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Hello Laura,

Last week was another busy one for me in Washington, D.C. with votes, committee hearings, constituent meetings, and more. The House of Representatives passed multiple pieces of vital legislation, including the "Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act" (addressing the International Criminal Court) and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Keep reading below to learn more about these bills and other priorities I am pursuing as your lone representative in Congress.

Biden Admin has Weaponized the DOJ Against Law-Abiding Citizens

Attorney General (AG) Merrick Garland testified before the House Judiciary Committee, during which we questioned him about the weaponization of the Department of Justice (DOJ) under his watch. I focused on the Department's failure to keep Mexican cartels off our Indian reservations and the DOJ's possible misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) to spy on American citizens' bank records--which would be a clear violation of our Fourth Amendment rights. As per usual, when it comes to the Biden Administration and bureaucratic agencies, AG Garland stonewalled and largely refused to directly answer our questions.

In March, Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan and I sent a [letter](#) to the DOJ and the IRS requesting all information on their reported use of AI for unwarranted financial surveillance. The DOJ simply responded it "is not aware" of using AI for this purpose, which is far from a clear denial. Mr. Garland promised to provide additional information in response to our inquiry, and I will keep you posted on this important issue.

Because the DOJ shares jurisdiction over crimes committed on tribal reservations, I also asked what the DOJ is doing about the targeting and infiltration of our tribal communities by international drug and human trafficking cartels. We have had several tribal leaders testify before the Natural Resources Oversight Subcommittee that the cartels have moved onto their lands and are harming their communities as a direct result of the Biden border crisis. Drug dealing, human trafficking, and other crimes are skyrocketing. The tribal communities are suffering immensely, and all the various law enforcement agencies just seem to point fingers at each other. Tribes report that the FBI and DOJ are doing little to nothing to solve or deter cartel activity and often don't even know which tribes they are serving. AG Garland blamed this utter and complete failure and tragedy on Congress, rather than acknowledging that the administration's open border policies are the primary and direct source of the issue. You can watch my full questioning [here](#).

House Passes Bill to Support our Military and Veterans

On Wednesday, I voted in favor of [H.R. 8580](#), the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which will fully fund veterans' health care programs, veterans benefits, and VA programs. It also prohibits the Biden Administration from using funds to advance critical race theory; implement executive orders on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); or use taxpayer dollars for abortions.

I am also proud to announce that the final bill included my [amendment](#) which prohibits the VA from continuing to decommission mileage reimbursement kiosks in VA facilities. The VA has previously utilized these on-site mileage reimbursement kiosks as an easy-to-use method for veterans who are attempting to file documents/claims for beneficiary travel to and from VA facilities. Unfortunately, the VA decided to phase out these kiosks as it began rolling out the new online Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS) which is intended to effectively replace the kiosks. However, veterans from across Wyoming and the country have complained that this new technology doesn't work and ultimately disadvantages veterans who live in rural areas with limited internet access or are not familiar with this technology. While I understand the importance of modernizing the VA, we must also ensure that we are not making this process more difficult and burdensome for our veterans.

House Passes Bill to Sanction Illegitimate International Criminal Court

I am happy to report that [H.R. 8282](#), the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, which I cosponsored, passed the House by a bipartisan vote on Tuesday. This legislation will require the President to impose sanctions on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and any foreign actor who supports its effort to arrest, detain, or prosecute Americans or our allies. The bill would also block taxpayer dollars from going to the ICC.

In 2020, President Trump rightfully issued an executive order which would have rejected the ICC's purported jurisdiction over the U.S. and its allies. However, the Biden Administration revoked this executive order in 2021 and has refused to reverse its decision, despite the fact that the ICC recently announced that it is seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Gallant. America is a sovereign nation, and our citizens are only under the jurisdiction of our own legal system. We should never support an organization that would undermine our citizens' rights or that engages in political prosecutions of our allies.

CRAs: What They Are and Which Ones I Support

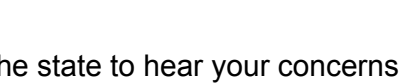
Lately, you have heard quite a bit about House Republicans' use of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA is an additional check on the administrative state passed in 1996 which allows Congress to overturn federal agency action. It requires agencies to report final rules to the House, Senate, and the Government Accountability Office, at which point Congress can review a rule, and if opposed to it, vote on a joint resolution of disapproval nullifying the rule. Proper consideration of the joint resolution allows it to be expedited through the Senate, providing timely oversight of agency action.

