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As the House of Representatives continued the annual appropriations process, last week we took time to honor our Nation's Veterans. Additionally, I introduced legislation to protect our national interests against those who seek to spy or steal from the United States. We also celebrated the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. With the deadline to keep the government funded quickly approaching, I will keep working tirelessly to ensure we fund the functions of government, but that we do so responsibly, and while reining in out-of-control spending that has taken a toll on our Nation for too long.

## Veteran's Day

As we celebrated Veterans Day, we honored all the men and women who have served this country in both war and peace and put their lives on the line to protect freedom on our soil and around the world. We owe each of our Veterans and their families a debt of gratitude for the service and sacrifice they made so we can enjoy our way of life.

Few things in Congress are more important than taking care of those who took care of us. Throughout my tenure, I have strived to ensure that Veterans have access to quality and timely health care services, as well as the benefits, support, and resources they deserve, by advocating for and passing legislation such as the [PACT Act](#), the [National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2023](#), and the [LEGION Act](#). Rest assured, I will continue to fight for our Nation's heroes and make clear that they will always have the unwavering support of their Representative in the Sixth District of Virginia.



## Defending Our National Security Against Espionage

The Chinese Communist Party has actively engaged in espionage efforts to infiltrate American society, steal our intellectual property, and gain our country's secrets, posing a serious threat to our national security. Unfortunately, current laws allow known spies who have been expelled from the United States to immediately reapply for visas.

Our country needs to be protected so known bad actors are not allowed to steal from us again. That is why last week, I introduced the [Protecting America From Spies Act](#) (H.R. 6286) to strengthen our immigration laws and crackdown on foreign espionage by ensuring that any individuals who attempt to spy or steal from the United States are denied entry into our country. Read more [here](#).

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## **EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Cline Introduces Legislation To Protect Americans From Being Spied On**



## Fighting to End President Biden's Anti-Second Amendment Agenda

We have seen just how far the Biden Administration will go to try and cancel the Second Amendment. Now, they are harming American businesses and the employees who depend on them by pausing the issuance of civilian firearm exports.

I joined my colleagues in demanding that the Administration end this unprecedented and reckless restriction and continue allowing law-abiding U.S. businesses to sell their firearms overseas. We will keep fighting to stop the President's anti-gun agenda. Read more [here](#).



## Sounding the Alarm on Big Government Spending

Report after report, we have seen how reckless, big government spending has consequences, and it has gone on for long enough. Our national debt has ballooned to \$[33.7](#) trillion and interest payments on the debt have [doubled](#) in the past 19 months to over \$1 trillion. Our budget deficit of \$1.7 trillion shows how this burden grows every year.

If we continue this unsustainable tax-and-spending spree, and the debt continues to skyrocket before our eyes, our country, our economy, and our families will continue to be harmed by the resulting record-high inflation and limits on access to capital. With the appropriations process underway, we are working to rein in out-of-control spending, restore economic freedom, and unleash prosperity in America once again.



## Honoring 248 Years of the United States Marine Corps

In commemoration of the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, we honor, cherish, and thank our Marines for defending our Nation. From “the Halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli,” to the beaches of Iwo Jima, the Marines have and continue to answer our Nation’s call, always ready to fight and ready to win. Semper Fidelis!



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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