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Hello Laura,

I enjoyed being back in big, beautiful Wyoming for much of last week, during which I participated in several meetings with constituents, community leaders, and state officials. I also caught up with many of you at the events I attended.

I was able to attend President Trump's signing of the Laken Riley Act into law—the first of his new term. I also led on sending an Anti-Woke Caucus letter to the Department of Education related to the Biden Administration's use of taxpayer dollars to fund DEI grants, and I reintroduced three pieces of legislation to advance Wyoming priorities.

I want to take a moment to express my deepest sympathies for all whose friends and family members were involved in the fatal plane crash in Washington, D.C. last week. I also want to thank our brave law enforcement and first responders who spent countless hours responding to this tragedy in terribly harsh conditions. Please know that you all are in my prayers.

President Trump Signs Laken Riley Act into Law

I was honored and humbled to be invited to attend President Trump's signing of the Laken Riley Act at the White House, the first of his second term. The Biden-Harris Administration's open border policies have wreaked havoc on our country, including by making Americans less safe. One of the many horrifying consequences of their decision to erase our borders was exemplified by the murder of Laken Riley, a 22-year-old nursing student whose bright future was cut short by an illegal alien who had already been arrested for a variety of crimes. Rather than prosecuting and then deporting this degenerate, the Biden-Harris Administration flew him to Georgia, where he was free to prey upon our citizens. If law enforcement had only coordinated and worked with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) the first time this murderer was arrested, Laken would still be alive.

The Laken Riley Act requires ICE to issue detainers and take custody of illegal aliens who have committed theft, burglary, larceny, shoplifting, assault of a law enforcement officer, or any crime that resulted in death or serious bodily injury to another person. It also allows state attorneys general to sue the Secretary of Homeland Security for injunctive relief if immigration actions harm their state or its citizens. The Laken Riley Act, in other words, will prohibit the likes of Alejandro Mayorkas from turning a blind eye to criminal illegal aliens who have invaded our country, forcing their prosecution and/or deportation.

As your representative, I will continue to fight to close and secure our borders, to strengthen our immigration laws, and to pursue policies that put America first. In the 118th Congress, I supported the most conservative piece of border legislation ever brought before the House of Representatives, H.R.2—the [Secure the Border Act](#). This Congress, I have cosponsored multiple bills aimed at securing our borders and protecting our citizens, such as the [REMAIN in Mexico Act](#), the [Border Safety And Security Act](#), and the [Deport Alien Gang Members Act](#).

Anti-Woke Caucus Sends Letter to Education Department

In December 2024, Parents Defending Education (PDE) released a report which found that the Biden-Harris Education Department allocated over \$1 billion to DEI initiatives, Critical Race Theory, and other race-based education schemes. Among the most egregious examples, the Department awarded millions for racially exclusive teacher recruitment programs and “equity-centered” curriculum development that prioritizes ideology over academic excellence, exclusionary professional development training, and “social-emotional” learning instead of hard skills.

On Friday, I led my second letter as Chair of the Anti-Woke Caucus, this time to Acting Secretary of Education Denise Carter highlighting the findings of PDE's report and providing a list of ten grant programs that the Biden-Harris Administration commonly used to fund these woke initiatives. The purpose of my letter is to ensure that the Trump Administration is aware of our ability to act as a resource and to provide both the incoming leadership and DOGE with a starting point to identify which grant programs to examine as they combat this misguided ideology and fulfill the American people's mandate. You can read PDE's report [here](#) and my letter [here](#).

My Bills Prioritize Private Property Rights and Local Control

Last week, I reintroduced three pieces of legislation intended to push back against federal expansion and ensure that land management decisions are returned to the hands of the people where they belong. By prioritizing private property rights and local control, my bills seek to empower Wyoming landowners, provide more certainty for our communities, and safeguard our livelihoods as intended by the founders.

The [No Net Gain in Federal Lands Act](#) would prohibit the USDA and the DOI from expanding federal land holdings without giving up a similar amount or value of acreage to the state. My second bill, the [PASTURES Act](#), would shield landowners bordering federally leased land by requiring agencies to construct fences before enforcing trespassing penalties after sudden permit adjustments. Finally, my third bill would repeal the [SUSTAINS Act](#), a misguided Pelosi-backed piece of legislation that changes USDA conservation programs to advance the United Nations' natural capital accounting agenda on private lands.

In the midst of the wildfires in California and much of the West, it is clearer than ever that our land management agencies are failing us. The federal government already controls 640 million acres across the U.S. But now, with President Trump in the White House and Republicans in complete control of Congress, it is time to undertake a top-to-bottom analysis of current laws and regulations that hinder our ability to properly manage, protect, and use these lands. Agency regulations such as the USFS's 2001 Roadless Rule, the EPA's 2009 “Endangerment Finding,” and the BLM's recent “landscape health rules,” have all combined to create an environmental disaster in our National Forests and on our BLM lands, with such disasters often spilling over onto private property and causing severe damage to local communities. We must return to implementing common sense and effective range and resource management techniques and stop kowtowing to the radical environmentalists.

