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Hello,

After spending just a few short days home in Wyoming, I returned to Washington for the House of Representatives' debate and vote on the "Fiscal Responsibility Act" and other legislation. I am thankful I was able to attend a Memorial Day celebration in Casper, while my staff attended events in Sheridan and Evanston; it is humbling to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our nation. I am thankful for the chance to spend time with family members of fallen soldiers, and with Veterans who understand the commitment our military members make when they enlist.

Why I Voted No on the "Fiscal Responsibility" Act

The House of Representatives passed **H.R. 3746** on Wednesday evening of this past week. This debt ceiling bill was produced from negotiations between Speaker McCarthy and President Biden. After carefully reading through this bill and hearing from hundreds of my constituents in Wyoming, I voted no. Given the magnitude of this vote and concerns many of you have voiced, I will dedicate much of this newsletter to explaining my decision.

First, I want to commend Speaker McCarthy for his hard work in forcing the Democrats to the negotiating table – something they originally vowed never to do – and in creating a compromise which claws back unused COVID funds, prevents omnibus spending bills, reduces federal spending, and includes many other wins for fiscal conservatives. This bill, while still problematic, does start moving us in the right direction.

For me, the shortcomings outweighed the benefits, which is why I did not vote in favor of it. During negotiations, Democrats stripped out many provisions of the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* that would have instituted major regulatory reforms and reined in federal agency bureaucrats. This contradicts with my stance to take power out of Washington and return it to the people and the states.

This bill also establishes our current spending levels as the baseline for future spending, failing to revert our budget back to pre-COVID levels; 40% of our nation's federal debt has been accrued under Nancy Pelosi's time as Speaker, and I refuse to accept this out-of-control spending spree as the baseline for future policy and fiscal decisions. Instead of raising the debt ceiling, this bill will suspend it – meaning that there is no ceiling or limit to the amount of debt President Biden can accrue through January 1, 2025. We must hold Congress to account and demand that we use the appropriations process to rein in spending. We simply cannot continue to spend money that we don't have, on programs and actions that we don't need, to empower the very people who are trying to destroy this country from within.

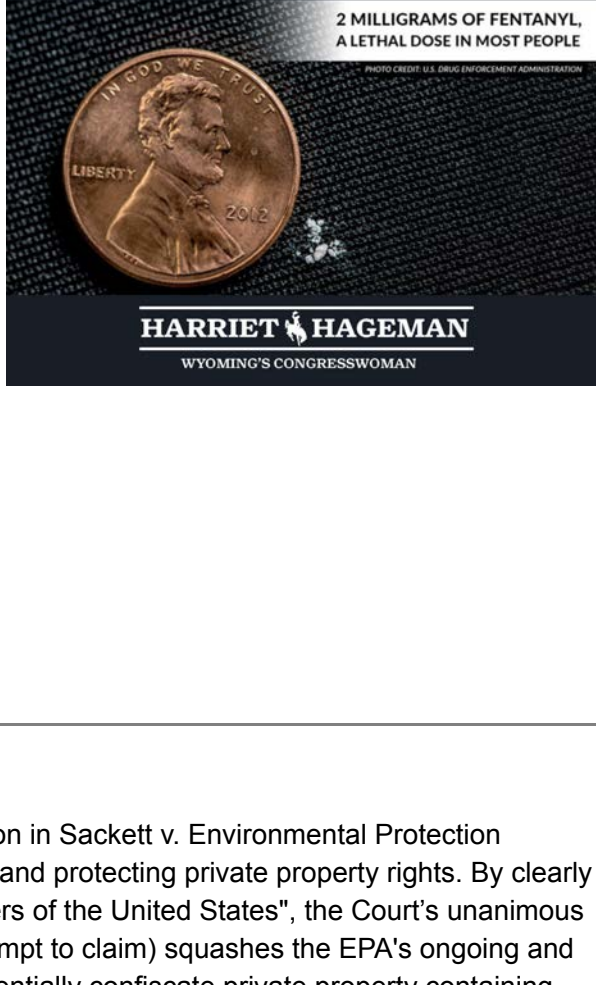
Finally, this bill ostensibly reduces spending by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years; yet the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* would have cut spending by nearly \$4 trillion over that same time period, and changes to the bill's wording by Democrats threaten to create loopholes that allow bureaucrats to spend beyond the limits the "Fiscal Responsibility Act" sets forth.

