

From: Gonzalez, Josh
Sent: Fri, 23 May 2025 20:08:24 +0000
To: O'Brien, Lauren (Young); Hacker, Austin; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST)
Cc: Lahr, Matt (Young); Wetherington, Austin; Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST); Selk, Leah (Young); LaRotonda, Nick (OST); AZimmerman@gov.IN.gov; Mindy.peterson@parsons.com; Nelson, Valerie; Curcio, Michael
Subject: Re: Comms thread: ORX Visit with Secretary Duffy

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Looping in some other comms folks from Team Messmer.

Best,

Joshua González
Deputy Communications Director
Rep. Mark Messmer (IN-08)
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From: O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 at 16:07
To: Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>, Nathaniel Sizemore <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
Cc: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>, Johnson Stacy CTR <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>, Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Selk, Leah (Young) <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>, Nick LaRotonda <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>, AZimmerman@gov.IN.gov <AZimmerman@gov.IN.gov>, Mindy.peterson@parsons.com <Mindy.peterson@parsons.com>
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Gov. Braun might now be attending. Can we hold on sending this for a bit? Thanks!

From: "Hacker, Austin" <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 at 3:59 PM
To: Nathaniel Sizemore <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
Cc: Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, "Wetherington, Austin" <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>, Johnson Stacy CTR <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>, "Gonzalez, Josh" <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Lauren O'Brien

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Amazing, thanks all.

Austin

On May 23, 2025, at 2:58 PM, Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov> wrote:

Good on DOT's end! If you all could just bcc myself or forward to me when it goes we can help amplify.

From: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 3:34 PM

To: Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>; Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>

Cc: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>; O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>; Selk, Leah (Young) <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>; LaRotonda, Nick (OST) <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>; AZimmerman@gov.IN.gov; Mindy.peterson@parsons.com

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Got it

We can go back to your time, thanks!

From: "Wetherington, Austin" <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>

Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 at 3:33 PM

To: Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, "Hacker, Austin" <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>, "Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST)" <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>, "Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST)" <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>

Cc: "Gonzalez, Josh" <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>, Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>, "LaRotonda, Nick (OST)" <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>, "AZimmerman@gov.IN.gov"

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Matt-

Just wanting timing clarification. Just to note we put 12pm CST initially to ensure media arrives with enough time to be escorted to the location where the members land which is at 12:55CST.

From: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 2:20 PM
To: Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>; Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>
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Austin – thank you for pulling this together. Our suggested edits are attached.

Can DOT and Mindy review as well?

From: "Hacker, Austin" <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 at 11:21 AM
To: "Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST)" <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>, "Wetherington, Austin" <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>, "Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST)" <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>
Cc: "Gonzalez, Josh" <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>, Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>, "LaRotonda, Nick (OST)" <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>
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Hi all,

We received word that the landing location we planned for has been approved! Attached here is an initial media advisory press release that our team intends to send to KY press today. Please make any edits or changes you wish too.

For your awareness, our team chose the address here because it is conveniently located near the location of the press conference. We will have staff on the ground to escort media to the exact spot of the media availability.

Austin Wetherington on our team here can go into further details if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Austin

From: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 4:45 PM

To: Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>, Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>, Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>, Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>, Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>, Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>, LaRotonda, Nick (OST) <nicholas.larotonda@dot.gov>
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Adding Nick from our team

From: Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:31 PM
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Cc: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>; Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>; Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_O'Brien@young.senate.gov>; Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>
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Received. Thank you.

Austin Wetherington
Field Representative
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From: Johnson, Stacy CTR (OST) <stacy.johnson.ctr@dot.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>
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He has been added and should have received the calendar invite.

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From: Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:25 PM

To: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Wetherington, Austin <Austin.Wetherington@mail.house.gov>

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Thank you all so much. Would it be possible to add Austin Wetherington (added to this chain) to this scheduled phone call today?

Austin

On May 22, 2025, at 1:45 PM, Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov> wrote:

Great – adding Stacy to send around a calendar invite.

From: Gonzalez, Josh <josh.gonzalez@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:57 PM

To: Matt Lahr <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>

Cc: Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST) <nathaniel.sizemore@dot.gov>; Lauren O'Brien <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>; Hacker, Austin <Austin.Hacker@mail.house.gov>; Leah Selk <Leah_Selk@young.senate.gov>

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5:30 is good for us!

On May 22, 2025, at 1:52 PM, Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov> wrote:

That works for us

Matt Lahr

Communications Director

Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.)

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Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:49 PM

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Thanks all! We'll be doing a press interview with the Sec the. Could we do 5:30pm?

From: Lahr, Matt (Young) <Matt_Lahr@young.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:48 PM

To: O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>; Sizemore, Nathaniel (OST)

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Hi all – can you hop on a call around 4 PM today?

Thanks!

Matt Lahr

Communications Director
Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.)

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From: O'Brien, Lauren (Young) <Lauren_OBrien@young.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:51 AM

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Nate,

I'm looping you in with congressional comms contacts for Secretary Duffy's visit to Indiana and Kentucky on Tuesday, May 27 – Matt and Leah (Young), Austin (Comer), Josh (Messmer).

I know we're still trying to pin down exact timing and location for a press availability and photo opps, but it probably would be good to touch base at some point today to discuss media invites, format, any approval processes, etc. Matt and Leah will follow up to coordinate that amongst the group. Thanks!

Lauren O'Brien
Legislative Director
Office of Senator Todd Young

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