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Bipartisan Effort at Reconciliation Set for September 29

Members of Congress and the media will try to put political talk behind them, as well as some of their colleagues, as they lead teams in the 39th ACLI Capital Challenge®, a three-mile road race. They will join participants from the other branches of government. The race takes place on Wednesday, September 29, at 8:00 a.m. in Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia Park.

In the race will be several congressional committee chairs and ranking members, a couple of dozen on-air correspondents, the acting Solicitor General, federal judges and print journalists.

Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will be back to try and retain his title as the fastest Member of Congress. Among the other Congressional entrants are Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), who broke the ACLI Capital Challenge record for female Senators in 2019. Representative Kathleen Rice (D-NY), who was the fastest female Representative in 2019, and Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), the fastest Male Senator in 2019, will be back to defend their titles.

The ACLI Capital Challenge benefits Junior Achievement. All entry fees and an additional donation from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement to give young people the knowledge and skills they need to make positive choices, plan for their future, and achieve economic success.

“We missed the ACLI Capital Challenge so much in 2020,” said ACLI President and CEO Susan Neely. “We are thrilled that the race is back. And once again, it will benefit Junior Achievement and its financial literacy initiatives for students across the nation.”

Keira D’Amato, American women’s only 10-mile record holder, 2:22:56 marathon best, 4:33 miler and All-American Cross Country and Track at American University, will “serve as the official ‘whistle blower,’” starting the runners on their way. She will then jump in and run from the back of the pack.

The American Council of Life Insurers, the race title sponsor, is the leading trade association driving public policy and advocacy on behalf of the life insurance industry. 90 million American families rely on the life insurance industry for financial protection and retirement security. ACLI’s member companies are dedicated to protecting consumers’ financial wellbeing through life insurance, annuities, retirement plans, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, reinsurance, and dental, vision and other supplement benefits. ACLI’s 280 member companies represent 95 percent of industry assets in the United States.

The ACLI Capital Challenge annually settles the question of which branch of the federal government is the fittest. Or will the media end up on top? As usual there is spirited competition for the best and worst team name (James B. Kenin Award) honors. Some contenders include:

TEAMS

The Miner League
Team Lamb is the GOAT
Running Tarrified

Contact Racers
Miler Davis
Shoey Lewis & the News
Wait, Wait. . .Don’t Pass Me!
Tote Bag Icons
Yes We Pan

CAPTAINS

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Representative Conor Lamb (D-PA)
Jason Kearns, Chair; US International Trade Commission
Ellen Gilmer, Bloomberg Industry Group
Emily Wilkins, Bloomberg Industry Group
Lorenzo Hall, WUSA9
Elena Moore, NPR
Tamara Keith, NPR
Judge Florence Pan, DC Superior Court

The Anti-Bodies
Win, News or Draw

Bill Horne, AARP
Sandra Smith, Fox News Channel

Team captains in this event are not honorary positions. Each must finish the three-mile course for their team to score. "This event shows that even the busiest people can take time out to stay physically fit," said Race Director Jeff Darman.

After the race, runners will enjoy a continental breakfast courtesy of Akin Gump and pure spring water, compliments of Principal Financial Group. Sponsors in addition to ACLI are: AIG, Aflac, Akin Gump, Boston Mutual, Guardian Life Insurance, Hannover Life Reassurance, Invariant, Jackson National, Met Life, New York Life, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Primerica, Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, RGA, Transamerica, Unum, USAA, Western and Southern Financial Group and media sponsor CQ *Roll Call*.

The race is offering bike parking from Two Wheel Valet as a free service.

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Editor's Note: For media information, call Jeff Darman at 610.925.1976 (until September 25). September 15-29 (703.647.4174 or 610.299.4436 (cell)). The ACLI Capital Challenge starts at 8:00 AM in Anacostia Park near the skating rink. Directions to the site may be downloaded from www.capitalchallenge.com.

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