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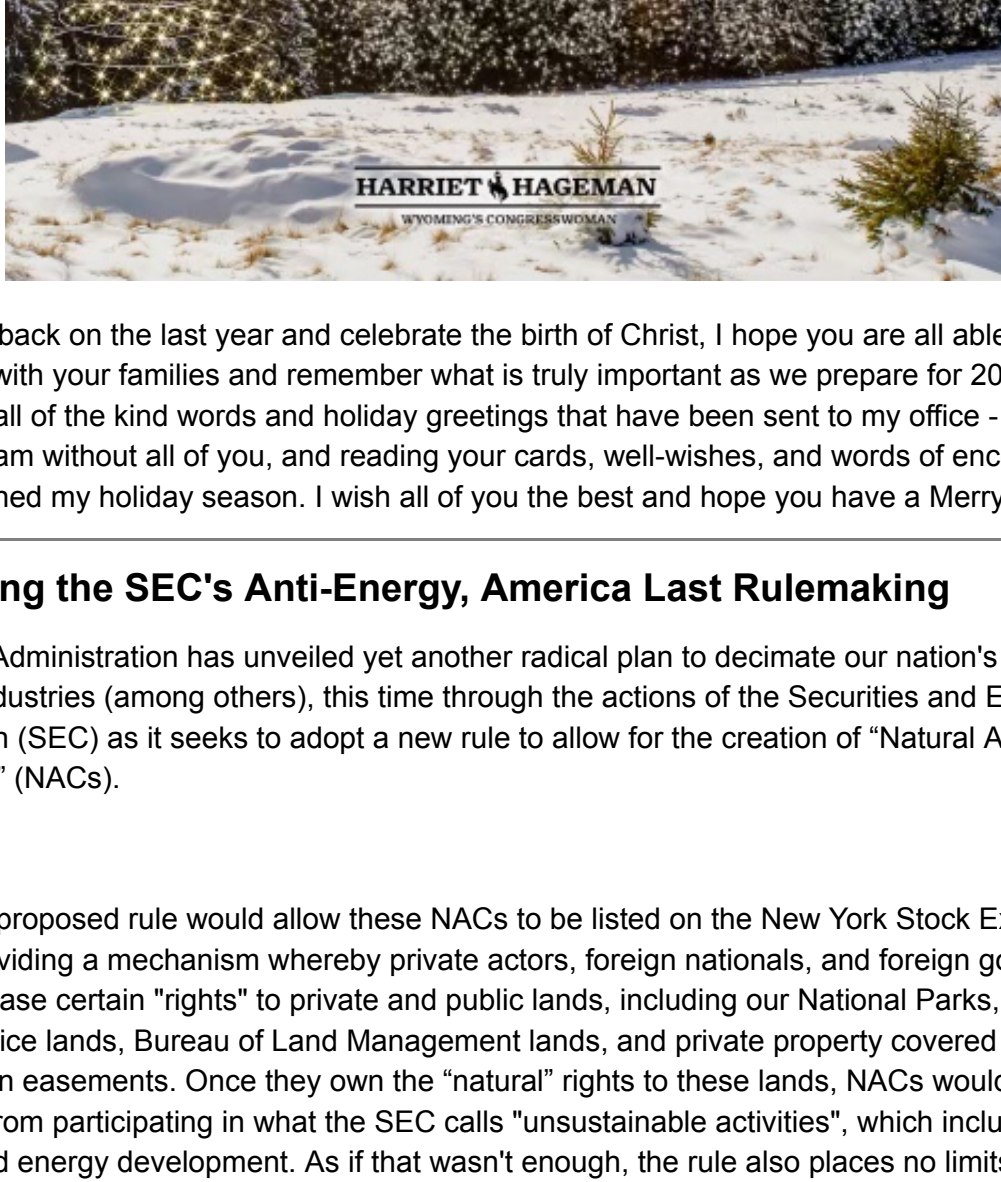
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It has been great to be back home in Wyoming this week, especially during a brief pause in our normal winter weather; I haven't even needed a coat! I also enjoyed meeting with a variety of elected officials and business leaders in several different communities this week. Though 2023 is winding down, we are staying busy and preparing for another year of fighting for Wyoming values in Washington, DC.

