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Hello Laura,

I enjoyed another great week in Wyoming, traveling the state, meeting with constituents, and touring businesses and organizations that contribute to the community and our entire state, while also being able to spend some quality time with my family. I took a quick detour while I was in Goshen County on Tuesday to visit my 100-year-old mother. She is so engaged in what is going on in the world and keeps herself busy illustrating and painting stationary.

I also had the honor of participating in the Livestock Producers Freedom Rally on October 7th in Rapid City, South Dakota, where I spoke in opposition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) dangerous, unnecessary, and illegal electronic identification (EID) ear tag rule.

Keep reading for more information on this, as well as what's happening in our nation's capital!

My Bill Would Hold BOR Accountable

On Friday, I was joined by Representatives Celeste Maloy and John Curtis (both R-UT) in introducing [H.R. 9969](#), legislation which would require the U.S. Department of the Interior to enter into a memorandum of understanding that considers the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) Record of Decision (ROD) from its Supplemental Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan and how it impacts the Upper Colorado River Basin (UCRB) Fund.

The UCRB Fund is paid for by its customers. When the BOR announced this ROD, it implemented bypass flows through Glen Canyon Dam that would have been used for hydropower development and production. My bill would require the BOR to reconsider its decision and determine its impact on the customers whose funds would be used to purchase power provided from the open market rather than through the power generated from the dam. My bill would also require the BOR to assess the impact on the energy grid and potential negative environmental impacts on the Colorado River.

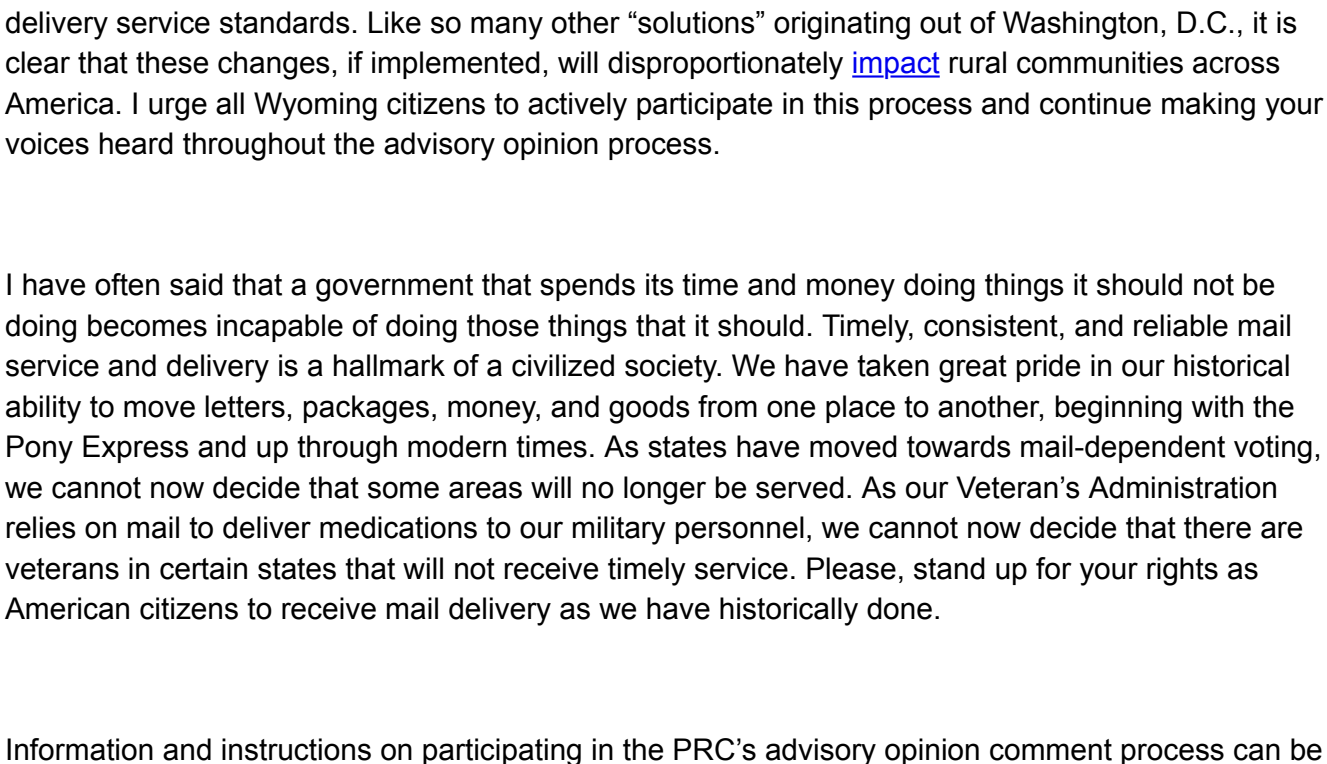
We must return common sense and rational thought to our decision-making as it relates to producing energy in this country. I am absolutely horrified by the willingness of our federal bureaucrats to make decisions that THEY KNOW will result in a dramatic increase in costs to our end users, thereby impacting families, small businesses, farmers, ranchers, manufacturing, and others. It seems as though our federal agencies have decided that this is not a government "of, by, and for the people," but instead one that has the power and moral authority to impose unnecessary scarcity and suffering.

