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While Congress continued its District Work Period, we were once again reminded of the harmful impact that out-of-control spending and the misnamed "Inflation Reduction Act" has on families in the Valley and across the Nation. On a brighter note, I joined Veterans in Roanoke to highlight the importance of PACT Act benefits for our Nation's heroes and visited a new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in the Winchester area. Additionally, I spoke with folks from the Virginia Credit Union League, and I took the opportunity to meet with local faith leaders at a small growing church in the Valley. As your Representative, I fight every day for your interests and for the safety, security, and freedom for the people of Virginia's Sixth District.

"Bidenomics" is Not Working for Middle America

In yet another slap in the face to hardworking families and small businesses struggling to make ends meet, President Biden and the Democrats celebrated the anniversary of the failed "Inflation Reduction Act", which has done nothing to bring down costs for hard-working Americans. Families are still paying \$709 more a month than two years ago, credit card debt is at a record-high, interest rates are spiking up again, and mortgage rates have increased to over 7% - forcing more folks to withdraw from their 401(k).

When it comes down to it, "Bidenomics" is simple: Americans pay more to get less. House Republicans are working every day to restore fiscal responsibility in Washington and get our economy back on track so families and businesses can keep more of their hard-earned paychecks.





Fighting For Our Veterans

As a cosponsor and supporter of PACT Act legislation, it was an honor to join members of the group called The Children of Camp Lejeune in Roanoke to celebrate the anniversary of this vital legislation and to highlight how important expanded VA health benefits are to Veterans exposed to toxic chemicals, burn pits, and tainted waters. Taking care of those who took care of us is one of my top priorities in Washington, and I will keep fighting to ensure our Veterans have the support they need and deserve. Read more here: Camp Lejeune veterans thank Virginia lawmaker for speaking up for those impacted by toxic waters



Virginia Credit Union League

The Virginia Credit Union League has served as a statewide association representing member-owned credit unions since 1934. Credit unions are vital to our community and guide folks' financial plans to accommodate ever-changing goals for the future. It was a pleasure to join members of the organization at its Shenandoah Valley Legislative Reception.





St. Marina Coptic Orthodox Church

It was a pleasure meeting with faith leaders of the St. Marina Coptic Orthodox Church in Winchester this past week. I enjoyed learning about the history and the mission of their church, as well as the challenges facing Christians throughout the Middle East.



Winchester VA Clinic

The new Winchester VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is a 22,000 square foot facility that helps meet the medical needs of Veterans in the Winchester area and provides an alternative to travel to larger VA facilities in Salem, VA or New Martinsburg, WV. I was pleased to visit the Clinic and their leadership, and I enjoyed learning more about their work to provide Veterans the medical treatment they earned and need.



School Is Back In Session

It's back-to-school time for Virginia's Sixth District, and it is important to remember to be extra cautious and watch out for students, families, teachers, faculty, and staff as they head to school. As children across the Valley head back to the classroom, here's wishing everyone a fantastic start to what is sure to be an incredible school year.





Ben Cline

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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