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November 16, 2021

Dear Ms. Pintado:

I am responding to your request for records dated November 10, 2021, pertaining to certain correspondence sent or received by my office between the dates of November 3, 2021 and present. In accordance with the provisions of Section 610.023, RSMo., I am responding to your request within three business days.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Onder".

Senator Robert Onder

From: Congressman Jason Smith <JasonSmithNewsletter@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: Biden's Blind Eye

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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[Nancy Pelosi forced a hearing in the Rules Committee to debate a 1,700 page bill that spends \\$4.6 trillion that no one has read, and Members of her own party don't even want, all to show FAKE momentum and appease her socialist Squad Members. WATCH: My opening remarks when I testified as Republican Leader of the Budget Committee.](#)

Image_01

[With each plant, the Cahill Nursery helps make Missouri a little brighter. The mums are looking great this season! After getting a chance to visit their nursery, it's clear that small businesses will flourish when you keep them free from Washington Bureaucrats.](#)

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[When I visited the Bloomsdale Fun Farm, I could see there are no bad days, just adventure! You can't help but get in a festive fall spirit with all the activities they have here, and I'll tell you what - the apple cannon is amazing!](#)

Image_03

[It's inspiring to see neighbors helping neighbors in southern Missouri as volunteers are assisting in cleaning up the communities after a tornado struck the evening of October 24. Here are students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Farmington removing a trampoline from a pasture.](#)

regulations

[Joe Biden's vaccine mandate was hastily drafted, in secret, by unvetted White House Staff and is already having disastrous consequences for our economy. As the leading Republican on the House Budget Committee, I joined with the Republican leader of the Oversight Committee in Congress to demand that the White House immediately withdraw their misguided mandate. READ: Our letter to the White House.](#)

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Family-owned and operated for nearly a decade, the Camden Family knows the value of hard work and determination. That's what I saw when I visited and why policies from Washington need to level the playing field so that small businesses like Washington County Farm Supply can continue to flourish.

Scoring

In a hurried attempt to deliver on the multitude of promises made by Washington Democrats, Joe Biden unveiled a new 'scaled back' version of his socialist tax-and-spending bill that costs \$1.75 trillion but according to a preliminary analysis by the Budget Committee, we found that they're relying on budget gimmicks to make the price tag appear smaller on paper. READ: The true cost of Biden's spending plan.

WHAT'S GREAT IN THE 8TH

Image_07

The Bismarck School District's Halloween Parade took place on Thursday morning in the gym. Rain forced the parade inside but students and staff still got to show off their costumes in front of family and friends.

Image_06

Fifteen golden shovels hit the dirt Friday, Oct. 22, in front of Gainesville High School, signaling the official groundbreaking for Gainesville's new \$3.7 million, 8,000-square-foot addition.

Image_10

Coffee drinkers have another way to support Southeast Missouri State University during the current Homecoming Week, thanks to a partnership between SEMO and The Ground-A-Bout coffeehouse.

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It's not just about dressing up and looking pretty - Raelynn Bassett, a 10-year-old fourth grader from Dixon, competes in local and national pageants to make a difference in her community. So far, she's logged 406 hours of community service since July of 2019.

Image_13

A restaurant chain says they'll pay for your tuition. Texas Roadhouse is rolling out a new tuition reimbursement program for team members interested in pursuing a college degree.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

S.1511: Ensures that surviving family members of America's first responders that are killed in the line of duty receive timely, earned benefits.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED YES.

H.R. 5763: Provides temporary funding of critical infrastructure work around the country that were at risk because Washington Democrats were more focused on forcing through their socialist spending bill.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED YES.

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Washington Democrats want to add trillions of dollars in new spending, and they are getting creative to fund portions of their proposal. They claim they don't want to raise taxes on working-class families - but their policies would do the exact opposite. One of their worst proposals would weaponize the IRS with the tools needed to scrutinize working families' finances.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Debt

[As a result of Joe Biden's reckless spending spree, Americans are at risk of seeing cuts to Medicare benefits. Last week, I sent a letter to the Administration slamming the Biden WH over its lack of transparency and failure to be honest with American's over this pending cliff. READ: My letter & statement on the \\$50+ billion in cuts to Medicare Joe Biden's government has put in motion.](#)

Image_01

[For over a century, J&N Farms in Naylor has been a shining example of Missouri's agriculture. It was really cool to see Jim and Nick Leopold's stationary combine for rice that has been in use since the 1930s. The old ways can still be the best ways!](#)

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[As American families continue to struggle under the weight of inflation, President Biden & Congressional Democrats are trying to ram through a multi-trillion tax & spending plan that would provide amnesty for 10 million illegal immigrants and \\$100 billion in federal benefits while working class families are forced to decide whether to fill up their gas tank or put food on the table.](#)

Image_01

[I toured Prock Operations, a world-class manufacturer which helps small retail and convenience stores get the hardware they need to get up and running. But like so many other small businesses right now, the supply chain and worker shortage is causing significant problems to their business. We must put a stop to the policies that encourage workers to stay home collecting government benefits instead of contributing to our local economy!](#)

Great meeting Dr. Mark and Kim Dake at Brookwood Ranch. I heard their concerns about the practices of the Big 4 meat processors keeping cattle prices low. I'm working in Washington to ensure all those involved in getting meat on the table benefit from a competitive market.

Image_01

Meghan Markle may have forsaken the British Royal Family, but that did not stop her from using their name to attempt to influence American politics. The British Royal Family must remove all titles of nobility from Harry and Meghan at once.

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Chad and Crystal Johnson at Vision Valley Ranch are a shining example of the ingenuity & hard work of Missouri farmers. They not only produce beef & chicken but a thriving dairy business that produces cheese & milk and personal care products like soap and skin exfoliators.

