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Hello Tyler,

One of my primary responsibilities as your Representative in Washington is to protect American citizens' civil liberties – the foundation of who we are as a nation and what sets us apart from every other country on the planet. Unfortunately, this week we witnessed the clash between those of us who take our oath to uphold the Constitution seriously, and those who believe that Americans should give up their Fourth Amendment rights in exchange for "security." To say that it was disheartening that 86 of my fellow Republicans do not believe the federal government should be required to obtain a warrant before surveilling and searching the records of American citizens is an understatement.

I am reminded every day of President Reagan's quote that "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction," and we must continually fight against a government that seeks to gain more and more power and control over our lives. We cannot allow that to happen, and I believe everyone who reads the Wyoming Round-Up is committed to fight with me to preserve the rights we hold so dear.

H.R. 1246 Passed!

On Tuesday, the House passed my bill to allow our federally recognized Tribes the option of entering into leases of up to 99 years for their Trust lands! For decades, federal law has prohibited our Tribes from leasing their Trust lands for longer than 25 years, and in order to enter into longer leases Tribes were forced into a bureaucratic nightmare that involved filing a petition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Secretary of Interior, a process that itself often took decades. Such restrictions obviously – and unfairly – limited our Tribes' economic development opportunities, independence, and autonomy, and furthered the government's interest in control. Under my bill, Tribes will have the flexibility and right to enter into those long-term leases that will not only attract greater economic opportunities and investment in their communities, but ensure that they are in charge of their own destiny and able to make the very best decisions for their members without interference from Washington, DC.

I am proud that my bill garnered bipartisan support and hope that the Senate will quickly pass it into law for signature by the President. You can watch my floor speech and debate on the bill [via this link](#).

FISA Vote

Unfortunately, and as mentioned above, this week also brought what I consider a significant loss for those who believe in limited government, personal freedom and strict adherence to our Bill of Rights. On Friday, April 12th the House of Representatives voted to reauthorize for 2 years Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), a national security tool that was created to discover and target *foreign* enemy spies, monitor potential *foreign* terrorist threats, and protect Americans from *foreign* adversaries. As we have sadly discovered in our work on the Judiciary Committee and Select Committee on Weaponization of the Federal Government, the FBI, NSA, and other national security agencies and individuals have routinely exploited and abused some of the Section 702 intelligence tools to illegally surveil and gather data on Americans *without a warrant* and absent any true national security nexus. This is a blatant and widespread violation of our Fourth Amendment rights, and has been used against elected officials, protestors from both sides of the aisle, parents, and so many others.

As part of the reauthorization process, my Judiciary Committee colleagues and I proposed an amendment requiring the FBI and other intelligence agencies obtain a warrant before searching the records of American citizens. After this amendment was rejected – in a tied 212-212 vote (after much drama on the floor) – I voted against the overarching reauthorization bill that not only continues this illegal, unconstitutional practice, but even expands the size and scope of FISA through the adoption of 3 other amendments that had been proposed by the Intelligence Committee.

I am immensely disappointed in this failure by my colleagues to stand up for our civil liberties and adhere to the Constitution. There is no national security exception to the Bill of Rights. To paraphrase our Founding Father, Ben Franklin, "those who are willing to sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither". I will continue to side with the Constitution and civil liberty, and will oppose any bill that infringes on the sacred rights so essential to our nation.

Committee Recap

At the beginning of the newsletter I mentioned that much of this week revolved around trying to ensure Americans' natural and constitutional rights are protected, and this theme served as the focus of two of my committee hearings. In the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, [I had the opportunity and honor to hear from](#) several journalists who have been coerced or pressured by the federal government to stop reporting on certain stories or be required to expose their confidential sources. In recent years, federal bureaucrats have continued to overreach and infringe on key elements of the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of the press. These journalists' stories not only expose how deep and broad this pressure campaign to control the media's narrative has been, but also demonstrate the need for additional protections from Congress such as a federal shield law and penalties for bureaucrats that violate the First Amendment. We simply cannot allow the government to use these Stasi-like tactics to undermine a free press.

[I also participated in a Natural Resources hearing](#) that focused on the devastation and coercion that our Tribes are forced to endure as a result of Mexican drug cartels moving onto their Reservations – yet one more catastrophic consequence associated with Biden's radical border policies. Every day that our border remains open under Biden and Mayorkas we have fentanyl flooding our communities, including our Indian Reservations – whose law enforcement offices are already understaffed and underfunded. The Tribal leaders who testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight described how the Mexican cartels have wreaked havoc on their Reservations, with a dramatic increase in additions, fentanyl poisoning, and human trafficking, resulting in the essential enslavement of their members. We learned during the hearing that several witnesses refused to testify before our Subcommittee after receiving death threats from the cartels.