Merry Christmas!



As we look back on the last year and celebrate the birth of Christ, I hope you are all able to spend some time with your families and remember what is truly important as we prepare for 2024. I appreciate all of the kind words and holiday greetings that have been sent to my office - I would not be where I am without all of you, and reading your cards, well-wishes, and words of encouragement has brightened my holiday season. I wish all of you the best and hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Combating the SEC's Anti-Energy, America Last Rulemaking

The Biden Administration has unveiled yet another radical plan to decimate our nation's energy and livestock industries (among others), this time through the actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as it seeks to adopt a new rule to allow for the creation of "Natural Asset Companies" (NACs).

The SEC's proposed rule would allow these NACs to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, thereby providing a mechanism whereby private actors, foreign nationals, and foreign governments could purchase certain "rights" to private and public lands, including our National Parks, National Forest Service lands, Bureau of Land Management lands, and private property covered by conservation easements. Once they own the "natural" rights to these lands, NACs would be prohibited from participating in what the SEC calls "unsustainable activities", which include mining, grazing, and energy development. As if that wasn't enough, the rule also places no limits on who can purchase the rights to these lands, meaning adversarial foreign nations such as Russia and China could acquire ownership entitlements to our National Parks and other federal and private lands. The SEC, in other words, will allow these malign actors to further harm our energy and food production industry, and they are doing it using the very assets that *belong to us* as American citizens.

All of this is completely unacceptable. To that end, I and 31 of my fellow Congress members sent a letter to the Chair of the SEC seeking answers to questions on the proposed rule and demanding an extension of the comment period. This rule could change what it means to own land in the United States, and fundamentally affect the way our economy works. That the SEC would only allow 21 days for public comment is completely absurd, and they must allow the public adequate time to comment on this radical rule that would strip away more of our rights as Americans.

[Read my letter to the SEC here!](#)

I have wonderful news to report! On Friday, December 22, 2023, the SEC [issued an Order](#) extending the deadline for comments on the proposed NAC rule. The SEC's order also sets forth additional information and concerns regarding how NACs would operate, and identifies particular areas of inquiry. We have linked to the SEC's order, and encourage all of you to weigh in on this potentially devastating effort to securitize our national heritage lands and private property rights!

