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- 3 The elected official's answer will be publicly displayed.

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Bob Odell
R. - 8th District
Washington

How will medical dispensaries prevent marijuana abuse?

Now that New Hampshire patients will have access to medical marijuana, can you speak to the regulatory oversight of its distribution by health providers?

by Mason James 345 Supporters [Sign →](#)



Stephanie Flowers
D. - 25th District
Arkansas

Do you support the expansion of virtual education?

Some education experts are saying that online courses will hurt colleges and universities but won't actually educate people. Other say it can bring higher quality education everywhere at a lower cost. Where do you fall and what will you do to act on your position?

by Doris Evans 67 Supporters [Sign →](#)



John Delaney
R. - 6th District
Maryland

Will you support H.R. 1114, the End Political Kickbacks Act of 2013?

The bill prohibits for-profit recipients of federal funds from making contributions to any political party, committee, or candidate for public office, or to any person for any political purpose or use.

by Nelson Gresham 635 Supporters [Sign →](#)



Jaime Herrera Beutler
R. - 3rd House District
Washington

Do you support tying student loan interest rates to financial markets?

If not, what would you do to lower student loan interest rates?

by George McPeak 2134 Supporters [Sign →](#)



Madison Nguyen
7th District
San Jose

What economic impact have you had on San Jose while you've been in office?

Can you quantify your overall impact and give examples of projects or laws that had the greatest impact?

by Lydia Navidad 67 Supporters [Sign →](#)



Lisa Murkowski
R. US Senate

What do you see as your biggest accomplishments since you've been in the Senate?

How do your accomplishments compare to your campaign promises?

by Lorena Andrus 712 Supporters [Sign →](#)



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To: Mike Enzi (Senator, Wyoming, Republican)

What are your accomplishments and stances related to Wyoming farmers?

Posted about 2 hours ago by Steven, of Cheyenne, WY

 **Mike Enzi**
Senator, Wyoming, Republican
12 Questions 4 Answers

I have been working for Wyoming's ranchers and farmers since before I came to the Senate. We scored major victories in 2008 with the passage of the new Farm Bill. This is the first Farm Bill to contain a specific livestock title to promote competition and fairness in agricultural markets. It included language to implement Country of Origin Labeling (COOL). COOL provides consumers with important information about the source of food and allows our livestock producers, who produce the highest quality meats in the world, to remain competitive in a growing global marketplace. The 2012 drought has hurt many crops and threatens yields in 2013. I have worked with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure that producers have tools available to them to help mitigate risk when it comes to adverse weather and other agricultural disasters. I was an original cosponsor of legislation that would lift a ban on interstate commerce by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and ensure that meat that has been state-tested can be sold across state lines. We already allow meat from foreign countries to be sold in our nation based on a promise that those foreign nations' standards are the same as ours. This law has prevented Wyoming producers from selling their beef or lamb across state lines in the past, even when our state standards are stronger than federal standards. Wyoming's

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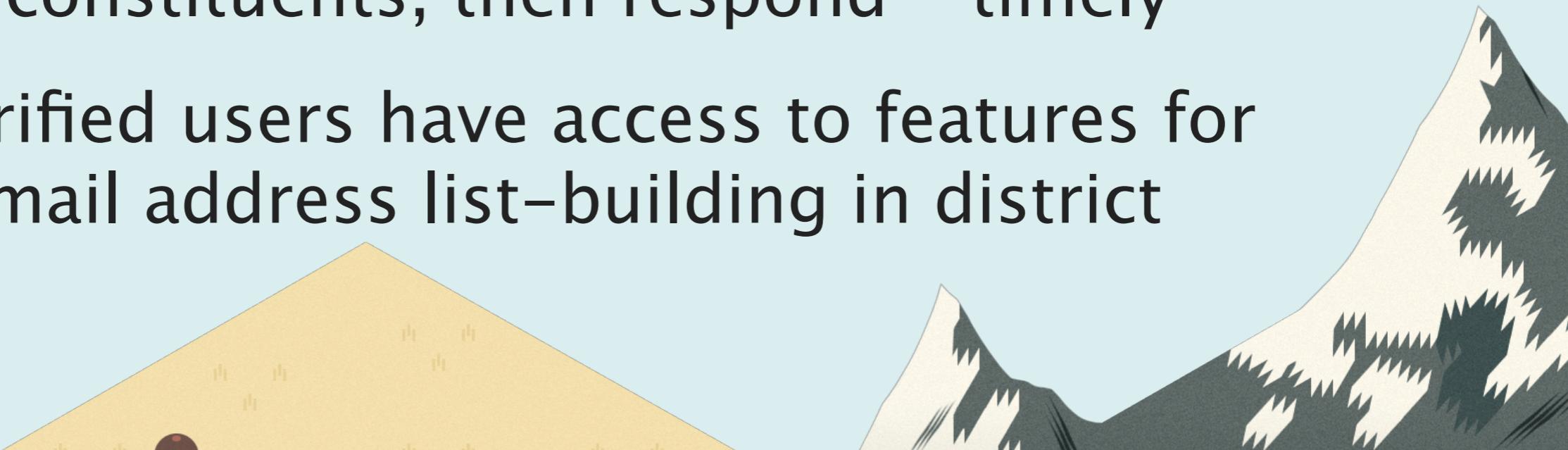
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What do you see as your biggest accomplishments since you've been in the Senate?

How do your accomplishments compare to your campaign promises?

 Lorena Andrus →  US Senator Lisa Murkowski (R)

Will you support H.R.1114, the End Political Kickbacks Act of 2013?

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 Nelson Gresham →  US Rep John Delaney (D)

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 **Brian J. O'Neill**
Philly City Council
10th District (R)
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 **Michael Nutter**
Philly Mayor (D)
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 **Brian Sims**
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State Senator (D), District 1
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Pennsylvania - Federal Gov.

 **Chaka Fattah**
US Rep (D), PA 2nd District
23 Questions →

Roadmap

- Summer 2013: sign up as verified responder
- Oct. 2013: launch publicly with elected official & partner org. commitments

