



# COMPLAINT FORM TO REPORT A HATCH ACT VIOLATION

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## PART 1: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A COMPLAINT

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A HATCH ACT COMPLAINT WITH THE U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL (OSC)

This form should be used to file complaints alleging violations of the Hatch Act. In order for us to best understand your allegations, we encourage you to fill in all the fields that you can. However, only those fields marked with an asterisk are required. If you fail to fill in a required field, your complaint cannot be processed. When providing information, please be as specific as you can, provide as much detail as possible, and attach/enclose all supporting documentation with your complaint filing. Prior to submitting your complaint to OSC, we recommend you review the information located on our [website](#) . If you have any questions about this form, you may phone the Hatch Act Hotline at (202) 804-7002.

## PART 2: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

\* Denotes Required Fields

### 1. Complainant Information:

Title Mr.

First Name Patrick Middle Initial M.

Last Name Brenner

### 2. Contact Information:

Address Location  Domestic  International

Address Line 1 6841 Nacelle Road Northeast

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City Rio Rancho State NM

Zip Code 87144

Cell Phone Number (505) 386-1139

Office Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address pbrenner@southwestpolicy.com

Preferred means of contact:

- email  home phone  cell phone  office phone
- Please do not contact me on my office phone

### 3. Do you have representation? Yes No



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4. Are you referring this complaint on behalf of a government agency?

Yes  No

### PART 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED THE HATCH ACT (Subject)

\* Denotes Required Fields

Subject's Employment Status:\*

- Federal government employee
- State or Local government employee
- Private, Nonprofit organization employee

Title: Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject's First Name:\* Debra Subject's Middle Initial: A

Subject's Last Name:\* Haaland

Department name:\* INTERIOR

Agency:\* OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Position Title: United States Secretary of the Interior

Subject's Address\*  Domestic  International

Address Line 1\* 1849 C Street NW

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City\* Washington State\* DC

Zip Code\* 20240

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (202) 208-3100 Other Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Subject have knowledge of the Hatch Act?:\*

Yes  No  Unsure

If yes, please explain why you believe the Subject knows about the Hatch Act (for example: agency training, agency distribution of brochures, flyers, e-mails, prior contact with OSC):

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## SUBJECT'S SUPERVISOR'S INFORMATION

Subject's Supervisor's First Name: Joseph

Subject's Supervisor's Last Name: Biden

Subject's Supervisor's Middle Initial: R.

Subject's Supervisor's Title: President of the United States

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 4: ALLEGED VIOLATION

\* Denotes Required Fields

1. For complaints involving a Subject employed by the federal government, which of the following actions are you alleging?\*

- Using one's official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.
- Soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions.
- Being a candidate in a partisan election.
- Soliciting or discouraging the participation in political activity of any person who has business before their employing agency.
- Engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, while wearing a uniform or official insignia, or while using a vehicle owned or leased by the United States government.
- Taking an active part in political management or political campaigns (This prohibition applies only to further restricted employees. A list of such employees can be found [here](#) or at 5 U.S.C. § 7323(b)).

2. Please provide a detailed description of the alleged violation(s) and attach/enclose any supporting documentation with your complaint filing. To process your complaint, you must provide as much detailed information as possible. Without sufficient information, we may be unable to investigate your allegation(s).\*

A detailed description should include:

- a. What the Subject did that allegedly violated the Hatch Act;
- b. Where the alleged violation(s) occurred;
- c. When the alleged violation(s) took place; and
- d. Who else has knowledge that the alleged violation(s) occurred and their relationship to the Subject.



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For instance, a complaint alleging that the Subject is a candidate in a partisan election for public office should include: the name of the office which the Subject seeks (for example, Council of the District of Columbia or Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland); the date of the election; the type of election (primary, special, or general); and how the election is partisan (for example: candidates are running with political party affiliation). Please note that the Hatch Act does not prohibit candidacy in a nonpartisan election. (Limit 3000 characters)

The Honorable Debra Haaland has endorsed a partisan candidate for election, Teresa Leger Fernandez. Representative Leger Fernandez is the incumbent of New Mexico's 3rd congressional district and is running for reelection. The endorsement is advertised on Representative Leger Fernandez's Twitter and the New Mexico Democratic Party's Twitter. See attached screenshots.

### PART 5: ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR COMPLAINT

I would like to attach documents to my complaint.

Please attach documents and/or evidence that support your allegations. Note that the space available for attachments is limited, and you will have an opportunity to make additional submissions at a later date.

To see the attachments that have been successfully added to your form, click on the paperclip icon  in the dark gray panel on the far left side of your screen. Please note that, if you print a copy of your form, the attachments will not print with it. However, any documents that appear in the paperclip panel  will be transmitted to OSC.

### PART 6: OTHER ACTIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Please indicate in this section if you have reported your matter through other agencies or organizations. If so, please identify the agency or organization to which you reported the matter and provide the current status. If you have received responses regarding your matter, briefly summarize what results were communicated to you and provide our office with copies of any correspondence.

### PART 7: CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

\* Denotes Required Fields

Do you consent to the disclosure of your identity to others outside OSC if it becomes necessary in taking further action on the mater?

I consent to the disclosure of my identity on a need-to-know basis.

I do not consent to the disclosure of my identity. (I understand my lack of consent may prevent OSC from taking further action on my complaint. Even if I do not consent, OSC may disclose my identity if required by law.)



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