



COMPLAINT TO REPORT A HATCH ACT VIOLATION

For instructions or questions, call the Hatch Act Unit at (202) 804-7002.

* Denotes Required Fields.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A HATCH ACT COMPLAINT WITH THE U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

This form should be used to file complaints alleging violations of the Hatch Act. In order for us to best understand your allegations, we encourage you to fill in all the fields that you can. However, only those fields marked with an asterisk are required. If you fail to fill in a required field, your complaint cannot be processed. When providing information, please be as specific as you can, provide as much detail as possible, and attach/enclose all supporting documentation with your complaint filing. Prior to submitting your complaint to OSC, we recommend you review the information located on our website. If you have any questions about this form, you may phone the Hatch Act Hotline at (202) 804-7002.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title: Dr.

First Name:* Craig

Middle Initial:

Last Name:* Holman

International Address?: No

Address:*

1473 A Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Office Phone Number: 202-454-5182

Ext.

Email Address:* cholman@citizen.org

Preferred means of contact:

Email: Yes

Cell Phone Number: Yes

Home Phone Number: No

Office Phone Number: No

Are you referring this complaint on behalf of a government agency? No

Information about referring agency, if applicable.

Agency:

Your Position Title:



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REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Do you have representation?* No

Information about representative, if applicable.

First Name:*

Last Name:*

Middle Initial:

International Address?

Address:*

Office Phone Number:

Ext.

Cell Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:*

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE HATCH ACT (SUBJECT)

Subject's Employment Status:* Federal government employee

Title: Attorney General

Subject's First Name:* Todd

Subject's Middle Initial:

Subject's Last Name:* Blanche

Position Title: Attorney General

Department:* Justice

Agency:* Office Of Justice Programs

Agency subcomponent: Attorney General

Subject's Address:*

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20530



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Office Phone Number: 202-514-2000

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Other Phone Number:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

Is the Hatch Act Subject a Political Appointee?

Yes

Does the Subject have knowledge of the Hatch Act?*

Yes

If yes, please explain why you believe the Subject knows about the Hatch Act (for example: agency training, agency distribution of brochures, flyers, e-mails, prior contact with OSC):

Attorney General of the United States should be very familiar with the laws of the land, including the Hatch Act.

SUBJECT'S SUPERVISOR'S INFORMATION

Subject's Supervisor's First Name: Donald

Subject's Supervisor's Middle Initial:

Subject's Supervisor's Last Name: Trump

Subject's Supervisor's Title: President of the United States

Office Telephone: 202-456-1111

Ext.

Other Telephone:

Fax:

Email Address:

ALLEGED VIOLATION

1. For complaints involving a Subject employed by the federal government, which of the following actions are you alleging?*

Using one's official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

No



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Soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions.

No

Being a candidate in a partisan election.

No

Soliciting or discouraging the participation in political activity of any person who has business before their employing agency.

No

Engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, while wearing a uniform or official insignia, or while using a vehicle owned or leased by the United States government.

No

Taking an active part in political management or political campaigns (This prohibition applies only to further restricted employees. A list of such employees can be found [here](#) or at 5 U.S.C. § 7323(b)).

Yes

2. Please provide a detailed description of the alleged violation(s) and attach/enclose any supporting documentation with your complaint filing. To process your complaint, you must provide as much detailed information as possible. Without sufficient information, we may be unable to investigate your allegation(s).*

A detailed description should include:

- a. What the Subject did that allegedly violated the Hatch Act;
- b. Where the alleged violation(s) occurred;
- c. When the alleged violation(s) took place; and
- d. Who else has knowledge that the alleged violation(s) occurred and their relationship to the Subject.

Description of alleged violation:

August 17, 2026

Office of Special Counsel

1730 M Street, N.W.

Suite 218

Washington, D.C. 20036-4505



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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 "further restricted employee" under the Hatch Act. It is illegal for a further restricted employee to take an active part in partisan political management or partisan political campaigns. Specifically, these employees may not campaign for or against candidates or otherwise engage in political activity in concert with a political party, a candidate for partisan political office, or a partisan political group. Such employees may not take an active part in partisan political campaigns, by, for example:

- o Campaigning for or against a candidate or slate of candidates.
- o Making campaign speeches or engaging in other campaign activities to elect partisan candidates.
- o Use their official titles or positions while engaged in political activity.
- o Engage in political activity, i.e., activity directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group, while the employee is on duty.



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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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Government affairs lobbyist
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OTHER ACTIONS YOU ARE TAKING?

Please indicate in this section if you have reported your matter through other agencies or organizations. If so, please identify the agency or organization to which you reported the matter and provide the current status. If you have received responses regarding your matter, briefly summarize what results were communicated to you and provide our office with copies of any correspondence.

No other agency.

ATTACHMENTS

Please note that the space available for attachments is limited. Therefore, DO NOT attach every document and email that may be relevant to your claim. You will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date.

I have attached the following documents to my filing:



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Hatch Act complaint against Todd Blanche.pdf	442,749

CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Do you consent to the disclosure of your identify to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on this matter?*

I consent to disclosure of my identity on a need-to-know basis.

Yes

I do not consent to disclosure of my identity. (I understand my lack of consent may prevent OSC from taking further action on my complaint. Even if I do not consent, OSC may disclose my identity if required by law.)

No

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.*

Yes

BURDEN: The burden for this collection of information (including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the form) is estimated to be an average of one hour to submit a disclosure of information alleging agency wrongdoing, one hour and fifteen minutes to submit a complaint alleging a prohibited personnel practice or other prohibited activity, or 30 minutes to submit a complaint alleging prohibited political activity. Please send any comments about this burden estimate, and suggestions for reducing the burden, to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, General Counsel's Office, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.



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