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Hello Tyler,

Last week was another busy one for me as your representative in Congress, with committee hearings, floor votes, and constituent meetings. Thank you to everyone who attended last week's final Wyoming Wednesday, where I was able to speak with my fellow Wyoming citizens about legislative issues important to them. I look forward to heading back to Wyoming for an upcoming district work week, where I will be attending a variety of meetings, attending Memorial Day events, and hosting my next town hall in Converse County.

Weaponization of the ATF Brought to Light During Committee Hearings

Last week, the House Judiciary Committee held two hearings on the weaponization of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) against law-abiding citizens, this time in the case of Bryan Malinowski, who was tragically killed in his own home by dozens of ATF agents who were executing a search warrant. Prior to Mr. Malinowski's death, the ATF spent several months surveilling him, going so far as to place a tracker on his car—the agency knew his whereabouts at all times, what he was doing, and who he was meeting with. They could have easily executed the warrant at any given time that Mr. Malinowski was not at home during most of the day. These rogue agencies wanted Mr. Malinowski to be home when they came battering through his front door at 6:00 a.m., and chose to execute the warrant at a time to maximize surprise and escalate the confrontation, thereby putting everyone at risk, while also violating his Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Amendment rights. The testimony that we heard last Wednesday should infuriate all Americans, and is further proof of how the Biden administration has been weaponized against us.

Search warrants are required to protect OUR individual constitutional rights against the government, and should never be a tool for bureaucratic agencies to weaponize the power of the federal government against us. With the ATF's attempts to ban the use of bump stocks and pistol braces, while also adopting vague and ambiguous regulations (the most recent being 400 pages long, and not even Director Dettelbach could tell us the circumstances under which a gun owner would be required to obtain a Federal Firearms License. Their goal is to turn millions of law abiding citizens into criminals overnight. The ATF's adoption of intentionally vague regulations will do just that -- criminalize lawful and constitutional conduct without our knowledge.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, my primary objective is to hold the bureaucracy accountable and rein in the government overreach to which we have all been subjected. To view my full questioning of Mr. Dettelbach, click [here](#). To see my questioning during the Weaponization hearing click [here](#). To watch the entirety of both hearings, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Fighting Back Against Biden's ESA

On Thursday, I introduced two resolutions ([here](#) and [here](#)) to 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. In 2019, President Trump finalized key changes to the ESA that added more flexibility for affected stakeholders while also ensuring species' recovery plans take a tailored and targeted approach. In March 2024, the Biden Administration overturned these revisions.

The revisions made during the Trump Administration allowed the Fish and Wildlife Services and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to research and share the economic impacts of a listing determination under the ESA. It also provides flexibility in defining critical habitat, allowing the agencies leeway to only designate unoccupied areas as critical habitat if necessary. Under the Biden revision, the agencies are no longer able to share or disseminate information on the economic impact of a listing. More alarmingly, the revision mandates the agencies must again designate unoccupied areas as critical habitat.

Two things are needed in order to adequately recover and manage endangered species across the United States: greater transparency and less federal bureaucracy. Yet once again these latest rules from the Biden Administration accomplish the exact opposite, handicapping local and state management agencies in the process. By reinstituting blanket protections on non-endangered species, mandating needless critical habitat designations with no justification, and ignoring the economic impact of such designations, the individuals on the ground actually conducting species management are prevented from ensuring the flourishing of ecosystems as a whole. These rules take species conservation in the wrong direction and punish our landowners. I introduced these resolutions to prevent these ill-designed rules from taking effect.

I also joined Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) in introducing a [resolution](#) of disapproval that would strike down President Biden's rule entitled "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process."

On April 23, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a final rule entitled "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process." The rule would unilaterally increase the royalty rate for production on federal lands while also increasing and creating new fees for producers. Such increased bonding fee requirements disproportionately impact smaller producers who can't afford to operate in the surety market. These additional fees will also harm state and local governments by disincentivizing development on federal lands, resulting in a very costly shortfall in revenue.

Wyoming will disproportionately bear the brunt of this rule. Over 85% of the Oil & Gas companies in Wyoming are small, locally owned and operated, "Mom-and-Pop" companies. These 400+ Wyoming companies directly employ over 1,500 Wyoming residents. Should this rule be implemented, Wyoming companies will be cut out of the surety market, preventing essential revenue streams for the state and killing meaningful jobs that keep our communities afloat.

House Passes Bill to Block Digital Currency

On Thursday, the House passed [H.R. 5403](#), the CBDC Anti-Surveillance State Act, which would halt unelected bureaucrats' efforts to issue a central bank digital currency (CBDC) without the approval of Congress. I am a cosponsor of this bill and was proud to vote in its favor.