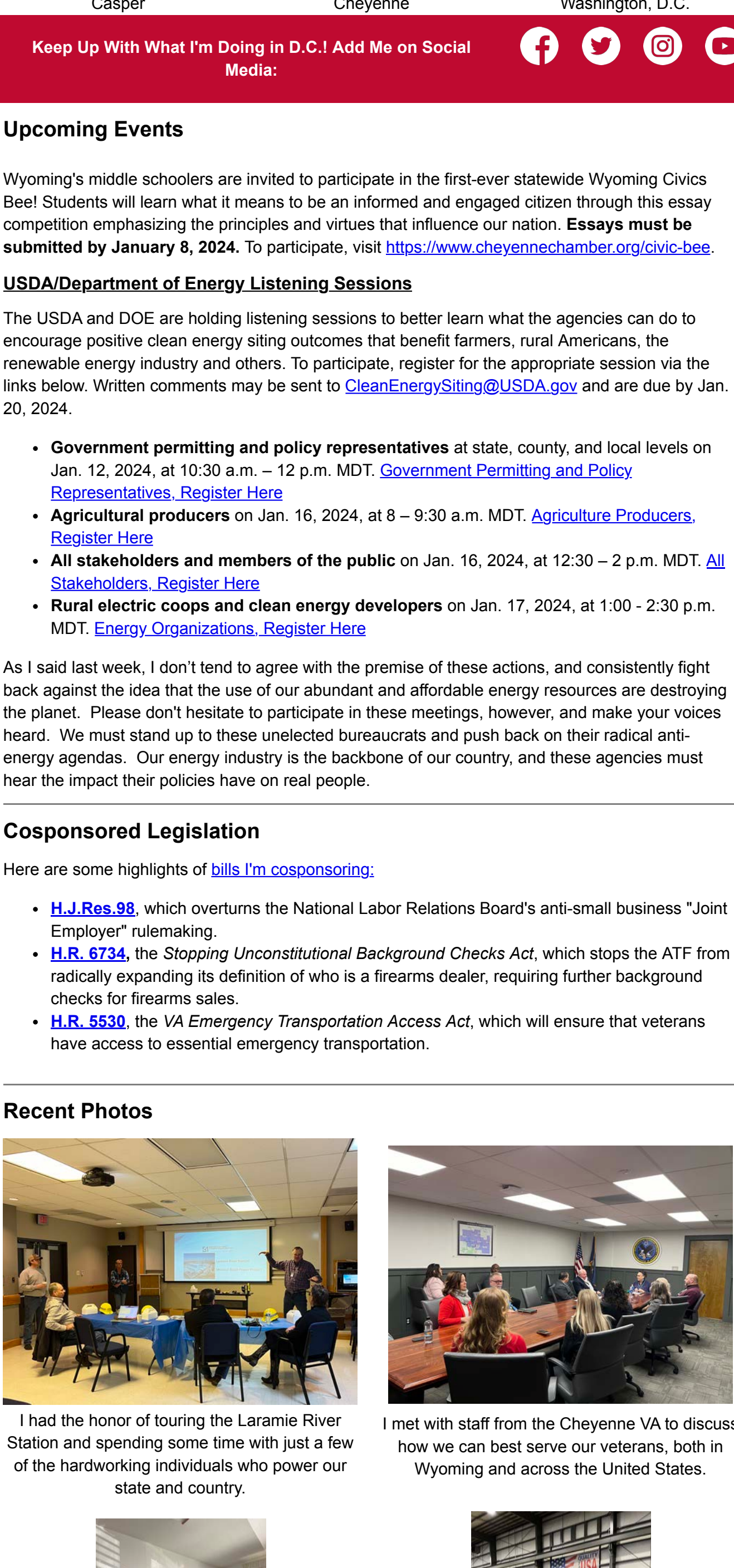
This development just goes to show that we should never give up, and that our voices do matter. We must be willing to engage and fight back against the radical Biden administration whenever we can.

Congressional App Challenge Winners



Congratulations to our two winners of the Congressional App Challenge in Wyoming, Ethan Palmer and Paige Ramage! Wyoming's participation in this important event more than doubled from last year. STEM and computer education is only going to continue to grow in importance in the future, so the skills our young leaders learn from this event will be crucial to our national security and success. If you are a teacher or student interested in getting involved in the 2024 App Challenge, please contact Lisa Scaling in my Casper office at 307-261-6595 or lisa.scaling@mail.house.gov.

Honoring America's Heroes



While we all celebrate Christmas with our families this week, it is important to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom to do so. My staff had the privilege of participating in this year's Wreaths Across America ceremony last weekend. For those who do not know, this ceremony is an annual tradition in which wreaths are laid on the headstones of veterans at cemeteries across the country. I am grateful to those of you in Wyoming and DC who made time in your weekend to honor and remember our country's heroes.

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



Upcoming Events

Wyoming's middle schoolers are invited to participate in the first-ever statewide Wyoming Civics Bee! Students will learn what it means to be an informed and engaged citizen through this essay competition emphasizing the principles and virtues that influence our nation. **Essays must be submitted by January 8, 2024.** To participate, visit <https://www.cheyennechamber.org/civic-bee>.

