Below is our COVID-19 Update for January 14, 2021:

Developments from the Attack on the Capitol

* A group of 30 House Democrats, led by Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), sent a [letter](https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000176-fd5c-d6f5-a376-ffddae400000) to the acting House and Senate Sergeants at Arms and the acting Chief of Capitol Police requesting an investigation into what they called “suspicious access given to visitors to the Capitol Complex” the day before the attack on the Capitol. The letter goes on to describe some of the visitors as appearing to be connected to the riots the next day.
  + As a reminder, the Capitol building, and surrounding complex have been closed to the public since March 2020.
* Rep. John Katko (R-NY), who was the first House Republican to publicly announce that he would vote to impeach President Trump, reportedly circulated a letter of support for House Republican Conference Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY) to remain in leadership yesterday afternoon. Similarly, Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), who voted against impeachment, took to Twitter to pledge his support for Cheney and her continued leadership.
  + As a reminder, a resolution calling for a special meeting of the Republican Conference to remove Rep. Cheney from her leadership position was floated when she announced that she would vote to impeach President Trump.
* Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA) introduced a resolution [(H.Con.Res. 6](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/6?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=36)) to require the House Sergeant at Arms, Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Capitol Police to block President Trump from entering the Capitol building after his presidential term ends.
* Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA) introduced a resolution ([H.Res. 44](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-resolution/44?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=40" \t "_blank)) to require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to conduct a criminal investigation into President Trump’s involvement in and incitement of the attack on the Capitol.
* Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA) and 21 other House Democrats introduced a resolution ([H.Res. 46](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-resolution/46?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=38" \t "_blank)) to remove Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL) from the House. As a reminder, Rep. Brooks gave a speech in front of the Capitol that was viewed as inciting the violence last week and was an early supporter of the effort against election certification.
* In a filing to the U.S. District Court for the Western District in Washington state, social media platform Parler argued that Amazon removed the site from its hosting platform to block President Trump from using the Parler platform. Amazon attorneys argued that Amazon was well within its rights, under the Amazon Web Services contract, to temporarily suspend or terminate accounts that do not comply with the terms of service.
  + Amazon reportedly supplied close to 100 examples of Parler accounts that violated Amazon’s terms of service and argued that Parler had no policy to moderate content.
  + The expectation that President Trump would join Parler stems from Twitter’s suspension of the President’s account.

Election and Transition News

* President-elect Biden announced multiple new appointments to his White House climate office, which will be led by Gina McCarthy, and the Council on Environmental Quality. The appointments include:
  + David Hayes to be Special Assistant to the President on Climate Policy
  + Maggie Thomas to be Chief of Staff for the Domestic Office
  + Sonia Aggarwal to be Senior Adviser for Climate Policy and Innovation
  + Jahi Wise to be Senior Adviser for Climate Policy and Finance
  + Cecilia Martinez to be Senior Director for Environmental Justice for the Council on Environmental Quality
* Additional White House staff announced includes:
  + Stefanie Feldman, Catherine Lhamon, Carmel Martin, Tyler Moran, Esther Olavarria, and Christen Linke Young on the Domestic Policy Council
  + Nadiya Beckwith-Stanley and Sameera Fazili on the National Economic Council
  + Jeff Marootian in the Presidential Personnel Office
* The Biden transition team announced that it is searching for officials to serve in acting roles until President-elect Biden’s nominees are confirmed. These officials will be chosen from agency review staff and former Obama Administration officials.
  + President-elect Biden chose David Norquist, current Deputy Defense Secretary, to be the acting Secretary of Defense until Gen. Austin is confirmed.
* The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee hearing to confirm the nomination of Pete Buttigieg as Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT) could reportedly take place as soon as January 21
  + Additionally, the confirmation hearing for Gina Raimondo to be the Secretary of the Department of Commerce may take place on January 26.
* President-elect Biden has reportedly selected Jamie Harrison to be the head of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Harrison is the Associate Chair and Senior Counselor to the DNC and previously ran against Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) in the Senate election last year.
* Republican Study Committee (RSC) Chair Jim Banks (R-IN) announced that the caucus would be opposing the waiver for retired General Lloyd Austin to serve as President-elect Biden’s Secretary of Defense. The RSC sent a memo to its members claiming that Austin “is not the man for the job,” as he does not have experience "in great power competition and in civilian policy debates." The memo is attached.

