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Hello Laura,

I had a great week on the road in Wyoming, meeting with constituents, attending local events, and hosting a town hall in Fremont County. I'm grateful for every conversation and the chance to hear directly from the people I represent.

I look forward to another week in our beautiful state, with two more town halls scheduled in Converse and Natrona Counties. I hope to see many of you there.

In this week's newsletter, I will be highlighting key school choice victories secured in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). I'm also pleased to share that my bill aimed at addressing critical housing needs for our veterans has been included in a broader Senate package.

School Choice Wins in the OBBBA

The OBBBA includes a historic school choice provision that empowers families across America to select the educational path that best meets their children's needs.

The OBBBA establishes a federal tax credit, capped at \$1,700, for individuals who make charitable contributions to scholarship-granting organizations (SGOs). These organizations provide scholarships to K–12 students, helping cover a wide range of educational expenses such as tuition, curriculum materials, books, and tutoring services. By incentivizing voluntary charitable giving, this provision expands educational opportunities and ensures that families have the financial flexibility to make the best choices for their children's future.

In addition, the bill broadens the allowable uses of tax-exempt 529 savings plans to include certain K–12 educational expenses, while raising the annual withdrawal limit from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per student. These updates give families greater control over how they save and plan for education, especially as students' needs or career paths evolve.

Together, these provisions mark a significant step forward in advancing educational freedom and strengthening parental choice.

VALID Act Included in Comprehensive Senate Housing Bill

I'm proud that the Senate included the Veterans Affairs Loan Informed Disclosure (VALID) Act—legislation I co-led with Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO)—in its ROAD to Housing Act, which recently advanced out of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee.

Currently, only 10 to 15 percent of eligible veterans take advantage of VA home loans, despite the significant savings these programs can offer. The VALID Act ensures veterans receive clear, side-by-side comparisons of VA, Federal Housing Administration, and conventional loan options during the home-buying process. This transparency empowers veterans to make informed financial decisions and fully access the benefits they have earned.

With more than 40,000 veterans living in Wyoming, we are reminded daily that our freedoms come at a cost, paid through the selfless service and sacrifices of these brave men and women. Ensuring our veterans receive the care and benefits they deserve is a fundamental obligation. The VALID Act helps fulfill that duty by making certain veterans are fully informed about the valuable home loan programs available as they plan for their futures.

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



Events and Announcements

Attend My Upcoming Town Halls!

My upcoming in-person town halls will be held in Converse and Natrona Counties. If you would like to attend, please register [HERE](#).

Converse County Town Hall:

Monday, August 18, 2025 – 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM MT

Converse County Library, Glenrock

506 S 4th St, Glenrock, WY 82637

Natrona County Town Hall:

Monday, August 18, 2025 – 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM MT

Casper College, Wheeler Concert Hall

125 College Dr, Casper, WY 82601

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 [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 Crook County:

Friday, August 29, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

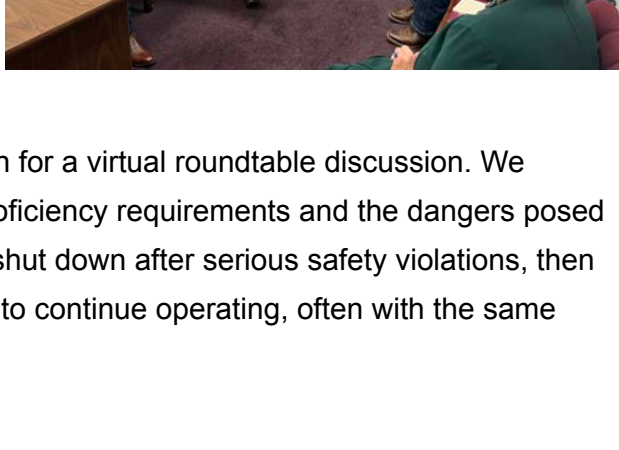
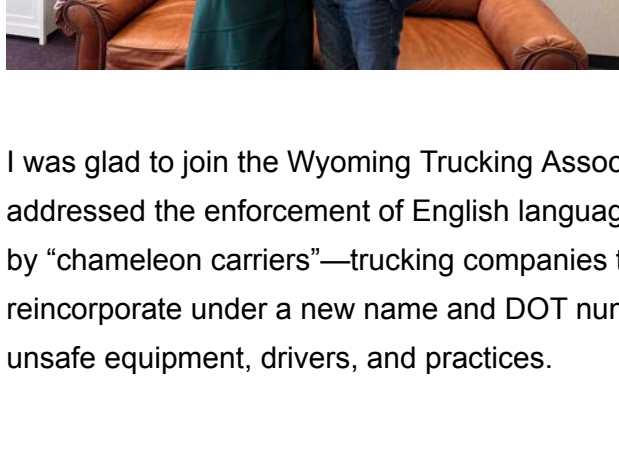
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VA Announces Improvements to Veteran Care

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced it has processed more disability compensation and pension ratings claims in a single year than ever before. In fiscal year 2024, the VA processed 2,517,519 ratings claims. As of August 8—nearly two months before the end of FY25—the department has already surpassed that with 2,524,115 claims processed.

Additionally, the backlog of veterans awaiting VA benefits has decreased by over 37%, following a 24% increase during the Biden administration. I'm encouraged by the continued improvements in our federal agencies under President Trump. For more details, read the VA's full press release [here](#).