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Janet and Blake Crow at Crow Land and Cattle in West Plains told me all about Washington bureaucrat overreach. It's why I've fought so hard against rules like the so-called "Waters of the United States" rule that would let the EPA run America's farms. We must keep up the fight!

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Allowing the IRS to target working families is dangerous and should terrify every single American. Co-authoring legislation that prevents the Biden Admin from monitoring the individual bank accounts of working-class families was an absolute no brainer.

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Family-owned and operated cattle farms like the Wilson family has are what we make Missouri the best state in the country. Like so many others, Wilson Farms shares its concerns over the cost of everyday goods rising while cattle prices are staying the same.

WHAT'S GREAT IN THE 8TH

Image_01

Scott Sattler, executive director of the Perry County Economic Development Authority, as well as Ginny Smith, director of operations for Southeast Missouri Transportation Service, are both part of Local Interconnected Family Transit, which is an ongoing effort in Perry County to see ways to provide affordable, sustainable transportation for residents of all ages.

Image_01

The Missouri Department of Transportation plans to replace the Route ZZ bridge over Howell Creek in Howell County. The bridge is located east of West Plains, Missouri between the BNSF railroad tracks and County Road 8240.

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West Plains Tourism Coordinator Melissa Wharton received the Rising Star Award at the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism, held on Oct. 13 through 15 in Branson.

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Brandon and Christina Taylor and family of Doniphan were among the families honored during the 62nd annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 16 at the Missouri State Fair. The Taylor family was selected as the Ripley County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension in Ripley County and the local Farm Bureau.

Image_01

Show & Shine For A Special Kind was held Saturday at Mineral Area College to raise funds to support The Little Learners Spectrum Center in Farmington. Organized by Terry and Kasey Aslinger, the event featured more than 90 trucks on display, as well as several sponsors.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

H.R. 1029: Allows American Veterans and current Servicemembers to host special events at any national war memorial at no cost.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED YES.

H.R. 730: Allows Speaker Pelosi's partisan January 6th commission to continue its effort to blame political violence in America on Republicans.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED NO.

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I'm glad I wore my boots because it is DEEP in the SWAMP. Washington Democrats just voted to give themselves a bigger runway to continue their RECKLESS spending at the expense of working class families. The American people have had ENOUGH! WATCH: My remarks on the House Floor about Democrats debt ceiling increase.

Image_05

Missouri Farmers are the backbone of America. They wake up each morning before the sun rises to feed the entire world. I'm honored to fight for them everyday.

Image_07

In the House Budget Committee's weekly "What Would They Have Me Cut?," we expose how this fall, Washington Democrats are hitting taxpayers on their blind side by leaving schools wide open to purchase new indoor/outdoor athletic facilities using so-called "emergency COVID relief funding" from the Biden Bailout Bill.

WHAT'S GREAT IN THE 8TH

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A Charleston, Missouri, native will be among five veterans inducted into Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame's class of 2021 late this month. The late Charleston native, Maj. Gen. John G. "Jack" Waggener and James M. Eddleman of Perryville, Missouri will be inducted during a ceremony at 2 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Rotunda at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Image_03

The Kennett Police Department and Chief Kenny Wilson announced they have received a grant which will provide new K9 "Rocky", who is pictured here, with a bulletproof and stab-proof vest. The grant was made possible through Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Image_04

In an announcement made Oct. 6 on Facebook, The Lucas and Friend's Backyard Adventures playground is open and safe for kids. The playground project was Lucas' idea. Wanting to give his friend and others with disabilities the same opportunity to play that he has, Fritsche got to work on the idea for an all-inclusive playground. The project has been a partnership between the Fritsches, Perry County, and the City of Perryville, as well as countless local businesses and volunteers.

Image_05

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulates 15 new conservation agents upon their graduation from MDC's 2021 Conservation Agent Training Academy. The agent class of 2021 took the Conservation Agent's Oath during a special graduation ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Richardson Fine Arts Center on the Lincoln University campus in Jefferson City.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

S. 1301: Increases our nation's debt ceiling by \$480 billion without any spending reforms, making it easier for Democrats to pass their massive tax-and-spend reconciliation bill.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED NO.

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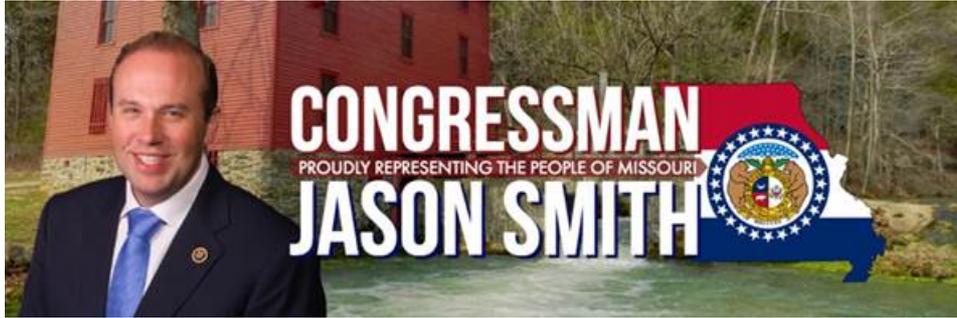
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Congressman Smith Capitol Report

Biden's Blind Eye

October 29th, 2021

Washington Democrats would have you believe that the most pressing issue in our country right now is passing their tax-and-spend socialist agenda. Meanwhile, they continue turning a blind eye to the very crises the Biden administration has created – most notably, the crisis we are facing at our southern border.

