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Hello Laura,

We had a busy and exciting week in Washington, D.C. From the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) dropping of all criminal charges against the Maude family, to President Trump's signing of an executive order to support our truckers, I can't help but feel hopeful for the next few years under this administration. In addition to these updates, I testified before the Appropriations Committee opposing the electronic identification (EID) eartag mandate and chaired a Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee hearing addressing water infrastructure and the importance of hydropower. I have highlighted these important issues and more below.

U.S. Drops Criminal Charges Against the Maude Family

On Wednesday, the USDA announced it has directed the dismissal of all criminal charges against Charles and Heather Maude. As you may know, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) under the Biden administration turned the Maudes, fifth generation South Dakota cattle ranchers, into accused felons overnight when an armed USFS agent showed up on their property and served them with an arrest warrant for "theft of government property," all in relation to a misaligned fence (something that is very common in the West). The fence line at issue had been in the same location for over seventy-five years, with the USFS never having raised concerns before. Once the situation was called to their attention, the Maudes participated in good faith negotiations with the USFS about how to deal with it—that is until a rogue USFS employee showed up in tactical gear and served them with an indictment, threatening them with ten years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

I have fought this issue from the moment I learned of it, sending several letters and seeking USDA resolution. This case is a glaring example of the dangers of unelected bureaucrats with far too much power weaponizing the full force of the federal government in an unconstitutional effort to make felons out of farmers. Sadly, this type of behavior was commonplace during the past four years, but President Trump knows firsthand the catastrophic implications of lawfare imposed by an overreaching government. The dismissal of this case shows that "business as usual" is no more.

I was proud to attend the press conference during which USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins formally announced that the charges were dropped. I also made some remarks, which you may watch [here](#).

President Trump is Making Our Roads Safer

As I previously reported, I recently sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Transportation urging it to rescind Obama-era guidance that unilaterally nullified longstanding safety regulations and loosened enforcement against truck drivers lacking proficiency in the English language, thereby resulting in increased accidents both in Wyoming and across the country. In addition to the safety issues this guidance poses, President Trump's recent executive order establishing English as the official language of the U.S. is another important reason to repeal the guidance.

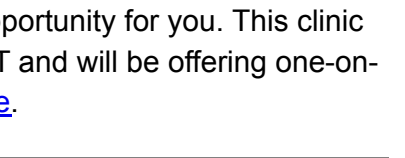
I have heard from many in Wyoming, including our law enforcement, about the dangers posed by truckers who are unable to read our highway signage, instructions, and warnings. It is entirely reasonable for us to require commercial drivers to be able to read English, especially in Wyoming, where we have treacherous and often-changing weather conditions on all our highways, including I-80, one of the most traveled interstates in the U.S. I was therefore delighted to see that President Trump signed an executive order to make our roads safer for both truckers and private citizens. I look forward to continuing to work with the Trump administration to improve the lives of the American people.

Kicking off the FY26 Appropriations Process

The House officially kicked off the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations process, which begins with members of Congress submitting their priorities as the bills are drafted. Over the next several Fridays, I will be submitting priorities for Wyoming urging their inclusion in the twelve individual appropriations bills and updating you on what I am fighting for. Last week, I submitted the following priorities to the agriculture appropriations bill:

- Defund the USDA EID eartag mandate to ensure that the agency does not have the funds to implement or enforce the rule.
 - I also testified before the Appropriations Committee last week to further advocate for its inclusion in the bill, which you can find [here](#).
- Require the USDA to implement a no net gain in federal lands policy, prohibiting it from acquiring more lands than it disposes of in Wyoming and other states in any particular fiscal year.
 - From the increasing severity and occurrence of wildfires, to reduced timber production, to the weaponization against the Maudes, the USFS has demonstrated that we should not be increasing its physical footprint. In short, we don't need the USFS to own more than the over nine million acres in Wyoming that it currently does.
- Eliminate the longstanding prohibition against federal inspection of horse meat.
 - Since 2006, the appropriations bill has included language which effectively shuts down the domestic horse processing industry. Current estimates show that the ban has costed the American taxpayers, in combination with a similarly misguided ban on euthanasia of wild horses, over \$100 million per year and \$4.6 billion over the last forty years.

