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Hello Tyler,

The temperature continues to drop in our nation's capital, but it's got a way to go before it rivals a Wyoming winter! I will admit that the bitter cold wind that flows through DC can be a bit daunting, but it subsides fairly quickly. The House is now starting our final in-session week of December before we return to our districts for meetings with constituents and spending some time with our families over the holiday season. Stay tuned for upcoming emails as I'll be sharing a recap of all my accomplishments this year, as well as a preview of what's to come in Year Two!

This year has gone so quickly, and while there have been many interesting, challenging, and frustrating aspects of what I have done in the last 12 months, there is one thing that has remained steadfast – and that is how honored I am to be able to serve the great state of Wyoming.

Protecting Americans from FBI Abuse

For entirely too long, the U.S. Intelligence Community (and the FBI especially), has abused the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) in a blatant violation of the U.S. Constitution. Countless Americans have been – and continue to be – subjected to surveillance, wiretaps, and other unreasonable violations of their right to privacy with little oversight and protection from powerful bureaucrats. Revelations like the Durham report confirm how routinely these rights have been violated and abused.

This week, the Judiciary Committee marked up the Protect Liberty and End Warrantless Surveillance Act, which seeks to correct the injustices perpetrated by the FBI, NSA, and other federal agencies. This bill, which was overwhelmingly approved by Republicans and Democrats, will strengthen warrant requirements that the government must obtain before surveillance occurs, while also adding greater transparency and accountability to the process, to include greater criminal penalties against those who infringe on your rights as an American citizen. I'm extremely proud of the strong, bipartisan product that we created and look forward to supporting H.R. 6570 on the House floor soon.

How the Biden Administration is Using Banks for Illegal Immigration

Back in October, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Department of Justice issued a warning to banks and financial institutions that they may be subject to prosecution if they rely "unnecessarily" on someone's status as an illegal alien when deciding to provide a financial loan, claiming that this is akin to discrimination on race, color, or national origin. This inference is not only without legal basis, but blatantly contradicts provisions in the Equal Credit Opportunity Act that allow consideration of immigration status as a factor in such decisions.

This thinly veiled threat disguised as "guidance" is nothing more than an attempt to intimidate our financial institutions to advance Biden's open border policies. For a month, my letter to the CFPB and DOJ requesting clarification on this guidance has gone unanswered, and as such I took the opportunity to question Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke on their attempt to weaponize her division to incentivize more people to come and violate our immigration laws, while forcing our banks to give loans to illegal aliens.

I have made clear that such a policy is not only unsupported by the law, but would destroy our financial institutions if they are forced to make loans to individuals who cannot pay them back, and who are in this country in violation of our own immigration laws. I look forward to receiving answers to my questions, and will share them in future newsletters.

WATCH MY HEARING

Do You Want an Electric Vehicle?

If the Environmental Protection Agency gets its wish, it won't matter what you want, it only matters what they want: They are seeking to force us into a paradigm whereby EVs will make up over two-thirds of American cars within 9 years. Nonsense and hogwash. Once again, coastal elites and federal bureaucrats seek to dictate the everyday aspects of our lives, all in pursuit of unrealistic, ill-conceived climate goals and climate hysteria. Clearly the architects of the pending EPA rule that would completely upend the automotive industry have never visited Wyoming in winter, had to respond to an emergency situation in the middle of nowhere, or run a rural business dependent on ready access to affordable energy. What happens if the vehicle runs out of charge on I-80 in January? What happens when a rancher's EV truck doesn't even start in negative temperatures? What happens when you are feeding cows 25 miles from the closest charging station in February?

The fact is that these mandates have such fundamental constitutional and practical flaws that we should expect our political leaders to have at least a bit of self-reflection. Because they do not, we continue to fight back against these nonsensical ideas.

This is blatant government overreach and interference with the free market. Back in November, I joined with nearly 200 other members of Congress to send a letter requesting Speaker Johnson and Senate Minority Leader McConnell to block this rule from implementation. This week, I proudly voted for the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act, which will prevent the EPA from banning the sale of non-electric vehicles, ensure that more affordable gas-powered vehicles are available and ensuring that you can choose the vehicle that fits your needs and preferences.

Announcing the Wyoming State Civics Bee

Attention Cowboy State middle-schoolers: The Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce is hosting the first-ever Wyoming Civics Bee! Learn what it means to be an informed and engaged citizen by participating in this essay competition that will help teach America's youth the principles and virtues that form the basis of our nation, as well as valuable communication and critical thinking skills.

Our nation is in desperate need of young leaders who believe in the ideals that make America exceptional. I highly encourage middle-schoolers across our state to participate in this wonderful competition! **NOTE: Essays must be submitted by January 8, 2024.** For more information on how to participate, visit <https://www.cheyennechamber.org/civic-bee>.

