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Hello Laura,

As Congress returned to session last week, one of our biggest priorities was alleviating the regulatory burden on small businesses. First, I introduced legislation to protect small businesses from overbearing government mandates. I was also glad to see that a federal court blocked enforcement of the overly burdensome Corporate Transparency Act. Finally, I am proud to say that the House of Representatives passed the PROVE IT Act, which would require greater transparency for federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses.

Keep reading below to learn more about these initiatives and our other work on behalf of Wyoming!

My Bill Would Ease Burdens on Small Businesses

On Tuesday, I introduced [H.R.10275](#), the Regulatory Cooling Off Act, which makes structural reforms to the outdated Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for the relief of all Americans, especially small businesses. This legislation is designed to slow the onslaught of burdensome federal regulations and protect small businesses from overbearing government mandates.

Passed in 1947 with hardly any substantive amendment, the APA does little to constrain the administrative state from hastily imposing burdensome regulations on Americans. To combat this, my bill requires federal agencies to wait a half year before they can enforce new rules, mandates greater transparency in relation to the public comment period, and ensures that Americans are able to bring lawsuits in their own states rather than being forced to file in activist courts that are notorious for shielding bureaucrats and rubber stamping government expansion.

Taking a page straight out of the Obama playbook, the Biden-Harris administration has spent the last 4 years weaponizing the outdated APA to dramatically expand the administrative state while crushing small businesses and essentially every legacy industry that is important to Wyoming. The Biden-Harris administration's executive branch free-for-all has imposed over \$2 trillion in annual regulatory costs, which amounts to almost \$16,000 per household. The result? Higher housing, food and energy costs, runaway inflation, and people having to choose between putting gas in their cars or food on their tables. This hidden tax paid for by the American people and businesses stifles innovation and damages national security.

The Regulatory Cooling Off Act introduces critical reforms to slow the regulatory process, enhance regulatory transparency, and establish a fairer review system. It ensures that businesses—especially small ones—have the time and tools they need to comply with or challenge rules that threaten their livelihoods.

A Win for Small Businesses!

On Tuesday, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas delivered a huge win for small businesses by issuing a preliminary nationwide injunction to delay the implementation of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA). This decision temporarily halts the federal government's attempt to force small businesses to meet certain burdensome reporting requirements that threaten their privacy and financial stability. While this ruling is a critical victory, the CTA remains a looming threat, and I will continue to fight for its full repeal.

I am fighting to block the CTA and working tirelessly to protect small businesses. My efforts thus far have included my vote in favor of [H.R.5119](#), the Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act, which almost unanimously passed the House of Representatives. This bill would extend the timeline for small businesses to comply with the CTA's overly burdensome regulations. Unfortunately, the Senate has yet to take up this important legislation.

Next, I joined Rep. Warren Davidson in introducing [H.R.8147](#), the Repealing Big Brother Overreach Act, which would repeal the CTA. I am working with Rep. Davidson to encourage the Financial Services Committee to hold a markup on the bill as quickly as possible.

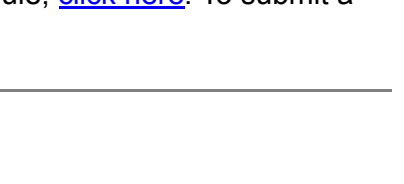
Finally, I joined a [letter](#) to the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network requesting a delay in the implementation of CTA enforcement to ensure small businesses are not unfairly penalized. I will continue to do all I can to cut red tape and defend Wyoming's small business owners.

PROVE IT Act Passes House of Representatives

On Thursday, the House of Representatives passed [H.R.7198](#), the PROVE IT Act of 2024, which I cosponsored and spoke in favor of both in the Rules Committee and on the House floor. Current law requires agencies to assess the impact of their regulation on small businesses. Today, agencies either fail to estimate or underestimate the impact of regulation on small businesses in 75% of rulemakings. The PROVE IT Act seeks to address this serious concern by allowing small businesses to petition for an agency determination if a business believes the proposed rule would have a more significant economic impact than the agency claims.

All too often, agencies ignore or severely underestimate the negative impact their rules will have on small businesses, and on average, these agencies miss the direct cost by a whopping 40%. That figure does not even consider the indirect costs that Americans must absorb in complying with these new agency rules. I am proud this bill passed the House, and I look forward to its consideration in the Senate.

