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Subject: Re: SPEAKING REQUEST, November 9: Secretary Zinke at Heartland Institute's Energy Conference

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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the Secretary. He greatly appreciates you thinking of him. I will follow up with you within the next couple of weeks. I greatly appreciate your patience.

Thank you,
Leila

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 6:32 PM, Jim Lakely <JLakely@heartland.org> wrote:

Greetings,

I am writing with a special request. The Heartland Institute would be honored if Secretary Zinke would accept a keynote speaking slot at our [America First Energy Conference](#) in Houston, Texas on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

The conference's purpose, as the name suggests, is to promote the Trump administration's excellent agenda on that topic – one that abandons the dead-end “green energy” push of the Obama years. Especially because the president wants to make America a global power again in energy production, we selected the hub of our energy sector in Houston as the conference city.

We expect an audience of several hundred energy industry leaders at Houston's J.W. Marriott Galleria as well as a healthy contingent of media and we've reserved one of our three plenary keynotes for Secretary Zinke: 8 a.m, noon, or 7 p.m. (NOTE: If Thursday, November 9 is not ideal for the secretary's schedule, Heartland is also hosting an “Emerging Issues Forum” for more than 100 key state legislators at the same location the day before. Secretary Zinke could give a keynote dinner address to that audience, instead.)

I'd be happy to share our very rough draft of the American First Energy Conference schedule with you. The website we've created for our conference is AmericaFirstEnergy.org. It contains the broadest of outlines of our plans, and gives an indication of how it will be promoted.

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We hope Secretary Zinke has room on his schedule for this event, and look forward to hearing back. Please feel free to contact me at any time on my cell (312-731-9364) or via a reply to this email with any questions.

Regards,

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