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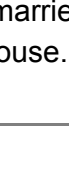
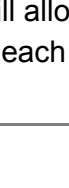
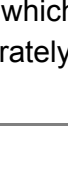
A Rebuke of Green Bad Deal Investments

Great News!!! The Wyoming Public Service Commission this week dramatically reduced Rocky Mountain Power's requested 22% rate hike by nearly two-thirds, and now countless Wyomingites will be spared potentially disastrous increases to their utility bills. Wyoming should not suffer as a result of RMP's decision to pursue unreliable and astronomically expensive wind and solar projects at the expense of entering into long-term contracts with our oil and gas producers and coal companies to ensure that we have reliable and affordable energy resources.

Our utilities are granted a monopoly, so long as they provide affordable and reliable energy. When they make decisions that are based on climate hysteria rather than sound business decisions they should be called to task, and the Wyoming PSC has done just that. While we are still awaiting resolution on an additional almost 8% hike request made earlier this year, I hope that this firm rebuke will inform RMP and other power companies that Wyoming will not shoulder the burden of their investments in unreliable energy sources when affordable, reliable coal, oil, gas, and uranium exist right here in our state.

Federal subsidies, tax credits and accolades from the "green machine" will never replace providing affordable energy to our families, ag producers, small businesses, hospitals, schools, and industries. The Wyoming PSC has sent a strong message that they stand with the Wyoming citizens.

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



Upcoming Events

The Bureau of Land Management's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board is meeting December 12-14, and you're invited to participate. The full meeting is available to watch via live stream at [BLM.gov/live](https://blm.gov/live). Additionally, the board is accepting public comments on **Wednesday, December 13 from 10:15–11:15AM MT and Thursday, December 14 from 3:00–4:00PM MT**. To submit comments via Zoom, [register here](https://register.here) by December 8. Written comments may also be submitted up to three days prior to the meeting and should be emailed to blm_wo_advisory_board_comments@blm.gov.

Recent Votes

To see my full voting record and more information on each bill, [click here](#).

- Voted **NO** on [H.R. 1547](#), the *One Seat Ride Act*, which would again prioritize commuter rail service to the neglect and detriment of our already insufficient freight rail service.
- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 3848](#), the *Housing Our Military Veterans Effectively Act*.
- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 542](#), the *Elizabeth Dole Home- and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act*.
- Voted **YES** on [H.Res. 894](#), *Strongly condemning and denouncing the drastic rise of antisemitism in the United States and around the world*.
- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 5933](#), the *Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions (DETERRENT) Act*, which curbs influence foreign nations have in our universities which helps nations like China indoctrinate our students and steal our university research.
- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 4468](#), the *Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act*, which blocks the Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to force Americans to buy electric vehicles by restricting the sale of diesel and gas-powered cars.
- Voted **YES** on [H.Res. 88](#), which nullifies the Department of Education's rule creating a new income-driven student loan repayment plan.
- Voted **YES** on [H.Res. 914](#), which censures Rep. Jamaal Bowman for illegally activating a fire alarm and disrupting the work of Congress.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

- [H.R. 5796](#), the *Protecting Rural Seniors' Access to Care Act*, which establishes an advisory panel on nursing home workforce issues and blocks an attempt by the Department of Health and Human Services to create a one-size-fits-all staffing approach for long-term care facilities.
- [H.R. 5920](#), the *Student Loan Marriage Penalty Elimination Act*, which will allow married couples to apply the IRS's student loan interest deduction separately to each spouse.

Recent Photos



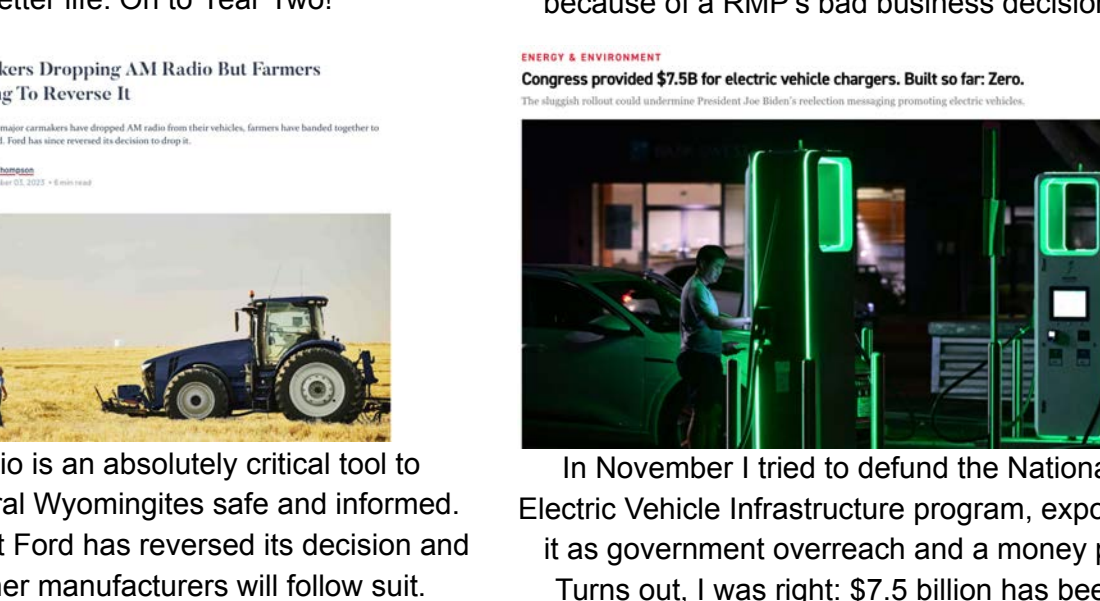
I had a wonderful time speaking at this year's Tribal Nations Banquet in Washington, DC! It was a joy to speak with leaders of the Navajo Nation as they fight to retain oil and gas rights that President Biden is trying to strip away.



