H.R. 374: World Health Organization Accountability Act

Background: Media reports indicate China initially downplayed and covered up the seriousness of the COVID-19 outbreak which resulted in a three-week delay in responding to the virus and a corresponding inability to contain it.

If China had been forthright, estimates suggest we might have seen 95 percent fewer cases and perhaps averted the global pandemic.

Doctors in Wuhan knew in early December 2019 that there was a problem, but China did not notify the WHO until December 31st. China also refused to let the WHO in to investigate the growing epidemic. For its part, the WHO provided cover for China’s missteps and even participated in spreading its disinformation.

The U.S. was the largest single donor to the WHO in 2019 and reportedly gave more than $400 million. This contribution represents nearly 15% of the WHO’s entire budget.

Summary: World Health Organization Accountability Act, ensures America holds both the WHO and China accountable for their failures that contributed to the outbreak of COVID-19. Specifically, it prohibits contributions to the WHO until the State Department and Health and Human Services conduct a thorough investigation into the activities by the WHO and the Government of the People's Republic of China that contributed to global COVID-19 pandemic.

Original Cosponsors (9): Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Tedd Budd (NC-13), Madison Cawthorn (NC-11), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Matt Gaetz (FL-01), Jody Hice (GA-10), Ralph Norman (SC-05), David Rouzer (NC-07), and Elise Stefanik (NY-21).

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H.R. 375: No Mask Mandates Act

Background: On January 20, 2021, Joe Biden signed an Executive Order (EO) mandating masks be worn at all times on federal properties and in federal buildings. The Biden EO also applies to interstate commerce, requiring masks to be worn at airports as well as on planes, buses, and trains.

The Biden administration is wasting no time in rolling out new mandates, which they have no intention of complying with. Congress should step up and stop them.

As you know, Democrats are well known for their selective enforcement of Covid-19 restrictions. Indeed, the very same day he signed the sweeping federal mask mandate, Joe Biden was on federal land without a mask. Sadly, this is what we've come to expect from elite Democrats. 'Mandates for thee, but not for me.'

Summary: H.R. 375, the No Mask Mandates Act, is simple and allows for masks to be encouraged but not mandated when people are on federal property or engaging in interstate commerce.

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H.R. 376: Paris Agreement Constitutional Treaty Act

Background: Article II, Section 2, Clause 2, the Treaty Clause, grants the President the “power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate to make Treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur.”

It is clear that the Paris Agreement is a treaty, not an administrative agreement as falsely claimed.

Thanks to President Trump's leadership, the U.S. formally exited the job-killing Paris Agreement on November 4, 2020.

Implementing the Paris Agreement could destroy up to 2.7 million jobs in the United States by 2025 alone.

Yesterday, President Biden signed the instrument to rejoin the Paris Agreement and announced that the U.S. will officially become a Party of the Paris Agreement in 30 days.

Simply put, the Paris Climate Agreement places an economic handicap on the U.S. for generations to come while yielding no discernible benefit to the environment worldwide. It allows bad actors, like China, to keep increasing CO2 emissions until at least 2030 with no penalty.

Compliance with this unconstitutional agreement will also ensure that the U.S. increases dependence on foreign countries for our energy needs – a huge national security risk. The U.S. has the highest regulatory standards in the world and shifting production to hostile nations is not only bad foreign policy, but its bad environmental policy as these countries don’t also operate under the same regulations.

American ingenuity and innovation have allowed the U.S. to become a global leader in reducing carbon emissions. Unshackling job creators by reducing overreaching regulatory burdens has resulted from involuntary actions and technological advancements that have yielded significant benefits for the environment. That is the path America should be pursuing, not unrealistic and unattainable climate goals not based on science that yield no benefit.

Summary: The Paris Agreement Constitutional Treaty Act, blocks all actions and funds for carrying out the Paris Agreement until a treaty is passed by the U.S. Senate.

Cosponsors (15): Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Mo Brooks (AL-05), Tedd Budd (NC-13), Ben Cline (VA-06), Bob Good (VA-05), Yvette Herrell (NM-02), Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Mary Miller (IL-15), Alex Mooney (WV-02), August Pfluger (TX-11), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), David Rouzer (NC-07), Jody Hice (GA-10), Lisa McClain (R-MI), and Randy Weber (TX-14).

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HR 859 Protecting American Energy Act

Background: Joe Biden has unilaterally imposed multiple executive orders that threaten millions of jobs and responsible energy production. One of Biden’s unlawful executive orders imposed an indefinite ban on all new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and in federal waters. Another executive order cancelled the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline and imposed other job-killing mandates that explicitly targeted fossil fuels. His Interior Department’s Secretarial Order imposed a 60-day halt on all oil and gas drilling and permitting as well as all mining plans.

In 2020, oil and gas drilling on federal lands provided $11.7 billion to federal, state, local and tribal governments. Responsible oil and gas production contributes billions of dollars annually to public education. These resources also help fund important infrastructure projects and emergency services.

Over the past two decades, Biden’s federal leasing ban is estimated to result in $639.6 billion in lost GDP, $286 billion in lost wages, $151 billion in lost state tax revenue, and job losses climbing to 343,088 annually in eight western states alone. The Keystone Pipeline is projected to support more than 70,000 total jobs and create more than 10,000 direct jobs. Good-paying energy jobs are often the lifeblood of rural communities. Nationally, more than 10 million jobs are supported by oil and gas.

Specific provisions in the bill:

- Nullifies Biden’s job-killing energy executive actions by ensuring Executive Order 13990, Executive Order 14008, and Secretarial Order 3395 have no force or effect;
- Prohibits future unilateral energy and mineral moratoriums by presidents on federal lands and in federal waters and requires Congressional approval for actions that prohibit or delay leases and permits for oil and gas, coal, hard rock and critical minerals;
- Prohibits future unilateral withdrawals of federal lands and federal waters without Congressional approval; and
- Strikes Section 12(a) authority to prevent presidents from arbitrarily implementing offshore energy moratoriums for political reasons (Congress can still make withdrawals).

Summary: The Protecting American Energy Jobs Act repeals Biden’s job-killing executive mandates, ensures reliable and affordable energy supplies for future generations, and fosters economic growth and job creation in rural communities.

Cosponsors (39): Perry, Gosar, Weber, Newhouse, Brooks, Steube, Kelly, Gohmert, Estes, Biggs, Babin, Banks, Duncan, Griffith, Young, Emmer, Hice, Stauber, Roy, Baird, Cline, Westerman, Mooney, Rosendale, Bacon, Gooden, Budd, Good, Davidson, Norman, Allen, Burgess, Miller, Lesko, Franklin, Hagedorn, Rouzer, Tiffany, Moenenaar


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H.R. 1613: Stop the Biden Caravan Now Act

Background: The Capitol has been surrounded by razor-wire fences and National Guard members for months at a cost to taxpayers of more than $519 million. Currently, Democrats are calling for the fence to remain up through the fall, effectively closing the People’s House to the American people. During the Trump Administration, Democrats said that walls don’t work, but as soon as they got in power, they built a wall around the Capitol and the White House.

The fencing around the Capitol is no longer necessary. Following mass media reports of the threat of a violent protest on March 4th, the Capitol went on a heightened security posture. The Democrats all stayed home, where they’ve been since last year, but Rep. Boebert’s office came to work ready to go about the people’s business. There was no violence or protests, and the Capitol was never in danger.

Rep. Boebert has spent time with the great men and women of the National Guard, and while she is grateful for their service, she also recognizes that it is time for them to go home to their families.

Rep. Boebert introduced a bill to move the fence from the Capitol to the southern border because instead of protecting itself, a government’s first duty is to protect its people. Unfortunately, Democrats do not share this conviction and have been working to reduce border security by recalling the National Guard that was stationed there during the Trump Administration.

Summary: The Stop the Biden Caravan Now Act will move the fencing around the U.S. Capitol to the southern border.


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H.R. 1679 Western Water Security Act

BACKGROUND: In recent years, repeated water grabs by the federal government have threatened the livelihoods of tribal members, farmers, ranchers, water conservation districts, irrigation districts, municipalities, small businesses, and other water users that rely on privately held water rights.

The U.S. Forest Service made several groundwater seizure attempts through overreaching agency directives. The Bureau of Land Management required ranchers in the West to surrender water rights prior to approving use of grazing allotments. The Forest Service also attempted to impose permit conditions on ski areas throughout the country by requiring the transfer of privately held water rights to the United States in order to continue operations on federal lands.

The federal government has repeatedly tried to circumvent established state water law in order to steal precious water supplies. Taking private water rights without just compensation is a violation of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. Farmers and ranchers in rural America depend on private water rights to irrigate crops and livestock and to secure loans.

The Western Water Security Act prevents federal water grabs, protects private property rights, and helps ensure an abundant supply of clean water for future generations.

SUMMARY: The bill protects private property rights, upholds state water law and prohibits federal takings by:

- Forbidding the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture from mandating water users transfer water rights to the United States or purchase water rights in the name of the United States as a condition of any permit, lease, or other use agreement;
- Preventing unlawful seizures of groundwater; and
- Recognizing state water law and requiring coordination with states.

Group Support: American Farm Bureau Federation, National Water Resources Association, Archuleta County Commissioners, Arizona Farm Bureau, Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado, California Agricultural Irrigation Association, Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Water Congress, Dolores Water Conservancy District, Family Farm Alliance, Garfield County Commissioners, Mesa County Commissioners, Montrose County Commissioners, Nevada Farm Bureau, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, United Water Conservation District, Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District.