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Congress in Niobrara County:

Monday, May 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lusk, WY

Congress in Fremont County:

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Lander, WY

Congress in Hot Springs County:

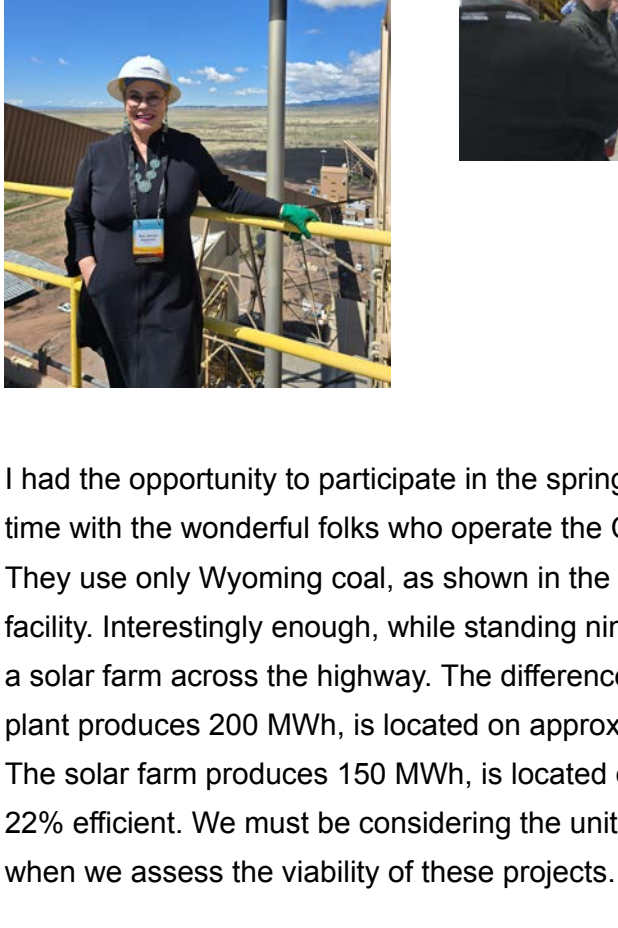
Monday, May 19, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thermopolis, WY

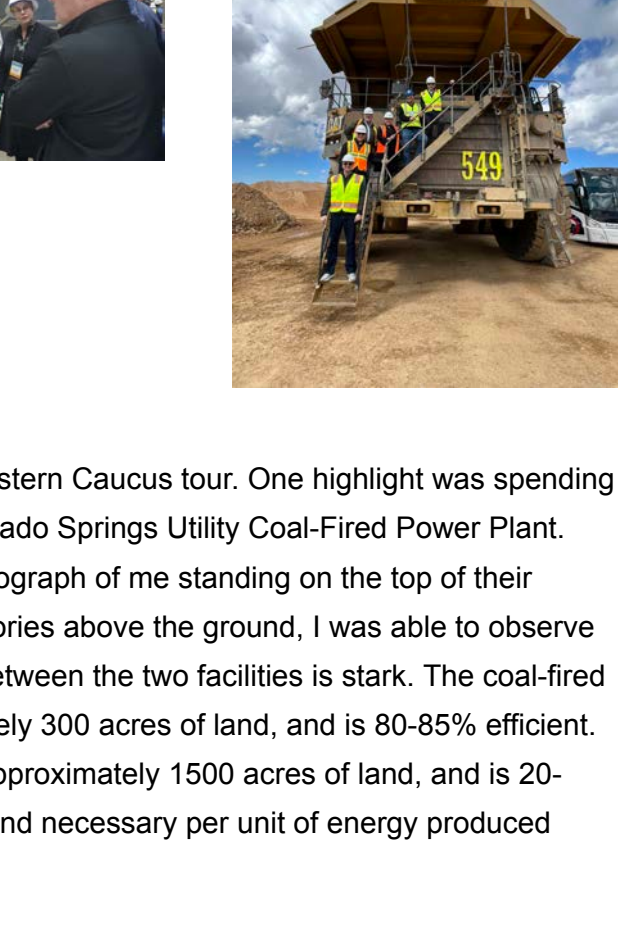
Great Opportunity for Veterans!