COVID-19

* President-elect Biden is expected to release his COVID-19 relief plan, titled the America Rescue Plan, in a public speech this evening. Published reporting, and a summary that is attached to this update, suggest that the relief plan could carry a $1.9T topline and will dramatically expand the Federal COVID-19 response. Elevate has previously reported that the President-elect has indicated that he wants bipartisan Congressional support to pass the plan, rather than relying on a partisan budget reconciliation process.
  + Additional details from the summary include, but are not limited to:
* $350B for state and local governments including $3B for the Economic Development Administration (EDA).
* $170B in education funding including:
* $130B to help school safely reopen including by improving school and classroom spaces and purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE).
* $35B for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for public institutions and public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universtities as well as other Minority Serving Institutions.
* $5B for the Hardest Hit Education Fund provided to governors to distribute to educations programs.
* $50B for increased testing including purchasing of antigen tests.
* Leveraging a $35B investment in existing state, local, tribal, and non-profit small business financing programs to generate $175B in low-interest loans and venture capital.
* $20B in additional aid for public transit.
* $20B to speed up vaccinations.
* $15B in equitably distributed grants to small businesses.
* $10.2B for cybersecurity in the aftermath of the SolarWinds attack that targeted multiple Federal agencies.
* $1B for states to provide to families who participate in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
* $20M in additional relief for tribes to boost their pandemic response, including providing broadband access.
* Up to $1,400 per week in paid leave for eligible workers to decrease the spread of COVID-19.
* $400 per week in additional unemployment benefits through September utilizing the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation created by the CARES Act.
* Additional $1,400 in stimulus payments to most Americans.
* Establishing a 100,000 person public health corps to assist with vaccinations, testing and contract tracing across the country.
* Expansions of a number of tax credits including the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit and a one-year increase for child care tax subsidies.
* Airlines for America sent a letter to President-elect Biden supporting the proposed mask mandate for flights and public transportation and suggesting that the mandate be extended to airports.
  + Though major airlines have implemented their own mask requirements, many have asked for a federal requirement to strengthen enforcement abilities. The letter is attached.
* The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [issued](https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/reports/fda-covid-19-pandemic-recovery-and-preparedness-plan-prepp-initiative) an independent report on its pandemic response which contradicts the Trump Administration’s push to speed through the approval process for vaccines. The report calls for a reassessment of how the FDA issues emergency use authorizations and an increase in communication regarding priorities.
* Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell commented that the Federal Reserve will not withdraw its support from the economy arguing that “now is not the time to talking about exit.” He also commented that the Federal Reserve would be transparent when it does begin to consider withdrawing.
  + The comments were made at a Princeton University event and amid concerns from investors regarding signs of inflation.
* Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) announced that he tested positive for COVID-19 and has begun to quarantine. Rep. Espaillat is now the seventh lawmaker to contract the coronavirus after being in lockdown in the Capitol building during riots last week.

Congress

House

* Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL) and 8 other House Republicans introduced a bill ([H.R. 287](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/287?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=35)) to impose conditions for Cuba to be removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.
* Rep. Ed Case (D-HI) introduced a bill ([H.R. 300](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/300?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=22)) to allow for the noncontiguous trade of goods transported on foreign-flag vessels.
* Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN) introduced the Safe Teachers Assistance and Return To School (STARTS) Act ([H.R. 306](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/306?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=16)) to increase the educator expense deduction for teachers that buy personal protective equipment (PPE) with their own funds.
  + According to a [press release](https://emmer.house.gov/press-releases?ID=8D8F0B7B-4FA3-4E5D-A0C7-3F21F54F1C8E), the bill would increase the teacher tax credit to $1,000 for 2021 and 2022, from the current $250.
* Reps. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and Rodney Davis (R-IL) introduced a resolution ([H.Res. 47](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-resolution/47?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22congressId%3A117+AND+billStatus%3A%5C%22Introduced%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=37" \t "_blank)) to urge the House to ensure that the U.S. Postal Service remains an independent government entity and is not privatized.
* House Republicans announced new members on a number of key Congressional committees including:
  + Eight new members of the Energy and Commerce Committee:
    - Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)
    - Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
    - Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)
    - Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL)
    - Rep. John Joyce (R-PA)
    - Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)
    - Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)
    - Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN)
  + Six new members of the Appropriations Committee:
    - Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)
    - Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA)
    - Rep. Tony Gonzalez (R-TX)
    - Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
    - Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA)
    - Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)
  + Three new members of the Ways and Means Committee:
    - Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)
    - Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)
    - Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)

