



## Official Newsletter

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### ***Biden Impeachment Hearing:***



Once again, Hunter Biden is hiding. We've read each of Hunter's business partners depositions. This hearing showed us everything we needed to know: all of them confirmed Joe Biden used his political office to benefit Hunter's questionable business deals. The witnesses confirmed that a Chinese company pledged a board seat to then-vice president Joe Biden while Hunter Biden was receiving funds from the same company. Hunter Biden lied in his deposition by claiming he did not involve his father in his business deals. But we all know he did. Our questioning at this hearing proved that. *You can watch our rapid fire questions [here](#).*

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***Standing up for Jewish College  
Students Across the Country:***



We held a press conference alongside OLAMI to announce our letter of support for a regulation change to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 more effectively, particularly concerning incidents of antisemitism and other acts of hate on college campuses. The proposed Zero Tolerance regulation seeks to establish transparency and accountability for universities in reporting and investigating incidents, with the threat of federal funding loss for non-compliance. Our office will continue to champion policies that protect religious freedom and combat antisemitism. You can watch the full press conference [here](#).



## We Introduced the ‘Stop VOYEURS Act of 2024’

Existing voyeurism laws, such as those in South Carolina, are inadequate and call for the federal government to play a more active role in prosecuting the crime. Moreover, video voyeurism is currently a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to a year in prison and potentially hefty fines. Our bill aims to expand federal penalties for photo and video voyeurism by increasing sentencing up to 5 years in jail, as well as cracking down on interstate transportation and the sale of intimate photos and videos taken without a person’s consent. *You can watch the full introduction [here](#).*

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## Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Hearing: “White House Overreach on AI”

On Thursday, our office held a hearing addressing the White House's executive order on AI. This heavy-handed overreach would mandate companies to provide data whenever they develop AI systems to the government. In our opening statement, we emphasized how new laws could smother AI advancements and delay the onset of life-enhancing and life-saving discoveries. The administration’s invocation of the Defense Production Act for this Executive Order which mandates AI developers inform the government if they are even considering building novel AI systems, setting a dangerous precedent moving into the future. *You can watch the full hearing by clicking [here](#).*

*“Congress wisely hasn’t authorized the Administration to go out and regulate AI differently than other technologies. But this Executive Order does so*

anyway. It invokes the emergency powers of the Defense Production Act or DPA to require AI developers to notify the government if they are even considering developing powerful new AI systems. It also mandates they regularly hand over sensitive, proprietary data like testing results to the Commerce Department. What does this have to do with defense production? The DPA gives the President extraordinary powers to ensure the supply of critical goods in time of war or national emergency.”

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*“What is the biggest national security concern around AI? It’s the risk that we relinquish our current lead in AI to China. That could have catastrophic implications for our military preparedness. But requiring potential new AI developers to share their business plans and sensitive data with the Government could scare away would-be innovators and impede more ChatGPT-type breakthroughs.” -Rep. Nancy Mace*



### Cybersecurity Summit of 2024

We keynoted the Cybersecurity Summit of 2024 in Beaufort and accepted the Cyber Champion Award! This summit is all about pressing issues in Congress regarding cybersecurity, information technology, & AI. This year’s summit highlighted “Maritime Cybersecurity” with presentations by internationally recognized experts in the field of cybersecurity as it affects our ports, ships, and abilities to move goods around the world. As Oversight Subcommittee chair, cybersecurity is national security.



## Our Votes This Week:

### ***We voted ‘No’ on H.Res 1102 – Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024***

This bill epitomizes everything wrong with Washington: wasteful spending, rushed legislation, and an egregious disregard for the interests of the American people. Instead of addressing the crisis at our southern border, it showers more money on ineffective agencies and programs. Instead of addressing increased cost of living, it raises taxes. It’s a slap in the face to hardworking taxpayers.



***We voted 'Yes' on H. Res. 987 - Denouncing Anti-American Energy Policies.*** This resolution condemns the catastrophic energy policies implemented by the Biden administration, which have proven to be nothing short of disastrous. Our firm stance against these policies underscores our unwavering support for the urgent need to prioritize the production of dependable and cost-effective energy sources right here at home. By opposing these measures that have led to skyrocketing energy costs, we are steadfast in our commitment to safeguarding the well-being of constituents in the Lowcountry. Access to affordable energy is a fundamental right for families and businesses alike.

***H.R. 6306 – Embassy Construction Integrity Act of 2023***

This bill passed the House by voice without objection. It will prohibit the Department of State from acquiring or leasing buildings for diplomatic posts (embassies) outside the United States if they're owned by Chinese entities. It also stops these entities from doing construction or maintenance on these buildings. By doing this, the bill aims to keep American taxpayer money within our borders and prevent potential security risks associated with Chinese-affiliated entities controlling diplomatic properties abroad.