Over 95% of you who contacted my office this week voiced this same opinion: we have few chances and little time to reel in our nation's unsustainable debt, and unfortunately this bill does not do enough to achieve that goal. We must do better to make deeper cuts and greater reforms, and I pledge to work with Speaker McCarthy and others through our appropriations process to ensure our nation returns to strong financial footing.

A Step Toward HALT-ing America's Fentanyl Epidemic

In the midst of last week's veterans-focused legislative schedule, the House also passed **H.R. 467**, the *HALT Fentanyl Act*. This bill, which I supported, will permanently designate fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs – the same classification as LSD and Heroin. This designation will equip our law enforcement professionals with additional tools and abilities to ensure our streets are free of illicit fentanyl which is ravaging our communities, while simultaneously supporting research into it's short- and long-term health consequences.

Over 109,000 people died from drugs in 2022, and over 14,000 pounds of fentanyl have entered the nation since January 2021 – much of it coming through our porous southern border. We must do everything in our power to aid communities suffering under the astronomical drug trafficking operations that have flourished under Biden's watch.



A Win for Western Property Rights

On May 25, the Supreme Court published its opinion in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*, ruling against the EPA's blatant overreach and protecting private property rights. By clearly and definitively defining the phrase "navigable waters of the United States", the Court's unanimous opinion (9-0, regardless of what the press may attempt to claim) squashes the EPA's ongoing and relentless efforts to assert jurisdiction over and essentially confiscate private property containing irrigation and drainage ditches, small ponds, isolated wetlands, return flows and water runoff. This decision will make it more difficult for the EPA to prosecute our farmers and ranchers for managing their property.

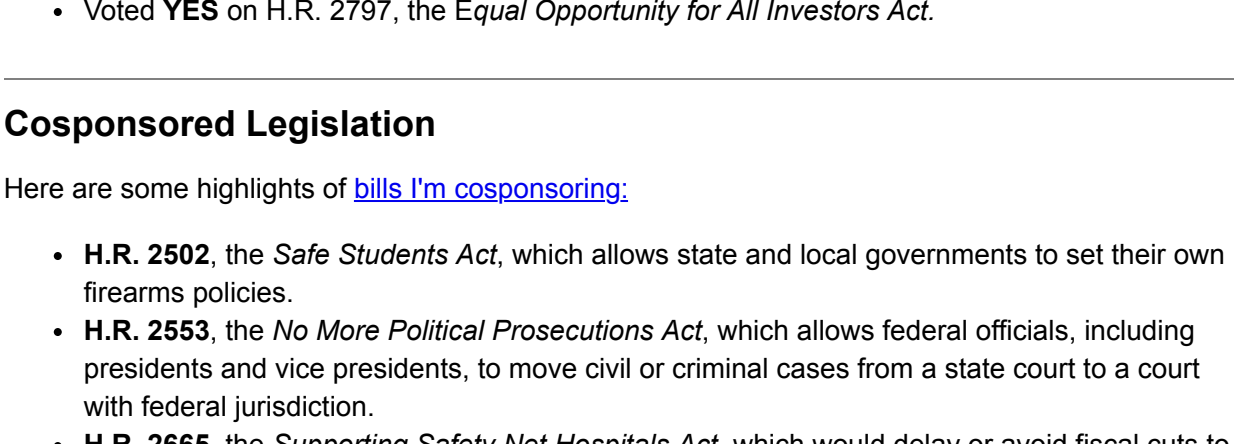
Liberty, freedom, and the rule of law were vindicated by the Court's opinion, and landowners, developers, small businesses, and local communities across Wyoming finally have more protection against the EPA.