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Events and Announcements

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities

My staff members hold mobile office hours around the state to hear your concerns and assist with casework requests. Schedule an appointment [here](#) or by calling 307-261-6595. Exact addresses for Congress in Your Community locations will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

Congress in Big Horn County:

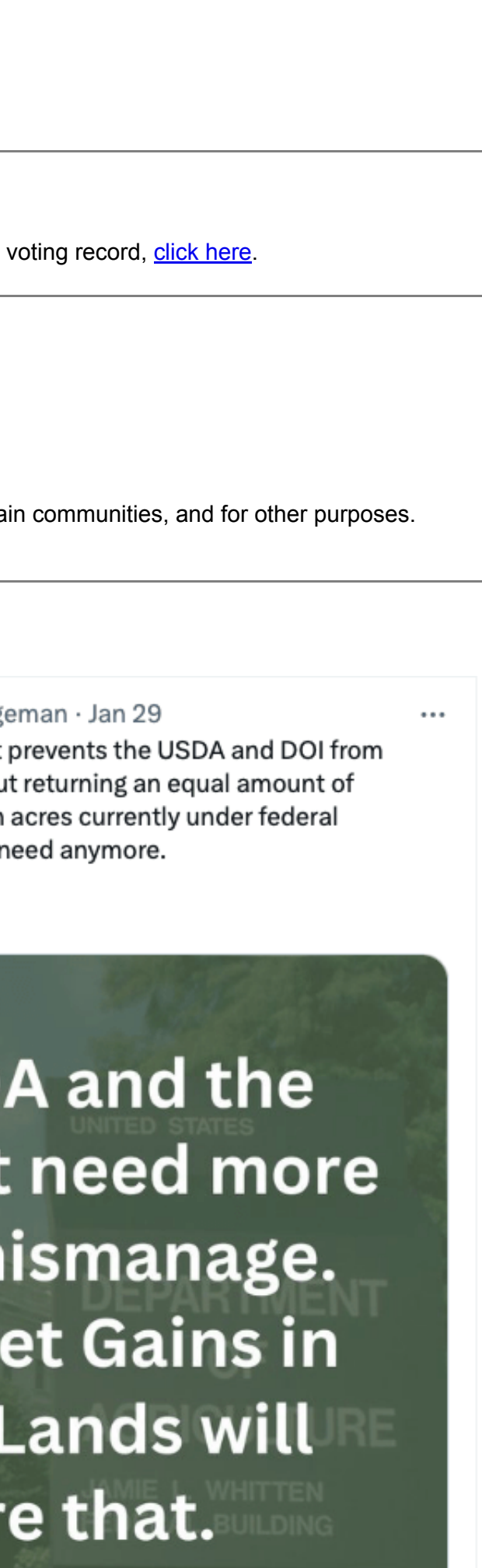
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Greybull, WY

Recent Photos



I was honored to attend President Trump's signing of the Laken Riley Act. It was great to visit with Border Czar Tom Homan. President Trump is Making America Safe Again.



The warmer temperatures were a welcome change for everyone. It was wonderful to be back in Wyoming!

Recent Votes

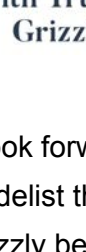
The House was out of session this week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Cosponsored Legislation

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

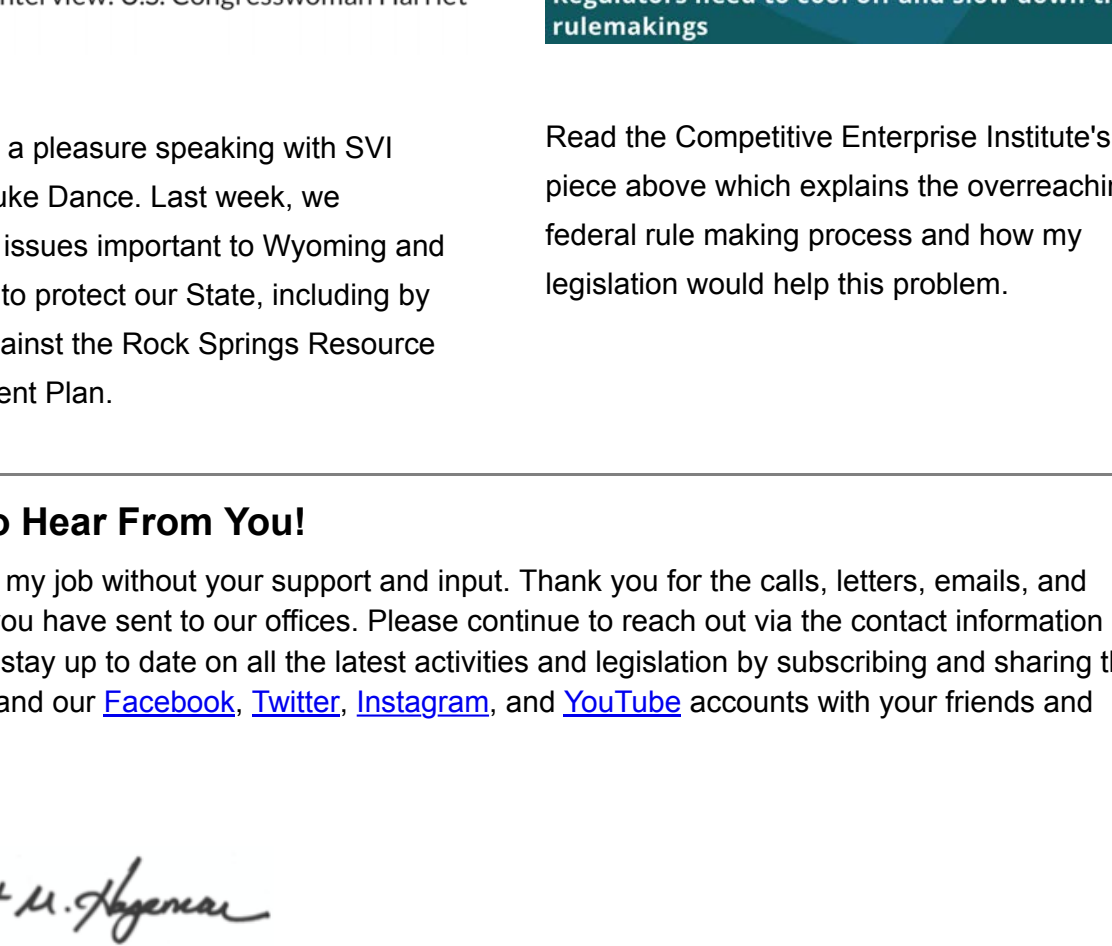
1. [H.R.729](#), the Teleabortion Prevention Act.
2. [H.R.722](#), the Life at Conception Act.
3. [H.R.672](#), To establish new ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.

