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Subject: Steamboat Institute event info request for Secretary Bernhardt, August 23-24, 2019

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Dear Leila,

I've attached the completed speaking request form for Secretary Bernhardt to speak at our Steamboat Institute Freedom Conference on either August 23rd or 24th in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Also attached is a draft agenda for our conference.

Nice to be working with you again!

Kind regards,

Jennifer



Jennifer Schubert-Akin

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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 8:16 AM

To: jsa@steamboatinstitute.org

Subject: Fwd: FYI

Thank you for the invitation to Secretary Bernhardt. Can you please fill out the attached speaking request form that we ask of everyone. Once we receive the form back we can begin working to accommodate your request. Thank you!

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Office of Scheduling and Advance

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Office: 202-208-7551

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Event Information Request Form

To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of the Interior is participating at your event and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to confirm a speaker¹.

Please respond to the questions below and send your response to scheduling@ios.doi.gov.

If you have any questions you may contact the Scheduling Office at 202-208-7551.

Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, monthly, annual, etc.):	Steamboat Institute's 11 th Annual Freedom Conference & Film Festival
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	August 23-24, 2019
Event Location (venue, address, city and state):	Steamboat Grand Resort, Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Jennifer Schubert-Akin, CEO jsa@steamboatinstitute.org 970-846-6013
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Secretary:	Steamboat Institute's Annual Freedom Conference & Film Festival attracts our nation's leaders in government, military, education, media, journalism, entertainment, and think tanks to the Rocky Mountain resort setting of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Steamboat Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-partisan educational organization, promoting the principles of America's founders and inspiring active involvement in the defense of liberty. We attract a capacity audience of nearly 350 people from across the U.S., comprised of citizens who are deeply interested in maintaining individual liberty and reducing the size and scope of the federal government. Our audience will be especially interested to hear more about the BLM's relocation to Grand Junction, which is certainly great news on the Western Slope! We are inviting Secretary Bernhardt to give a major plenary address on either Friday morning, August 23 rd , or Saturday morning/early afternoon, August 24 th .
Please describe any specific request of the Secretary at the event (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	We are inviting Secretary Bernhardt to give a major plenary address on either Friday morning, August 23 rd , or Saturday morning/early afternoon, August 24 th . His remarks will take place in the

¹Per the Administration Ethics Pledge, the Secretary agreed that he will not for a period of two years from the date of his appointment participate in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former employer or client of his is or represents a party, if he served that former employer or client during the two years prior to his appointment, absent a waiver under Section 3 of Executive Order No. 13770. This includes recusal from any meeting or other communication with such a former employer or client unless (1) there are five or more different stakeholders present and (2) no particular matters involving specific parties are discussed.

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	ballroom of the Steamboat Grand and could be 30-45 minutes, with an additional 15-20 minutes for audience Q&A. Alternatively, we could do a “fireside chat” format with one of our Tony Blankley Fellows interviewing the Secretary. We anticipate that C-Span will televise portions of our conference again this year. We also have media interest from Fox News and CBS4 in Denver.
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.):	No, this is not a fundraiser. We sell tickets to the general public to attend our conference.
Event Host and Sponsor	
Who is the <u>event host</u> ? (Please identify and provide background on the Event host as well as any other organization involved in the Event.)	Steamboat Institute is the sole host of the Annual Freedom Conference & Film Festival.
Is the <u>event host</u> a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	No, the event host is not a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization.
Is the <u>event host</u> a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	No, the event host is none of these.
Is the <u>event host</u> a 501(c)(3) organization or a media organization? (If yes, please identify.)	Yes, Steamboat Institute (event host) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization.
Is the <u>event host</u> seeking or currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)	No.
Who are the <u>sponsors</u> of the event? Please identify and provide background information on the individual and/or entity.	Major sponsors of the event are individual donors to Steamboat Institute: James & Lorraine Mann and Virginia & Richard Srednicki. All are residents of Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
Are any event <u>sponsors</u> seeking or do they currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)	No, the major sponsors listed above do not have any business interests with the Department.
With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? Please list all, if more than one.	Our agenda would probably most closely align with the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, since our conference is held in Colorado, where BLM decisions can have a major impact on the citizens. There is particular

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	interest in the recent announcement that the BLM headquarters will be moving to Grand Junction, Colorado. There is also great interest in our national parks and national monuments because of our location in the Rocky Mountain region.
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	Approximately 350 people from across America (60% from Colorado, 40% from out of state).
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	Our target audience is local community/business leaders, students/young professionals, college and university leaders, and retired professionals seeking to make a difference in their communities.
Will the attendees at the event include persons with a diversity of views or interests, or representatives from throughout an industry or profession, or the range of persons interested in a matter? (If yes, please describe.)	Steamboat Institute's audience is more conservative/libertarian leaning, but we welcome people of all ideologies to hear issues discussed in a reasoned and respectful manner. We seek to educate and to persuade, using civilized discourse.
Is the event open to the public? If not, please describe who is invited.	Yes, our event is open to the public. We advertise in local newspapers, as well as promote on social media, through digital advertising, and via email announcements to our nationwide list.
Who are other VIPs or speakers confirmed and in what role?	Other confirmed speakers include NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, Alan Dershowitz, Steve Moore, Jillian Melchior (editorial page writer for The Wall Street Journal), Kevin Sorbo (film producer and actor), Sara Carter (investigative reporter and Fox News contributor), Asra Nomani (co-founder of the Muslim Reform Movement), Jim DeMint, Stephon Ferguson (historical re-enactment of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech), and many others.
Who are other VIPs or speakers invited?	For full list of confirmed speakers, please visit www.steamboatinstitute.org
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	We would leave the remarks to the Secretary's discretion. Our audience would be interested in many issues, including BLM realignment, energy development policies, issues pertaining to national parks and national monuments, and other such issues.
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	The Secretary's remarks could be delivered either as a keynote address followed by audience Q&A or by interview with a moderator who screens audience Q&A on index cards OR as a "fireside chat" format with a moderator (likely one of Steamboat Institute's Tony Blankley Fellows).

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What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	The full registration fee for the 2 ½ day Freedom Conference & Film Festival was \$395 through June 30 th . The fee increased to \$475 on July 1 st .
Communications	
Is the event open or closed to press?	Our event is open press.
If open, are you expecting local, trade, state, or national news coverage?	We are anticipating local, state and national news coverage (Steamboat Pilot & Today, Denver Post, CBS4 Denver, Fox News, CNN, and C-Span). We also anticipate that the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel may send a reporter to cover the Secretary's remarks.
If this is an annual event, which news outlets typically cover the event?	The same outlets as listed above.
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets? (If yes, please explain.)	Yes, we advertise our Freedom Conference & Film Festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We are not planning to livestream at this time, but we will post videos online after the event.
Logistics/Other*	
What does the invitation include: registration/conference event fee; meals or refreshments; receptions or other entertainment; informational materials; memento or token of appreciation; and/or travel (ground or air transportation, hotel, etc.).	Steamboat Institute's invitation for Secretary Bernhardt includes the same benefits we offer every other speaker: air transportation and lodging for the Speaker and one guest, registration fee for the conference, meals and receptions at the conference, and ground transfers to/from airport and conference hotel.
Does all or part of the invitation to the Secretary extend to other Department staff such as security, advance, and/or those staff essential to the Secretary's participation in the event? (If yes, please identify.)	Yes, Steamboat Institute will take care of logistics and expenses for security, advance, and other staff essential to the Secretary's participation in our conference.
Does the invitation extend to the Secretary's spouse or other guest? If yes, will others in attendance generally be accompanied by a spouse or other guest?	Yes, the invitation includes the Secretary's spouse. Yes, many others in attendance will be accompanied by a spouse or other guest.
What is the monetary value of the invitation to the Secretary, etc.? Please identify how the costs were determined. (Please attach separate sheet if necessary.)	The total monetary value of air transportation, lodging, registration fee, meals/receptions, and ground transfers for the Secretary and one guest would equal approximately \$2,800.
Please supply any other pertinent background information for the event (history of the event, prior attendance by DOI officials, draft agendas, event website, promotional/advertising materials, outreach plan, etc.):	The Steamboat Institute is a nationally recognized leader in advancing the founding principles of the U.S. Previous speakers at our programs have included then-Congressman Mike Pence, Vice President Dick Cheney, previous Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Vicente Fox (President of