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Events and Announcements

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Congress in Sublette County:

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Pinedale, WY

Congress in Uinta County:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lyman, WY

Congress in Platte County:

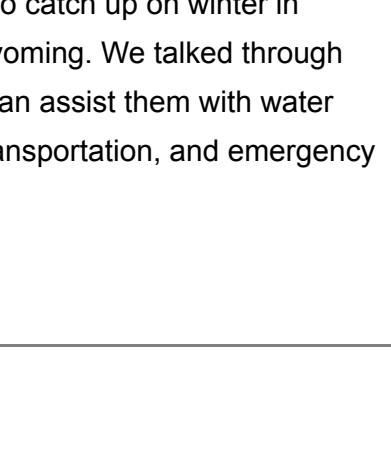
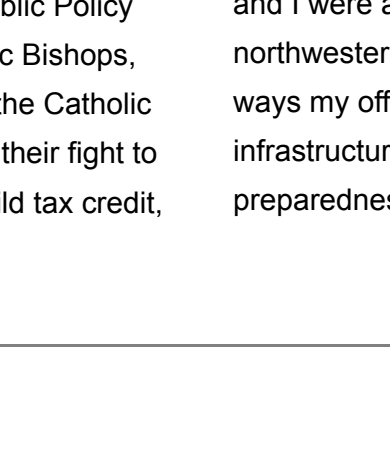
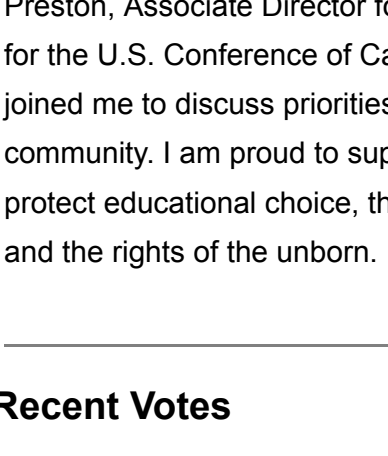
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Guernsey, WY

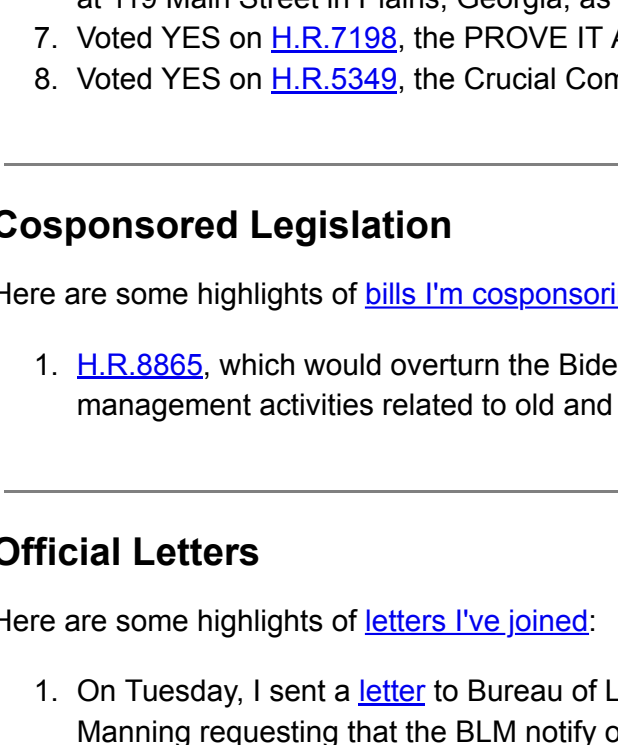
Public Comment Alert!

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register, proposing updates to expand access to the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. To learn more about the proposed rule, [click here](#). To submit a public comment, [click here](#).

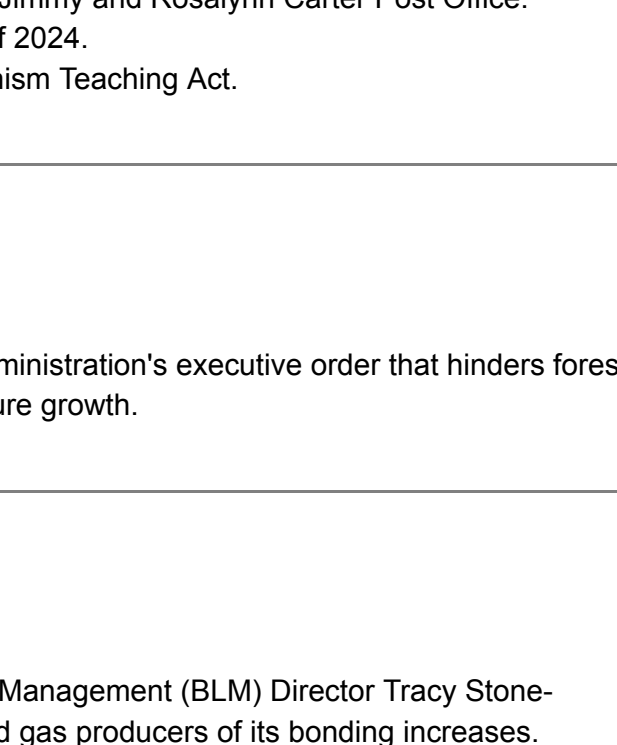
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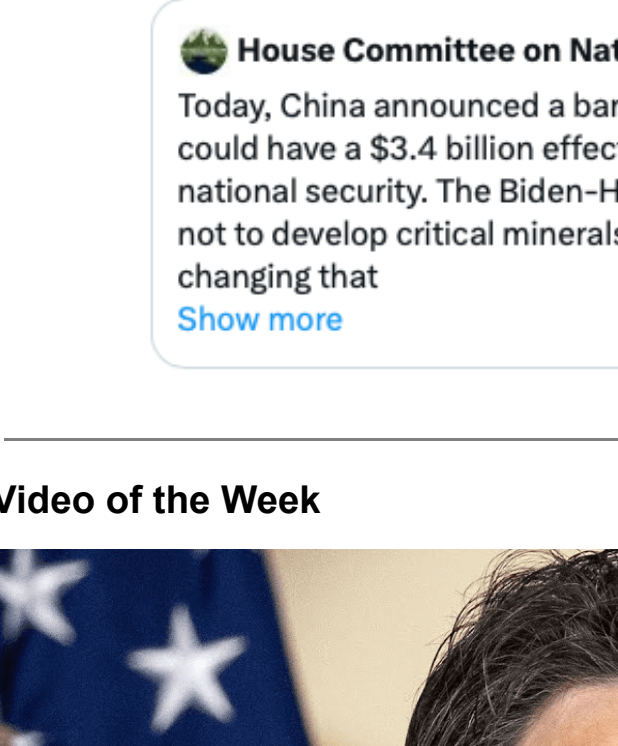
What an honor it was to join the many National Guard soldiers and their families at the 115th Field Artillery Brigade Sendoff in Cheyenne just before returning to D.C. Wyoming is grateful to each of you for your service, and we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers during your deployment to Southeast Asia.



