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Hello Laura,

I pray that you and your families had a wonderful Independence Day! In the midst of the chaos and corruption in Washington, D.C., it can be easy to forget how blessed we are to live in the greatest country on Earth. Keep reading below for an update on my week in Wyoming and a review of the U.S. Supreme Court's most recent rulings.

U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

As many of you already know, I was a practicing trial attorney for 34 years prior to running for Congress. Over the course of my career, I specialized in water, natural resources, and constitutional law, and my last several years of practice I was fortunate and honored to work as Senior Litigation Counsel for the New Civil Liberties Alliance (NCLA), a public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the Constitutional rights of American citizens against unlawful regulatory overreach.

Among the many cases I worked while there, one of them was [Garland v. Cargill](#) – the case in which the United States Supreme Court recently held that the ATF does not have the legal or statutory authority to redefine bump stocks as “machine guns.” The Supreme Court also decided many other important constitutional and statutory cases, and I have summarized several of them below.

Bump Stocks

Simply stated, the ATF does not have the authority to declare bump stocks to be “machine guns” and to bar American citizens from owning them. While at first blush this may seem to be yet another Second Amendment win, that was not the case. Instead, the Court analyzed the scope and breadth of the legal authority that Congress has granted to the ATF and concluded that declaring a gun accessory to be a “machine gun” was not included. The Court, in other words, ruled that an agency’s authority to regulate must be defined by Congress and that such agencies must act within those confines. As a long-standing administrative law attorney, this is a win for the separation of powers and can be applied in a whole host of contexts. This decision builds on the Supreme Court’s previous EPA decisions finding that the agency cannot regulate outside of its congressionally-granted authorization. This is a win for the rule of law and a much needed course-correction for the out-of-control ATF.

Chevron Deference

In [Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo](#), (another NCLA case), the Supreme Court finally overturned the “Chevron Deference” doctrine. For two generations, the Chevron Doctrine has given federal agencies an unfair advantage, outsized authority, and unconstitutional power in interpreting statutes and issuing rules. Last week, the Supreme Court righted this wrong.

Established in the 1984 case *Chevron v. NRDC*, this doctrine instructed courts to defer to federal agencies’ interpretations of laws where the underlying statute is, according to the agencies themselves, ambiguous or even silent.

For roughly two centuries our federal government functioned – and I would argue functioned better – without relying on the Chevron Doctrine. Congress passed laws, agencies enforced them, and if adjustments were needed, then Congress could pass or repeal legislation to fix particular issues or our courts would adjudicate them.

In 2021, the Biden administration issued 4,429 final rules. In 2022, that number was 3,168. Over the same period, Congress passed only 365 bills that became law. This discrepancy is a stunning reality check – it has been federal bureaucrats, not your elected representatives, who have been legislating, and not one of them is accountable to you.

The end of Chevron deference is the return to a system of government more aligned with our Constitutional Republic.

SEC v. Jarkesy

A third case that was decided by SCOTUS in June was *SEC v. Jarkesy*. The Supreme Court held that when the SEC seeks penalties against a defendant for securities fraud, the Seventh Amendment entitles the defendant to a jury trial.

This is a blow to the administrative court system, where the agencies infringe on separation of powers through rulemaking, enforcement, and judicial authority. Currently, using Administrative Law Courts (ALCs), the agency is not only the prosecutor; it also appoints the judge who will hear your case. It pays the judge’s salary. It sets the procedural rules your attorney must follow. It decides what types of evidence you may discuss. The defendant is deprived of a jury trial, Federal Rules of Evidence, and the ordinary rules of discovery. There are 34 federal agencies that use ALCs to railroad and prosecute American citizens.

The *Jarkesy* decision is a huge win for righting these wrongs, for rebalancing the power between the agency and the accused, and for anyone who must face agency bureaucrats seeking to impose (sometimes bone-crushing) financial penalties against them.

Additional Cases

I have summarized a few more of the recent Supreme Court rulings below:

In *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the Court held that local governments may restrict camping on public property without violating the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition on “cruel and unusual punishment.” This is a win for local control and common-sense restrictions on homeless activities.

In *Fischer v. United States*, the Court held that the Justice Department could not use what is essentially a financial crimes statute (adopted following the Enron fiasco in which the company was shredding accounting documents) against the J6 prisoners to create felonies and enhance their prison sentences. This will force the Justice Department and courts to revisit the sentences handed down to hundreds of J6 prisoners.

