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News From Congressman Ben Cline



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It was a productive week traveling around the Valley and hearing from constituents, businesses, and organizations about the issues most important to them and their families. Unfortunately, we continue to see more problems facing our nation, including the continued costs of Biden's border crisis and the antisemitic protests on college campuses. The House is working to address these and other issues through the annual appropriations process. On a brighter note, my team launched a partnership with James Madison University to participate in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. I also had the opportunity to meet with folks about the different ways we can support small businesses in the Sixth District. As we head into the next four weeks of session, I will continue to fight to make Washington work for families in Virginia's Sixth District, and across America.

Launching a Partnership with JMU for the Veterans History Project

Last week, I was excited to announce that my office will be teaming with James Madison University to participate in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. The Veterans History Project collects, preserves, and makes accessible the firsthand accounts of American wartime veterans so that future generations may learn about veterans' experiences in their own words to better understand the realities of war. It's great to have institutions like JMU in Virginia's Sixth District who consistently go beyond what is required of them to serve both their veteran and military connected students.

American war veterans who reside in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District are encouraged to register to be interviewed for the Veterans History Project. After an interview is completed, it is archived with the Library of Congress and made available for all citizens to watch and learn about the service and sacrifices of these courageous men and women.

With over 18,000 veterans in Virginia's Sixth District, I'm proud to support a project that recognizes their invaluable contribution and keeps their legacy alive for future generations. For veterans interested in sharing their own story or know someone who would be interested, please

visit [here](#) to get more information on how to register.



Attending the launch of JMU's Veterans History Project along with VA Delegates Chris Runion and Tony Wilt.

Helping Find Relief for Small Businesses

Employing 1.6 million people, Virginia is home to more than 800,000 small businesses, which account for almost 99.5% of businesses in the Commonwealth. As small businesses continue to suffer due to rising inflation, burdensome regulations, and high taxes under Biden's reckless economic policies, we need to find solutions that alleviate, not exacerbate the pressures small businesses are facing. Last week my Small Business Advisory Group met in Winchester to discuss policies Congress can implement regarding small businesses. My office will continue to be a strong advocate and create a better environment where small businesses can thrive.



The Costly Consequences of Biden's Border Crisis

Joe Biden's failed Far Left open border policies continue to fuel the historic invasion happening at our borders, jeopardizing the safety and security of every American. According to a recent report, Biden's border crisis costs the United States approximately \$150 billion each year, which means that every American taxpayer pays \$1,150 more each year to fund it.

As long as Biden continues to keep our borders open, Americans will continue to feel and see the effects of Biden's border crisis. That's why House Republicans are working everyday to put pressure on the Senate and Biden to address this issue and enact serious policy changes to stop the chaos and secure our border.



Condemning Antisemitism on College Campuses

Across our country, we are witnessing antisemitic groups taking over college and university campuses, openly supporting the reprehensible actions of Hamas. It is clear that the leadership of these academic institutions must be reevaluated and replaced with individuals who will stand up against antisemitism and ensure a safe environment for Jewish students and all members of the community.

At the time when decisive leadership was needed to denounce these protests, Biden stood back. The stark reality is that Hamas is a terrorist entity and Israel remains our closest ally in the region.

House Republicans will continue to stand with Israel and the Jewish community nationwide. The administrators at these colleges who are neglecting to take action against the pro-terror students should resign.

District Travels



Congratulations to the Blue Ridge Christian School's girls' basketball team on their outstanding victory in the Virginia Association of Christian Athletics State Championship. It was an honor to

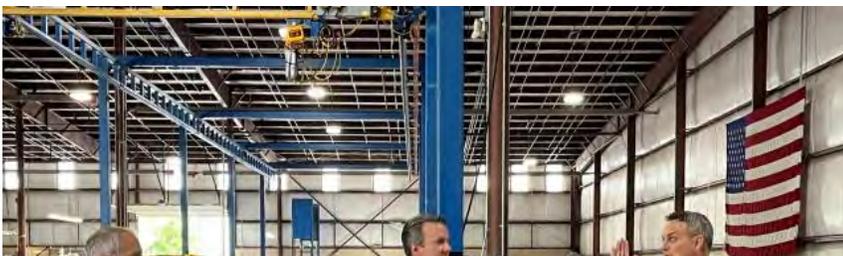
present them with a commemorative plaque, recognizing their tremendous performance this season.



I had the pleasure of visiting the new food pantry at the Carilion Clinic's Cancer Center that is dedicated to serving cancer patients undergoing treatment.



I had a great time speaking to folks at Spring Arbor Senior Living in Winchester.





I had the pleasure of visiting XFS Global's manufacturing facility in Natural Bridge Station. It was great meeting Jake Furbee and his dedicated team.



I had a great time speaking to a U.S. Government class at James Madison University last week. It's always a pleasure to share insights about Congress and discuss important legislative initiatives.

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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