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# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BIG FIRST

— United States Congressman —

**TRACEY MANN**

Serving the **1st** District of **Kansas**



Dear Kansan,

Four years ago, America was strong. Our streets were safe, our border was more secure, the U.S. economy was much stronger than it is today, and Americans felt that their dollar stretched a lot further. As I traveled across the Big First District this year, you sounded the alarm on our national debt that has exceeded \$36 trillion, the record-number of illegal immigrants entering the country, and overreaching regulations and weaponization of the federal government. This is not a path that we want for our children and grandchildren.

On November 5, 2024, America said no more. Kansas and America gave Washington, D.C. a mandate, endorsing the greatest political comeback in history with the election of President Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States and of Republican majorities in the House and the Senate.

Congress has a lot of work to do to get our country back on track. This annual report serves as an overview of my work to address these issues during the 118th Congress.

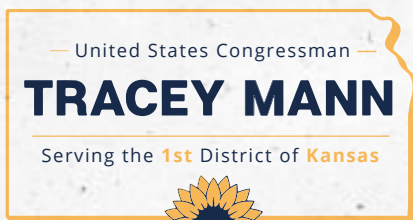
**We must reduce and reprioritize federal spending.** According to the Congressional Budget Office, this year's interest payments on our national debt alone exceeded \$1 trillion, while our total debt climbed to \$36 trillion. The federal government's current rate of spending is unsustainable. It's out of touch with what Americans want, and it's crushing our economy. We're all feeling it – especially in middle America where new, costly regulations are forcing small businesses to close, gas rose to \$4 a gallon, and peoples' paychecks are over-taxed. House Republicans have offered commonsense solutions to this problem. I voted to pass the Limit, Save, Grow Act to stop wasting taxpayer dollars, reclaim unspent COVID-relief money, and promote pro-growth economic policies, and more.

**We must secure the southern border.** The crisis raging at our southern border is getting worse every day. Fentanyl is flooding American streets, victims of human trafficking rings are getting abused and killed, and our brave border patrol agents are overwhelmed. This is a national security emergency. I voted to pass the Secure the Border Act – the strongest border legislation in modern history, to resume construction of the border wall, increase the number of border patrol agents, protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking, and terminate catch-and-release.

**We must end the weaponization of the federal government.** In the last four years, we have witnessed an unprecedented weaponization of the federal government. I am constantly fighting against overreaching government regulations that hurt agricultural producers, small business owners, and rural America. Even the U.S. Supreme Court had to step in and declare the Biden Administration's definition of Waters of the United States as unconstitutional. When government grows, freedom shrinks, so we must stop the weaponization of the federal government to protect all of our freedoms.

The country has spoken and made it clear that we do not want four more years of this chaos. I hear you loud and clear and will never stop working to ensure your voice is heard in our nation's capital. I do not serve in Congress to be a caretaker in the slow demise of America – I serve to fight and make it a country we can be proud of while ensuring our brightest days are yet to come.

Serving as your representative in Congress continues to be the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to fighting to get our country back on track in the 119th Congress. There's a lot of work left to do, but with prayer and hard work, I believe our brightest days are yet to come.



*Tracey Mann*

## ANNUAL 60-COUNTY MANN LISTENING TOUR



### Town halls

It is a privilege to represent Kansans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Each year, I host a town hall in every county of the Big First to get my marching orders to serve you. Over the course of this year's tour, I traveled thousands of miles across the Big First District.



