

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES IN SENATE-CONFIRMED POSITIONS



| | ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED |
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| TITLE | + You can be referred to as “The Honorable” and as a “special guest” | – You cannot be referred to by your Government title or as a host of the event. |
| FUNDRAISERS | + You can speak at a fundraiser. | – You cannot ask for funds. – You cannot host a fundraiser. – You cannot invite people to a fundraiser. |
| GOVERNMENT VEHICLES | + If you are the Secretary, you can use a Department car to attend a political event, if paid for in advance. | – You cannot use a Government car to go to or from a political event (unless you are the Secretary) |
| GOVERNMENT STAFF | + Your staff can list political events on your schedule. + A staff person can accompany you to a political event (including trips) as a Commerce liaison to do agency work (if necessary). | – Your staff cannot do advance work for a political event. – Your staff cannot draft speeches. – You cannot use official speeches for political events. – Your staff cannot do political work for you. |
| TRAVEL | + You can engage in both political and official events during a trip, if costs for the political portion are paid in advance. | – You cannot schedule official trips for political purposes. – You cannot travel on corporate aircraft. |
| MEETINGS | + Under Commerce policy, only the Secretary can hold political meetings in a Government office. | – You cannot hold a political meeting in an agency office (unless you are the Secretary). – You cannot invite a subordinate to a political meeting. |