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	Mexico, 2000-06), Nigel Farage, Steve Forbes, Laura Ingraham, Dr. Ben Carson, Ambassador John Bolton, Victor Davis Hanson, Rep. Devin Nunes, Mary Kissel and James Taranto (The Wall Street Journal editorial board), and many others. Secretary Bernhardt spoke on an energy policy panel at our California Policy Summit in Aptos, CA, in February 2017. A draft agenda is attached. Please note that we still have some flexibility in moving speakers around to accommodate the Secretary's schedule.
If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	We strongly prefer to have Secretary Bernhardt speak. Thank you.
Any additional notes or information?	We will have nearly 30 young leaders (college students and young professionals) from around the U.S. attending our Freedom Conference on scholarships. It would be incredibly inspiring for them to meet Secretary Bernhardt and hear him speak.

***IMPORTANT NOTE: The purpose of these questions is to elicit information relevant to the ethics analysis and is not a solicitation or request for anything of value by the Department or any of its employees.**

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The Steamboat Institute

11TH ANNUAL

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CONFERENCE & FESTIVAL

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO
AUGUST 22–24, 2019

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Speakers in bold are confirmed

Speakers highlighted in yellow are invited but not yet confirmed

Conference day sessions take place in the Korbel Ballroom at Steamboat Grand

Book-signings are highlighted in green

All Film Festival screenings will be shown at Wildhorse 6 Stadium Cinemas, 655 Marketplace Plaza, a 5-7 minute walk from the Steamboat Grand (free shuttle will also be provided)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

NOTE: Master of Ceremonies for our Film Festival, introducing all films and speakers, will be **BRAEDEN SORBO**, member of SI's Emerging Leaders Advisory Council

3:00 – 5:00pm

FILM FESTIVAL: "Miracle in East Texas" featuring remarks by co-producers **SAM & KEVIN SORBO**

Inspired by one of the most improbably true stories ever, this is the entertaining tale of two aging con-men at the dawn of the Great Depression, and the biggest oil strike in the history of the world. The mostly true story will make you laugh, shed a tear, and give you pride in the God-Blessed American way.

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5:00 – 7:00pm

Sponsor-Speaker Reception at private residence

7:30 – 9:30pm

FILM FESTIVAL: “The Creepy Line” followed by panel with co-producer **MICHELLE TAYLOR** (Wandering Foot Productions) moderated by **PHILIP WEGMANN** (Tony Blankley Fellow; White House Correspondent for *Real Clear Politics*)

An eye-opening documentary, *The Creepy Line* reveals the stunning degree to which society is manipulated by Google and Facebook and blows the lid off the remarkably subtle – hence powerful – manner in which they do it. *The Creepy Line* is a title culled from the words of former Google CEO Eric Schmidt, when during a 2010 interview he explained Google’s code of conduct: “The Google policy on a lot of things is to get right up to the creepy line and not cross it.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019

8:00 – 9:00am

Registration opens and breakfast buffet is served

9:00 – 9:15am

Welcome and Opening Remarks – **JENNIFER SCHUBERT-AKIN**, Chairman, CEO and Co-founder, The Steamboat Institute

Pledge of Allegiance, led by **SCOUT ENNIS**, Member of Steamboat Institute’s Emerging Leaders Advisory Council

Our National Anthem, performed by _____

9:15 – 10:00am

Opening Address: **Interior Secretary David Bernhardt (invited)** – NOTE: Depending on the Secretary’s schedule, we can move this speech to the Friday luncheon slot, the Saturday morning opening slot, or the Saturday luncheon slot.

