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Hello Tyler,

Happy New Year! I'm now back in Washington, D.C. for the start of the second session of the 118th Congress! We have a great deal to accomplish as we work on multiple appropriations bills, begin impeachment proceedings on Secretary Mayorkas (more on that below), and fight to secure the border. I cherish all of your kind words and prayers as we work towards making our nation better and safer in 2024!

Seeing Biden's Border Crisis Firsthand

There are no words that can aptly describe the absolute disaster at our southern border. This past week, I joined Speaker Johnson on a trip to Eagle Pass, TX to hear firsthand from local officials and federal agents about the struggles they face as they deal with record levels of illegal immigration. Over 8.2 million illegals (not counting the "gotaways") have crossed our southern border since Joe Biden became President.

In December alone, over 300,000 people entered our country illegally through the U.S.-Mexico border (not counting those on the northern border), an all-time high. From December 17-20, over 12,000 illegal immigrants crossed at Eagle Pass: that's more than the entire population of Evanston and is 40% of the population of Eagle Pass itself. At one point on December 20, Border Patrol agents were outnumbered 200 to 1. While there, we saw illegal aliens from Venezuela and elsewhere crossing the river right in front of us, being taken into custody by CBP Agents for processing to be released into the U.S.!

Our border is not secure, our nation is not safe, and it is entirely the result of President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas's failed policies and refusal to act. This is a national security and humanitarian crisis of massive scale and consequence, yet they refuse to protect our nation. As we begin this new year, our first priority must be to secure our border. There is no more important agenda item than protecting our nation's security, and there is no better bill to do that than H.R. 2, the *Secure the Border Act*.



It's Time to Impeach Sec. Mayorkas

Back in July I questioned Sec. Mayorkas during a House Judiciary Committee hearing, exposing him for what he really is: a tyrant. It is not enough to say that he is responsible for the crisis at our borders; he is complicit in leaving our nation undefended and in emboldening the cartels, terrorists, and foreign governments who are exploiting this weakness. What's more, he has played an active part in surveilling and censoring conservative speech across the nation. He has betrayed his oath as Secretary of Homeland Security and should have resigned long ago. Stated succinctly, Mayorkas is the "walking talking epitome of the very type of tyrant our forefathers recognized would gravitate towards government service," and he must be held accountable for his actions.

My colleagues and I are ensuring that he will be held accountable for his actions and for his failure to act. On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee announced that they are pursuing impeachment charges against Sec. Mayorkas and will be holding their first hearing on January 10. I have twice voted to move to impeach Secretary Mayorkas and cosponsored articles of impeachment against him. It is time to hold Sec. Mayorkas and his cronies responsible for the harm and death their misguided policies have caused across the nation.

Last Chance to Oppose Natural Asset Companies!

There are only 11 days left to provide public comments on the SEC's rule to create Natural Asset Companies (NACs)!

As I mentioned two weeks ago, NAC's pose an existential threat to American property rights and national security. If authorized, environmental activists and foreign governments will be able to purchase "rights" to private and public lands (including our national parks and other federal property across Wyoming) to prevent any mining, grazing, logging, or other economic development on those lands. Wyoming's communities will suffer as large swaths of our lands will sit dormant, pulling money out of our economy and placing it into the pockets of foreign entities.

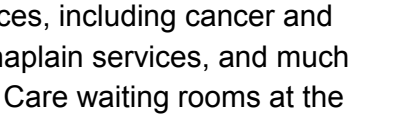
While I was able to secure an extension on the public comment period from the SEC ([see my letter here](#)), the rule is still under consideration. I encourage you to voice your opposition to this disastrous proposed rule and challenge the SEC's authority to pursue NACs in the first instance. Please make your voices heard. [Read the rule for yourself](#) and provide comments [via this link](#)!

Rock Springs RMP Update

Natural Asset Companies are not the only significant threat to Wyoming's lands currently under consideration: the public comment period for the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan closes on **January 17**. As a refresher, the Bureau of Land Management's preferred plan will block grazing, energy exploration and production, mining, recreation, and most other economic development on nearly 2 million acres of land in the southwestern quadrant of our state. It is impossible to describe the scope and breadth of harm this will cause to our communities, our economy, our ability to provide affordable energy, and our legacy industries, but there is not only hope on the horizon, but a way to stop this nonsense.

Take a moment to review [the draft RMP](#) and share your concerns, thoughts, expertise, and ideas by submitting a public comment [via this link](#). I will continue to fight against this senseless, disastrous plan in Congress, and hope that you will join with me by making your voice known as well. For additional information on the draft RMP and on how to make a comment, visit the University of Wyoming's RMP information page [here](#).

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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>. I encourage our students to focus on the importance of freedom, liberty, and why our Constitution has had the enduring influence that it has.

