US Executive Branch Update - August 11, 2022

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Thursday, August 11, 2022

This report provides a snapshot of the U.S. Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day’s press releases.

**POTUS’ Schedule***

The President is on vacation in South Carolina; has nothing scheduled for Thursday.

**VPOTUS’ Schedule***

1:25 p.m. PDT - the Vice President will participate in a press call about investments in tribal broadband | San Francisco, California

2:05 p.m. PDT - the Vice President will host a roundtable discussion with California
state legislators and advocates to discuss reproductive health care | Fairmont San Francisco Grand Ballroom

*The U.S. President (POTUS) and Vice President’s (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change.

Recap of Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

The White House

- Remarks by President Biden at Signing of S. 3373, “The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promises to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022”

- Bill Signed into Law: S. 3373

- Fact Sheet: President Biden Signs the PACT Act and Delivers on His Promise to America’s Veterans

- Remarks by Vice President Harris during Roundtable with Nevada State Legislators to Discuss Reproductive Healthcare

- Remarks by Vice President Harris at the United Steelworkers Constitutional Convention

- Statement by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on Iran’s Continued Targeting of U.S. Citizens

- Statement by President Biden on the Ten-Year Anniversary of Austin Tice’s Captivity (Syria)

- Appointment: President Biden Intends to Appoint Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as Director of the National Cancer Institute

Department of Defense (DOD)

- Readout of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Visit to Latvia

- Article: Austin, Latvian Leaders Aim for Stronger Alliance

- Article: Austin’s Visit to Latvia Underscores U.S. Commitment

- Article: Austin Visits U.S. Troops, Meets with Leaders in Latvia

- Readout of Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen Hicks’ Meeting with the Defense Business Board

- Press Release: Defense Department Invests to Re-Establish Domestic Production of Critical Propellant
Department of State

Daily Schedule | Thursday, August 11

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is concluding his overseas trip on Thursday, with a final stop in Rwanda.

SecState’s Trip

- August 10: Readout | Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with DRC Prime Minister Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde

- August 10: Readout | Secretary Blinken’s Call with Republic of the Congo (ROC) President Denis Sassou N’Guesso

- August 10: Remarks | Secretary Antony J. Blinken Remarks to Press at an Election Transparency Hackathon Event (DRC)

- August 10: Fact Sheet | The United States and Rwanda: Strategic Partners

- August 10: Interview | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Christian Lusakueno of Top Congo FM

Ukraine

- August 10: Statement | G7 Foreign Ministers’ Statement in Support of the IAEA’s Efforts to Promote Nuclear Safety and Security at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine

Other Matters

- August 10: Sanctions | U.S. Department of State Debars Ten Persons for Violating or Conspiring to Violate the Arms Export Control Act

- August 10: Statement | Tenth Anniversary of the Captivity of Austin Tice (Syria)

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

- Readout: Administrator Samantha Power’s Meeting with Mostafa Terrab, Chairman and CEO of OCP Group

Department of the Treasury
• **Press Release**: Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen Sends Letter to IRS Commissioner in Support of Funding for IRS to Improve Taxpayer Service & Combat Evasion By High Income Earners and Corporations

**Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)**

• **Press Release**: SEC Proposes to Enhance Private Fund Reporting

• **Press Release**: SEC Charges Angel Oak Capital Advisors with Misleading Investors in $90 Million Fix-and-Flip Securitization

**Department of Justice**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | [Daily Press Releases](#)

• **Press Release**: Member of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Charged with Plot to Murder the Former National Security Advisor

• **Press Release**: Three Nigerian Nationals Extradited to the United States from the United Kingdom for Participating in Business Email Compromise Fraud Schemes

• **Press Release**: Former J.P. Morgan Traders Convicted of Fraud, Attempted Price Manipulation, and Spoofing in a Multi-Year Market Manipulation Scheme

• **Press Release**: Former Twitter Employee Found Guilty of Acting as an Agent of a Foreign Government and Unlawfully Sharing Twitter User Information

• **Press Release**: Four Members of Drug Trafficking Organization Charged with Fentanyl Analogue Distribution and Money Laundering Charges

• **Press Release**: Aryan Circle Member Convicted of Racketeering Attempted Murder

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

• **Press Release**: CISA Releases Toolkit of Free Cybersecurity Resources for Election Community

• **Press Release**: CBP Officers Seize $113K Worth of Cocaine at Brownsville and Matamoros International Bridge (Texas)

• **Press Release**: Weekend Haul of $6.88 Million Worth of Fake Jewelry and Watches Seized in Cincinnati (Ohio)

• **Press Release**: CBP Warns Residents of Phone Scam (North Dakota)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
• [Link](#) to daily press releases

**Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)**

• [Remarks](#) by Ambassador Katherine Tai at the 2022 United Steelworkers Constitutional Convention

**Department of Commerce**

• [Readout](#) of Secretary Raimondo’s Meeting with Australian Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell

**U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)**

• [Press Release](#): USITC Makes Determination in Five-Year (Sunset) Review Concerning Lemon Juice from Argentina

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

• [Press Release](#): FCC Rejects LTD Broadband, Starlink Bids for Broadband Subsidies
• [Press Release](#): Carr Responds to Starlink RDOF Rejection
• [Press Release](#): FCC Announces Nearly $68 Million in Emergency Connectivity Funding
• [Press Release](#): FCC CAC Solicits Second Round of Nominations for Membership

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**

• [Press Release](#): CFPB Warns that Digital Marketing Providers Must Comply with Federal Consumer Finance Protections
• [Press Release](#): CFPB Takes Action Against Hello Digit for Lying to Consumers About Its Automated Savings Algorithm

**U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM)**

• [Readout](#): EXIM Bank of the United States Meets with Australian Delegation Led by Minister for Trade and Tourism

**Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

• [Press Release](#): USDA Invests Nearly $8M to Improve Dietary Health and Nutrition Security

**Department of Energy (DOE)**

• [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Launches New Offices to Lower
Department of Interior (DOI)

- [Press Release](#): Assistant Secretary Trujillo joins ribbon cutting ceremony for bipartisan infrastructure law funded South Dakota water project

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Press Release](#): EPA announces $79 million investment from President Biden’s bipartisan infrastructure law to protect and restore the Columbia River Basin
- [Link](#) to other EPA press releases

Department of Transportation

- [Press Release](#): DOT, supply chain companies collaborate to speed up movement of goods, cut costs for consumers

Department of Labor

- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor files lawsuit to recover back wages, damages from Minneapolis-area home healthcare provider who denied workers overtime

Health & Human Services (HHS)

- [Press Release](#): Federal health agencies unveil national tool to measure health impacts of environmental burdens

Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

- [Press Release](#): FDA infant formula update | August 10, 2022

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