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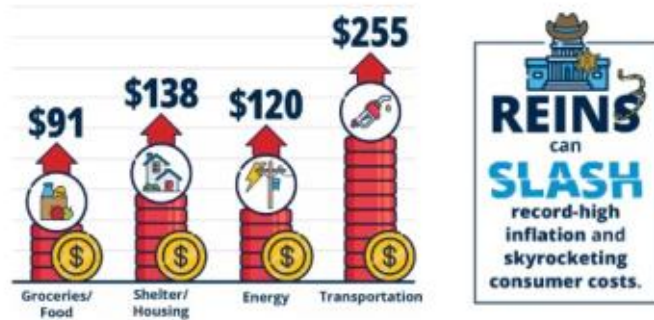
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Higher interest and mortgage rates were the news of the week. Coupled with 40-year high inflation, the American Dream is becoming more and more out of reach for working families. Instead of addressing the kitchen table issues that really matter to Virginians, President Biden continued to distract and attack in a rambling speech designed to save his party's vanishing congressional majorities. Finally, I enjoyed attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a Modine Manufacturing expansion, and I enjoyed traveling across western Virginia as the fall foliage reached its peak. Even though the end of Daylight Savings last weekend means it will be darker after work, I can see a brighter future ahead for the people who live throughout the Sixth District and across our great Nation.

Democrats' Economic Woes Continued

It was déjà vu on the economic front this week. In an effort to control inflation, for the fourth straight time, the Fed increased interest rates by 75 basis points, which will push 20-year high mortgage rates even higher. The dream of homeownership is now increasingly out of reach for many working families. Further, while wage growth has increased, it has not gone up high enough to keep pace with inflation. In Virginia, Biden and Congressional Democrats' inflation has cost the average household \$751 a month and \$9,000 a year. The Biden economy isn't working for hardworking folks across Virginia and the Nation.

Republicans are ready to restore fiscal responsibility and pro-growth economic policies in Washington to help ease the painful burdens of the Biden economy on Americans' paychecks and home-buying prospects. As Republicans have pledged in our [Commitment to America](#), we will cut wasteful spending and taxes, unleash American energy to drive down prices across the board, and restore fiscal sanity in Washington.



Division, Distraction, and Desperation

Once again, President Biden proved he is the Divider-In-Chief. While the American people are facing a border crisis, a crime crisis, an inflation crisis, and a drug crisis, Biden used his platform to attack his political opponents and distract from the disastrous consequences that Democrats' policies have caused. Biden ran his presidential campaign on the promise to be a "unifier," but we've seen anything but that. Instead, he continued to blame others for his problems and show no real leadership in a desperate, last-minute attempt to convince Americans that Democrats are the ones for the job. Well, Americans have suffered enough these last two years under Democrat-controlled Washington and they know our country has been heading in the wrong direction. It's time to let commonsense solutions and the Constitution be our guide to a better, more accountable government, and to a brighter future for our kids, grandkids, and loved ones.

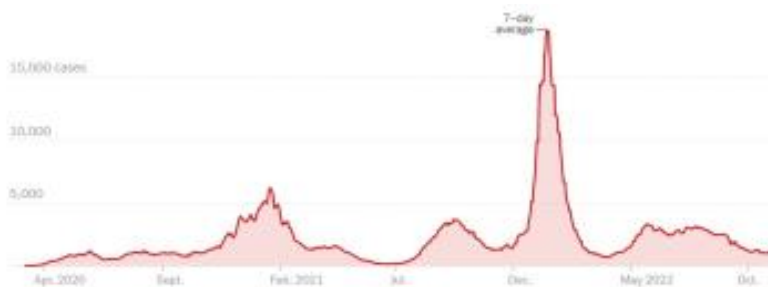
Modine Manufacturing

I enjoyed participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Modine Manufacturing and celebrating the success of Airedale by Modine in their newly renovated Rockbridge facility. Their OptiChill™ air-cooled chillers play a key role in keeping our data centers fluid, cool, and running.



COVID-19 Update

Last week in Virginia there was an average of 13 daily cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents, up from 12 last week. This week's COVID-19 test positivity rate remained at 9%. For more information, click [here](#).



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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