Dear Friends,

As we near the end of 2022, I want to take a moment and show my appreciation for my community. This year, we have weathered much: drought and wildfire, supply chain shortages, economic hardships, and more. But we have also witnessed the very best of humanity in our district. Neighbors came together to support each other. We stood up strong for our beliefs and our way of life. And most importantly, we reopened our businesses and put people back to work. I am so proud to call Central Washington home, and I look forward to the work we will continue to accomplish, together.

Yours,
Legislative Update

Bills Introduced: 9
Hearings on Bills: 2
Bills Signed Into Law: 5
Measures Cosponsored: 102
As a Member on the Appropriations Committee, I am committed to providing funding for much-needed projects in Central Washington, while ensuring your taxpayer dollars are being spent in a fiscally responsible way. Here are some of the ways I’ve been able to deliver for Central Washington this year:

- 10 Major Community Projects Funded
- Delivered Critical Funding for the Hanford Site
- Invested in Crucial Agriculture Research
- Major Border Security Funding Secured
- Fought Back Against China’s Purchases of U.S. Farmland
- Provided a Pay Increase for our Troops
A Voice for Rural America

9 Field Tours

11 Letters Led

8 Staff Briefings

15 Blog Posts

10 Policy Forums

9 Member Meetings

12 Op-Eds

15 Podcast Episodes

Species Week
In July, Western Caucus Members focused on promoting commonsense Endangered Species Act (ESA) reforms and Republican solutions that will help aid recovery of these species, encourage state and local species conservation, and incentivize private landowners to continue their recovery efforts.

Permitting Month
Western Caucus Members spent the month of March highlighting the need for reforms to federal permitting processes in order to unlock the full potential of rural America.

National Clean Energy Week
In September, Western Caucus Members highlighted the United States’ leadership in emissions reduction, energy technology innovation, and American energy dominance.

Commitment to Rural America
In September, Western Caucus Members outlined how they will deliver An Economy That’s Strong, A Nation That’s Safe, A Future That’s Built on Freedom, and A Government That’s Accountable for rural America.
#SaveOurDams

The Snake River Dams are integral to flood control, navigation, irrigation, agriculture, and recreation in Central Washington and our region cannot afford to lose them. Here’s how I’m working to protect them:

In March, I hosted a community roundtable with stakeholders and industry leaders to talk about the intersection between the Snake River Dams and agriculture.

In June, I brought Members of the Congressional Western Caucus from across the United States on a field tour of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, including a tour of the Ice Harbor Dam. After the tour, we introduced the Federal Columbia River Power System Certainty Act to stop the Four Lower Snake River Dams from being breached.

**Legisitative Win:** I stripped Senator Murray’s language from the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 that could have led to the dismantling of the Lower Snake River Dams and included funding for improved fish passage.

In August, I hosted a community event in Howard Amon Park with over 100 people from the Tri-Cities to show our support for the Lower Snake River Dams. Our voices were united: we will not let our dams be breached!
Every day, constituents call in to my office for help with federal agencies. My staff diligently works to return lost benefits, retrieve Social Security and tax checks, solve immigration cases, and much more. Here are just a few stories from constituents we helped this year!

"We were expecting a response in 3-6 weeks after the site visit, but one day is amazing!"

Misael Hernandez, a pastor in Yakima, had been waiting over 16 months to get his religious visa renewed. Our office was able to secure a site visit for him within a month and had his visa processed and renewed just one day after.

Clifton MaIm of Omak served our country honorably as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and risked his life to protect his fellow servicemembers. His courage earned him a Purple Heart, which unfortunately he never received. We worked to ensure he received his medals, and the gratitude of the truly thankful nation they represent, earlier this year.

Almira Coulee Hartline Middle School tragically burned down last October. We were able to donate three boxes of books through the Library of Congress’ book donation program to help them rebuild their library.

We found safe, temporary housing for an elderly Korean and Vietnam war veteran in the Methow Valley who was evicted from his property and are currently working to place him in a permanent or long-term care facility.
Working For You
Serving Central Washington’s Veterans

This year my office has assisted 126 veterans in receiving their VA benefits, lost service records, earned war medals, and more, resulting in them obtaining thousands in combined benefits and paid medical bills.

This spring, I questioned officials from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization’s hearing on Cerner’s Electronic Health Records System in Spokane and in Walla Walla and the impacts it has had on veteran’s care.

This summer, I invited Congressman Mike Bost, a veteran of the Marine Corps and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to visit Central Washington and hear directly from Central Washington veterans and their healthcare providers about the issues they’re facing—particularly with the rollout of the new Electronic Health Records system at the VA.

We spoke with numerous physicians, administrators, and staff at our local VA facilities in Richland and Walla Walla and hosted an informative listening session with Central Washington veterans. Their messages were unified: the new Electronic Health Records system at the VA is not providing the care our veterans need and deserve.

I am committed to continuing to work with the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, along with my Washington delegation colleagues, to hold Cerner and the VA accountable for their failures and find solutions to address these immediate problems.
The Office of Dan Newhouse: By The Numbers

- 605 Cases Resolved
- $343,882 Returned to Constituents
- 20,353 Responses Sent
- 30,000+ Miles Traveled Across WA-04
- 291 Meetings Held
- 5 Grants Announced
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