**Over the past four years, I have hosted a total of 246 town halls. I look forward to seeing you and your family on the 2025 Mann Listening Tour.**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Barton County     | 21. Jackson County      | 41. Republic County   |
| 2. Cheyenne County   | 22. Jefferson County    | 42. Reno County       |
| 3. Cloud County      | 23. Jewell County       | 43. Rice County       |
| 4. Clay County       | 24. Kearny County       | 44. Riley County      |
| 5. Clark County      | 25. Lane County         | 45. Rooks County      |
| 6. Decatur County    | 26. Lincoln County      | 46. Rush County       |
| 7. Dickinson County  | 27. Logan County        | 47. Russell County    |
| 8. Douglas County    | 28. Marshall County     | 48. Saline County     |
| 9. Ellis County      | 29. McPherson County    | 49. Seward County     |
| 10. Ellsworth County | 30. Meade County        | 50. Scott County      |
| 11. Finney County    | 31. Mitchell County     | 51. Sheridan County   |
| 12. Ford County      | 32. Morton County       | 52. Sherman County    |
| 13. Gove County      | 33. Ness County         | 53. Smith County      |
| 14. Graham County    | 34. Norton County       | 54. Stanton County    |
| 15. Grant County     | 35. Osborne County      | 55. Stevens County    |
| 16. Gray County      | 36. Ottawa County       | 56. Thomas County     |
| 17. Greeley County   | 37. Pawnee County       | 57. Trego County      |
| 18. Hamilton County  | 38. Phillips County     | 58. Wallace County    |
| 19. Haskell County   | 39. Pottawatomie County | 59. Washington County |
| 20. Hodgeman County  | 40. Rawlins County      | 60. Wichita County    |



# HONORING MY COMMITMENT TO THE BIG FIRST:

## LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE 118TH CONGRESS



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I have long said, if it matters to a Kansan, it matters to me. As I talked with Kansans and heard their concerns, I developed my Commitment to the Big First – a roadmap for the 118th Congress to fight for America, advocate for agriculture, and advance our Kansas conservative values. **Below are some of my legislative accomplishments from my Commitment to the Big First.**”

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### Support Kansas and American Agriculture and Business

- ▶ **Reauthorize a strong Farm Bill that supports our agricultural producers who feed, fuel, and clothe the world**
  - ✓ The House Agriculture Committee passed the bipartisan, fiscally conservative Farm, Food, and National Security Act, which included 96% of Rep. Mann's priorities for farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and consumers.
- ▶ **Lock in low taxes for individuals and small businesses**
  - ✓ The House passed the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act to restore pro-growth tax policies implemented under the Trump Administration's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act providing relief for American farmers and businesses, cutting taxes for working families, and boosting competitiveness against China.
- ▶ **Train the next generation of highly skilled workers to solve the workforce shortage**
  - ✓ The House passed the Chance to Compete Act to streamline requirements of the federal hiring process.

### A Nation That's Safe

#### Defend America's National Security and Food Security

- ▶ **Support our troops and invest in an efficient, effective military**
  - ✓ The House passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024.
- ▶ **End the humanitarian crisis at the southern border, secure the border, stop illegal immigration**
  - ✓ The House passed the Secure the Border Act to finish construction of the wall at the southern border and the Schools Not Shelters Act to prohibit the use of public schools for housing illegal immigrants. The House also passed legislation denouncing the Biden-Harris Administration's open-border policies and to impeach Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security. The House also passed the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025.
- ▶ **Stop the fentanyl crisis and criminalize all forms of illicit fentanyl**
  - ✓ The House passed the Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act to impose sanctions on Chinese producers of synthetic opioids and hold Chinese officials accountable for the spread of illicit fentanyl, and the HALT Fentanyl Act to make the temporary class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances permanent.

### Support Law Enforcement

- ▶ **Oppose all efforts to defund the police**
  - ✓ The House passed a resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ **Support the hiring and retention of state and local law enforcement officers**
  - ✓ The House passed a resolution commemorating National Police Week and memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The House also passed the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act, ensuring adequate data is collected to address the rise in anti-police attacks and supporting health care resources for officers.