If you're a veteran in need of assistance in filing a VA claim or you simply want to learn more about VA healthcare, the Cody Veterans Health & Claims Clinic is a great opportunity for you. This clinic will take place in Cody on Wednesday, May 14, from 9 AM to 4 PM MT and will be offering one-on-one assistance with numerous issues. For more information, [click here](#).

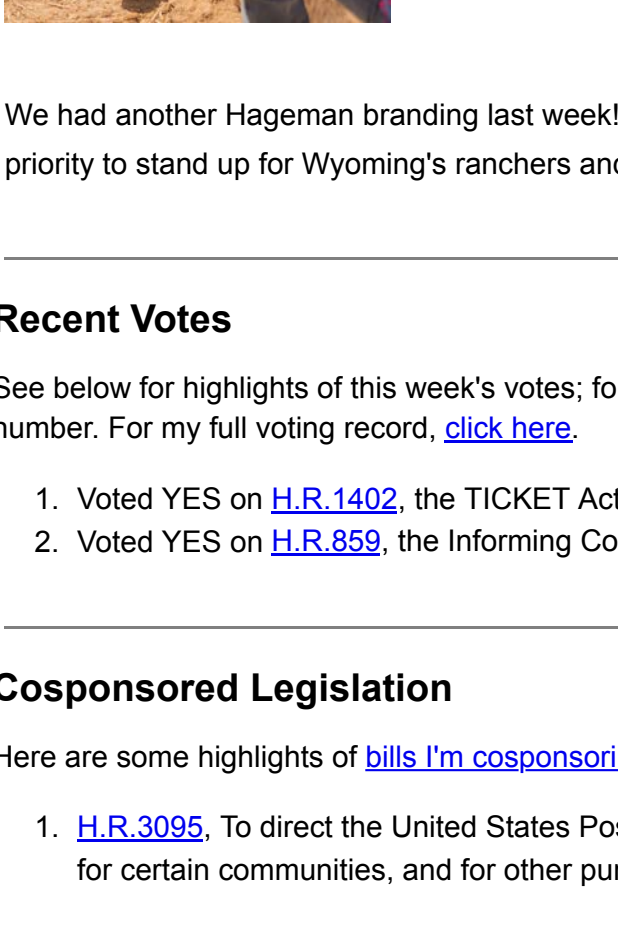
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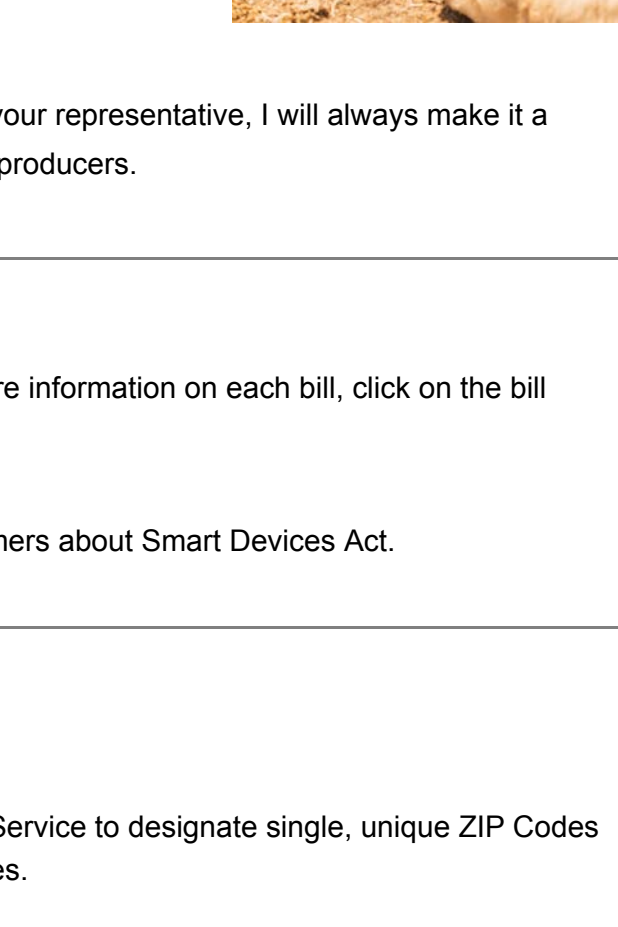
I was pleased to meet with two CY Middle School students, Landon and Timothy, who are finalists in Samsung's Annual Solve for Tomorrow STEM competition. They gave me a demo of their SEL-bot, a roaming robot that promotes mental wellness and aims to decrease the suicide rate in Wyoming.



