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Hello Tyler,

We had yet another full house at this week's Wyoming Wednesday! I enjoyed spending time with the folks from Wyoming, learning of the pressing issues and discussing policy on a wide variety of topics – thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Keep reading below for updates from this very busy week in Washington, D.C.!

No More Short-Term Spending Bills

On Thursday the House passed our fourth short-term funding extension for FY 2024 and, as promised, I voted against it. The federal government simply cannot afford to continue to waste money at the Nancy Pelosi Covid-19 era spending levels, yet this is exactly what the continuing resolution (CR) does, and it tees up Congress to vote on full-year appropriations bills, thereby making the massive Pelosi/Schumer free-for-all spending the new normal for our nation. Members of Congress cannot continue to abdicate their budgeting responsibilities by funding the government through yet another CR.

The House went to work on its spending bills last spring, yet Senate leadership refused to take up and debate individual appropriations, making clear that they were more worried about funding Ukraine's government than our own.

Bad policy, failed leadership, an out-of-control federal government, and a refusal to recognize this dire situation is how we ended up with a broken appropriations process. I will note vote to bail out those politicians who refuse to have a serious, adult, comprehensive discussion about how we are going to control spending and put our fiscal house in order.

We are \$34 trillion dollars in debt and over 10 million people have illegally crossed the border since Joe Biden became president. We must act immediately to pass a budget, secure our border, and make the spending cuts needed to prevent our nation from plunging further and further into debt. If a government shutdown is what's needed in order for these dangers to our nation to be addressed, then so be it. But one thing is certain: the status quo does not work, and a change must happen now.

The Next Step in Protecting America's Wildlife

I am proud to support Natural Resources Chairman Westerman's latest bill, the America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act, which will make much needed reforms to the Endangered Species Act, increase state and local authority in dealing with endangered species, and ensure that species receive the protections they need to recover and be delisted.

Recent decades have seen the Endangered Species Act weaponized into yet another way for the federal government to amass power and control real property and water; this bill seeks to address those failures and return power back to the states and state agencies that are better equipped to manage species recovery. I believe that Wyoming's experts know how to best address the needs of Wyoming's wildlife, and by providing greater authority and money in offset funding for habitat conservation, we will be more effective and successful at managing, protecting, and recovering our species and critical habitat.

A Big Week In House Judiciary Committee

We enjoyed some success in the Judiciary Committee this week! We passed two of my bills out of committee and now await consideration on the House floor. The debate was lively and enlightening, and I encourage you to watch the videos linked below.

The first bill, the [Censorship Accountability Act](#) that I co-introduced with Rep. Dan Bishop of North Carolina, will finally provide Americans with a way to hold unelected federal bureaucrats responsible for violations of our First Amendment rights (freedom of speech, free exercise of religion, right to peaceably assemble, right to petition our government for redress). While current civil rights law (42 U.S.C. Section 1983) allows Americans to sue individual *state and local* actors who violate their constitutional rights, no such cause of action exists by which Americans can hold FBI agents, EPA employees, Department of Education supervisors and other unelected bureaucrats accountable for the Censorship Industrial Complex that we have uncovered through our work on the Select Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government (you can watch previous hearings on this committee with experts such as Professor [Jonathan Turley](#), [Matt Taibbi](#), and [Michael Shellenberger](#)). This bill will provide that long-overdue path to accountability and put these employees on notice that they will no longer be allowed to violate our First Amendment rights.

My second bill, the [Forfeiture Funds Expenditure Transparency Act](#), will inject much needed transparency into federal civil asset forfeiture programs. I am not a supporter of civil asset forfeiture (it violates the Constitution) and wish to do away with it outright. Until we do, however, much more transparency is needed, proven last year when the House Judiciary Committee uncovered that New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg spent the federal asset forfeiture dollars that had been shared with his office to pursue his political prosecution (persecution) of Donald Trump. Without our oversight work, we would have never known about this abuse because there are currently glaring reporting gaps in the law. My bill will ensure that Congress has a full accounting of these asset forfeiture dollars, from their seizure by federal agencies to their use in the field (states and local governments). This will better inform Congress to protect your Fifth Amendment property rights and reign in some of the abuses that we see today.

Protecting Wyoming's Lands

As I mentioned several weeks ago, Wyoming's voice was heard loud and clear by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), resulting in the withdrawal of the proposal to list Natural Asset Companies (NACs) on the NYSE. Yet while this initial victory is worth celebrating, broader reform of our federal securities laws is needed to block any such effort from being pushed forward in the future. That's why Homeland Security Committee Chair Mark Green and I introduced the *Protect America's Lands Act* this week to formally prohibit any securities exchanges from listing NACs.

