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Hello Laura,

I am continuing to stand firm in calling for an end to the Democratic-led shutdown. We need to reopen the government, pay our service members and federal employees what they are owed for the work that they have done, and continue moving forward with our conservative agenda of securing the border, modernizing our permitting processes, expanding energy development, and working for the American people.

I spent most of last week working in Washington, DC, holding numerous meetings with constituents and advancing Wyoming's legislative priorities.

In this newsletter, I will discuss the scourge of the drug cartels infiltrating our Indian reservations, the reintroduction of my bill to promote economic development in tribal communities, and the Trump administration's additions to the Critical Minerals List and how that impacts Wyoming.

Thank you for your continued engagement and trust.

Protecting Tribal Communities from Cartel Exploitation

We have, in recent weeks, heard numerous disturbing [reports out of Mendocino County, California](#), describing how the Mexican drug cartels have taken over large portions of tribal lands and are wreaking havoc in the communities. These cartels have been using these reservation lands to grow illegal marijuana, to conduct human trafficking operations, and to use these areas as a base for smuggling drugs throughout the country. The Round Valley Indian Tribal members have been forced to live under a shadow of extreme violence, fear, and corruption, while state and federal officials (including former Attorney General Merrick Garland) have historically turned a blind eye to their plight. They have even coined a new name for this tragic situation: "Narco slavery," with our tribal members being the ones enslaved by these cartels. No one should be forced to live in these conditions.

What is happening on these reservations is horrific. Labor trafficking in illegal grow operations, and the spread of hard drugs like meth and fentanyl, are devastating Native families and tearing the very fabric of tribal life. These cartels have figured out how to exploit the jurisdictional uncertainty on tribal lands, preying on their communities, with violence and addiction being the outcome. The Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight has held two hearings on this issue, and you can watch the testimony [here](#).

This kind of lawlessness is not unique to California or Montana. It is happening across the West, and it is a direct result of the Biden administration's open border policies. [The Trump administration is working to fix it.](#)

I will continue to press for strong border enforcement and full cooperation with local and tribal law enforcement. We also need our federal agencies to be held accountable for allowing this crisis to grow and fester unchecked.

We must defend our communities and ensure that every American is safe from the reach of cartel violence and exploitation.

Working For You

My office is open and ready to serve the people of Wyoming, despite the ongoing government shutdown. We know that issues do not wait for Washington to reopen, and neither do we.

We are still accepting your calls, responding to your emails, and gathering the paperwork required to help you with federal agency-related issues. Whether you are dealing with the VA, Social Security, IRS, or any other federal agency, our team is ready to help.

While it is true some agencies may delay responding to our inquiries because of the shutdown, we are continuing the essential groundwork by documenting your case, filing requests, and positioning your issue for when the system resumes full operations.

In October, my office successfully solved 82 cases and returned \$37,650 to constituents through our casework efforts. If you are facing an issue with a federal agency, please reach out to my team by filling out the [form](#) on my website or by calling (307) 261-6595.

Empowering Tribal Communities Through Long-Term Economic Opportunity

I have again reintroduced bipartisan [legislation](#) to modernize and strengthen economic opportunity on tribal lands. This bill amends the Long-Term Leasing Act to allow all federally recognized tribes to enter into leases on trust lands for up to 99 years, giving them the same flexibility and certainty long enjoyed by others across the country.

For many tribes, the current leasing framework, limited to 25-year lease terms, is a major obstacle to long-term planning and development. When leases are too short, businesses and investors are less likely to commit the resources needed to build housing, infrastructure, and commercial projects that sustain communities for generations. By extending the optional lease term to 99 years, this bill removes that barrier and gives tribes the freedom to chart their own economic futures.

During the last Congress, this legislation passed the House with broad bipartisan support, and I am proud to again lead that effort. Tribal nations should not have to come to Congress one by one to request authority to enter into extended leases. My bill provides a uniform, straightforward solution that respects tribal sovereignty, promotes self-determination, and enables long-term economic growth on tribal lands.

The 2025 Critical Minerals List is a Win for National Security & Wyoming

The Department of the Interior (DOI) released the final [2025 Critical Minerals List](#), identifying 60 minerals essential to America's economy, national security, and way of life. I am proud to report that this updated list now includes phosphate, potash, metallurgical coal, and uranium, resources that are vital to our agricultural strength, energy independence, and industrial resilience.

