Connie Lawson
Secretary of State, Indiana
President, NASS

Connie Lawson is Indiana’s 61st Secretary of State. As Indiana’s Chief Elections Officer, she is focused on ensuring the integrity and security for our state’s elections. Since taking office, Secretary Lawson has championed sweeping election reforms and has led the effort to clean Indiana’s voter rolls. A tireless advocate for increasing Indiana’s financial literacy and protecting Indiana investors, Secretary Lawson educates Hoosiers about smart money decisions and fights for stringent penalties for white collar criminals. Secretary Lawson is directing substantial innovation and leveraging cutting edge technology to improve how businesses interact with government through INBiz, the state’s one-stop business portal.

Secretary Lawson lends her experience to help many great organizations. She is President of the National Association of Secretaries of State, an honorary governor of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, the honorary chairwoman of the Lupus Foundation of Indiana, and a co-chair of the Hendricks County United Way. In 2017, President Donald Trump appointed her to serve as a member of the Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

Prior to serving as Secretary of State, Lawson served in the Indiana Senate for sixteen years, where she quickly earned the admiration of her colleagues and made history in 2006 when she was selected as the first woman to serve as Majority Floor Leader. Before joining the Indiana Senate, Lawson served as Clerk of the Hendricks County Circuit Court.

She and her husband, Bton Lawson & Company, an auctioneer and real estate company. Lawson is a life-long Hoosier and resident of Hendricks County.
Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap of Old Town, Maine's 49th Secretary of State, is the first person to serve non-consecutive terms in that office since 1880. He previously served three terms as Maine's 47th Secretary of State. During his previous tenure, he served as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State and was named Maine's Public Administrator of the Year in 2008. In 2005, he was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to serve on a national rulemaking panel on driver license and identification card security, and has remained active in the national debate on privacy and national security.

He previously served four terms in the Maine House of Representatives representing part of Old Town and the Indian Island Voting District; he served three terms as House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as well as House Chair of the Government Oversight Committee. A founder of the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association, he is an award-winning monthly columnist for The Northwoods Sporting Journal and is active in many civic endeavors, including board positions with The Windover Art Center, University of Maine "M" Club, Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium, and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. He was recently named a Commissioner for the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He was raised in Bar Harbor and holds degrees from the University of Maine. He lives in Old Town with his wife, [redacted], and their daughter [redacted].
Copy. What time u thinking?

From: Barsa, John
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:38:51 PM
To: Hyer, Brian
Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

I'm going to get there late.

From: Hyer, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:51 AM

To: Barsa, John; Clark, Alaina; Hayden, Matt

Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

I've confirmed both of us with All good.

From: Barsa, John

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:09:55 AM

To: Hyer, Brian; Clark, Alaina; Hayden, Matt

Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

Brian,

Know I want to attend this. If they can accommodate both of us fine.

John
From: Hyer, Brian

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:34 AM

To: Clark, Alaina; Hayden, Matt; Barsa, John

Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

I was actually meeting with npdp yesterday since I'm their ope/iga lead and this shouldn't be a problem for me to attend. I'll let you know if there is an issue.

From: Clark, Alaina

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 7:06:33 PM

To: Hayden, Matt; Barsa, John

Cc: Hyer, Brian

Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

I'm tied up with [redacted] on Monday, however, I would like Brian to attend this meeting. Given all the conversations he and I have and continue to have with states, we need to have a seat at the table for this engagement.
From: Hayden, Matt

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 4:01 PM

To: Barsa, John
Cc: Clark, Alaina

Subject: FW: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th


From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 2:41:43 PM

To: Hayden, Matt

Subject: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

Acting DA/S Hayden,

[Redacted] asked I reach out to you to see if you or A/S Barsa were interested in joining us next Monday for a meeting with Secretary of State Connie Lawson from Indiana (President of the National Association of Secretaries of State). She is in town early ahead of the NAS/NASED election meetings next weekend.
Draft schedule—Mon Feb 12th @ Glebe:

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Mmm...yeah, if you're speaking at 2:30 and we are looking to be done by 3:15, probably not doable. Seems like a larger role for you at NSA.

From: Barca, John
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:49:13 PM
To: Hyer, Brian
Subject: FW: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

Very late. Maybe not worth it.
From: Hyland, Mary

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:14 AM

To: Barsa, John

Cc: Cassil, Susanne

Subject: RE: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

The session starts at 1—you are last speaker—approx 2:30.