10:00 – 10:15am

Break while Grand staff clears breakfast dishes

10:15 – 11:15am

Debate on National Popular Vote vs. Electoral College:

TRENT ENGLAND of Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs vs. **TED TRIMPA**, Founder and CEO of Trimpa Group

Moderated by **MATTHEW SPALDING, Ph.D.**, Associate Vice President and Dean of Educational Programs – Hillsdale College; Board Member, Steamboat Institute

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- 11:15 – 12:00noon “The Rise of the Administrative State: Will the U.S. be a democracy in the future or a nation ruled by the unelected officials of the administrative state?”
- ILYA SHAPIRO, Director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, Cato Institute
 - PETER WALLISON, Arthur F. Burns Fellow in Financial Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
 - Moderator: TBD
- **Following this panel, Mr. Wallison will sign copies of his book, *Judicial Fortitude: The Last Chance to Rein in the Administrative State*****
- 12:00 – 12:15pm Break while plated lunch set in ballroom
- 12:15 – 1:00pm Luncheon Speaker: ***“Conservative: Knowing What to Keep: Why the Principles that made America the freest, most prosperous nation in world history must be reclaimed to prevent our demise”***
- JIM DEMINT, Chairman of Conservative Partnership Institute; U.S. Senator from South Carolina (2005-13)
 - Moderator: HADLEY HEATH MANNING, Policy Director, Independent Women’s Forum; Tony Blankley Senior Fellow, Steamboat Institute
- **Following his remarks, Senator DeMint will sign copies of his book, *Conservative: Knowing What to Keep*****
- 1:00– 1:15pm Break while Grand staff clears lunch dishes
- 1:15 – 2:00pm PANEL: “Keeping America Safe: A Deep Dive into the intersecting threats of anti-Semitism, Muslim supremacy, border security, and acts of terrorism”
(TENTATIVE TITLE – subject to change depending on national/global events)
- SARA CARTER, Investigative Reporter; Fox News Contributor (participating via Skype)
 - ASRA NOMANI, Co-founder of the Muslim Reform Movement; former reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*
 - Moderator: _____TBD

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2:00 – 3:00pm

DEBATE: “Socialism vs Capitalism: Is America destined to become a socialist nation?”

- **STEVE MOORE**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow for the Project for Economic Growth at The Heritage Foundation
- **BHASKAR SUNKARA**, Founding Editor and Publisher of *Jacobin*; author of *The Socialist Manifesto: The Case for Radical Politics in an Era of Extreme Inequality*
- **Moderator: JILLIAN KAY MELCHIOR**, Editorial Page Writer, *The Wall Street Journal*; Tony Blankley Fellow, Steamboat Institute (2015-17)

Following this panel, Steve Moore will sign copies of his latest book, *Trumponomics: Inside the America First Plan to Revive Our Economy*

And Bhaskar Sunkara will sign copies of his new book, *The Socialist Manifesto: The Case for Radical Politics in an Era of Extreme Inequality*

3:30 – 5:00pm

FILM FESTIVAL: “Not in Vein” featuring remarks by **Joe Weasel**, Director, interviewed by **ERICKA ANDERSEN**, Digital Media Consultant for Steamboat Institute

An important documentary that every parent and community leader should see. This film showcases the opioid epidemic’s effect across our nation, offering a greater understanding of the crisis, with more in-depth reporting than any traditional media campaign could ever achieve.

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FRIDAY EVENING

August 23, 2019

Complimentary shuttle from Steamboat Grand to Catamount Ranch & Golf Club

for the evening receptions and keynote dinner:

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| 5:30 – 6:00pm | Private reception with Alan Dershowitz (limited to 30 major sponsors and special invited guests) |
| 6:00 – 7:00pm | VIP/sponsor reception/photo opp with Alan Dershowitz – on outdoor deck overlooking the golf course with mountain backdrop |
| 7:00 – 9:00pm | Dinner featuring keynote address by ALAN DERSHOWITZ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invocation by REV. STEPHON FERGUSON• Presentation of 6th Annual Tony Blankley Fellowship for Public Policy & American Exceptionalism – Dr. Matthew Spalding and Tony Blankley Fellows• Musical Entertainment during reception and dinner: BILL MARTIN, acoustic guitarist• Following his remarks, Professor Dershowitz will sign copies of his latest book, <i>The Case Against the Democratic House Impeaching Trump</i>, and copies of <i>The Mueller Report: The Final Report of the Special Counsel into Donald Trump, Russia, and Collusion (with an introduction by Alan Dershowitz)</i> |

