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Hello Laura,

As 2025 draws to a close, I'm honored to share an update on the work we are doing in Washington. We marked this year with numerous meaningful accomplishments to advance Wyoming's priorities—from strengthening our economy and defending our Western way of life to protecting local jobs and access to our all-important energy resources.

Set forth below is a brief summary of just a few of the things we achieved in the year 2025.

## Protecting Wyoming Jobs and Our Way of Life

Both the House and Senate passed my legislation overturning the Biden administration's Wyoming coal ban, with President Trump signing our Congressional Review Act resolution into law earlier this month. What a Christmas present! By this action, we reinstated the 2019 Buffalo Resource Management Plan and delivered a major victory for the United States, Wyoming, our local communities, and our families. By restoring balance and common sense to federal resource management, we protected at least 4,122 jobs in rural Wyoming, preserved \$1.9 billion in labor output through 2048, and safeguarded millions of dollars in state revenue that directly fund our public K-12 schools.

The House Natural Resources Committee continued to advance our commitment to implement responsible property, water, and wildlife policies by voting in favor of the Endangered Species Amendment Act. Senator Cynthia Lummis and I worked together to modernize the name of the Endangered Species Act to the Endangered Species Recovery Act, better reflecting the law's true purpose of recovery, not permanent regulation.

## Delivering for Rural Wyoming Communities

The House also recently passed S. 356, the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act, and sent it to the President's desk. This legislation restores critical funding for infrastructure, education, search and rescue, and other essential services across Wyoming. After years of uncertainty caused by a lapse in funding, this bill reauthorizes Secure Rural Schools payments through Fiscal Year 2026 and begins to back fill the millions of dollars Wyoming communities have been deprived of in recent years as a result of failed Forest Service policies and Forest Service management being dictated out of Washington, DC.

I also voted in November to reopen the government and keep it operating well into 2026 so that we will have time to complete our appropriations process. Before that, I supported a clean continuing resolution to keep the government funded at then-existing (Biden-era) levels and prevent a shutdown, even as Senate Democrats rejected the solution more than a dozen times. The final funding package delivered tangible wins for Wyoming, including \$3 million for the construction of a new air traffic control tower and terminal radar approach control at the Casper/Natrona County International Airport. That investment builds on nearly \$15 million in additional infrastructure funding for projects across the state, including airports in Jackson and other communities. The bill also provided full funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs and veteran benefit programs, honoring our promise to those who served. We have also now funded the Department of Agriculture, including the SNAP program, through September of next year, and extended payments on the Farm Bill.

## Supporting Tribal Communities

Although I am no longer the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, I have continued my work to strengthen both economic opportunity and public safety on tribal lands. The Natural Resources Committee advanced my legislation allowing all federally recognized tribes the option to enter into leases for up to 99 years on their trust lands, giving tribes the certainty and flexibility needed for long-term investment, development, and job creation.

I also worked closely with the Trump administration and congressional committees to combat cartel and transnational drug trafficking activity impacting our tribal communities. At a Judiciary Committee hearing earlier this year, I had the opportunity to question FBI Director Kash Patel about cartel operations targeting reservations and the efforts that the Trump administration was making to address this critical situation. Chairman Jim Jordan and I followed up that hearing with a formal request to the FBI to provide an update on its actions to safeguard Native communities.

With our oversight efforts and working alongside the Trump administration, we are strengthening public safety in Indian Country by deploying law enforcement resources, closing jurisdictional loopholes, and ensuring cartel operatives are held accountable.

## Major Wins in the OBBBA

In July, Congress passed a reconciliation bill that delivered significant benefits for Wyoming. The bill invested \$50 billion in the Rural Health Transformation Program, strengthening access to care in underserved areas. The OBBBA provided the largest average tax cut in the nation for Wyoming taxpayers, who will see an average \$5,375 tax cut in 2026.

The bill also supported Wyoming's energy legacy by providing royalty relief and mandating additional federal coal leasing, including in areas like the Powder River Basin. These provisions will increase jobs and state revenue while reinforcing our role as an energy leader. Additional investments included approximately \$12.5 billion to modernize air traffic control systems and new requirements for increased U.S. Forest Service and BLM timber harvesting through long-term contracts, helping mills operate and addressing the housing shortage.