In *Ohio v. EPA*, the Court stayed implementation of the EPA’s latest power grab to attempt to enforce its “good neighbor policy” – which is yet another effort to shut down our affordable and reliable energy resources.

One disappointing decision from the Supreme Court was issued in *Murthy v. Missouri*, which addressed the question of whether the Biden administration can demand social media companies to censor users (primarily conservatives) without running afoul of the First Amendment. While the majority opinion did not address that specific issue, it reversed the lower court’s efforts to rein in such censorship, finding that the plaintiffs in that case did not have “standing” to bring the case in the first place.

This does not mean that the case is over – it was instead remanded to the district court for further proceedings. In the meantime, however, we can expect that the Biden regime will do everything in its power to pressure social and regular media companies (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, NBC, CBS, etc.) to censor information, especially as the election heats up. Our forefathers ratified the First Amendment recognizing that government actors would always seek to control public discourse in order to protect their own power structure. The Biden administration and leftists are not entitled to declare that something is “mis-information,” “dis-information,” or “mal-information” and silence the message, especially when you consider how much accurate and truthful information was squelched during Covid-19 (just as one example). We will continue to fight to protect our First Amendment rights.

We also had two major wins in State Court proceedings in the last few weeks – cases that could eventually have major impacts throughout the nation. First, the Texas Supreme Court upheld a recent state law that prohibits doctors from prescribing what they refer to as “gender-affirming care” (and I refer to as sexual lobotomies) to minors in a case brought by a group of parents and medical professionals who challenged the constitutionality of the State Legislature’s laws. Second, most abortions will soon be illegal in Iowa after six weeks of pregnancy following its State Supreme Court’s decision to overturn a lower court’s block on the 2023 abortion law.

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Events and Announcements

Fall Internship Applications Now Open!

I am now accepting fall internship applications for my Washington D.C., Cheyenne, and Casper offices! College students and recent high school or college graduates are encouraged to submit applications consisting of a resume and a cover letter expressing why you would like to intern for me and stating your desired office. If you have questions or would like to apply, please email Christiana.Nelson@mail.house.gov or [visit my website](#).

Apply to Attend a Service Academy!

The window to apply for a congressional Service Academy nomination is now open until October 31! The honor of attending a service academy comes with the obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation.

Members of Congress may nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies: U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy (USFA), Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), New London, CT, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment.

My office may nominate up to ten individuals for each vacant academy slot allotted to our district. To request a Military Academy Nomination from our office, please complete the form at this [link](#). If you have questions, please contact Kael Tepper at kael.tepper@mail.house.gov or (307) 829-3299.

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities

Each week that I am in DC, 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 Sheridan County:

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sheridan, WY

Congress in Converse County:

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Glenrock, WY

Recent Photos



I was honored to receive the American Agri-Women Champion of Agriculture award! One of my top priorities as your congresswoman is to protect our food producers.



I enjoyed spending Independence Day meeting constituents and participating in the Cody Stampede Parade!

Recent Votes

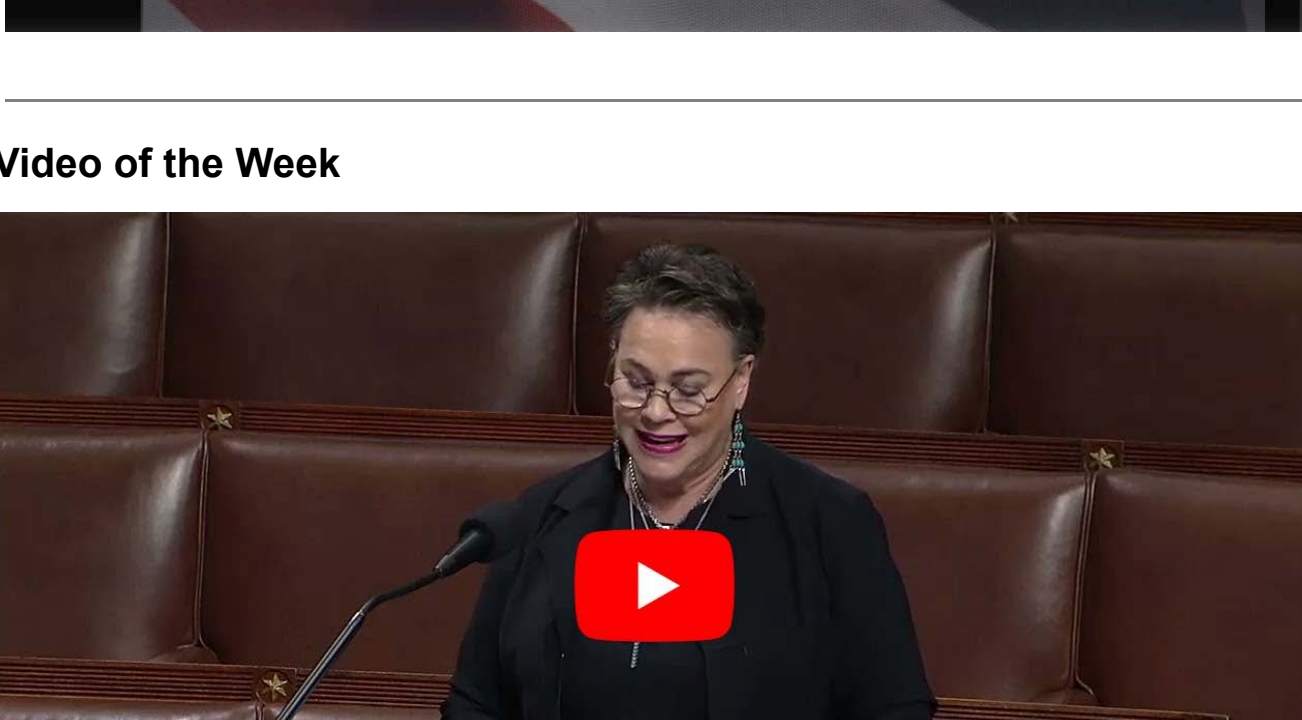
The House was out of session this week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Cosponsored Legislation

