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## **Bipartisan Effort Seeks to Prove Elected and Administration Officials Are Fit for Office**

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The ACLI Capital Challenge® three-mile road race returns to Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia Park, Wednesday, September 29, at 8:00 A.M. The event attracts scores of members of congress, high-ranking political appointees, Generals, Admirals, television correspondents, print and web reporters, Federal judges and other Washington VIP's who will captain and compete on over 100 teams.

Known for its irreverence and political humor, the race will again have several members of Congress try to outrun the media. "It is always a pleasure to make so many important people sweat," said Director Jeff Darman. Each captain must finish for his or her team to score. The race started in 1981 and spotlights the fitness of many of the country's busiest leaders, including many Senate and House Committee Chairs and ranking members.

The ACLI Capital Challenge benefits Junior Achievement. Donations from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement to give young people the knowledge and skills they need to make positive choices, plan for their future, and achieve economic success. "Every move we make to enrich the financial education of America's youth will produce far-reaching results because financial literacy is an essential cornerstone for

financial security over a lifetime,” said American Council of Life Insurers President and CEO Susan Neely.

Keira D’Amato, American women’s only 10-mile record holder, 2:22:56 marathon best, 4:33 miler, and All-American Cross Country and Track at American University, will “serve as official ‘whistle blower,’” starting the runners on their way. She will then jump in and run from the back of the pack.

The American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), the race title sponsor, is the leading trade association driving public policy and advocacy on behalf of the life insurance industry. 90 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 supplement benefits. ACLI’s 280 member companies represent 95 percent of industry assets in the United States.

The ACLI Capital Challenge annually settles the question of which branch of the federal government is the fittest. Or will the media end up on top? As usual there is spirited competition for the best and worst team name (James B. Kenin Award). Some early contenders include:

**TEAMS**

The Miner League  
Team Lamb is the GOAT  
Running Tarrified  
  
Contact Racers  
Miler Davis  
Shoey Lewis & the News  
Wait, Wait. . .Don’t Pass Me!  
Tote Bag Icons  
Yes We Pan

**CAPTAINS**

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Representative Conor Lamb (D-PA)  
Jason Kearns, Chair; US International  
Trade Commission  
Ellen Gilmer, Bloomberg Industry Group  
Emily Wilkins, Bloomberg Industry Group  
Lorenzo Hall, WUSA9  
Elena Moore, NPR  
Tamara Keith, NPR  
Judge Florence Pan, DC Superior Court

After the race, runners will enjoy a catered breakfast courtesy of Akin Gump and pure spring water, compliments of Principal Financial Group. Sponsors in addition to ACLI are: AIG, Aflac, Akin Gump, Boston Mutual, Guardian Life Insurance, Hannover Life Reassurance, Invariant, Jackson National, Met Life, New York Life, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Primerica,

Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, RGA, Transamerica, Unum, USAA, Western and Southern Financial Group and media sponsor CQ *Roll Call*.

Entries are available at [www.capitalchallenge.com](http://www.capitalchallenge.com). Entries close September 9.

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