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Hello Tyler,

Next week marks the first Wyoming Wednesday of 2024 and I am looking forward to meeting with the Wyoming folks who are visiting our nation's capital. If you are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. this spring, I hope that you will come and visit my office or join us for one of the Wyoming delegation's exclusive meet-and-greet events with Senators Barrasso and Lummis. Keep reading below for updates on this past week's work in Congress!

## Impeaching Sec. Mayorkas

This week, the House took a major step towards holding the Biden Administration accountable for its failure to protect our nation and secure our borders. On Tuesday, the House Homeland Security Committee voted to advance articles of impeachment against DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to the full House for a vote, which Speaker Johnson has promised to bring up as soon as possible.

This result comes after months of painstaking investigation, dozens of interviews with local, state, and federal law enforcement officers and other officials, and over 15 hours of exposing the multitude of ways in which Sec. Mayorkas has violated his oath of office and intentionally compromised the safety and security of every person in this country.

I look forward to finally holding him accountable for violating his oath of office, ignoring explicit requirements and mandates that Congress has put into law, and his obligation to protect us from enemies both foreign and domestic. Having visited the southern border in Yuma, AZ and Eagle Pass, TX, I've seen the disastrous state of our border security firsthand and I seek to hold accountable those who have allowed this terrible human rights violation to occur. The catastrophe at our border has now spread throughout the country, with every state being affected by the human, financial, educational, societal, and criminal impacts imposed by the very person who swore an oath to not do what he has done. It is time for Mayorkas to be shown the door.

Next week, I am headed to the southern border yet again for a field hearing on the environmental impacts of this border crisis, and to expose the devastation that has been wrought by the millions of illegals who have invaded our country. I recently learned from a border official that they estimate that each person who enters our country illegally leaves over 8 pounds of trash. With over 10,000,000 people coming in since January, 2021, that means that over 80,000,000 pounds of trash has been dumped on American soil. That doesn't count the destruction to our farms, ranches, waterways, and other natural resources.

## Recapping Last Week's Key Votes

In related news, this week I voted in favor of 4 strong immigration bills, all of which passed the House. These bills will prevent Hamas terrorists and their accomplices, aliens convicted of a DUI, and aliens who commit Social Security fraud from entering the country, while allowing for the deportation of those individuals already inside our borders who have committed these crimes.

Although these bills address certain areas of trouble, they will not resolve the crisis at our southern border. But H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, will – if Chuck Schumer ever decides to dust off this landmark border security bill that he has ignored for over 8 months. H.R. 2 is the best border security bill ever passed by Congress. In short, the Republican-led House has passed a bill to secure our borders – the Democrat-controlled Senate refuses to take it up, choosing instead to work behind closed doors to craft a law that even they know is so bad they cannot release it to the American public for scrutiny.

I also voted against a tax bill that would have drastically expanded our welfare state and allowed for greater abuse of welfare programs by illegal aliens. Simply put, this is a bad bill that prioritizes illegal aliens and welfare citizens over working-class families. It rolls back work requirements for eligibility, will expand our federal deficit by another \$155 billion that we don't have, and over 90% of the bill's "family benefits" are actually cash welfare payments to individuals who pay little to no federal income or social security taxes. The last thing we need is yet another spending bill that drives our nation further into debt while putting hard-working American families last.

## Introducing H.R. 7170, the Victims' VOICES Act

This week I introduced a new bill that will codify the ability for parents and guardians to receive restitution for reasonable expenses associated with legal proceedings. Due to a split in judicial interpretation of the law, people assuming the rights of a victim have been deprived of restitution even though Congress intended for them to receive it for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution of crimes and care of victims. I believe this bipartisan, bicameral bill has a great chance of becoming law and will provide much needed relief, including for our tribal communities that face significant challenges in locating and protecting missing and exploited women and children.

## Victims' VOICES Act

H.R. 7170

Allows victims' designees to receive financial restitution for:

- Expenses from participating in an investigation or prosecution

- Attending court proceedings for an offense

- Transportation to therapy, rehabilitation, or other related services

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## Biden's Latest Affront to the Constitution

As the war between Hamas and Israel continues, other Iran-backed terrorists across the Middle East are stepping up their attacks against Americans and our allies. Early last week, this increase in violence resulted in the deaths of 3 American soldiers, an avoidable tragedy that is a direct result of Joe Biden's weak appeasement foreign policy.

The United States must respond to this Iranian-prompted violence, but any response must go through Congress, the only branch of our government that has the power to authorize military action or declare war. Last week I joined over 20 other lawmakers rebuking President Biden for his latest violation of the Constitution by conducting military strikes in Yemen without Congressional approval. The Houthi terrorist organization in Yemen has yet to attack American forces but Biden is risking involving our country in another Middle East war. Just as President Biden has the responsibility to protect Americans, he is obligated to follow the Constitution and seek Congressional authorization before potentially provoking even greater conflict.

## Defunding the UN's Terrorist Sympathizers

I've made very clear my distrust of international organizations such as the World Health Organization and United Nations, and specifically their intent to infringe on American sovereignty and prosperity. Recent reporting by the Wall Street Journal has demonstrated why the United States should not support these globalist organizations which do not have the best intention of the American people in mind. Last Monday, it was revealed that at least 12 UN employees working for the Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) were actively involved in supporting Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel. This is not an isolated incident either: around 10% of UNRWA staff have ties to Islamist militant groups in the region, and nearly half of UNRWA employees have close relatives who are connected with Hamas or other terrorist organizations.

## Cosponsored Legislation

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

- H.R. 6645, the *DEFUND* Act of 2023, which ends U.S. membership in the World Health Organization and United Nations, and all UN-related conventions, agreements, and operations, and more.

- H.R. 5863, the *Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act*, which extends rules for the treatment of certain disaster-related personal casualty losses and provides tax relief for losses due to wildfires and a certain incident involving a train derailment.

- H.R. 2781, which would remove the United States from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

## Tweet of the Week

Rep. Harriet Hageman (@RepHageman · Jan 30)

States have the right and responsibility to protect their citizens when the federal government refuses to do. It is a shame that we must hold a hearing on such an issue simply because Joe Biden refuses to secure our borders.

House Judiciary GOP (@JudiciaryGOP · Jan 30)

"As every day goes on and the administration refuses to act, the cartels are getting more and more powerful."

Watch @RepHageman's Q&A below



## Video of the Week

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