Since taking office, Joe Biden has focused on dismantling President Donald Trump's legacy. Nowhere has that been more true than on his immigration policies. From his first day in office, he tried to reverse critical Trump administration policies that helped improve our border security. Leading Washington Democrats have described policies that secure our border as 'inhumane,' 'barbaric,' and even 'racist.' For them, any effort that stops a migrant from freely entering our country is too much. It's why the Democrat Party has become the party of open borders.

On day one of his presidency, with a stroke of his pen, Joe Biden made clear to anyone who was thinking about coming here: America will not enforce immigration laws under his administration. With each Executive Order, Joe Biden has dismantled any notion that his administration prioritizes deterring illegal immigration and securing our border. In fact, since the beginning of his presidency, 1.4 million migrants have entered this country illegally – and over 120,000 of those were unaccompanied minors. As you read this, a caravan of as many as 4,000 migrants are marching through Mexico on their way to the United States.

In the face of this unprecedented surge of illegal migration, you would expect that the administration would be focusing daily attention on it. But instead, the Biden administration has been MIA. Joe Biden hasn't been to the southern border as president. His Vice President, Kamala Harris, who he tasked with addressing this problem, has focused little attention on the problem – and according to the *Los Angeles Times* is concerned about her lack of an "all-star portfolio." It would be comical if it weren't so incredibly serious. The Biden administration's refusal to deal with the border threatens the integrity of our country.

It's not just their unwillingness to secure our border that makes the Biden Border Crisis so bad. It's also their policies actively encourage migrants to make the journey, under the mistaken belief they will be granted citizenship and allowed to stay permanently. They included full amnesty – all the way up to citizenship – in their socialist tax and spend bill. They have made clear that they will provide taxpayer-funded benefits to any illegal immigrant who successfully makes it into the country. And just recently, the *Wall Street Journal* reported the Biden administration is planning to pay \$450,000 to illegal immigrants who came here during the Trump administration. Sheer madness!

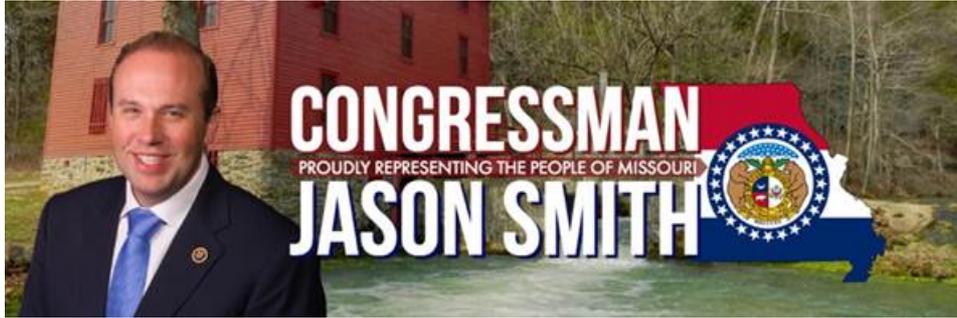
It's also not lost on millions of hardworking Americans whose jobs are currently being threatened by Biden's vaccine mandates and economic restrictions that the Biden administration is letting unvaccinated migrants into the country. The double standard is appalling and it undermines so many Americans' trust in their government!

If there's one bit of positive news, it's that the courts are not letting the Biden administration completely open our borders. After the Biden administration rescinded the Trump administration's Remain in Mexico policy, a court blocked their action and the Biden administration is being forced to reimplement the policy in November. This is a commonsense policy that fixes a major loophole in our immigration system – namely that migrants shouldn't be given the right to live in America while waiting for their case to be decided.

From my position as Republican Leader of the Budget Committee, I'm fighting every day to reverse this administration's disastrous policies. We exposed the fact that they broke the law and canceled legally valid contracts to finish construction of the border wall, wasting precious taxpayer resources and leaving major stretches of our border completely exposed. Please trust that I'm going to continue pushing back with everything I've got against this administration's effort to open our borders.

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Subject: Congressman Smith Capitol Report | Biden's Tax Police



**Congressman Smith Capitol Report
Biden's Tax Police
October 22nd, 2021**

Washington Democrats want to add trillions of dollars in new spending, and they are getting creative to fund portions of their proposal. They claim they don't want to raise taxes on working-class families – but their policies would do the exact opposite. One of their worst proposals would weaponize the IRS with the tools needed to scrutinize working families' finances. President Biden's initial proposal called for providing the agency \$80 billion in new funding to hire 87,000 new agents, while requiring banks and credit unions to report any transactions over \$600 to the IRS. This would have allowed the federal government to spy on anyone's finances.

Beside the obvious concern about giving Washington bureaucrats this much power to target hardworking families, there's another darker, more dangerous side to this kind of power for the IRS. Back in 2012, the IRS targeted and discriminated against conservative groups in the Obama-Biden administration. Their only crime was using words like "Tea Party" and "Patriots" in their applications for nonprofit status and whose mission was to educate on government spending, taxes, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. After being called out for this flagrantly abusive behavior, the agency conveniently lost both the original and backup copies of records showing the discussions that led them to take these actions and avoided more serious consequences.

Still, you would think that exposing such an egregious abuse of trust would have reined the IRS in, but earlier this year the agency showed it was back to its old tricks by exposing taxpayer information in pursuit of Joe Biden's political agenda. Again, no one was held accountable, and no one from the administration has even acknowledged the IRS' serious breach.

Facing mounting opposition to their initial proposal, some Democrats proposed altering their reporting scheme. Don't be fooled. Their new proposal instead targets Americans who have more than \$10,000 in activity in their bank accounts in a calendar year. Bernie Sanders says Democrats want to go after billionaires, but he knows this proposal won't touch them. Instead, this proposal is designed to go after sole proprietors like contractors, electricians, or plumbers, or farmers who sell goods at a local farmers market. This proposal is so typical of Washington Democrats: talk tough about the rich, get tough with working families. It sickens me and it has to stop.

The IRS has a long history of targeting lower income Americans. In fact, the agency is 50 percent more likely to audit taxpayers making less than \$25,000 annually than Americans with incomes of more than \$500,000 a year, because in their own words, it is easier and can be accomplished by less-skilled employees.

I'm fighting back. As a Member of the House Ways & Means Committee and the Republican Leader of the House Budget Committee, I proudly co-authored *The Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act*, which would prevent any new bank or credit union reporting requirements that discloses information on individuals' private accounts. I also helped draft an amendment that would strike any funding for the IRS hiring new agents. I've also written 3 letters to the Treasury Department in an effort to expose the agency's bait-and-switch on working families.

Preventing powerful agencies from targeting political opponents should be a bipartisan issue. But Democrats are leaving no stone unturned when it comes to finding ways to pay for their massive socialist spending agenda. You can count on me to fight tooth and nail to ensure that Missourians will not be subjected to a supercharged partisan IRS. No one should be subjected to unlawful targeting from this President.

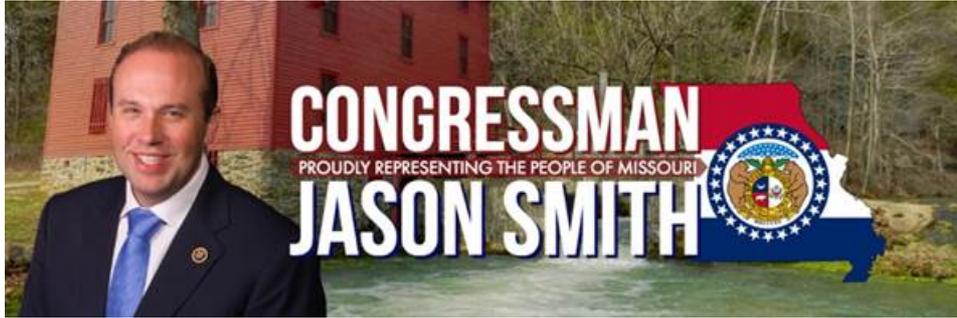
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**Congressman Smith Capitol Report
Blind Spending
October 15th, 2021**

While today's spending by Congress may not suggest as much, our nation does indeed have a debt limit – that is, a cap on how much the federal government can borrow in order to spend.

If you turned on the news or read the paper lately, there is a good chance you have seen Democrats in Congress turning the issue into their latest self-created crisis.

They have insisted that they cannot deal with it by themselves, despite controlling all of Congress and the White House.

As the top Republican on the House Budget Committee, I have watched in complete dismay as the Democrat Chairman of our committee has called for the debt limit to be abolished or raised by a "gazillion" dollars – so high that Congress would effectively never reach it.

The argument goes something like this: Congress has the constitutional authority to spend. Why concern itself with how much it needs to borrow in order to spend? Why not make it easy so Congress can avoid a discussion about debt altogether?

But what this argument conveniently leaves out is the purpose of the debt limit – namely how it is meant to help hold Congress accountable for the spending it passes.

At the very least, it ensures Congress must acknowledge the consequences of its spending habits – however uncomfortable that discussion might be or how inconvenient Democrats might find it to be for their unprecedented, debt-inducing spending spree.

The debt limit is not a tool to enact more spending, as the Democrats would have you believe, but rather, a way to control Congress's appetite for deficit spending.

In fact, ever since 1985, increases to the debt limit have often been paired with spending controls – including triggers for across-the-board cuts to programs if Congress violated those restraints.

Now more than ever Washington needs to take stock of how runaway government spending has put our country's finances in dire straits. Our national debt is rapidly approaching \$30 trillion.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects the deficit for 2021 to be almost \$3 trillion, the second highest in American history. We are already on pace to spend \$6.8 trillion in 2021 and \$63.4 trillion over the next 10 years – as well as \$5.4 trillion to pay the interest on our debt, more than all income taxes paid by the bottom 90% of earners.

President Biden and Congressional Democrats are intent on making matters much worse.

As working families are experiencing the highest rate of inflation in nearly 40 years, as prices for everyday goods and services like the fuel you put in your car or the food on your table have risen massively, Washington Democrats are trying to ram through a \$4.3 trillion tax and spending plan on purely partisan lines.

Trillions more in spending will only further fuel the inflation crisis. It will make running a business or raising a family more expensive and more challenging.

Sadly, President Biden does not seem to care about those consequences – or at least thinks ignoring them will make it all go away. Exhibit A: this bizarre claim from the president that the cost of his agenda is "zero," when it would actually add \$2.4 trillion in new debt.

Truly, the only way Democrats can enact their agenda, which rewards the wealthy and their political allies, is through a massive increase to our debt limit that will eventually be paid for by working-class families.

To be clear, Congress's spending problem did not happen overnight. But we will not fix a spending problem by spending even more, or inflate our way out of inflation, as Democrats are proposing.

