

Despite an unexpected short week in Washington, D.C., the House of Representatives was still able to address several important priorities. I was proud to participate in two oversight hearings in the Judiciary Committee, one on judicial overreach and one on Artificial Intelligence (AI), both of which I will describe in more detail below.

I also enjoyed visiting with constituents, both in my office and during our Wyoming Wednesday, who were in town for meetings and tours. I look forward to returning to D.C. this week so that we may continue implementing the agenda America voted for, and for me to keep doing the job Wyoming elected me to do.

Continuing My Opposition to Unconstitutional Proxy Voting

Disappointingly, the House was unable to take a final vote on several important bills last week, including to secure our elections and to curtail judicial overreach, because 9 Republicans joined the entire House Democrat Caucus to oppose the procedural vote over their support for a resolution allowing proxy voting for new parents. This proxy resolution would have allowed members of Congress who are new mothers and fathers to proxy vote for 12 weeks following the birth of a child.

The vote last week was not only designed to push for bad policy surrounding proxy voting; however, it also ended up blocking us from implementing President Trump's agenda. By killing the rule, the proxy advocates essentially ended our ability to bring bills to the floor for the remainder of the week.

While I fully defend life and the family, I have always opposed proxy voting because it is not only unconstitutional but wrong-headed. The quorum clause of the Constitution requires a majority to conduct business, and the Constitution further clarifies elsewhere that business is conducted when members are present. Changing the House rules to allow proxy voting is a violation of the Constitution.

I actually signed onto an amicus brief challenging the constitutionality of the final Pelosi omnibus passed in December 2022 on the grounds that there was not a majority of members present when it passed, with a majority of them instead voting—by proxy—to spend trillions of dollars of federal money to implement bad policy. Proxy voting will also allow the Democrats to dramatically slow our legislative agenda, as such voting takes substantially more time than when we are required to be present and vote individually.

Proxy voting was notoriously used during the Nancy Pelosi Covid Congress—besides being illegal, it was rife with abuse. Proxy voting allowed Pelosi to pass trillions in spending with just a few of her henchmen in the chamber, while members certified they were unable to attend for health reasons; in reality, they were partying in Europe and doing everything but their jobs. Your vote in Congress through your elected representative is the foundation of our government; giving it to another district to control is a violation of the system of government you were guaranteed.

Working to Counter Judicial Overreach

On Tuesday, the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government examined the judicial overreach and constitutional limits on federal courts. This hearing was scheduled in response to the recent decisions by several district court judges who have been issuing nationwide injunctions to block President Trump from implementing his agenda, including with regard to deporting illegal aliens, ending the temporary status of others in the country, and protecting children from the Left's radical gender ideology.

I believe that these injunctions, which cover the entire geographic area of the United States and over 330 million people rather than being directed solely to the parties involved in the lawsuit, represent judicial overreach at its most extreme. Courts have historically avoided interfering with the President's authority to address national security and national defense, yet many of these injunctions are designed to do just that—substitute the court's judgment for that of our President.

These actions raise grave questions about whether we are seeing legitimate judicial review or leftist activism. I support the No Rogue Rulings Act, which bans district courts from issuing nationwide injunctions, with limited exceptions. That bill has now passed the Judiciary Committee and will be considered on the floor soon.

President Trump is fulfilling his commitment to make America safe again, and I will continue to stand with him as he implements this extremely important agenda. You may watch a clip of the hearing <u>here</u>.

Examining Competition Within the AI Industry

The Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing on Wednesday on the competitive landscape within the AI industry. AI has become increasingly popular in the U.S. and worldwide, and many of you are likely familiar with AI applications such as ChatGPT or Grok on X.

The AI industry involves multiple different sectors that implicate national and international competition. I asked our expert witnesses how government regulation and control, both here and abroad, can corrupt AI innovation. For example, the Biden administration and the European Union pushed for a costly regulatory scheme that would result in the destruction of the smallest competitors in this sector. AI shaped by government input runs the risk of turning into a censorship tool, and pricing American businesses out of the market only stands to benefit China, who seeks AI superiority as part of its quest to surpass the U.S. as the global superpower. You may watch my questioning <u>here</u>.

One issue that we did not address during the hearing, but that must be front and center as we further develop AI policy and as this technology advances, is how we will meet the energy demands for this industry. AI will require massive investments in energy development and infrastructure. We are in a race against time as China and Saudi Arabia seek to corner and control the AI industry by providing cheap fuel. America must remain dominant in the AI space, and our ability to produce affordable and reliable energy will be the only way we can do so.

