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Hello Tyler,

After a long 4 weeks in Washington, DC I am thrilled to be spending the next two weeks back in Wyoming. During this time, I will be meeting with dozens of groups across the state and holding town halls in Buffalo, Gillette, and Powell. If you are nearby, I hope you will join me for an update on the work that I am doing in Congress, the issues facing Wyoming, and a Q&A period to answer any questions you have. See my Events and Announcements section below for full details, or visit my website.

Unleashing America's Energy Dominance

It was Energy Week in the House, and my Republican colleagues and I passed multiple bills and resolutions this week that affirm our commitment to ensuring America's energy independence and dominance, both now and for decades to come. Without our allegiance to energy industries, the United States can be neither a global superpower nor a sovereign nation. The actions of the Biden Administration and Democrats make us more beholden to foreign adversaries like China, Russia, Venezuela, and Iran for our energy while simultaneously destroying our role in the global marketplace.

While Biden continues to push his energy poverty agenda, House Republicans are committed to lowering your energy costs and increasing American energy production. This week, we denounced the Biden administration's anti-energy policies that are raising your utility bills even higher and pass prices through the roof, made clear that Americans oppose the idea of a "carbon tax", and passed multiple important energy bills. H.R. 6009, the Restoring American Energy Dominance Act – which I cosponsored – fulfills a Bureau of Land Management proposal rule that would have significantly restricted oil and gas production on federal lands.

This Week in the Judiciary Committee

I have been working with the Judiciary Committee, and most specifically Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Thomas Massie, to hold a hearing on one of the most effective, inefficient, and often overlooked ways in which the Administrative State distorts justice and threatens our government's separation of powers: the use of Administrative Law Courts (ALC) and Administrative Law Judges (ALJ). These agency-run courts were not created by Congress and exist outside of the Constitution's Article III Judiciary, yet they are the place where certain agencies bring a substantial portion of their enforcement actions against American citizens (think the SEC and IRS).

Yes, the same agencies that draft the regulations and then use the full weight of the federal government to enforce them, have found their own courts in which to prosecute you. It will come as no surprise that these agencies have close to a 100% success rate before ALJs (with substantially less resources than they have to prosecute in an Article III court system). We need to change how this system works and return to our foundation of a government "of, by and for the people." I am working on such reforms now, and I will be introducing legislation in the near future. We should not be allowed only the use of ALCs and ALJs, but other administrative law issues that are long overdue for review.

During our full committee markup on Thursday, I introduced and led debate in favor of H.R. 7187, the *Protection of Children in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act*. This straightforward, commonsense bill protects women's and girl's safety, health, and opportunity to excel in amateur and Olympic sports by ensuring that they are not forced to compete against men in the pool, the radical Democrats on our committee quickly developed a meaningful debate into a denial that men are even competing against women, despite the fact that it is well-known that there are more than two sexes (with there being entirely incapable of defining a man or a woman). This insanity about simple biology not only threatens reality but also the safety and well-being of injury and sexual abuse they simply cannot tolerate the idea that men and boys should be allowed to compete against women and girls. H.R. 7187 will ensure that the true intent of Title IX is carried forward when it comes to athletics.

I also argued in favor of the PROVE IT Act, which would require federal agencies to disclose the actual financial cost of their regulations and how they disproportionately impact small businesses. Today, agencies generally only publish estimates regarding the regulatory costs of their rules and how small businesses, and on average, these agencies miss the actual direct cost by a whopping 40%. That figure does not even consider the indirect costs that Americans must absorb in complying with these agency new rules.

My current fight against USDA's EID eartag rule is a prime example. In 2013, USDA estimated that a fully implemented EID mandate would cost up AT LEAST $1.2 billion dollars for livestock producers. That most recent estimate now stands at $26 million, only because the technology has become more affordable or the costs have come down, but the agency has ignored the vast majority of costs associated with the mandate and only publicized the cost of the actual EID button (or electronic EID tag), ignoring the cost of injury and sickness, simply customer software, retrofitting and so much more that is necessary to implement this rule is simply written off as though they won't be required.