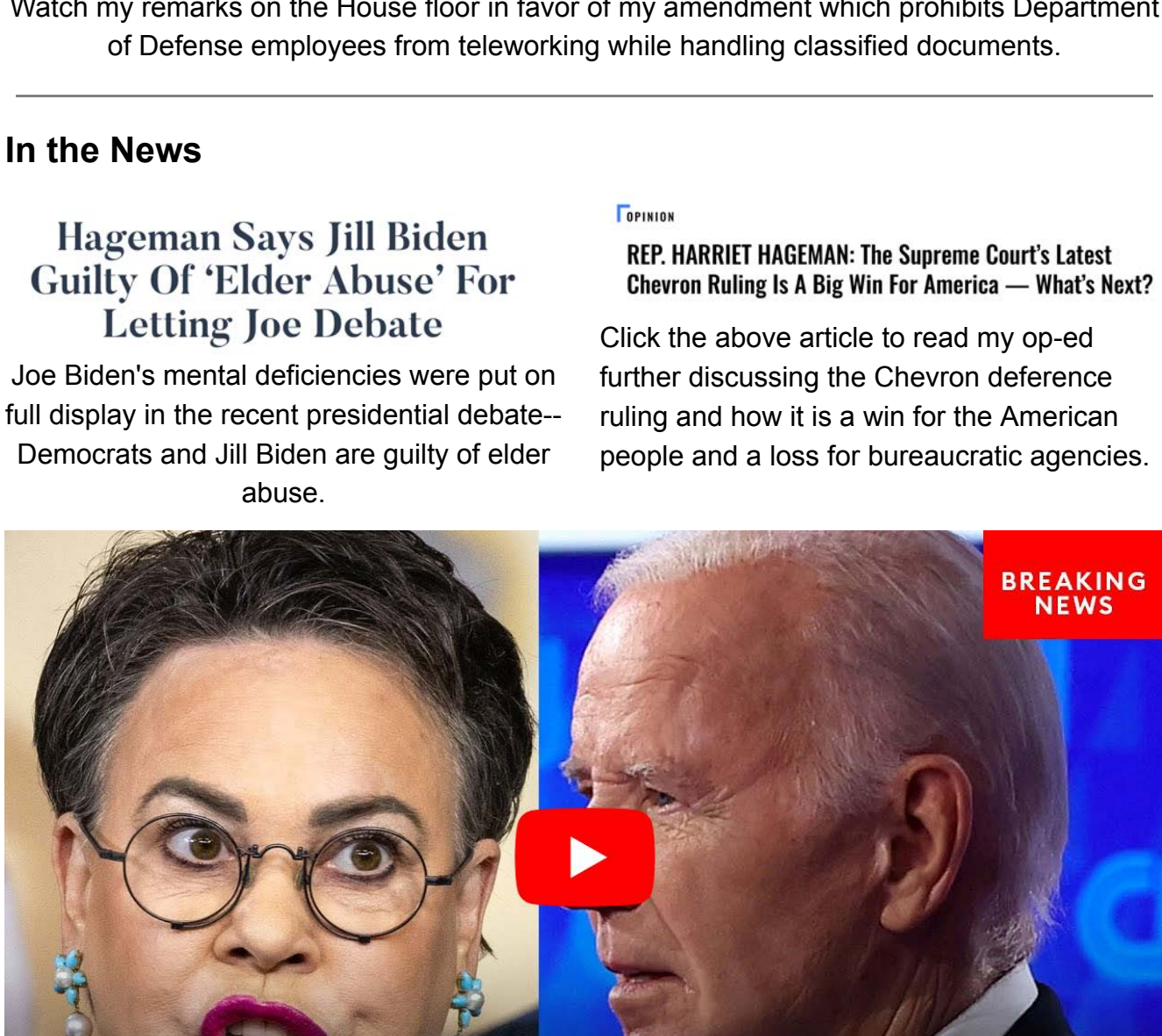
Here are some highlights of [bills I'm cosponsoring](#):