USDA/Department of Energy Listening Sessions

The USDA and DOE are holding listening sessions to better learn what the agencies can do to encourage positive clean energy siting outcomes that benefit farmers, rural Americans, the renewable energy industry and others. To participate, register for the appropriate session via the links below. Written comments may be sent to CleanEnergySiting@USDA.gov and are due by Jan. 20, 2024.

- Government permitting and policy representatives** at state, county, and local levels on Jan. 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT. [Government Permitting and Policy Representatives. Register Here](#)
- Agricultural producers** on Jan. 16, 2024, at 8 – 9:30 a.m. MDT. [Agriculture Producers. Register Here](#)
- All stakeholder and members of the public** on Jan. 16, 2024, at 12:30 – 2 p.m. MDT. [All Stakeholders. Register Here](#)
- Rural electric coops and clean energy developers** on Jan. 17, 2024, at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. MDT. [Energy Organizations. Register Here](#)

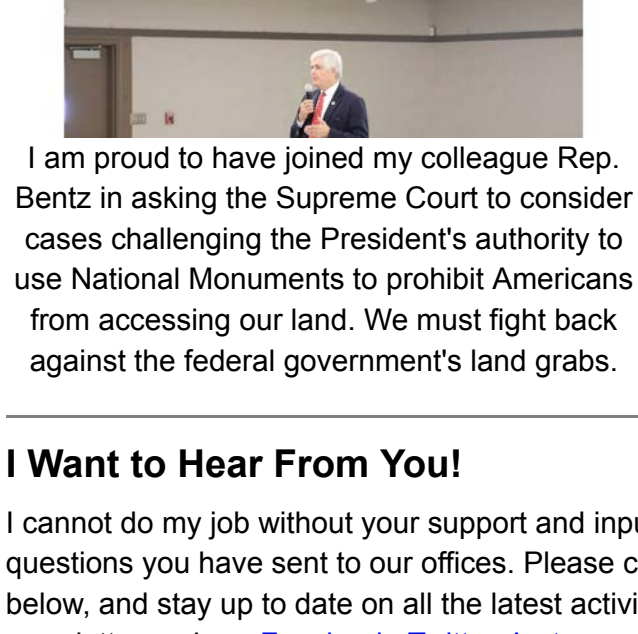
As I said last week, I don't tend to agree with the premise of these actions, and consistently fight back against the idea that we need to use our abundant and affordable resources are destroying the planet. Please don't hesitate to participate in these meetings, however, and make your voices heard. We must stand up to these unelected bureaucrats and push back on their radical anti-energy agendas. Our energy industry is the backbone of our country, and these agencies must hear the impact their policies have on real people.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

- H.J.Res.98**, which overturns the National Labor Relations Board's anti-small business "Joint Employer" rulemaking.
- H.R. 6734**, the *Stopping Unconstitutional Background Checks Act*, which stops the ATF from radically expanding its definition of who is a firearms dealer, requiring further background checks for firearms sales.
- H.R. 5530**, the *VA Emergency Transportation Access Act*, which will ensure that veterans have access to essential emergency transportation.

