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My Republican colleagues and I continue to address the important work that must be done on behalf of the American public. We have now passed 7 of Fiscal Year 2024's 12 appropriations bills and will debate two more this week. Each day brings us closer to a fiscally responsible budget that protects Americans rights, reinvigorates our legacy industries, combats Bidenflation, and eliminates the radical woke nonsense that has permeated our federal agencies, military, and schools. We simply cannot sit by while our country is destroyed from within. Sunshine is the best disinfectant, and it is imperative that we shine a light on and expose the leftists' intention to fundamentally transform America into yet another failed state.

Keeping Israel in the Fight and Protecting Our Own Borders

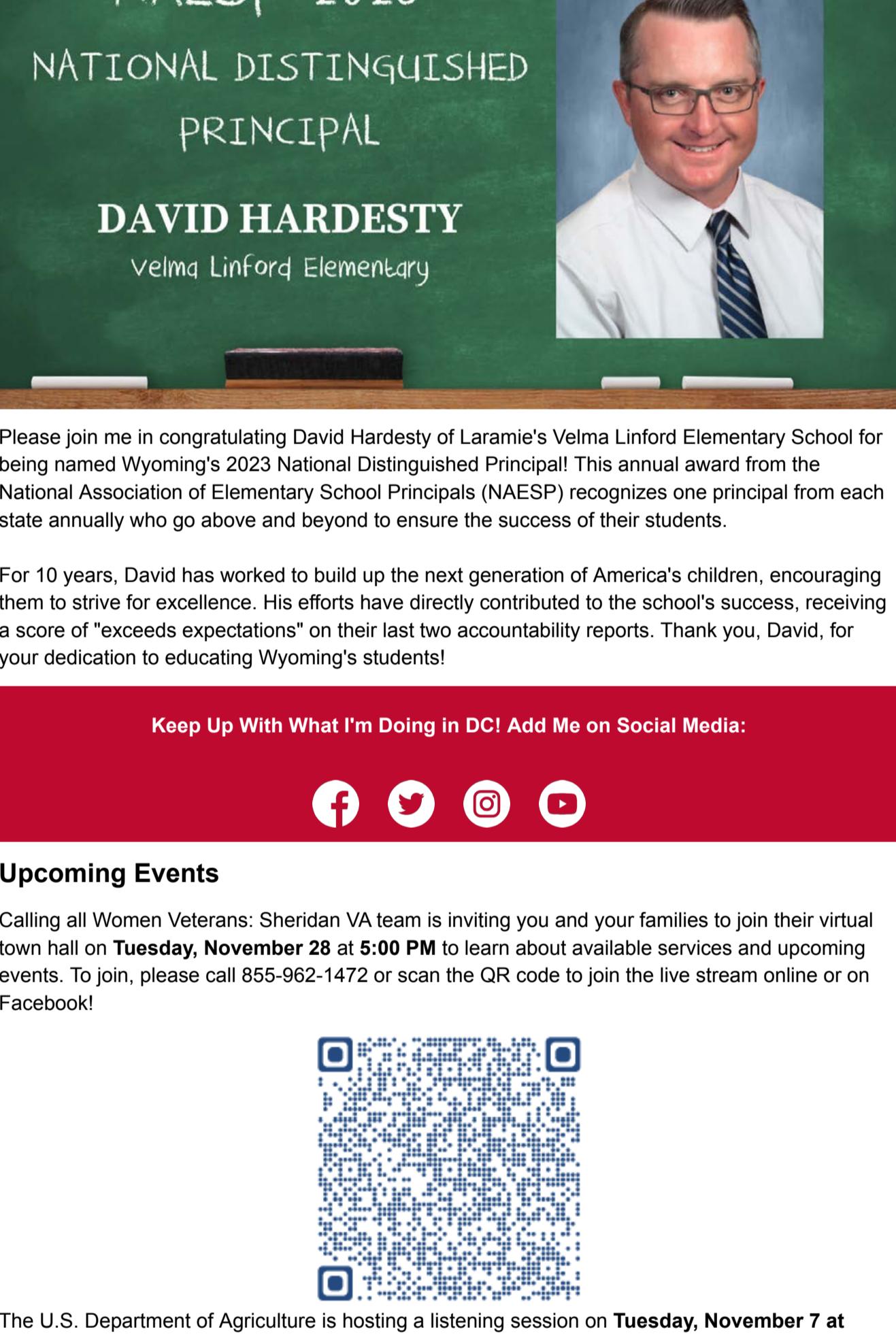
It has been nearly a month since Israel was brutally attacked by Hamas terrorists. As their efforts to eradicate Hamas from North Gaza shift into a new phase of combat, the United States stands ready to support our strongest ally in the Middle East's only democracy. On Thursday, my colleagues and I approved a \$14.4 billion bipartisan aid package, ensuring that Israel will have the support needed to defend its sovereignty and rescue the more than 240 hostages still held by Hamas. In order to quickly provide this much-needed aid, we have decided to pull these funds from Biden's ongoing effort to hire tens of thousands of new IRS agents, thereby repurposing this money to meet an immediate need while also reducing the heavy-handed abuse that the IRS often visits on the American taxpayer.