Thanks,

—MH

From: Barsa, John

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:59:41 AM

To: Hyland, Mary

Cc: Cassil, Susanne

Subject: FW: Secretary Connie Lawson in DC February 12th

Mary,
Do you what time I am speaking at NSA?

Would I be able to do that and get to JP in Arlington by 1:45?

John

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Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 4:01 PM

To: Barsa, John

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July 20, 2017

The Honorable John Kelly
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Kelly:

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The public has entrusted state and local election officials with securing our election systems. Moving ahead in preparation for upcoming election cycles, we need improved communication and timely information from DHS to ensure the best defenses are in place to protect our systems.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Connie Lawson

Hon. Connie Lawson, Indiana Secretary of State
NASS President

cc: NASS Elections Committee Members
I’m sending to NPPD to sign/transmit

Office of the Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

“ESEC: Excellent Service Endless Commitment”

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:48 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Front Office Review CC: [REDACTED] ESEC-External Liaison

Subject: RE: FINAL Clearance Request: Response to draft response to Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson regarding NASS request for election infrastructure information.

This is cleared.

Senior Counselor to the Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Office: [REDACTED]
Mobile

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Front Office Review CC: [REDACTED] ESEC-External Liaison
Subject: FINAL Clearance Request: Response to draft response to Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson regarding NASS request for election infrastructure information.

Due ASAP

Attached for your review and clearance, please find the incoming, cover memo, and draft response to Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson regarding National Association of Secretaries of State request for election infrastructure information.

Please note that SOPDUS Krebs has a meeting with NASS tomorrow, so NPPD is requesting expedited approval if possible so SOPDUS can have the signed response ready for the organization tomorrow.

This response was drafted by NPPD for SOPDUS Krebs signature and has been cleared by the following Components:

- MGMT: 9/11/2017
- PLCY: 9/12/2017
- OGC: 9/13/2017
- OPE: 9/14/2017

Please note that once clearance is received from you, this will not be packaged for COS/DCOS approval unless requested.

Please advise of your clearance or anything we may assist with.

Thanks!

Office of the Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Susan,

I will submit the email.

Thank you for your search.

Department of Homeland Security
Executive Secretariat
Office of Legislative Affairs
Office

Fax 202-447-5437

From: Corbin, Susan
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 3:51 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: FW: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039
Importance: High

have searched email files on the required FOIA request and have one email below which I was info on to submit. Please submit this to the FOIA office per their request.
Thanks, Susan

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Corbin, Susan
Subject: FW: Election Integrity Commission

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Election Integrity Commission

I’ve talked to our election people at NPPD, and no one has heard that we’ll be asked to provide staff to the Commission. It may have been inaccurate reporting in the press. There is a DHS Front Office Executive Order Task Force that may have more insight into it than we do at this point.

According to the EO, it appears that GSA will be asked to provide staff to the Commission. For many of the issues the Commission is asked to address, I’m not sure NPPD has much expertise. However, where appropriate we will cooperate with the Commission’s work.


Sec. 7. General Provisions. (a) To the extent permitted by law, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the General Services Administration shall provide the Commission with such administrative services, funds, facilities, staff, equipment, and other support services as may be necessary to carry out its mission on a reimbursable basis.

(b) Relevant executive departments and agencies shall endeavor to cooperate with the Commission.
(c) Insofar as the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.) (the "Act"), may apply to the Commission, any functions of the President under that Act, except for those in section 6 of the Act, shall be performed by the Administrator of General Services.

Legislative Affairs
Office of Cybersecurity and Communications
Department of Homeland Security

From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:20 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: RE: Election Integrity Commission

Following up on this.

From: [Name]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:59 PM
To: [Name]
Subject: FW: Election Integrity Commission

is this you guys?

From: Walsh, Joel (HSGAC)
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:57:13 PM
To: [Name]
Cc: Eaton, Jackson (HSGAC)
Subject: Election Integrity Commission

Hi Jay.

I understand the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity may include full-time staff from the Department of Homeland Security.

Who is the appropriate Leg Affairs contact there who can answer some initial questions about DHS's involvement?

In particular, I would like to know:

- What office within DHS will staff the Commission?
- How many DHS employees will staff the Commission?
• What is DHS’s anticipated annual budget for the Commission?

Thanks for your help.