Health and Wellness Fair for Wyoming's Veterans

WY Veterans: The Cheyenne VA Medical Center is hosting a health and wellness fair on **Thursday, January 18 from 12:00 – 7:00 PM** and you are invited!

Attendees will be able to receive a variety of preventative health services, including cancer and mental health screenings, annual vaccines, diabetes management, chaplain services, and much more! All that you need to do is show up to the Cheyenne VA Primary Care waiting rooms at the date and time above! If you have any questions about this event, please contact Jodi Smith at 307-920-1540 for more information.

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 stakeholders 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](#)

Please feel free to challenge the premise that our production of affordable energy and food is harming our environment. It is not, and we should take every opportunity to engage with our agency officials to remind them of the facts on the ground, for whom they work, and the role they should play in our lives (which is minimal). It is also important that they understand that electric vehicles are largely infeasible in Wyoming, and their efforts to force the discontinued use of the internal combustion engine is the very definition of insanity, while being entirely unsafe on long lonely highways in the dead of winter. Finally, taking prime farm ground and grazing lands for "renewables" is a recipe for disaster, is environmentally destructive, will harm our energy and food supply, and violates both the federal and state Constitutions.

We can no longer afford to buy into the climate hysteria that has taken control in these agencies, and they need to hear from the American public that our energy and food producers are the good guys.

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman

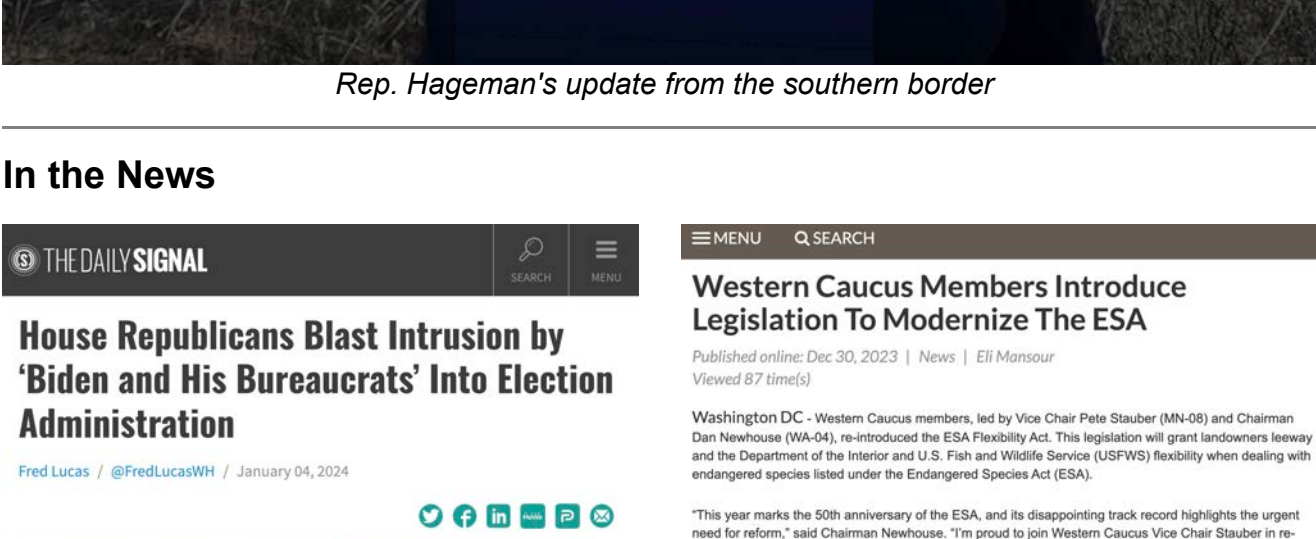
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Biden's intentional inflection of energy poverty on the American people is disproportionately affecting minorities and lower income families. It's cruel and heartless.



Video of the Week



In the News

House Republicans Blast Intrusion by 'Biden and His Bureaucrats' Into Election Administration

Fred Lucas | @FredLucasWH | January 04, 2024

The Constitution ascribes all authority over federal elections first to the states and then, in part, to Congress. The President has no right to direct federal employees to interfere or meddle in election-related activities.

Western Caucus Members Introduce Legislation To Modernize The ESA

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Washington DC - Western Caucus members, led by Vice Chair Pete Stauber (MN-08) and Chairman Dan Newhouse (WA-04), re-introduced the ESA Flexibility Act. This legislation will grant landowners leeway and the Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) flexibility when dealing with endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ESA, and its disappointing track record highlights the urgent need for reform," said Chairman Newhouse. "I'm proud to join Western Caucus Vice Chair Stauber in re-introducing this legislation to provide the Fish and Wildlife Service with additional flexibilities in implementing regulations to recover species while avoiding actions detrimental to landowners. Western

The Endangered Species Act is a prime example of a good idea that has been corrupted by power-craving coastal elites and liberal activists. Our proposed reforms will return the ESA to it's intended purpose.

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