### Remain a Global Power

- ▶ **Stand strong as the world leader in democracy and freedom**
  - ✓ The House passed the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025, and legislation to condemn Hamas, support Israel and its right to self-defense, and counter aggression from Communist China.
- ▶ **Reauthorize strong agricultural trade legislation, negotiate new international trade agreements**
  - ✓ Rep. Mann sponsors the Agriculture Export Promotion Act adding resources to the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development cooperator program for trade promotion. This legislation was included in the House Agriculture Committee's bipartisan and fiscally conservative Farm, Food, and National Security Act, which passed in the House Agriculture Committee.
- ▶ **Support global food security legislation, promote U.S. goods, and stop wars before they start.**
  - ✓ Rep. Mann sponsors the American Farmers Feed the World Act restoring the Food for Peace program to its original intent of agricultural commodity transfers. This legislation was included in the House Agriculture Committee's bipartisan and fiscally conservative Farm, Food, and National Security Act, which passed in the House Agriculture Committee.

### A Future That's Built on Freedom

#### Preserve Americans' Constitutional Freedoms

- ▶ **Protect the lives of unborn children and their mothers:**
  - ✓ The House passed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to penalize health care practitioners who fail to provide care for an infant that is born alive from an attempted abortion. Rep. Mann also sponsors three pieces of legislation that modifies the Biden Administration's rulemaking to prohibit funds for abortions and abortion referrals.
- ▶ **Educate students in American history and civic engagement:**
  - ✓ The House passed the Parents Bill of Rights to ensure that rights of parents are honored and protected in America's public schools.
- ▶ **Support the Second Amendment as a load-bearing wall to the U.S. Constitution:**
  - ✓ The House passed a resolution to stop the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' pistol brace rule, which criminalizes firearm ownership for millions of Americans who rely on stabilizing braces and attachments. Rep. Mann sponsors the Reining In Federal Licensing Enforcement Act to protect federal firearm licensees from being forced out of business by the Biden-Harris Administration's overreaching directives.

### Achieve Longer, Healthier Lives for Americans

- ▶ **Improve access to rural health care, including access to telehealth services**
  - ✓ Rep. Mann sponsors the States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment (SHARE) Act, which improves the current licensing process for health care providers and increases the number of licensed providers able to serve communities across state lines.
- ▶ **Promote personalized options to provide affordable, high-quality health care**
  - ✓ The House passed the Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense Arrangement Act to expand options, increase flexibility, and improve affordability of small business health care coverage.

- ▶ **Lower the cost of care and prescription drug prices through transparency, choice, competition, and innovation**

- ✓ The House passed the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act to increase price transparency throughout the health care system, address the cost of prescription drugs, and support patients and health care workers.

### Support Those Who Fought to Defend our Freedoms

- ▶ **Improve accountability and transparency at the Department of Veterans Affairs**
  - ✓ The House passed the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025 to provide additional oversight of the Department.
- ▶ **Remove barriers to employment, provide resources and training to homeless veterans**
  - ✓ The House supported Rep. Mann's Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans Act, which increases the number of affordable housing options to help reduce veteran homelessness and included funding and passed the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025.
- ▶ **Support America's military, work to reinvigorate civilian life after military service**
  - ✓ The House passed the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act, which codifies the Boots to Business program, a training course administered by the Small Business Administration through which veterans and their families learn the fundamentals of business management.

### A Government That's Accountable

#### Rein in the Left's Abuse of Power

- ▶ **Require the President to notify the American public and Congress with its intent to issue any executive order pertaining to agriculture, energy, natural resources, the right to life guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment, the Second Amendment, and immigration into the U.S.**
  - ✓ The House passed the Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation (REIN) Act, which requires the President to provide an inflation impact estimate with respect to executive orders. Rep. Mann also sponsors the More Accountability is Necessary Now (MANN) Acts, six pieces of legislation which requires the President to report to Congress on executive orders.
- ▶ **Recover fraudulently paid Federal and State unemployment compensation or other unobligated COVID relief dollars**
  - ✓ The House passed the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act to recover hundreds of billions of dollars in stolen unemployment insurance benefits and to provide states with incentives to investigate and recover lost funds.

### Hold Washington Accountable

- ▶ **End the war on fossil fuels and empower domestic producers to restore American energy independence**
  - ✓ The House passed the Lower Energy Costs Act, which increases the production and export of American energy and reduce the regulatory burdens that make it harder to build American infrastructure and grow our economy.