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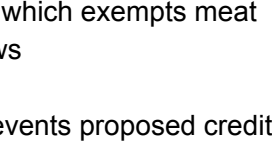
Protecting Privacy Rights for Gun Owners

I am proud to cosponsor Congressman Gosar's Gun-owner Registration Information Protection (GRIP) Act. This bill expands upon existing laws, ensuring that the federal government cannot store information related to firearms purchases, nor provide support or funding for local and state efforts to collect personal information from legal firearm purchases.

Legal, law-abiding gun-owners deserve the right to privacy afforded to every American, and should not be singled out by any level of government for their choice to exercise their constitutional rights.



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Recent Votes

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

- Voted **YES** on H.R. 2792, the *Small Entity Update Act*.
- Voted **NO** on H.R. 2795, the *Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act*, which would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to create private sector mandates.
- Voted **NO** on H.R. 2796, the *Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act*, which expands the size and scope of the Securities and Exchange Commission and increases fees on private sector entities.
- Voted **YES** on H.Res. 382, which recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month and condemns antisemitism.
- Voted **NO** on H.R. 3746, the *Fiscal Responsibility Act*.
- Voted **YES** on H.R. 2797, the *Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act*.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

- **H.R. 2502**, the *Safe Students Act*, which allows state and local governments to set their own firearms policies.
- **H.R. 2553**, the *No More Political Prosecutions Act*, which allows federal officials, including presidents and vice presidents, to move civil or criminal cases from a state court to a court with federal jurisdiction.
- **H.R. 2665**, the *Supporting Safety Net Hospitals Act*, which would delay or avoid fiscal cuts to Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospitals.
- **H.R. 2814**, the *Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act*, which exempts meat prepared and distributed within a state from federal meat inspection laws
- **H.R. 2826**, the *Save Local Business Act*.
- **H.R. 2928**, the *Responsible Borrower Protection Act of 2023*, which prevents proposed credit fee changes for federal mortgages.
- **H.R. 2961**, which requires a full, clean audit of the Department of Defense's finances in order to reduce overspending and financial waste, and will cut certain defense spending budgets if an audit is not completed.
- **H.R. 79**, the *WHO Withdrawal Act*, which will remove the United States from the World Health Organization and prohibit federal funds from going to the WHO.

Tweet of the Week



Video of the Week



"It's time to pull the REINS on absurd agency regulations, rules, and spending"

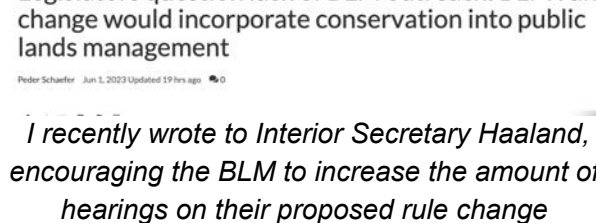
In the News

All Wyoming's Neighbors — Except Colorado — Restrict Chinese Ownership Of Farmland

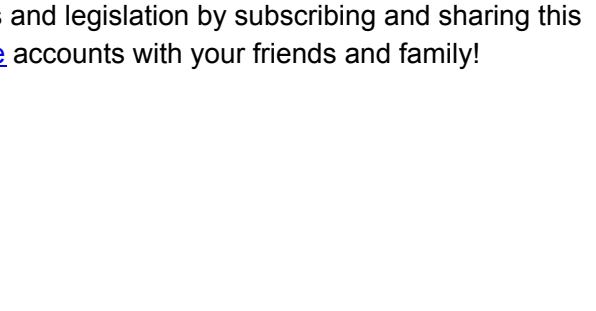


It's imperative that we prevent Chinese bad actors from controlling America's food production and spying on sensitive sites

Hageman, House Republicans block Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Plan



Our national debt is already out of control, and Biden's debt forgiveness plan will only make a disastrous situation worse



Legislators question lack of BLM outreach: BLM rule change would incorporate conservation into public lands management

I recently wrote to Interior Secretary Haaland, encouraging the BLM to increase the amount of hearings on their proposed rule change

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