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Hello,

Another district week has come to an end, and I'm on my way back to DC for another 2-week stint of committee hearings and votes. On Wednesday, I will chair my Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs for the first time!

If you would like to watch my first hearing as a Congressional subcommittee chair, you can tune in at 9AM, Wednesday March 1, <u>using this link</u>.

### **Biden's Border Crisis: A First-Hand Account**

Earlier this week, I visited Yuma, Arizona with the House Judiciary Committee to conduct a hearing with local officials and get a personal look at the invasion happening along our southern border. Meanwhile, DHS Secretary Mayorkas and President Biden spent time observing first-hand how US technology was securing Poland's border with Ukraine.

My Republican friends and I learned from our brave federal agents trying desperately to secure our nation about what they need to do their job effectively, and we heard about the struggles of border communities who cannot cope with the flood of illegal immigrants overwhelming their infrastructure. Over 5 million illegal immigrants have crossed the border on the Biden Administration's watch, over 8 times the population of Wyoming, and illegal crossings from Canada are up 850%.

We had hoped that our Democratic colleagues would join us to see the dangers to our national security and the plight of our citizens in border states, and I personally invited Sec. Mayorkas to attend. None showed up.

#### Miss the Hearing? Watch it Here!

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## Fighting Back Against the Fentanyl Epidemic

The increase of illegal immigration has also created an increase in fentanyl overdoses nationwide, and the deadly drug is making in-roads to our great state. As Laramie Live reported last year, Cheyenne had a 133% increase of overdose-related deaths from 2020 to 2021; 67% of those deaths involved fentanyl. During that same time, 90% of the 80,000 opiod-related deaths nationwide involved fentanyl.

In 2021, a man was arrested outside of Cheyenne with \$150 million worth of fentanyl in his car. In one car, one man had enough fentanyl to kill 5.45 **MILLION** people; that's enough to kill every person in Wyoming 9 times over.

Over 14,000 pounds of fentanyl were seized along the Mexican border, with much of it originating from China; there is no way to truly know how much has escaped into the nation. We have to secure the border and stem this tide that threatens our very right to life. There is no other option.





# Fair Winds and Following Seas, GM3 Schmidt

Last week I mentioned the upcoming funeral of Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Herman Schmidt, a son of Sheridan, WY who was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. On Thursday, members of my staff and the Wyoming Delegation attended his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery on behalf of the citizens of Wyoming and a grateful nation.

Also in attendance were two of GM3 Schmidt's extended family and officials from the United States Navy and Arlington National Cemetery.

If you are visiting Washington, DC, I highly encourage you to take a moment to stop by his gravesite in Section 70 of the cemetery and spend some time walking around our Nation's most hallowed ground. Additional details on planning your visit can be found at the <u>cemetery's website here</u>.

# Visiting DC? Swing By and Say Hi!

Our first Wyoming Wednesdays meet-and-greet is being held next week in Washington, DC!

If you are in our nation's capital, come and take photos with your Wyoming Congressional Delegation, enjoy light refreshments, and hold brief meetings with our staff. Please email <u>Marjorie.Daily@mail.house.gov</u> to schedule your visit. Additional Wyoming Wednesdays are scheduled for:

- March 1, 9:00 10:00am
- March 8, 9:00 10:00am
- March 15, 9:00 10:00am
- March 22, 9:00 10:00amMarch 29, 9:00 10:00am

# Team Hageman Across the State (And Arizona)

It's been yet another week with more updates and events than we can mention!



Check out this beautiful painting now at our Gillette office! Thanks to Campbell County Rockpile Museum for loaning us this work by Wyoming native Jake W. Benson.



My House Judiciary colleagues made my first field hearing such a wonderful experience. We had the chance to meet with the Yuma Community Food Bank and hear about the strain illegal immigration puts on their resources.



The staff at Yuma Regional Medical Center showed us unmatched hospitality. It was both heartbreaking and eye-opening to hear the challenges Biden's Border Crisis has brought to this city.



Wyoming Winter strikes again! While massive snow drifts prevented my staff from reaching some meetings, we can't complain about the breathtaking scenes it creates

### **Cosponsored Legislation**

Here are some highlights of <u>new bills I'm cosponsoring:</u>

• Cosponsor for the American Energy Act, which gives energy companies more clarity and cuts through red tape in the oil and gas drilling federal permitting process

#### In the News





Click the Image to Watch my Profile Interview with C-SPAN



Click Above to Hear My Thoughts on the Biden Administration's non-Response to the Norfolk Southern Train Disaster



Watch My Interview with Sean Spicer on Spicer & Co. about The Biden Border Crisis in Yuma, AZ

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