***H.R. 6610 – Passport System Reform and Backlog Prevention Act, Passed by voice without objection***

The Passport System Reform and Backlog Prevention Act has bipartisan support and underscores the urgency and importance of addressing passport issuance issues and implementing reforms to streamline the process. The bill also mandates the expansion of IT programs, staff, and case workers. It further requires exploring commercial technologies to improve the process and will mandate a review by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

***H.R. 6602 – To amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, Passed by voice without objection***

This bill revises dispute resolution processes between two parties for export license applications, mandating the Operating Committee for Export Policy to resolve disputes by majority vote, particularly concerning countries under comprehensive U.S. arms embargoes. This will streamline the resolution process, ensuring efficient decision-making on export licenses while maintaining strong oversight.

***H.R. 766 – Dr. Michael C. Burgess Preventive Health Savings Act, passed by voice without objection***

The Preventive Health Savings Act mandates the Congressional Budget Office to assess whether proposed legislation utilizing preventive health measures would lead to spending reductions beyond the 10-year budget window. If substantial savings are projected, the bill requires the CBO to incorporate descriptions and estimates of these savings into its projections. By incentivizing the use of preventive health services, the bill aims to not only improve public health outcomes but also generate long-term cost savings for the government,

ultimately benefiting everyone by promoting healthier communities and more efficient healthcare spending.

***H.R. 6260 – FOCUS Act, passed by voice without objection***

The FOCUS Act requires the General Services Administration (GSA) to limit scope or size changes for public building projects and report to Congress on project updates, safety incidents, and building utilization rates. Voting yes on this bill will ensure greater oversight and accountability for federal building projects in the first congressional district, preventing excessive cost escalations and promoting efficient utilization of public resources while enhancing safety measures.

***H.R. 6261 – Impact of Crime on Public Building Usage Act of 2023, passed by voice without objection***

This bill requires reports to congress about how crime affects the use and cost of public buildings, including federal buildings. It will look at drug use, homelessness, and other crimes on federal property. Additionally, it will require the General Services Administration (GSA) Inspector General to report on how crime and safety affect the operation costs of federal buildings.

***We voted 'Yes' on H.R. 1836 - Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act***

This bill implements reforms aimed at ensuring fair and competitive practices in ocean shipping, particularly targeting market manipulation and anti-competitive actions, with a focus on countries like China. By protecting against unfair competition and promoting fair practices in shipping, we aim to benefit businesses and workers in the Lowcountry.

***We voted 'Yes' on H.R. 7023 - Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act***

We voted 'Yes' on this bill because it makes important changes to water quality management and permitting processes. This bill will set clearer rules for water quality, making sure that our water stays clean and safe. Second, it will make getting permits for projects easier and faster, while still having oversight on the quality of each project. Finally, we voted 'Yes' on this bill because it gives clear guidelines on projects and extends how long permits last.

***We voted 'Yes' on H. Con. Res. 86 - Opposing Carbon Tax***

This resolution expresses our opposition to the imposition of a carbon tax, highlighting its potential detrimental effects on the U.S. economy by raising the cost of goods and services

***We voted 'Yes' on H. R. 6009 Restoring American Energy Dominance Act***

The Restoring American Energy Dominance Act prioritizes American energy interests while protecting our environment. By halting potentially harmful changes to oil and gas leasing on public lands, we conserve natural resources. This supports sustainable energy practices and enhances national energy security, reducing reliance on foreign sources. Our office voted "Yes" because

this legislation balances environmental protection with securing reliable and affordable energy for all Americans.

***We voted 'Yes' on H. R. 1121 Protecting American Energy Production Act***

This bill will ensure the continuation of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) by prohibiting the President from unilaterally declaring a moratorium on fracking without congressional authorization. The bill upholds the importance of this technique in accessing oil and natural gas resources. Ultimately, by preserving and protecting fracking, we can unleash American energy, drive economic growth, create more jobs, and enhance energy security for the nation.

***We voted 'Yes' on H.R. 7520 Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act***

We voted 'Yes' on this bill to protect the American people, especially children and teens, by prohibiting data brokers from selling sensitive personal information to adversarial countries like North Korea, China, Russia, or Iran. This legislation is crucial for safeguarding sensitive data, including government-issued identifiers and private communications, which are frequently utilized by kids and teens in our community for communication and education. By enacting these protections, we're ensuring a safer digital environment, shielding our personal information from potential misuse or exploitation by foreign entities.

***We voted 'Yes' on H. Res. 149 Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation***

We voted 'Yes' on H.Res.149 because it condemns Russia's abduction of Ukrainian children, which violates human rights and international law. This resolution is crucial as it holds Russia accountable for these reprehensible actions and emphasizes the increased risks faced by Ukrainian children due to the invasion.

***We voted 'Yes' H. R. 4723 Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act***

We voted 'Yes' on this piece of legislation because it's crucial for Bosnia and Herzegovina's peace and stability. This bill imposes sanctions on those threatening the country's peace or democracy, reinforcing our commitment to peace. Given the importance of the Dayton Peace Agreement in ending the Bosnian War, it's vital to protect it from threats. Our support for this bill shows our dedication to promoting peace and democracy in the region.



The 2024 Annual Congressional Art Competition has arrived! We want to invite

all high school students in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District to partake in the Annual Congressional Art Competition. This competition celebrates artistic talent within our district. You can visit [here](#) to find out more information about the competition.

Good luck!

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**Yours in Service,**



Congresswoman Nancy Mace

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