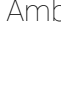
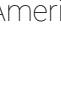
This is a significant victory for our farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. For months, I worked with my colleagues to ensure that phosphate and potash were recognized for what they are, indispensable agricultural inputs that keep our soil fertile, our farmers productive, and our food supply secure. I joined a bipartisan [letter](#) urging DOI to add phosphate to the list. I also cosponsored [H.R. 4059](#), legislation that required phosphate and potash to be included on the critical minerals list.

Our efforts paid off. Including these minerals acknowledges what America's producers have long known - that without access to fertilizer inputs like phosphate and potash, we cannot maintain our nation's food supply, security, or independence.

Similarly, recognizing metallurgical coal and uranium underscores the need for a strong domestic manufacturing base, free from the manipulation of foreign adversaries.

This update is a step in the right direction toward rebuilding a secure, reliable, and independent mineral supply chain. We must continue to encourage responsible domestic production, reduce dependence on hostile nations, and put America's farmers, miners, and manufacturers back at the center of our national policy.

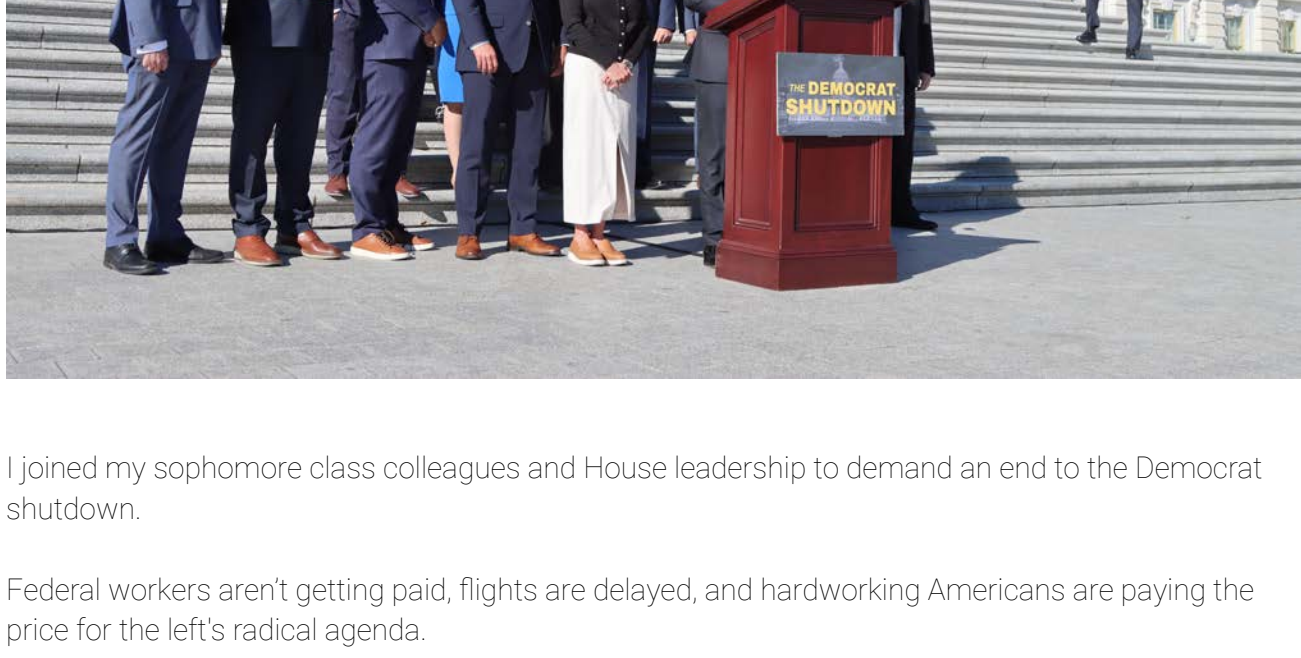
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Events and Announcements

Free Dental Care for Veterans

On November 11, dentists in Laramie and Cheyenne are offering free dental care for our veterans in Wyoming. If you are a veteran in need of an appointment, be sure to call one of the participating offices to ask about availability.



White House Tour Update

I am pleased to announce that public tours of the White House will resume on December 2. My office will be able to book tours beginning November 3. If you are planning a trip to DC and are interested in visiting the White House, you can request a tour by calling our office at 202-225-2311 or by filling out the form on our [website](#).