We received their message loud and clear: their ability to provide for and protect their members, their right to self-determination and prosperity, and their right to be free from all of the problems associated with this crime wave have been taken away because of this Administration's open border policy. This is yet another reason as to why the House impeached Mayorkas, and why he should be convicted in the Senate.

In my other committee hearings this week, [I continued to challenge the Biden Administration's proposed BIDEH rule](#) that would devastate local agriculture in the name of "climate change," destroying one of the key factors in the flourishing of wildlife – namely waterfowl and other birds that rely on the leftover crops for much of their food. [I also called attention](#) to the impracticality of wind and solar, addressing the fact that they are neither sustainable, reliable, nor affordable to be used on America's territories and called for greater flexibility and autonomy to let these territories select resilient and reliable energy sources that meet their needs.

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Events and Announcements

April Town Halls Announced!

I am continuing to keep my promise to host a town hall in every county, every year, and I'm proud to announce multiple town halls later this month!

Carbon County Town Hall:

Tue, April 23, 2024 – 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Jeffrey Memorial Community Center

315 W Pine St, Rawlins WY

Fremont County Town Hall:

Wed, April 24, 2024 – 6:30 to 7:30 PM

National Museum of Military Vehicles, USS Wyoming Room

6419 US 26, Dubois WY

Washakie County Town Hall:

Sat, April 27, 2024 – 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Worland Community Center Complex

1200 Culbertson Avenue, Worland WY

Hot Springs County Town Hall:

Sat, April 27, 2024 – 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Hot Springs County Fairgrounds

627 Springview St, Thermopolis WY

USFS Accepting Public Comments on Green Union Project

U.S. Forest Service's Shoshone National Forest Wind River Ranger District has released the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Green Union project, beginning the 30-day comment period. To review the EA, [please click here](#). Individuals seeking to file a public comment should submit comments online [via this link](#), hand deliver comments to 1403 West Ramshorn Rd, Dubois WY, or mail comments to the address below by **April 18, 2024**.

Tanner Shuler, Silviculturist

USDA Forest Service, Wind River Ranger District

PO Box 186, Dubois, WY 82513

BLM Accepting Public Comments on Jackalope Wind Energy Project

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public input on the Jackalope Wind Energy Project, which would construct over 200 wind turbines on 293,000 acres of public and private land in Sweetwater County. Public comments must be submitted by **April 17, 2024**, either online [via this link](#) or delivered to BLM Rock Springs Field Office, Attn: Jackalope Wind Energy Project Team, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY.

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities:

Each week that I am in session in DC, my staff members travel to communities across Wyoming to meet with constituents to hear their concerns and assist them with issues they are facing with federal agencies. Sign up for an appointment to meet with my staff [here](#) or call 307-261-6595 to schedule an appointment. Exact addresses for Congress in Your Community locations will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

Congress in Laramie County:

Wed, April 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Pine Bluffs, WY

Congress in Teton County:

Tue, April 30, 2024 – 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wilson, WY

Recent Votes

For my full voting record, [click here](#). For information on each bill, click on the bill number below.

- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 6655](#), the *A Stronger Workforce For America Act*.
- Voted **YES** on [S. 2051](#), the *Missing Children's Assistance Reauthorization Act*.
- Voted **NO** on [H.R. 3250](#), the *National Museum of Play Recognition Act*, due to its heavy focus on DEI-related projects.
- Voted **YES** on [S.382](#), the *Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act*, which transfers tribal land into trust at the tribe's request and prohibits gaming on the land.
- Voted **NO** on [H.R. 2560](#), the *Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act*, as the bill would increase the size and scope of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and would have added \$12 million in additional government spending without any offsets.
- Voted **NO** on [H.R. 7888](#), the *Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act*, which renews the FBI's unconstitutional warrantless surveillance of American citizens.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of [bills I'm cosponsoring](#):

- [H.R. 6853](#), the Save Our Seniors ("SOS") Act, which requires the Congressional Budget Office to provide Congress information on payments from the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Disability Insurance Trust Fund.
- [H.R. 6546](#), which provides exceptions to the Endangered Species Act for the purpose of holding and raising certain fish in captivity or a controlled environment.

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · 4h

Another day, another way for the Biden Administration to censor Americans and attack our First Amendment rights.

Video of the Week

Rep Hageman talks FISA reform, Mayorkas impeachment trial, Speaker Mike Johnson, and more

In the News

WATCH: Catherine Herridge Lights Up CBS, Explains What Happened With Firing and Files Seized

By Nick Arama | 5:25 PM on April 11, 2024

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A free press is vital to the free exchange of ideas, government accountability, and preservation of the rights so critical to our nation. I thank the brave women who testified before the Judiciary Committee for exposing the efforts by government employees and others to silence their stories and give up their sources.

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If you have not yet attended one of my town halls, I hope you will make the effort to attend in the future! Here's a quick rundown of some of the topics that have been covered recently. Your attendance and feedback are critical to helping me represent the people of Wyoming.