Corporate Interests Infest Trump Transition at Federal Agencies

Despite Candidate Trump’s Pledge to “Send the Special Interests Packing,” 70% of the Incoming Administration’s Agency Landing Team Members Are Servants of Corporate Interests

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Nov. 29, 2016 – As a candidate, President-Elect Donald Trump railed against the “rigged political establishment” and promised to “send the special interests packing.” The federal agency landing teams announced by the President-Elect’s Transition Team, however, suggest the entrenched establishment of conservative think tanks, corporate interests and lobbyists will have significant influence over the incoming administration.

Out of the 75 landing team members announced by the Trump Transition organization, 70 percent (53 members) have some corporate affiliation. Some are CEOs (Paul Atkins, Willie Gaynor, Tom Leppert, Ray Washburne), some served corporations as lobbying or legal clients (Joel Leftwich, Doug Domenech, Robert

Mackichan, Ronald Tenpas), some worked at the Heritage Fund or other corporate-backed think tanks (Justin Johnson, Jim Carafano, Thomas Pyle, Myron Ebell). See the Appendix below for the full list of landing team members for which corporate affiliation was identified.

A much-publicized shakeup purged the Trump administration’s transition team of individuals currently working as lobbyists. Nevertheless, federal lobbying disclosures reveal 14 (18 percent) of the landing team members are former lobbyists, some as recently as last year. Some of the landing team members lobbied for corporate interests affected by the agencies where they are working as recently as last year. See the Appendix below for the full list of landing team members for which lobbying records were identified.

The purpose of the landing teams is to help federal agencies (Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Justice, etc.) undergo a smooth transition from working under the outgoing Obama administration to the incoming Trump administration. The landing team personnel, who are chosen by the incoming administration, may thus provide some insight into what the new administration’s policy priorities will be for the federal agencies.

The following short biographies are of landing team members, arranged alphabetically by the federal agency for which they have been selected to assist. Lobbying records accessed via the U.S. Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act database.4

**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)**

**Sharon Brown-Hruska** served as acting chairman5 of the CFTC under the administration of President George W. Bush. Currently she is the director of6 National Economic Research Associates’ Securities and Finance Practice and the White Collar, Investigations and Enforcement Practice. She also is a member of the CFTC’s Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee7 and a professor at Tulane University. She is also a member of the landing team for the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

**CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB)**

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Paul Atkins is in charge of financial regulation\(^8\) for the Trump transition. He is the CEO of Patomak Global Partners,\(^9\) a consulting firm that advises financial services companies on compliance issues. Atkins formerly served as a Republican commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, where he was viewed as being largely opposed to regulation.\(^10\) He is also a member of the landing teams for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

CJ Jordan is president and CEO of Jordan Management Group, a government relations and public affairs firm\(^11\) and is or was recently president of the National Black Republican Leadership Council. She has worked for the Republican National Committee\(^12\) and served on the Finance Leadership Team for the 2004 reelection campaign of President George W. Bush.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**

Joel Leftwich is the staff director for the U.S. Senate Committee\(^13\) on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry. A former advisor to Republican Senator Pat Roberts,\(^14\) Leftwich was a lobbyist for PepsiCo from 2013 to 2015, and in 2010 was a lobbyist for DuPont.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

David Bohigian is managing director\(^15\) at Pluribus Ventures, where he works with investment management firms. He was previously at the hedge fund Bridgewater Associates. He also formerly served as an Assistant Secretary of Commerce,\(^16\) a position for which he was nominated by President George W. Bush, focusing on the elimination of barriers to trade and investment.

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William “Willie” Gaynor is the founder and former president and CEO of Rock Creek Advisors LLC, a consulting firm that advises CEOs, lawmakers and international leaders on policy related to, global trade, finance and economic policy. From 2005 to 2010, he was a lobbyist for the Ashcroft Group (now TAG Holdings), the lobbying firm founded by John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General under President George W. Bush, and served clients including AT&T and the National Association of Broadcasters. He worked for the Bush administration.

Tom Leppert is the former CEO of Kaplan, Inc., a corporation that provides services for preparing for standardized tests. The mayor of Dallas, Texas, from 2007 to 2011, Leppert’s political career stalled after a failed bid for U.S. Senate. During his senate campaign, he voiced support for privatizing Social Security and Medicare. Leppert also is a member of the landing team for the Social Security Administration.

Joan Maginnis is a retired attorney who formerly worked as assistant general counsel at the Department of Commerce.

George Sifakis is the founder and CEO of Ideagen, a consulting firm with a focus on facilitating collaborations between corporations, nonprofits and government. He previously worked in both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. He worked as a lobbyist between 2004 and 2010, mostly for clients in the health technology, education and telecommunications sectors.

Ray Washburne is in charge of Department of Commerce for the transition team. He was a leader of Trump’s fundraising effort during the campaign. He served as the finance team leader for the presidential campaign of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and before that as national finance chair of the Republican National Committee. He is the CEO of Charter Holdings, a real estate company.

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James Manning was a Department of Education official under the administrations of Presidents Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.28

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Thomas Carter is vice president for government relations at Elbit Systems of America, a defense contractor, and previously was the president of Commonwealth Consulting Corporation.29 He is a former deputy assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, and the former senior counselor to the Coalition Provisional Authority for Legislative Affairs, Baghdad, Iraq.

Michael Duffey is executive director of the Republican Party of Wisconsin.30 He previously held a range of jobs at the Department of Defense, focusing most recently on systems engineering.

