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This week, the House of Representatives continued its fight to secure the border by creating new criminal offenses for illegal migrants who flee our law enforcement, holding them accountable for their actions. We also passed legislation that offers American families and small business owners much-needed tax relief in these challenging times. House Republicans continue our pursuit to hold Secretary Mayorkas accountable for neglecting his constitutional duty. Additionally, I was proud to celebrate and commend several constituents for their accomplishments on the House floor and visit the next generation of students at James River High School. Rest assured, I will keep defending the interests of the Sixth District of Virginia as Congress deals with the numerous challenges facing our country.

Cracking Down on High Speed Chases With Illegal Immigrants Fleeing Arrest

In 2022, Border Patrol Agent [Raul Gonzalez Jr.](#) tragically passed away in a car crash while chasing illegal migrants who were fleeing arrest. Unfortunately, high-speed pursuits involving law enforcement officials and illegal migrants have become [common](#) and in many cases they are [fatal accidents](#). That is unacceptable. We need to make sure that anyone who enters our country illegally and endangers the lives of any American citizen faces serious consequences.

In honor of Agent Raul Gonzalez, Jr., and his sacrifice while fighting to protect our southern border, House Republicans passed [H.R. 5585, the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act](#), which creates new criminal offenses for operating a vehicle within 100 miles of the southern border while fleeing from Border Patrol agents, or any law enforcement officer assisting the U.S. Border Patrol, including serious jail time and prohibition from ever receiving legal status in the United States. We will always have the backs of our law enforcement officers and protect those who protect our community.



Banning Hamas Terrorists From Entering the United States

The State of Israel has been and continues to be our greatest democratic ally in the Middle East.

On October 7th, the Iranian-backed terrorist group Hamas declared war on Israel and chanted "Death to Israel and "Death to America," further cementing themselves as enemies of the United States and our ally Israel. Due to Biden's border crisis, these same terrorists are flooding across our southern border. In FY23, Customs and Border Patrol apprehended [169 individuals on the terror watch list](#) at our southern border.

These terrorists, who loathe America and all it represents, cannot be allowed to enter our borders and cause chaos in our communities. That is why House Republicans passed [H.R. 6679, the No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act](#), which ensures that these bad actors do not find refuge in our country.



Restoring Pro-Growth Tax Policies and Countering Bidenflation

Small businesses and the folks who run them are the backbone of our economy and they've shown tremendous strength during these unprecedented times. That's why this week the House of Representatives passed the [Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act](#) to help small businesses grow, create jobs, raises wages, and saves taxpayers \$75 billion by ending a COVID-era program that has been plagued by runaway spending and rampant fraud. In addition, the bill measures the child family tax credit to reflect the recent Bidenflation and indexes to adjust for future inflation.

The legislation locks in \$600 billion of pro-growth, pro-worker tax policy by restoring incentives from the 2017 [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act \(TCJA\)](#).

THE 2024 TAX BILL WILL:

BUILD UP MAIN STREET AMERICA

BY CUTTING RED TAPE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES: ADJUST THE REPORTING THRESHOLD FOR BUSINESSES THAT SUBCONTRACT LABOR FROM \$600 TO \$1,000 AND INDEX FOR INFLATION - THE FIRST UPDATE TO THE THRESHOLD SINCE THE 1950S.

INCENTIVIZE PRIVATE INVESTMENT

AMONG BUSINESSES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE RELUCTANT TO INVEST IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) THAT IS VITAL TO AMERICA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS



Secretary Mayorkas Impeachment Proceedings

The Biden Administration's open border policies are causing irreparable harm across the nation, as even leaders in "sanctuary cities" are now turning against Biden policies due to their cities being overrun with illegal immigrants. The impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas took another step as the Homeland Security Committee voted to send [articles of impeachment](#) to the House floor for a vote.

Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has willfully and systematically neglected to follow the laws passed by Congress, and he has violated the separation of powers and acted with deliberate indifference to the clear evidence of lawlessness at the border and turning every locality into a border community. It's long past time for accountability for the Biden Border Failure.



Recognizing Ed Clark of the Wildlife Center of Virginia

Ed Clark began the Wildlife Center of Virginia in 1981, and since then, the center has provided world-class care of wildlife, outstanding educational outreach, and dedicated professional training. The Center provides professional training for more than 1,000 veterinary students and professionals, including undergraduate students, fourth-year veterinary students, postdoctoral interns, fellows, and residents from every veterinary school in the United States, Canada, and nearly 40 other countries.

Congratulations to Ed Clarke on his many years of success, and I wish him a wonderful retirement.



Watch my floor speech recognizing Ed Clark of the Virginia Wildlife Center [here](#) or above.

Recognizing the Waynesboro Police Department for 125 Years of Service

1898 was the first year of the Waynesboro Police Department, when the city was much smaller and only a few officers were needed to patrol on foot. Today, with a bustling city of more than 22,000 people and growing, patrol officers grapple with everything from cybercrime to drug crime and everything in between.

Thank you to all of the retired and current officers for your efforts to make the city of Waynesboro a better and safer place, and I wish the Waynesboro Police Department another 125 years of success.



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District Travels



It was a pleasure to speak to students at James River High School on the importance of public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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