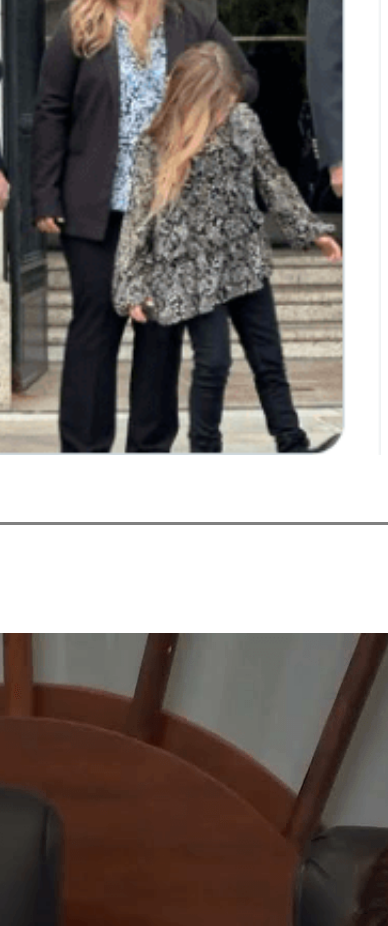
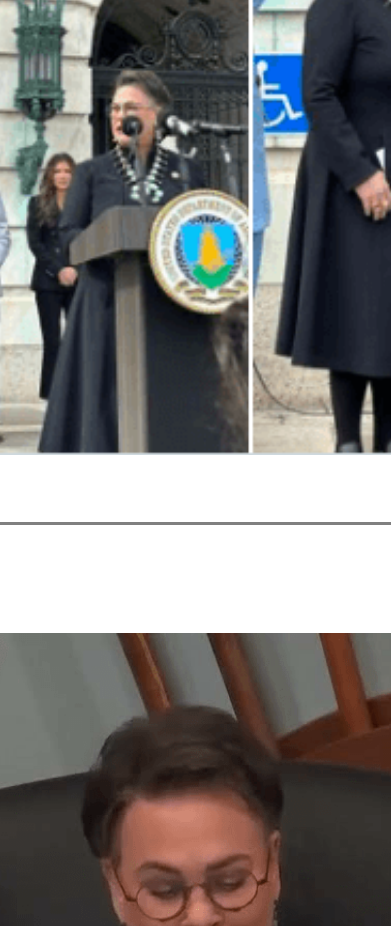
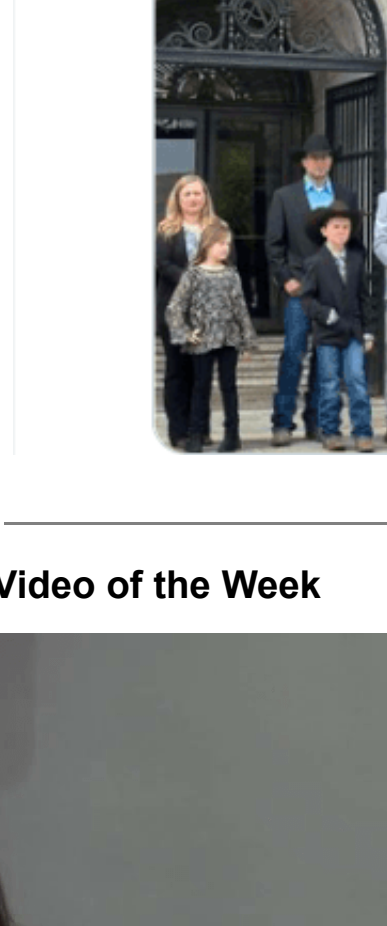
Congratulations to Kindell Baker of Sheridan High School for winning this year's Congressional Art Competition. Her piece, entitled "Elk Fire," captures the sentiment that many in our state felt as this fire ravaged northern Wyoming. Kindell's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol, and she will join me in D.C. later this year to be recognized for her work.



