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Hello,

This was a great week for America but a rough week for those perpetrators of government overregulation and overreach. Republicans in the House have been busy writing, debating and passing several important bills that are designed to take power away from unelected bureaucrats and return it to the legislative branch, thereby restoring our separation of powers and ensuing regular constitutional order. Below is a summary of some of the bills passed this week.

The REINS Act: Ensuring accountability in agency rulemaking

Article I of the U.S. Constitution is abundantly clear: Congress, and Congress alone, possesses the right and the duty to legislate. Over many decades, however, Congress has abdicated its legislative responsibility and empowered the "Administrative State" to take on this role – which it was all too willing to do. We have now reached an inflection point in which the Executive Branch exerts more power and control over our nation, our citizens, our businesses, our states and our communities than those who are supposed to write and pass laws: in 2021, Congress passed 143 laws, while the Biden Administration issued 3,357 rules – none of which were passed by elected representatives, but instead were crafted by government bureaucrats. Bipartisan attempts by Congress to rescind even a tiny subset of these disastrous policies are rarely successful, as each such bill passed under the "Congressional Review Act" must then be signed by the President – the very person in charge of the agencies that published the rule in the first place!

By requiring Congressional approval for every rule with an economic impact of \$100 million or more, the REINS Act will give Congress greater authority to oversee and rein in the unelected bureaucrats' actions, save taxpayers money, increase transparency in government operations, and increase accountability. I also supported an amendment on the floor to H.R. 277, closing a potential loophole and ensuring that there is no way to avoid or misinterpret the REINS Act's intent.

If you would like more information about the purpose of the REINS Act, please review the video of me testifying before the Rules Committee on June 5th.

Watch My Testimony Here

H.R. 1615 and H.R. 1640: Keeping Uncle Sam out of your kitchen

Continuing its outrageous dictatorial overreach, the Biden Administration is attempting to regulate and restrict how Americans cook their dinner. In a move reminiscent of George Orwell's *1984*, Big Brother believes American consumers should no longer have a choice on which appliances best fit their needs. Instead of allowing those with health concerns to decide for themselves, Biden's Administration prefers blanket restrictions on stoves, which are more affordable and efficient, furthering the energy poverty agenda and moving one step closer to cutting off gas from households entirely.

We disagree with this heavy-handed approach to governing and are doing something about it. We must protect our right to use the appliances of our choice and maintain our independence from a government that is so intent on restricting access to and use of natural gas and other fossil fuels.

H.J. Res. 44: A blow to the ATF

On May 31, the ATF's latest attack on the Second Amendment took effect, and every gun owner with an AR pistol brace came under threat of criminal prosecution. Despite the tangible benefits of these firearm accessories for Americans with disabilities – who are entitled to the right to protect themselves as much as every other American – the ATF's rule against what amounts to a piece of plastic attached to a gun forces owners to pay to register their guns with the government, spend hundreds of dollars to modify the firearm to comply with additional regulations, surrender the weapon to the ATF, or destroy it altogether.

H.J. Res. 44 will reject this blatantly unconstitutional rule, uphold the rights of millions of law-abiding Americans to protect themselves and remain equipped to stand against tyranny, and push back against Biden's ongoing attack on our Second Amendment rights.

The Separation of Powers Restoration Act: Ending Chevron deference

SOPRA complements the REINS Act's curtailment of executive overreach by abolishing a detrimental crutch in our judicial system: *Chevron* deference. While the REINS Act restores balance between the executive and legislative branches directly, SOPRA ends the judicial branch's blind acceptance of agency-produced rules as infallible and constitutional. Instead, courts must apply *de novo* review to all cases, ensuring agency interpretations of law are subjected to true, unbiased review and adjudication, restoring the right and duty for courts to interpret and apply the laws passed by Congress.



No longer will agencies be given free rein to decide whether they believe their interpretations of statutes are "reasonable", but instead will be required to prove their case through the American justice system. I offered an amendment – which was adopted by voice vote – expanding the scope of SOPRA to subject all agency guidance to the same review standards as statutes and rules.

Watch My Speech Here

The ARTICLE ONE Act: A preview of more to come

While not yet up for consideration on the House Floor, Congressman Chip Roy's ARTICLE ONE Act, which I am proud to cosponsor, will continue this week's effort to claw back Congress' constitutional authority. At present, there are 41 presidentially declared national emergencies in effect, the oldest of which was instituted by President Carter in 1979. Of these 41, zero – that's right, zero – have been authorized by Congress.

This bill will change current law allowing presidents to unilaterally declare and indefinitely extend national emergencies, instead requiring congressional approval for any national emergency to continue beyond 30 days and requiring all emergencies to be reviewed and approved annually.

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Censoring Adam Schiff

Last week a resolution came to the House floor that would censure and condemn Adam Schiff for misleading the American public through actions and statements that actively sought to undermine and persecute President Trump. Despite cosponsoring and voting to pass this resolution, it ultimately was tabled due to concerns from multiple Republicans about the constitutionality of a significant fine that would have been imposed on Representative Schiff.

After listening to these concerns, Representative Anna Paulina Luna, the resolution's sponsor, amended the bill and pledged to reintroduce it for a second vote. There is no doubt that Adam Schiff has and continues to unfairly vilify President Trump. There is no doubt that he repeatedly misled the American public about what he knew related to the "Russia, Russia, Russia" hoax. The recent release of the Durham Report, combined with DOJ Inspector General Horowitz's report, confirms there was no factual basis for the investigation and zero evidence of President Trump or his campaign colluding with Russia.