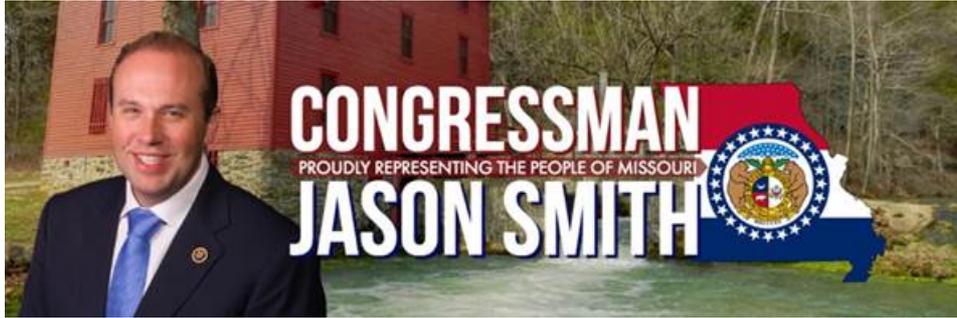
If they have the votes to ram their radical agenda through Congress, they can find the votes to raise the debt ceiling on their own. They will have to be the ones to justify that agenda to the American people along with the trillions they will need to borrow in order to enact it.

Democrats want to raise our country's borrowing limit so that they can pass a radical agenda which gives Washington the greatest command and control over the lives and livelihoods of the American people in our nation's history. They should accompany that sales pitch with an honest price tag.

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**Congressman Smith Capitol Report
Freedom From Mandates
October 8th, 2021**

The Washington political establishment just doesn't understand Missouri.

Missourians have felt the effects of COVID. Most of us have family, loved ones, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances who have had COVID. Those who have suffered it ourselves or watched a close family member suffer from it know what a serious disease it can be.

But Missourians also aren't willing to surrender our freedoms just because we face a threat. When Washington politicians wanted to lock down our state forever, we said no. When Washington bureaucrats wanted to have us wear masks forever, we said no. Now, we are facing the greatest threat to our individual liberty, possibly of my lifetime: the right to make health care decisions for ourselves. And once again, Washington politicians and bureaucrats have skipped over the part where they trust people to make the right decision and instead have decided to implement a draconian – and I believe unconstitutional –mandate.

Every day, I hear from more and more people throughout Missouri whose jobs and livelihoods are being threatened unless they comply with an order to take a vaccine. This is offensive and wrong. When you threaten people's jobs, threaten to isolate them, and threaten their ability to travel freely, you've effectively put a gun to their head. So it shouldn't come as any surprise that Missourians are rightfully calling on their elected leaders to fight back on their behalf.

The Freedom from Mandates Act and the Health Freedom for All Act are two policies I helped author which will ensure that no vaccine mandate from the federal government will ever be allowed to go into effect. I am going to do everything I can to convince my colleagues to pass these bills and protect our freedoms and our rights. But the reality is, with Joe Biden as President, Nancy Pelosi as Speaker and Chuck Schumer in charge of the Senate, we have an uphill battle in front of us.

It is also time that employers take a stand for their employees. As I've said before, if you're an employer and you trust your employee to make good decisions on behalf of your company, trust that they will make good decisions for their health, their family's health, and your company's health. Fight for their ability to exercise conscientious religious objections, to follow the science, to learn the issues and believe that they will act responsibly should they feel unwell. These are commonsense measures that will help prove to your employees that you not only care about them, but you care about their opinions as well.

One of the predictable but infuriating consequences of vaccine mandates is that they will cause workforce shortages in critical areas. For example, in New York, which has instituted a vaccine mandate for health care workers, New York hospitals are now facing critical workforce shortages because of how many health care workers aren't ready to take the vaccine. They are even discussing using the national guard to help out. Can you think of a crazier policy than one that results in a weakening of our ability to care for sick patients?

And this fight is now being brought to our kids. California is the first state to mandate that children receive the vaccine to attend public or private school. There's no room for opposition, there's no room for concern – the message from California is comply or be expelled from society. The reality is this kind of authoritarian control will further divide our society at a time when we should try to come together to work our way out of this pandemic.

I promise Missourians I will always do all I can to speak out on your behalf and fight for your life and liberty. And I will stand up against the Washington politicians and bureaucrats who think so little of you that they would sacrifice the freedoms we all hold dear. This fight is nowhere near over, it's just getting started.

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From: Rep Jason Smith Press <RepSmithPress@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2021 5:48 PM EDT
To: Rep Jason Smith Press <RepSmithPress@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Congressman Smith Capitol Report | Mandates For All



**Congressman Smith Capitol Report
Mandates For All
November 5th, 2021**

This week, Joe Biden officially rolled out his vaccine mandates on private businesses. It is no exaggeration to say this is almost certainly unconstitutional and is the single most authoritarian action the federal government has taken in my lifetime. Joe Biden did this without a shred of consent from Congress, giving the American people absolutely no say over their personal and private medical decisions.

It sickens me to my core that working class Americans, who despite personal risk, stayed on the job throughout the pandemic to provide for their families and produce the goods our country needed to get by, are now being told they will lose their livelihood if they don't sacrifice their medical freedom. After a year of being on the frontlines of the pandemic, President Biden has decided to thank our nation's heroes by firing them. Several recent polls have found Joe Biden's approval rating in the low 40s, and the majority of these polls show his disapproval above 50 percent. A big reason why is this utter disrespect being shown to working-class Americans.

The federal government has never imposed a vaccine mandate on American citizens. And Congress has given no authority to an agency to do so.

Now that the Biden administration has come out with this rule, it needs to be challenged in court. States need to fight on behalf of every citizen, and employers across this country should stand up for their employees' freedom. The consequences of this rule going into effect are dire. In rural areas, this will create a crisis in access to health care. How on earth could it be considered building back better if people can't get health care?

I am doing everything I can to fight this dangerous rule. On October 27, I wrote the Biden Administration and called on them to withdraw this authoritarian, unconstitutional vaccine mandate. The letter stated, "Given the reckless and shortsighted nature of the vaccine mandate..., we urge you to immediately withdraw it. OMB should not proceed with this excessive executive action which has been largely hidden from the eyes of millions of Americans it will affect."

