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Members of Congress and Administration Appointees Determined to Outrun Federal Judges and Media

The 40th ACLI Capital Challenge three-mile run/walk will take place in Anacostia Park in Washington, DC at 8 AM on Thursday, May 12. As usual a large PAC of Senators and Representatives will take part in the traditional invitational team battle between the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches and the media.

Since its inception in 1981, the race has played host to three U.S. Vice Presidents, several Presidential candidates, scores of Congressional committee Chairs, Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate, three Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Members and many members of the media.

Competition is limited to teams led by Senators, Representatives, Cabinet or Sub-Cabinet appointees, Agency Heads, Federal Judges, or TV, radio, print and web journalists. (Team captains must actually complete the course for their team to count.)

All entry fees and an additional donation from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement USA to give young people the knowledge

and skills they need to make positive choices, plan for their future, and achieve economic success. Junior Achievement programs serve more than 2.5 million students in all 50 states, providing relevant hands-on experiences that provide vital information related to financial education, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

"We expect a pre-COVID turnout as entries pour in. The event offers everyone the chance to see how VIP's look in shorts. With the media hot on their heels, many members of Congress and political appointees will be sweating," said Director Jeff Darman.

"Life insurers welcome participants to this race and applaud their leadership and engagement for Junior Achievement and its financial education programs for students across the country," said ACLI CEO and President Susan Neely. "ACLI's Capital Challenge works to empower more young Americans with the knowledge and skills that can help them through their lives. Financial education is a vitally important cause, and this race is a dynamic, high energy way to support it."

Keira D'Amato, who in January broke the American marathon record with a time of 2:19:12, will be the celebrity runner. The former American University All-American is also the American 10-mile record holder. She will be the official whistle blower and after starting the race will jump in at the back and run with 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. Ninety 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 supplemental benefits. ACLI's 280 member companies represent 95 percent of industry assets in the United States.

The ACLI Capital Challenge not only recognizes the swiftest participants with awards for the Fastest Senator, Representative (Mike Synar Award), Independent Agency Head, Sub-Cabinet Appointee, Federal Judge and Journalist in male and female categories, but also rewards Teams with the Best Name and the Worst Name (James B. Kenin Award). There are also team awards for the Senate, House, Executive Branch, Judicial and Media (both Electronic and print/web categories).

Qualified teams may obtain information from Jeff Darman, Director ACLI Capital Challenge at jdarman@capitalchallenge.com, (610.925.1976). Entries are also available at <https://www.capitalchallenge.com>.

As usual there is spirited competition for the best and worst team name (James B. Kenin Award) honors. Some contenders include:

TEAMS

Hot Mess
Houla Team
The Kentucky Gentlemen
May It Please the Course
We're Baaack... No More
Peace Corps-antine
Running Athward History
Visual ForRUNsics
SPE&EDSTERS
Fossil Fueled
Win News or Draw
Standby for Some Major
Breaking Shoes
Worst Pace Scenario
Running is Taxing

CAPTAINS

Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
Representative Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA)
Representative James Comer (R-KY)
Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar
Carol Spahn, CEO Peace Corps

Jack Butler, National Review
Jayne Orenstein, Washington Post
Pamela King, E & E News
Bill Horne, AARP Magazine
Jared Halperin, Fox News
Adam Longo, WUSA9

Carolyn Presutti, Voice of America
Judge Patrick Urda, US Tax Court

After the race, runners will enjoy a continental breakfast courtesy of Unum. Sponsors in addition to ACLI are: Akin Gump, Allianz, Athene, Boston Mutual, Brighthouse Financial, Canada Life Reinsurance, CQ/Roll Call, Equitable, Guardian Life Insurance, Hannover Life Reassurance Co of America, Invariant, Jackson National, John Hancock, MassMutual, MetLife, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual, Ohio National, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Primerica, Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, Prudential Insurance, Resolution Life, RGA, Sammons Financial, TIAA, Transamerica, and USAA.

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