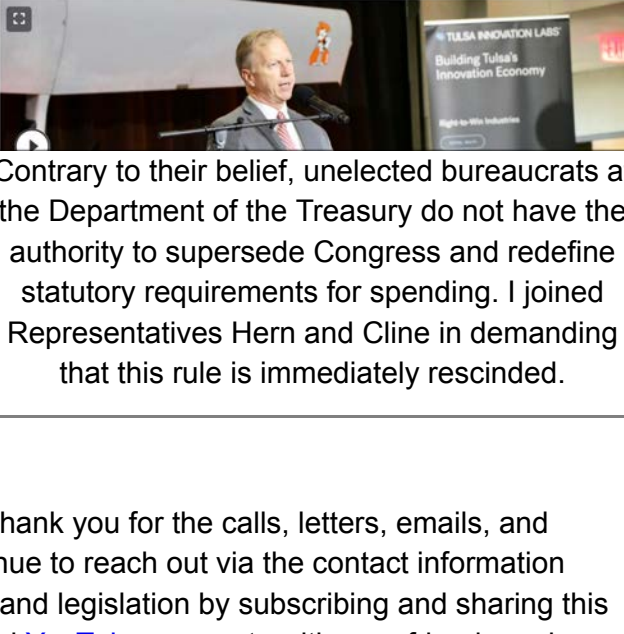
Recent Photos



I had the honor of touring the Laramie River Station and spending some time with just a few of the hardworking individuals who power our state and country.



This week, I was able to tour the Chugwater Chili plant! It was incredible to see firsthand the work that goes into this world famous Wyoming product.



I met with staff from the Cheyenne VA to discuss how we can best serve our veterans, both in Wyoming and across the United States.



I toured Searing Industries' expanded plant in Cheyenne. Over the last few years, Searing Industries has become an important leader in Wyoming's manufacturing industry.

Other events this week included speaking to one of the Ag classes at the Laramie High School, and the 8th Grade Social Studies class at the Laramie Middle School. I also enjoyed my visit with Climb Wyoming, the Laramie Airport, and the Superintendent's Office for the Albany County School District (where I was able to personally congratulate the Principal of the Year!). I gave an update to the Platte County Commissioners, and had an opportunity to visit the exhibit at the Wyoming State Museum regarding attention to the plight of our Missing and Endangered Indigenous People. Thank you to everyone who spent time with us this week – it was productive.

Tweet of the Week

There's no question that the bill we passed overwhelmingly in our Judiciary committee is the best choice for the American people - and the only choice that will stop them from being spied on by their government.

Warren Davidson @WarrenDavidson · Dec 15 ·

Freedom surrendered is rarely reclaimed. The unreformed FISA extension must be used to achieve reform and accountability. The Judiciary bill must pass!

House Judiciary Committee passed their bill 35-2. #GettaWarrant

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Side By Side Comparison			
Reform Category	Issue/Provision	2020-2021	HJC: HPSA
Expanding Surveillance Authorities	High Expansion of U.S. Companies Subject to Section 702 Surveillance (Sec. 500)	No	Yes
	Suspicionless Searches for Travel Vetting Purposes	No	Yes
	Future Sunset for Section 702	Yes	No
FISA File W/	Full Backdoor Search Fix	Yes	No
	Strengthens Use Limits on Information Acquired Pursuant to Section 702	Yes	No
	Bans Abuses Collection	Yes	No
FISA Court and Judicial Review Reform	Strengthens Ban on 702 Reverse Targeting	Yes	No
	FISA Court Disclosures and Accuracy Procedures	Yes	Yes
	Requires FISA Court Record and Prevents Judge Shopping	Yes	Yes
Data Broker Loophole	Less Liability: Annual Reform	Yes	No
	Ensures Timely Declassification of FISC Opinions and Orders	Yes	No
	Data Broker Loophole Reform	Yes	No

In the News

Oregon representative files arguments against Biden Administration

By Jerry Howard Dec 16, 2023 (updated 16 Jan ago)

I am proud to have joined my colleague Rep. Bentz in asking the Supreme Court to consider cases challenging the President's authority to use National Monuments to prohibit Americans from accessing our land. We must fight back against the federal government's land grabs.

Republican Study Committee Chairman Hern and Rep. Cline lead letter to Treasury after quiet rule change to allow further waste and abuse of COVID spending

Staff Report Dec 20, 2023 (updated 1 hr ago)

Contrary to their belief, unelected bureaucrats at the Department of the Treasury do not have the authority to supersede Congress and redefine statutory requirements for spending. I joined Representatives Hern and Cline in demanding that this rule is immediately rescinded.

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,

Harriet Hageman

Rep. Harriet Hageman

Member of Congress

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