### Restore the People's Voice

- ▶ **Conduct at least one in-person town hall in every county in the district each year**
  - ✓ Representative Mann hosted 60 town halls this year - one in each county in the Big First.
- ▶ **Increase accountability in the election process**
  - ✓ The House passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which requires individuals to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections.

\* As of November 12, 2024



# HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE



## House Agriculture Committee

I grew up on my family’s farm and preconditioning feedlot, and I am humbled to represent Big First farmers, ranchers, feedlot managers, nutritionists, ethanol producers, agricultural lenders, agribusiness owners and others on the House Agriculture Committee. I am committed to bringing their voices to the table as we craft responsible and thoughtful farm and food policy.

The Big First has more than 60,000 farms and ranches and is the leading congressional district for wheat, sorghum, and beef production. In Kansas, the agricultural sector employs more than 245,000 people who contribute to more than 40% of Kansas’ total economy. I recognize the importance of strong food and agriculture policy, and I have my sleeves rolled up, working on behalf of those who feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

### IN 2024, I:

- **Chaired the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry**, representing producers in the Big First who sell \$10 billion in livestock, dairy, poultry, and products like beef, milk, and eggs every year – more than any other congressional district.
- **Helped pass the Farm, Food, and National Security Act** in the House Agriculture Committee, including 96% of my priorities on behalf of farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and consumers.
- **Urged the U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Energy to prioritize domestic feedstocks** when considering its rulemaking regarding the 45z tax credit.

### Agriculture in the Big First District

Agriculture and our farmers are the heartbeat of the Big First District, and I will continue fighting for policies in Congress that support their tireless efforts. Below are some of the individuals who have shared their legislative concerns with me, and whom I proudly represent as their voice in Congress.

- Brent Rogers**, Sheridan County
- The Butenhoff Family**, Lincoln County
- Lance Rezac**, Pottawatomie County
- Jeremiah Nicholson**, Ford County
- Kelly Sipes**, Stanton County
- Ryan and Laura Haffner**, Sheridan County

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## FARM BILL NOW

Food security is national security, and American farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and consumers cannot afford for Congress to take the Farm Bill hostage to the political limbo of Washington, D.C.

*We must pass a comprehensive, fiscally conservative, five-year Farm Bill, now.*

The House Agriculture Committee passed the bipartisan Food, Farm, and National Security Act of 2024 in May, but Senate Democrats did not react or release their own legislative text in a timely manner.

I understand some members may have their own priorities, but enough is enough. If we fail to pass an updated Farm Bill, both producers’ and consumers’ livelihoods will be put at risk.

As the representative for the third largest agriculture-producing district in the House of Representatives, I have heard from my fellow Kansans that they need a fiscally conservative Farm Bill that prioritizes farm country, provides certainty, addresses record-high inflation, and reins in input prices, and they need it now.

From a global pandemic, skyrocketing input prices and rampant inflation, the outbreak of wars in Ukraine and Israel, market fluctuation from the Executive Branch’s failed trade policy, and historic droughts in places like Kansas, our agricultural producers’ livelihoods are on the line. If we fail to authorize a new Farm Bill that answers the needs of today and not those of six years ago, we put our national security and food security at risk. The nation cannot afford that.

Our legislators should learn a lesson from Kansas farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers. My fellow Kansans take on the risk of doing business with Mother Nature, knowing their crops could fail. Still, these men and women work day-in and day-out to feed, clothe, and fuel the world.

Americans don’t want to live in a country where they don’t have reliably stocked grocery store shelves, fuel to put in their vehicles, or clothes for their families to wear. The longer we delay authorizing a new Farm Bill, the closer we get to this being our reality.

Our farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and consumers are counting on Congress to pass a Farm Bill that empowers them to feed, fuel, and clothe the world. It’s time for Congress to pass a Farm Bill, now.