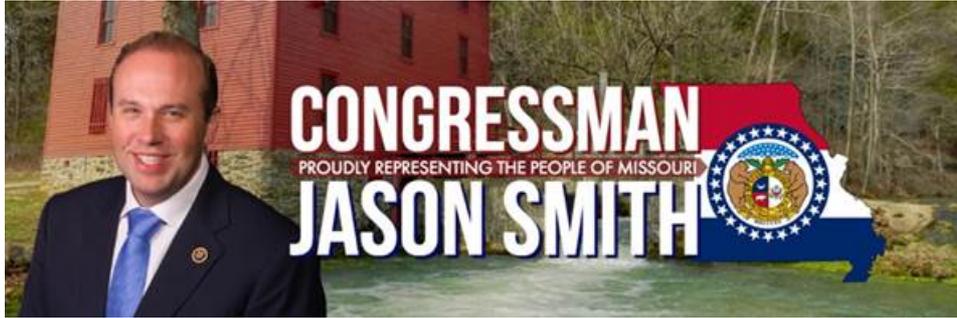
I have also co-authored the Freedom from Mandates Act and the Health Freedom for All Act, to ensure that federal vaccine mandates will ever be allowed to go into effect. I have also added my name and your voice to the list of elected office holders standing up against forced COVID vaccinations in the Armed Forces. I will do everything I can to convince my colleagues to pass these critical pieces of legislation.

Missourians have suffered plenty during this pandemic. Many of us know friends, family members or loved ones who became ill or even died from COVID. So no one will lecture us about the damage this disease can cause. But that's what freedom and liberty is all about: the ability to make choices for yourself. We all know the risks. We all can decide for ourselves what's best for our families. We don't need government bureaucrats – or the president himself – making this decision for us.

I've long said the best government is the government closest to the people, because they understand best what people want. This one-size-fits-all federal mandate is going to do real harm to rural areas, and the Biden administration needs to wake up and stop trying to control our lives. I will ALWAYS trust Missourians, which is why I will fight tooth and nail against this unconstitutional mandate.

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**Congressman Smith Capitol Report
Workers vanish in Biden's America
November 12th, 2021**

Just like those chatty in-laws or overly friendly neighbors who have a way of lingering on your doorstep, there are policies enacted by Congress that have overstayed their welcome. But unlike your esteemed neighbors and in-laws, these policies, if left to fester, can have disastrous consequences for the broader economy and the American people.

Some of these policies were enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the powers-that-be in Washington seized on what was initially sold to the American people as a temporary expansion of government. They turned this moment of crisis into an opportunity to permanently expand the role of government. A vanishing workforce is the result.

You get a labor force that is 3.1 million shy of where it was in February 2020 – before COVID-19 was declared a pandemic – in a market where there are jobs aplenty. You get thousands of shipping containers sitting idle in ports around the country. You get closed signs in windows along main street because your local store or market cannot find employees to run the cash register or stock the shelves. You get restaurants and pubs only offering carry out or drive thru as they are forced to cut back on their hours. In short, you get Biden's America.

In fact, you can draw a direct line from the policies the Biden administration has pursued and is threatening to pursue to the economic turmoil they have created. The unemployment insurance bonus extended in the Biden Bailout Bill pumped an additional \$15.49 billion into the economy, leading to roughly 1.8 million unemployed Americans reportedly turning down jobs this summer because the federal government paid them.

When it comes to the child tax credit, the Biden administration expanded it and then changed the law to eliminate its work requirement. This turned what was a bipartisan effort to support families into a scheme that could lead to an estimated 1.5 million Americans leaving the workforce. At the same time, the Biden administration also pushed through a 25 percent increase in food stamp assistance – the largest permanent increase since the program's creation – which again included eliminating any sort of work requirement.

As the White House continues its efforts to expand government, these policies, as implemented, will not only make it harder for employers to find employees but distort labor markets by keeping otherwise able-bodied workers on the sidelines. On top of that, the very same reckless spending policies the Biden Administration has enacted and is proposing to enact are fueling the worst inflation crisis in forty years – driving consumer prices even higher for employers and employees alike.

Then there's the Democrats' plan to incentivize unemployed individuals not to look for work by bribing them with Obamacare subsidies. This is also part of a broader effort to funnel as many Americans as possible into a more government-controlled health care scheme so that Washington can broaden the scope of its own power to dictate the how, when, where and what of Americans' health care decision-making.

It should be no wonder to the White House and Congressional Democrats why the economy they have shepherded into being is so disappointing for millions of Americans and has driven so many to opt-out of work. This administration has directed a massive government expansion with little accountability: monthly child payments without work requirements, the largest permanent increase in food stamps since the program's creation, and stimulus checks all have lowered the cost of unemployment – making it easier to live off the government and not work.

Meanwhile, those in the workforce are watching Washington spend their hard-earned tax dollars, while the inflation crisis fueled by Democrats' reckless spending eats away at any wage gains they might be experiencing. So much so the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has stated that "inflation has eroded the purchasing power of families."

President Joe Biden should put the shovel down on his Build Back Better agenda as the hole is deep enough.

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From: Congressman Jason Smith <JasonSmithNewsletter@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: Freedom From Mandates

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Representative Jason Smith

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Every day, I hear from more and more people throughout Missouri whose jobs and livelihoods are being threatened unless they comply with an order to take a vaccine. This is offensive and wrong.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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The Democrats' agenda is a giveaway to the wealthy at the expense of working families – all wrapped together in a bill that number 2,400 pages and counting. READ: My Op-Ed in Washington Examiner.

