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**From:** Kathleen Daly Rooney  
**Sent:** Fri 7/7/2017 2:42:49 PM  
**Subject:** Scott Pruitt Request to speak  
[Mavericks Conference Request \(Administrator Pruitt\).pdf](#)  
[Mavericks Conference-Hatch Act Guidance Memo 5.25.17.docx](#)

Good morning Ryan--

Attached is the official invitation for Administrator Pruitt to speak at the Maverick Pac Annual Conference in DC next weekend. As well, i have attached a Hatch Act memo that our legal team put together.

I know his schedule is crazy but it would be amazing if he could speak! The idea would be to have he and Administrator Acosta speak on Saturday evening at 6:30pm about their new experiences in the administration etc.

If saturday does not fit with his schedule-- we would love to find a time friday night or earlier saturday to hear from him.

Thanks RJ! hope all is well and really hoping that if he can speak it means i can hang out with you while he is there!!

Kathleen

## Speaking Request

Administrator Pruitt,

Dates: July 14, 15  
Location: Washington, DC  
Venue: Dock 5  
Duration: 30 minutes

It is our honor to invite you to speak at Mavericks Conference 2017 in Washington, DC July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Mavericks Conference is the annual gathering of successful young professionals interested in public policy issues. Our members work in a variety of industries such as oil & gas, banking, consumer goods, food & beverage, marketing & communications, technology and politics.

Maverick PAC alumni include Sen. Ted Cruz, Sen. Tom Cotton, Rep. Elise Stefanik, Rep. Carlos Curbelo, Rep. Will Hurd, Rep. Ron DeSantis and George P. Bush. Past conference speakers include Secretary Ryan Zinke, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, Gov. Mitt Romney, Gov. Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Gov. Susanna Martinez, Sen. John Cornyn, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Andy Puzder and Gen. James Conway. Attendance will include Maverick PAC members from across the country as well as today's top opinion leaders and decision makers.

### CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Speaker Paul Ryan  
Mark McKinnon  
Nancy Brinker  
Sen. Lindsey Graham  
Rep. Carlos Curbelo  
Rep. Francis Rooney  
Rep. Roger Williams  
Rep. Scott Taylor  
Rep. Mike Gallagher  
Anthony Scaramucci  
Foster Friess  
Dr. Kerry Healey  
Michelle Rempel, MP  
State Rep. Niraj Antani  
HI GOP Leader Andria Tupola  
Ashley Carter, DC Board of  
Education Member

Please feel free to have your team contact our Executive Director Kevin Curran with any questions. He can be reached at (202) 327-1522 or [kevin@maverickpac.com](mailto:kevin@maverickpac.com).

Thank you for your consideration.



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Kathleen Rooney

Conference Chairs

*\* More speakers will be  
announced in the coming  
weeks!*

TO: Kevin Curran

FROM: Jim Tyrrell

DATE: May 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Hatch Act Implications of Executive Branch Employees Speaking at Mavericks Conference

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You have asked us to provide an analysis of whether Executive Branch employees would be permitted to speak at this summer's Mavericks Conference in light of certain restrictions on political activity imposed under the Hatch Act (the "Act"). The Mavericks Conference is paid for by and a project of Mavericks, Inc., a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization, which is not considered a partisan political group under the Hatch Act.

The Act limits certain political activities of federal employees.<sup>1</sup> The intent of the Act is to maintain a federal workforce that is free from partisan political influence or coercion. Under the Act, a covered employee may not use his official title or position while engaging in political activity. Political activity is defined as an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group.<sup>2</sup> While the Act restricts an employee from participating in certain political activities, like soliciting, accepting, and receiving political contributions, it does not prohibit participating in the nonpartisan activities of a social welfare and public policy organizations like Mavericks, Inc.

According to Office of Special Counsel ("OSC") guidance, a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization is not considered a partisan political group for purposes of the Act because its primary activity is not political.<sup>3</sup> Even if this were a political event, the OSC provides that an employee can speak at a political event as long as he or she does not appear in his or her official capacity, is not on duty, and does not solicit political contributions.<sup>4</sup>

In this case, Executive Branch employees are not prohibited from speaking at the Mavericks Conference because it is funded by a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization and the agenda will be limited to policy discussions. Even if limited political activity does occur at the event, Executive Branch employees are permitted to speak, provided that they do not attend and

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326.

<sup>2</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 734.101.

<sup>3</sup> Hatch Act: Federal FAQs," Office of Special Counsel, <https://osc.gov/Pages/HatchAct-FAQs.aspx> (accessed May 11, 2017).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

present in their official capacity, and do not solicit political contributions.