

**PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE:  
Why we should put H.R. 302, Preventing a Patronage System Act, on the floor**

- Axios reporter Johnathan Swan detailed ([here](#) and [here](#)) former President Trump’s continued plans to seize the reins of the federal government with an army of 50,000 unprepared and radically unqualified loyalists who invite incompetence into the serious work of government.
- “Schedule F” is a national security threat. As one Washington Post opinion columnist wrote, “F” might as well stand for ‘fascism,’ because that is what we will get if Trump were to appoint his most fanatical acolytes to the most powerful positions in government.”
- Our federal workforce is [comprised of roughly 2 million federal employees](#) hired on the basis of their acumen. They work each day for the American people — serving in myriad capacities to improve this nation and America’s posture abroad. These impartial civil servants deliver mail; help families in the wake of hurricanes and deadly fires; build websites that facilitate access to lifesaving payments like Social Security, unemployment insurance, and tax returns; inspect our food supplies to ensure they are free of disease; and build telescopes that make us rethink what is possible.
- H.R. 302, the Preventing a Patronage System Act, is drafted as a bill that reinforces legislative prerogative. It requires any attempt to create a Schedule F to have explicit congressional authority to do so.
  - H.R. 302 has 16 cosponsors, including original co-sponsor Brian Fitzpatrick and two additional Republican sponsors: Don Bacon and Jefferson VanDrew.
  - This bill is not partisan. This bill prevents any president from arbitrarily changing the operations and standards of the federal civil service
  - ***This bill is about protecting congressional prerogative. Changing the nature and operations of the civil service is rare, important, and should require express congressional consultation and authority.***