## THE FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES

In 2022, I began delivering a series of speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives about the Farm Bill, highlighting some of the programs and titles that I believe Congress must understand and support. This series is now up to 27 speeches in total. I also penned a national opinion piece underscoring the importance of passing a new Farm Bill rather than a simple extension of the 2018 Farm Bill. Below is an overview of the Farm Bill Impact Series speeches from this year, along with an excerpt from each one.

### #25 Farm Bill Now:

“If you think about a safety net, the higher the risk, the higher the fall, and the stronger the safety net you need to survive. The livelihoods of American producers and consumers are on the line right now, and that means our food security and national security are on the line too. American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers need certainty like never before – and Congress must deliver for them with a five-year Farm Bill.”

### #26 Animal Health:

“Investing in animal health and animal health research bolsters the long-term ability of U.S. animal agriculture to be competitive in the global marketplace, provides consumers with safe, wholesome, and affordable food, and ensures agriculture thrives in America.”

### #27 Pass the Farm, Food, and National Security Act:

“A lot of people forget why we need five-year Farm Bills, why it’s so necessary to balance fiscal responsible reform with anticipatory policy, and why the legislation we pass today ought to reflect the needs of agricultural producers and consumers. It’s because Farm Bills are felt in every corner of America – in every field and pasture in every grocery store and agribusiness. This legislation will have ripple effects for the next half-decade.”







## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE



### House Transportation & Infrastructure

America cannot prosper without a safe and efficient transportation network. I am proud to serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where I am working to improve our nation's infrastructure, strengthen transportation programs, harness innovation to safely move goods and people throughout the country, and help alleviate our country's ongoing energy and supply chain issues. In 2024, the Committee held several hearings over important topics, including oversight of the big government regulations from Washington, DC and the state of our nation's transportation. The Committee also successfully passed reauthorization legislation for the Federal Aviation Administration, Water Resources Development Act, and the United States Coast Guard.

As the geographic center of the country, Kansas offers unique and excellent transportation opportunities for several industries. The Big First alone has more than 83,000 miles of road, 4,000 miles of railroad track, and more than 100 airports. I am committed to strengthening and improving this vital transportation and infrastructure network, which supports our state's economy and impacts the lives of all Kansans on a daily basis.

#### In 2024, I:

- **Cosponsored 10 pieces of transportation and infrastructure legislation**, including the End Driving While Intoxicated Act and the Stop California Air Resources Board Act.
- **Hosted the 2024 Aviation Summit** at the Salina Regional Airport with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves and key aerospace and aviation stakeholders from across the state.
- **Fought for Kansas priorities** in the final Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization legislation that was signed into law, and the Water Resources Development Act of 2024, which passed in the U.S. House of Representatives.



## FAA AND WRDA REAUTHORIZATION



### Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization

On December 11, 2024, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) passed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WRDA authorizes projects which improve our nation's ports and harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection, and other aspects of our water resources infrastructure. These are locally driven projects that deliver regional and national benefits for strengthening our nation's global competitiveness and supply chain, growing the economy, moving goods throughout the country, protecting communities, and more.

I am pleased that several of my priorities were included in the WRDA reauthorization legislation, including continuation of the Manhattan Levee project and a study to determine ways to replenish the Ogallala Aquifer. I am proud to serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to advocate for work like this that benefits all Kansans.

### Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization

On May 16, 2024, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act was signed into law. This legislation reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and safety programs for five years, provides safety improvements, invests in infrastructure at airports of all sizes, promotes cutting-edge aviation solutions, enhances America's aviation workforce, improves the travel experience, and ensures a healthy general aviation sector for years to come.

Kansas has a rich history in the aviation industry. Our state has a significant number of general aviation airports, seven commercial airports, and five essential air service airports, which all work together to support our communities through business, recreational, cargo, and trade operations. Kansas also has a large footprint in the aerospace industry, which has a significant innovative and economic impact. I am pleased that several of my priorities were included in the FAA reauthorization legislation, guaranteeing the continuation of our state's successful aviation legacy.





# HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE



## House Small Business Committee

Small businesses help drive the American economy and define the American dream. They add brick and mortar to the values that make our country unique, like freedom, self-determination, and the pursuit of happiness. I learned about the responsibility, drive, and decision-making required to operate a small business from watching my parents operate our preconditioning feedlot and family farm. I am honored to represent the Big First on the House Small Business Committee, and I will continue to defend and support small businesses, their owners, their employees, and the American values that small businesses embody.

On the House Small Business Committee, I am focused on conducting rigorous oversight of burdensome regulations forced on small businesses, advocating for pro-growth tax policies that create a better environment for small business owners to create jobs and improve their communities, and highlighting success stories of our small businesses in the Big First.



### IN 2024, I:

- **Introduced legislation to ensure faith-based small businesses are treated equally** and are not excluded from Small Business Administration lending and assistance programs regardless of religious status.
- **Co-led and passed legislation** in the House of Representatives to require the SBA to reach rural communities immediately following natural disasters like wildfires and droughts and ensure that rural small businesses have full access to SBA disaster assistance when they need it most.
- **Cosponsored 10 pro-growth bills** that would extend the 2017 tax cuts, allow small businesses to deduct certain investments and create jobs, maintain pass-through income deductions for small business owners, and more.
- **Hosted Big First small business owners in Washington, D.C.** for House Republicans' Small Business Showcase during National Small Business Week for lawmakers to hear directly from Kansas entrepreneurs about the challenges they face and the innovation they're pioneering.

# CAUCUSES



- 4-H Caucus

Abraham Accords Caucus

Aerospace Caucus

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Agritourism Caucus

Air Cargo Caucus

Air Force Caucus

Army Caucus

Beef Caucus

Biofuels Caucus

Blockchain Caucus

Border Security Caucus

Brain Injury Task Force

Career and Technical Education Caucus

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Crop Insurance Caucus

Dairy Caucus

Diabetes Caucus

EMS Caucus

Farmer Cooperative Caucus

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Independent College Caucus

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Motorcycle Caucus

Native American Caucus

Prayer Caucus

Primary Care Caucus

Propane Caucus

Real Estate Caucus

Rural Broadband Caucus

Rural Health Caucus

Small Business Caucus

Sportsmen's Caucus

Telehealth Caucus

Transatlantic Friends of Israel

Transparency Caucus

Values Action Team Caucus

Western Caucus

Sustainable Aviation Caucus





## BORDER CRISIS



### Border Crisis

All public officials take an oath to faithfully uphold our laws, and our laws are abundantly clear: you cannot come into our country without permission. Swearing an oath to the Constitution means abiding by the rule of law and defending our national security. It is for this reason that America's reputation as a land of opportunity continues to attract 2 million people to our nation every year, legally.

The unfortunate reality is that the Biden-Harris Administration policies have failed to enforce our nation's immigration laws and have downplayed the chaos at our southern border. I have been to the border and what I saw was heartbreaking, infuriating, and a full-scale crisis.

I saw Mexican cartels relying on the Biden-Harris Administration's loose immigration policies to recruit desperate families to smuggle drugs across the border. I met with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents who are hamstrung by the Biden-Harris Administration policies. According to border patrol officials 40%-60% of CBP agents have been forced to come off the border to process migrant children, risking our security at the southern border, where known terrorists have repeatedly attempted to cross.

### President Biden and Vice President Harris could secure our southern border if they wanted to.

#### They could:

1. Finish the wall and deploy technology to the border. I cosponsor the Security First Act to double the funding for the border and designate the Mexican Cartel as a terrorist organization;
2. Encourage the U.S. Senate to consider the Secure the Border Act, which House Republicans passed in May 2023 and has been sitting in the Senate since; and
3. Fully reinstate the Remain in Mexico policy, requiring asylum seekers arriving at the southern border to return to Mexico to await their hearing in U.S. immigration court, and maintain Title 42.

Unfortunately, the Biden-Harris Administration did not do that.

President Trump and the incoming House and Senate Republican majorities will secure the border. The Federation for American Immigration Reform estimates that more than 16 million illegal immigrants have entered our country; that's about 4 times the population of Kansas. This is a national security and humanitarian crisis, and I will not rest until our southern border is secure.