Cosponsors (16): Mark Amodei (NV-02), Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Ken Buck (CO-04), Ron Estes (KS-04), Russ Fulcher (ID-01), Paul Gosar (AZ-04), Yvette Herrell (NM-02) Doug LaMalfa (CA-1), Doug Lamborn (CO-5), Debbie Lesko (AZ-08), Tom McClintock (CA-04), Blake Moore (UT-01), Dan Newhouse (WA-4), Mike Simpson (ID-02), Chris Stewart (UT-02), Liz Cheney (WYO).

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H.R. 2003: Secure the Southern Border Act

Background: In less than 3 months, the Biden Administration ushered the country into another border crisis, and his policies and comments have fueled cartels and brought the influx of aliens at the southern border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is currently encountering more than 3,000 unlawful aliens a day that are attempting to cross the border. CBP encountered the largest number of illegal immigrants in one month in more than seven years as the agency encountered more than 100,000 unlawful aliens in the month of February alone.

Biden’s border czar Roberta Jacobson acknowledged it was Biden’s policies that “may have driven people to make that decision [to attempt to cross the border].”

This lawlessness threatens the safety and sovereignty of the American people. Rep. Lauren Boebert’s “Secure the Southern Border Act,” would codify the Trump administration’s executive actions that worked and which Biden targeted for repeal in his Feb. 2, 2021 Executive Order. The “Secure the Southern Border Act,” would protect our national and border security, address the humanitarian challenges resulting from the current Biden border crisis, and end the exploitation of people.

Summary: Specifically, the bill would codify:

1. Memorandum, End Catch and Release, April 13, 2018
   - Implements EO 13767
2. Executive Order 13767, Build the Wall, Jan. 30, 2017
   - End the practice known as “catch and release,” whereby aliens are released into the US shortly after their apprehension.
   - Secure the southern border by immediate construction of a physical wall.
   - Detain individuals.
   - Expedite determinations of apprehended individuals’ claims of eligibility to remain in the US.
   - Prompt removal of those whose claims were lawfully rejected.
   - Partnerships with State and local law enforcement
   - Directs executive departments and agencies to employ all lawful means to enforce the immigration laws of the United States.
   - Half dozen guidance documents implementing the Migrant Protection Protocols – Citizens and nationals of countries other than Mexico (“third-country nationals”) arriving in the US by land from Mexico-illegally or without proper documentation--may be returned to Mexico pursuant to Section 235(b)(2)(C) for the duration of their Section 240 removal proceedings.
5. Proclamation 9880, End Mass Migration Limits on Entry, Jan. 30, 2017
   - Extends the suspension and limitation, as set forth below, on entry into the US through the southern border established by Proclamation 9822 and extended by Proclamation 9842 – any alien into the US across the international boundary between the US and Mexico is hereby suspended and limited. Limit shall expire 90 days after the date on which the US obtains relief from all injunctions that prevent full implementation of the interim final rule promulgated by the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security on November 9, 2018, or the date on which an
agreement permits the US to remove aliens to Mexico in compliance with the terms of section 208(a)(2)(A) of the INA.

   • Improve the integrity of adjudications of credible and reasonable fear claims, to strengthen the enforcement of the immigration laws, and to ensure compliance with the law by those aliens who have final orders of removal.
   • All asylum applications adjudicated in immigration court proceedings receive final administrative adjudication, not including administrative appeal, within 180 days of filing.

7. Memoranum, Secure the Southern Border, April 4, 2018
   • The President may assign a mission to the Secretary of Defense to support the operations of the Department of Homeland Security in securing our southern border, including by requesting use of the National Guard, and to take other necessary steps to stop the flow of deadly drugs and other contraband, gang members and other criminals, and illegal aliens into the country.

8. DHS Notice, Expedited Removal, July 23, 2019
   • Designate for expedited removal the following categories of aliens not previously designated: (1) Aliens who did not arrive by sea, who are encountered anywhere in the United States more than 100 air miles from a U.S. international land border, and who have been continuously present in the United States for less than two years; and (2) aliens who did not arrive by sea, who are encountered within 100 air miles from a U.S. international land border, and who have been continuously present in the United States for at least 14 days but for less than two years. Therefore, the designation in this Notice (the New Designation) harmonizes the authorization for aliens arriving by land with the existing authorization for aliens arriving by sea.

Cosponsors (14): Gohmert, Babin, Brooks, Lesko, Rosendale, Moore, Duncan, Biggs, Gaetz, Perry, Budd, Posey, Miller, and Gosar

Supporting Groups: NumbersUSA

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H.R. 2004: No Amnesty Act

Background: In less than 3 months, the Biden Administration ushered the country into another border crisis, and his policies and comments have fueled cartels and brought the influx of aliens at the southern border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) is currently encountering more than 3,000 unlawful aliens a day that are attempting to cross the border. CPB encountered the largest number of illegal immigrants in one month in more than seven years as the agency encountered more than 100,000 unlawful aliens in the month of February alone.

Biden’s border czar Roberta Jacobson acknowledged it was Biden’s policies that “may have driven people to make that decision [to attempt to cross the border].”

This lawlessness threatens the safety and sovereignty of the American people. Rep. Lauren Boebert’s “No Amnesty Act,” prohibits funding to enforce or carry out the Biden and Obama administration’s executive actions that threaten our national and border security and fuel the exploitation of people.

Summary: Specifically, the bill prohibits funding for:

1. Memorandum, Enforcement and Removal Priorities, Feb. 18, 2021
   - Allows criminal aliens with felony records to remain in the country, placing Americans at risk of many preventable crimes.
2. Executive Order, Impact of Climate Change on Migration, Feb. 9, 2021
   - Unlawfully expands the traditional and legal understanding of “refugee” under Section 101(a)(42) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to include so-called “climate refugees.”
3. Executive Order, Asylum Seekers, Feb. 5, 2021
   - Suspends the Trump Administration’s Asylum Cooperative Agreements with certain Central American countries and five other Trump actions leading to the ongoing border crisis.
4. Executive Order, Civil Immigration Enforcement Policies and Priorities, Jan. 25, 2021
   - Provides sanctuary for criminal aliens and only removes those who have been convicted of “aggravated felonies.” Even with a conviction for an “aggravated felony,” only those felons determined to be a “threat to public safety” can be removed.
5. Executive Order, Inclusion Efforts, Feb. 5, 2021
   - Implementation of a less stringent civic examination for citizenship applicants.
6. Memorandum, Preserve and Fortify DACA, Jan. 25, 2021
   - Unconstitutional attempt to grant general amnesty.
   - Nearly 90% of DACA recipients are older than 20, and ~130,000 DACA recipients are in their 30s.
   - The DREAM Act will provide amnesty to more than 2 million unlawful aliens.
7. Memorandum, Removal of Undocumented Immigrants, Nov. 20, 2014
   - Set new policies for the apprehension, detention, and removal of aliens in this country.
8. Memorandum, Secure Communities, Nov. 20, 2014
• Terminates the partnership among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to effectively identify and remove the most serious criminal offenders from the US.

9. **Memorandum**, Prosecutorial Discretion (DACA), Nov. 20, 2014
   • Provides prosecutorial discretion to the DHS and its immigration components to effectively construct the law as they see fit rather than follow the codified statues.
   • Nearly 90% of DACA recipients are older than 20, and ~130,000 DACA recipients are in their 30s.
   • The DREAM Act will provide amnesty to more than 2 million unlawful aliens.

10. **Memorandum**, Expansion of the Provisional Waiver Program, Nov. 20, 2014
    • Expands the provisional waiver process to anyone else who did not qualify for permanent residence in the US because they are currently out of status and are not immediate relatives.

    • Expands the definition of “departure” within the meaning of section 212(a)(9)(B)(i) of the INA.

12. **Memorandum**, Prosecutorial Discretion, June 15, 2012
    • Provides prosecutorial discretion to the DHS and its immigration components to effectively construct the law as they see fit rather than follow the codified statues.
    • Nearly 90% of DACA recipients are older than 20, and ~130,000 DACA recipients are in their 30s.
    • The DREAM Act will provide amnesty to more than 2 million unlawful aliens.

    • More leeway in ICE determinations to issue a Notice to Appear (NTA), based on the totality of circumstances and its priorities.

    • Provides prosecutorial discretion to DHS to decide to what degree to enforce the law against a particular individual – rather than follow established law.

    • Revised ICE civil enforcement priorities that lead to dangerous criminals remaining in the U.S.

16. Prohibition on any substantially similar policy.

**Cosponsors (12):** Gohmert, Babin, Brooks, Lesko, Rosendale, Moore, Dincan, Biggs, Gaetz, Perry, Miller, and Gosar.

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H.R. 2081, The “LOCAL Act”

BACKGROUND: The Biden administration is considering moving the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (BLM) and more than 300 jobs in Western states back to the Swamp. Western states received 328 new good-paying jobs when the BLM Headquarters moved West including: Alaska (4), Arizona (39), California (20), Colorado (85), Idaho (18), Montana/Dakotas (3), Nevada (49), New Mexico (39), Utah (44), Washington/Oregon (5), Wyoming (15).*

The establishment of the headquarters in the West has reduced the number of long cross-country flights, improved training, delegated more responsibility to employees in the field, improved customer service and coordination with local communities, ensured better decisions earlier in the decision-making process, reduced commute times for employees, and provided good-paying local jobs.

The move has already started to benefit taxpayers. The agency estimates it will save more than $2 million in fiscal year 2021 in lease costs and $1.9 million in salary savings annually based on locality pay. DOI has also reported that it saved $1.9 million on travel costs in fiscal year 2020.

*Note: These were the expected jobs #’s estimated by the agency. Some of these still may be in the hiring process.

