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Hello Laura,

Congress was in session this past week, and I was active in advancing constituent priorities through leading a letter to President Biden urging his administration to increase transparency to Congress and the American people; speaking on the House floor in favor of a bill to give Mills, Wyoming, its own zip code; and introducing legislation to protect parents' rights.

Keep reading for highlights on these important issues and what's happening in Washington, D.C.

## Calling on the Biden Admin to Increase Transparency

On Wednesday, I sent a [letter](#) to President Biden calling on his administration to release the Fall 2024 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Action, which is now two months overdue. As required by Executive Order 12866, the Unified Agenda is a biannual publication that provides the American people, Congress, and regulated industries with a clear picture of the administration's regulatory priorities and upcoming actions. Traditionally released in October, the Fall Unified Agenda is essential for maintaining good governance, regulatory clarity, and accountability.

The delay in publishing this key document undermines transparency, hampers congressional oversight, and raises concern that President Biden is interfering with the presidential transition. It is also especially troubling given the over \$1.7 trillion in new annual regulatory costs imposed by the Biden administration.

The Fall 2024 Unified Agenda is the administration's final publication, and its availability helps the incoming Trump administration plan its regulatory and deregulatory agenda to deliver for the American people. As we approach the Trump-Vance transition, I can only assume that this delay is an attempt to hinder the incoming leadership's ability to clean up the regulatory mess left behind. I urge the Biden administration to follow the law, uphold the principles of transparent governance, and immediately release the Fall 2024 Unified Agenda.

## House Passes Bill to Benefit Communities Nationwide

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed [H.R.8753](#), a bill I cosponsored, which would direct the U.S. Postal Service to designate unique zip codes for certain communities, including the town of Mills, Wyoming.

Communities such as Mills that lack a unique zip code often experience a host of issues that extend beyond the delivery of mail and can impact everything from economic development to emergency response. For Mills, this designation has caused issues with residential mail delivery, loss of property tax revenue and franchise fees, and incorrect census counts. Each of these issues poses significant challenges for Mills as it continues to grow, develop, and attract new residents across Wyoming and beyond.

I was glad to work with the town of Mills on this important issue and greatly appreciate its advocacy for this legislation. I am proud H.R.8753 passed the House, and I look forward to its consideration in the Senate. [Click here](#) to watch my remarks in support of the bill on the House floor.

## My Bill Would Strengthen Parental Rights in Education

On Thursday, I introduced [H.R.10392](#), the Parental Oversight and Educational Transparency Act, which would bolster parental rights in education and ensure that parents, not bureaucrats or activist educators, are the main decision-makers regarding their children's education.

Current law requires schools to notify parents annually about activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal student information, as well as surveys containing sensitive questions or non-emergency, invasive physical examinations. However, despite the law being clear as to what is required, violations of these requirements continue to occur. In a recent case, the Department of Education found that the Cedar Grove School District in New Jersey failed to provide proper notice or the opportunity for parents to opt their children out of "equity" and "diversity" surveys.

My bill addresses these ongoing issues by requiring schools to not only provide annual notification at the beginning of the school year but also directly notify parents and obtain written consent at least two weeks before these activities take place. This ensures parents receive clear, actionable information and have a meaningful opportunity to protect their children's privacy.

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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 Platte County:

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Guernsey, WY

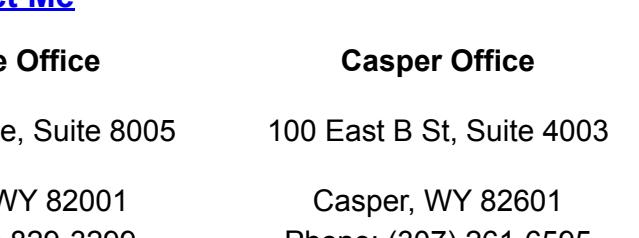
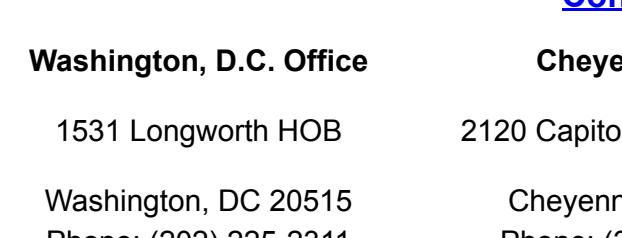
### Public Comment Alert!

The U.S. Postal Service recently issued a proposed rule to implement the service standards for its Regional Transportation Optimization strategy under the Delivering for America plan. If enacted, communities over 50 miles away from the newly planned Regional Processing and Distribution Centers would receive disproportionately degraded service. The proposed rule and instructions to comment can be found [here](#).

### SSA Announces Changes to In-Person Services

I often hear from constituents dealing with Social Security issues who struggle to be at their local office when it's open or must wait in long lines for service. Thankfully, the Social Security Administration (SSA) recently announced upcoming changes to its in-person services, including the ability for the public to schedule appointments ahead of time. To learn more about these changes, [click here](#).

## Recent Photos



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## Recent Votes

See below for highlights of this week's votes; for more information on each bill, click on the bill number. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

1. Voted NO on [S.4367](#), the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024.
2. Voted YES on [S.3613](#), the Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024.
3. Voted YES on [H.R.7673](#), the Liberty in Laundry Act.
4. Voted YES on [H.R.9668](#), the SHIELD Against CCP Act.
5. Voted YES on [H.R.9716](#), the Increasing Baseline Updates Act.
6. Voted NO on [H.R.5009](#), the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.
7. Voted YES on [S.4199](#), the JUDGES Act of 2024.

## Cosponsored Legislation

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

1. [H.R.10317](#). To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a community engagement requirement for certain individuals under the Medicaid program.

## Official Letters

Here are some highlights of [letters I've joined](#):

1. On Monday, I joined members of the Natural Resources Committee in sending a [letter](#) to the People's Forum sharing our concerns regarding its disregard for public gathering permit requirements, its unscrupulous financial ties, and its potentially improper political advocacy underlying July's violent, pro-Hamas protest at Union Station in D.C., which is National Park Service land.
2. On Tuesday, I sent a [letter](#) to President Biden requesting information on the release of the Biden administration's Fall 2024 Unified Agenda.
3. On Wednesday, I sent a [letter](#) to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) demanding answers on its decision to hold a Transgender Day of Remembrance Ceremony at the Northern Colorado VA Clinic.
4. On Thursday, I sent a [letter](#) to the Bureau of Land Management opposing its Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Sage Grouse Planning Area.

## Tweet of the Week



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## Video of the Week



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## In the News

Ranch group praises Congressional letter to postpone electronic ear tag mandate

Postmaster General Gives Himself An "A" For Gutting Wyoming Mail Delivery

I appreciate R-CALF's continued support of my efforts to block the implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's electronic identification eartag mandate. I will always stand up for ranchers while serving in Congress.

While Postmaster General DeJoy gives himself an A on his destructive "Delivering for America" plan which disproportionately affects mail delivery in rural communities, I and thousands of Wyomingites give him a flat-out F.

## 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!

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