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Hello Laura,

I am in my final week of our October district work period. While I have enjoyed my time being home in beautiful Wyoming, I look forward to returning to Washington, D.C. so that I can continue to do the work you elected me to do. While all of us are looking to the future with great anticipation and hope, the 118th Congress still has unfinished business to address.

Although physically in Wyoming for much of the last 5 weeks, I have continued to address your legislative priorities, with my D.C. office being busy finalizing and filing bills and focusing on constituent concerns. Last week, I authored an op-ed describing the dangers of federal intrusion on our public lands, joined a letter to the Department of the Treasury asking the agency to stall implementation of its Corporate Transparency Act requirements, and cosponsored legislation honoring our veterans ahead of Veterans Day.

Keep reading to learn more about these important issues and how they affect those of us in Wyoming.

How Much Federal Land Is Too Much?

Cowboy State Daily last week published my op-ed in which I discussed federal land ownership and the Kelly Parcel. Here is an excerpt from the article:

"I recently signed on to an amicus brief supporting Utah's Petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to return unappropriated lands to the state. Governor Gordon and members of the Wyoming legislature have signed on to similar briefs. We must address the issue of federal land ownership, particularly in the West, and I commend Attorney General Reyes for challenging the federal government's holding of 18 million acres of unappropriated BLM land—which doesn't include national parks, forests, monuments or tribal lands. The outcome of this case could be significant for Wyoming and all western states, including in our quest to rebalance our relationship with Washington, D.C.

"The federal government owns over 48% of Wyoming's surface estate and an even greater 65% of underlying mineral rights. Federal land ownership in Teton County is far worse, with only 3% being privately held, which is one of the reasons that housing costs are so high. Federal ownership of this magnitude wreaks havoc on affordable housing, the cost of providing services, and property taxes for county citizens.

"There is, however, a solution at hand, one that could produce long-term revenue for the benefit of all of Wyoming, while also reducing the reach and burden of federal regulators.

"The Kelly Parcel, which is comprised of 640 acres of land located within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, provides that opportunity.

"Although there are certain individuals who seem hell-bent on selling this invaluable property to the National Park Service (NPS) for \$100 million dollars, it is obvious by every metric that its value is significantly higher.

"It is also apparent that the NPS itself believes this parcel is worth substantially more than \$100 million.

"It is thus time for the State to leverage the value of this property for the best interests of *our citizens,* which I believe involves exchanging it for other federal lands within the State, most likely BLM lands in the Powder River Basin (PRB). If, however, DOI, the umbrella agency encompassing *both* the NPS and the BLM, does not want to engage in such discussions, the State must explore selling the Kelly Parcel at fair market value."

To read my op-ed in its entirety, click here.

Fighting Back Against Government Red Tape

One of my highest priorities as your Congresswoman is to support and promote small businesses in Wyoming and across America. That is why I am firmly opposed to the so-called Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)—which is in reality a data mining act—passed by Congress and signed into law in 2021, as its beneficial ownership reporting requirements unfairly burden the smallest of businesses.

To this extent, I voted in favor of <u>H.R.5119</u>, the Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act, which passed the House of Representatives 420-1 on December 12, 2023. This bill would extend the timeline for small businesses to comply with the CTA's overly burdensome regulations. It is unfortunate that the Senate has yet to consider this important legislation.

I also joined Rep. Warren Davidson in introducing <u>H.R.8147</u>, the Repealing Big Brother Overreach Act, which would repeal the CTA. This legislation was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, and I have been working with Rep. Davidson to encourage the Committee to hold a markup on the bill.

Last week, I joined a <u>letter</u> led by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI) 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 always fight to cut government regulation and red tape.

Honoring Our Veterans

On Friday, I joined a <u>resolution</u> led by Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS) to honor the service and sacrifice of American's veterans on this upcoming Veterans Day.

America owes an immense debt to our veterans. These men and women have missed birthdays, graduations, weddings, funerals, and the everyday blessings of life with their families, all in service to our nation. They have willingly gone into harm's way, often thousands of miles from home, and made countless sacrifices to keep us safe and preserve our way of life. I am committed to ensuring our veterans receive the care, benefits, and assistance they deserve.

There are no words that can fully express my gratitude, so I will simply and humbly say thank you and wish you the absolute best this Veterans Day.

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

Events and Announcements

Now Accepting Spring 2025 Internship Applications!

