



Dear Friend,

I hope you've had a great week! Before the weekend, I want to make sure you saw a few quick updates on my work for you in Congress. Take a look:

Virtual Town Hall on COVID-19 Vaccines



Last night, I hosted a virtual COVID-19 town hall with local health care experts Dr. Sajen Mathews and Dr. Imran Sharief. We talked about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines and the importance of following public health guidelines to stay healthy and safe.

I want to thank everyone for taking the time to tune in and ask questions. If you could not watch the town hall, I posted the full video on my social media pages. You can watch it [HERE](#).

Protecting Small Businesses

Committee on **SMALL BUSINESS**



Small businesses are struggling to make ends meet and keep their doors open during COVID-19. More than 19,000 small businesses in California alone have closed in the past year. To unilaterally raise **all** entry-level wages to \$15 will severely affect the ability of hardworking entrepreneurs to stay afloat. At a time when most businesses have a razor-thin profit margin, raising the minimum wage would be devastating for millions of businesses and the jobs they represent.

Instead of increasing the costs for small businesses, we should be looking to decrease costs and restore some of the economic certainty that was lost due to COVID. You can watch my testimony and questioning [HERE](#).

Encouraging the Next Generation of STEM Experts



Thursday, February 25th, was Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. As your Representative, I want to encourage young women and girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. I am proud to fight for opportunities for our students. Today's students are tomorrow's problem solvers who will unlock space, science and so much more. Watch my video celebrating this special day [HERE](#).

Honoring our California National Guard



I caught up with the men and women of our California National Guard to hear more about their work over the last few weeks. I was also honored to help recognize SPC Charles Boyer, SPC Jeremie Montez, PFC Angelica Serna & SPC Sean McKee of the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion for going above and beyond their call to serve. I am grateful for their service and sacrifice.

Protecting our Environment and Promoting Conservation



I am committed to creating commonsense solutions to protecting our environment. We can reduce emissions and address climate change while also ensuring access to affordable energy and creating jobs.

I discussed conservative solutions to protect our environment with the American Conservation Coalition, Young Asian Pacific American Leaders and fellow California Representative Michelle Steel (CA-48). Check it out, [HERE](#).

Investing in STEM Opportunities for our Students



The jobs of the future require our students to be proficient in STEM fields. Lockdowns and long-term remote learning have hurt our students' scores in math and science, and may have impacted our nation's future talent pool. Students in kindergarten through high school are the future of our STEM talent pipeline. We must grow our STEM workforce and provide resources necessary for every child to succeed.

You can watch my testimony during a meeting of the House Space, Science and Technology Committee [HERE](#).

Strengthening America's Foreign Policy in Asia



As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am focused on ensuring America has a robust foreign policy that puts the needs of the U.S. and our allies first.

One of the most consequential issues we face is our approach to dealing with North Korea and our partnership with South Korea. We must work towards the complete and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula to enhance the U.S.'s safety and the world's safety.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of working with international partners to fight global pandemics. Until 2017, Taiwan was a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) until it was forced out by China. I asked witnesses how the Biden Administration will work to include Taiwan in the WHO and create a truly global partnership to prevent future pandemics.

You can watch my testimony and witness questioning [HERE](#).

COVID-19

I am committed to helping California's 39th District get through the COVID-19 pandemic better than before. As we work to safely reopen communities and get people back to work, I will do all that I can to make sure my constituents receive the relief you deserve.

Vaccines are currently available for CA-39 residents ages 65+.

- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in Orange County.
- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in Los Angeles County.
- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in San Bernardino County.
- Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our state's vaccination plan.

Find a full list of COVID-19 resources [HERE](#).

Casework

Need help with a federal agency, like Small Business or the VA? My team and I are here to help. Submit a casework request [HERE](#) and find our privacy release form for casework [HERE](#).

This Week's Votes and Bills in the House

You can view this week's votes on bills in the House of Representatives [HERE](#).

My team and I are here to serve you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns. I encourage you to follow me on social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at [@RepYoungKim](#).

Sincerely,



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