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Last week, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for his failure to enforce our border laws, encouraging record levels of illegal immigration, and creating a national security crisis. The Secretary becomes the first Cabinet Official to face such a section since 1876. Additionally, the House passed legislation that halts the Biden Administration's natural gas export ban. Unfortunately, with inflation continuing to run above 17%, new numbers from the Department of Labor were reminders yet again that "Bidenomics" is not working for the American people. As always, I enjoyed meeting with constituents in my D.C. office, meeting with students in the United States Capitol, and visiting a small business in our district. Rest assured, I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that Washington runs for the Valley.

Impeaching Secretary Mayorkas

Secretary Mayorkas has knowingly and willfully neglected his oath of office, plunging America into the worst border crisis in our history. Every community, including Virginia's Sixth District, is now a border community suffering the consequences of his dereliction of duty. His failed leadership at the Department of Homeland Security has utilized loopholes within our immigration system, disregarded our established immigration laws, and imperiled every American citizen's rights and security, which he swore an oath to defend.

During his tenure, our country has experienced an unprecedented crisis that has empowered the cartels, increased human trafficking, spiked the flow of fentanyl, and put each and every American citizen's life at risk. I fully support the impeachment and I'm proud to have been chosen as one of the eleven impeachment managers who will advocate the House's case in the Senate trial against Secretary Mayorkas. The Senate must allow the House to voice the frustrations of the people we serve and hold a trial to remove Mayorkas for breaking the law.

Key Facts:

There have been [OVER 8.3 MILLION](#) illegal crossings nationwide.

In FY23, 169 people whose names appear on the [terrorist watchlist](#) were stopped trying to cross the Southern Border, an all-time record.

Between October 2022 and August 2023, CBP recorded nearly 75,000 encounters of inadmissible

aliens who represented [potential threats](#) to national security.

CBP seized an all-time record of over [27,000 pounds](#) of fentanyl at the Southwest border. These seizures are far more than enough to kill every American in the country.



Watch my floor speech speaking on the impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas [here](#) or above.

Halting Biden's Reckless LNG Export Ban

Joe Biden's Department of Energy furthered the global elites' climate agenda last month when they decided to halt [LNG](#) export permits. This move burdens the taxpayers, forcing Americans to potentially pay extra for natural gas. Additionally, this move harms the [United States' national security](#) by giving Iran and Russia the opportunity to take total control of the prices of LNG throughout the world.

We should be unleashing American energy, not making it harder to produce by adding red tape, threatening our domestic production and national security, and killing American jobs. That is why House Republicans passed [H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024](#), which would end the Biden Administration's prohibition on LNG exports and take effective measures to ensuring that our national security is bolstered.

BIDEN'S LNG EXPORT BAN:

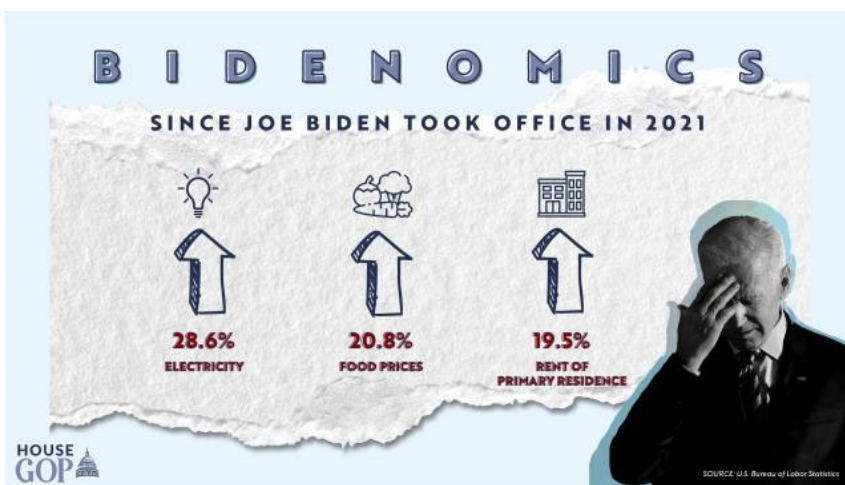
- X HURTS THE ECONOMY & JOBS
- X UNDERMINES OUR ENERGY SECURITY
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“Bidenomics” Continues To Fail Americans

"Bidenomics" is the gift that keeps on taking. According to recent reports, the cost of [wholesale prices](#) and [imported goods](#) skyrocketed in January. Americans are also paying an extra [\\$1,019](#) a month compared to three years ago. Furthermore, Electricity is up [28.6%](#) and food prices are up [20.8%](#) since Biden took office.

As costs remain high, Americans will continue to be impacted by the excessive spending and heavy-handed regulations of "Bidenomics". These disastrous economic policies laid out by the Biden administration are why House Republicans are fighting every day to restore fiscal responsibility and to find ways to provide relief for American families.



Recognizing The Harrisonburg High School Electric Vehicle Racing Team

The Harrisonburg High School Electric Vehicle team has been competing in the Electric Vehicle Grand Prix. This competition empowers each constructor to use their knowledge to design and build a car that can race the most laps within the timespan of an hour. After two years of hard work and dedication to build the most efficient car, these young engineers were selected to be one of the six

teams representing the United States in the international EV competition in Abu Dhabi. I was pleased to recognize the racing team and wish them success at the Grand Prix.



Watch my floor speech recognizing the Harrisonburg High School Electric Vehicle Racing Team [here](#) or above.

Meetings On The Hill



I had the privilege of meeting with Anthony Tongen and Benjamin Delp from James Madison University in my D.C. office.



I enjoyed speaking with some bright students from Chelsea Academy during their visit to Washington D.C. We had a great discussion on how Congress functions and they asked thoughtful questions about our work.

District Travels



I had a great time stopping by Down Home Comfort Bakery in Front Royal, VA, for a delicious cinnamon bun! If you're in the area, swing by and satisfy your sweet tooth!

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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