SUMMARY: Specifically, the LOCAL Act

- Ensures BLM employees currently in Western States remain in Western States;
- Requires the BLM Headquarters to remain in its current location out West; and
- Analyzes whether moving more positions out West will improve management of Federal lands, increase coordination with local communities, and strengthen tourism, conservation, outdoor recreation, grazing, responsible energy production, or other multiple uses.

COSPONSORS (10): Andy Biggs (AZ), Ken Buck (CO), Louie Gohmert (TX), Paul Gosar (AZ), Doug LaMalfa (CA), Doug Lamborn (CO), Dan Newhouse (WA), Scott Perry (PA), Randy Weber (TX), Don Young (AK).

OUTSIDE GROUP SUPPORT: Arizona Mining Association, Arizona Rock Products Association, Club 20, Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), Colorado Snowmobile Association (CSA), Garfield County Commissioners, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, Idaho Recreation Council, Mesa County Commissioners, New Mexico Cattle Growers, Off-Road Business Association (ORBA), One Voice/U4WD, Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA), United Snowmobile Alliance, Western Energy Alliance.

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H.R. 2564, Silver Cliff Community Act

Background: Custer County, Colorado, spans 740 square miles and currently consists of two Zip Codes, 81252 and 81253. Formally, there existed another Zip Code, 81249 – designated for the town of Silver Cliff. In 1991, Silver Cliff lost their Zip Code due to population loss and for USPS efficiency matters. Silver Cliff became under the Zip Code of West Cliff (81252).

In 2016, then Silver Cliff Mayor Larry Weber requested that Zip Code 81249, be reinstated. The request was denied. USPS’s Rural Delivery Officials, instead, offered an accommodation, allowing residents to use Silver Cliff as an acceptable alternative city name for the Zip Code 81252.¹

Although the Town of Silver Cliff could have appealed the USPS’s decision, they choose not to. Postal policy states that additional requests to amend a boundary shall be considered no more than once every 10 years. As such, Silver Cliff will be eligible to request a Zip Code Boundary review again in 2026.

Why Should Silver Cliff’s Zip Code be Reinstated? Silver Cliff wants their Zip Code reinstated for three main reasons. To reclaim their identity, for sales tax revenue proceeds and for efficiency matters concerning postal matters.

1. **Identity** – Silver Cliff consists of 15.5 square miles whereas West Cliff only consist of 1.2 square miles. Silver Cliff is an incorporated town under the State of Colorado. In addition, Silver Cliff is expecting 100 new homes to be developed this year with 8.27 miles left to be utilized.

2. **Sales Tax** – According to the Silver Cliff Mayor Buck Wenzel, Silver Cliff has lost an estimated $500,000 in sales tax revenue over the last 30 years. The State of Colorado administers sales tax distributions through Zip Code allocation. Since Silver Cliff is incorporated with Westcliff’s Zip Code, 81252, the town of Silver Cliff does not receive these sale tax proceeds.²

3. **Efficiency** – Although trivial, there are some postal issues, as West Cliff and Silver Cliff share the same Main Street and thus residents often must hand-deliver misdelivered mail to its correct location.

**Summary:** Reinstates Zip Code 81249 but asks that the post office located in West Cliff remain the sole post office in area as a way to reduce additional costs.

Silver Cliff Mayor – Buck Wenzel – “This bill would restore the Town of Silver Cliff’s rightful identity and will guarantee that sales tax is properly distributed and received by our town and not by others. The citizens of Silver Cliff deserve for their taxes to be spent on the roads and other necessities that they use on a daily basis.”

West Cliff Mayor – Paul Wenke “I think it is important that tax revenue flow where it is supposed to. I support the measure.”

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¹ It should be noted that each 5-digit Zip Code has only one default (or preferred) city name according to the USPS.
² According to the respective mayors of Silver Cliff and West Cliff, the two towns do not have a sales tax distribution agreement.
H.R. 2755: Making Obligations Right by Enlarging Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act, or MORE PILT Act

Summary: The bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a modeling tool, conduct a study and issue a report to determine the value of federal land eligible for payments under PILT as well as the forgone property tax revenues that counties would otherwise receive.

- The model required by this Act will allow for automatic adjustments to reflect current market conditions and will calculate future changes to land values expeditiously.

- The bill is fully paid for and includes an offset to ensure the modeling tool, study and report authorized by this Act do not increase federal spending.

Background: The Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program provides payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to the significant presence of federal land within their jurisdictions. Currently, the Department of the Interior makes PILT payments to more than 1,850 counties in 49 states.

PILT provides critical revenues for local governments to carry out vital services including: firefighting, road and bridge maintenance, education and school construction, law enforcement, search and-rescue operation, emergency medical and solid waste disposal.

The federal government owns 28 percent of all land in the United States comprising some 640 million acres. 62 percent of all counties have non-taxable federal land within their boundaries. Numerous counties with high percentages of public lands within their jurisdiction struggle to fund essential services as federal land is not taxable.

The average per-acre value for PILT payments is a fraction of the amount of revenues that would be generated for states and counties if value-based taxation or economic development occurred on these federal lands, depriving rural communities of critical funding that they need to operate essential services. According to NACO, the average PILT payment per acre was $2.71 in FY 2020. The MORE PILT Act will provide policy makers with an accurate determination of the taxable and market values of federal lands and the effects of providing payments under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program that more accurately reflect those equivalent amounts.

COSPONSORS (9): Russ Fulcher, Louie Gohmert, Doug LaMalfa, Doug Lamborn, Dan Newhouse, Matt Rosendale, Mike Simpson, Jason Smith, and David Valadao.

Outside Group Support: The National Association of Counties (NACo), Archuleta County, Rio Grande County, Dolores County, Hinsdale County.

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H.R. 2962, America’s Infrastructure Modernization (AIM) Act

**Background:** The Biden administration has proposed a $2.3 trillion spending spree that is labeled an “infrastructure” plan. The reality is Biden’s plan would raise corporate taxes from 21 to 28 percent and only about 5 percent of the multi-trillion proposal would go towards roads and bridges. Instead, the Biden plan spends big on electric-vehicles, climate change, and unrelated projects like elder care, childcare, and research.

**Summary:** Rep. Boebert’s AIM Act would use unspent funds from the combined six COVID stimulus bills so states can truly modernize their infrastructure. The AIM Act is limited and flexible. It would provide grants to states to update roads, bridges, highways, ports, and airports. Simply put, the AIM Act spends resources on real infrastructure without enacting any new funding.

The “America’s Infrastructure Modernization (AIM) Act” would repurpose up to $650 billion in unobligated COVID funds for grants to the states to be used for infrastructure projects. As of April 20, 2021, the Committee for a Responsible Budget estimates there is $2.2 trillion in unspent COVID funds.

Specifically, the bill repurposes $650 billion in unobligated funds from the six enacted COVID relief bills:

1. Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act – $8.3 billion
2. Families First Coronavirus Response Act – $192 billion
3. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - $2 trillion
4. Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act - $483 billion
5. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 - $868 billion
6. American Rescue Plan – $1.9 trillion

State infrastructure grants are then provided to states in the same manner and proportion as the surface transportation block grant program. Eligible projects include:

- surface transportation,
- port development projects,
- national highway performance program, and
- airport improvement projects.

**Cosponsors (6):** Louie Gohmert, Paul Gosar, Scott Perry, Tom Rice, Morgan Griffith, and Virginia Foxx.

**Supported by:** American Lands Council, Americans for Limited Government, Arizona Liberty (Sedona, AZ), Arizona Power Authority, Arizona Rock Products Association, Citizens For America (Sedona, AZ), Colorado Wool Growers, Conservatives for Property Rights, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, Dolores County (CO), enCore Energy Corp, Flexiills Forestry LLC, Frontier Applied Sciences, Garfield County (CO), Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce (CO), Idaho State Snowmobile Association, Idaho Recreation Council, Industrial Minerals Association – North America, Less Government, McDavitt Township (MN), Mesa County (CO), Moffat County (CO), Mountain Capital Partners, New Mexico Business Coalition, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Range Association of Municipalities & Schools (MN), Rio Blanco County, State Business Executives, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AZ).

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H.R. 3014: 30x30 Termination Act

**Background:** On January 27, 2021, President Biden issued an executive order that seeks to implement the radical 30 x 30 program. This land grab seeks to lock up at least 30% of all lands and waters in the U.S. by 2030. Private lands are not exempt from this initiative and hundreds of millions of additional acres currently managed for multiple-use or economic development are threatened by this initiative.

The federal government already manages 640 million of acres of land, the vast majority of which is in the West. More than 750 million acres of federal waters are already locked up through unilateral designations under the Antiquities Act. But that’s not good enough for the extremist environmentalists pushing the 30 x 30 landgrab who claim an additional 681 million acres of additional land and water must be put under government control or elevated to a more extreme status that prevents use of these lands, all within the next nine years.

More than 50 Members of the United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives sent a letter to President Biden expressing serious concerns that the “30 by 30 initiative will be used as a method to undermine private property rights, circumvent the multiple-use mandate, and lock up more land.” 15 Governors also sent a letter to President Biden opposing the 30 x 30 plan and warning that this radical program would “violate property rights and hurt the economy.” Numerous Attorney Generals, counties and other stakeholders throughout the country have also passed resolutions and come out in opposition to this proposed land grab.

**Summary:** The 30 x 30 Termination Act:

1) Nullifies Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 which contains the 30 x 30 program.

2) Prohibits federal funds from being spent to carry out the 30 x 30 program, the report in Section 216, and any substantially similar program.

3) Ensures no net-loss of non-federal land in counties and states that already contain 15% or more federal land.