Greg Gardner is the chief architect for Government and Defense Solutions at NetApp, an IT and data storage company, and is a former vice president at Oracle for government solutions.31 He served as deputy chief information officer (DCIO) for the Intelligence Community and served 30 years in the Army.

William Hartzog is a board member for and former president and CEO of Burdeshaw Associates, a defense consulting firm.32 He is a retired U.S. Army General, and serves on the Defense Science Board. In 2005, he lobbied on behalf of FNSS, a Turkish manufacturer of military vehicles.33

Justin Johnson is senior policy analyst for defense budgeting policy at the corporate-backed Heritage Foundation.34 Prior to joining The Heritage Foundation, Johnson spent over a decade working on defense and foreign policy issues on Capitol Hill. His last position on Capitol Hill was as deputy chief of staff and military legislative assistant for Rep. Doug Lamborn, who is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Keith Kellogg, a retired lieutenant general, is listed as spearheading Defense for the administration’s agency transition team.35 Kellogg was chief operating officer of the

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Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. He has worked for several defense contractors and currently is vice president for Cubic Corporation, a defense contractor.

**Earl Matthews** is an attorney who has held various positions with the U.S. Army and Defense Intelligence Agency. 

**Bert Mizusawa** is a major general in the United States Army Reserve. As major general in the Army, he served as deputy director for strategic initiatives for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In the 1990s, he served for three years as professional staff member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services.

**Sergio de la Pena** works with de la Pena Consulting after a two-year stint at L-3 MPRI, a global provider of private military contractor services. He worked for more than 10 years previous with various positions in the U.S. military.

**Mira Ricardel** is or recently was a consultant for Federal Budget IQ, which analyzes the federal budget for public sector clients, and was a vice president for aerospace contractor Boeing. She was a deputy assistant secretary of defense in the early part of the George W. Bush administration.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Thomas Pyle** is president of the Institute for Energy Research, a group that was founded by Charles Koch and is funded through Koch-backed nonprofits. Previously, he worked as a registered lobbyist for Koch Industries and as the Koch Industries Director of Federal Affairs from 2001 through 2005.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

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Paula Stannard is working on health care reform.\(^47\) She is a lawyer at Alston & Bird, where she advises health care providers, health insurance companies and health plans.\(^48\) She is a former deputy general counsel and acting general counsel of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the George W. Bush administration.\(^49\)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Jim Carafano served for 25 years in the U.S. Army and is the vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at the corporate-backed Heritage Foundation.\(^50\)

Michael Dougherty is the CEO of Secure Identity & Biometrics Association, a trade group that represents the interests of member corporations whose business is security screening technology for airports and border crossings.\(^51\) Previously he worked for Raytheon, a security contractor and, before that, as a Homeland Security official under President George W. Bush.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Doug Domenech is director of the Fueling Freedom Project at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He previously worked as Virginia’s Secretary of Natural Resources, and served in the U.S. Department of the Interior. He also worked for 12 years for the Forest Resources Association, a national trade association representing the forest products industry. He was a federal lobbyist for the Home School Legal Defense Association (1999-2002) and Artemis Strategies (2009-2010), the latter on behalf of clients including the KraftHeinz and the Manufacturers Association of Israel.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Zina Bash lists her most recent listed employer is Doctors’ Hospital at Renaissance, where her father-in-law is or was chief executive. She has been a U.S. Supreme Court clerk, counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and an associate attorney at Gibson Dunn.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Christopher Burnham is the chairman and CEO of Cambridge Global Capital, a merchant bank he co-founded in 2013. From 2006 to 2013, Burnham was vice chairman and managing director of Deutsche Asset Management (DeAM) and global co-head of Deutsche Bank’s private equity group. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Burnham served as under-secretary-general of the United Nations for management, and held various positions in the U.S. State Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Judy Shelton is a self-employed economist who is or was a senior fellow with the corporate-backed libertarian Atlas Network.81 She supports a return to the gold standard.82

Bill Walton, along with David Malpass, is at the top of the agency transition chart on economic issues.83 He is chairman Rappahannock Ventures LLC, a private equity firm. He is also a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, which promotes the theory of intelligent design over evolution.84 At the Discovery Institute, Walton is a senior fellow of the Center on Wealth, Poverty and, Morality, which seeks to “provide a multifaceted defense of the practical and moral necessity of free markets.”85

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

Jeffrey Eisenach is managing director and co-chair of the Communications, Media and Internet Practice for National Economic Research Associates. Eisenach opposes proposed FCC rules calling for “net neutrality,” which would require Internet service providers to permit content to travel over the Internet equally regardless of the source of the content. The New York Times reported that Eisenach has served as a consultant for Verizon and other telecommunications companies.  

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Eisenach posted to his Twitter account that is he not currently working for Verizon and has no business before FCC at present.\(^93\) He is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC)**

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (FHFA)

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FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION (NCUA)

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY (OCC)

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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130 http://congressional-staff.insidegov.com/l/21997/Geoffrey-R-Kahn
131 http://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr5199-06
CFTC’s Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee\(^\text{133}\) and a professor at Tulane University. She is also a member of the landing team for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the Farm Credit Administration (FCA).

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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**U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

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143 https://www.skadden.com/professionals/robert-e-lighthizer
APPENDIX
List of 75 Landing Team Members Announced Since November 28, 2016, Included in Corporate Affiliation and Lobbying Tallies

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