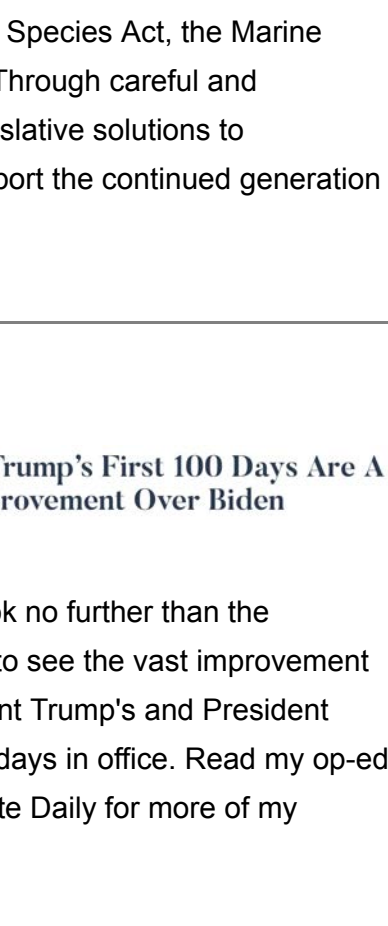
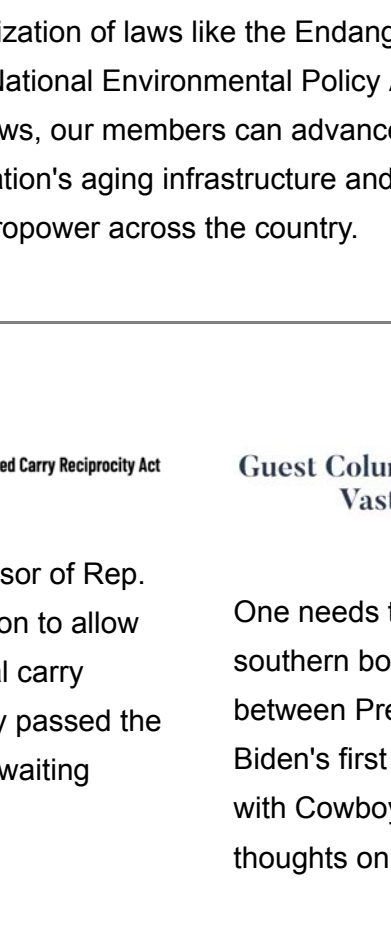
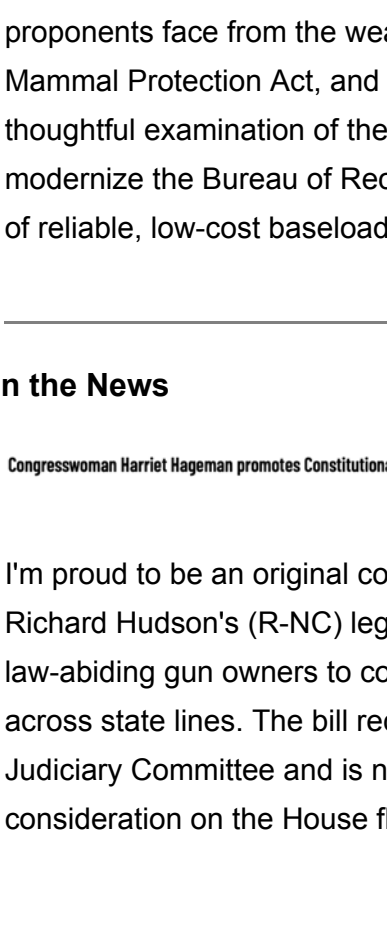
I was honored to participate in National Prayer Week activities, including joining the House Chaplain for a Bible reading. I chose a passage from the Gospel of John which makes undeniably clear that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. What blessed assurance!



