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133 years ago, the United States became a better place as it gained a new addition: The Equality State and my beloved home – Happy Birthday Wyoming! Please ask your friends and family to celebrate with us by [sending them this link](#) so they can receive my newsletter as well, and keep apprised of what we are doing in Congress!

It's been a busy week in Congress: please keep reading below for information on my fall internship deadline, this week's hearings in the Judiciary and Natural Resources committees, and passage of the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act!

### Confronting the FBI's Collusion and Corruption

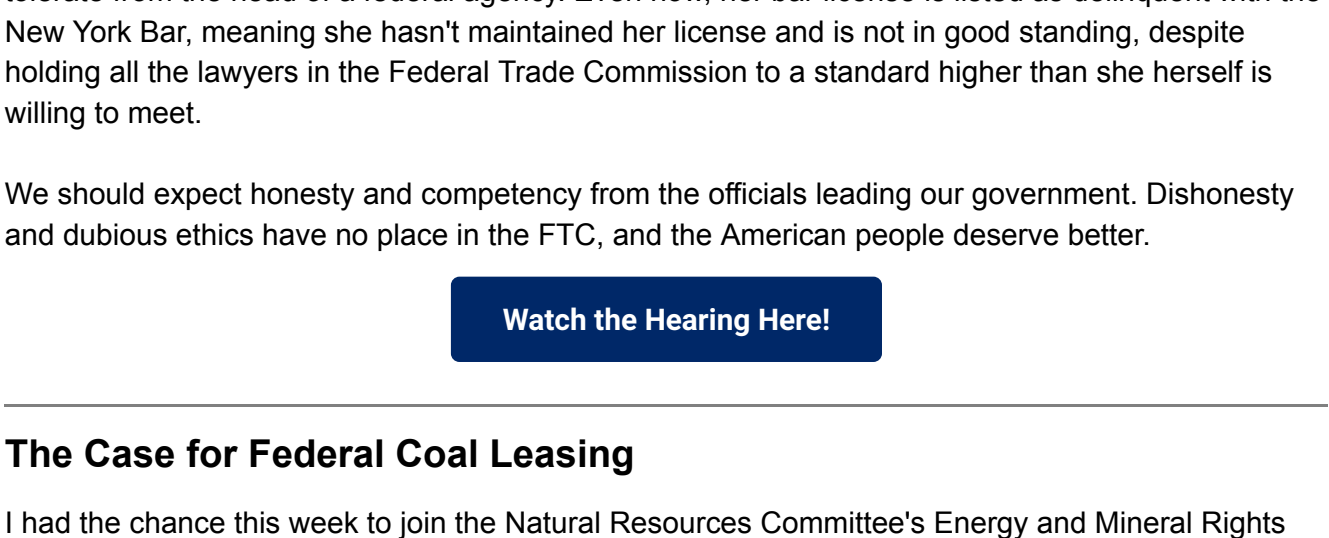
In a disturbing and fiery hearing that lasted nearly 6 hours, the House Judiciary Committee questioned Christopher Wray, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While Democrats wasted their time attacking Trump, to vilify gun owners and to scream about "MAGA Republicans", I and my conservative colleagues drilled down on the corruption and political bias that has pervaded our nation's once-premier law enforcement agency.

I used my opportunity to question Mr. Wray about the FBI's control of social media companies to censor conservatives, stifle free speech, and mislead the American public by swaying political discourse. I asked about how deep their corruption and weaponization unveiled in the Durham Report, Twitter Files, and other whistleblower testimonies runs, focusing on the FBI's efforts to circumvent the First Amendment by using surrogates to do their dirty work. I also pushed him hard as to when people will be held accountable for betraying their oaths and violating constitutional rights. Time after time, Director Wray denied knowledge and involvement, claiming that he was shocked that we would question his loyalty by implying that he was a "Republican". We have seen this movie before, and fully understand the tactic of claiming to be a "Republican" to deflect attention of the disastrous acts of someone like Christopher Wray.

We don't care what Christopher Wray "claims" to be; we only care that he has led an agency that has been weaponized against conservatives and has been conspiring with social media companies to violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Feigned outrage might make for good theatre but it doesn't change the facts on the ground.

I will repeat what I have said before: I believe that Christopher Wray is corrupt and has lost the moral authority to lead the FBI. If Director Wray is not willing to get his house in order, then my colleagues and I will find ways to do so.

Watch the full exchange below.



### Ethical Double Standards within the Federal Trade Commission

My goal to hold government officials accountable for their actions continued Thursday when FTC Chair Lina Khan appeared before the Judiciary Committee.

Ms. Khan previously claimed (under oath) to have always followed the ethics advice of her agency, yet a leaked memo confirmed that she ignored the advice of the ethics body, and continued to be involved in a case in which she should have recused herself. During my questioning of her this past week, she repeatedly tried to dismiss this incident by focusing on her own interpretation of what the ethical rules required, rather than answering my questions regarding her dishonesty during a previous congressional hearing.