Livestock Producers Freedom Rally Was a Success

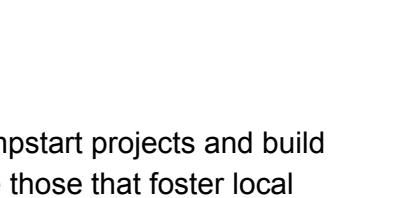
On October 7, I had the privilege of attending and speaking at the Livestock Producers Freedom Rally in Rapid City, South Dakota. I discussed the USDA's EID ear tag rule and the work I am doing to protect our ranchers and fight back against this wrong-headed and unlawful federal mandate.

This rule is a solution in search of a problem that would result in the chipping and tracing of our livestock. America produces the highest quality meat in the world, thanks to the effective traditional disease traceability system that has been in place for over 100 years and starts with our ranchers. This rule is nothing less than a federal mandate that American ranchers (and ultimately the consumers) will have to pay for, with non-compliance resulting in loss of access to traditional markets, furthering vertical integration of the U.S. food supply chain. It probably won't surprise you that the biggest advocates for this boondoggle are the ear tag manufacturing companies and the Big 4 packers.

I fought the USDA's attempts to impose this mandate as a private attorney and have continued to do so as your representative. I have spearheaded the charge in Congress to block this harmful rule by introducing [H.J.Res. 167](#), a joint resolution of disapproval pursuant to the Congressional Review Act that would overturn the rule. I have also opposed the mandate during debate on the House floor and have authored three op-eds describing the threats and consequences of such a rule, which you can read [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). To watch my remarks at the Livestock Producers Freedom Rally, click the video below.



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



Events and Announcements

Make Your Voice Heard on Maintaining Timely Mail Service in Wyoming

Despite widespread opposition from Wyomingites at the pre-filing conference last month, the USPS has decided to move forward and has officially requested an advisory opinion from the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) for elements of its "Delivering for America Plan" (which actually does the exact opposite), including consolidating existing processing facility operations and altering its delivery service standards. Like so many other "solutions" originating out of Washington, D.C., it is clear that these changes, if implemented, will disproportionately [impact](#) rural communities across America. I urge all Wyoming citizens to actively participate in this process and continue making your voices heard throughout the advisory opinion process.

I have often said that a government that spends its time and money doing things it should not be doing becomes incapable of doing those things that it should. Timely, consistent, and reliable mail service and delivery is a hallmark of a civilized society. We have taken great pride in our historical ability to move letters, packages, money, and goods from one place to another, beginning with the Pony Express and up through modern times. As states have moved towards mail-dependent voting, we cannot now decide that some areas will no longer be served. As our Veteran's Administration relies on mail to deliver medications to our military personnel, we cannot now decide that there are veterans in certain states that will not receive timely service. Please, stand up for your rights as American citizens to receive mail delivery as we have historically done.

Information and instructions on participating in the PRC's advisory opinion comment process can be found [HERE](#). The deadline to submit a comment or statement of position is **December 12th, 2024**.

Apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant!

T-Mobile is investing \$25 million in 500 rural towns over 5 years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. Examples of projects which may be funded are those that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers.

Elected officials, town managers/employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with a population of less than 50,000 can apply. If you meet these criteria, you can [apply here](#). To see how Hometown Grants are creating change, [click here](#).

Sign Up to Participate in the Congressional App Challenge!