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Events and Announcements

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 Platte County:

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Glendo, WY

Congress in Park County:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Powell, WY

Update on SSA Offices in Wyoming

I've continued receiving calls from constituents concerned that their local Social Security Administration (SSA) office is closing or has already closed. My team gathered information and was able to confirm the hours of operation and phone number for each office, which I have listed below:

Casper	Riverton
Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM	Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 9 AM to noon
866-964-3972	866-331-2198

Rock Springs
Monday-Friday, 9 AM to noon
855-881-0211
Sheridan
Sheridan Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM

These offices are no longer taking walk-ins and request that you call to set up an appointment. Starting on April 14, you will need to show your ID only if you are changing your banking information or signing up for SSA. This is to protect you from fraud and is no change for Wyoming. If you have issues contacting your local SSA office or receiving your benefits, please fill out a privacy release form <u>here</u> or call my team at (307) 261-6595.

House Draw Fire Funds Released

After the incredibly devastating House Draw Fire last year, 32 individuals applied for funding through the USDA's EQIP program, requesting a total of \$3.4 million. I worked with individuals and the Johnson County Commission to advocate for the release of these funds so that restoration could take place.

I'm happy to announce that the agency confirmed it will be issuing \$4 million in funds to those impacted by the fire, with additional funding available for those who have not yet applied. If you need assistance with the EQIP process, please reach out to your local NRCS office.

Recent Photos







As always, we had a great Wyoming Wednesday in our nation's capital! I appreciate all who came to share their views and meet with their elected representatives.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of bills I'm cosponsoring:

1. <u>H.R.2452</u>, the Keep Our Girls Safe Act.

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman 😵 🚪 @RepHageman · Apr 2 💋 · · I'm working with my @NatResources colleagues to fix the outdated Endangered Species Act and return wildlife management authority to the states.

You can read more in my latest op-ed in Cattle Business Weekly:

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Restoring Common Sense to he Endangered Species Act anage wildlife responbly. Earlier this year, istead of delisting, the SFWS proposed consoliating six recovery zones, icluding the Greater ellowstone area, into a. This decision ade in the dying days the Biden presidency - undermines years of rogress and could set elisting back decades by mbining areas like the

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eral level, which is why I am a proud cosponsor of the Endangered Species Act Amendments Act of 2025. This legislation makes critical reforms to the ESA by clearing a path for states to manage recovered species like the grizzly, allowing them to develop and submit recovery strategies for species that are listed as threatened, such as grizzly bears, and eliminating frivolous litigation. As a fourth-generation Wyomingite and the chair of the Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee, I know these are reforms that will bring welcome change to our state and beyond. I also introduced the Grizzly Bear State Management Act, a bill that directs the USFWS to delist the grizzly from the endangered species

list and return manag ment to our state. T facts have been ignor for far too long, and it time for Congress to a to address the everyd reality for those of us Wyoming who must li with this predator.

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Wyoming is on the ont lines of wildlife anagement. We enjoy rich diversity of some America's most iconspecies, yet we also rectly witness how fedal bureaucracy ties our unds and prevents local aders from managing e wildlife in and around r communities. Look further than the over-

grown Greater Yellowstone Grizzly population. These apex predators – currently protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) – attack hunters and hikers, damage property, and destroy livestock. Despite the undeniable need for delisting the grizzly and returning management to the states, there remains a sharp disconnect between the ESA and reality here in Wyoming. Since the grizzly was built of the grizzly was in 1975 with an initia recovery goal of 500 the greatest conservahas since soared to well on success stories in over 1,100 in the Greate: merican history, we are Yellowstone Ecosysten sing punished for doing in Wyoming, Montan ir job too well. and Idaho. Despite thi: We must restore comsuccess, the U.S. Fisl on sense to species manand Wildlife Service rement and push back

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Video of the Week



Watch my interview with the Jesse Kelly Show during which we discussed judicial overreach.

In the News

She Lived American Dream, Sees That Same Spirit of Opportunity Again in Trump Admin

I spoke with the Daily Signal about the optimism I and many in Wyoming feel now that President Trump is back in the White House. See our full conversation by clicking the article above. Watch: "Just the News, No Noise" with Rep. Harriet Hageman and Rep. Tom Tiffany

I joined Just the News to discuss an array of issues, including President Trump's deportation efforts and the Left's funding of NGOs to implement their radical agenda. You may click the article above to watch.

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