4) Ensures no net-loss of multiple-use activities in states unless such action has been authorized by Federal statute.

5) Prohibits withdrawing federal lands from mineral development without Congressional approval.

6) Prohibits unilateral 30 x 30 designations under the Antiquities Act in counties and states that already contain 15% or more federal land.

**Cosponsors (27):** Brian Babin, Don Bacon, Andy Biggs, Dan Bishop, Mike Bost, Ken Buck, Ted Budd, Jerry Carl, Michael Cloud, Rick Crawford, Tom Emmer, Pat Fallon, Bob Good, Paul Gosar, Michael Guest, Ronny Jackson, Doug LaMalfa, Tom McClintock, Mary Miller, Scott Perry, Chip Roy, Austin Scott, Adrian Smith, Jason Smith, Pete Stauber, Tom Tiffany, and Randy Weber.

**Supported by:** Governor Pete Ricketts (NE), Governor Mike Dunleavy (NE), American Lands Council, Americans for Limited Government, Arizona Liberty (Sedona, AZ), Arizona Power Authority, Arizona Rock Products Association, Baker County (OR), Catron County (NM), Center for Renewing America, Citizens For America (Sedona, AZ), Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition, Colorado Snowmobile Alliance, Colorado
Wool Growers, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Conservatives for Property Rights, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, Custer County (CO), Custer County (ID), Dolores County (CO), Elko County (NV), enCore Energy Corp. Flexilis Forestry LLC, Frontier Applied Sciences, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce (CO), Idaho State Snowmobile Association, Idaho Recreation Council, Industrial Minerals Association – North America, Jefferson County (NE), Keith County (NE), Less Government, McDavid Township (MN), Mesa County (CO), Moffat County (CO), Montrose County (CO), Mountain Capital Partners, New Mexico Business Coalition, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Off-Road Business Association, Inc., One Voice for Off-Road Motorized Recreation, QuadState Local Governments Authority, Range Association of Municipalities & Schools (MN), Rio Blanco County (CO), Roughrider Policy Center (ND), Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AZ), Niobrara County (WY), Trails Preservation Alliance (CO), United Four Wheel Drive Associations, United Snowmobile Alliance, Mohave County Supervisor Buster Johnson (AZ), Silver Cliff Mayor H.A. "Buck" Wenzel (CO), Denver Lumber Company President Scott W. Yates, Protect Americans Now President John Richardson, New Mexico Federal Lands Council President Bebo Lee, Grant County Cattle Growers' Association President Buddy Eby and Dr. Dan Eichenbaum.

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H.R. 4302, the Active Forest Management, Wildfire Prevention and Community Protection Act

Background: For nearly three decades the national forest system has seen a continuous decline in forest health. While some improvements were passed by Congress in recent years, the Forest Service has mostly functioned under a robbing Peter to pay Paul philosophy that raids active management accounts and personnel in order to fund suppression and extinguish catastrophic wildfires. In 2020, the U.S. set a new record for acreage burned as more than 57,000 wildfires led to more than 10.3 million acres going up in flames. In recent times, the Forest Service has spent more than $2 billion a year just putting out wildfires.

As of June 29th, more than 48 large wildfires were burning more than 660,000 acres throughout the country, preventing travel, hindering business, causing property damage, and creating poor air quality for citizens. In addition, the West is still plagued by a bark beetle epidemic that attacks healthy trees and creates more fuel for these wildfires. The bark beetle epidemic currently affects all 8 national forests in the Rocky Mountain Region. Bark beetles have destroyed more than 45 million acres of forest including 15 million acres of Forest Service land. The fire hazard is high when the tree is red. 1-2 years after being attacked and the risk of fire hazard increases significantly when the trees die and fall.

States have been hit hard by wildfires, bark beetle infestations, and poor forest management. This bill authorizes active management decisions for targeted forestry management actions, provides a local source of revenue for counties, will prevent frivolous litigation and will generate billions for the U.S. Treasury. This bill provides a comprehensive fix for the wildfire challenges plaguing the nation, allowing for active management and significant actions to be taken on the frontend to prevent catastrophic wildfires, protect local communities and improve the health of our nation’s forests.

Summary:

- The bill is fully paid for and will also generate billions of dollars for the U.S. Treasury.
- Authorizes bipartisan provisions to establish a National Prescribed Fire Burn Program.
- Establishes the Western Bark Beetle Epidemic Fund to remove dead and dying bark beetle trees that are fueling wildfires and plaguing local communities.
- Authorizes a bipartisan provision that allows landscape-scale forest restoration projects up to 100,000 acres.
- Improves vegetation management relating to electric transmission and authorizes the removal of hazard trees within 500 feet of electric power lines.
- , including in the WUI.
- Establishes Forest Revenue Areas and annual volume requirements while providing 25% payments to counties containing National Forest-System land.
- Ensures PILT payments and Secure Rural Schools payments are not negatively impacted by the bill.
- Authorizes stewardship contracts in perpetuity.
- Includes litigation reforms like action versus no action, balance of harms and preventing attorney’s fees for forest management challenges in order to allow projects to move forward.
- Authorizes targeted categorical exclusions for certain forest management activities including critical response actions, hazardous fuel reduction, utility lines-rights-of-way management and salvage response while expanding the successful bipartisan Lake Tahoe Basin CATEx.


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H.R. 5765: Stop AOC Act

Bill Summary: The Stop Appropriating for Obsequy Costs (Stop AOC) Act prohibits the use of future federal funds for funeral expenses related to COVID-19.

Background: Rep. Ocasio Cortez and Senator Schumer created a new program for American taxpayers to foot the bill for funeral expenses that may or may not have been the result of a COVID-19 death. Funeral expenses include but are not limited to: transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual, markers or headstones, casket or urns, burial plots or cremation niches, cremation, funeral services, clergy or officiant services, arrangement of the funeral ceremony, and use of funeral home equipment or staff.

Since enactment, FEMA has shelled out more than $1.158 billion to 176,000 people out of the initial $2 billion earmarked for the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program. Even more funds were allocated to FEMA through the passage of the American Rescue Plan which allow the agency to continue operating this program until 2023, three years after the beginning of the pandemic. These reimbursements cover up to $9,000 per funeral and allow up to $35,500 per application for multiple funerals when the average cost for a funeral is between $3,000-$7,000. This program is an unnecessary, colossal waste of taxpayer money implemented at the behest of far-left extremists.

Chris Smith, the director of FEMA’s Individual Assistance Division stated this program is “the largest-scale funeral assistance mission that FEMA has ever undertaken.” Although funeral assistance is part of his division’s regular disaster assistance program, he said, “not to this scale, normally.” Typically, FEMA’s funeral assistance program partially covers the cost for funerals for Presidentially declared disaster areas if death is caused as a direct result of the disaster. For total funeral costs to be covered under the new COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program, however, COVID-19 only has to be an indirect cause of death and this occurrence can be certified with a signed statement. This is an abuse of federal resources and allows for widespread fraud.

Currently, there are 90,000 applications for assistance that are still pending FEMA’s eligibility review, which takes about 33 days. Meanwhile, the current claims backlog for veterans to receive their benefits is twice as long at 180,000 claims that have been pending over 125 days.

The Left never lets a disaster go to waste as we continue to see them politicize COVID-19 through absurd mask mandates, vaccine mandates, and the continuation of frivolous programs like this one. American taxpayers should not be required to fund ridiculous programs like these at the behest of AOC and her radical, socialist agenda.


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1 Inside the FEMA program that spent $1 billion on COVID-19 funerals (msn.com)
2 Understanding VA's current claims backlog: environment, future growth. Vantage Point
H.R. 5894: Protecting Our Kids from Harmful Research Act

Bill Summary: Would prohibit federal funds from being used to fund research or publications relating to gender transitions in individuals under the age of 18, including any observational studies that gather evidence on the provision of hormonal treatments or surgical procedures on minors, for the purpose of affirming a minor’s perception of his or her sex or affirming an identity if that perception or identity is incongruent with the minor’s biological sex.

Background: The NIH Sexual and Gender Minorities Research Office (SGMRO) has awarded grant money to four pediatric clinics to study hormonal interventions on children with healthy bodies as young as 8 years old. This means that due to a feeling of discomfort, girls as young as 8 could receive high-dose testosterone solely on the basis of their “gender identity” as a boy. The Biden Administration recently renewed and extended this research until 2026.

The medical interventions on the bodies of children done to “affirm” their “gender identity” are experimental, irreversible, and lacking in diagnostic rigor. Existing research on genital surgeries, called “sex reassignment,” show that they rarely produce the intended clinical outcomes of improving mental health and alleviating gender dysphoria and may even exacerbate these problems in patients. In 2016, the Obama administration concluded, after reviewing evidence-based literature, that studies “did not demonstrate clinically significant changes or differences in psychometric test results” after the surgery.

On October 12, 2021, CMS approved Colorado’s proposal to include gender affirming care as part of Colorado’s Essential Health Benefit (EHB) benchmark. This this will now require Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and private insurance companies to cover puberty blockers, transgender surgeries, and hormones for children despite scientific evidence confirming both impossible to reassign someone’s sex physically impossible and that attempts to do so produce bad outcomes.

Rep. Boebert is extremely concerned about using taxpayer dollars to pay for experimental, controversial, and unethical healthcare and research. As a result, she is introducing the Protecting Our Kids from Harmful Research Act. This administration is on the record supporting the legal sanctioning of medical experimentation on children to further their woke social agenda. This is not inclusive, it is abusive. The American taxpayers should not be funding this dangerous, experimental research.