Tweet of the Week

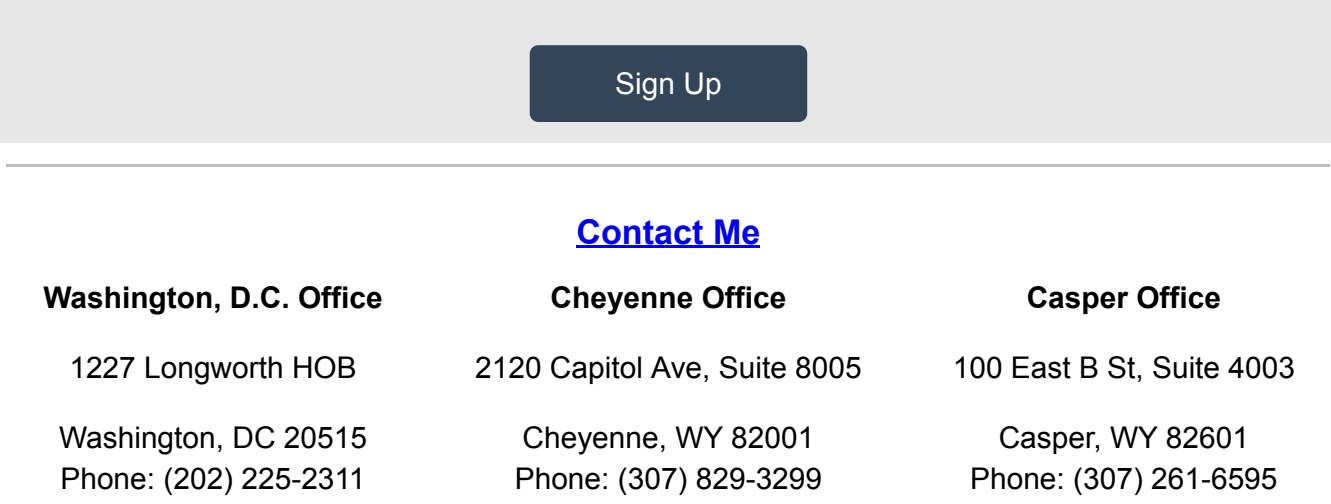


Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · Jan 29
My No Net Gain in Federal Lands Act prevents the USDA and DOI from expanding their land holdings without returning an equal amount of acreage to the state. The 640 million acres currently under federal management is enough - they don't need anymore.

[drive.google.com/file/d/1mt9H_s...](#)



Video of the Week



Tune in for my interview with the Wilkow Majority in which we discussed the first week of President Trump's second term.

In the News

With Trump Back In Office, Hageman Says Grizzly Delisting Back On The Table

Congresswoman Hageman on Defending the Constitution

I look forward to working with President Trump to delist the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear and protect Wyoming.

As a former constitutional attorney and your representative, know that I will always work to uphold the law. Watch my interview with the New American by clicking the link above.

SVI Radio Interview: U.S. Congresswoman Harriet Hageman

Regulators need to cool off and slow down their rulemakings

It's always a pleasure speaking with SVI Radio's Duke Dance. Last week, we discussed issues important to Wyoming and my efforts to protect our State, including by fighting against the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan.

Read the Competitive Enterprise Institute's piece above which explains the overreaching federal rule making process and how my legislation would help this problem.

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

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