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**AMBASSADOR BROWNBACK TO KEYNOTE PCLOB PUBLIC FORUM ON
DEBANKING AND THE RISKS TO PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES**

WASHINGTON, DC – Ambassador Sam Brownback will deliver keynote remarks for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board’s (PCLOB’s) [upcoming virtual public forum](#) examining how financial tools used by the government to fight terrorism may impact Americans’ privacy and civil liberties. Specifically, the forum will examine concerns that financial institutions may be encouraged to engage in the practice of debanking, which may deny financial services to certain innocent individuals and organizations.

[Mr. Brownback](#) served as Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom from February 2018 to January 2021. He served as Governor of Kansas from 2011 to 2018. Prior to that he represented his home state in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. As current co-chair of the International Religious Freedom Summit and chairman of the National Committee for Religious Freedom, he can speak to the impact of debanking.

PCLOB’s forum will also feature a panel discussion covering debanking and related issues. The panelists are [Alexandra Gaiser](#), senior counsel at the Alliance Defending Freedom; [David Ibsen](#), Director of Americans for Free Markets; and [Dr. Anil Kashyap](#), the Stevens Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST and will be livestreamed at www.pclob.gov. No registration is required.

Members of the public may submit comments related to this event to the Federal Register through Friday, December 12th. Click [here](#) for details.

For further information, please contact Director of Legislative and Public Affairs Alan Silverleib at info@pclob.gov or pao@pclob.gov.

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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is an independent agency within the Executive Branch established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. The Board's mission is to ensure that the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties.