's looking increasingly likely, one transition source said. "It's very, very real," the source added. "For the last several days, it has been discussed seriously internally."

The 68-year-old co-founder of World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. began publicly supporting Trump when she became a top donor to the president-elect throughout the fall, giving \$6 million to a pro-Trump super PAC run by Florida Gov. Rick Scott. But the Connecticut Republican wasn't always a Trump fan: She called New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie her favorite during the Republican primary, and she criticized some of Trump's rhetoric during the campaign as "deplorable."

The buzz about her possible appointment grew louder after McMahon met with the president-elect at Trump Tower in New York City on Wednesday. During what she described as "a really good conversation," the pair discussed business, entrepreneurs, creating jobs and the SBA, she told pool reporters in the tower lobby.

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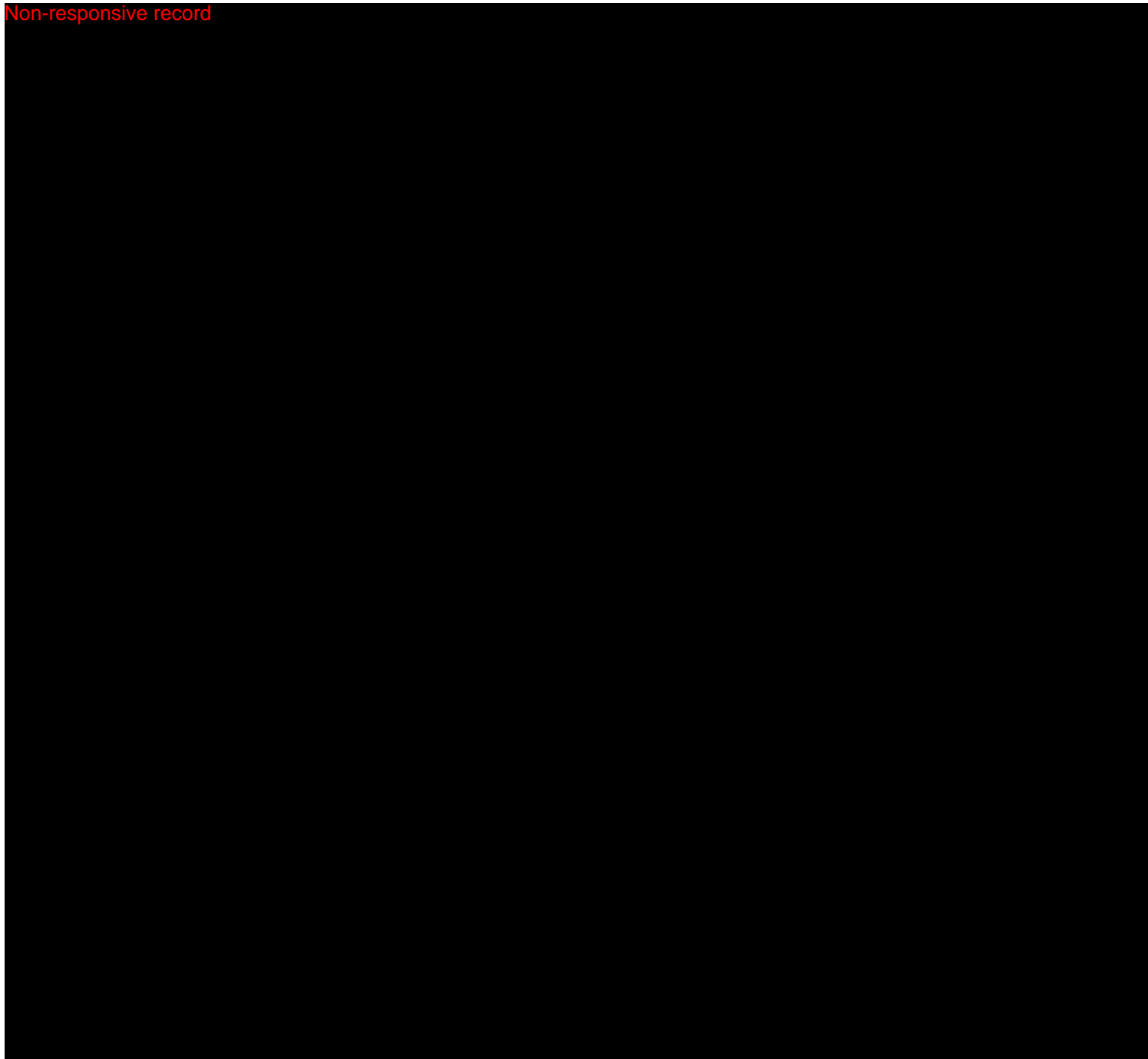
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Andy Puzder, Secretary of Labor

BIOGRAPHY: Fast-food executive. Puzder started his career as a corporate lawyer in St. Louis. Carl Karcher, founder of the Carl's Jr. restaurant chain, was facing serious financial difficulties and asked him to become his personal attorney. After successfully resolving Karcher's problems, Puzder eventually became executive vice president of CKE, which owns the Carl's Jr. and Hardee's chains. In 2000, he became president and CEO.

