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Alan

- **Future Presentations** - Join this upcoming webinar for a direct perspective on the ongoing war in Gaza and the West Bank through an interview with Father Fadi Diab, parish priest in Ramallah and vice chair of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Wednesday, September 17, 10 AM Pacific. [Register Here.](#)
- **Reflection** - Alan was walking along the Mall last evening and came across a Mothers Against Drunk Drivers vigil. It was a cool reminder that there are people out there working on things that really matter to them. Their actions are encouragement for us to care and reminds us to engage in the political world, which is tied to everything in our life. We can engage with anyone about something that they are interested in and affect us all.
- **Request** - Pray for the complacent and the unaware that God might open their hearts and minds. Pray - My God help us to remember how powerful that listening can be. Pray for the exhausted - may God give us rest and satisfaction in our efforts.
- Today is Alan's birthday and he looking forward to cake

Lindsey

- Government shutdown possible in 2 weeks. Congress must act. Take Action [Congress Must Protect the Vulnerable](#)
- Prison Policy Initiative - Report on Youth - racial disparities have risen
- Make America Healthy Again agenda - re vaccines and mental health working group
- Lawsuits re K thru 12 education and diaper availability - info here on [diaper insecurity](#) and [threats to K thru 12 education](#)

Susie

- House Natural Resources Committee hearing
 - Federal funding for tribal land affected by disasters
 - Permitting Reform
- Report on US Climate Policy since Trump - our emission reductions have slowed - [Info here](#)

Troy

- **Court halts Alien Enemies Act use for deportations**
- **TPS will end for additional 250,000 Venezuelans in 60 days.**
- **Restrictions increased on people seeking asylum for domestic and gang violence.**
- **Military judges are now able to be immigration judges. They do not have the training for this or necessary attributes**

Lynnaia

- **Gaza**
 - **Humanitarian assistance is trickling in and [Famine is growing.](#)**
 - **Palestinians being shot as they seek food.**
 - **Israel bombing Gaza City and 1,000,000 people asked to leave and there is nowhere for them to go. Take Action [Call on Congress to Block Military Sales to Israel](#)**
 - **Israel bombs Qatar and is spreading violence.**
- **80th General Assembly opened on Tuesday. New Secretary General sworn in and addresses UN challenges. US refusing visas to Palestinian groups**
- **Russia bombs Poland with drones and breaks international law and threatens regional escalation as this is 1st incursion into a NATO country.**