The Federal Reserve defines the CBDC as "a digital form of central bank money that is widely available to the general public." While "experts" and politicians on both sides of the aisle have attempted to convey the benefits of CBDC and the related reforms, the concept and foreseeable abuses of CBDC are nothing short of alarming, with one major purpose being to expand government control over every aspect of our lives and the trampling of our privacy in the process. Neither the federal government nor the Federal Reserve have conducted themselves with the transparency and accountability necessary for us to move forward with adopting a CBDC framework, and I oppose any such effort.

It is important to note that a CBDC would essentially be an entirely new currency that would be both programmable and traceable while operating exclusively within a digital environment. In other words, every transaction made using this currency could be monitored by the federal government, the Federal Reserve, or various other financial institutions. In one example, assuming transactions involving firearms were monitored and catalogued, government agencies, such as the ATF, FBI, or DOJ, could begin to develop a gun ownership database. As a member of the Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government and your representative, I will continue to do everything in my power to rein in bureaucratic authority and ensure that the government is truly operating in the best interests of the American people.

Protecting Wyoming's Coal Industry

Over 40% of America's coal comes from the Powder River Basin, a key source of revenue for mining land reclamation projects providing thousands of high-paying jobs directly and indirectly fueling the entire region's economy. Yet the Bureau of Land Management is seeking to stop all coal leasing in this area; if allowed to proceed, this would absolutely devastate Wyoming and our nation's energy security.

On Wednesday, I questioned a principal deputy director from the Office of Surface Mining and Enforcement who admitted that she was never consulted by the BLM prior to their decision and she does not know if her agency was consulted either. This would cost America tens of billions of dollars in revenue, result in the loss of thousands of jobs, and decimate Wyoming's ability to pay for public services. I also was able to question the U.S. Geological Survey about their plans to include potash and phosphate on the critical minerals list, discussing the importance these minerals have to America's economy, food supply, and national security. it's my hope that both of these minerals, which are heavily supplied by Wyoming, will be included on the next iteration of this list to help protect our nation from Russia and China's attempts to gain a strong foothold in the global supply of these materials. For my full remarks, click [here](#).

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Events and Announcements

Attend My May 31 Town Hall!

I'm proud to announce my 13th town hall of 2024 will be in Converse County! If you live in the area, I hope you will attend.

Converse County Town Hall

Friday, May 31, 2024 – 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Eastern WY College, Douglas Campus

800 S Wind River Dr, Douglas WY

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 Park County:

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Cody, WY

Congress in Hot Springs County:

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

Kirby, WY

Congress in Goshen County:

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lingle, WY

Serve on the Wyoming Veterans Commission

The Wyoming Veterans Commission is looking for new people to serve in their First, Fourth, Fifth, and Tribal Districts! Applicants should apply for the vacancies using the guidelines outlined at <https://governor.wyo.gov/state-government/boards-commissions>. To apply, please send your application to the Governor's Office.

In addition to advising the governor and legislature on veteran benefits, the commission also oversees the Veterans Services Program, Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery, Military Records, Highly Rural Transportation Program, Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum, and Wyoming National Guard Museum. The commission meets quarterly or as needed to address issues relevant to all Wyoming veterans.

To learn more about the commission, visit <http://vets.wyo.gov>. For more information about the vacancies, please contact the commission at 307-777-8152.

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 YES on [H.R.192](#), which prohibits individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia.
2. Voted YES on [H.R.4763](#), the Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

1. [H.J.Res.144](#), which provides for congressional disapproval of the ATF's rule relating to "Definition of 'Engaged in the Business' as a Dealer in Firearms."
2. [H.J.Res.146](#), which provides for congressional disapproval of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services rule relating to "Clarifying the Eligibility of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients and Certain Other Noncitizens for a Qualified Health Plan through an Exchange, Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit, Cost-Sharing Reductions, and a Basic Health Program."
3. [H.R.8421](#), the *Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act*, which abolishes the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks and repeals the Federal Reserve Act.

Tweet of the Week



Video of the Week

If cartels are "the most dangerous groups in the world," why is ATF not helping secure the border?

In the News

Wyoming's coal powers the nation, and I will do everything I can to ensure that our coal industry thrives for decades to come.

Instead of crafting a pro-energy agenda, Biden is weakening our nation by depleting our Strategic Petroleum Reserve even more to try and win votes. This temporary measure puts us at risk and does nothing to help Americans suffering under Bidenomics-fueled inflation.

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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