Federal Register Comment Period

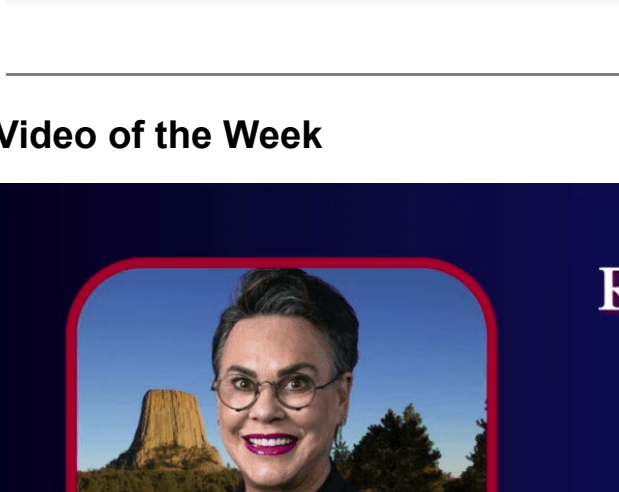
Rescission of Conservation and Landscape Health Rule

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to rescind the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, issued as a final rule on May 9, 2024. [Comments](#) must be received by November 10, 2025.

Department of the Interior Reopens Regulatory Reform Comment Period

In May, the Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a request for information on DOI Regulatory Reform. While the original comment deadline ended this summer, the [DOI announced on Tuesday that it was reopening](#) this comment period indefinitely.

Recent Photos



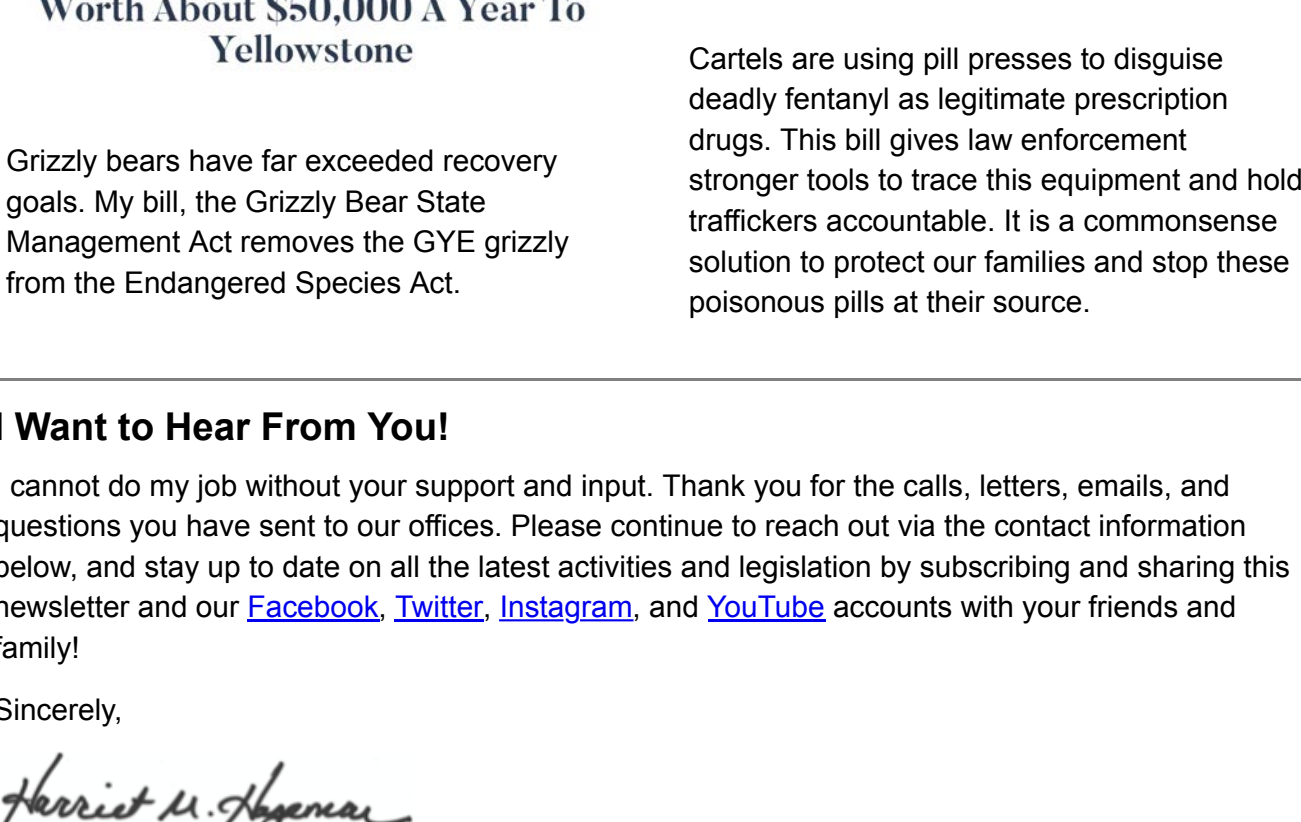
I met with Arthur Lawson, Director of Shoshone & Arapaho Fish and Game on the Wind River Reservation, to discuss tribal wildlife conservation.



