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This week, House Republicans continued our work to pass the remaining appropriations bills while reducing spending in areas to pay for the priorities of the American people. Additionally, we made clear that we stand firmly with our ally Israel and its right to defend itself against Hamas terrorists by passing emergency funding for much-needed military assistance. I was also glad to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Garth Newel Music Center on the House floor. Rest assured, I won't stop fighting to deliver results for the people of Virginia's Sixth District and secure conservative wins that will ensure freedom, prosperity, and transparency in our Nation.

Promoting American Energy & Reining in the EPA

Small businesses and farmers are the bloodline of our economy - we should be adopting policies that help them, not make it harder for them to survive and support our communities. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to put in place burdensome regulations across industries that are anti-farmer, anti-American worker, and anti-energy independence.

That is why this week, House Republicans passed the [FY24 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act](#), which reins in the EPA, gets rid of costly red tape on American oil and gas, repeals President Biden's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, increases access to critical minerals, while reducing unnecessary government spending. This legislation prioritizes the critical needs and essential functions within these agencies to ensure that hard-working families, especially in rural areas like ours, are put first.

Rest assured, we will keep fighting to rein in the Biden Administration's radical Green New Deal agenda and government overreach that have crushed families for too long.



Keeping Congress Working for the American People

Our number one duty as Members of the House of Representatives is to serve the United States by faithfully representing our constituents. In order to ensure Congress remains open and working for American families, we must responsibly fund the legislative branch and ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely. This funding is vital to supporting committees in their vigorous oversight investigations and Member offices in our work for our constituents.

House Republicans are committed to keeping the People's House accessible and effective while demonstrating fiscal restraint, which is why we passed the [FY24 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act](#). This legislation provides the necessary resources for Members to effectively serve their constituents and maintains funding for House Committees to conduct vigorous oversight, while eliminating unnecessary woke programs and wasteful spending to reduce our Nation's debt and deficit.



Supporting Our Ally Israel Against Terrorism

As war rages in the Middle East, the United States has a duty to support one of our strongest allies, Israel, in their fight to defend themselves against the barbaric attacks from Hamas and other Iranian-backed terrorist organizations. The October 7th attacks perpetrated by Hamas and funded by Iran

claimed the lives of over 1,400 people, including at least 32 Americans – making it the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

We must stand with Israel in their battle against our shared enemies for self-determination, democracy, and freedom, which is why House Republicans passed [H.R. 6126, the Israel Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). This legislation ensures Israel has what it needs to defend itself as it fights to eliminate the threat from Hamas by providing funding for missile defense systems like the Iron Dome and additional military equipment for the Israel Defense Forces, while also replenishing U.S. weapons stocks.



Garth Newell Music Center's 50th Anniversary

Since 1924, Garth Newel, the estate of celebrated artists and accomplished musicians, William Sergeant Kendall and Christine Kendall, has been a home to the fine and performing arts in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains. And in 1973, Ms. Kendall founded the Garth Newel Music Center with the help of Rowe String Quartet members, Luca and Arlene Di Cecco.

Today, it enriches lives through performance arts, educational programs, and inspired chamber music from resident artists, such as the Garth Newel Piano Quartet, and visiting artists. I was pleased to recognize the Garth Newel Music Center on its 50th anniversary and wish the chamber music venue another 50 years of success.



Watch my floor speech recognizing the Garth Newell Music Center in Hot Springs [here](#) or above.

District Travels



I enjoyed touring the Kraft Heinz facility in Winchester recently. As a leader in the food and beverage industry, they provide high-quality and delicious products, while creating good-paying jobs and boosting our economy.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Clive". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark above the 'i' in "Clive".