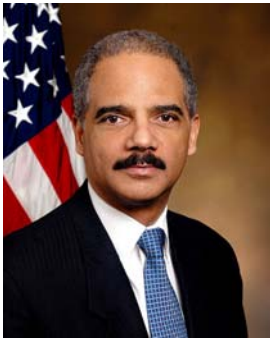




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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

**The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General
Represented by Mark Gross**

The United States Attorney General represents the United States in legal matters generally and gives advice and opinions to the President and to the heads of the executive departments of the Government when so requested. In matters of exceptional gravity or importance the Attorney General appears in person before the Supreme Court. Since the 1870 Act that established the Department of Justice as an executive department of the government of the United States, the Attorney General has guided the world's largest law office and the central agency for enforcement of federal laws.



THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

**The Honorable Kenneth L. Salazar, Secretary
Represented by Harry A. Rainbolt**

The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) protects and manages the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors its trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated Island Communities.



THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

The Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary

The United States Department of Commerce (USDC) has a broad mandate to advance economic growth and jobs and opportunities for the American people. It has cross-cutting responsibilities in the areas of trade, technology, entrepreneurship, economic development, environmental stewardship and statistical research and analysis.

The products and services the department provides touch the lives of Americans and American companies in many ways, including weather forecasts, the decennial census, and patent and trademark protection for inventors and businesses.

The development of commerce to provide new opportunities was the central goal at the Department's beginning in 1903 and it remains a primary obligation today.



THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Secretary Represented by Christopher Button and Susan Picerno

The United States Department of Labor (DOL) fosters and promotes the welfare of the job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities for profitable employment, protecting their retirement and health care benefits, helping employers find workers, strengthening free collective bargaining, and tracking changes in employment, prices, and other national economic measurements. In carrying out this mission, the Department administers a variety of Federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions; a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; freedom from employment discrimination; unemployment insurance; and other income support.



THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.



THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

The Honorable Shaun L.S. Donovan, Secretary

The mission of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships—particularly with faith-based and community organizations—that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level.



THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

**The Honorable Raymond L. LaHood, Secretary
Represented by Caffin Gordon**

The mission of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is to serve the nation by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.



THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

**The Honorable Arne Duncan, Secretary
Represented by RoseAnn M. Ashby**

The mission of the United States Education Department (ED) is to strengthen the Federal commitment to assuring access to equal educational opportunity for every individual; supplement and complement the efforts of states, the local school systems and other instrumentalities of the states, the private sector, public and private nonprofit educational research institutions, community-based organizations, parents, and students to improve the quality of education; encourage the increased involvement of the public, parents, and students in Federal education programs; promote improvements in the quality and usefulness of education through Federally supported research, evaluation, and sharing of information; improve the coordination of Federal education programs; improve the management of Federal education activities; and increase the accountability of Federal education programs to the President, the Congress, and the public.



THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

**The Honorable Janet A. Napolitano, Secretary
Represented by Margaret Schaefer**

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has the overriding and urgent mission to lead the unified national effort to secure the country and preserve our freedoms. While the Department was created to secure our country against those who seek to disrupt the American way of life, its charter also includes preparation for and response to all hazards and disasters.



CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

**The Honorable Nichola Goren, Acting CEO
Represented by Jewel Bazilio-Bellegarde**

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency established in 1993 to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in volunteering and service to meet community needs. Each year, more than 1.5 million individuals help meet local needs through a wide array of structured volunteer opportunities through the Corporation's three major programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America.



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:

**The Honorable Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner
Represented by Richard Balkus**

The mission of the United States Social Security Administration (SSA) is to advance the economic security of the Nation's people through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and managing America's Social Security Programs.



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION:

**The Honorable Stuart J. Ishimaru, Acting Chairperson
Represented by Mary Kay Mauren**

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is to monitor federal agency compliance with equal employment opportunity laws and procedures. The EEOC also reviews and assesses the effect of agencies' compliance with requirements to maintain continuing affirmative employment programs to promote equal employment opportunity and to identify and eliminate barriers to equality of employment opportunity.



NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY:

The Honorable John R. Vaughn, Chair of the Board

The Mission of the National Council on Disability (NCD) is to provide advice to the President, Congress, and executive branch agencies to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. In addition, the Council empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society. NCD is an independent federal agency and is composed of 15 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.