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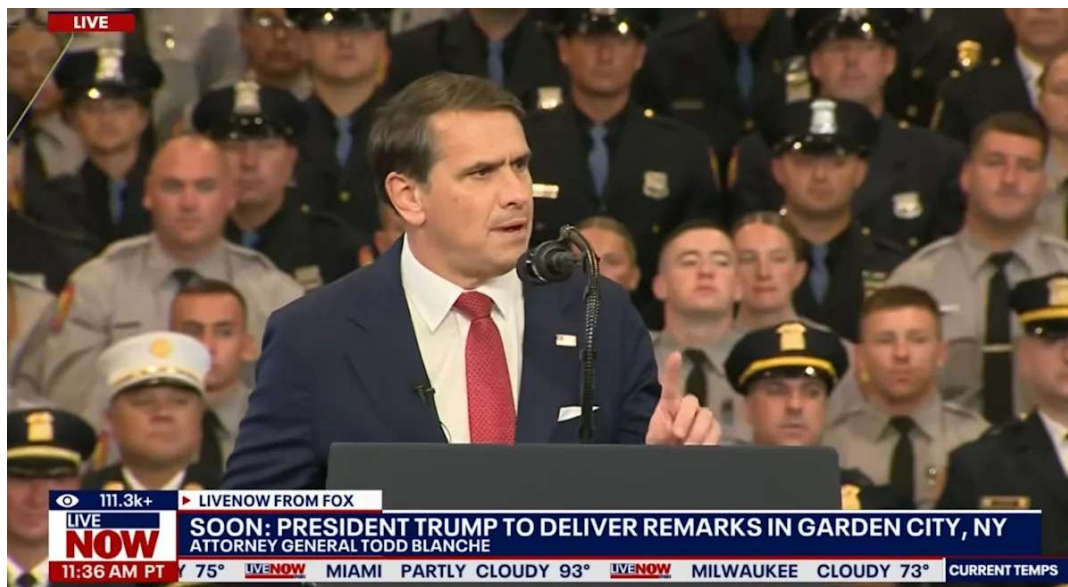
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RE: Violation of the HATCH Act by Attorney General Todd Blanche

On August 14, 2026, Attorney General Todd Blanche spoke at a [campaign rally](#) in Long Island, New York, for the primary effort of boosting the gubernatorial campaign of the Republican candidate Nassau County Bruce Blakeman. Blanche was identified as the current U.S. Attorney General and specifically praised the credentials of New York gubernatorial candidate Blakeman.

“We just heard from our great Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman who’s doing everything we need him to do to back the blue, support law enforcement and to make this county a safe county that we can all raise our kids in,” said [Blanche](#) at the rally before the Nassau County police department. The rally was cast as a campaign rally for Blakeman. Though Blanche did not specifically say “vote for,” his participation in the campaign rally along with President Donald Trump constitutes an active endorsement of the Republican candidate.



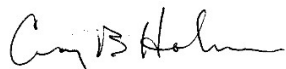
This partisan political activity by Blanche at a campaign rally constitutes a violation of the Hatch Act [5 U.S.C. § 1216 (a)(1)(2)].

The Attorney General is a position classified as “restricted employee” under the Hatch Act and as a “further restricted employee” under Justice Department policy. It is illegal for a restricted employee to take an active part in partisan political campaigns. Specifically, these employees may not use their official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election, or otherwise engage in political activity in concert with a political party, a candidate for partisan political office, or a partisan political group while on duty. Such employees may not use official resources, including the use of their official title, to take an active part in partisan political campaigns.

In all likelihood, FBI Director Kash Patel – who also participated in the rally – may have violated the Hatch Act as well, but there is no available record of Patel’s speech.

Public Citizen therefore requests that the Office of Special Counsel investigate the political activity of Attorney General Todd Blanche at the campaign rally for violating the Hatch Act, determine an appropriate remedy and instruct Blanche on the perimeters of the law.

Sincerely,



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