## Keeping Wyoming Roads Safe

I worked closely with my colleagues to strengthen America's trucking industry, which serves as the backbone of our economy and a lifeline for rural states like Wyoming. I joined Congressman Dave Taylor to introduce Connor's Law, ensuring commercial drivers maintain basic English language proficiency so they can read road signs—especially Variable Message Signs (VMS) that display real-time information to drivers, such as traffic conditions, road closures, and weather alerts—communicate with law enforcement, and operate safely. I also helped introduce the Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act to strengthen federal safety standards throughout the CDL licensing process.

To open doors for young Americans entering the workforce, I sponsored the ROUTE Act, which allows qualified drivers between 18 and 21 years old to operate commercial vehicles across state lines within a 150-mile radius. This reform supports Wyoming's agricultural, energy, and rural supply chains while maintaining strong safety standards.

To further elevate these issues, I helped launch the Congressional Trucking Caucus, the first caucus of its kind, to focus on trucking policy, workforce development, safety, and supply chain resilience. I also introduced the Highway Funding Transferability Improvement Act, a bipartisan bill that raises the cap on transferring federal highway funds from 50% to 75%, giving Wyoming greater flexibility to fund the projects that matter most.

## Defending Wyoming Ranchers and Producers

Wyoming's ranchers and producers face constant pressure from federal overreach. I pushed back against mandatory electronic identification eartag requirements that increase costs, create data privacy concerns, and impose one-size-fits-all mandates that do not reflect Wyoming's livestock industry. The bill, which ended the shutdown, directed the USDA to use enforcement discretion for ranchers who cannot obtain APHIS-provided tags and increased reporting requirements for EID tag shortages.

I also reintroduced the Country of Origin Labeling Enforcement Act to reinstate mandatory country-of-origin labeling (MCOOL) for beef. This legislation restores transparency for consumers and fairness for American ranchers by requiring clear labeling and increasing penalties for falsely labeling imported beef as a U.S. product. After Congress removed MCOOL for beef in 2015, multinational meatpackers benefited while family ranchers paid the price. Restoring MCOOL helps grow the national herd, protects family ranches, and stops the blending of cheap foreign beef into high-quality American products.

Producers and agriculture leaders across the country made clear that consumers want to know where their food comes from and ranchers deserve the right to compete fairly in their own domestic market. I will continue fighting to ensure trade policy puts America first and rewards the hardworking men and women who produce the safest, highest-quality beef in the world.

## Serving Wyomingites Every Day

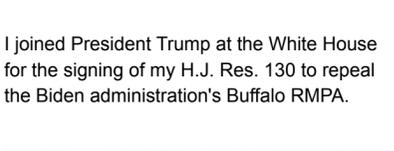
Beyond legislation, my office works every day to serve as a liaison between Wyoming residents and federal agencies. Whether helping someone receive a delayed IRS tax return or secure long-overdue VA benefits, my team takes this responsibility seriously. In 2025 alone, we resolved more than 1,800 individual cases and returned over \$10 million in funds, benefits, reimbursements, and corrections to hardworking Wyomingites.

As we head into a new year, I remain committed to fighting for Wyoming, defending our values, and delivering results. Thank you for the trust you place in me and for the privilege of serving you.

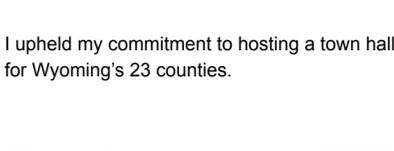
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## 2025 Highlights



I joined President Trump at the White House for the signing of my H.J. Res. 130 to repeal the Biden administration's Buffalo RMPA.



I upheld my commitment to hosting a town hall for Wyoming's 23 counties.



My fellow members on the House Natural Resources Committee joined me in the great state of Wyoming for a hearing at Grand Teton National Park to highlight the successes of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) as its authorization nears expiration.



I attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Brook Mine Rare Earth Project with Ramco. This historic milestone marks a major step in securing American energy independence and unlocking Wyoming's vast mineral potential.

## Recent Votes

The House was not in session this week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

## Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman

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ICYMI: I introduced the Parental Rights Relief Act to give parents the ability to sue in civil court over violations of federal law that permit them access to certain K-12 school materials.

## Need Help With a Federal Agency?

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies. I am proud to share that November was an exceptional month for our casework team.

If you are facing issues with a federal agency, whether it is the VA, Social Security, the IRS, or another department, my office may be able to help. We can assist with paperwork, follow up on stalled cases, and make sure your concerns are heard and resolved as quickly as possible.

You can fill out a casework form on my [website](#) or call us directly at (307) 261-6595.

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