I also addressed the fact that Ms. Kahn is not currently licensed to practice law, despite the fact that she has been holding herself out as an attorney in a variety of capacities. She has, in other words, been practicing law without a license. This is an incredible ethical lapse, and one that we cannot tolerate from the head of a federal agency. Even now, her bar license is listed as delinquent with the New York Bar, meaning she hasn't maintained her license and is not in good standing, despite holding all the lawyers in the Federal Trade Commission to a standard higher than she herself is willing to meet.

We should expect honesty and competency from the officials leading our government. Dishonesty and dubious ethics have no place in the FTC, and the American people deserve better.

[Watch the Hearing Here!](#)

### The Case for Federal Coal Leasing

I had the chance this week to join the Natural Resources Committee's Energy and Mineral Rights subcommittee to help address some of the misleading claims and delaying tactics that have caused outright harm to our nation's coal industry and energy security. There is no question that coal provides reliability, affordability, cleanliness, certainty, stability, and prosperity to Wyoming and the nation. Thousands of Wyoming jobs exist because of coal that produces billions of dollars in local, state, and federal revenue. Without coal, the lights won't come on, schools won't be funded, and families will go cold and hungry nationwide.

We must restart the coal leasing process and increase the speed and efficiency in which companies can continue producing coal if we want to block Biden's efforts to impose energy poverty agenda on the entire country and world – a threat to the prosperity, future, and well-being of our nation.

### Protecting the Nation and Curbing Woke Ideology

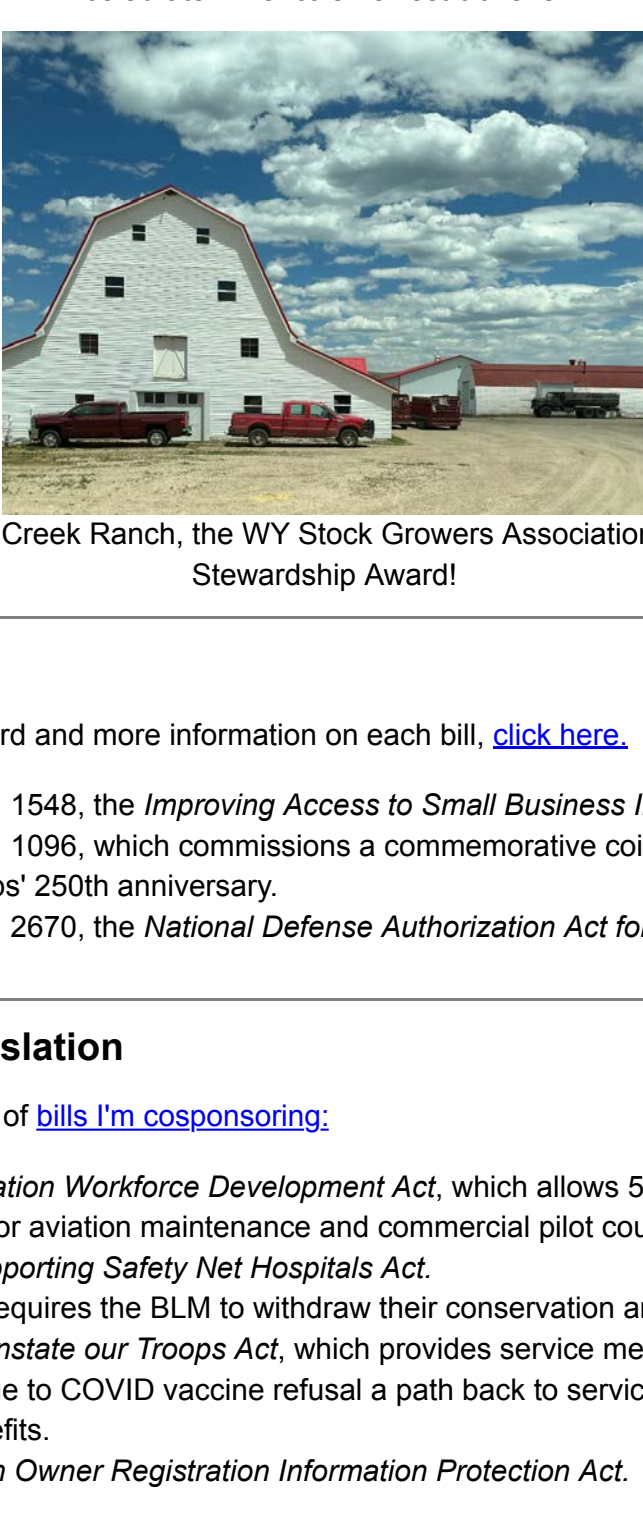
After days of debate and voting on hundreds of amendments, the House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), continuing a tradition of bipartisan support for our nation's military that has stood for 62 consecutive years. This NDAA will again authorize the Department of Defense activities, while also addressing so many of the destructive and "woke" policies that have been infiltrating the world's most important finest fighting force.