A rule is overturned when the House and Senate pass a joint resolution and the President signs it into law or if Congress overrides a presidential veto. Once a rule is overturned, the executive branch is prohibited from reintroducing the rule. To date, Congress has successfully used the CRA to overturn 20 rules. To provide even greater ability to check the executive branch, last year I helped the House pass the [REINS Act](#) which amends the CRA to prevent major rules from going into effect unless Congress approves of them. As the Biden Administration continues to weaponize the federal government to advance its climate change, woke, and open border agendas, we are attempting to use the CRA to constrain the power of the administrative state and restore the role of legislating to Congress, where it belongs.

Other CRAs I have recently sponsored or cosponsored are as follows:

- [H.J.Res.157](#) and [H.J.Res.158](#), which would overturn the Biden Administration's recent rule updates to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which reverse critical reforms to the ESA implemented during the Trump Administration.
- [H.J.Res.154](#), which would strike down President Biden's rule entitled "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process."
- [H.J.Res.139](#), which would nullify President Biden's mandatory nursing staff ratio rule.
- [H.J.Res.163](#), which would block the Biden Administration's regulations intended to shut down American power plants.
- [H.J.Res.165](#), which would overturn the Biden Administration's Title IX rule changes which seek to redefine sex and erase women.

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



Events and Announcements

Attend My Upcoming Town Halls!

My upcoming town halls in Campbell and Crook Counties are just over a week away! If you are in the area, I hope you will attend.

Campbell County Town Hall

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Gillette College Technical Center Flex Space

3251 S 4-J Rd, Gillette, WY 82718

Crook County Town Hall

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Crook County Courthouse Basement

309 E Cleveland St, Sundance, WY 82729

Upcoming Congress in Your Communities

Each week that I am in DC, my staff 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 Hot Springs County:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Kirby, WY

Congress in Goshen County:

Friday, June 28, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lingle, WY

Recent Photos



I am so honored to represent such a beautiful state!

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](#).

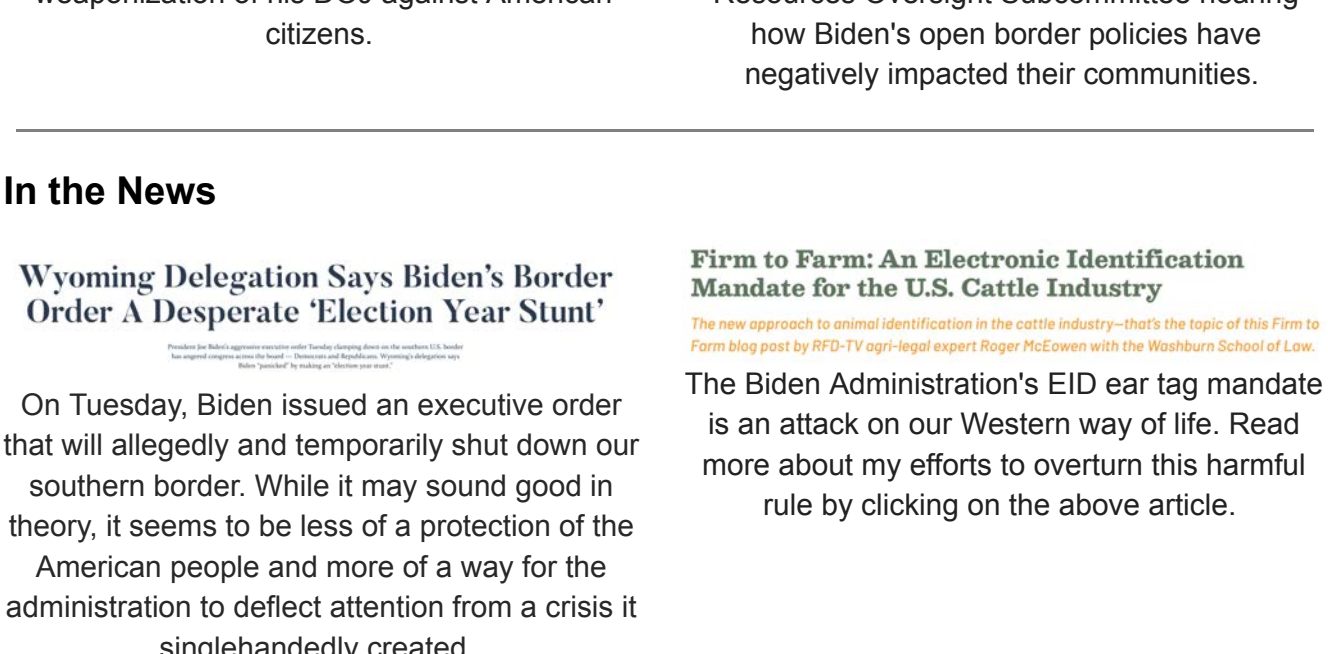
- Voted YES on [H.R. 8282](#), the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, which imposes sanctions on the International Criminal Court (ICC) and any foreign actor who supports its effort to arrest, detain, or prosecute protected persons of the United States and its allies.
- Voted YES on [H.R. 8580](#), the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which fully funds veterans' health care programs, veterans' benefits, and VA programs.