My support for our friends in Israel is unwavering, and I will continue to ensure that they have the resources they need in their fight against these terrorists and brutal killers.

We must give Israel the space and support that it needs to address the threat that it faces from Hamas and like-minded organizations. The Biden Administration has been far too weak for far too long in addressing the terrorist organizations founded, funded, and supported by Iran. The chickens have now come home to roost, and we are seeing first-hand what happens when the enemy is allowed to breach the wall.

What happened in Israel will not stay in the Middle East. We have had hundreds of people on the Terror Watch List crossing our borders illegally. We know that they are coming here to do bad things. We must continue to demand that President Biden and Alejandro Mayorkas close the northern and southern borders, enforce our existing immigration laws, and stop the catastrophe that is happening before our eyes as millions of unvetted individuals from around the world are overrunning our communities, cities, and states. We are continuing to try to force the Senate to take up H.R. 2, the strongest border security bill ever passed by Congress. Every day that they delay, they place us at greater risk of suffering a catastrophic national security failure right here.

A Week of Wins!



Wyoming is now one step closer to burying the Bureau of Land Management's disastrous Rock Springs Resource Management Plan. As part of this week's consideration of the Department of the Interior appropriations bill, I put forth an amendment that will permanently block the BLM from implementing this draft plan. This amendment was adopted by the House **WITHOUT OPPOSITION** and was included in the final bill, which passed the House 213 to 203.

Two other amendments of mine were also included in the bill's final text:

- Amendment 97, which prevents an attempt by the Council on Environmental Quality to add more and more layers of approval requirements for NEPA projects.
- Amendment 98, which abolishes restrictive water quality compliance standards created by the Biden Administration that stripped state agencies of their authority under Section 401, while consolidating more power in the EPA. In its place, Trump-era policies will be reinstated that give states greater discretion in certifying water standards.

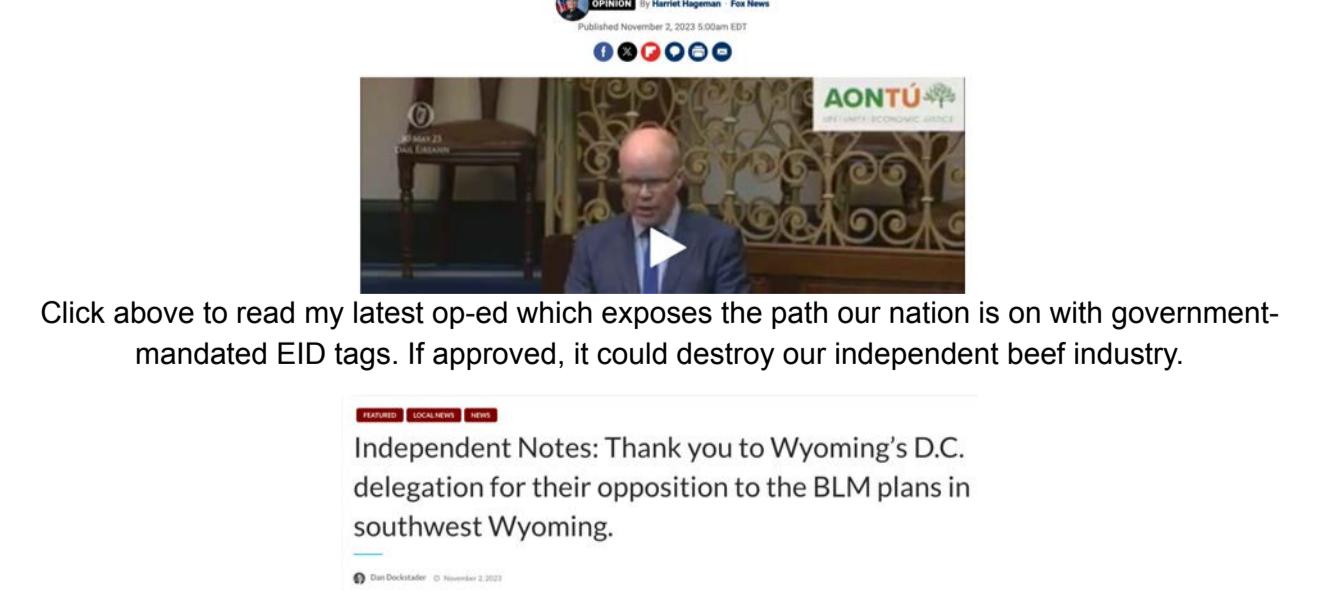
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Introducing "This Week in Washington", a New Video Series!

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