Administration

* The Department of Defense (DOD) is relaunching the Trusted Capital Digital Marketplace in attempt to prevent investments from Chinese entities in the U.S. defense industrial base. The marketplace allows DOD to connect approved businesses with approved investors without the risk of foreign ties.
* The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [issued](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.cbp.gov%2fnewsroom%2fnational-media-release%2fcbp-issues-region-wide-withhold-release-order-products-made-slave&c=E,1,Kvmdpxu2JL6BwvwVf1fkmrv3LiAyat1acfLmzpgT4NBxuep_n0En7Z00hEHl6b2ilHRSupKMTLr0sprJjQTcax9TTqfc4S-ymkvUVQDwDw,,&typo=1) a ban on all cotton and tomato products imported from the Xinjiang region of China due to the use of Uyghur forced labor yesterday, facilitated through a Withhold Release Order by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Xinjiang produces 85% of all Chinese cotton.
  + This action has received mixed responses from the apparel industry. Apparel groups previously opposed a ban on all cotton products, but said that yesterday’s order “matches our members’ accelerated commitment in this region.”
  + A [statement](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.aafaglobal.org%2fAAFA%2fAAFA_News%2f2020_Press_Releases%2fJoint_Association_Statement_Ban_XUAR_Cotton.aspx&c=E,1,MBgpqDTr3V56xEDSyo30vrEtu-1PO5CZXTw4OT7okV4D6Da4KG2Cj_bAX8ioqIRK2dJPypAiE05F2Rzkf1q3JZJvrdutk59Z0OUBFVDZz3JtzP8o&typo=1) from the American Apparel & Footwear Association, National Retail Federation, U.S. Fashion Industry Association, and Retail Industry Leaders Association requested additional information on the “evidence gathered, and the evidentiary thresholds used” for DHS’s decision.
* The Department of Commerce [added](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.commerce.gov%2fnews%2fpress-releases%2f2021%2f01%2fcommerce-adds-china-national-offshore-oil-corporation-entity-list-and&c=E,1,5nmy1DX8o8F_gOCThy_hYjNu0qNpl53aB2yPD4ZawUwURJCvMkhELD61sbTt4YgopvX_hKE8GIqPi4t2DQeMj-rvgMdvTmP-27GkTUlcCCwUtt_sEmHxxvgNnMPM&typo=1) the Chinese National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), an oil company owned by the Chinese government, to the Entity List due to national security concerns. This action will largely block U.S. exports to CNOOC, citing the company’s role in building artificial islands in the South China Sea.
  + According to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, “CNOOC acts as a bully for the People’s Liberation Army to intimidate China’s neighbors, and the Chinese military continues to benefit from government civil-military fusion policies for malign purposes.”
* The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [issued](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.faa.gov%2fnews%2fpress_releases%2fnews_story.cfm%3fnewsId%3d25621&c=E,1,-KjIqrjjTmQKqCrROtYW5JWRnqD50hDHO4Zvij9IvlCViwaKQOIzvaRjERAyrcwR7uDRFCvPEfxi1yNu4xf9-LOMa8ZLd2cWdAZwdpga9WXnQzwNT9dlOw,,&typo=1) an order yesterday requiring legal action be taken “against any passenger who assaults, threatens, intimidates, or interferes with airline crew members.” These actions can include time in prison and $35,000 fines.
  + The order is effective through March 30.
* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [found](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcrashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov%2fApi%2fPublic%2fViewPublication%2f813053&c=E,1,IqzluzZLCIylfmoHlPaBL9O_5JJAUj4ZE43yK7-ntx6CLUnxdkft1tDARpEkt-QGTve_3wLRpNQrvykI_dyHAg9ViOcIbUCe-2f1glpG_1IGbjA,&typo=1) that there were 28,190 traffic deaths in January-September of 2020, a 4.6% increase from 2019. This increase occurred despite a 14.5% decrease in miles driven during that period.
* NHTSA [issued](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.nhtsa.gov%2fpress-releases%2frule-to-modernize-driverless-vehicle-safety-standards&c=E,1,-e2UvHgvx3qCbvkFmmOAfFTQF8l4zhykILU7780evdy75HXUJZerFWbD9FEuas4xTxHy-c1ypoLEbCuiGsRTTA_AGoVDiHYcIvFz2Mq4guaauXMIGxazaG4,&typo=1) a final rule to amend the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for protecting vehicle occupants in order to provide exemptions for autonomous vehicles (AV). The rule specifically applies to crashworthiness standards, though AV developers also want exemptions from manual control and mirror regulations.
* The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) [announced](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.ntsb.gov%2fnews%2fpress-releases%2fPages%2fNR20210113b.aspx&c=E,1,A2sGCdJwt8uZccx6tEDERdj8pKrcCzPRGLzxrNUDIAb5-KmSRoVNx_7V7O-3Dd6AIZKiqHbE5XtJF4sMx0QW8Zt-Kze5F4JsV9_sj2OB17_c1osg00Ibr6BCew,,&typo=1) a board meeting that will take place on February 9 to discuss the results of the investigation of the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant. During the meeting, NTSB will release its probable cause findings and discuss weather conditions and flight rules.
* The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is expected to publish its new rule on 45Q carbon capture tax credits in the Federal Register tomorrow, though the rule went into effect yesterday. The rule will provide information on how developers can receive the expanded credits.
* U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Karl Schultz commented Wednesday that the service needs $1B in additional funding to maintain readiness amid continued flat budgets from Congress. He also described the need for sustained annual budget growth to allow for workforce growth and address what he described as the readiness gap.
* The Department of Interior issued a final rule amending royalty calculations for oil, natural gas, and coal from federal lands. The rule no longer bases coal royalties on the sale of electricity, instead requiring lessees to propose valuation methods. Oil and gas royalties will now be calculated using expanded index-based methods.
* U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer made a statement accusing Spain, Austria and the UK’s decision to tax certain digital services as discriminatory. Lighthizer expressed his belief that “the best outcome would be for countries to come together to find a solution.”
* The Administration has proposed an interim final rule requiring business transactions with technology companies from China, Iran, Russia, North Korea, Cuba and the regime of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro to undergo a Department of Commerce review process that would give the Secretary of Commerce 180 days to approve or deny the transaction. The 60-day comment period for the rule pushes next steps on the rulemaking into the Biden Administration. It is unclear whether the new Administration will take additional steps on the rulemaking at this time.
* The Treasury Department reported deficit numbers this week, indicating the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 totaled nearly $573B. This is a 60% increase from the same period last year.
* The Department of Energy is expected to release a final rule tomorrow that would establish new classes of water heaters and home furnaces that do not recapture waste heat. These separate classes would allow the continued sale of less efficient and cheaper products.

