U.S. REPRESENTATIVE



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:

# Extending the Paycheck Protection Program Deadline to help our Small Businesses



The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has been a lifeline for our small businesses during COVID-19. With nearly 40,000 small businesses closing in our state alone this year and half of those closures being permanent, I am committed to helping our small businesses keep their doors open as we work to safely reopen our communities.

On Feb. 22, the Biden Administration announced changes to the program leaving many small businesses unable to adjust to the changes before the deadline to apply for a PPP loan on March 31.

I introduced a bipartisan bill to fix this problem. The Paycheck Protection Program Extension Act would extend the deadline to apply to May 31, 2021 and provide the Small Business Administration (SBA) an additional 30 days to process loan applications. This will help our small businesses receive the commonsense, targeted relief they need to keep their doors open and pay their employees during COVID-19. Learn more about the Paycheck Protection Program Extension Act <u>HERE</u>.

At a Small Business Committee hearing this week, I asked what the consequences would be for small businesses if we do not extend the deadline to May 31. You can watch my remarks HERE.

# Join Me for a Virtual Town Hall Next Week on Small Business Resources



On Wednesday, March 17, at 6:00 pm PT, I will host a virtual town hall on resources available to small businesses during COVID-19.

I'm excited for this discussion with Mr. Mike Daniel, Regional Director of the Orange County Inland Empire SBDC Network, Mr. Vartan Djihanian, Senior Manager of the Western Region for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a representative from the Small Business Administration (SBA).

We look forward to answering your questions on how small businesses can move forward during COVID-19.

You can register for the town hall **HERE**. I hope to talk to you then!

## **Protecting Jobs and Freelance Workers**



I spoke on the House floor this week urging my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 842, the so-called "Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act." This bill would nationalize many of the failed and harmful policies that Californians have lived under for years because of the disastrous Assembly Bill 5 that passed in 2019. The PRO Act will close businesses, kill jobs and hurt workers of all backgrounds. Congress must work to lift up entrepreneurs, not add more burdensome regulations that will make it even harder for small businesses to keep their doors open.

You can watch my remarks HERE.

### Strengthening U.S. Foreign Policy in Asia



I asked Secretary of State Antony Blinken about the Biden Administration's priorities in Asia at this week's House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing. I hope the administration works to support Taiwan, stands up against pressure from the Chinese Communist Party, moves North Korea human rights issues to the front burner, and strengthen the critical U.S.-Japan-South Korea partnership.

You can watch my questions to Secretary Blinken HERE.

## **Demanding Answers on our Southern Border Crisis**



The Biden Administration's policies are contributing to a crisis at our Southern border. In February alone, more than 100,000 men, women and children were detained for crossing our borders illegally, three times more than the same time last year. The current situation is dangerous for those attempting to cross the border and our CBP agents.

Americans and those going through the legal immigration process deserve better. We must secure our border now & create a fair, considerate & legal immigration system.

#### **Celebrating Women's History Month**



On International Women's Day and throughout Women's History Month, we celebrate the women leaders around the world who are making a difference in their communities, remember the generations of women who paved the way for us to have a seat at the table and empower young women and girls to speak up and get involved. Watch my tribute on International Women's Day <u>HERE</u>.

Follow along on my social media @RepYoungKim as we highlight a few of the amazing women across the nation who are blazing trails for future generations.

## **Congressional Art Competition**



Calling all CA-39 young artists! All high school students are invited to participate in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for a chance to have their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Visit my website <u>HERE to learn more</u>.

#### 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 <u>HERE</u> to make an appointment in Orange County.
- Click HERE to make an appointment in Los Angeles County.
- Click <u>HERE</u> to make an appointment in San Bernardino County.
- Click <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> and find our privacy release form for casework 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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