The USDA has also assumed that approximately 89% of the livestock producers will not be required to comply (being in states that have adopted "brand laws" which, generally speaking, bureaucracy to move the cattle and bison across state lines) – thereby admitting that the very purpose of the rule (traceability of livestock across state lines) is not worth the cost. Brand laws are not perfect and they are considered small businesses, and many of which will not be able to weather these massive costs imposed on an industry that already endures tight profit margins. The PROVE IT Act would force the USDA to disclose the true cost of an EID mandate, thereby allowing the American people to understand the true cost of overregulation.

One Step Closer to Blocking the Rock Springs RMP

I had the opportunity to visit the Rock Springs BLM field office last week, where I met with the teams to investigate the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) development of the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the disastrous consequences it holds for Wyoming's communities and economy. In the coming weeks, I will be introducing legislation to ensure that the lessons learned from this calamitous RMP, we have continued to expose how the BLM spent years developing the plan's alternatives in a manner that already endures tight profit margins, energy production, and rolled back uses on millions of acres in Southwestern Wyoming – and only spent approximately 1 week to develop and now this Administration's "preferred" Alternative B which would decimate all of the above industries and uses, and Alternative C that severely restricts recreational activities.

The BLM's RMP highlights the federal government's refusal to consider community needs, stakeholder input, state economies, energy security, food production, mining needs and other interests in their decision-making process. I demonstrated how unelected agency bureaucrats continue to take greater control of our resources to lock them up in order to prevent access, management and use by the Americans who truly own them. The BLM has signaled that it plans to undo our long-standing multiple-use policy for managing federal lands – a policy that is vital to our livestock, logging, recreation, hunting, fishing, mineral, and energy sectors. Ultimately, as I said in our hearing, the Biden administration intends to use this RMP to turn BLM lands into de facto National Parks and exclude local communities from harnessing the resources in our own backyard.

I thank the witnesses who testified on behalf of my bill to block the BLM from implementing the Rock Springs RMP. My bill, H.R. 6085, is now awaiting full debate by the whole Natural Resource Committee before proceeding to a vote on the House floor.

Why I Voted Against FY2024 Spending Bills

On Friday, I voted against the second FY 2024 "minibus" appropriations bills due to the fact that they are abject failures at reining in historic levels of government spending. We were given just 32 hours to review a 1,000 page bill that spends $1.2 trillion in taxpayer money. That short time-frame violates several of our "set-in-stone" rules, including the requirement that Members be given at least 72 hours to review new legislation. This bill passed less than a majority of the Republicans, meaning that it was a Democrat bill brought to the floor by our leadership. We were also prohibited from offering any amendments. This bill does nothing to secure our border or remove radical woke policies (DEI and CRT) from our military or government. It also continues to increase the rate of federal government spending to even greater unsustainable levels.

This bill is not a win for conservative, fiscally responsible values. It is not what our nation needs or what you sent me to Congress to accomplish. I cannot support any bill that doesn't secure our nation's border, protect American citizens, or adequately address our $34 trillion – and climbing – national debt

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Events and Announcements

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 visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/shoshone/ and 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 15, 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 the Rock Springs Field Office, Attn: Jackalope Wind Energy Project Team, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY. BLM has announced 2 public hearings on this project as well:

- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 –4:00pm-6:00pm at Jeffrey Memorial Community Center, 315 W Pine St, Rawlins WY 82301
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 4:00pm-6:00pm at Holiday Inn Rock Springs, 1675 Sunset Dr, Rock Springs WY 82901

Upcoming Town Halls:

Johnson County Town Hall:	**Big Horn County Town Hall:**
Tue, March 26, 2024 – 5:30 to 6:30 PM	Tue, March 27, 2024 – 6:00 to 7:00 PM
Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Small Gym	Greybull Recreation District
63 North Ext. Buffalo WY	527 1st Ave South, Greybull WY
Park County Town Hall:	
Thu., March 28, 2024 – 7:00 to 8:00 AM	
The Commons	
135 N Bent St, Powell WY	

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities:

Each week that I am in session in DC, my staff members have been traveling to various counties across Wyoming to meet with constituents in order to hear their concerns. Below is a public comment should they are facing with federal agencies. Sign up for an appointment to meet with my staff here or call 307-261-6550 to schedule an appointment. Exact addresses for Congress in Your Community locations will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

Congress in Laramie County:	**Congress in Teton County:**
Wed, April 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Tue, April 30, 2024 – 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Pine Bluffs, WY	Wilson, WY

Recent Votes

For my full voting record, click here, for information on each bill, click on the bill number below.