Other News

* United Kingdom Trade Secretary Liz Truss will meet U.S. Trade Representative nominee Katherine Tai in the near future to negotiate a solution for the Airbus-Boeing dispute and resulting tariffs on European goods. Truss said that she was “clear with the United States and the European Union that we want to de-escalate this dispute and reach a negotiated settlement.”
  + John Clarke, Director of International Affairs in the European Commission’s Agriculture Unit told the Commission’s agriculture committee today that Brussell should push for a six-month tariff moratorium in the long-standing dispute early in the Biden Administration.
* The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) held a meeting today to discuss digital taxes.
  + Microsoft, Amazon, Netflix and [Booking.com](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fBooking.com&c=E,1,rTN55z2satRVfmli_yHxTkN9NXxryMWmfrr76L9Lk-jHue2cXrsZn6ND86C5OgLDszC0axefW-Cfvujm4r3HMvHI32JQ5W6Mmjwzg8dO7KUBdyqAUjxwrA,,&typo=1&ancr_add=1) were among U.S. companies that participated in the public forum in which some called for a simplification of global tech taxes to avoid conflicting and overlapping national taxes.
* Former Governor of Michigan Rick Snyder was charged with two counts of willful neglect of duty regarding the Flint water crisis, making him the first Michigan Governor to receive criminal charges related to their term. Snyder could receive one year in jail and a $1,000 fine.
  + The charges specifically concern the outbreak of lead poisoning and Legionnaires' Disease in Flint.
* The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released its 2020 [Adaptation Gap Report](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.unenvironment.org%2fresources%2fadaptation-gap-report-2020&c=E,1,RgblmpE9p-6QgTUqpCzfLJ6FZsm7T4orMLieOhT6LIzMlsnR5h6Z7CBQe69eDIcco-r3PoF2GiizNt6pW3UKvGaFKiCCTpHaqXVqrX0Tuw,,&typo=1), which measures adaptation measures taken by countries to address climate change. The report found that 72% of countries have adopted at least one adaptation plan or policy at the national level and 9% of countries are currently developing a plan. However, the countries do not have sufficient funding or implementation measures for the policies, as adaptation costs could rise to $300B annually by 2030.
  + Adaptation is a crucial aspect of the Paris Climate Agreement, which President-elect Biden has pledged to reenter as soon as he takes office.
* The University of Chicago’s Energy Policy Institute released a [report](https://epic.uchicago.edu/research/updating-the-united-states-governments-social-cost-of-carbon/) urging the Biden Administration to immediately update the social cost of carbon through an inter-agency working group. The report recommends that the new social cost use a maximum 2% discount and include global damages to increase the cost to $125 per metric ton.
* The German parliament approved new competition laws to combat the market power of large tech companies. The new rules give the German competition regulator authority to prevent abusive behavior before it occurs in markets that are not yet dominated by tech companies.
  + The rules will likely go into effect in March.
* Toyota agreed to pay $180M to settle its violations of the Clean Air Act requirement that automakers inform the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if over 25 vehicles a year have emissions control defects. The complaint against Toyota claims that the company delayed filing these reports for ten years from 2005-2015.