The 2024 Congressional App Challenge is still accepting applications! Middle and high school students across Wyoming are encouraged to participate in this nationwide competition that helps students learn coding skills and explore opportunities within the STEM and computer science field.

The Congressional App Challenge is the official computer science competition of the House of Representatives. Since its inception in 2013, it has grown to become the most prestigious prize in computer science. Over 50,000 students have participated in the challenge across 374 Congressional Districts in 50 states and 5 U.S. territories.

Winning apps will be announced in December 2024 and featured on the U.S. House of Representatives website and in the U.S. Capitol Building. Applications are due **October 24, 2024, at 10 AM MT**. To learn more about the rules, prizes, and more, you can [visit their website](#).

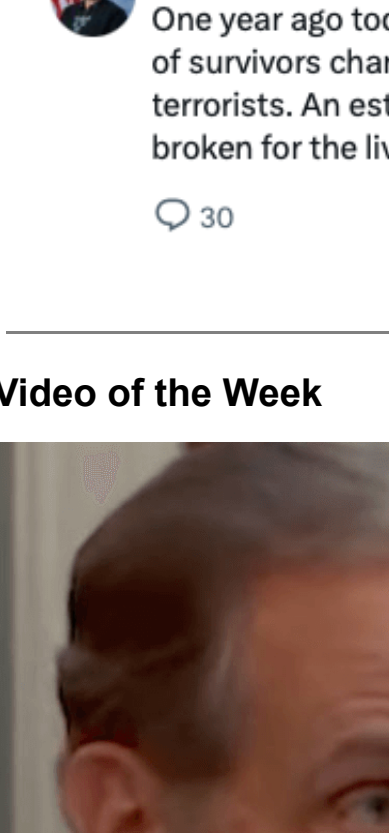
Apply to Attend a Service Academy!

The deadline to apply for a congressional Service Academy nomination is quickly approaching! 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.

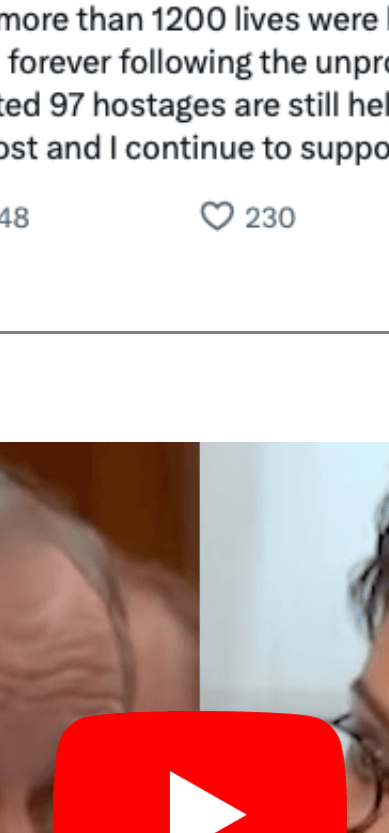
Members of Congress may nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies: U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy (USFA), Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings 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](#) no later than **Thursday, October 31**. If you have questions, please contact Kael Tepper at kael.tepper@mail.house.gov or (307) 829-3299.

