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Sydney: Below and attached please find the info on the American Foundry Society Fly-in as you requested last week.

I may call you about those items I sent you last week to follow up as well.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully, A.J. Ferate

Please see attached our agenda for the Fly-In in June. Should Administrator Pruitt be available Tuesday morning June 20, we would slot the "Changes at EPA on Regulations - What Does it Mean for the Metalcasting Industry?" in at either 10:15 am or 11:00 am in place of one of those panels. If the Administrator cannot join us – we would be delighted to have Samantha for the 7:30 am Breakfast Session keynote slot on June 21. You can see from the agenda what the other topics are of interest to our members and the caliber of speakers we have lined up so far.

As we have discussed, the American Foundry Society represents the U.S. metalcasting industry – the sixth-largest industry sector in America and the second largest supplier of castings in the world, after China. Metal castings are integral to virtually all U.S. manufacturing activities – especially national defense, energy and infrastructure. In the U.S., castings are used to produce 90% of all manufactured durable goods and nearly all manufacturing machinery.

The American metalcasting industry provides employment for over 200,000 men and women directly and supports thousands of other jobs indirectly. Our energy-intensive, trade-exposed industry supports a payroll of more than \$9 billion and sales of more than \$30.3 billion annually. Metalcasting plants are found in every state, and the industry is made of predominately small businesses, with 80% of domestic metalcasters having fewer than 100 employees.

Foundries are the mainstay of national defense. All sectors of the U.S. military are reliant on metal castings for jet fighters, ships, tanks, trucks, weapon systems and other vital operations. In fact, the U.S. Department of Defense has established formal programs to convert fabricated components to single-piece castings, improving our military's ability to cost-effectively produce such equipment in the least amount of time.

Metalcasting is one of the most energy-intensive industries in the U.S. Approximately 55% of its energy costs are consumed in melting. Mold making, core making, heat treatment, and post-cast operations also use significant energy. As such, the sector has been particularly hard hit by the regulatory overreach from EPA over the last eight years.

The American Foundry Society (AFS) is the major trade and technical association for the North American metalcasting industry. The association has more than 8,000 members representing over 2,000 metalcasting firms, their suppliers and customers. We will have about 150 owners, CEOs and executives in Washington for the Fly-In over those two days. Energy and enthusiasm among the attendees will be very high with the new Administration in place in Washington.

Thanks again for your help Stuart.

Best.

**AFS Government Affairs Fly-In
June 20-21, 2017
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill - Washington, D.C.**

**2017 AFS FLY-IN: THE TIME IS NOW TO WORK
TOGETHER FOR CHANGE IN WASHINGTON!
Make Our Voice Heard on June 20-21, 2017**

The AFS Washington, D.C. Fly-In is three great things in one: a chance to influence our lawmakers on key metalcasting issues, uniting the largest group of metalcasting advocates and the opportunity to learn about the key issues before Congress and the federal agencies that will affect your business. This annual event is your chance to communicate directly with your members of Congress on the need for action on regulatory reform, tax reform, infrastructure package and other key matters.

Check out the Fly-In program schedule on the following pages and then register today! Consider bringing several metalcasters from your state with you. A strong industry grassroots presence during this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform regulations and boost infrastructure investment is critical to getting the job done right!

I look forward to seeing you in the Nation's Capital in June.

Brad Muller, AFS Government Affairs Chairman and Vice President Sales and Marketing, Charlotte Pipe

AGENDA as of April 5, 2017

<u>Tuesday, June 20, 2017</u>	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm	Registration
10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Opening Session / Welcoming Remarks Patricio Gil , AFS President and CEO Blackhawk Manufacturing
<u>General Sessions</u>	
10:15 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	Outlook on Infrastructure Package in the Trump Administration and the 115th Congress President Trump has called for a \$1 trillion package to invest in the nation's infrastructure. But the devil is in the details when it comes to funding the plan and deciding what to fund. DJ Gribbin , Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy, White House (Invited)
11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Trade and Buy America Policies in the Trump Administration President Trump has focused heavily on international trade issues such as revising NAFTA, negotiating new trade agreements, enacting import tariffs, expanding Buy America, and supporting U.S. jobs and manufacturing. Learn about the new opportunities and challenges presented by the Administration's trade actions. Tim Brightbill , Partner, Wiley Rein Christopher Weld , Partner, Wiley Rein Scott Paul , President, Alliance for American Manufacturing(Invited)
Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Permit Streamlining and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Manufacturers The Trump administration has issued a series of executive orders and directives to reduce regulatory burdens on U.S. manufacturers. Our speaker will provide an overview of these orders, update us on the burdensome rules report to the President and what next steps will be taken. Carter Halfman , Special Advisor, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, U.S. Department of Commerce (Invited)
12:35 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Keynote Luncheon The Political Landscape in Washington Stephen Hayes , Editor in Chief, The Weekly Standard and a FOX News contributor
<u>GENERAL SESSIONS</u>	
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Workplace Safety Update: OSHA Silica Rule & Top 5 OSHA Issues Facing Foundries in 2017 Our panelists will provide an in-depth update on the status of OSHA's silica rule and pending litigation, as well as the Top 5 OSHA Issues foundries should be prepared for. Bradford T. Hammock , Principal, Jackson Lewis P.C.

	Tressi L. Cordaro , Principal, Jackson Lewis P.C.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Changes at EPA on Regulations - What Does it Mean for the Metalcasting Industry? Hear the latest on the administration plans to roll back certain rules and re-open others developed under the Obama administration such as Waters of the U.S. and Clean Power Plan. Jeff Holmstead , Partner, Bracewell
3:30 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	Trump, Congress and Taxes: Is Tax Reform Here? Learn the latest on key tax reform issues moving through Congress that will impact the metalcasting industry. Scott McCandless , Principal, PwC Washington National Tax Services (Invited)
4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Preparation for Capitol Hill Visits / State Breakout Sessions
5:45 – 7:30 p.m.	Metalcasting Industry Reception & Recognition Awards to Members of Congress Join your colleagues for a Reception and Networking Opportunities Location: Capitol Hill Club – 300 First Street, SE

<u>Wednesday, June 21</u>	
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Session: Speaker: TBD
9:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Metalcasting Advocacy Day Congressional Visits in Pre-Scheduled Meetings on Capitol Hill

Congressional Appointments

The AFS Washington Office will be scheduling your Hill visits for Wednesday, June 21, 2017, between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring your company brochure or pictures of castings with you to your meetings. If you have any questions, contact the AFS Washington Office at 202/452-7135 or email Stephanie Salmon, ssalmon@afsinc.org

q YES, I would like AFS to schedule my congressional meetings. I understand that I **must live in OR work at a facility in the district of the member of Congress**. Other AFS constituents may be attending the meetings as well.

q NO, I do not plan to participate in the congressional meetings.

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o Only Senator from (Name) _____

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