- [H.R.8202](#), the Justice for Vaccine Injured Veterans Act, which would allow service members to receive disability compensation for any vaccine injuries they may have developed under the Department of Defense’s wrongful COVID-19 mandate.
- [H.R.8632](#), the BIOSAFE Act, which would prevent the Biden administration from implementing a rule which forces state and local wildlife conservationists to forego final authority on conservation decisions.

Tweet of the Week



Video of the Week



Watch my remarks on the House floor in favor of my amendment which prohibits Department of Defense employees from teleworking while handling classified documents.

In the News

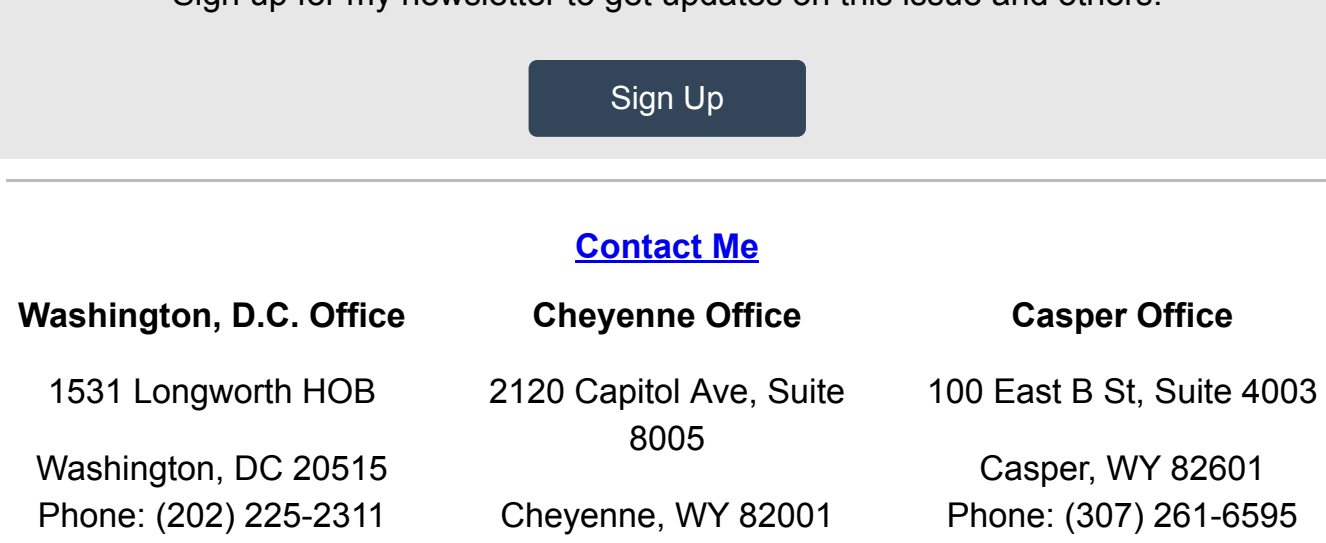
Hageman Says Jill Biden Guilty Of ‘Elder Abuse’ For Letting Joe Debate

Joe Biden’s mental deficiencies were put on full display in the recent presidential debate-- Democrats and Jill Biden are guilty of elder abuse.

OPINION

REP. HARRIET HAGEMAN: The Supreme Court’s Latest Chevron Ruling Is A Big Win For America — What’s Next?

Click the above article to read my op-ed further discussing the Chevron deference ruling and how it is a win for the American people and a loss for bureaucratic agencies.



Watch my interview with Forbes in which I discuss who I think is really running this country.

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