I was honored to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Washington Coal Club. I will always fight to preserve American jobs and our nation's energy security.



Thank you to the American Coal Council for stopping by my office to discuss all things coal. I will continue to stand in support of this critical mineral which is one of the most abundant, affordable, and dispatchable forms of energy in the world.



Deacon Mike Leman, Legislative Liaison of the Diocese of Cheyenne, and Ashling Kelly Preston, Associate Director for Public Policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, joined me to discuss priorities for the Catholic community. I am proud to support their fight to protect educational choice, the child tax credit, and the rights of the unborn.



I enjoyed meeting with members of the Town of Jackson. Mayor Morton-Levinson, Mayor-elect Jorgensen, and Town Manager Sinclair and I were able to catch up on winter in northwestern Wyoming. We talked through ways my office can assist them with water infrastructure, transportation, and emergency preparedness.

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](#).

- Voted NO on [S.3791](#), the America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act.
- Voted YES on [H.R.390](#), the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act.
- Voted YES on [H.R.8219](#), the Lahaina National Heritage Area Study Act.
- Voted YES on [S.709](#), the Federal Agency Performance Act of 2023.
- Voted YES on [H.R.9598](#), the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2024.
- Voted NO on [H.R.9600](#), To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office."
- Voted YES on [H.R.7198](#), the PROVE IT Act of 2024.
- Voted YES on [H.R.5349](#), the Crucial Communism Teaching Act.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

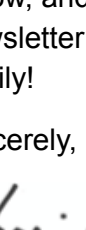
- [H.R.8865](#), which would overturn the Biden administration's executive order that hinders forest management activities related to old and mature growth.

Official Letters

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

- On Tuesday, I sent a [letter](#) to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Tracy Stone-Manning requesting that the BLM notify oil and gas producers of its bonding increases.

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · 23h
We wouldn't be dependent on dictators & despots for critical minerals if federal regulations weren't preventing us from utilizing our own abundant natural resources. Wyoming and others have what it takes to secure our own mineral supply chains & put OUR national security first.

House Committee on Natural Resource @NatResources · Dec 3
Today, China announced a ban on exports of several minerals which could have a \$3.4 billion effect on the U.S. economy and weaken national security. The Biden-Harris admin saw this coming and chose not to develop critical minerals here at home. We look forward to changing that
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Video of the Week



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BREAKING NEWS

Forbes Breaking News featured my remarks on the House floor in favor of the PROVE IT Act, which will protect small businesses from bureaucratic overreach.

Committee Clips

Watch my testimony before the Rules Committee in support of the PROVE IT Act.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) illogically claims that cutting red tape will raise costs. It is important that we hold the CBO accountable.

In the News

[Hageman Slams Biden For Pardoning His Son After Repeated Promises He Wouldn't](#)

[Rep. Hageman Honors WY Mother Who Turned Son's Death into Advocacy](#)

Despite President Biden's repeated promise to the American people that he would not pardon his son for the crimes he has committed over a more than 10-year period, he did just that. In Joe Biden's America, nobody, particularly President Trump, is above the law—except Hunter Biden.

I was proud to recognize Janelle Jones on the House floor for her extraordinary courage and resilience after the death of her son Mak due to a distracted driver. Her advocacy is both a tribute to Mak's memory and a call to action for enhanced pedestrian safety measures.

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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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