Schiff aided in the FBI effort to interfere in two presidential elections, flat-out lying to the American people, implying that he, through his role as Chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, he had access to information confirming criminal activity. He used this position of great authority to launch attacks against his political enemies, simultaneously ignoring his committee's role in providing for the national security of our nation.

17 Days Left to Save Western Lands: Here's what you can do

On Tuesday, Governor Gordon and South Dakota Governor Noem appeared before the Natural Resources Committee to provide first-hand reports of the disastrous consequences that will occur if the BLM's latest Public Lands Rule goes into effect.

To recap, this rule – which I have actively fought against – will create "conservation" as a land use category, threatening to strip away property rights and state revenue streams. In May, I sent Secretary Haaland a letter requesting an extension of the public comment period in order to give farmers, ranchers, and property owners like you a chance to share your stories of the detrimental impact this rule will have on your lives.

This week, the BLM agreed to extend the comment period, but only until July 5. You have a chance to help prevent this horrible proposal from taking effect: use the button below to submit your comments and protect our property rights! If you're not familiar with the proposed rule, watch my conversation with Governor Gordon below.



More Congress in Your Community and Town Halls Scheduled

Last week, I announced the dates I will be visiting the 5 remaining counties on my town hall tour, fulfilling in six months my promise to hold a town hall in every county, every year. For those who were unable to attend any of my previous events, rest assured that I will continue visiting communities across the state in the months to come!

Carbon Co. Town Hall: Wed, June 28 at 6:00 PM Platte Valley Community Ctr. 210 W Elm Ave Saratoga Platte Co. Town Hall: Thu, June 29 at 10:00 AM Platte County Library 904 9th St Wheatland

Goshen Co. Town Hall: Thu, June 29 at 6:00 PM Goshen Co. Fairgrounds 4740 US HWY 26/85 Torrington

Niobrara Co. Town Hall: Fri, June 30 at 4:00 PM Niobrara Co. Fairgrounds 4080 US-20 Lusk

Converse Co. Town Hall: Fri, June 30 at 6:30 PM Eastern WY College, Douglas Campus 800 S Wind River Dr Douglas

I am also happy to announce the resumption of my staff's Congress in Your Community events, with the schedule set forth below. Please call Lisa Scaling at 307-261-6595 or sign up <u>at this link</u> to schedule a meeting with my staff! A specific address will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

A full list of town halls, Congress in Your Community dates, and other events can be found <u>on my</u> <u>website</u>.

Congress in Carbon County: Tue, July 11, 2023 – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saratoga **Congress in Lincoln County:** Fri, July 21, 2023 – 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM Afton

Featured Photos



Thank you, American Lands Council, for hosting me last week! America's lands should belong to local communities and individuals, not Big Government.



Congratulations to Searing Industries on their latest facility expansion! My staff was honored to be present on such as special day.



A constituent recently loaned this photo of the 1920 all-women Jackson Town Council. I am thrilled to share this piece of history in my Casper office!



It was a joy to visit with the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters and share updates on the achievements made so far this Congress!

Recent Votes

To see my full voting record and more information on each bill, click here.

- Voted **YES** on H.R. 3099, the *Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Act.*
- Voted **YES** on H.J. Res. 44, which would overturn the ATF's pistol brace ban.
- Voted YES on disapproving the Washington, D.C.'s criminal justice reform bill.
- Voted **YES** on H.R. 1615, the *Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act.*
- Voted **YES** on H. Res. 377, which calls for the immediate release of U.S. journalist Evan Gershkovich from Russian prison.
- Voted YES on H.R. 277, the REINS Act.
- Voted YES on H.R. 1640, the Save Our Gas Stoves Act.
- Voted YES on H. Res. 489 to censure and condemn Adam Schiff.
- Voted YES on H.R. 288, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of bills I'm cosponsoring:

- H. Res. 396, which recognizes the significance of mothers and their impact on the next
- generation.
 H. Res. 474, which will place a real-time display of the U.S. national debt inside the House
- H. Res. 489, condemning and censuring Rep. Adam Schiff for perpetuating lies about
- President Trump's collusion with Russia, as unveiled within the Durham report.
- H.J. Res. 50, which disapproves the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's rule on small business lending.
- H.J. Res. 69, which disapproves the EPA's recent "Good Neighbor Plan" rule.
- H.R. 3039, the *DRIVE Act*, which prohibits rules or regulations requiring the installation of speed limiting devices on Eighteen-wheelers.

Tweet of the Week

Rep. Harriet Hageman @ @RepHageman · Jun 14 We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty. ~George Washington, attributed



Video of the Week



"If we truly respect the Constitution, judicial reliance on Chevron deference must end"

In the News

Grizzly Bears In Greater Yellowstone NP Area Could Be Delisted Through Congress



Wyoming has proven our ability to manage species better than the federal government. It's time to do the same with our grizzly population.



As the owner of a gas stove, I know first-hand

the advantages and efficiencies they provide. Banning gas stoves is just one more instance of Biden's energy poverty agenda.

I Want to Hear From You!

Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee Advances Legislative Solutions for Tribes

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I am proud to advocate every day for expanded opportunity and reduced bureaucracy for our Native American communities.



ever since 1984, Chevron deference has caused immense harm our government's separation of powers. SOPRA seeks to resolve this disastrous oversight.

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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

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