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News From Congressman Ben Cline



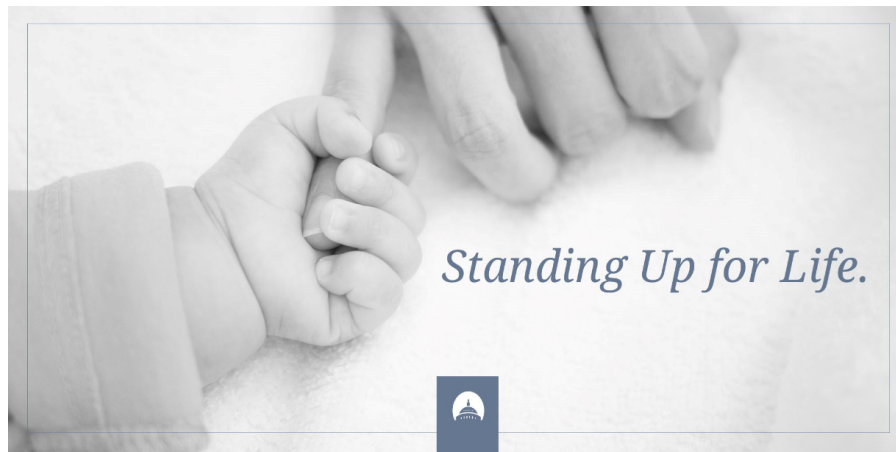
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While I was home in Virginia this week for District Work Period, it was still a busy few days policy-wise. The week began with an unprecedented leak from the Supreme Court. While I was disturbed by the violation of this sacred institution's confidentiality, I am hopeful that the court reaffirms the sanctity of life when it rules on *Roe v. Wade* later this summer. Further, this week, I introduced legislation with my colleagues to defund the Biden Administration's recently announced "Disinformation Governance Board," which is a gross federal overreach and an assault on the First Amendment. Additionally, I was pleased that the Department of Interior responded to calls from me and other Members of Congress to resume Park Police escorts for the Honor Flight Network, an organization dedicated to bringing Veterans to the war memorials recognizing their service. Finally, as the United States continues to face an economic downturn, I visited several small businesses and with other groups to ensure the voices of Sixth District residents are heard in Washington. It is an honor to serve the people of western Virginia, and I will continue fighting for the values that make our region a great place to live and raise a family.

Protecting Life:

Recently, in an unprecedented moment for the Supreme Court, a draft opinion was leaked, which indicates the High Court is poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. This leak is of great concern, as the judicial process must be non-political and always be rooted in the letter of the law. A breach of this nature undermines the confidence the American people have in the Supreme Court, it erodes the trust the Justices have in one another, and it hurts the confidentiality necessary for the Court to discuss cases before them. This was a disgraceful attempt to leverage public pressure to influence the Justices, and it will now be used by the Left to try to end the filibuster and pack the Court with radical liberals. With

that said, I will always seek to protect the sanctity of life, and I hope and pray that the Supreme Court will do so when it rules on the case later this year.



Big Brother:

The Biden Administration's decision to create a Disinformation Governance Board, or probably better known as the 'Ministry of Truth,' is dystopian in design, almost certainly unconstitutional, and clearly doomed from the start. The government has no role whatsoever in determining what constitutes permissible truth or acceptable speech, and further, the President's choosing of Nina Jankowicz to serve as the Board's Executive Director is of equal concern. Jankowicz, who refers to herself as the "Mary Poppins of Disinformation," is a frequent purveyor of falsehoods, and appears sympathetic to the cause of censoring Americans. President Biden should dissolve this Board immediately, but assuming he won't do so, my colleagues and I introduced legislation this week to bar federal tax dollars from funding it. Additionally, several Members of Congress also wrote to the Secretary of Homeland Security expressing our concerns that this Board's creation is an alarming attempt by the Biden Administration to use the Department as a political tool. The full letter can be found [here](#).

Honor Flight Network:

Since its founding in 2005, the Honor Flight Network has taken more than 250,000 World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and terminally ill Veterans on an all-expense-paid trip to visit our Nation's capital. Veterans visit – many for the first time – the very war memorials dedicated to their service to our country. During these trips, Veterans share memories and accounts from their time in service, pay tribute to their lost comrades, and build important bonds with fellow participants. Honor Flights Hubs meticulously plan these experiences to further the Honor Flight Network's vision of a country where "all of America's Veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve." During the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the National Park Police halted their escorts of the groups' buses. This made the trips far more difficult as parking near the memorials is limited and many of the Veterans are handicapped. That is why my colleagues and I wrote to the Secretary of Interior requesting that Park Police once again be allowed to provide such escorts. Fortunately, following our letter, the decision was reversed, and escorts will resume on June 1. To read the full letter, click [here](#).