Cosponsored Legislation

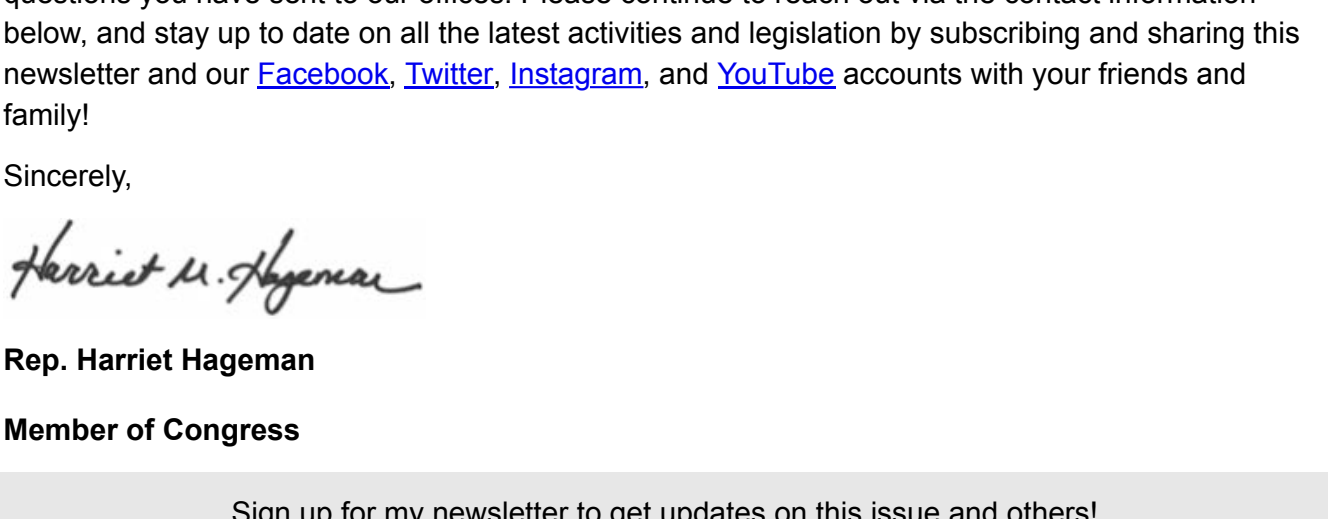
Here are some highlights of [bills I'm cosponsoring](#):

- [H.R.7195](#), the Protecting the Mailing of Firearms Act, which would amend U.S. Code to allow law-abiding gun owners as well as the firearm industry to ship handguns and other concealable firearms.

Tweet of the Week

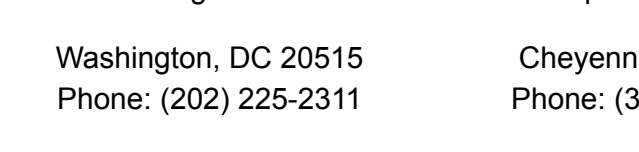


Video of the Week

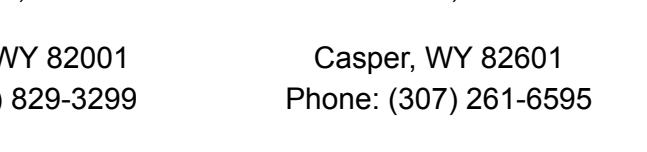


I also appeared on Washington Watch to discuss Tuesday's Judiciary Committee hearing in which I questioned AG Garland.

Committee Clips



Watch me question AG Garland on the weaponization of his DOJ against American citizens.



Watch as tribal leaders testify in a Natural Resources Oversight Subcommittee hearing how Biden's open border policies have negatively impacted their communities.

In the News

Wyoming Delegation Says Biden's Border Order A Desperate "Election Year Stunt"

On Tuesday, Biden issued an executive order that will allegedly and temporarily shut down our southern border. While it may sound good in theory, it seems to be less of a protection of the American people and more of a way for the administration to deflect attention from a crisis it singlehandedly created.

Firm to Farm: An Electronic Identification Mandate for the U.S. Cattle Industry

The Biden Administration's EID ear tag mandate is an attack on our Western way of life. Read more about my efforts to overturn this harmful rule by clicking on the above article.

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,

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