Best,

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Joel Walsh
Professional Staff Member
Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
Ranking Member Claire McCaskill

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:59 PM
To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039

Good afternoon,

The search criteria for records as requested are:

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, through the date of the search.

Attached is a FOIA request for all communications between the immediate Office of the Secretary, including the Chief of Staff, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the “front office” of the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Director of Legislative Affairs for National Protection and Programs Directorate, the “front office” of the National Protection and Programs Directorate, including the Under Secretary, the Deputy Under Secretary, and the Chief of Staff, and the leadership of the Offices of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis and of Infrastructure Protection and a. the White House, including Andrew Kossack, anyone from the Office of the Vice President, anyone from the White House Counsel's Office, or anyone else whose email address ends in “eop.gov”; or b. Any member or staff member of the Commission including: Kris Kobach, Secretary of State for Kansas; Connie Lawson, Secretary of State of Indiana; Bill Gardner, Secretary of State of New Hampshire; Matt Dunlap, Secretary of State of Maine; Ken Blackwell, former Secretary of State of Ohio; Christy McCormick, Election Assistance
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- **Please conduct a search for responsive records (emails should be returned in native format, do not print or convert to pdf);**
- **Use the following search terms in addition to any other search terms that would likely produce records, depending on how your files are maintained: Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity**

and NPPD-OLA – you may have direct records with I&A and NPPD respectively. Please disclose records with and between OLA Front Office.

Thank you,

Department of Homeland Security
Executive Secretariat
Office of Legislative Affairs
Fax 202-447-5437

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039

Stand by, [Redacted] will need to search their records.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:06:13 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039

[Redacted]

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From: (Redacted)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 12:59 PM
To: (Redacted)
Cc: (Redacted)
Subject: RE: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039

Yes.

From: (Redacted)
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 12:56:31 PM
To: (Redacted)
Cc: (Redacted)
Subject: URGENT - FW: FOIA Request #2017-HQFO-01039

Good afternoon,

Does anyone have a response to this request?

Department of Homeland Security
Executive Secretariat
Office of Legislative Affairs
Office (Redacted)
Fax 202-447-5437
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Good morning,

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I have searched my inbox for any relative records and found records from Bulletin Intelligence and several clearance request from OGC which contain wording from “Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity”.

I believe

Department of Homeland Security
Executive Secretariat
Office of Legislative Affairs
Office
Fax 202-447-5437
Whew.

**From:** Wales, Brandon  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

The second sentence sounds like something you would read in “7 Ways to Get Your Advisory Committee Shut Down”:

Kobach acknowledged that the panel's substantive work essentially ground to a halt in recent weeks. He blamed the burden of defending against eight federal lawsuits challenging aspects of the panel's activities, the arrest of a commission staff member on child pornography charges, and the death of Dunn [one of the commissioners].


**Brandon D. Wales**  
Senior Counselor to the Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Office:  
Mobile:

**Sender:**  
**Recipient:** Wales, Brandon  
**Sent Date:** 2017/11/09 15:01:22
July 20, 2017

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Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Hon. Connie Lawson, Indiana Secretary of State
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cc: NASS Elections Committee Members
Thx Chris

Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security

From: Krebs, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:02:55 AM
To: S1KMN; Hoffman, Jonathan; Wolf, Chad
Subject: RE: HuffPo: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia

Ma’am,

Jim Condos’s number is
Connie Lawson’s number is

I’ll make sure Jonathan has the necessary SSA information.

Some additional context and history on Connie and Jim. Connie is the current President and close with VPOTUS. Condos is president-elect and will assume office this summer.
I'll be at RRB in the AM for a number of meetings with you. I suggest...

Thanks,
Chris

From: SIKMN
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 10:12 PM
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Krebs, Christopher; Wolf, Chad

Subject: RE: HuffPo: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia
Get it out please. Thank you
Krebs- need the numbers in the am.
Also- who organized the threat briefings Friday and over the weekend? Pls give info on
DHS SSA role to Jonathan.
Thx all

Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan  
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:05:02 AM  
To: SIKMN; Krebs, Christopher; Wolf, Chad;  
Subject: RE: HuffPo: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump
Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia

We pitched the release and your statement to a few outlets for tonight. Will be in some
articles and posted first thing in the morning.
Tyler has been coordinating w Krebs’ team.