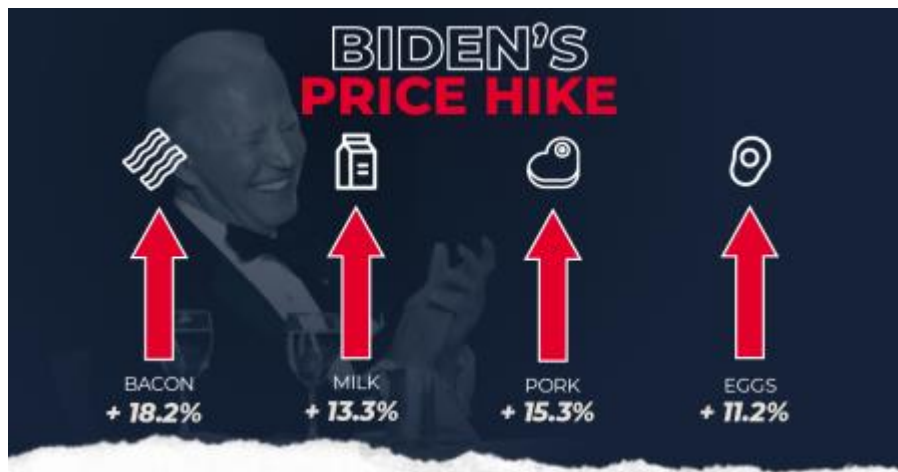
Mask Mandates:

Over the last 2 years, the CDC found the power to shut down the cruise ship industry, stop landlords from evicting tenants who had not paid their rent, and required that people using public transportation wear masks. These actions were a gross federal overreach, and the CDC blatantly violated the law by using the *Public Health Services Act* as justification for these mandates. The interpretation of this statute was unconstitutional and egregious, and I recently asked Attorney General Garland why he was appealing a federal judge's ruling specifically overturning the mask mandate.



Economic Downturn:

President Joe Biden and House Democrats' liberal policies and out-of-control government spending are driving the American economy off the cliff. Inflation is at a 40-year high, and according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, America's GDP decreased at an annual rate of 1.4% in the first quarter of 2022. Instead of addressing the economic crisis they created, Biden and House Democrats continue to double down on their Far-Left policies and out-of-control spending. Gas prices have soared, grocery costs are through the roof, folks are spending more to heat/cool their homes, and now, interest rates are rising .5% - the highest one-time raise in over two decades. This means, on top of all of the other cost increases Americans are facing, folks will now pay more for home, auto, and business loans. Families are already struggling, and this is yet another example of how Biden's broken economy will hurt their bottom lines.



Small Business Week:

As we celebrated National Small Business Week, I took time to visit small businesses in our area, such as Deb's Frozen Lemonade in Cave Spring, to hear from owners like Keith Liles about how they're handling the current economic downturn. Small businesses are vital to the economic success of our Nation, employing more than 61 million Americans or nearly 47% of the workforce. Further, small businesses create two-thirds of new jobs and deliver 43.5% of the United States' GDP. As mom-and-pop shops continue to recover from COVID lockdowns and struggle to cope with inflation, I wanted to ensure I can take their concerns up to Washington. In Congress, I will continue fighting for pro-business policies that help spur economic growth.



Rep. Cline Visits Deb's Frozen Lemonade in Cave Spring

Constituent Visits:

As the Representative for Virginia's Sixth District, one of my top priorities is making myself available to meet with constituents whether I'm here in the Commonwealth or in Washington. This week, I enjoyed visiting with small businesses, student groups, manufacturing facilities, and more.



CloudFit Software - Lynchburg, VA



Altec Inc. - Daleville, VA



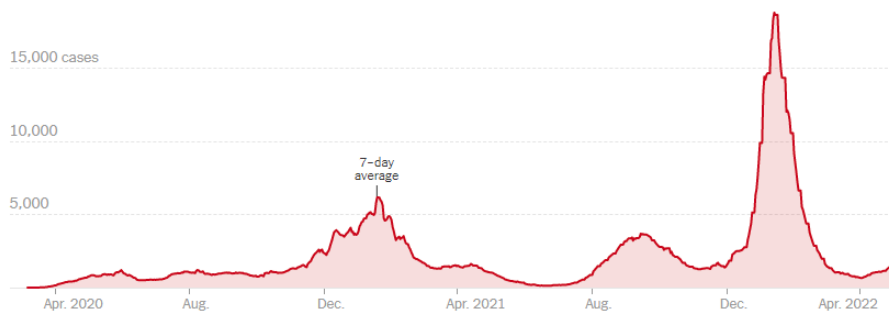
Amherst Rotary Pancake Day - Amherst, VA



Jefferson Forest High School - Forest, VA

COVID-19 Update:

Last week in Virginia there was an average of **18.6** daily cases of COVID-19 per every 100,000 residents. This is up from an average of **15.3** cases from one week prior. This week's positivity rate was 9.3%, up from an average of 7.8% last week. For more information, click [here](#).



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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