

Agenda for meeting with Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich Tuesday, May 12, 2026 via Zoom

- 1) Thanks for
 - a –Condemning Trump’s threat to “destroy a civilization”
 - b – Sponsoring CREATE AI bill
 - c – Speaking out regarding Schumer backing “traditional” candidates after Gov Mills dropped out in Maine.
 - d - Letter to Sec Wright, questioning the DOE’s planning for the Iran war and the blocking the Strait of Hormuz. **His comment in the public hearing was a responding yes. They knew this would happen.**
 - e – Continuing to support blocking continued armament of Israel.

- 2) - Trump and cronies continue to push for increased oil and gas exploration and mining expansion in sensitive areas. Specifically, in New Mexico, those areas are Chaco, the Pecos, and Carson National Forest. Any chance of blocking or delaying these expansion? **-long explanation by Michael Sullivan. Briefly, since Chaco was already covered by an executive withdrawal from Biden, Trump has to follow a set procedure do undo that withdrawal. Not surprisingly, he has not been following those procedures, should as noticing in the Federal Register. Withdrawal of the withdrawal will bring on a lawsuit. For the Pecos, the withdrawal process had just started in Dec 2024, so Trump just stopped it. There are State laws in place to prohibit mining and rules from the County Commission. Also, the proposed mining company is foreign so it means a minimal number of jobs. Outcome is unknown. Carson is a different story. The goal is uranium mining, along with areas around Pietown and Mt. Taylor. The request is covered under the Mining Act of 1872 so options are limited. Best approach would be state laws prohibiting uranium mining and there are currently none. As long as price of uranium remains high, there remains risk.**

- 3) – The Senator blocked the approval of the No Funding to Honor Crime Scenes, dealing with the Cesar Chavez National Monument in Keene California, to the outrage from several Republican

Senators. What now is the fate of that bill? Primarily a stunt by Cornyn to help with his re-election. Heinrich was the only one in the caucus to be willing to stand up and vote no as the bill would have not only erased Cesar Chavez's name but removed any monument to the Farm's Worker movement. Heinrich approved of removing Chavez's name, as was Chavez' family, but not erasing the memorial to the Farm Workers' movement. Negotiations are in place to accomplish that task.

- 4) – The Senator has been a proponent of improving the permitting process for wind, solar and transmission projects. The Republicans also support those improvements, but the Senator is holding his support until the DOE begins fast tracking approval of wind and solar projects that are in the pipeline but being slow walked. Has the Secretary agreed to those projects' approval? Back and forth but no real progress on the approvals.
- 5) - The proposed DOI 2027 Budget shows significant cuts to the National Park Service. What are the prospects that those cuts can be reversed? Process is too early. It is not clear which cuts the Republicans will fight for. However, there will be more cuts this year than last.
- 6) - The Senator has proposed Tariff Relief Checks be sent out to cover the unreimbursed public expense for Trump's illegal tariffs. Where does that proposal stand in Congress? He and Josh Hawley (Missouri) have proposed identical bills except Heinrich's has language prohibiting Trump from taking credit. It is unclear whether the bill will get a vote in the Senate. It will not pass the House.
- 7) - Is the State Department processing citizenship applications? Should be United Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Both Visa applications and naturalization are being slow walked and held up.
- 8) - Will the taxpayers end up funding Trump's Ballroom? Parliamentarian decision as budget request should have come to

the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy which it never did, so it can't be in a reconciliation bill.

- 9) -He is offering support to the State and City regarding the Federal Lawsuit and will submit an Amicus Brief when it is time.
- 10) - The US Attorney is still not legally installed as he has not been approved by the Senate. A replacement for the US Marshall has been submitted who is a former deputy chief under Manny Gonzales. A District Judge is leaving and the current submitted names have red flags. Heinrich's team is carefully vetting these position. They can't be approved until he has completely vetted and approved their application.
- 11) - If we have time, can we switch to political and ask the process the Senator uses in deciding who to support in the Democratic primary. Does he get pushback from the party? He has been getting a great deal of pushback. Rebecca explained his process for State and Local races which he has been doing since 2019. His involvement in National races is more recent. He jumped in as he didn't want Democratic nominees to be decided by AIPAC and the Crypto industry.
- 12) Next Meeting, June 9th