Groups Supporting: American Principles Project, Heritage Action for America, Family Policy Alliance, and Concerned Women for America

Current Cosponsors (18): Reps Miller, Perry, Mooney, LaMalfa, Roy, Gosar, Cloud, Norman, Duncan, Gohmert, Babin, Harshbarger, Weber, Guest, Good, Brooks, Jackson, and Greene

This is a House companion to Senator Lee’s bill that has four current cosponsors including, Sens. Mike Braun, James Lankford, Jim Inhofe, and Roger Wicker.

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H.R. 6021: We’re Not Paying You to Break Our Laws Act

Background: The Wall Street Journal reported that the Biden regime is planning to pay criminal illegal aliens $450,000 as a reward for breaking the law and being separated from family members at the border by the previous administration. The Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services estimated that the final payments could amount to $1 million per family.

The disgraced ACLU is involved in litigation suing the federal government on behalf of criminals apprehended during the Trump Administration. The total payout to settle this frivolous lawsuit may amount to $1 billion or more.

Rep. Boebert’s We’re Not Paying You to Break Our Laws Act stops the Biden regime’s plans to settle this ridiculous lawsuit and bans payments from going to criminals frivolously suing the federal government.

When asked about his administration’s plans to pay criminals $450,000, Biden dismissed the reporting by saying that the payments won’t happen. Shockingly, Biden’s Deputy Press Secretary overruled him and said that the Biden regime is hoping to give payments to illegal aliens.

The We’re Not Paying You to Break Our Laws Act provides clarity to the White House’s convoluted cover-up. While the White House won’t give a clear answer about settlement payments, Rep. Boebert’s legislation leaves no room for doubt: illegal aliens will not be getting taxpayer money.

Summary: The We’re Not Paying You to Break Our Laws Act will prohibit settlement payments to illegal aliens of any amount as part of litigation filed by criminals suing the federal government.

Cosponsors (9): Reps. Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Scott Perry (PA-10), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Andy Harris (MD-01), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Randy Weber (TX-14), Mary Miller (IL-15), and Andy Biggs (AZ-05).

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H.R. 6621: No Taxpayer-Funded Lawyers for Illegal Aliens Act

**Background:** Illegal aliens cost American citizens an estimated $143 billion annually. This estimate does not include the cost American taxpayers are being charged for President Biden’s mass release of illegal aliens into our interior, which some organizations have estimated to cost an additional $6.6 billion. Currently, in at least 22 cities across America, deportation defense programs have been set up costing taxpayers at least $5.6 million in 2022.

On top of these eye-staggering numbers, it was reported [here](#) and [here](#) that non-government organizations are using taxpayer dollars to provide legal services to illegal aliens facing deportation. Even the most liberal non-governmental organizations concede under U.S. law, illegal aliens facing deportation orders do not have a right to legal representation which is a civil offense. My bill is a first step at stopping the slow encroachment for non-government organizations using tax dollars to fund universal representation for individuals who have no legal right to be in the United States.

The Biden Regime’s horrendous immigration policies have already taken a toll on American citizens. With rampant crime and inflation ravaging across America, taxpayer money should be prioritized to benefit citizens not illegal aliens who have no respect for our laws.

**Summary:** The No Taxpayer-Funded Lawyers for Illegal Aliens Act will prevent federal funds going to any organization that provides legal representation or legal orientation services to aliens unlawfully present in the United States who are placed in removal proceedings. The bill contains an exemption for minors who have been trafficked.

**Cosponsors (19):** Reps McClintock, Brooks, Miller, Norman, Budd, Posey, Tiffany, Gaetz, Gohmert, Perry, Gosar, Biggs, Gooden, Hice, Van Drew, Mooney, McKinley, Greene, and Lesko.

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H.R. 7012: Ukraine Assistance and American Energy Act

**Background:** Inflation is out of control. Gas is sitting at historically high prices. Nancy Pelosi's House just passed a $1.5 trillion bill that no one read. Using aid for Ukraine as the latest 'crisis' in order to pass $4 billion worth of earmarks and other misguided Biden priorities is corrupt. Congress and the American people shouldn't be presented with the false choice that the only way to support aid for Ukraine is to also pass a 2,741-page, drunken-sailor, monstrosity of a spending bill in less than 22 hours.

The Ukraine Assistance and American Energy Acceleration Act reins in Pelosi's bloated foreign aid package and provides a targeted amount of military and humanitarian resources for Ukraine without using it as a political pawn. This bill also includes a real ban on oil and gas from Russia, Iran and Venezuela, and allows for responsible American energy production that will reduce gas prices."

**Section by Section Summary:**

1. **Humanitarian and lethal aid to Ukraine:**

   Section 2 APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

   - $1 billion for billion to provide the Government of Ukraine a list of weapons requested by the Ukrainian government. This includes small arms, grenade launchers, and ammunition, man-portable missiles and rockets in a ready-to-fire configuration, night vision goggles, drones, communication equipment, bullet-proof armor, rations and medical kits.
   - $1 billion for NATO to provide the governments of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and other NATO Allies with replacement planes, tanks, munitions, anti-air and anti-tank weaponry to both bolster their deterrence efforts against a Russian invasion and to replace equipment donated to the Government of Ukraine.
   - $1 billion to procure defense articles to replace those transferred to Ukraine and NATO allies.

   Section 3 APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

   - $500 million International Disaster Assistance to provide food and other support for displaced and other vulnerable populations inside Ukraine. These funds could also be used for future refugee assistance.
   - $250 million Refugee Relocation Assistance to provide monetary and personnel assistance for the Polish, Moldovan, and European Union member states that are accepting Ukrainian refugees.

   Section 4 APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
- $30 million in funding to integrate the Ukrainian electrical grid European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity.

II. **Bad actor oil imports ban, including from Russia, Iran, and Venezuela:**

Section 5 PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF RUSSIAN, IRANIAN, AND VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

III. **Accelerate American energy production:**

Section 6 AUTHORIZATION OF KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Section 7 PROHIBITION ON MORATORIA OF NEW ENERGY LEASES ON FEDERAL LAND AND WATERS

Section 8 IMMEDIATELY RESUME OIL AND NATURAL GAS LEASING

Section 9 EXPEDITE APPROVAL FOR NATURAL GAS INTERSTATE PIPELINES

Section 10 NEPA REFORM

Section 11 LIMITATION ON FERC PIPELINE CERTIFICATES

Section 12 OPEN ANWR FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

Section 13 EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF LNG EXPORTS

**Cosponsors (5):** Reps Harris, Miller, Tiffany, Bishop, and Mann

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H.R. 7501, I-70 Detour Act

**Background:** Last year, I-70 was closed for 16.5 days through Glenwood Canyon due to severe mudslides and flash flooding that buried the interstate in 10 feet of mud. Additionally, between June 26 and July 28, 2021, the Colorado Department of Transportation closed I-70 twelve times due to flash flood warnings. When I-70 is shut down for whatever reason (mudslides, traffic accidents, heavy snow, or wildfires), truckers, tourists, and many of Rep. Boebert’s constituents are forced to travel on dangerous dirt roads with five-plus hour detours.

When I-70 was shut down from mudslides in 2021, Rep. Boebert was one of the first officials to inspect the damage and visit the crews working around-the-clock to reopen the interstate. Rep. Boebert worked with the bipartisan and bicameral Colorado Congressional Delegation to immediately secure $11.6 million in initial emergency funding. Once the initial emergency funding is exhausted, CDOT will start fronting the costs and then submit those for reimbursement to DOT once they have a final accounting.

I-70 is one of the most critical east-west arteries in the country, with 4,900 trucks traveling on I-70 on any given day. It is the economic lifeline for the West, connecting seven of the largest agriculture-producing states producing $81.4 billion of farm goods and 21% of total U.S. commodities. For every hour that I-70 is closed, it costs roughly $1 million in economic impact.

I-70’s closures are especially damaging for communities on the Western Slope. The Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce noted that nearly 50% of businesses in the community struggled to get supplies and suffered substantial economic harm due to the mudslides that closed I-70.

Eagle and Garfield Counties have identified improvements that would improve safety and help keep Cottonwood Pass functioning during I-70 closures.

**Summary:** Rep. Boebert’s I-70 Detour Act requires the Department of Transportation, to study and recommend, as soon as possible, future alternatives to mitigate harm when I-70 closures occur, including analyzing an alternative proposed by Garfield County, 6 spot location improvements proposed by Eagle County, an alternative proposed by Eagle County stakeholders and CDOT, an alternative that improves I-70 system resilience and mitigates nearby hazards, and any other significant improvements and alternatives proposed by Garfield County, Eagle County, CDOT, or DOT before the date of enactment of the bill. The bill also includes fast-track provisions that ensure the final recommendations made by DOT will be authorized and funded in a timely manner.

**Cosponsors (2):** Rep. Ken Buck (CO-04) and Doug Lamborn (CO-05)

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H.R. 7548 Securing Americans from Transportation Insanity Act

**Background:** The Department of Homeland Security recently announced that TSA will be changing its current Standard Operating Procedures to better accommodate transgender/non-binary/gender-nonconforming persons by adopting transgender screening procedures. This includes spending $18.6 million authorized in the omnibus bill to upgrade the current AIT screeners to be “gender-neutral”.

This poses a serious threat to national security and makes a mockery of our federal institutions by the woke left. Join Rep. Boebert and Rep. Bishop on this bill to fight the left’s delusional agenda.