Federal Register Notices

* The Department of Commerce requested comments on proposed and continuing information collections on Technical Advisory Committees relating to export controls. Comments are due by March 15. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-00596%2fagency-information-collection-activities-submission-to-the-office-of-management-and-budget-omb-for&c=E,1,OfX3nNGZ3BqQP3h6ov3d7K5BG7U5pR3BWHZLGU7-F1UYSQdkW5misZItAB9vY6WZM-xxX8M6ur_rw7rNk1T63fpcF_da6kI-J3RJC2R83cohZYI,&typo=1).
* The Department of Interior renewed the charter of the National Park System Advisory Board. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-00750%2fnational-park-system-advisory-board-charter-renewal&c=E,1,dMoNb6OEKhmBaLbUOpv57FezfvT1SI4iqpWZc44ldx8fqXLLWaDNzcRgGPpW0cpQ_5LfUtRMmAFcUtFOD92ai5Id0ZIKUwg-y5B70WckA6SfYZ_LkmU,&typo=1).
* President Trump issued an [Executive Order](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-promoting-small-modular-reactors-national-defense-space-exploration/) “Promoting Small Modular Reactors for National Defense and Space Exploration.” The order aims to support advanced reactor technologies in order to facilitate defense installation energy flexibility, energy security, and space exploration. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-01013%2fpromoting-small-modular-reactors-for-national-defense-and-space-exploration&c=E,1,9J_K6OnbS2yfDc2YBnAArsaO2HzPQrqGu0x0L8JGdXMHEn79CjwMHXbeCpmqaT2vwa8ly6p24bQ1bZusSF5yOc61ezXAnG_-ac83FMl5rOfWkyPoPA,,&typo=1).
* The Small Business Administration (SBA) published an interim final rule implementing Economic Aid Act amendments and consolidate rules on borrower eligibility, lender eligibility, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications, loan increases, and loan forgiveness. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-00451%2fbusiness-loan-program-temporary-changes-paycheck-protection-program-as-amended-by-economic-aid-act&c=E,1,Irge_bLWZo0TBM2-VBYpWCzD_-S4f_8yjF6rc0soGsKsFfPcduSftmDSqjCIRoGLZEn1R6r-pDxP87_ECZbe-H_73YzFMSVkSeAXxv49V7K4JvPwhw,,&typo=1).
* The SBA implemented and requested comments on the PPP Second Draw Loans program under the Economic Aid Act. Comments must be received by February 16. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-00452%2fbusiness-loan-program-temporary-changes-paycheck-protection-program-second-draw-loans&c=E,1,azhyY-wTKkweFiIPUitkHeJmZluccst6DcEubsbyeIc1dT5GZRjddqmZaerLQbb1WAyOt5h0ol6lImb-OtvlYWT8q3JvEvmlCaSR36cxHu00Emlw6Q,,&typo=1).
* The State Department announced a public meeting to prepare for the seventh session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW). The meeting will take place on February 10 at 10:00am ET. The notice can be found [here](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.federalregister.gov%2fdocuments%2f2021%2f01%2f14%2f2021-00657%2fnotice-of-public-meeting-to-prepare-for-international-maritime-organization-session&c=E,1,4FV6DTJDaKFl4GjJdwALEVlZMlgHn7cKttC6L9ROb5GftBll4qjGkebDxeWYNABKouf7WXW2QRxOiwu8Vel3MonNeuM7Fj_hdCNjipY9XPf4s1DsST4RoU8,&typo=1).