

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 9, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Thank you for your service to our country. We write to clarify a faulty narrative put forward on certain appointments.

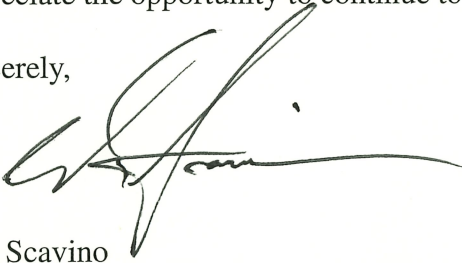
Regrettably, in a sharp break from precedent, Senate Democrats have not approved a single civilian nominee by unanimous consent in the 119th Congress. In response to this violation of parliamentary norms, Senate Republicans took appropriate action to protect the Senate's advise and consent role. In 2025, Senate Republicans changed Senate rules to allow for the expeditious confirmation of nominees who have gone through the regular order committee process. Thanks to this decisive action, 301 civilian (non-judicial) nominees have been confirmed in bulk slates.

Senate Democrats allege that the administration refuses to appoint bipartisan commissioners, as well as other particulars. While, in many respects, these criticisms were answered by the recent Supreme Court ruling *Trump v. Slaughter*, let us set the record straight: Democrats have obstructed every civilian nominee, but President Trump has still nominated Democrats to key positions. For example, in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the President nominated Mr. David Prouty on the National Labor Relations Board. In the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Finance, President Trump nominated not one, but two Democrats as part of a larger package to the International Trade Commission: Mr. Bartholomew Thanhauser and Mr. Samuel Negatu. In the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the President nominated Ms. Karen Jean Hedlund to the Surface Transportation Board.

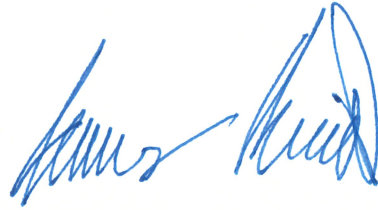
Further, prior to the Senate Democrats' June 10, 2026 letter, the White House had already solicited suitable Democratic names to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The White House has not received names in response to this request.

The work of the United States Senate to confirm personnel remains essential, and we appreciate the opportunity to continue to work together in a bipartisan way.

Sincerely,

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Dan Scavino
Assistant to the President, Deputy Chief of Staff and
Director of Presidential Personnel

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James Braid
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs