

Remarks to Federal Law Enforcement Officers and National Guard Personnel
August 21, 2025

The President. Hello, everybody. How are you, everybody? What a nice group. What a nice group.

Thank you. Thank you.

Got to be very careful. You don't want to slip or fall like somebody else I know. *[Laughter]* We don't want that to happen.

Where are we going, Margo? Over here?

Hello, everybody. It's great to be with you. You guys are doing a fantastic job—and gals—doing an amazing job, and we appreciate it. And the numbers are down like we wouldn't believe, but we believe it.

Where do I stand here? Right—where? Okay.

Hello. It's a healthy, attractive-looking group of people. *[Laughter]* It's good.

Well, I just want to thank everybody very much for being here. I wanted to do this. We've had some incredible results. The results have come out, and it's like a different place. It's like a different city. It's the Capital. It's going to be the best in the world.

We're going to do what you're doing with law enforcement, and very importantly, also, we're going to physically do it. We're going back to Congress for some money, and we're going to redo a lot of the pavement, a lot of the medians, a lot of the graffiti is all coming off real fast. It's going to come down real fast.

We're working with Clark Construction. They're one of the big ones. They're the biggest here by far, actually.

And we're going to be—not so much building. It's cleaning and fixing and redoing and putting brandnew surfaces down on your roads and streets. And when people come in from the airport all the way to the Capitol or the White House or any place else they go, and they're going to say, "Boy, this place is spotless." So we're doing that.

Most importantly, though, we're going to have a crowd of people that are going to be happy. You know, I've received more phone calls from people in the last 4 days than I ever have. I've been here now 4 years plus. And by the way, I think we had about the best 7 months, they're saying, that any president has had. We've done a lot of work. We've done a lot of good work, including the biggest tax cuts that you've ever had.

I know you guys don't care about taxes, so you don't care about saving a little tax. *[Laughter]* But you saved a lot of tax, actually.

But we've had a great—a great period of time. But I've never received so many phone calls thanking me for what we've done in Washington, DC, from people that haven't gone to a restaurant in—literally, in 4 years. And they said, "You know, what you've done is—it's unprecedented," because what they—they said: "It was just unsafe. We couldn't do it. We'd go out"—and you'd see the stories, you'd read the stories, you'd see all of the things that are happening. And they said: "We just—we couldn't—we couldn't stand it, sir. And now I take my wife and my kids to dinner." They—one of them said he's gone out 4 nights in a row, and he hadn't gone out for 4 years.

So it's a great tribute to you. And when I look at you people, I understand why, because they—there's no games, right? We're not playing games. We're going to make it safe, and we're going to then go on to other places, but we're going to stay here for a while. We want to make this absolutely perfect. It's our Capital. And I guess it used to be, many years ago, safe, but it's certainly not had a very good run.

And you got to be strong. You've got to be tough. You've got to do your job. Whatever it takes to do your job, you've got to do your job. But the crime numbers are way down. I'm looking at—you saw some of the stats. They just read them out to me inside—they're numbers that we haven't seen here ever—actually, ever. And I think it's probably—right now, it's—to me, I—I feel very safe now, and I'm hearing people are very safe, but I know, within two weeks, it's going to be—Pam, it's going to be at a—a level that's even far superior.

So I just came to—I just wanted to thank you all. You're doing incredible. You're incredible people. You make the country run, frankly. You make the whole place run. We're going to have the best capital ever. We're going to have the—it's going to look better than it ever did, even at the White House.

I'm building a ballroom. They've been after a ballroom for 150 years, but they never had a real estate guy as a President. You know, I've done a lot of ballrooms. And we're going to make this one the best of them all. But we're doing a real job.

As far as the country is concerned, we're respected again. We had a country that was laughed at a year ago. They would think—they thought—they couldn't understand what was happening, and it's about leadership. But we had a country that was a dead country in many ways. We went to Saudi Arabia, I went to Qatar, I went to U.A.E. We came back with \$5.1 trillion of investment in this country, and we're over \$17 trillion. Now, a lot of you don't know what that means and—nobody knows what it means, because it's never happened before.

In 5 months—because, really, it's a 5-month, even though we're here 7—but we started 5 months ago in terms of investment. And we have—because they see what's happened to our country, we're going to be over 17 trillion—trillion with a "t"—dollars of investment. There's never been anything close. If we did \$1 trillion in a year—and we're talking about over a 5-month period, maybe 6 months, if you look at it—but seven—over \$17 trillion.

We're building plants—auto plants, AI plants, all sorts of plants—all over the country. I'm giving them the right—Lee Zeldin has done a fantastic job. We're giving the right to build electric plants—they become almost like a public utility—because we have old grids. We have a lot of stuff that's old. We wouldn't be able to compete with China AI, and now we're totally leading the AI race and—the artificial intelligence. It's a big deal, and it's the hottest thing there is for—probably in 35, 40 years. It's—a lot of people don't know what it is. Just trust me. It's very hot. It's big.

But they need massive amounts of electricity. They need more electricity than we have right now in the whole country servicing everything. In other words, we have to at least double it up to be competitive and to be leading. And we're more than doubling it up.

And what I'm doing is, I'm letting all of these very rich companies, and they've got nothing but—they've got a lot of money, and they want to invest it in the United States. And they're building big plants, but they're building electric plants with it. I said, "You build your building"—and these are buildings that cost \$30-, \$40-, \$50 billion, when you include everything that's inside, all the technology. I said, "I'm going to let you build electric plants to fire your own electricity, and anything that you have left over, you sell it back into the grid."

So all of these big factories that are being built are building their own electric plants, fired by oil and gas. They're not fired by wind, by the way, because wind doesn't work. But we won't say that. It destroys everything. It looks terrible. It's a very expensive form of energy, and we're not doing the wind. We're going back to fossil fuel. I hope not too many of you people are going to be upset, but we have to go back to what works. We can't be foolish.

But we are—we're building massive electric plants all over the country—the companies are building—and then they sell it back into the grid. But we're building numbers that nobody's ever seen. We're—auto plants—we have many auto plants going up. Whereas, during the last four years, as you know, we had, like, none. We—people weren't investing here. So where they weren't investing, and they were leaving.

But I'll just finish by saying this. So I was with the King of Saudi Arabia. I was with all of the NATO leaders a couple of weeks ago, and they are putting up not 2 percent, but 5 percent. They said 5 percent of GDP. That's a lot of money. They'll have trillions of dollars put up. They were putting up 2, but they weren't paying it. Now they're putting up 5, and they're all paying it.

And they all said the same thing. They said: "One year ago, your country was dead. We never thought it was coming back. And now you have the hottest country anywhere in the world." These are the leaders of other countries, the Prime Ministers and the Presidents, all—every one of them said essentially the same thing, said we had a dead country. And we were. We felt that way, and we were.

And this place was emblematic of it with the crime, the horrible crime. And, you know, I—I watch these phony reports: "Oh, we were on the way back." They weren't on the way back. They were—it was worse than ever just a short while ago. But now it's going to be—I think now—right now, it's better than it has been in years. And in a couple of weeks, it's going to be even far better than that.

And everybody's safe now. Everybody feels safe. And they're all coming in. And people are now coming in. They're making reservations to come in, and they want to be in Washington, DC.

One of the things we're going to be redoing is your parks. I'm very good at grass, because I have a lot of golf courses all over the place. I know more about grass than any human being, I think, anywhere in the world. And we're going to be regressing all of your parks, all brandnew sprinkler systems, the best that you can buy, just like Augusta. No—it will look like Augusta. It will look like, more importantly, Trump National Golf Club. That's even better.

But we're going to look—we're going to have all brandnew, beautiful grass. You know, like everything else, grass has a life. Do you know that? Grass has a life. You know, we have a life and grass has a life. And the grass here died about 40 years ago.

So we're going to be rebuilding all of your parks, and it's going to happen fast. It's going to go up like a miracle.

So you do the job on safety, and I'll get this place fixed up physically, and we're going to be so proud of it. At the end of 6 months, but let's say at the end of a year, this place will be maxed out in terms of beauty. You'll have all new surfaces. You'll have all new medians. Everything's going to look beautiful.

A lot of your signs are going to be taken down. They've been up for 40 years. They look like hell. They look—they're barely standing up. They're falling off the—off their holders.

And we're going to have all new everything.

And I want to just thank Doug for doing such an incredible job. You've been unbelievable. You're a popular guy. No, he's an amazing guy. He's an amazing guy. Everybody loves—we love you. And his wife is so incredible. But thank you very much. I appreciate it.

And then, Pam, thank you very much. What a job. She's—people don't realize. They're going to see. She'll go down as the greatest Attorney General we've had. I really mean it too.

And where's my Kristi? There you—dear. Thank you very much. She's been incredible. And she can ride a horse like nobody. She gets on those horses, she rips those horses around. But I want to thank you very much.

And Steve Miller, so fantastic. And Todd—Todd Blanche, who's been with me so long, and he's one of the best lawyers you'll ever find.

And we're having a lot of victories. I had a victory today. You know, they stole \$550 million from me with a fake case, and it was overturned. They said this was a fake case. It's a terrible thing. But that's a nice victory, you know? I mean, it's not bad. You know, we all have—we all have our limits, but this was a terrible thing they'd done. It was a witch hunt. And I've had more witch hunts than any human being, I think, in history.

And here we are. We're the President of the United States, so it didn't work out too well for them. But maybe now it's turned a little bit. These are very dishonest people. We have to fight, and we have to win, because we have to win.

And you people are winners. And I just think it's really—it's such an honor to be with you. And we're going to make Washington, DC, great again. We're making our country great again. The country is very close to being great. When they say it's the hottest country in the world, they mean it.

And this Capital is, right now—after 4 days, 5 days, it's at a level that you haven't seen in a long time, and it's all because of you.

So I want to thank you all very much. It's an honor to be with you, and we'll always be with you. We're going to be with you for—as long as I'm around, you're going to be treated—there's nobody more important. And thank you all very much for being here.

Thank you. Thank you very much.

Doug, would you like to say something?

Secretary of the Interior Douglas J. Burgum. Please.

The President. Thank you, everybody.

Secretary Burgum. President Trump, on behalf of everybody that's here in law enforcement, I think I want to extend—I absolutely want to extend the gratitude to you, because, under your leadership, you're bringing back respect for this profession. I know that wherever you go—and these—some of these folks know—wherever you go in the country, whenever I've been with you, backstage before you speak, who do you get a picture with? Local law enforcement.

The President. Right.

Secretary Burgum. The Federal folks that are there.

You have always, and during your entire life, supported law enforcement, and that makes a difference. These people know that.

And the other thing, of course, for everybody here, President Trump has ended 6 wars. He's brought taxes down, regulations down. He's brought record foreign investment, like he was

talking about. He's done all of those things in 6 months. But what does he really care about? You hear him talk about the wars. He wants to end the killing.

And here in DC, he wants to end the killing. He wants to end it in every city in America, because if we're the greatest country in the world, you shouldn't be afraid to be able to go out for dinner.

He cares about the people that live in this city and in every city, and that's why this is happening right now. And this is what leadership looks like, that in a matter of a week—this is a message to every city in the country, and it's a message to every capital in the world, that America, the greatest country in the world, is going to have the most beautiful Capital and the safest Capital in the world because of all of you.

So thank you, everybody that's here tonight. Thank you, President Trump, for making it all possible.

The President. Good. Thank you very much, Doug. Thank you.

Pam, do you want to say something?

Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi. Just thank you all. President, I'm looking at all these faces. They're out here every single night. I'm getting to know everyone on a first-name basis. All of our great Metro PD, General Blanchard with the Guard—all of our federal agencies are out here—our amazing park police—they are working hand in hand to make DC safe. They're out here working midnights every night because they love our country, they love our city, and they love you. They're all telling me that. "Are we going to get to meet"—look at them giving a thumbs up. They're all out here going, "Are we going to meet the President?" I told you.

The President. Thank you.

Attorney General Bondi. So—and I think you brought some food for them, didn't you, President?

The President. So we have great hamburgers, cooked by the White House, and we have pizza that I said, "Don't do it in the White House," because we went to a place that makes the best pizza. So we'll concede.

But we have a lot of it, so we're going to have some fun. We'll eat, and I'll eat with you. And we're going to have a little fun, we're going to celebrate, but then we're going to get back to work and we're going to take care of these criminals. We're going to put them where they have to be. We're going to—you're going to say: "Don't play around with us. Don't play around with us."

So let's go have something to eat. You're going to like the hamburgers. Would you rather have hamburgers from the White House or pizzas from a good place, huh? I think you want—oh, they want the hamburgers.

Have a good time, everybody. Thank you very much.

Kristi, thank you very much, darling.

Thank you, everybody. Thank you.

Oh, wait a minute. Give me that microphone. Come here, Judge. I didn't see you.

Attorney General Bondi. Come over here.

The President. Judge Jeanine is here. She's unbelievable. What a—oh, we have Leo—Leo 2.0. Whoa.

Judge, I didn't see you over there. I—it's lucky I spotted her. It's lucky I spotted her. I would have been in big trouble.

And Leo—you know, Leo 2.0. We love Leo. He's a great prosecutor, that's for sure.

You know, they both started off, really, as law enforcement and top lawyers and judges and law enforcement, and that's how they became famous. Then they went into show business, and everyone thought, "Gee, were they real?" But they were the real deal, and you're both doing great. Thank you very much.

Pam, do you want to—do you want to say something, Jeanine, please?

U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Jeanine Pirro. Yes. I just want to say thank you to all of you. Every night when you hit the street, you make a difference not just for us, but for everyone in the District. They are grateful for what you do. They are thankful.

And I am making sure that we back the blue to the hilt. Every arrest you make, we're going to the longest way to make sure that we charge in those cases.

So God bless you, and thank you for what you do. You're making a difference.

And, Mr. President, without you, no one would even have tried. So thank you.

The President. Thank you, honey. Thank you.

Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Leo Terrell. Thirty seconds. We have the greatest President in our lifetime protecting this country, and you guys have done a great job. And I have had the privilege to work with the greatest Attorney General in Pam Bondi. This team really appreciate you. We want to thank you. You are doing the work that makes this country great: protecting America.

Thank you very much. And God bless you.

Attorney General Bondi. Be safe.

U.S. Attorney Pirro. Thank you.

The President. Thank you, Leo.

Thanks, everybody. Let's go eat. Let's go eat.

Come on. Let's go. Thank you. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:34 p.m. at the U.S. Park Police Anacostia Station. In his remarks, he referred to White House Communications Adviser Margo Martin; King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia; Kathryn Burgum, wife of Secretary Burgum; Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi L. Noem; White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Stephen Miller; and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche. Attorney General Bondi referred to Brig. Gen. Leland D. Blanchard II, USA, commanding general, District of Columbia National Guard. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on August 22.

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