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Today's Briefing

Alan

- Iran
 - Uncertain direction causing huge impact on world economy especially agriculture due to lack of fertilizer (oil based) plus impact on transportation
- Good Friday Offering supports church work in the Middle East via the three dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East - Needs are greater than ever now. [Donate here.](#)

Lindsey

- Supreme Court overturns Colorado ban on gender conversion therapy. Opens possibility for states to rewrite laws
- Court bans administration efforts to make housing more difficult for homeless individuals

Troy

- Supreme Court - Trump attends hearing (1st ever of a sitting president) on birth right case. Court seems poised to vote against Trump's efforts to overturn the 14th amendment and a century of law.
- DHS news
 - Rolls back a contracting rule that secretary must review all contracts over \$100,000. Should speed up financing of services and improvement in morale
 - Shutdown continues and is longest ever. 1000s of employees are going unpaid or working via special funding.
 - Both houses pass a bill and are unwilling to accept the others.

Susie

- **Voting Rights**
 - **SAVE America Act - [Take Action](#) to preserve voting rights**
 - **Supreme Court - can new map of Louisiana be accepted - See Digest**
 - **Exec order - preventing non citizen voting which is already illegal and challenges existing state voting processes and procedures. Will be challenged as unconstitutional**
- **Endangered Species Act - Trump board eliminates need to follow Act in Gulf oil drilling. Lawsuits are being filed. [Info Here](#)**

Lynnaia

- **UN**
 - **Middle East**
 - **UN Response - security council condemns. Sec General warns about expanding regional war and sending personal envoy to region to work toward peace**
 - **Expanded war has created a humanitarian crisis in Lebanon and Iran. Millions displaced in both countries and 3 UN peacekeepers killed in Lebanon**
 - **War blocking food aid in region**
 - **Gaza - food bridge opened between the World Food Project from Cyprus to Gaza via the sea. Needs continue to exceed food available.**
 - **West Bank attacks continue and grow on Palestinians and evictions from homes are growing**
 - **Cuba fuel blockade - power outages hindering medical care in hospitals. UN condemns US blockade.**

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