NACs not only pose a direct threat to the very concept of land ownership and natural resource management in America, but this newest ESG-driven proposal would allow foreign countries and malign actors around the world to buy up American farmland and mineral-rich regions, giving our adversaries control over our food supply and energy security. Without a legislative prohibition like the *Protect America's Lands Act* on such actions, enviro-activists will continue to pursue different avenues to implement their radical beliefs to the detriment of the American West, and our ability to produce food and energy.

See What I'm Doing in D.C.! Add Me on Social Media:



Events and Announcements

Last Call for Comments on USPS Casper Facility Relocation!

The USPS is continuing to move forward with plans to relocate their Casper Processing and Distribution Center to Billings, MT. Moving this facility out of Wyoming poses a grave threat to our ability to receive medications, to pay our bills, to receive our packages, and to conduct our elections. Public comments on this plan can be submitted until March 7 via this link.

Please make sure that your voice is heard, and I pledge to continue working with our senators here in DC to address these concerns! We are trying to block the USPS's efforts, and you can help us by making sure that you weigh in on this important issue.

Wyoming Wednesdays Are Back!

Don't miss out on a chance to meet with your Wyoming Congressional Delegation every Wednesday morning from 9AM - 10AM in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 366. For a list of all upcoming Wyoming Wednesdays, please visit my events page. To schedule a meeting with my staff, please email Marjorie.Daily@mail.house.gov.

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities

Congress in Your Community events are back! Sign up for a slot 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 Carbon County:

Tue, March 5, 2024 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Rawlins, WY

Congress in Fremont County:

Wed, March 20, 2024 – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Riverton, WY

Congress in Crook County:

Thu, March 14, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sundance, 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. 6544](#), the Atomic Energy Advancement Act.
- Voted YES on [H.R. 7102](#), the Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act, which creates an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration to assist tribal communities with expanding small businesses and promoting economic development.
- Voted NO on [H.R. 7463](#), another short-term continuing resolution that keeps funding the federal government at unsustainable levels.
- Voted YES on [H.R. 7454](#), the Airport and Airway Extension Act, which extends the FAA's authorization until May 10, 2024.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of bills I'm cosponsoring:

- [H.R. 7445](#), which prohibits the FAA from housing illegal aliens inside American airports.
- [H.R. 7377](#), the Royalty Resiliency Act, which amends current law to improve the management of oil and gas lease-related royalties.
- [H.R. 7216](#), which removes the Department of Health and Human Services' requirement that surgical centers must report the COVID vaccination status of their employees.
- [H.R. 7202](#), the Uncovering UNRWA's Terrorist Crimes Act.

Tweet of the Week

Hunter's only skill set that qualified him to sit on Burisma's board was access to the "Big Guy."

1. Hunter Biden sat on Burisma's board.

2. He was unqualified to do so. ...

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Video of the Week

A LETHAL DOSE OF FENTANYL

Rep. Hageman's and House Natural Resources Committee's deep dive on the Biden Border Crisis

In the News

Townhall

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Rep. Chip Roy Validated As Proxy Voting Rule Deemed Unconstitutional

Rebecca Downey

February 27, 2024 7:45 PM

It is shameful how House Democrats circumvented the Constitution and ignored the voice of the people through proxy voting. I'm proud to have joined with Rep. Roy in challenging the unconstitutional FY 2023 omnibus spending bill that was passed with a majority of House members absent.

R-CALF USA to Celebrate 25th Anniversary Convention, Trade Show June 19-21

I am so thrilled to return to R-CALF USA in 2024 and support the critical work of America's independent cattle producers. Be sure to get your tickets soon, it will be a great event!

State and congressional lawmakers push policy to ban noncitizen voting amid migrant surge on border

This should not be a confusing or controversial idea: American elections are for American citizens. There may be no greater threat to our Republic than inviting non-citizens, illegal aliens, and foreign nationals to directly influencing the results of our elections.

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 activities and legislation by subscribing and sharing this newsletter and our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,



Rep. Harriet Hageman

Member of Congress

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Casper One Of Three Finalists To Land National Air

Championship Races

Casper has made the short list of three cities still in the running to become the new host for the National

Championship Air Races, which could be a \$100 million shot in the arm for the Cowboy State.

Brent Jean

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Gasper makes it to the Top 3! I continue to wish

Casper the best of luck in their effort to become the new host of the National Air Championship

Races. My staff have remained in contact with the city and airport leadership to ensure that we

put forward a strong case and bring this win

home to Wyoming!