

## Conversation Contents

### Lee-Hatch Antiquities exemption bill

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**From:** Sen. Lee Staffer <[REDACTED]@lee.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 13 2016 15:19:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov" <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Lee-Hatch Antiquities exemption bill

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**Sent:** Tue Sep 13 2016 15:22:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Sen. Lee Staffer <[REDACTED]@lee.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Lee-Hatch Antiquities exemption bill

I really appreciate the heads-up, [REDACTED]. I just banged my head against my desk, but I'm sure you guys are doing the same. :)

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I need all the brain cells I can get, but I hear ya. Our statement tomorrow, we aren't doing anything to undermine the hearing, will praise PLI and the process. It will be clear that is our preferred alternative.

Sent from my iPhone

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