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Hello Laura,

Last week was a change of pace as the House of Representatives was out of session to commemorate Memorial Day. I hope that you all had a wonderful long weekend with your loved ones and that you kept in mind the true reason for celebrating this holiday—the brave men and women who have laid down their lives to safeguard our nation and preserve our freedoms. We owe these service members and their families our utmost gratitude.

I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the happenings both in D.C. and across the globe this week, including an important win for energy and infrastructure at the U.S. Supreme Court, priorities I submitted to the final Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, and a congressional trip to the Indo-Pacific. Read more about these exciting developments below.

Important Win for U.S. Energy and Infrastructure

The Supreme Court delivered a big win for domestic energy and infrastructure last week, placing new limits on environmental reviews conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This case was indicative of a larger issue—environmentalist groups filing frivolous litigation, finding favor with judges who misapply the law to delay and terminate all development in the country. In this case, counties in Utah were blocked from additional rail construction to move oil from the Uinta Basin to refineries on the Gulf Coast. The project was originally blocked on the grounds that the NEPA review did not consider the environmental impacts of oil production, even though this was a rail project and not an energy project, and that the reviewing federal entity has no jurisdiction over energy development.

The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the lower court misapplied NEPA, restoring congressional intent. Justice Kavanaugh best explained the letter of the law in the decision, writing, "NEPA is a procedural cross-check, not a substantive roadblock. The goal of the law is to inform agency decision-making, not to paralyze it." This decision will help move development in our nation from decades-long standstill to completed projects, complementing the pro-energy agenda of President Trump and congressional Republicans.

Prioritizing Wyoming in Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Every few years, Congress reauthorizes our nation's surface transportation programs, which maintain our highways, transit, and rail systems. The most recent reauthorization of these programs was included in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act, which passed in 2021 and expires next year. As the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee begins crafting its final bill, I submitted the following Wyoming priorities for consideration:

- Maximize the use of formula-based federal funding through the core Federal-aid Highway Apportioned Programs for states and local communities.
- Support the inclusion of H.R. 3608, Connor's Law, and the codification of the components of President Trump's executive order entitled "Enforcing Commonsense Rules of the Road for America's Truck Drivers," which restores English language proficiency requirements for truck drivers.
- Maximize flexibility concerning the transferability of allocated funding among the Highway Programs.
- Support the inclusion of S.1167, the Transportation Asset Management Simplification Act, and other methods to streamline Transportation Asset Management Plan reporting requirements.
- Increase the NEPA categorical exclusion for transportation projects of limited federal financial assistance to account for inflated construction costs.

I will always fight for states and local communities—rather than the federal government—to be in the driver's seat when it comes to making the decisions closest to them. That is my goal through the submission of the above priorities and will continue to be my goal as your representative in Congress.

Natural Resources Committee Visits the Indo-Pacific

I appreciated the opportunity to spend much of last week in the Indo-Pacific with a coalition of my Natural Resources Committee colleagues led by Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR). We visited Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea to discuss important issues related to energy, fisheries, forestry, and more. Further, we reinforced our commitment to standing with them against common adversaries, namely the People's Republic of China.

As a member of the Indo-Pacific Task Force in the 118th Congress, I recognize the vital importance of collaborating with these nations and providing them with the energy and economic support they need to combat the rising threats that we all face from China. One way in which we can assist them is by filling their energy reserves with liquefied natural gas and coal that is produced in America, decreasing their reliance on energy resources from adversarial nations. I look forward to continuing our committee's work throughout Asia and the Indo-Pacific region to enhance America's presence in these countries and achieve common goals.

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



Events and Announcements

Facing Red Tape? SBA Is Here to Help

President Trump and Republicans in Congress are hard at work cutting bureaucratic red tape. If a regulation has been used excessively against your business, the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy can help. Use its Red Tape Hotline by emailing RedTape@sba.gov or calling 800-827-5722 and selecting option 3.

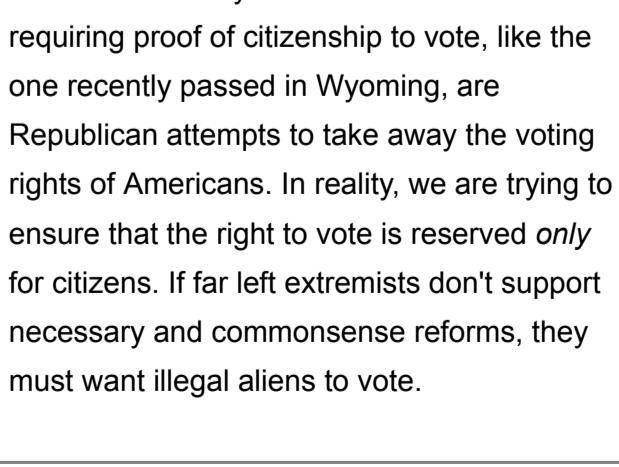
FBI Releases Cybersecurity Tips

Far too often, my office hears from Wyomingites who are victims of fraud. The FBI just released a Public Service Announcement outlining some of the most recent scams and what you can do to remain safe or report a cyber crime if you or someone you love has been targeted. If you're not sure if the person you're talking with is legitimate, make sure to review the FBI's PSA [here](#) or call my office at (307) 261-6595.

Recent Photos

I was pleased that members of my staff could attend YMCA of Natrona County's Wall of Honor celebration and present letters from my office to the honorees. I appreciate the work you all do for the Casper community and our state.

Members of my team joined Cheyenne's F.E. Warren Air Force Base in honoring the retirement of Military Working Dog (MWD) Rio and celebrating the opening of the Security Forces Squadron's MWD kennel and training center.



I was thankful for Taiwanese President Lai's warm welcome to our delegation. I look forward to the continued partnership between our countries.

Members of my staff were humbled to attend a Memorial Day ceremony at the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery in Evansville. I am deeply appreciative of our active-duty military and veterans who have sacrificed so much to ensure our nation remains the freest in the world.

Recent Votes

The House was out of session last week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Cosponsored Legislation

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

1. [H.R.3608](#), Connor's Law.

Tweet of the Week

I enjoyed my time with Federal Newswire in which we discussed my efforts to rein in DC's out-of-control regulatory state.

I'm thrilled that [H.R.672](#), a bill I cosponsored, which would give Mills, Wyoming, its own zip code, passed the House Oversight Committee. Mills currently shares a zip code with Casper, which causes the town issues involving mail delivery, census counts, and municipal operations. I look forward to the bill's consideration on the House floor.

Wyoming Lawsuit Proves Democrats Want Illegal Aliens Voting, Not Deported

Democrats want you to believe that laws requiring proof of citizenship to vote, like the one recently passed in Wyoming, are

Republican attempts to take away the voting rights of Americans. In reality, we are trying to

ensure that the right to vote is reserved *only* for citizens. If far left extremists don't support

necessary and commonsense reforms, they must want illegal aliens to vote.

After Postal Service Said 'No,' Congress On Track To Give Mills Its Own ZIP Code

Sincerely,

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