Friends,

It is an honor to update you on the work I am doing in Congress. Over the last few weeks, I had the opportunity to meet with constituents, small business owners and veterans service organizations that play a critical role in our communities. The most frequent concern I heard from local business owners is that they cannot find workers to fill open positions. These community leaders simply cannot compete against the Biden Administration’s overly-generous federal unemployment compensation.

While I am thankful that the COVID-19 pandemic is ending, I am concerned that Congress’ tax and spend policies are doing significant long-term harm to our economy. Pumping trillions of dollars into an already saturated market, raising inflation, and promising to raise taxes will only harm our children and grandchildren. Not to mention, Democrats continue pushing radical ideas, such as the divisive Critical Race Theory, in our schools, institutions, and the military.

When Democrats do engage on the issues Americans are facing, they only do so half-heartedly. Take Vice President Harris’ “trip to the border” in El Paso, Texas last Friday. Not only did it take President Biden’s “border czar” more than 90 days to show up, when she finally did, the trip turned out to be nothing more than a photo op – 800 miles away from the heart of the crisis.

The most eyebrow raising part of the visit though was undoubtedly its timing. For months, the Biden Administration flatly refused to go to the border and see the crisis for themselves. That is until President Trump announced he will be going to the border himself this week with my colleagues in the Republican Study Committee.

Do you think the crisis on our southern border has gotten any better recently? We want to know what you think.
Reigning in Big Tech:

Last week, the House Judiciary Committee held a marathon markup session, reviewing legislation that would potentially reign in Big Tech monopolies. It’s indisputable that Big Tech corporations have amassed too much power for themselves and have blatantly abused that power to both hurt smaller competitors and silence conservatives across America.

The question we need to answer is what is the best approach to breaking up Big Tech’s monopoly status and ensuring they cannot continue to silence voices they disagree with? As written, some of the bills would make matters worse, not better. For example, the Access Act, would give the FTC power to let Facebook be the speech police across all social media platforms. Facebook, the very platform that silenced its users for daring to speak out about the Wuhan lab leak theory, would then be able to silence anyone with whom they disagree.
Don’t give Facebook more censorship power

Another bill we marked up, the Ending Platform Monopolies Act, is extremely problematic. Rather than simply break up Big Tech companies, this bill would empower bureaucrats and big government to control how these companies operate.

I offered a pair of amendments last week to help address both glaring problems in these bills. The first would limit the FTC’s power over content moderation policy – negating the possibility of Facebook having the final say over everyone else. My amendment to the Ending Platform Monopolies Act would create a fast track review process before a court, allowing the Justice Department to break up Big Tech in the cleanest way possible.

Tweet: Let’s break up Big Tech, not hand over their power to big government

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Expanding Healthcare Choices:

When President Trump was still in office, he implemented the Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) rule, giving Americans access to more health insurance choices. It’s a good rule worth keeping, because every American should have the freedom to choose the coverage that is best for them.

Last week, I reintroduced the Increasing Health Coverage through HRAs Act, which would give President Trump’s rule the full force and effect of law. This bill gives employees the freedom to use HRAs, offered by their employers, to purchase individual health insurance, expanding coverage for an estimated 800,000 Americans. This bill also allows small businesses in North Carolina to compete with bigger firms by offering quality benefits. Overall, HRAs are a win for consumers, providing strong protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions and keeping healthcare costs lower.

READ: With this rule, millions of Americans will have more healthcare choices

In the District:
Last week, I had the opportunity to host a Veterans Service Organization roundtable at South Piedmont Community College with men & women who have served our nation. Giving these heroes the care and support they need must be a top priority for Congress—not an afterthought. I look forward to continuing to work with these great community leaders to support our veterans in Congress. If you are a veteran with a casework need, please contact my district office.

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 202-225-1976 or at RepDanBishop@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Bishop
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