Recent Photos



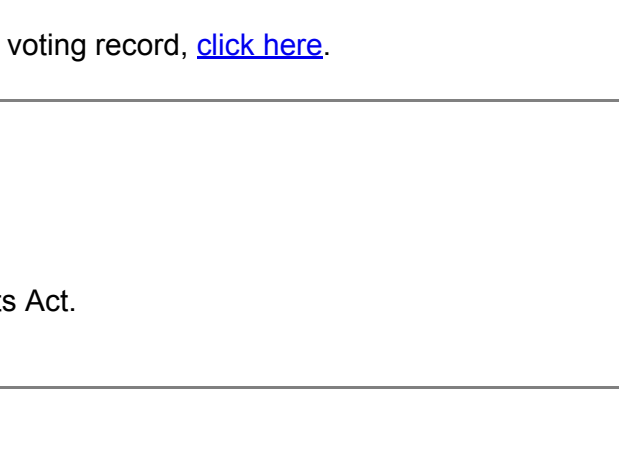
I was honored to attend the ceremony commemorating the renaming of the Shoshoni Post Office to the Dessie A. Bebout Post Office. Dessie exemplified a life of service, compassion, and leadership, and I'm grateful that her legacy will be preserved in this meaningful way.



I was glad to join the Wyoming Trucking Association for a virtual roundtable discussion. We addressed the enforcement of English language proficiency requirements and the dangers posed by “chameleon carriers”—trucking companies that shut down after serious safety violations, then reincorporate under a new name and DOT number to continue operating, often with the same unsafe equipment, drivers, and practices.



I had a great time at the 2025 Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame Picnic! Congratulations to this year's inductees, Juan Reyes and Doug Miyamoto—true champions of Wyoming agriculture—and to Neil Long, Educator of the Year, whose work is inspiring the next generation.



Thank you to everyone who joined me in Dubois for Thursday's town hall! I appreciated the opportunity to share updates on my work in Congress and to hear directly from constituents about the issues that matter most to Wyoming.

Recent Votes

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

Cosponsored Legislation

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

- [H.R.4924](#), the Rails to Trails Landowner Rights Act.

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · Aug 12
Big win for Wyoming & American energy!

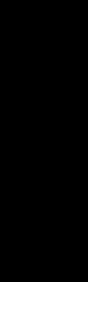
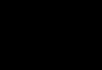
@POTUS is fast-tracking the Black Butte Mine expansion, unlocking 9.2M tons of clean, reliable coal. This is what America First looks like: more jobs, stronger energy independence, and real leadership.

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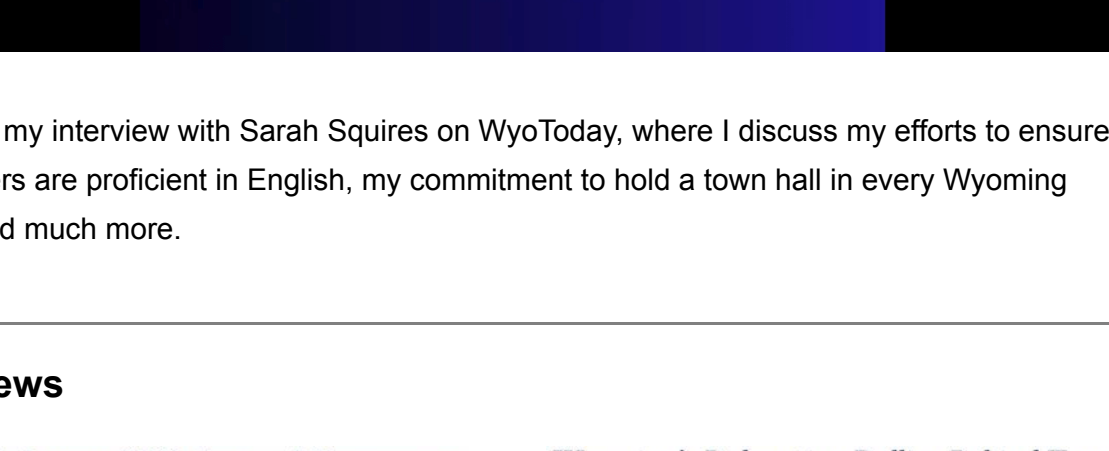
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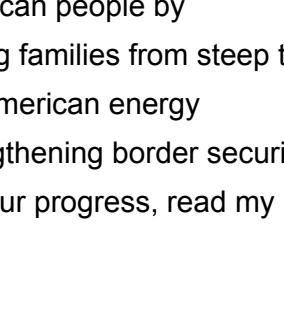


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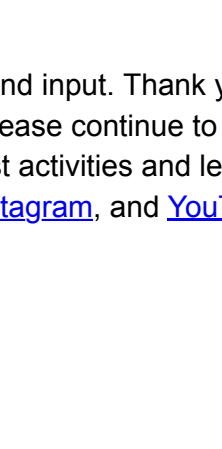


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Tune in to my interview with Sarah Squires on WyoToday, where I discuss my efforts to ensure truck drivers are proficient in English, my commitment to hold a town hall in every Wyoming county, and much more.

In the News

Guest Column: 200 days of Progress: Republican Wins for America's Future

House Republicans are delivering on our promises to the American people by protecting hardworking families from steep tax increases, boosting American energy production, and strengthening border security.

To learn more about our progress, read my op-ed linked above.

Wyoming's Delegation Rallies Behind Trump's Decision to Mobilize Troops in D.C.

President Trump has both the authority and the responsibility to provide oversight of Washington, D.C. It is essential that we take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the district's residents as well as the many visitors who come from across the country.

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Sincerely,

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