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From: SIKMN  
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 10:01:23 PM  
To: Hoffman, Jonathan; Krebs, Christopher; Wolf, Chad;  
Subject: RE: HuffPo: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump
Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia

Did we get the release out yet of DHS activities?
Jonathan, pls send to HP to help them understand what they are attempting to report on.
Chris- pls send me Jim Condos’ phone number and the number of the current President of
NASS.
Thx

Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security

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From: Hoffman, Jonathan  
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:48:51 AM  
To: Krebs, Christopher; Wolf, Chad;  
Subject: FW: HuffPo: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump
Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 9:42:34 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: HuffPost: Top State Election Official Pushed DHS Secretary To Explain Why Trump Contradicts Intelligence Officials On Russia

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Huffington Post
By Sam Levine
02/19/2018 04:34 pm ET
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-russia-hacking_us_5a8b16b0e4b004fc3195591b

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos (D) questioned DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen in light of the president’s reluctance to call out Russian interference.

A top state election official pressed Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen on Friday to explain why President Donald Trump continues to downplay the threat of Russian hacking while the nation’s intelligence agencies and members of the president’s Cabinet warn that Russians are likely to interfere again.

The exchange came Friday during a meeting between a handful of secretaries of state and Nielsen. Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos (D) said he told Nielsen it was good to hear top intelligence officials warn of Russian hacking this year, but that Trump was sending a confusing signal by seeming to buck their assessment.

Nielsen said the president recognized the interference, but declined to further elaborate, according to Condos. The Vermont secretary of state, who is the president-elect of the National Association of Secretaries of State, said he had a similar exchange with Christopher Krebs, a DHS official who oversees cybersecurity for the department. Condos has previously made similar public comments about the contradicting messages sent by the intelligence community and White House.

DHS did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the exchange.

The exchange underscores the frustration state election officials face as they gear up to try and protect elections from potential Russian interference this year. Russians scanned election systems in 21 states in 2016 and penetrated systems in a small number of states, but did not change any vote totals, DHS cybersecurity head Jeanette Manfra told the Senate Intelligence Committee in June. In January of 2017, the FBI, CIA and NSA released a joint assessment saying that Russian President Vladimir Putin directed hacking of the 2016 U.S. election.

Top intelligence officials told Congress last week that Russia is already interfering in the 2018 midterm elections and held a classified briefing over the weekend for election officials across the country on electoral threats. Several legislative proposals to improve U.S. election security have stalled in Congress since the 2016 election.
Unlike members of the intelligence community and his Cabinet, Trump has declined to issue a similarly clear warning about Russian interference. He has said both that Russia meddled in the 2016 election but also that he believed Putin when he denied interfering. He has also said Russia could have interfered, but that it also could have been a “400 pound genius.”

After special counsel Robert Mueller detailed Russian interference in a 37-page indictment Friday, the White House released a statement that seemed to acknowledge the idea of some Russian interference. In a Sunday tweet, Trump said he never denied that Russia meddled, a claim numerous fact-checkers have debunked.

While Trump has sent mixed messages about foreign election interference, DHS has been working with states to provide security reviews and improve information sharing, and to better assess election security threats. Many state election officials have expressed frustration that it took until September for the department to notify them if their systems had been targeted by Russians. Several states are also eyeing a return to paper ballots and encrypting election data.
Per your request, below are the three responses assigned to Policy which we have not yet received a draft response.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:19 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: NASS Meeting - Confirmed Guests

Thank you! Current list on our end:

Attendees:
Secretary
Chad Wolf
Brandon Wales
Chris Krebs, NPPD
(on behalf of Jeanette Manfra), NPPD
NPPD
Alaina Clark, OPE
Policy

Respectfully,

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Subject: NASS Meeting - Confirmed Guests
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James Condos – Vermont SoS, NASS President-Elect
Paul Pate – Iowa SoS, NASS Treasurer
Wayne Williams – Colorado SoS, NASS Secretary
Nellie Gorbea – Rhode Island SoS, NASS Eastern VP
John Merrill – Alabama SoS, NASS Southern VP
Stephen Simon – Minnesota SoS, NASS Midwestern VP
Barbara Cegavske – Nevada SoS, NASS At-Large Board Member
Matthew Dunlap – Maine SoS, NASS At-Large Board Member
Denise Merrill – Connecticut SoS, NASS Immediate Past President

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From: Quinn, Cameron
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:51 PM
To: Wales, Brandon
Subject: FW: follow up from Saturday

FYSA.

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