

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MARTÍN JONATHAN BATALLA
VIDAL, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 16-cv-4756 (NGG) (VMS)

PETER T. GAYNOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.¹

STATE OF NEW YORK, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 17-cv-5228 (NGG) (VMS)

DONALD TRUMP, *et al.*,

Defendants.

NOTICE

Further to Defendants' January 14, 2021 Notice, *Batalla Vidal* ECF No. 363, Defendants respectfully notify the Court and the Plaintiffs that, after Defendants' previous notice was filed, the Department of Homeland Security submitted certain Federal Vacancies Reform Act forms to the United States Senate. Those forms are attached to this filing as Exhibit 1.

¹ In both of the above-captioned matters, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Peter T. Gaynor is automatically substituted as a Defendant for former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

Dated: January 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Michael R. Pence
President of the Senate
S-212, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Federal Vacancies Reform Act Submissions

Dear Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the Department, I submit forms for a *discontinuation of service in an acting role* and a *designation of an acting officer* for a position that is covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. No. 105-277 as codified in 5 U.S.C. § 3345 *et seq.*

Should you have any questions or otherwise require agency contact in this matter, please contact Mr. Leo Boucher at (202) 447-3623 or via email at leo.boucher@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neal J. Swartz".

Neal J. Swartz
Associate General Counsel for General Law

Attachments:

Discontinuation of service in an acting role DHS – Secretary
Designation of an acting officer, DHS – Secretary

Submission Under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act

Addressees

<input checked="" type="radio"/> President of the United States Senate	<input type="radio"/> Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	<input type="radio"/> Comptroller General of the United States
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This Report Provides Notification of:

<input type="radio"/> Vacancy	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Designation of acting officer	<input type="radio"/> Nomination	<input type="radio"/> Action on nomination
		<input type="radio"/> Change in previously submitted reported information	<input type="radio"/> Discontinuation of service in acting role (date: _____)

Name of Department or Agency and Any Suborganization

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary

Vacancy Title Secretary		Date Vacancy Began 04/10/19
Name of Acting Officer Gaynor, Peter T.	Date Service Began 01/12/21	Authority for Acting Designation if Other Than Vacancies Act 6 USC § 113(g)(2); 5 USC 3345
Name of Nominee for Position		Date Nomination Submitted
Action on Nomination: <input type="radio"/> Confirmed <input type="radio"/> Rejected, withdrawn, returned		Date of Action

Agency Contact

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Submitted By

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Signature



Date

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary

Vacancy Title Secretary	Date Vacancy Began 04/10/19	
Name of Acting Officer Wolf, Chad F.	Date Service Began 11/13/19	Authority for Acting Designation if Other Than Vacancies Act
Name of Nominee for Position	Date Nomination Submitted	
Action on Nomination: <input type="radio"/> Confirmed <input type="radio"/> Rejected, withdrawn, returned	Date of Action	

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