- Voted **NO** on **H.R. 4723**, *the Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act* because it drastically expands the size and scope of the federal government and defers to the decisions of the United Nations over those of our own. Thoroughly flawed legislation and pro-abortion programs.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 149**, *Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation*.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 7520**, *the Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act*, which makes it illegal to provide sensitive data of Americans to companies controlled by a foreign adversary like North Korea, China, Russia, or Iran, or to those countries governments.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 1121**, *the Protecting American Energy Production Act*, which prevents the President from declaring a moratorium on hydraulic fracking without Congressional approval.
- Voted **NO** on **H.R. 6009**, *the Restoring American Energy Dominance Act*, which nullifies a BLM rule that would significantly restricted oil and gas production on federal lands.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 5861**, which stands against the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden Administration.
- Voted **YES** on **H.Res. 86**, expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the U.S. economy.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 1938**, *the Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act*, which prohibits US ports from using Chinese state-affiliated transportation logistics public information platforms.
- Voted **YES** on **H.R. 7023**, *the Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act*, which modifies Clean Water Act requirements concerning pollutant discharge elimination systems and revises the meaning of Waters of the United States.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of bills I'm cosponsoring:

- **H.R. 7198**, *the Price Gouging Act of 2024*, which requires greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purpose.
- **H.R. 7161**, *the PTC REDO Act*, which establishes requirements for the Federal Trade Commission regarding certain rules for automotive retailing.
- **H.Res. 1009**, *Condemning the Nicaraguan Government's unjust imprisonment of individuals affiliated with Mountain Gateway Ministry*.
- **H.Res. 936**, *Expressing support for the recognition of October 2023, as "World Menopause Awareness Month" and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding global awareness and access to care during the menopausal transition and post-menopause.*

Tweet of the Week

Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · Mar 20

Why does Joe Biden want to bankrupt western communities and destroy our way of life?

Western Caucus @westerncaucus · Mar 20

"If you block grazing, if you block oil & gas development, if you block mining, there is no other way to generate revenue off of literally tens of millions of acres of land."

@RepHageman took the Biden Admin to task over its bureaucratic ...

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Video of the Week

The PROVE IT Act will protect US businesses from oppressive mandates like the EID eartag mandate

In the News

Dear Anti-Free Speech Bureaucrats, Rep. Hageman Would Like a Word: MRC UnCensored

Natalie Winters - Mar 19th, 2024 3:48 PM

Congress does not give us those rights enumerated in the First Amendment; those rights are granted to us by God - the First Amendment prohibits government from infringing on them. Any federal official who violates that Amendment should be held accountable, and my Censorship Accountability Act will ensure they are.

Jim Jordan opens investigation into accusations FBI is using AI to spy on taxpayers 'en masse'

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Fox Business Network - Mar 19th, 2024 3:48 PM

Time and time again we have learned of how power-hungry bureaucrats have harnessed new tools and technology to demeaner their control over Americans' lives, and AI is just the latest example. Stay tuned for more information on how Rep. Jordan and I are investigating allegations that the FBI is using AI to illegally "monitor" (e.g. spy) on American citizens and businesses – by accessing our bank accounts.

I Want to Hear From You!

I cannot do my job without your support and input. Thank you for the calls, letters, emails, and questions you have sent to our offices. Please continue to reach out via the contact information below, and stay up to date on all the latest issues and my work by subscribing and sharing this newsletter and our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

Harriet Hageman

Rep. Harriet Hageman

Member of Congress

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