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From: Barja, Jaide [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=383F27B5D1174E8495FC681E26350DF6-63ADBE74-BA]
Sent: 4/11/2025 2:09:48 PM
To: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) [Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov]; Howey, Preston (Cruz) [Preston_Howey@cruz.senate.gov]
CC: Mica, Carl (Cruz) [Carl_Mica@cruz.senate.gov]; Hanson, Bobbi (Cruz) [bobbi_Hanson@cruz.senate.gov]; Martinez, Macarena (Cruz) [Macarena_Martinez@cruz.senate.gov]; Crumpler, Daniel (Cruz) [Daniel_Crumpler@cruz.senate.gov]; Aberle, Selah (Cruz) [Selah_Aberle@cruz.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Invitation from EPA Administrator Zeldin

Awesome—thank you! These flights were offered to the Administrator by our team, and his only response on preference was that he'd like to fly back to DC on the 17th – but he'll have a layover in Dallas so he doesn't want to leave Midland too late, but we are also flexible.

April 17th options for LZ:

DWF to MAF 7:11am – 8:50am CT
OR Dallas Love to MAF 8:15am – 9:35am

Midland to Dallas Love
4:30pm – 5:50pm CT

From: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 10:03 AM
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This is our skeleton schedule. Let us know what time he can fly in and start the program, then we'll go from there.

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Midland with EPA Administrator

HOLD:	Flight from Dallas to Midland
12:45pm - 2:15pm	Rig Tour (90 minutes)
2:45pm - 4:15pm	Roundtable (90 minutes)
4:15pm - 4:45pm	Press (30 minutes)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Verdict with Lee Zeldin

HOLD: Flight Midland to Houston

RON: Houston, TX

From: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 9:56 AM

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Will do ☺ Also-, would it be possible to do 10:40/45? My colleagues said their meeting with the Administrator ends at 10:30 but may run a few minutes behind

From: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 9:55 AM

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Please include Macarena, Comms Dir, and Daniel and Selah our schedulers! They will join.

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To: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>; Howey, Preston (Cruz) <Preston_Howey@cruz.senate.gov>

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Absolutely- I'll send a teams link now and also add some members of our team who will help coordinate on our end!

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Jaide,

Can we do 10:30am ET today?

From: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 11:59 PM
To: Howey, Preston (Cruz) <Preston_Howey@cruz.senate.gov>; Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>
Cc: Mica, Carl (Cruz) <Carl_Mica@cruz.senate.gov>; Hanson, Bobbi (Cruz) <bobbi_Hanson@cruz.senate.gov>
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Hi everyone, I apologize for my delayed response- today was a doozy!

Thank you so much for your willingness to work with us to set up a time for the Senator and the Administrator to visit Midland.

I'd love to hop on the phone. What time works best for y'all?

Jaide

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From: Howey, Preston (Cruz) <Preston_Howey@cruz.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>; Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
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Hi Jaide:

Adding Bobbi from our West Texas team. Any chance you'd have a second for a phone call?

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Jaide,

Adding Preston, our domestic policy advisor. He will spearhead this trip on Thursday, April 17th.

From: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 1:19 PM

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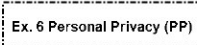
Thank you for getting back to me! I'll call you now

Jaide

From: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 1:17 PM
To: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
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Hi Jaide,

We can't do the 25th or 26th – are your dates set or flexible? Happy to chat on the phone, my cell is  Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
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Hi Victoria and Carl,

Apologies for being a squeaky wheel, but the Administrator would like me to follow up and ask if we can get something on the books then? If you could let me know by COB today—we'd appreciate it!

He will be in Oklahoma the day before, and is excited about the possibility of visiting Texas ☺

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From: Barja, Jaide
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 1:53 PM
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Cc: Mica, Carl (Cruz) <Carl_Mica@cruz.senate.gov>
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Good afternoon Victoria and Carl,

I hope all is well! Just wanted to send a quick follow up and see if y'all had any questions/thoughts re: the trip to Midland?

Best,

Jaide

From: Barja, Jaide
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 3:20 PM
To: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>
Cc: Mica, Carl (Cruz) <Carl_Mica@cruz.senate.gov>
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Thank you, that would be much appreciated! The Administrator said he had spoke with Senator Cruz about touring the abundant natural resources and industries there, as a part of the "Powering the Great American Comeback."

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Hi Jaide,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm adding Carl, my counterpart in the state.

We have a conflict on the 26th but could possibly explore the day prior. Do you have a program in mind or policies you're highlighting?

Best,
Victoria

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From: Barja, Jaide <Barja.Jaide@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 12:09 PM

To: Ellington, Victoria (Cruz) <Victoria_Ellington@cruz.senate.gov>
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I got Aaron's bounce-back. Looping in Victoria.

From: Barja, Jaide
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 12:08 PM
To: aaron_reitz@cruz.senate.gov
Cc: kristen_pettit@cruz.senate.gov
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Good afternoon,

I am reaching out on behalf of Administrator Zeldin, who was planning on visiting our regional team in Texas later this month. The Administrator informed me of a conversation he had with the Senator about committing to visit Midland, and he was wondering if the Senator would be able to coordinate something on 04/26? Nothing is set in stone, as this is a very fluid situation, but the Administrator would like to make it happen if possible.

Thank you so much for your time,

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