CORPORATE TIES: CKE Restaurants.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS: Major donor. Puzder has donated more than \$1.3 million to Republican

candidates over the years, plus another \$7,859 to Democratic candidates. In the 2016 Republican primary, he backed former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, former HP CEO Carly Fiorina. He gave \$10,000 to Rebuilding America Now, a pro-Trump super PAC, gave \$75,000 to a Trump joint fundraising committee with the RNC, and he and his wife gave \$5,400 to Trump directly in 2016.

LOBBYING: Employed lobbyists. CKE has not lobbied the federal government much, spending only \$30,000 on lobbying in 2008.

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LINDA McMAHON, HEAD OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

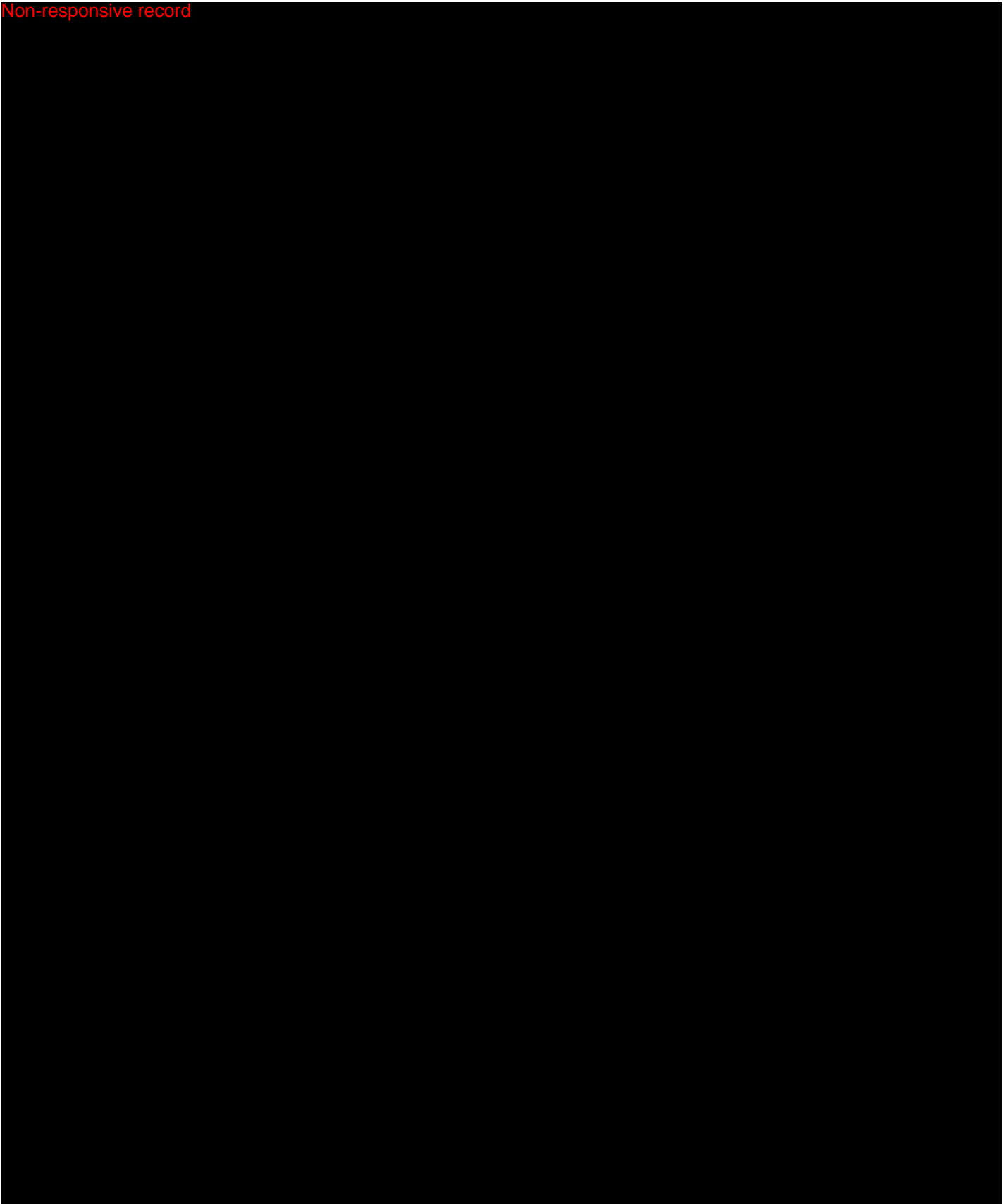
BIOGRAPHY: Pro wrestling executive. A North Carolina native, McMahon co-founded the company now known as World Wrestling Entertainment with her husband Vince in 1980. In 2010 and 2012, she spent almost \$100 million of her own money on unsuccessful bids for U.S. Senate seats in Connecticut, calling for eliminating the Small Business Administration in her second run.