Thank you to all who attended the Wyoming Stock Growers Association's convention! While I wish I was there in person with you, I'm thankful for the chance to provide updates on how I'm fighting for Wyoming energy back in D.C.

Tweet of the Week

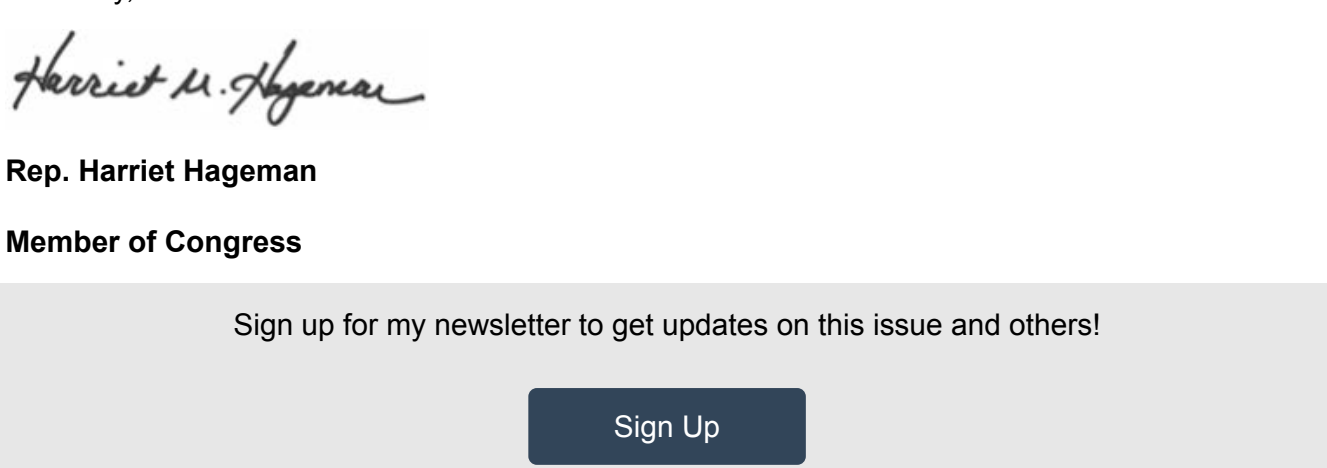
Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · Dec 5
Yet another move by a Biden administration hell bent on ending our energy independence. Coal will be needed for generations to come. This decision penalizes American consumers and producers, (1/2) 🇺🇸



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and only ensures that the United States will increasingly rely on dictators and despots from adversarial nations for the energy we need. (2/2) 🇺🇸

Video of the Week



Pursuing reforms and parity for Alaska's native communities and American tribes

In the News

Representative Harriet Hageman reflects on nearly a year in Congress

What a year it has been! Every day I am honored to represent our wonderful state and work to give you, your family, and our friends a better life. On to Year Two!

Farming To Reverse It
Although new major retailers have dropped AM radio from their vehicles, farmers have banded together to keep that critical tool from being removed from their vehicles.

AM Radio is an absolutely critical tool to keeping rural Wyomingites safe and informed. I'm glad that Ford has reversed its decision and hope other manufacturers will follow suit.

Wyoming To Pay 8.3% More For Electricity, Not 21.9% Rocky Mountain Power Wanted
Rocky Mountain Power has revealed the official numbers and told Cowboy State Daily on Thursday that Wyoming electricity rates will go up 8.3% beginning Jan. 1. That's less than half the 21.9% the utility company had asked for.

Thank you to the WY Public Service Commission for choosing people over profit! Wyomingites should not suffer higher prices because of a RMP's bad business decisions.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
Congress provided \$7.5B for electric vehicle chargers. Built so far: Zero.
The sluggish rollout could undermine President Joe Biden's reduction messaging promoting electric vehicles.

In November I tried to defund the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, exposing it as government overreach and a money pit. Turns out, I was right: \$7.5 billion has been spent over 2 years, and not a single EV charger has been built.

Please let that sink in: over **\$7.5 billion dollars** have been spent on this nonsense, and not one EV charger has been built? Is that even possible?

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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Member of Congress

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