

COMMENT & ANALYSIS

Making D.C. safe again

U.S. attorney prioritizes crime-fighting in the nation's capital

President Trump wants tourists and residents to walk the streets of the nation's capital with confidence that they won't be knifed in the back or shoved in front of a Metro train.

"We will take over our horribly run Washington, D.C., and clean up, renovate and rebuild our capital so that it is no longer a nightmare of murder and crime," he said during a rally last year.

On Inauguration Day, Mr. Trump had Ed Martin sworn in as interim U.S. attorney for the District, knowing he needed to take swift action to address the previous administration's neglect.

Looters, carjacks and burglars were largely ignored, and they went on a rampage. In the unlikely event that these scoundrels wound up in custody, they could rely on U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves to let them go with a sweetheart plea deal.

The predictable result was that the number of homicides hit 74 in 2023, more than double the tally a decade earlier. In a bid to reverse the appalling trend, Mr. Trump signed an executive order targeting low-level crimes under the theory that heolgins who get away with minor offenses soon graduate into serious and violent misdeeds.

Thus, the order directs prosecutors to crack down on graffiti, public intoxication, drug possession, shoplifting and "unpermitted disturbances." Mr. Martin cited the order as he celebrated Tuesday's conviction of one of the "Declare Emergency" climate hysterics who threw red and black paint on the case holding "Little Dancer, Age Fourteen," the sculpture by Edgar

Degeas at the National Gallery. "We want to Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful, and we will not tolerate anyone defacing our city to get attention for their cause," Mr. Martin wrote on X.

Serious felons are also feeling the heat. In the past few days, several were charged with unlawful pistol possession along with additional counts, including drug dealing, robbery and assault. In each instance, the feds sought the toughest applicable penalties — a refreshing change. The number of cases filed last month was double that on Mr. Biden's watch.

When it came to enforcing gun laws, Mr. Biden's team threw the book only at low-abiding citizens who unknowingly ran afoul of the city's overly strict and, in many instances, unconstitutional Second Amendment restrictions.

Mr. Trump's executive order addresses that issue by directing a task force to help low-abiding residents defend themselves. The task force's mission includes "collaborating with appropriate local government entities to provide assistance to increase the speed and lower the cost of processing concealed carry license requests."

To keep his job as U.S. attorney, Mr. Martin needs Senate confirmation, but he faces opposition. Reversing the stance of his office from "defund the police" to "defend the police" doesn't go over well among leftist.

Sen. Adam B. Schiff, the California Democrat censured for bringing "disrepute upon the House of Representatives," put a hold on the confirmation vote. He is likely worried about what Mr. Martin might find while investigating those responsible for jailing Jan. 6 protesters using bogus legal theories rejected by the Supreme Court.

Senators should judge Mr. Martin's service by the results he has achieved quickly. He deserves swift approval.



Will Trump stand by as mega-offshore wind projects resume construction?

Domination Energy is preparing to resume construction of one of the largest offshore wind projects in the world

By Colister Johnson Jr.

President Trump has left a doubt about his position on the 10 largest offshore wind projects.

Calling them "environmental and economic disaster," he has frequently declared that he "does not want even one wind turbine built" during his administration.

Propelled by massive taxpayer-funded subsidies, offshore windfalls are energy-depleting, high-maintenance, grid-densitizing, and bird- and whale-killing machines.

The Trump administration has all the legal tools necessary to order a temporary halt to this construction as it studies the (a) sufficiency of offshore wind as an affordable and reliable electricity provider.

The Presidential order explicitly mandates that federal agencies conduct such an analysis to determine whether existing wind leases should be "amended or terminated."

that the construction schedule is subject to a government-approved construction and a divestment or exit strategy plan.

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land, New York and Virginia, where construction is scheduled to begin May 11.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Slash federal judiciary

Congress' move to limit the power of federal judges is right on the money ("He uses passes bill to limit national emergency laws or order despite up against Trump," Web, April 10).

The targeted judiciary is a disgrace. There are 67 district judges appointed by the president and 1,770 total judges. There is a lack of professional diversity in the federal judiciary.

Trump knows what he's doing

Tariffs, like taxes, raise revenue for the government. But they differ. A tax is an imposition you have to pay a tariff is not. You don't have to pay it if you don't buy tariffed goods.

Tariffs a needed China gut punch

The recent market fluctuations and associated angst about the global economic fallout have overshadowed the benefits of levies against China.

against them. The Biden White House oversteer's office, managing appointments, consisted entirely of Wellfleet litigators.

Only 7% of federal court cases go to trial. This is because federal judges dismiss all the cases in violation of the Supreme Court's holdings in Twombly and Iqbal.

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Children are being sent-tariffed in the family courts in cities where the illegal drug trade is most active.

with he owned stock. Litovich v Bank of America Corp. involved a lawsuit against big banks. It which was originally dismissed by Liman but later revived because of a financial conflict of interest.

The best way to limit the federal judiciary's powers is to reduce its size. Fortunately, last year President Biden vetoed a bill to create 66 new federal judgeships.

Foreign policy is also why the executive branch may so desperately try to cut down tariffs.

There's yet another benefit. manufacture the chemical binder for this pill.

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