Rietta Kissack, an 11-year-old from Rozet, wrote this poem and delivered it at an event on Thursday, the National Day of Prayer, in Gillette. I found it inspiring and was so glad she shared it with me.



I had the opportunity to participate in the spring Western Caucus tour. One highlight was spending time with the wonderful folks who operate the Colorado Springs Utility Coal-Fired Power Plant. They use only Wyoming coal, as shown in the photograph of me standing on the top of their facility. Interestingly enough, while standing nine stories above the ground, I was able to observe a solar farm across the highway. The differences between the two facilities is stark. The coal-fired plant produces 200 MWh, is located on approximately 300 acres of land, and is 80-85% efficient. The solar farm produces 150 MWh, is located on approximately 1500 acres of land, and is 20-22% efficient. We must be considering the unit of land necessary per unit of energy produced when we assess the viability of these projects.



We had another Hageman branding last week! As your representative, I will always make it a priority to stand up for Wyoming's ranchers and ag producers.

Recent Votes

See below for highlights of this week's votes; for more information on each bill, click on the bill number. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

- Voted YES on [H.R.1402](#), the TICKET Act.
- Voted YES on [H.R.859](#), the Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act.

Cosponsored Legislation

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

- [H.R.3095](#), To direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.

Tweet of the Week

Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · Apr 30
The case against the Maudes is the result of unelected bureaucrats with far too much power weaponizing the federal government to make farmers into felons. Thank you @realDonaldTrump @SecRollins @SecNoem @AGPamBondi for righting this injustice.



Video of the Week

Watch my Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee hearing during which we examined water infrastructure and continued our work addressing the regulatory challenges that projects' proponents face from the weaponization of laws like the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Through careful and thoughtful examination of these laws, our members can advance legislative solutions to modernize the Bureau of Reclamation's aging infrastructure and support the continued generation of reliable, low-cost baseload hydropower across the country.

In the News

Congresswoman Harriet Hageman promotes Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act

Guest Column: Trump's First 100 Days Are A Vast Improvement Over Biden

I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of Rep. Richard Hudson's (R-NC) legislation to allow law-abiding gun owners to conceal carry across state lines. The bill recently passed the Judiciary Committee and is now awaiting consideration on the House floor.

One needs to look no further than the southern border to see the vast improvement between President Trump's and President Biden's first 100 days in office. Read my op-ed with Cowboy State Daily for more of my thoughts on this.

Hageman, Barrasso Say Judges Who Shield Illegal Immigrants Should Be Arrested

Letter To The Editor: Thank You Rep Hageman For Meaningful Main Street Conversation

It's outrageous that we now have federal judges obstructing the rule of law to protect illegal aliens. We often hear that neither President Trump nor Congress is above the law—the same goes for the judicial branch.

I greatly appreciated my time with Jim Benedict, owner of Benedict Market in Mountain View. Our local grocery stores are vital to rural communities, like so many in Wyoming. I look forward to continuing this dialogue so that we can hopefully effect real change.

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