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The Week in Review

Happy Friday!

The House was not in session this week, but I was still working hard to advance the interests of the Fifth District. From finding solutions to improve Arizona's higher education to holding the officials involved with the unprecedented FBI raid at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence accountable, I hope you'll read below to learn about the important happenings from the week:

Holding Officials Involved with the FBI Raid at Mar-a-Lago Accountable

Last week, Joe Biden's FBI raided Mar-a-Lago—President Trump's private residence. The FBI seized around 20 boxes of documents. The raid is considered unprecedented and the true reason or support for the raid remains unclear.

But what is clear is that the Biden Administration weaponized its law enforcement resources to publicly target a political opponent and I will not let it go unchecked.

This week, I co-signed House Judiciary Committee letters addressed to Assistant to the President and White House Chief of Staff Ronald Klain, FBI Director Christopher Wray, and Attorney General Merrick Garland demanding documents, communications, and more information relating or referring to the execution of a search warrant at Mar-a-Lago.

Our law enforcement apparatus should serve the American public—not special interests. My colleagues and I will ensure that we hold these figures accountable and help restore trust in these institutions.

The [letter](#) may be read here.

Arizona State University Education Panel

This week, I moderated an education panel at Arizona State University (ASU) titled the *Digital Enablement and the Future of Higher Education*.

The panelists and I discussed how the deployment of new technologies, including social platforms as well as adaptive and immersive experiences, can increase access to educational opportunities and deliver superior learning outcomes in Arizona.

Digital technologies increase the scale and efficiency of educational attainment, from high school through graduate school, and Arizona is seen as a leader in the use of these technologies.

The panelists included:

Ara Austin

Director of Online Engagement & Strategic Initiatives
The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, ASU

Kathleen deLaski

Founder & CEO
Education Design Lab

Ann Kirschner

President
Comma Communications

Raghu Santanam

Senior Associate Dean
W.P. Carey School of Business, ASU

I'd like to thank ASU and the panelists for allowing me to moderate this highly important discussion regarding the future of education in Arizona.



Meeting with the VA to Discuss Delayed Care

On Wednesday, I met with Joshua Stanwitz of Concerned Veterans of America, Bob Dalpe of Arizona Veterans Medical Leadership Council, veteran advocate Steve Cooper, and Ro Gonzalez of Valors

Veterans Community AZ to discuss the latest VA crisis and long wait times currently faced by our veterans.

This is outrageous. Our nation has promised care for our veterans and the VA is failing to deliver that promise.

I've recently sent a letter to VA Secretary Denis McDonough demanding information regarding staff shortages at VA facilities in Arizona. That letter may be read [here](#).

I'm grateful for Steve, Bob, Joshua, and Ro's insight and I will continue to fight for those who have served our nation.



U.S. Service Academy Nomination

If you or someone you know is interested in attending a U.S. service academy, I can help. As a member of Congress, I can nominate individuals to attend each of the service academies, including:

U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY.

Click [here](#) to apply or to find more information.



Letters and Legislation

Bills Cosponsored

[H.R. 8702](#) - To prohibit the implementation of the proposed rule entitled "Nondiscrimination in Health Programs and Activities".

[H.R. 864](#) - No Social Security for Illegal Aliens Act of 2021.

[H.R. 8268](#) - Disarm the IRS Act.

[H.Res. 1318](#) - Impeaching Merrick Brian Garland, Attorney General of the United States, for endangering, compromising, and undermining the justice system of the United States by facilitating the persecution of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.'s, political rival, Donald J. Trump, the 45th President of the United States.

Letters Cosigned

[Letter](#) to White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain demanding documents related to the search of Mar-a-Lago.

[Letter](#) to AG Garland demanding documents related to the search of Mar-a-Lago.