**Summary:** As such, Rep. Boebert is leading the **Securing Americans from Transportation Insanity Act** to prohibit federal funding TSA from changing their Standard Operating Procedures to remove any biologically determined sex-based screening procedures from security screening. The bill also includes a section to prohibit federal funds from being used to enact the changes TSA announced today, including:

- Updating TSA PreCheck program this year to include an "X" gender marker option
- Replacing biologically determined sex-based screening Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) screening with gender-neutral AIT screening
- Promoting the use and acceptance of the "X" gender marker
- Updating checkpoint SOP to remove gender considerations when validating a traveler’s identification at airport security checkpoints.
- Requiring CBP to use gender-neutral language and an individual’s self-identified pronouns or name.
- Updating the Trusted Traveler Programs application form to add an "X" gender marker option.

**Supporting Groups:** Heritage Action, Eagle Forum, and Family Research Council

**Cosponsors (12):** Reps. Dan Bishop (NC-09), Bob Good (VA-05), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Matt Gaetz (FL-01), Brian Mast (FL-18), Byron Donalds (FL-19), Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Mary Miller (IL-15), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Ben Cline (VA-06), Greg Steube (FL-17), and Louie Gohmert (TX-01).

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H.R. 7641, Protecting Free Speech Act

Background: On April 21st, former President Obama gave a speech at Stanford University stating that Social Media censors don’t go far enough, calling for further government intervention in order to “diminish disinformation”.

On April 27th, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Alejandro Mayorkas, testified before Congress that DHS created a “Disinformation Governance Board” to combat misinformation ahead of the 2022 midterms.

Secretary Mayorkas refused to give many details about the new entity but stated that the Executive Director would be Nina Jankowicz, a Russia hoax espousing radical who is on video singing and asking who she needs to have sex with to become famous and powerful.

When asked about the Department on Fox News Sunday, Secretary Mayorkas refused to answer whether or not the Steele Dossier would be considered disinformation. In contrast, Jankowicz previously referred to the Hunter Biden laptop as a “Trump campaign product” used for disinformation. Nina Jankowicz also dismissed scientists who claimed COVID-19 could have emerged from a Wuhan lab as disinformation. Finally, Jankowicz recently stated that she “shudders to think about” the additional free speech that will occur on Twitter now that Elon Musk has purchased the platform.

Summary: The Protecting Free Speech Act terminates the Department of Homeland Security’s Disinformation Governance Board and prohibits any federal funds from being used to establish or carry out the activities of any other entity that is substantially similar.

Cosponsors (61): Minority Whip Steve Scalise, Conference Chair Elise Stefanik, House Freedom Caucus Chairman Scott Perry, RSC Chairman Jim Banks, Rick W. Allen, Andy Biggs, Dan Bishop, Ken Buck, Ted Budd, Kat Cammack, Madison Cawthorn, Warren Davidson, Jeff Duncan, Byron Donalds, Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach, Chuck Fleischmann, Scott Franklin, Matt Gaetz, Louie Gohmert, Lance Gooden, Paul Gosar, Diana Harshbarger, Vicky Hartzler, Kevin Hern, Jody Hice, Clay Higgins, Darrell Issa, Mike Johnson, Jim Jordan, Mike Kelly, Doug Lamborn, Debbie Lesko, Billy Long, Tracy Mann, Thomas Massie, Lisa McClain, David McKinley, Carol D. Miller, Mary Miller, John Moolenaar, Alex Mooney, Barry Moore, Greg Murphy, Troy Nehls, Ralph Norman, Jay Obernolte, August Pfluger, Bill Posey, Guy Reschenthaler, Chip Roy, Maria Elvira Salazar, Mike Simpson, Jason Smith, Victoria Spartz, Greg Steube, Chris Stewart, Tom Tiffany, Jeff Van Drew, Jackie Walorski, and Lee Zeldin


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H.Con.Res. 22: Calling To Remove Lieutenant General Russel Honoré, USA (Ret.) From Investigating The Events Of January 6, 2021

**Background:** On January 15, 2021, while the Nation was still reeling from the events of January 6th, Speaker Pelosi threw gas on the fire by appointing General Honoré, whose partisan fervor has a history of creating hostile division, to lead the investigation into Capitol security. The magnitude of the security failures on January 6th warrants a serious response led by non-partisan, cool-headed investigators. General Honoré is the wrong man for the job, and his open vulgarities directed against members of Congress and the U.S. Capitol Police have done nothing but reduce public confidence in this investigation.

While Speaker Pelosi introduced legislation honoring the “outstanding heroism and patriotism of the U.S. Capitol Police,” she also supports the leadership of a man who has called them “mall cops” who “won’t be able to put on [their] uniform[s] with honor.” This incongruity is troubling, and it calls into doubt General Honoré’s leadership capabilities and the leadership of Speaker Pelosi who appointed him. Rep. Boebert joined several of her colleagues on both sides of the aisle in calling for a transparent, fair, and honest investigation into the events of January 6th. Our democracy is precious, and it should be defended—not made into a vulgar partisan nightmare like General Honoré’s Twitter page.

**Summary:** Rep. Boebert’s resolution will remove Lieutenant General Russel Honoré, USA (Ret.) from investigating the events of January 6, 2021, because of his record of hyper-partisanship and vulgar statements toward members of Congress and the U.S. Capitol Police disqualify him from a such a sensitive position.


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**H.J.Res. 78: Balanced Budget Amendment**

**Background:** The national debt exceeds $30 trillion. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), that national debt held by the public ($23 trillion) has already exceeded the size of the entire economy. Our debt is fueled by endless deficit spending. In the first five months of this fiscal year, we borrowed an average of $3 billion a day.

Every day Americans are faced with tough decisions on how to balance their checkbooks. Unfortunately, the government shows no such restraint, pummeling all of us with record-setting spending and runaway inflation. Nancy Pelosi and the Biden regime continue to spend like drunken sailors, and their spending addiction has fueled the highest inflation increase in more than 40 years. They have already passed bills into law to spend more than $4.5 trillion and are trying to spend at least another $5 trillion this year alone. Every few months, it seems like Congress comes up with another manufactured spending crisis so they can spend more of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Congress has waived existing budget rules time after time and has proved unwilling to alter its course. We need a Constitutional Amendment to force a Balanced Budget. Congress cannot waive the Constitution to fit its political whims.

**Summary:** Congresswoman Boebert’s Balanced Budget Amendment creates constitutional requirements for:

- Spending not to exceed revenue for a fiscal year;
- The debt limit not being increased;
- The president submitting a balanced budget to Congress;
- All tax increases being supported by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress.

Rep. Boebert’s Balanced Budget Amendment also contains an exception that these requirements can only be waived for a short period of time for emergency circumstances if two-thirds of both Houses approve.

**Cosponsors (3):** Reps. Ralph Norman (SC-05), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), and Thomas Massie (KY-04).

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H. Res 189 Seeking the Return of the USS Pueblo to the US Navy

Background: In 1968, the USS Pueblo was hijacked by North Korea in international waters and has been in exhibition in Pyongyang ever since. Bringing the USS Pueblo home should be a top priority discussion with North Korean counterparts.

In the early afternoon of January 23, 1968, the USS Pueblo was on a spy mission in international waters off the coast of North Korea to intercept and record wireless transmissions. Though unprovoked, the North Korean naval force ascended on the USS Pueblo for capture, in violation of International Maritime law as the U.S. ship was parked in the high seas. The siege resulted in the death of Petty Officer Duane Hodges, and lead to the almost year-long imprisonment of 82 American troops. To this day, though the USS Pueblo remains the property of the United States Navy, it remains on display in North Korea’s capital city.

Summary: This resolution calls for the USS Pueblo’s return to the United States.

Declares that the USS Pueblo is property of the United States Government and its siege, murder of Petty Officer Duane Hodges, and inhumane captivity of American troops were in violation of international law.

It urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to make the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States custody essential in discussions with North Korean counterparts.

Cosponsor (1): Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05)

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H. Res. 272: Designating ANTIFA as a Domestic Terrorist Organization

**Background:** Opposing violent extremists terrorist organizations used to be a bi-partisan issue, but now Democrats are putting their radical left supporters ahead of national security. Even the Obama administration classified ANTIFA efforts as "domestic terrorist violence." Now, the Biden administration is pretending that ANTIFA is a myth.

America's backbone is the Constitution, which includes the first amendment guarantees to the right of free speech. ANTIFA exists to shut down the free exchange of ideas and their political power is a fascist expression of force. Like the toxic cancel culture of the radical left, ANTIFA threatens to silence anyone who opposes them.

This past summer, ANTIFA laid siege for over 60 days on a U.S. federal courthouse, injuring over 250 federal law enforcement officers. This treasonous insurrection used violence and fear to advance their political agenda—the very definition of terrorism.

It is time to put the safety of the American people ahead of politics and designate ANTIFA as a terrorist organization and declare that ALL political violence has no place in our great Nation.

**Summary:** Rep. Boebert’s resolution designates ANTIFA as a domestic terrorist organization and unequivocally condemns its violent actions.

**Cosponsors (11):** Reps. Randy Weber (TX-14), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Bob Good (VA-05), Barry Moore (AL-02), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Mary Miller (IL-15), Chip Roy (TX-21), Paul Gosar (AZ-04), Greg Steube (FL-17), and Jody Hice (GA-10).

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H. Res. 273: Inherit Casework Act

**Background:** Rep. Boebert’s predecessor signed a form and checked a box declining to pass along inheritable casework to her office. Numerous Members of Congress routinely pass along such information to their successors because they know it is in the best interest of the people they represent.

This legislation ensures the transfer of ongoing casework between an incoming member and their predecessor and prevents arbitrary exemptions. Rep. Boebert’s bill makes sure that veterans having issues with the VA, retirees having trouble with Social Security, and ranchers having problems with federal land management agencies will still have a Representative advocating on their behalf.

