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Hello Laura,

I'm pleased to share an update on the work we're advancing to defend Wyoming values and deliver real results for our state.

America's strength begins with secure and abundant energy, a ready military, and policies that put our citizens first. That's why I'm supporting efforts to reinforce our national defense with reliable Wyoming coal, oil, and gas; protect the constitutional rights of our veterans; improve safety on our highways; and defend our ranchers and livestock from serious agricultural threats.

Wyoming families deserve dependable leadership that prioritizes freedom, accountability, and common sense. In Congress, I remain focused on protecting our way of life, strengthening our communities, and ensuring Washington works for the people it serves.

Strengthening U.S. Defense with Wyoming Coal

President Trump recently signed an Executive Order to strengthen America's national defense by prioritizing long-term contracts with our clean coal power plants to ensure military bases and critical facilities have reliable, on-demand energy.

This order directs the Department of War to secure long-term Power Purchase Agreements with coal-fired power plants so our military installations receive dependable, 24/7 baseload electricity. Our armed forces cannot rely on energy sources that fail during extreme weather or grid instability—coal plants operate around the clock, store fuel on-site, and continue generating power when others cannot. That reliability protects readiness, prevents dangerous blackouts, and keeps Americans warm in the winter. Millions remained comfortable during winter storms this year when Wyoming coal saved the power grid from deep-freeze stress tests. These routine weather events are a reminder of coal's critical role in a reliable energy infrastructure every year.

Wyoming produces about 40% of the nation's coal, supporting good-paying jobs, funding our schools, and sustaining communities across our state. I have consistently fought federal policies that undermine coal and raise electricity costs, and this Executive Order recognizes what we have long known in Wyoming: coal delivers affordable, reliable, American-made energy that strengthens our national defense and reinforces America's energy dominance.

Protecting Wyoming's Small Refineries

I continue to serve on the Rural Domestic Energy Council, which has been tasked by House leadership with developing a plan for allowing for the use of E15 year-round, while also protecting our small refineries. These refining facilities are critical to meeting our ever-increasing energy demand and I will block any legislative proposal that undermines their operations and financial viability.

Ensuring Veterans' Second Amendment Rights

I am pleased to share that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will immediately stop reporting veterans to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) solely because they use a fiduciary to help manage their VA benefits.

Since 1993, the VA reported more than 250,000 veterans to NICS simply because they need help managing their finances. Many of these reports were submitted without a court finding that they posed a danger to themselves or others, effectively stripping them of their Second Amendment rights without due process.

This long-overdue decision corrects a serious injustice and restores fundamental constitutional protections for those who served our country.

I have worked vigorously on this issue by cosponsoring the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act and leading efforts in the appropriations process to prohibit the VA from submitting a veteran's or beneficiary's name to NICS without an order from a judge.

Keeping Our Roads Safe

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) launched "Operation SafeDRIVE" and placed nearly 700 commercial drivers and more than 1,200 vehicles out of service for serious safety violations. Of those drivers, 500 failed to meet basic English language proficiency standards.

When someone operating an 80,000-pound truck cannot read highway signs, understand emergency instructions, or communicate with law enforcement, every family on the road faces a greater risk.

Wyoming has the highest number of fatal truck accidents of any state. These preventable tragedies are why I've taken aggressive action to lead the way on roadway safety.

To address this, I introduced Connor's Law, alongside Rep. Dave Taylor, to codify President Trump's Executive Order requiring CDL drivers to demonstrate basic English language proficiency and placing violators out of service. For decades, this requirement existed in law, but weak enforcement made our roads less safe. Connor's Law restores accountability and protects families.

Protecting Wyoming's Ranchers and Wildlife from New World Screwworm

Wyoming's livestock industry is the backbone of our economy and a cornerstone of our way of life. We cannot wait for a crisis to act on threats that could devastate our herd, wildlife, and food supply.

I am co-leading the SAFE CATTLE Act to ensure federal agencies work together to prevent, detect, control, and eradicate the New World screwworm on federal lands.

The only real solution is to close the border and rely on safe, high-quality American beef. The SAFE CATTLE Act gives us a way to engage now by strengthening surveillance, coordination, and science-based eradication efforts at every level. It strengthens our ability to stop an outbreak before it devastates rural communities.

Wyoming producers already manage enough risk from weather, markets, and regulation. They should not have to worry about a fragmented federal response to a preventable agricultural disaster.

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



Events and Announcements

Tax-Aide Services

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation and filing assistance to those who qualify, with a focus on individuals age 50 and older who are living on low to moderate incomes. The program is volunteer-led, and each volunteer is trained and IRS-certified every year to stay up to date on changes to the tax code.

Tax-Aide services are available in communities across Wyoming and nationwide, both in-person and, in some areas, virtual options.

If you would like to learn more or find a location near you, click [here](#) to access the Tax-Aide site locator.

[Online Portal for Radiation Survivors to Submit RECA Claim](#)

From my first year in office, I have fought to reform the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) to better care for Wyoming uranium miners. This was accomplished in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and I am pleased to announce that the Department of Justice online portal to upload claims for life-saving assistance is now active.

All claims under RECA must be filed by December 31, 2027. Click [here](#) to learn more or submit your claim.

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 Natrona County:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Casper, WY

Congress in Johnson County:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Buffalo, WY

Congress in Sublette County:

Thursday, March 5, 2026
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Pinedale, WY

Congress in Sheridan County:

Friday, March 27, 2026
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sheridan, WY

Recent Photos



I want to thank Karl Brauneis for consistently sharing such incredible photographs of our beautiful state with my office. His talent and dedication help showcase Wyoming's stunning landscapes and unique spirit, reminding us all of what makes our home truly special.

Recent Votes

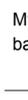
The House was not in session this week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Video of the Week



I joined Jake Nichols on Cowboy State Daily to discuss rescinding the 2009 Endangerment finding, my legislation combatting chameleon carriers, and more

Tweet of the Week

 **Rep. Harriet Hageman** [@RepHageman](#)

Obama's 2009 Endangerment Finding weaponized bad science to attack American energy and Wyoming jobs.

The executive branch had no authority for such sweeping regulation. That's why I discussed terminating this rule with [@epaleezeldin](#) upon his nomination to lead [@EPA](#).

In the News

House Bill Seeks Crackdown on 'Chameleon Carriers'

If a trucking company racks up violations or loses its license, it should not get to slap on a new name and get back on the road.

Congressman Ronny Jackson Introduces Bill To Protect Livestock From New World Screwworm

I'm proud to co-lead the SAFE CATTLE Act with Rep. Ronny Jackson to ensure federal agencies work together to stop dangerous outbreaks before they hurt our producers and rural communities.

My bill closes dangerous loopholes and holds bad actors accountable.

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.

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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