## STANDING WITH ISRAEL



### Standing with Israel

It has been more than a year since the world watched in horror as Hamas terrorists invaded Israel and began a murder and kidnapping spree. These terrorists went into peoples' homes and killed babies in their cribs. According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, October 7, 2023, was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

Since those barbaric attacks, Israel has faced direct attacks from Iran, and its terrorist proxy in Lebanon, Hezbollah. This is not acceptable.

No one would tolerate this barbaric terrorism from neighboring countries, and neither should Israel. The extreme left has continued their weak appeasement policy toward Iran and waffled between standing with Israel and pleasing far-left activists. It hasn't worked in the past three and a half years, and it won't magically start working now.

Let me be clear – the U.S. always has and always will stand with our strongest ally and sole-democratic partner in the Middle East, Israel. In response to these horrors, I have supported several pieces of legislation that condemns Hamas, supports Israel's right to self-defense, condemns Iran and their proxies' terrorism, freezes Iranian assets used for terror, and replenishes funding for Israel's Iron Dome and David's Sling missile defense systems and U.S. military operations in the region.

I am praying for an end to the conflict in Israel, for all hostages to be returned home safely, and for a restoration of peace. America must continue to support Israel, condemn all attacks on Israel's sovereignty, and hold the extreme left accountable for its continued deals with those who support Hamas and other terrorist groups.





# TRACKER INFORMATION



ACTION	2024	118th CONGRESS	ALL TIME
Sponsored Legislation *	10	36	66
Cosponsored Legislation *	116	401	829
Cosponsored Legislation Passing the U.S. House of Representatives *	18	44	87
Cosponsored Legislation Signed into Law *	2	3	15
Speeches on the House Floor *	27	55	135
Votes on the House Floor *	1,459	2,594	4,716
Oversight Letters *	61	148	441
Agriculture Committee Hearings and Meetings *	8	24	73
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearings and Meetings *	28	51	51
Small Business Committee Hearings and Meetings *	24	43	43
<i>Written Correspondences to Kansans (as of December 31, 2024)</i>	815,086	1,326,360	3,051,290
Townhalls *	60	120	246
Solved Casework *	511	1,003	3,306
Press Releases *	54	147	263
Newsletters *	42	102	181

# ABOUT THE BIG FIRST



## About the Big First:

The Big First is home to more than 700,000 Americans, many of whom work in agriculture and agriculturally related businesses. Ours is the tenth largest district in the country, with 60 of the 105 counties in Kansas and more than 60,000 of the state’s farms and ranches. We also have 68 hospitals, 83,600 miles of road, more than 20,000 small businesses, and we are proud to be the home of more than 35,000 U.S. military veterans.

## Constituent Services

Please reach out to one of my offices if you need help with:

- Learning more about pending legislation
- Navigating a federal agency
- Resolving a federal tax matter
- Expediting a passport
- Seeking a military academy nomination
- Applying for congressional student internships in Kansas and Washington, D.C.
- Visiting our Nation’s Capital

## Internships

Interns are a vital part of a congressional office. Our interns communicate with constituents, assist with writing and dispersing correspondence, and help ensure that our offices run smoothly. To learn more about our internship program, visit my website or contact my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-2715.

## Military Academy Nominations

One of the privileges of my job in Congress is nominating students to service academies. The students I have interviewed reflect the best of Kansas and their aspirations to serve our country are inspiring. To learn more about the Military Academy Nomination process, visit my website or contact my Manhattan office at 785-370-7277.

## Congressional Art Competition

Each spring, the U.S. House of Representatives holds a nation-wide high school arts competition. Contest winners travel to Washington, D.C., and their artwork hands in the U.S. Capitol for one years. This year, the winner for the Big First was Katherine Price from Lawrence High School, with her piece, “Home.” To learn more about the art competition, please visit Mann.House.Gov and select “art competition” in the drop-down menu.

