

From: Congressman Bob Latta <boblatta@mail.house.gov> To: Craig.Wheeler@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST Message from Congressman Bob Latta Date: Mon, 24 Apr 2023 15:43:34 -0400 Dear friend, As your representative in Congress for Ohio's Fifth District(<https://latta.house.gov/district/map.htm>) , I want to keep you updated on my work done on your behalf in Ohio, Washington, D.C., and beyond. Continue reading below for several highlights over the past few months. If you would like to receive shorter and similar updates with even more timely information about my work in Congress for our shared communities, please consider signing up for my https://urldefense.com/v3/__http://e-newsletter.Click__;!!Ckt11KVezJIME51BYf4a6hrLATHilnk!AE41g6 on the button below to automatically sign up. Survey Question: Sign up for email updates? Survey Responses: 1.

Yes(<https://latta.house.gov/Forms/Form/QuickSurvey.aspx?email=jd@fireside21.com&sid=3101&fid=1>) Sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Ohio's Fifth District(https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://twitter.com/boblatta/status/1610322749771087876?s=20__;) At the beginning of January, I took the oath of office to support and defend the Constitution and was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives to continue serving the people of Ohio's Fifth

District(<https://latta.house.gov/district/map.htm>) .It's the honor of my life to be your voice in our nation's capital. My wife, Marcia, and I also received our new Member and spouse pins for the 118th Congress (pictured below). Being sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives is a great honor, but even more so with Marcia by my side. 1 2 Bob and his wife, Marcia, receive their new Member and spouse pins Cracking down on fentanyl() halt Our nation continues to battle a devastating poisoning crisis - the vast majority attributed to illicit fentanyl - which has claimed tens of thousands of American lives. That is why I am co-leading the HALT Fentanyl Act to permanently schedule fentanyl-related substances as a Schedule I narcotic to crack down on this scourge. I am pleased this bill has advanced through the Energy and Commerce Committee (with bipartisan support) and now awaits a vote before the full U.S. House of Representatives. Click

here(<https://latta.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=403802>) to read more. Increasing domestic energy production to lower costs() HR 1 Passes House I have heard from countless residents in Ohio's Fifth District that high energy costs have burdened families, farmers, manufacturers, and everyone in between. Anti-energy policies by the Biden Administration have stifled energy production in America, leading to this energy affordability crisis. That is why I have been working on solutions within the Energy and Commerce Committee to advance pro-energy growth policies. And just last month, the House passed H.R. 1 - the Lower Energy Costs Act - which works to increase domestic energy production to lower costs for communities across America. I was pleased to help craft this important pro-energy legislation and was also proud that my bill, the REFINER Act, was included in this energy package. Click here(<https://latta.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=403808>) to read about H.R. 1 - the Lower Energy Costs Act. Click

here(<https://latta.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=403736>) to read about my REFINER Act. Providing solutions to stem the crisis at the southern border() Latta Southern Border Bob receives a briefing at the southern border in Texas Drug cartels are exploiting our southern border by trafficking deadly fentanyl into our country. Fentanyl is responsible for poisoning and killing Americans - including Ohioans - by the thousands. Here are some

statistics: In just one year, 107,622 Americans died of a drug poisoning. Over 70,000 of those drug poisoning deaths were attributed to

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Ohio, there were 5,017 overdoses in one year. 81% of those drug overdose deaths were attributed to fentanyl. A crisis of this magnitude commands our attention, which is why the Energy and Commerce Committee took action recently by holding a congressional hearing at the southern border in McAllen, Texas. During our field hearing, we witnessed what is happening at our southern border, questioned officials, and heard from witnesses who discussed the importance of border security. We also heard from officials who highlighted the importance of passing the HALT Fentanyl Act - legislation I've introduced in Congress - to crack down on this scourge and save lives. It's far past time Congress addresses the crisis at our southern border. Passing the HALT Fentanyl Act and advancing other border security measures that put the safety and well-being of American communities first are necessary steps in the right direction. Hearing directly from you (<https://latta.house.gov/contact/>) As your representative in Congress, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet and speak with you in our shared communities. Whether it's at a club meeting, your place of business, or even at the grocery store, I can only do my job if I am hearing about what is on your mind. Please never hesitate to say hello or to contact any of my offices so we can help you. Below are a few recent highlights. You can view these updates in real-time if you follow me on

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for a Workforce Development Roundtable with manufacturers from across our region to discuss ways to incorporate new technology to improve their operations. We also discussed the importance of extending technical education to give students the training and ability to seamlessly enter the workforce.

I'm proud to champion these efforts in Congress and look forward to continuing to help students access these crucial educational opportunities. Hancock County Farm Bureau Latta With the Farm Bill expected to be considered in Congress this year, it was helpful to hear directly from our ag producers about their priorities and challenges. Thank you to the Hancock County Farm Bureau for facilitating this great discussion and inviting me to participate in their recent public policy breakfast. recovery I Manufacturers across our region continue to deal with workforce shortages, supply chain issues, and high inflation. These topics were brought up during my visits to Lincoln Electric and Fort Recovery Industries in Mercer County. With Ohio's Fifth District home to over 76,000 manufacturing jobs, it's important we support our manufacturing industry and continue investing in training and education for students to enter this valuable workforce. *** It's an honor to serve you in Congress. For timely updates on my work on behalf of Ohio's Fifth

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