Political retribution shouldn’t hurt veterans and people in need of help. It’s time to put people before politics and make sure that personal feelings and bitterness don’t prevent public servants from helping the people they were elected to serve, many of whom are expecting their aid in resolving serious issues with the federal government. This will make the casework process more effective for everyone.

**Summary:** The Inherit Casework Act ensures that constituents who have ongoing federal casework continue to receive assistance regardless of the outcome of political elections.

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H. Res. 493 Biden Censure Resolution

Background: President Biden is derelict in his constitutional duty to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.” The “take care” clause has strong roots in American history, as President George Washington explained, “it is my duty to see the Laws executed: to permit them to be trampled with impunity would be repugnant to” that duty.

Biden is actively undermining Congress’ duly-enacted laws—specifically ignoring section 241(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(1)(A)), which mandates that the Department of Homeland Security “shall remove” an alien subject to a final order of removal “within a period of 90 days.”

By unconstitutionally ignoring duly-enacted immigration statutes, President Biden is usurping legislative power from Congress. Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution grants Congress clear jurisdiction with regard to citizenship and immigration matters, but Biden has taken Congress’ power into his own hands by promising blanket amnesty and failing to enforce the laws on the books.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas ruled that Biden’s unilateral “100-day pause” of immigration enforcement is unconstitutional, since immigration statutes do “not imply total discretion to pause or suspend a statutory mandate.”

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a legal opinion finding that the duty to faithfully execute “the law does not permit the President to substitute his own policy priorities for those that Congress has enacted into law.” President Biden ignored this decision and violated the Impoundment Control Act by unilaterally deciding not to spend funds appropriated by Congress to build the border wall.

Biden’s failures to enforce the law have created a crisis.

- One year ago under President Trump, there were 1,400 unaccompanied minors in HHS custody—under Biden’s presidency, it has gone up to 22,000.
- In President Trump’s last month in office, CBP encountered 78,443 illegal immigrants—in May, they encountered a record high of over 180,000.
- In President Trump’s last full month in office, CBP released 18 illegal immigrants into the United States with a Notice to Appear at immigration court—in April, the Biden administration released 26,233 illegal aliens into communities across the United States.
- In just the first four months of Biden’s term, enough fentanyl to kill every American four times over has been interdicted by Border Patrol.
- In just the first four months of Biden’s term, at the border, arrests for murder are up 1,133%, arrests for sex crimes doubled, arrests for weapons smuggling almost quadrupled, and arrests for drug traffickers tripled.

Summary: This resolution takes responsible steps to respond to the Biden border crisis by:

- Censuring President Biden for his failure to follow his constitutional duty to execute the law;
- Disapproving the President’s usurpation of legislative power;
- Calling on the President to enforce immigration statutes and secure the border; and
- Reaffirming the Constitution’s separation of powers.

Cosponsors (25): Reps Posey, Bishop, Duncan, Jackson, Gohmert, Hice, Good, Griffith, Moore, Cawthorn, Biggs, Gaetz, Fallon, Massie, Nehls, Gosar, Mooney, Norman, Harshbarger, Gooden, Weber, Greene, Roy, Arrington, and Miller

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**H. Res. 679 and 680: Articles to Impeach President Biden and Vice President Harris**

**President Biden Impeachment Resolution:** Betrayal of the Public Trust

Lays out the timeline from March 2021 discussing the President’s public comments regarding the strategy to remove US troops from Afghanistan to the August 30 removal of all troops that show the President’s blatant disregard for national security concerns to fulfill his political promises. These events include:

- April 14 announcement of deadline extension and strategy.
- May 18 DOD IG reports indicate an increase in Taliban attacks against the Afghan government.
- June 8 decision to waive report required by the 2021 NDAA to Congress regarding a detailed report on risks associated with Afghanistan withdrawal.
- July 6 Bagram Airfield pullout.
- July 13 warning from Afghan embassy regarding the collapse of Kabul and August 15 Taliban seizure of the capital city.
- President Biden’s July 23 call with Afghan President Ghani deliberately asked him to mislead the American public by asking him to “project a different picture”. This phone call was clearly a quid pro quo deal in which the President implied he would withhold air support to the Afghan military unless President Ghani agreed to mislead the public.
- August 24 decision to not extend August 31 deadline despite pleas from G-7 Allies and Americans left behind.
- August 26 suicide bomb explosion that killed 13 American service members.
- August 30 removal of last American military servicemember.

President Biden’s initial promise ensured the American people this withdrawal would be responsible, deliberate, and safe. Instead, Biden’s withdrawal diminished US standing on the international stage, received condemnation from our allies, resulted in the Taliban’s seizure of tens of billions of dollars in military equipment, dangerously shared the identity of stranded Americans and US Allies, and created a permanent rupture between the military chain of command and the American people and our allies.

**Cosponsors (6):** Reps Biggs, Duncan, Norman, Gohmert, Hice, and Good

**Vice President Harris Impeachment Resolution:** Betrayal of the Public Trust

- Vice President Harris violated her Oath of Office to defend the US Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic by supporting President Biden’s abysmal oversight of this withdrawal.
- Vice President Harris stated she was the last person in the room when Biden made his decision to withdraw from Afghanistan.
- Vice President Harris neglected her duties by failing to invoke the 25th Amendment due to his clear inability to effectively and competently handle his duties as Commander in Chief.
- Vice President Harris has characterized President Biden’s withdrawal as “courageous and fair.”
- Vice President Harris ignored this crisis by taking a week-long tour of Southeast Asia amidst a complete Taliban takeover and a suicide bombing that resulted in the death of 13 servicemembers.

**Cosponsors (2):** Reps Norman and Good

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H.Res. 1016 Honoring Emma Weyant

**Background:** Emma Weyant honorably represented the United States in the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games, winning the Silver Medal in the women’s 400-meter individual medley. Emma is a role model for girls across the country, described by her coach as “driven, goal-oriented and very thorough, hard-working, processed, focused and resilient.” Emma was named a four-time high school All-American, a four-time Scholar-Athlete, and a Scholastic All-American.

Emma’s incredible record of success continued at the 2022 NCAA Division I Women’s 500-Yard Freestyle Final, where she logged the fastest time among all the women competing.

Unfortunately, William Thomas, a biological man who previously competed in men’s swimming, stole Emma’s first-place trophy. As a competitor in men’s swimming in 2018-19, Mr. Thomas ranked 554th in the 200-yard freestyle and 65th in the 500-yard freestyle. After deciding to compete against women, Mr. Thomas ranked fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and “won” the 500-yard freestyle. Mr. Thomas stole Emma’s championship trophy and took former Olympic swimmer Reka Gyorgy’s spot in the 2022 NCAA Division I Swim Meet.

**Summary:** The resolution simply recognizes and honors Emma Weyant as the rightful winner of the 2022 NCAA Division I Women’s 500-Yard Freestyle.

**Cosponsors (24):** Reps. Mary Miller (IL-15), Vicky Hartzler (MO-04), Diana Harshbarger (TN-01), Andy Harris (MD-01), Jody Hice (GA-10), Bob Good (VA-05), Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Matt Rosendale (R-MT), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Alex Mooney (WV-02), Byron Donalds (FL-19), Jeff Duncan (TX-03), Chip Roy (TX-21), Brian Mast (FL-18), Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02), Rodney Davis (IL-13), Ted Budd (NC-13), Randy Weber (TX-14), Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA-14), Matt Gaetz (FL-01), Ron Estes (KS-04), and Lance Gooden (TX-05).

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Representative Lauren Boebert is introducing the Trust the Science Act and would love to have your support!

**Background:** In 2020, the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("the Service") delisted the gray wolf (Canis Lupus) in the lower 48 United States through a process that included the best science and commercial data available.¹ In 2021, environmental groups filed three separate cases in the Northern District of California challenging the rule under Endangered Species act ("ESA") and the Administrative Procedure Act. Gray wolf populations have recovered according to career officials who work for the Department of Interior currently, and made the delisting decision based on the best available science. There are currently 3,000 gray wolves in the Rocky Mountain States: 1543 in Idaho, 1,117 in Montana, and 327 Wyoming. Each of these states have far exceeded their population goals.

The U.S. District Court Northern of California vacated the final rule back to the Service thereby restoring the (ESA) protections for the gray wolf across most of United States.

**Summary:** The Trust the Science Act requires the Secretary of Interior to reissue the final rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; delisting the gray wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife” (85 Fed. Reg. 69778). Because the Northern Rockies and Great Lakes Gray wolves’ populations have rebounded, gray wolves no longer need protection. The Act also ensures that the reissuance of the final rule will not be subject to judicial review.

**No Transferring GITMO Terrorists to America Act**

*Democrats* have longed to shut down the terrorist prison established after 9/11 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Obama released 196, and Biden plans to release dozens more. Yet, *according to US intelligence*, 229 so-called “rehabbed” Gitmo detainees have returned to terrorism and the majority have not been recaptured. Indeed, some are now back with the *Taliban* running Afghanistan.

During the Obama administration, the Department of Defense reviewed and recommended facilities within the United States to house Gitmo detainees. At the time, the list included prisons in *Colorado*.

More recently, during the Senate hearing for Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, Senators *again raised* the possibility of Biden sending terrorists, the worst of the worst, to Colorado.

The “No Transferring GITMO Terrorists to America Act” restricts the President’s ability to transfer Guantanamo Bay detainees and would bar their transfer to American soil and or release. The language is very similar to what has been included in the *National Defense Authorization Act* bills over the last several years.

Specifically, it prohibits the Biden administration from:

- Closing the terrorist prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;
- Transferring terrorist detainees from the prison at Guantanamo Bay to the United States; and
- Building a facility in the United States to house terrorist detainees.