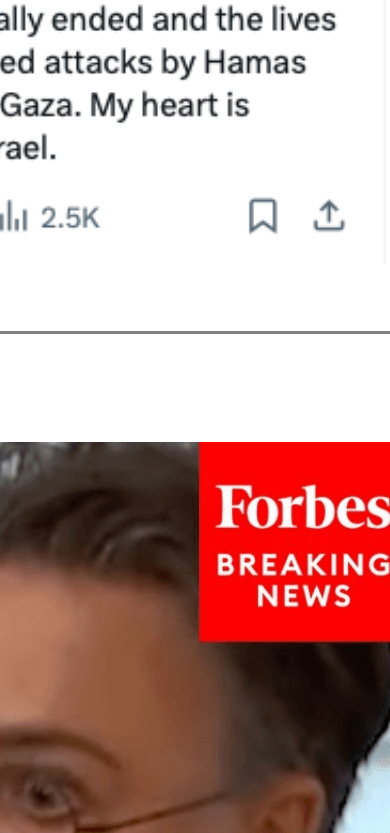
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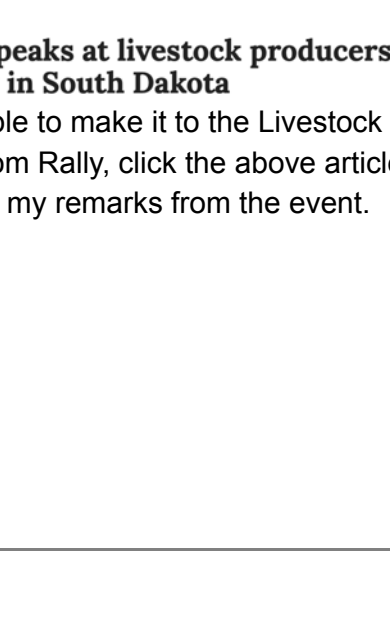
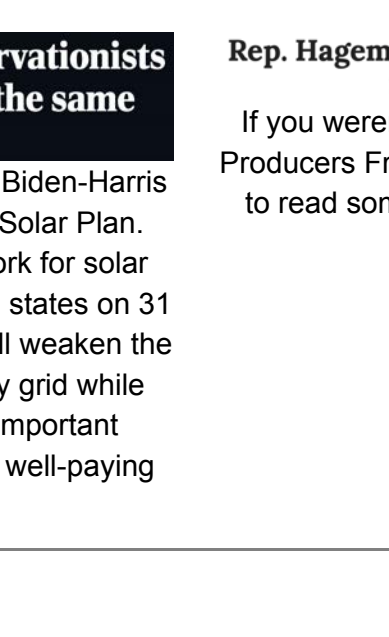
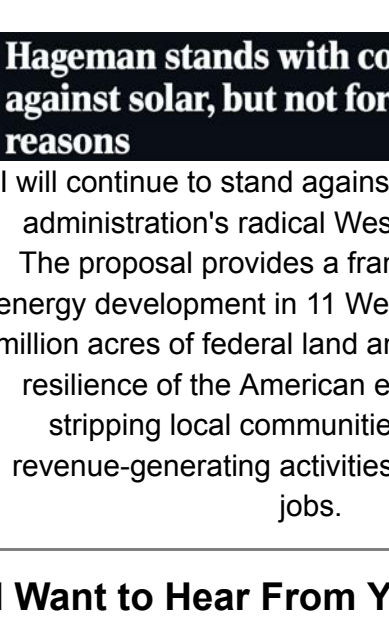
I was honored to speak to a packed house on the problems and risks associated with EID in the cattle industry at the Livestock Producers Freedom Rally. Thank you to all who attended and made this event a success.



Members of my staff attended an event celebrating Hanna Elementary School's 10-year anniversary. I appreciate the work and dedication that goes into educating Wyoming's future.



I was pleased to spend time with Christine at the Goshen County Library to see the PATHS Telehealth booth that it opened earlier this year. The booth is a private space with the technology necessary to complete telehealth-related appointments, including for mental health consultations. What an incredible contribution to the community!



My team recently welcomed 13 Wyoming veterans to Washington, D.C. The veterans were there on an honor flight, a trip that transports veterans to D.C. to visit memorials that honor their service.

The veterans being honored were Maron Davis, Michael Reher, Patricia Reher, Linville "Lin" Vann, Ruben Cortez, Daniel Delorey, Sigurd "Pinky" Johnson, William "Bill" Wolf, Bruce Leikam, Olen Henson, Jerry Johnson, Anthony "Tony" Abstetar, and Barry Matlack.

Thank you all for your service to our country.

Recent Votes

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

Tweet of the Week



Video of the Week

Forbes Breaking News featured my recent questioning of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deputy Director Guertin on the agency's failure to respond to the state of Wyoming's petition to delist the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear within the 12-month window required by the Endangered Species Act. Its continued refusal to delist the bears puts humans, livestock, and other wildlife in grave danger. My message to them? Do your job!

In the News

Hageman stands with conservationists against solar, but not for all the same reasons

I will continue to stand against the Biden-Harris administration's radical Western Solar Plan.

The proposal provides a framework for solar energy development in 11 Western states on 31 million acres of federal land and will weaken the resilience of the American energy grid while stripping local communities of important revenue-generating activities and well-paying jobs.

Rep. Hageman speaks at livestock producers rally in South Dakota

If you weren't able to make it to the Livestock Producers Freedom Rally, click the above article to read some of my remarks from the event.

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!

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