Inside this NDAA is language that will ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory, ban the use of federal funds for gender reassignment surgeries, and the use of taxpayer dollars for abortion-related travel, and increase transparency in our military's operations and finances. Together, we are restricting the flow of American money to Ukraine, scaling back military DEI mandates that harm our recruiting, and ensuring those who serve in the Armed Forces are given increased pay, better housing, and a path towards success.

I am also extremely proud that four of my proposed amendments were included in the NDAA, the purpose of which were to increase oversight into the DOD's Countering Extremism Working Group, provide reporting on the Ukraine Lend-Lease Program's impact of US defense readiness, provide funds for energy resilience that focuses on all energy resources (not just the unreliaables such as wind and solar), and analyzes laws that are enabling the flow of fentanyl into our country.

For a full report on the bill's contents, its direct impacts on Wyoming, and why I voted in favor, [visit my website here](#).

### Students: Spend This Fall Working for Wyoming!



If you're a college student or recent graduate still deciding on your plans for the upcoming fall semester, look no further!

My office is accepting applications for our fall internship program! If you would like to learn about Congress and government while serving your state, I would love to have you.

Apply by **5:00 PM MT on July 31** via our website or to [Laura.Lee@mail.house.gov](mailto:Laura.Lee@mail.house.gov) to be considered. Applications should list your desired offices (DC, Casper, or Cheyenne) and include a resume and cover letter expressing why you would like to join my team.

[Apply Here!](#)

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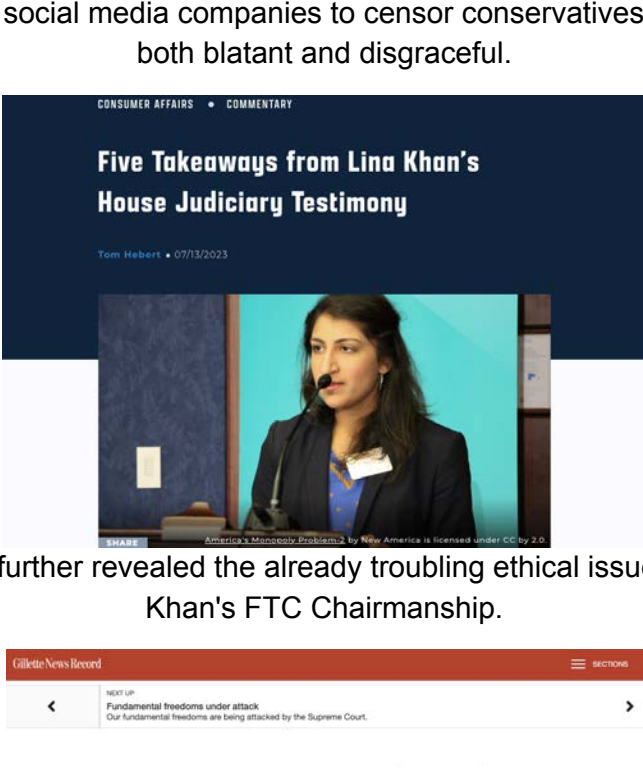
### Upcoming Events

#### Congress in Your Community:

**Congress in Lincoln County:**  
Fri, July 21, 2023 – 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM  
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To reserve your spot for our mobile office hours, please call Lisa Scaling at 307-261-6595 or sign up [at this link](#) to schedule a meeting with my staff! A specific address will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

### Featured Photos



My staff had the honor of attending Cheyenne's naturalization ceremony this Tuesday. It is a joy to celebrate America's newest citizens!



Congratulations to Big Creek Ranch, the WY Stock Growers Association's 2023 Environmental Stewardship Award!

### Recent Votes

To see my full voting record and more information on each bill, [click here](#).

- Voted **YES** on H.R. 1548, the *Improving Access to Small Business Information Act*.
- Voted **YES** on H.R. 1096, which commissions a commemorative coin in honor of the United States Marine Corps' 250th anniversary.
- Voted **YES** on H.R. 2670, the *National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2024*.

### Cosponsored Legislation

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

- **H.R. 1818**, the *Aviation Workforce Development Act*, which allows 529 college savings plans to be used for aviation maintenance and commercial pilot courses.
- **H.R. 2665**, the *Supporting Safety Net Hospitals Act*.
- **H.R. 3397**, which requires the BLM to withdraw their conservation and landscape health rule.
- **H.R. 3458**, the *Reinstate our Troops Act*, which provides service members forced to separate from the military due to COVID vaccine refusal a path back to service, with fully restored rank, payment, and benefits.
- **H.R. 3492**, the *Gun Owner Registration Information Protection Act*.

### Tweet of the Week



### Video of the Week



"The only way to prevent DoD's weaponization is through increased transparency"

### In the News



Thursday's hearing only further revealed the already troubling ethical issues that have marked Lina Khan's FTC Chairmanship.



It was such a joy to be in Saratoga! I cannot wait until my next trip home to Wyoming!

### I Want to Hear From You!

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