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Washington Democrats are actively working behind closed doors to insert a tax provision into their \$4.3 trillion socialist plan that overwhelmingly benefits rich families living in high-tax, blue states. Working families deserve better than the Democrats' failed agenda.

bank

The Democrats' radical tax & spending agenda is only possible with a massive increase to our debt limit that will eventually be paid for on the backs of working class families. READ: My statement on raising the debt limit.

Scoring

Before Democrats attempt to ram their partisan agenda through Congress, the American people deserve complete transparency on the impact this multi-trillion spending and tax plan will have on their access to healthcare and the cost of affordable health coverage. READ: My letter alongside GOP leaders to the Congressional Budget Office.

WHAT'S GREAT IN THE 8TH

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The Poplar Bluff Fire Department will celebrate the promotion of five longtime employees and the addition of three new ones during a pinning ceremony Friday night at the Black River Coliseum. The promotions and new hires follow the recent retirement of Capt. Blaine Murrell, Battalion Chief David Dudley and Chief Ralph Stucker. “We don’t have a high turnover rate, and it’s usually through attrition,” Moffitt said.

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The Global War on Terror flag will be displayed at the museum at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial. It will be at the memorial in Perryville October 19-26. Veterans & Athletes United’s flag is a 28-foot-wide by 6-foot-tall American flag symbolizing the shape of the flag when draped on a fallen service member’s casket. It is formed of more than 7,000 dog tags of all those who have fallen in the Global War on Terror.

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Poplar Bluff’s Aleanna Moore and Van Buren’s Peyton Padovano are among the local teachers that were selected as the second-annual 2021 McDonald’s Outstanding Educators from a pool of more than 720 nominations. The award honors educators who exhibit the ultimate dedication to their students and contribute to the improvement of education in our most challenging times. Local McDonald’s Owner/Operator Shannon Davis says recognizing teachers for all they do for the youth in the communities they serve is a top priority for local McDonald’s restaurants.

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People gathered at the United Methodist Church in Dexter this past Friday and Saturday with the objective of helping other people. The 2021 Sharefest, which is part of the statewide Festival of Sharing, is an ecumenical event involving several churches. The event in Dexter serves an area north to Arcadia Valley, west to Doniphan and south through the Bootheel. The event is one of seven Festival of Sharing events in Missouri that take place at various times in September and October.

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Reopening the U.S. consulate general in Jerusalem for Palestinians is a misguided proposal that will only divide Israel and creates real obstacles toward peace. I was proud to stand with my colleagues in support of a unified Jerusalem.

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Friday's push by Democrats to move their massive tax and spending bill forward by twisting arms instead of being straight with the American people was abhorrent. Congress must have a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office before ANY more consideration of this bill.

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I know many families affected by the recent tornadoes are urgently in need of information about assistance that may be available to help them recover. Disaster services representatives will be available Monday, November 8 from 4-8 PM at the Trinity Baptist Church, 500 Mulberry Street, in St. Mary to offer assistance to residents including help with insurance and legal services, food stamp replacements, cleaning supplies, and more. I encourage anyone seeking information to attend.

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Allgier Farms has been in the Allgier family for over 100 years! We should be proud of legacy small businesses like theirs. On my recent visit to the farm, I saw why it's important we tell Washington Bureaucrats to cut the taxes and let family-owned farms like theirs continue for generations to come.

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Washington Democrats are using budget gimmicks and shell games to hide the true cost of their proposal. As the Republican Leader of the Budget Committee, you can read my analysis on why it's not \$1.75 trillion - once you account for failed offsets and early sunsets, this reckless tax and spending package costs \$4.6 trillion.

money BEEYYOTTCCCHHH

While this temporary halt of the vaccine mandate is a sigh of relief to millions of Americans, we cant rest until this unconstitutional mandate is put into the dust bin of history.

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The vote on the infrastructure bill is a perfect example of why obtaining a score of legislation from the Congressional Budget Office is important before Congress votes to enact new spending. Despite claims that the infrastructure bill was fully paid for, CBO showed a nearly \$400 billion shortfall. READ: My statement on the passage of the infrastructure bill.

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Thanks to a \$1,000 donation from Saint Francis Healthcare System, 36 weather radios will be given away free - one per household until they're gone with a preference for Cape Girardeau County residents. Despite the Oct. 24 EF3 tornadoes that ripped through St. Mary and Fredericktown, Missouri, as well as Chester, Illinois, this event has been on the books for awhile, officials said.

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About 75 people attended a groundbreaking ceremony held Thursday morning for the construction of a new Workforce Innovation and Education Center on the Mineral Area College campus in Park Hills. According to Dr. Joe Gilgour, MAC president, the 80,500-square-foot training facility is being built to "meet the demands of area employers and provide students with opportunities to receive specialized, technical skills training to secure well-paying jobs close to home."

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Marine Corps basic training focuses the mind, and that structure doesn't change even when the scenery does. Allen Dirickson, a Sikeston, Missouri, native and Southeast Missouri Statue University student, knows this.

Madison County Emergency Management Director Dean Stevens said it will take years to get everything back to the way it was, but the community is resilient and has come together to take care of each other. Businesses, churches, neighbors, and even the Mennonite community have come together to help with cleanup, gather supplies, and find shelter for those who no longer have a place to live.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

H.R. 3469: Reauthorizes the "Boots to Business" program for an additional five years to ensure that America's future business leaders that have served in our nation's Armed Forces have access to the program.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED YES.

H.R. 760: Condemns the Cuban Government for its human rights abuses against its own people and expresses solidarity with Cubans right to free speech and demands Joe Biden to take an active role in support for the people of Cuba's god given right to free speech.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED YES.

H.R. 3684: Despite Nancy Pelosi's claims that the Infrastructure package and the tax-and-spend reconciliation bill have been de-linked, this bill further advances her end goal on passing Bernie Sanders' budget bill.