Washington, DC	Cheyenne & Casper
Intake and log constituent concerns by mail and phone	Intake and log constituent concerns by mail and phone
Greet and assist visitors and meetings in the office	Greet and assist visitors and meetings in the office
Lead US Capitol Tours	Assist with federal casework for constituents in need
Draft constituent correspondence	Attend meetings and events with district staff
Prepare research and briefing materials for meetings, hearings and markups	Research state issues for staff and prepare reports
Work directly with legislative, communications, and administrative staff on projects	Work directly with district staff on projects

I am now accepting applications for D.C. and district interns for Spring 2025! If you or someone you know is interested in learning first-hand how Congress works or is interested in a career in public service, I heartily encourage you to apply.

Applications must include a resume and a cover letter discussing why you would like to join my team and listing your desired office location (D.C., Casper, or Cheyenne). You can submit these documents via my website portal or email them directly to <u>Christiana.Nelson@mail.house.gov</u> by **Friday, November 15, at 5 PM MT.**

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 <u>here</u> or by calling 307-261-6595. Exact addresses for Congress in Your Community locations will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

Congress in Lincoln County:	Congress in Platte County:
Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Friday, December 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Diamondville, WY	Glendo, WY
Congress in Sublette County:	Congress in Uinta County:
Friday, November 15, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Friday, December 13, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Pinedale, WY	Lyman, WY
Congress in Sweetwater County:	Congress in Sweetwater County:
Monday, November 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Monday, December 16, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SBA to Host Events Celebrating Veteran-Owned Businesses

In honor of National Veterans Small Business Week, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be hosting the following events this week to assist veteran business owners and entrepreneurs or veterans interested in starting a business:

Afterhours Veteran Entrepreneur Networking Event

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Laramie County Community College, Career & Technical Building 1400 East College Dr Cheyenne, WY 82007

Veteran Entrepreneur Resources Lunch and Learn

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Laramie County Community College, Pathfinder Building, ANB Leadership Rm 1st Floor 1400 East College Dr Cheyenne, WY 82007

To learn more about these events and to register, click here.

Important Announcement from Cheyenne VA Healthcare System

The Cheyenne Veterans Affairs (VA) Healthcare System recently announced that as of October 30th, 2024, lodging for veterans has been extended to **April 30th, 2025**.

Veterans who are eligible for beneficiary travel still have the option to lodge themselves and receive **reimbursement at 50% of the GSA rate** for lodging if they choose to stay at a motel or hotel of their choice. If you or a veteran you know has questions about reimbursement eligibility, please call the Beneficiary Travel Department at (307) 778-7552.

Recent Photos





I had a great time at Cowboys Against Cancer's annual benefit and banquet! It was a beautiful event with so many people committed to supporting our friends and neighbors with their battles and recoveries.





I had the honor of attending the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting on Thursday and recognizing Ken Hamilton for his dedicated leadership in promoting Wyoming's agriculture.

Recent Votes

The House was out of session this week. For my full voting record, <u>click here</u>.

Cosponsored Legislation

- <u>H.Res.1561</u>, Condemning President Biden's remarks referring to President Trump's supporters as "garbage."
- 2. <u>H.Res.1566</u>, Honoring the service and sacrifice of America's veterans on Veterans Day, 2024.

Tweet of the Week





Congress has the authority to provide Americans with an avenue to protect their individual rights and granted such avenue for victims of wrongful federal law enforcement raids. Courts have no right to arbitrarily grant immunity to the FBI in this case.

🎒 Senator Rand Paul 蓉 @SenRandPaul • Nov 1

Congress specifically designed the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) to ensure that individuals harmed by government overreach—such as the wrongful raiding of an innocent person's home—have a means of recourse...buff.ly/3NORu5i

Video of the Week



Watch my interview with the Wyoming Liberty Group's Mike Garofalo regarding a host of issues I am prioritizing as Wyoming's lone representative, such as promoting energy independence and fighting federal government overreach.

In the News

Wyoming Ranchers, Hageman Slam Mandatory Electronic Cattle ID Tags

I fully support the New Civil Liberties Alliance in its lawsuit against the USDA to block mandatory EID eartags and will continue to fight against this rule while serving as your representative.

The FBI Wrongly Raided This Family's Home. A Bipartisan Group of Lawmakers Wants the Supreme Court To Step In.

The Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) allows American citizens to seek legal redress for torts committed against them by the federal government. To deny such redress, as the 11th Circuit did in Curtrina Martin's case, undermines the FTCA and the accountability it provides for Ms. Martin and all Americans. Consolidation Threatens to Rip 'Service' Out of Postal Service

I continue to remain engaged in hopes of stopping the U.S. Postal Service's destructive plan to downgrade Wyoming's only mail processing centers. Wyoming should have the same access to mail delivery as every other state.

Guest Column: How Much Federal Land Is Too Much?

Read my op-ed in Cowboy State Daily on the federal government's outsized control of public lands in Wyoming.

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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

Harriet M. Algeman

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