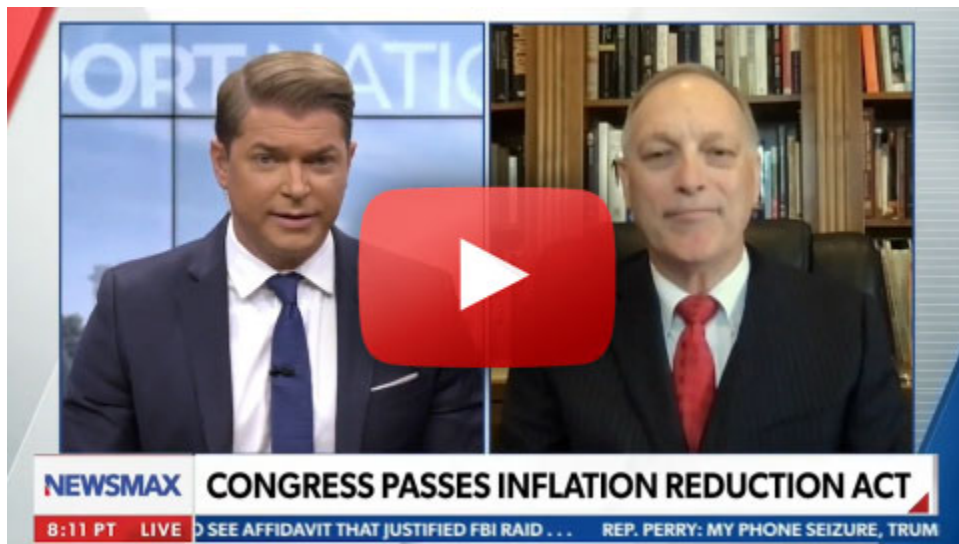
[Letter](#) to FBI Director Wray demanding documents related to the search of Mar-a-Lago.

Top Media Appearances of the Week

I joined Fox News' Jon Scott to explain how the FBI and DOJ are being weaponized to target political opponents, and the effectiveness of the new shipping container border wall in Yuma, Arizona.



I joined Newsmax's Shaun Kraisman to discuss Democrats' expensive and bloated Inflation Reduction Act and the unprecedented FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago. Click below to watch some of the segment.



I joined Newsmax's John Bachman to provide my thoughts on New York City housing illegal aliens in luxury New York City hotels, how the Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act funds 87,000 IRS agents, and the weaponization of the FBI. Click below to watch some of the segment.



Top Tweets of the Week



Rep Andy Biggs  @RepAndyBiggsAZ · Aug 17

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Joe Biden has visited Delaware nearly 50 times since entering the Oval Office.

He has yet to visit the southern border ONCE in his entire life.

He is not a leader.

 8,947  5,579  22.8K  








Rep Andy Biggs  @RepAndyBiggsAZ · Aug 18

...

President Trump took out the Bush, Clinton, and Cheney dynasties.

America First is the path forward.

 4,974  1,443  7,936  



Rep Andy Biggs  @RepAndyBiggsAZ · Aug 17

...

America First.

 2,321  826  5,955  



Rep Andy Biggs @RepAndyBiggsAZ · Aug 15



Today marks the 1-year anniversary of Biden's botched Afghanistan withdrawal.

Thousands of American and Afghan allies were abandoned, billions of dollars of military equipment were left behind, and 13 U.S. service members tragically died.

We cannot forget about this failure.

1,283 1,521 3,684



Rep Andy Biggs @RepAndyBiggsAZ · Aug 13



It's time to hold the DOJ accountable.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene @RepMTG · Aug 13
 Thank you to @RepAndyBiggsAZ for cosponsoring my resolution to #ImpeachGarland. twitter.com/RepMTG/status/...

1,526 589 2,103

Definition of the Week

This week marked the one-year anniversary of President Biden’s botched Afghanistan withdrawal. The Biden Administration abandoned thousands of American and Afghan allies, left behind billions of dollars of military equipment, and allowed the Taliban to regain control of the country. Thirteen U.S. service members tragically died during the withdrawal.

The Biden Administration has yet to be held accountable and take any responsibility for its failures.

Inspired by Joe Biden and Democrats’ false narrative, here’s the definition of the week:

The Biden Administration's Afghanistan Withdrawal (NOUN): One of the most significant foreign policy failures in modern American history.



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