PASSED, REP. SMITH VOTED NO.

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Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2021, at 3:46 PM, Fears, Jordan <Jordan.Fears@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Senator Onder,

Please find attached a letter from Congresswoman Ann Wagner (MO-02).

Thank you.

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September 9, 2021

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Mr. Richard West
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Dear Senator Onder and Representative West,

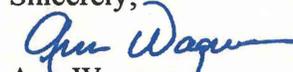
I am confident you join me and all Missourians saddened by the tragic loss of Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz. As you are aware, Lance Cpl. Schmitz gave his life in service to his country in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021. Our nation owes Lance Cpl. Schmitz and his family a deep debt of gratitude that will never be fully repaid. Freedom comes at a steep price, and I'll be forever grateful to Lance Cpl. Schmitz for his sacrifice, heroism, and bravery.

During this time of mourning, I have spoken with Lance Cpl. Schmitz's father, Mark Schmitz, on several occasions. Mr. Schmitz expressed a desire for his son's sacrifice to never be forgotten and suggested that a newly constructed bridge in Wentzville be named in honor of Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz. My understanding is MoDOT's Heroes Way Designation Program requires a state legislative sponsor to make this suggestion a reality.

I am formally requesting you, as Mr. Schmitz's state legislative representatives, work with Mr. Schmitz and his family to name the newly constructed bridge in Wentzville in honor of Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz. Lance Cpl. Schmitz's sacrifice for our great nation and his heroism in the face of danger make him more than worthy of this honor. This act of remembrance will have a significant impact on the Schmitz family, the local community, and all those who wish to remember the sacrifice of Lance Cpl. Schmitz.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if there is anything we can do to assist in this effort.

Sincerely,



Ann Wagner
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Mark Schmitz
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Good morning,

Please find attached an invitation from Senator Blunt for his annual Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting at this year's Missouri State Fair. RSVP information is included, as well as a map indicating a new location this year.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Hannah Larrick

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July 15, 2021

Honorable Senator of the State of Missouri
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Dear Senator,

The 2021 Missouri State Fair is just around the corner, and the Missouri Farm Bureau and I invite you to participate in the tenth annual Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting.

Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting
Co-hosted by U.S. Senator Roy Blunt and Missouri Farm Bureau
Thursday, August 19, 2021
12:30 pm
VIP Tent Across from Gerken Dairy Center (new location)
Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

Each year, Congress considers a variety of important issues that directly impact Missouri's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. Whether it's debating policy changes for the next Farm Bill, reducing costly and onerous regulatory burdens impacting a producer's bottom-line, discussing implications of tax reform on family businesses, or reviewing the impact of international trade policies, the Missouri Farm Bureau and I would very much appreciate to hear your perspective on these important issues. As a representative of the largest industry that contributes to our state's economy, your experience on the ground offers the opportunity to hear common sense approaches to how federal and state governments can continue to support Missouri's agriculture sector.

The tenth annual meeting of the Agriculture Advisory Council will take place on Thursday, August 19th at 12:30 p.m. on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. A complimentary lunch will be provided courtesy of Missouri Farm Bureau.

The Missouri agricultural sector can look forward to extraordinary new opportunities both domestically and abroad if our federal and state partners make the sound policy decisions and investments. I hope you can join us for this conversation about the important issues facing the agriculture and rural communities in our state.

Please R.S.V.P. before August 13th by calling my Columbia office at 573-442-8151. I look forward to visiting with you at the State Fair!

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator

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President Biden's proposal to empower the IRS to spy on Americans' bank accounts is grossly inappropriate. This week, I sent a letter demanding that the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) analyze just how far-reaching the Biden Administration's proposal will be so that hardworking Americans can see for themselves all of the harmful impacts. READ: My letter to the JCT.

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The St. Francois County Courthouse held a Veterans Day celebration where children got to show off flags they colored themselves to honor our nation's heroes.

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Rolla High School and Success Elementary school got to hear stories and experiences from retired Veterans. Patriotism and love for this country was felt wide and far.

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The Poplar Bluff Veterans' Council put on a ceremony that recognized and honored Veterans who were killed in the line of duty and those who are still missing. We must NEVER forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom and way of life.

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Washington Democrats are using tricky budget gimmicks to deceive the American people about the cost of their agenda, claiming it will cost “zero” or be “paid for.” House Budget Committee analyses shows it will spend \$4.5 trillion while adding \$3 trillion to the deficit. This week, I sent a joint letter with Senate Budget Ranking Member Lindsey Graham to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) calling on them to reveal what the true cost would be to the American people of this tax-and-spend bill. READ: Our letter to the CBO.

WHAT'S GREAT IN THE 8TH

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The West Plains Sunrise Rotary Club has made a \$500 donation to the Ozarks Healthcare Foundation. This donation will be put toward the purchase of their Mobile Mammography Unit.

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When Chairman Chris Landrum and her Help the Hungry Bake Sale Committee describe the annual event as a "God thing" - they aren't kidding. Celebrating its 16th year of raising funds for Farmington's two food pantries - St. Vincent de Paul and Ministerial Alliance - Saturday's event held in the St. Joseph Catholic Church gymnasium took things to a record-breaking, heavenly level.

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Every year, Salem Public Library collects food to donate to a charitable organization in the Salem area. "Every year we pick somewhere different," said Lisa Lewis who works at the Salem Public Library. This year they selected Grace Harbor to be the recipient of their drive.

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More than 800 flags lined the roadway into Cape County Park North after the rain stopped on Veterans Day. According to organizers, volunteers began installing the American Flags at 1pm. Each flag placed represents a veteran who served in the United States military in wars ranging from World War I to The Global War on Terror.

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