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Biden Administration Staffers to Hit the Road, Hoping for a Soft Landing

Wednesday, May 15, will mark the 42nd ACLI Capital Challenge 3-mile run/walk in Anacostia Park, Washington, DC at 8 AM.

The race pits teams comprised of Members of Congress, Biden Administration Appointees, Federal Judges, and the Media against each other. The reigning fastest female Member of Congress, Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ), who holds the ACLI Capital Challenge record for female representatives and senators, is returning. Representative Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) will seek to defend her fastest female representative title.

Over 25 White House staff members will be running, led by Chief of Staff Jeff Zients (Zients' Zoomers), who will no doubt try to outpace the *New York Times* teams. The event will also include two former Chiefs of Staff (Denis McDonough and John Podesta). There are more than two dozen Federal Judges leading teams, as are Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar and Peace Corps Director Carol Spahn. In addition, several on-air reporters will participate, including runners from Fox, NBC, WUSA9, DC News Now and NPR.

"I hope everybody is as excited for this year's ACLI Capital Challenge as we are," said American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) President and CEO Susan Neely. "We can't wait to see so many of our nation's leaders participating and supporting Junior Achievement's vital financial education programs for students in all 50 states."

All entry fees and an additional donation from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement USA, which gives 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 4.4 million students in all 50 states, providing relevant hands-on experiences that provide vital information related to financial education, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

Race participants will have the opportunity to meet and run with Camille Herron, a champion ultramathoner. She is a four-time IAU International Ultrarunner of the Year and six-time USATF Ultrarunner of the Year. She is also the only athlete who has won all the IAU Ultra Road World Championships (50km, 100km, and 24Hrs.)

Recently she set several world records during the Lululemon Further Event, where she ran 560.33 miles in six days. Camille is also the first ultrarunner to win both the prestigious Comrades Marathon and Spartathlon.

She has set numerous ultra-World and American records between 50 miles and 48 hours. In 2023, she became the first woman to surpass a men's American record, when she improved the women's 48 Hour World record by 14.8 miles to 270.505 miles, which also ranks her 3rd best in the world behind only two men. Crossing over to trail running, she won the JFK 50 mile and several other trail races.

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 275 member companies represent 93 percent of industry assets in the United States.

Sponsors in addition to ACLI are: Akin, Allianz, Athene, Boston Mutual, Brighthouse Financial, Canada Life Re, Corebridge Financial, Genworth Financial, Global Atlantic Financial Group, Globe Life, Guardian, Hannover Re, Invariant, Jackson, John Hancock, Lincoln Financial, M Financial Group, Mass Mutual, MetLife, Nationwide, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Penn Mutual, Primerica, Principal, Protective Life, Prudential, RGA, Royal Neighbors of America, Sammons Financial, Security

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The event is designed to highlight the fitness of many of the Capital's busiest leaders and tries to answer the question: Which branch of the government is the fittest? "As usual we intend to make Washington VIP's sweat," said Director Jeff Darman, "but all for a good cause."

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 there are also team awards for the Senate, House, Executive Branch, Judicial and Media (both electronic and print/web categories). Additionally, there is the annual hotly contested Best and Worst Team name award (James B. Kenin Award). Some top contenders include:

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Hoosiers for Gold
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The Dry Heaves
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downloaded from www.capitalchallenge.com. Social media info available via hashtag #CapChallenge.