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

- 8:15 – 9:00am Breakfast buffet is served
- 9:00 – 10:00am Panel Discussion on China and Hong Kong – title TBD:
- JILLIAN KAY MELCHIOR, Editorial Page Writer, *The Wall Street Journal*
 - HELEN RALEIGH, Author; Columnist; U.S. citizen who immigrated from China
 - Ferkat Jawdat, Uighur American man (living in Virginia) who met with Secretary Pompeo regarding his family members who have been jailed and held in an internment camp in China
- ***Following this panel, Helen Raleigh will sign copies of her book, *Confucius Never Said****
- 10:00 - 10:15am Break for Grand staff to clear breakfast dishes
- 10:15 – 10:30am “Gen Z vs. Socialism”:
- BRAEDEN SORBO, a social media influencer, Braeden is the co-host of “Mindset With Braeden and Vitt,” a podcast that offers political insights to a predominantly Gen Z audience. Braeden’s newly launched TikTok page, where he tells a daily joke, has grown to over 200,000 followers within the first month and a half. He believes Gen Z may be the most conservative generation since the founding fathers. Braeden is a member of Steamboat Institute’s Emerging Leaders Advisory Council.
- 10:30 – 11:15am Celebrating Five Years of the Tony Blankley Fellowship for Public Policy & American Exceptionalism:
- JILLIAN KAY MELCHIOR, Editorial Page Writer, *The Wall Street Journal*
 - HADLEY HEATH MANNING, Policy Director, Independent Women’s Forum
 - KELSEY HARKNESS, Senior News Producer, *The Daily Signal*
 - PHILIP WEGMANN, White House Correspondent, *Real Clear Politics*
- (NOTE: Tom Rogan has to attend a friend’s wedding in the UK and can’t attend; we will try to have him appear via Skype, especially since he was the inaugural Blankley Fellow)
- _____ and our new Fellow to be selected in July 2019!
- 11:15 – 12:00noon “The Dream Lives: The Powerful Words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
- REV. STEPHON FERGUSON, historical re-enactment of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream Speech”; following his speech, Mr. Ferguson will be interviewed by TBD
- 12:00 – 12:30pm Break while plated lunch set in ballroom

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12:30 – 12:45pm	Presentation of Courage in Education award
12:45 – 1:45pm	“The Future of Space: A Conversation with the NASA Administrator” – JIM BRIDENSTINE, Administrator, National Aeronautics & Space Administration - Moderated by PHILIP WEGMANN, White House Correspondent for <i>Real Clear Politics</i>; Tony Blankley Fellow, Steamboat Institute
1:45 – 2:00pm	Closing Remarks and Challenge to Audience – Jennifer Schubert-Akin
3:00 – 5:00pm	FILM FESTIVAL: “Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” featuring remarks by ANN McELHINNEY and PHELIM McALEER, co-producers The story of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, whose dangerous and unethical practices in his abortion clinic led to his conviction on murder and manslaughter charges, resulting in a life sentence in prison. ***These two films will run concurrently***
3:15 – 5:00pm	FILM FESTIVAL: “The Pursuit” featuring remarks by JOHN PAPOLA, director Professional musician turned intrepid economist Arthur Brooks travels around the globe in search of an answer to the question: How can we lift up the world together, starting with those at the margins of society? His journey takes him through the chaotic streets of Mumbai, a town in Kentucky left behind by the global economy, a homeless shelter in New York, a street protest in Barcelona, and a Himalayan Buddhist monastery. Along the way, he discovers the secrets not only to material progress for the least fortunate, but also true and lasting happiness for all.
5:00 – 7:00pm	Coyote Gold Margarita Party and Concert – Steamboat Ski Area base
7:30 – 9:30pm	FILM FESTIVAL: “A Dog’s Journey” featuring remarks by DR. ROBERT BELTZ, film consultant, Walden Media Some friendships transcend lifetimes. In “A Dog’s Journey,” the sequel to the heartwarming global hit “A Dog’s Purpose,” beloved dog Bailey finds his new destiny and forms an unbreakable bond that will lead him, and the people he loves, to places they never imagined.

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