I enjoyed meeting with Carol Harper, Wyoming's 2025 Star of Life awardee, and other representatives from the American Ambulance Association.

I appreciate their work to manage wildlife resources on Wyoming's Wind River Reservation.

Congratulations Carol, and thank you all for your service to provide life-saving care to our communities.



I joined my sophomore class colleagues and House leadership to demand an end to the Democrat shutdown.

Federal workers aren't getting paid, flights are delayed, and hardworking Americans are paying the price for the left's radical agenda.

Recent Votes

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

Tweet of the Week

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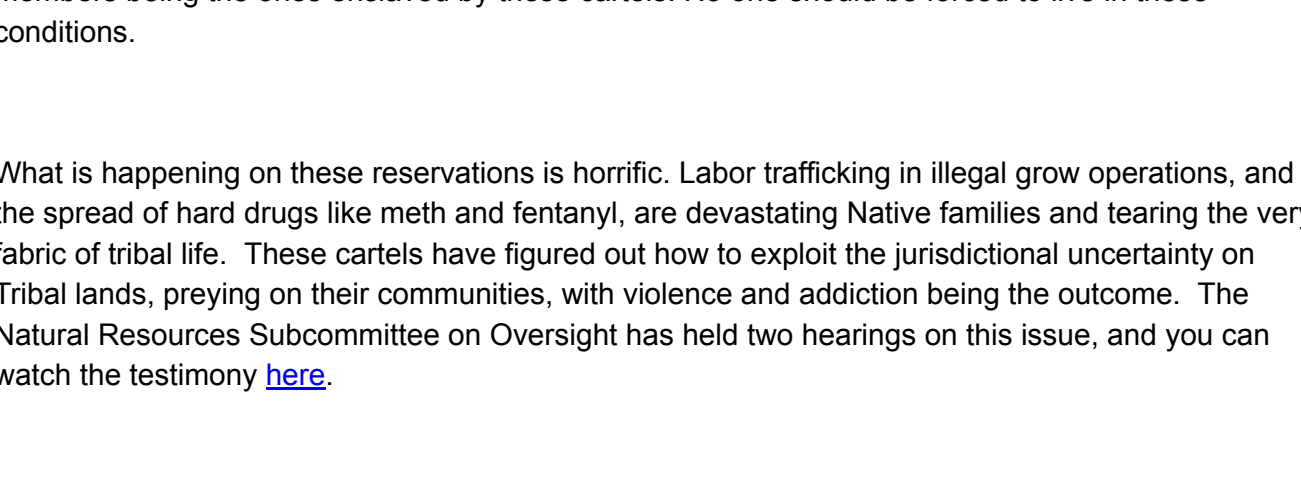
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Donald J. Trump

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I have asked the DOJ to immediately begin an investigation into the Meat Packing Companies who are driving up the price of Beef through Illicit Collusion, Price Fixing, and Price Manipulation. We will always protect our American Ranchers, and they are being blamed for what is being done by Majority Foreign Owned Meat Packers, who artificially inflate prices, and jeopardize the security of our Nation's food supply. Action must be taken immediately to protect Consumers, combat Illegal Monopolies, and ensure these Corporations are not criminally profiting at the expense of the American People. I am asking the DOJ to act expeditiously. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Video of the Week



I joined Glenn Woods on Wake Up Wyoming to discuss the government shutdown and the Fix Our Forest Act.

In the News

Tourism Study Says Each Grizzly Worth About \$50,000 A Year To Yellowstone

Grizzly bears have far exceeded recovery goals. My bill, the Grizzly Bear State Management Act removes the GYE grizzly from the Endangered Species Act.

Hageman reintroduces the Fight Illicit Pill Presses Act

Cartels are using pill presses to disguise deadly fentanyl as legitimate prescription drugs. This bill gives law enforcement stronger tools to trace this equipment and hold traffickers accountable. It is a commonsense solution to protect our families and stop these poisonous pills at their source.

I Want to Hear From You!

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 [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

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