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Fentanyl is a WMD Act

**Summary:** The Fentanyl is a WMD Act would require the Assistant Secretary for the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security to treat fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction.

This would enable the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Department of Defense to better coordinate their efforts and immediately publish the necessary administrative directives to eliminate the threat posed by this deadly substance.

**Background:** Federal Statute (18 U.S. Code § 2332a) states that “any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious bodily injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxin or poisonous chemicals, or their precursors” would be defined as a WMD. Fentanyl and its analogs are entirely capable of causing mass deaths and/or biological impairment.

In 2002, the Russian military reportedly deployed an aerosolized form of fentanyl to incapacitate terrorists holding hostages in a Moscow theater; the gas also killed more than 120 of the hostages.

In FY 2021 alone, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized 11,201 pounds of fentanyl – enough to kill every American citizen nearly seven times over. Fentanyl poisoning is the #1 cause of death among Americans aged 18-45, surpassing suicide, COVID-19, and car accidents.

The Fentanyl is a WMD Act follows a 2019 proposal from President Trump’s Department of Homeland Security to use counter-WMD authorities to combat the fentanyl crisis. James F. McDonnell, the former Trump-appointed DHS assistant secretary for countering weapons of mass destruction stated, “Fentanyl’s high toxicity and increasing availability are attractive to threat actors seeking nonconventional materials for a chemical weapons attack”.

This designation would not impact legal pharmaceutical fentanyl made in regulated labs. For example, Botulinum toxin is a WMD, but in its legal medical form (Botox) is readily accessible.

The Biden regime’s open border and soft-on-China policies have allowed drugs like fentanyl to flow across our borders and into our communities. Treating fentanyl as a WMD will force the Democrats to prioritize this crisis with an all-of-government approach.

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Fueling American Prosperity Act

**Summary:** The Fueling American Prosperity Act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute oil and gas lease sales canceled by the Biden regime on May 11th and submit a new offshore oil and gas leasing program. It would also order the Biden regime to immediately resume onshore lease sales.

If the Biden regime fails to follow through on these three directives, the Fueling American Prosperity Act would impose a hiring freeze at the Department of the Interior effective July 1, 2022.

The bill would exempt any sales slated for this new program from requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, commonly referred to as NEPA.

Finally, while the national price of a gallon of gas is greater than $3.99 a gallon, the bill caps any environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under NEPA to 1 or 2 years, respectively.

**Background:** Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act directs the Secretary of the Interior – acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) – to submit a national five-year program for oil and gas lease sales. While Secretary Haaland has stated her intention to meet the June 30th deadline for the submission of a national program, she has also repeatedly argued in favor of scaling down the federal leasing program.

Last month, the Biden regime canceled the last three remaining lease sales in the current national program – amounting to millions of acres of potential drilling – citing a “lack of industry interest”. Oil and gas companies have routinely disputed this explanation, with the American Petroleum Institute (API) arguing that “the [Biden] administration talks about the need for more supply and acts to restrict it”. This latest cancellation threatens to disincentivize oil and gas companies from producing more energy, even as energy prices are at an all-time high.

The time frames for environmental assessments and impact statements derive from a 2020 Trump Administration Final Rule from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

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H.R. 8263: Protecting Life on Federal Lands Act

**Bill Summary:** The Protecting Life on Federal Lands Act prohibits any entity of the federal government from allowing abortion facilities to operate on federal land, including military bases, national parks, national forests, public lands, or buildings and land occupied by any federal agency.

**Background:** This follows proposals from Rep. Ocasio Cortez and Sen. Elizabeth Warren urging the Biden regime to lease federal property to abortion providers — for instance, allowing a clinic to operate out of a federal office building, a mobile clinic on federal land, or even a military base. Only a small set of state civil laws apply on federal land, and a civil abortion law like Texas’s S.B. 8 clearly does not fall within this group.

Following the recent Dobbs decision, the left is grasping at every resource they can to provide abortion on demand. When asked about this radical proposal, GOP Conference Chair Stefanik stated, “When it comes to executive overreach that President Biden is considering, that’s something that Republicans would oppose adamantly.”

On June 7, 2022, twenty-five far-left Senators signed a letter calling on Biden to allow abortion facilities to operate on federal land.

This far-left legal theory has no place in America, and Congresswoman Boebert’s bill will put a stop to it before it begins.

**Supporting Organizations:** Students for Life, Heritage Action, Family Research Council, SBA Pro-Life America

**Current Cosponsors (27):** Reps. Doug Lamborn (CO-05), Ken Buck (CO-04), Mary Miller (IL-15), Jody Hice (GA-10), Mary Miller (IL-15), Bob Good (VA-05), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Warren Davidson (OH-08), Matt Rosendale (MT-AL), Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Alex Mooney (WV-02), Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Andrew Clyde (GA-09), Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Madison Cawthorn (NC-11), Bill Posey (FL-08), Randy Weber (TX-14), Adrian Smith (NE-03), Tracy Mann (KS-01), Roger Williams (TX-25), C. Scott Franklin (FL-15), Claudia Tenney (NY-22), and Debbie Lesko (AZ-08).

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H.R. 8374: Shall Not Be Infringed Act

Bill Summary: The Shall Not Be Infringed Act, if enacted, would repeal Public Law 117-59, the so-called “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act”

Background: The Shall Not Be Infringed Act repeals the so-called “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act”, also known as “Cornyn-Murphy”, a piece of gun control legislation that re-institutes former President Obama’s Universal Background Check (UBCs) executive order. Cornyn-Murphy also imposes a de facto waiting period for gun sales to adults under age 21 and provides $750 million for so-called “red flag” laws that allow police and other to petition a court for a temporary seizure of guns from an individual without due process considerations.

Supporting Organizations: Gun Owners of America (GOA), National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR)

Current Cosponsors (31): Reps. Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Andrew Clyde (GA-09), Jody Hice (GA-10), Mary E. Miller (IL-15), Matthew Rosendale (MT-AL), Dan Bishop (NC-09), Warren Davidson (OH-08), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Bob Good (VA-05), Randy K. Weber (TX-14), Scott Perry (PA-10), Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Adrian Smith (NE-03), Alex Mooney (WV-02), Brian Babin (TX-36), Ben Cline (VA-06), Andy Biggs (AZ-05), Chip Roy (TX-21), Michael Cloud (TX-27), Troy Nehls (TX-22), Thomas Massie (KY-04), Madison Cawthorn (NC-11), Paul Gosar (AZ-04), Doug Lamborn (CO-05), Vicky Hartzler (MO-04), Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Barry Moore (AL-02), Debbie Lesko (AZ-08), Byron Donalds (FL-19)

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H.Res.1293: Recognizing and honoring Elisjsha Dicken for his demonstration of courage, self-sacrifice, and fidelity to his fellow Americans.

Bill Summary: This Resolution honors Elisjsha Dicken, a twenty-two-year-old citizen who defended his fellow Americans by stopping an active shooter at the Greenwood Park Mall in Greenwood, Indiana.

Background:

On July 17, an active shooter opened fire in the food court of the Greenwood Park Mall in Greenwood, Indiana. Just fifteen seconds after the shooting began, twenty-two-year-old Elisjsha “Eli” Dicken defended his fellow citizens by engaging the shooter with a 9mm Glock that he was carrying legally under Indiana’s constitutional carry statute. When the shooter tried to retreat, Eli pursued him fearlessly.

The shooter tragically killed three people and injured multiple others in the fifteen seconds before Eli stopped him. Thankfully, Eli’s actions saved countless lives and prevented this tragedy from becoming a mass shooting.

Indiana’s constitutional carry statute repealed the gun control law mandating that citizens obtain a permit to carry a handgun in public.

Greenwood Police Chief James Ison described Eli as “very proficient” in using tactics that neutralized the threat and saved lives.

Current Co-Sponsors (13): Reps. Jim Banks (IN-03), Mike Carey (OH-15), Andrew Clyde (GA-09), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Jody Hice (GA-10), Mary Miller (IL-15), Markwayne Mullin (OK-02), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Greg Steube (FL-17), Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02), Dan Bishop (NC-09), and Ronny Jackson (TX-13)
H.R. 8601: Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act

Bill Summary: The Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act would designate the Dolores River Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) and Dolores River Canyon Special Management Area (SMA). These designations are intended to conserve, protect, and enhance the native fish, whitewater boating, recreational, scenic, cultural, archaeological, natural, geological, historical, ecological, watershed, wildlife, education, and scientific resources of the NCA/SMA in question.

Background:

Nearly two decades in the making, the proposed National Conservation Area and Special Management Area would span three counties (Dolores, San Miguel, and Montezuma) covering 68,851 acres in the San Juan National Forest and the Dolores River Corridor.

In the 1970s this stretch of the Dolores River was deemed suitable for a Wild and Scenic River (WSR) federal designation by the Bureau of Land Management. A WSR designation would not be in the best interest of rural Colorado since it would include a new federal reserved water right, negatively impacting existing private water rights.

This bill would designate the section of the Dolores River in question as a NCA and eliminate it from WSR candidacy, permanently preserving the river and protecting private property and water rights.

Supporting Organizations: Dolores County, Montezuma County, San Miguel County, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Dolores River Boating Advocates, the Wilderness Society, American Rivers, Conservation Lands Foundation, American Whitewater, San Juan Citizens Alliance, Conservation Colorado, and Sheep Mountain Alliance.

Current Cosponsors (2): Reps. Buck, Lamborn

Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper have introduced identical legislation in the Senate, working with Colorado House Republicans in a bipartisan, bicameral effort.