CORPORATE TIES: WWE.

CAMPAIGN DONATIONS: Mega-donor. McMahon and her husband have given \$14.7 million to Republicans over the years, and they were one of the top GOP donors in the country in 2016. She personally spent \$97 million running for Senate twice. Between 2007 and 2009, the McMahons gave \$5 million to Trump’s charitable foundation. In 2016, she gave \$2,700 to Trump’s campaign and \$6 million to Rebuilding America Now, a super PAC backing him.

LOBBYING: Employed lobbyists. Between 2001 and 2008, the WWE spent \$580,000 lobbying the federal government on issues like marketing to minors and steroid use in wrestling.

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Linda McMahon gives \$6M boost to pro-Trump super PAC run by Scott Back

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TALLAHASSEE — Professional wrestling magnate and failed Connecticut Senate candidate Linda McMahon has given \$6 million to a super PAC backing Donald Trump and run by Gov. Rick Scott

McMahon's donation represents one-third of the \$18 million that Rebuilding America Now has brought in since July, according to new campaign finance reports. The group, which touts itself as the most active pro-Trump super PAC, has spent more than \$14 million in ads in the swing states of Florida, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Ohio.

The second biggest donor is Home Depot co-founder Bernard Marcus, who has kicked in \$5 million. Other seven-digit donors include Walter Buckley, the owner of a Pennsylvania-based investment management company (\$1 million), and Peter Zieve, owner of a aerospace engineering company (\$1 million).

In 2013, the Seattle Times reported that some of Zieve's employees had concerns about emails their boss sent to employees regarding Muslims. One employee said Zieve had "blatantly sexist and racist hiring practices."

The super PAC's biggest expenditures include nearly \$600,000 to the New Republican, LLC, a Virginia-based political consulting firm. It has also spent nearly \$120,000 with Ken McKay, the former campaign manager for former Republican presidential candidate and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Headed into the Republican National Convention, McKay also worked for Trump's campaign, which raised questions about coordination between the formal campaign and super PAC. Though McKay did work prior to the convention for Trump, campaign finance records show he was never directly paid by the campaign.

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NUTMEG STATE UPDATE -- "Connecticut confidants could be on Trump's short list," by Neil Vigdor in the Connecticut Post: "[Larry] Kudlow and Trump are kindred spirits in the fraternity of television and business. The well-known economist served as an informal adviser to Trump during the campaign and embraced Trump's plan to cut corporate taxes, which he characterized as pro-growth and supply-side economics. ... Now, some say Kudlow, a one-time budget adviser to Ronald Reagan, could be asked to reprise his role in the administration of President-elect Donald Trump ... [W]restling mogul Linda McMahon ... gave \$6 million to Rebuilding America Now, a pro-Trump super PAC. That could position McMahon for an ambassadorship." <http://bit.ly/2eIL9Ac>

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SPOTTED -- New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone last night hard at work in the cafe car on the Acela to D.C ... John Kerry at the Georgetown Apple store yesterday at noon checking out new iPhones with a security detail ... Chris Cuomo at Equinox at the Ritz ... John Berman on a treadmill at Equinox ... Ken Langone talking Trump with Hardwick Clothing's Allan Jones at The Jefferson ... Rick Perry coming out of the Rebuilding America Now breakfast meeting at the W hotel rooftop around 8 a.m. ... Michael Moore on the Acela first class 9:05 p.m. train ... On the 11 a.m. Amtrak from NY to DC: Jodi Kantor, Ben Smith, Gayle King, Matt Lauer, Al Roker ... John Elway holding court at the Congressional Leadership Fund event at the Library of Congress ... BLT Prime was abuzz all afternoon at the Trump Hotel: Kellyanne Conway, Patriots owner Bob Kraft and son Jonathan, Rick Perry celebrating with his family fresh off his confirmation hearing, Redskins owner Dan Snyder, the Prism Group's John

Stanford, Locust Street's Ben Jenkins, Roger Stone, Cindy Adams (interviewing Conway), the U.S. Chamber's Jared Parks, Jets owner and soon to be U.K. Ambassador Woody Johnson and the storied Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell celebrating with Perry ...

... Marla Maples having dinner with friends at BLT at the Trump Hotel ... Mayor Rahm Emanuel yesterday on AA 1407 from O'Hare to Miami, first class ... Rick Santorum at the University Club ... Wednesday night Chris Christie was spotted chowing down on pasta at Tosca and yesterday he was at the Willard Hotel's cafe du Parc ... Michael Steele at the Subway at 15 and L - "he's a man of the people! No fancy lunches for him." ... Rep. Ryan Costello at the Cozen O'Connor reception at Tredici Enoteca in Hotel George ... Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) at the Western Caucus Foundation at Western Popup in Capitol Hill (11 D St. SE).

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