



Dear Friend,

I hope you had a great week and are looking forward to the weekend! I had a busy week in Congress fighting for you. Here are the highlights:

### Standing in Solidarity with the AAPI Community



Hate against any group of people has no place in our country. Unfortunately, we saw nearly 4,000 reported incidents of hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders over the past year. This is abhorrent and not reflective of the country that welcomed my family and me into its fabric.

I'm glad that this week, Congress came together to pass [a bipartisan bill](#) to help local, state and federal law enforcement agencies better address hate crimes. This bill is an important step in the right direction. However, we also cannot legislate hate out of our hearts and minds. Each of us has a personal responsibility to treat one another with respect. I will continue to do my part.

### Honoring Placentia First Responders



First responders are heroes who put their lives on the line each day to serve our communities. My team was honored to join the Placentia Chamber of Commerce and local government leaders at the annual First Responders Recognition Breakfast to honor our Placentia Fire and Police, Placentia Safety Communications Center and EMS Services.

On behalf of CA-39, our community honors Police Officer Selena Hurtado and Civilian Investigator Andrea Heinzl, Fire Engineer James Banister, Paramedic Louie Grijalva, EMTs Corey Ellison and Joshua Hammond and Public Safety Communications Manager Stefanie Acosta-Reyes.

Thank you to these outstanding public servants for all you do for the City of Placentia and CA-39!

## Hearing From You During My Telephone Town Hall



Thank you to everyone who joined my telephone town hall on Tuesday! We discussed a wide range of issues, such as the need to secure our border and fix our broken immigration system, get people back to work, support small business owners and workers, lower taxes, address homelessness in California, support the police and more.

If you did not receive a call this week, please call my office to voice your concerns and provide your contact information so you can join my next telephone town hall. I want to make sure that anyone who wants to join my telephone town hall is able to participate. My team and I are here to serve you and want to hear from you always.

## Working in a Bipartisan Way to Deliver Results for CA-39



I came to Congress to get through the partisan gridlock and create commonsense policies that deliver results for CA-39. I'm proud that my record in Congress **ranks the most bipartisan out of my freshman class**. I'm also excited that I have been able to get four of my bills passed by the House and one signed into law by the president. I assure you I am just getting started, and I'll continue to do all I can to work with members from both sides of the aisle to get things done.

## Strengthening our US-ROK Partnership



South Korea is one of our most important allies and an important partner in countering shared threats posed by North Korea.

I was honored to join a **bipartisan meeting** with South Korean President Moon Jae-in this week to discuss strengthening our bilateral partnership. This week, I also **outlined my thoughts** on US-Korea priorities in the *Washington Examiner* and introduced the bipartisan **Partner with Korea Act** which will strengthen greater investment in American businesses. I will always fight for our nation's interests on the House Foreign Affairs.

## Increasing Oversight of COVID-19 Relief Programs



After more than a year of dealing with unprecedented shutdowns and restrictions, small businesses across CA-39 and nationwide are finally reopening and safely getting back to work. For many entrepreneurs, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) emergency relief programs, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) program, have been a critical lifeline to keep their doors open.

Congress has a duty to ensure the SBA manages relief programs properly and make sure taxpayer dollars are spent effectively. Waste, fraud and abuse must be prevented, so relief goes to those who need it most, and our hard-earned tax dollars are not wasted.

## Protecting American Workers



As our nation emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must do all we can to support families and small businesses getting back on their feet after over a year of dealing with pandemic restrictions. The last thing Congress should be doing as we get our economy back on track is passing bills like the PRO Act, which would implement many of the disastrous policies of AB 5 nationwide.

We must support small businesses and Americans returning to work, especially as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that the Biden Administration and Congressional leaders talk to California workers and families impacted by anti-worker policies of AB 5 so we can finally deliver solutions that will better the lives of all Californians and Americans.

## Creating a More Efficient State Department



Our country deserves to have the best tools to achieve our goals worldwide. Currently, diplomats and foreign service officers have to complete duplicative training and reporting requirements. This has made the State Department less responsive to international events and less prepared to meet the 21st Century’s global challenges.

The House passed my bill to reform and modernize the State Department as part of the bipartisan Department of State Authorization Act of 2021. My bill will streamline and improve State Department reporting requirements and ensure employees participate in educational programs to grow their skillsets to better work for the American people. I look forward to my bill being swiftly passed by the Senate.

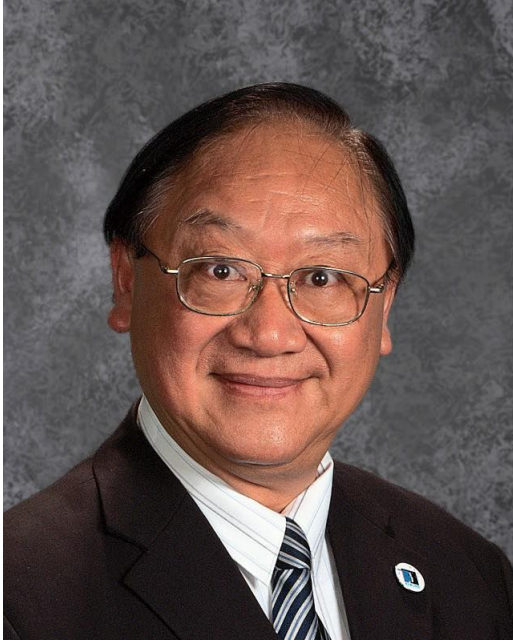
## Securing Our Border and Fixing Our Broken Immigration System



Drug cartels are the only ones benefiting from the security, humanitarian and public health crisis at our Southern border. It’s hurting Americans, straining our resources including of our border patrol and Customs and Border Protection officers on the front lines, endangering migrants who are making the perilous journey to the U.S. in search of a better life, and undermining legal immigration.

The Biden administration must acknowledge the crisis and visit the border firsthand to talk with border patrol, law enforcement, mayors, judges and others on the front lines. This is no longer just a border issue; it’s an American issue. We cannot fix the problem if we do not recognize there is a problem. I will do my part to secure our border and allow for fair, legal immigration.

## Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Throughout this month, we recognize the countless Asian Americans who have broken barriers and are making our communities, country and world a better place. I'm proud to represent so many Asian Americans who are making a difference throughout our community.

**Follow along on my social media @RepYoungKim as we highlight a few of the amazing leaders across the nation who have paved the way and are blazing trails for future generations.**

## **Catch Up on My Work for You in Congress**

Missed any of my previous e-newsletters or want to be reminded of my work for you in Congress? Visit my website [HERE](#) to view my e-newsletter archive.

## **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 our 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 12+.

- 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 the Small Business Administration, IRS 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](#).

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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