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Alan

- **Gov't Shutdown - DHS employees will work, but not be paid, including TSA and FEMA. Negotiations stalled for now.**
- **US sends more ships to the Middle East. Strike on Iran is possible.**
- **Board of Peace meeting - 40 countries meeting in Washington to talk about Gaza and other areas.**
- **Ecumenical Advocacy Days - April 20 - 22 includes an Earth Day part.**

Lindsey

- **New Farm Bill development moving forward in a partisan way. This will make passage doubtful.**

Troy

- **Trump attempts to recruit local police to be part of ICE. Some departments joining this effort, which includes money. Some states passing laws against this.**
- **Kilmar Garcia, MD resident who was deported to El Salvador, receives positive ruling from judge against deporting him again.**
- **Texas now requires proof of legal residence to register or renew registration for a vehicle.**

Susie

- **SAVE America Act - Take Action against this bill that will reduce voting rights**
- **Endangerment Finding repeal - 1 week since repeal. This will affect transportation and power plant regulations.**
- **Creation Care Meeting - Wednesday, Feb 25 Noon Pacific - Register here**
- **Mining - The US doesn't have infrastructure to process minerals that it needs. Therefore, we need to work with other countries to do this. So more mining here has issues more than environmental.**

Lynnaia - UN

- **Funding crisis - US role - Only 41 countries have paid. US is the major non payer. US has made an initial payment this week.**
- **Gaza - ethnic cleansing and increased violence in West Bank**
- **Sudan - horrible violence continues**
- **Next week is 4th anniversary or Russia's attack of Ukraine**

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