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Brief attached for tomorrow. Closed toed shoes for everyone! Sleeves rolled up for the rig or polo. Senator Cruz will put a jacket on for lunch.

The POCs on site are on the brief. Carl is our state director and deputy chief and Preston is head of policy and is from Midland. You're in good hands!

On Apr 16, 2025, at 6:15 PM, Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much Victoria! Y'all are awesome. We are looking forward to it!

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Confirmed attendees! Copy of the brief to come. Note, Reps. Arrington and Pfluger were invited but both couldn't make it.

1. Senator Ted Cruz
2. Administrator Zeldin
3. Mrs. Heidi Cruz
4. Bill Holmes – host
5. Jack Harper
6. Dan Hord
7. Jack Rathbone
8. Travis Stice
9. Don Sparks
10. Ernest Angelo
11. Steve Pruitt
12. Jeff Sparks
13. Luke Dunn, son of Tim Dunn
14. Tommy Taylor
15. Bill Kent

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EPA Team,

Here is the list of invites. We are waiting on RSVPs and doing follow up calls today. We expect around 15 people.

Additional note: Owen, I will call you to sort out vehicles/logistics on the ground.

Our team will share a copy of the brief the night before.

Event Details:

Who: Senator Ted Cruz & EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin

What: Roundtable Discussion with Independent Oil & Gas Producers

Where: The Racquet Club

3009 Racquet Club Dr, Midland, TX 79705

When: Thursday, April 17 at 12:00 PM CT

Lunch will be provided.

Invite List:

Kyle Hammond-Arrington Oil & Gas - Rig host

Travis Stice-Diamondback

Tim Leach-ConocoPhillips

Bubba Saulsbury-Saulsbury Industries

Don Sparks-Discovery Operating

Bill Kent- Chevron Products Retail Distributor

Kyle Stallings-royalty buyer

Jack Harper-Independent & former President of Concho Resources

Denzil West-Admiral Permian

Will Hickey-Permian Resources

Ernest Angelo

Tommy Taylor - Fasken

Don Evans

Tim Dunn

Cody Campbell

John Sellers

Dennis Johnson

Doug Scharbauer

Miles Boldrick

Javaid Anwar

Scott Sheffield

Dan Hord

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Thank y'all. I'll have the RSVP list this afternoon.

I'll be back in touch ASAP.

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Hey Preston,

Thank you so much, do you happen to have a list of invitees for the roundtable as well? We are just starting work on prep documents for the Administrator.

STAFF:

Ben Weiner

Daniel Gall

Eric Amidon

Jaide Barja

Michael Abboud

Lauren Lauman

Michael (Owen) Burgess

Aaron Szabo

Thanks!

Ben Weiner

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Hi all,

The address for the rig is:

4235 N Big Spring St, Midland, TX 79705

An important note: The rig is located about 100 yards north of the Starbucks on Big Spring (4101 N Big Spring St, Midland, TX 79705) street. The entrance to the rig is paved, but is not marked. Google maps has a good visual of the rig and how you will enter.

Could you please let me know who from the EPA team will be attending the rig tour? We're happy to connect your advance team with the drilling supervisor if there are any remaining logistical details to work through.

I'll be on the ground in Midland on Wednesday and would be happy to connect with anyone from your team then as well.

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Also could we get the address for the rig we plan on touring? Our advance team is putting together travel itineraries for the Administrator

Thanks y'all!

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Thank you for the call, Preston!

Would it be possible to get a list of which orgs/businesses will be invited?

Jaide

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All,

Adding Senator Cruz's Communications Director, Macarena, to this thread.

Jaide – I will give you a call this morning on potential roundtable topics.

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Got it!

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We have not invited Glenn. We kept the round table to Oil and Gas leaders who can talk specifically on the impact precious Admin rules have had on the industry and what's needed to help the industry move forward. And, Glenn has been staying close to Austin for the State Legislative session.

Carl B. Mica

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U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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On Apr 13, 2025, at 5:29 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Cruz team, I'm going to be talking with Glenn Hamer from TAB tomorrow on a separate topic. I wanted to know if TAB has been invited or if they are a group would want to attend any of these events. If that is something of interest, would you want me to flag for them or would you all like to handle?

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That looks awesome, thanks y'all for being so accommodating!

For the roundtable, is there a specific topic the Senator wants to cover?

Jaide

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Thank you, Jaide! We are looking forward to this as well. Appreciate everyone's help.

Below is a draft schedule for you all to review:

DRAFT SCHEDULE / Thursday, April 17th

8:15am – 9:35am	Southwest Flight from DAL to MAF NOTE: Administrator Zeldin & Senator Cruz both on flight
9:50am – TBD	Depart MAF en route Rig Tour
10:30am – 12:00pm	Rig Tour
TBD – TBD	Depart Rig Tour en route Roundtable
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Roundtable
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Press following Roundtable
2:00pm – 2:45pm	Verdict Recording NOTE: Private Room at Roundtable Site
3:00pm – TBD	Administrator Zeldin Departs Roundtable en route MAF
4:22pm – 5:40pm	Southwest Flight from MAF to DAL NOTE: Administrator Zeldin's Flight
6:50pm – 8:15pm	Southwest Flight from MAF to HOU NOTE: Senator Cruz's Flight

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Cruz team, thank y'all so much for going above and beyond to make this work! We really appreciate it.

Starting a clean thread for planning purposes with some of my colleagues from EPA:

- Ashley Brown, Director of Scheduling
- Jaide Barja, Senior Advisor for Congressional Relations
- Michael Abboud, Assistant Administrator for Office of Public Engagement
- Daniel Gall, Special Advisor for Comms
- Ben Weiner, Special Advisor for Comms
- Owen Burgess, Director of Advance

We're really looking forward to this.

Thank you!

Jaide