

From: Congressman Mike Lawler <RepMikeLawler@mail.house.gov> To: Peter.Finocchio@mail.house.gov Subject: Putting Hudson Valley Communities First Date: Fri, 12 May 2023 21:54:05 -0400 Unsubscribe: <https://lawler.house.gov/Forms/EmailSignup/?Delete=true&MessageID=129&Email=Peter.Finocchio@mail.house.gov>

Putting Hudson Valley Communities First body, table, td, a{-webkit-text-size-adjust: 100%; -ms-text-size-adjust: 100%;} /* Prevent WebKit and Windows mobile changing default text sizes */

img{-ms-interpolation-mode: bicubic;} /* Allow smoother rendering of resized image in Internet Explorer */ /* RESET STYLES */img { border: 0; height: auto; line-height: 100%; outline: none; text-decoration: none; }table { border-collapse: collapse !important; }body { height: 100% !important; margin: 0 !important; padding: 0 !important; width: 100% !important; }strong { font-weight: bold; } /* Editor reset */ /* FIRESIDE STYLES */.component img {max-width:600px;}.component table {mso-table-rspace:10pt; border-collapse:collapse;}.component { padding: 0px !important; }.press {padding-bottom: 0px;}@media all and (max-width:650px) { .image-1, .caption-1, .img-1 img, .image-1 tr, .image-1 td, .image-2, .img-2 img, .image-2 tr, .image-2 td {max-width: 100% !important; width: 100% !important;}.responsive-table {width:100% !important;}.responsive-table img {max-width:100% !important; height: auto !important;}.press .component, .press td {text-align:center;}.component { margin-left: 20px; margin-right: 20px;}.component .responsive-table { margin-left: 0px !important; margin-right: 0px !important;}.wide .video-thumb { width: 100% !important; height: auto !important; }.wide .video-container { width: 100% !important; }.component.full-width {margin-left: 0px; margin-right: 0px; } } /* CLIENT-SPECIFIC STYLES */ body, table, td, a{-webkit-text-size-adjust: 100%; -ms-text-size-adjust: 100%;} /* Prevent WebKit and Windows mobile changing default text sizes */ table, td{mso-table-lspace: 0pt; mso-table-rspace: 0pt;} /* Remove spacing between tables in Outlook 2007 and up */

img{-ms-interpolation-mode: bicubic;} /* Allow smoother rendering of resized image in Internet Explorer */ /* RESET STYLES */img { border: 0; height: auto; line-height: 100%; outline: none; text-decoration: none; }table { border-collapse: collapse !important; }body { height: 100% !important; margin: 0 !important; padding: 0 !important; width: 100% !important; }strong { font-weight: bold; } /* Editor reset */ /* FIRESIDE STYLES */.component img {max-width:600px;}.component table {mso-table-rspace:10pt; border-collapse:collapse; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;}.component td, td {font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;}.component { padding: 0px !important; }.press {padding-bottom: 0px;}.caption-1 td {font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;} /* Margin/NoMargin STYLES */.component.full-width{ overflow: hidden; margin: 0px; } /* HEADER STYLES */.header-bar {width: 100%;}.header-bar-margin {background-color:#ffffff;}.header-bar h2 {margin: 0 !important; padding: 0 !important; color: #000000;text-align: center;font-size: 24px;font-weight: bold; }.survey-content > table > tbody tr td { border-color: #08244a !important; }.survey-content input.survey-submit { font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif !important; }@media all and (max-width:650px) { .image-1, .caption-1, .img-1 img, .image-1

tr, .image-1 td {max-width: 100% !important; width: 100% !important;}
.responsive-table {width:100% !important;} .responsive-table img
{max-width:100% !important; height: auto !important;} .press .component, .press
td, .split .component, .split .component td, .split td {text-align:center;}
.component { margin-left: 20px; margin-right: 20px;} .component
.responsive-table { margin-left: 0px !important; margin-right: 0px !important;}
.wide .video-thumb { width: 100% !important; height: auto !important; }
.wide.video-container { width: 100% !important; } .scale1280x720
.video-thumb-padding {height: calc(((720 * (100vw - 50px)) / 1280) / 2 -
40px);} } May 12, 2023 Peter, Between multiple press conferences with local
elected officials, President Biden's visit to my district on Wednesday,
the House's vote on H.R. 2 on Thursday, and a myriad of events and meetings in
Washington and back in the 17th District, it has without question been another
monumental week for us. As we have seen with Mayor Adams' decision to bus
hundreds of migrants from New York City into Rockland County, the unsustainable
situation at the border does not just impact border states like Texas or
Arizona, but has a direct impact on our Hudson Valley communities as well. On
Monday, I held a press conference with Rockland County Executive Ed Day and
other local officials highlighting our concerns with this plan and the Mayor's
lack of coordination with any local, county, or federal officials from the area
before announcing this. This was the second press conference I held with County
Executive Ed Day on the topic- in March we were joined by Department of Social
Services (DSS) Commissioner Joan Silvestri and representatives from various
local nonprofit organizations to discuss the strain our social services
organizations and nonprofits are under. This new wave could put many of these
organizations under. The Hudson Valley is one of the most welcoming places in
the country and we have vibrant immigrant communities. I am honored to
represent this district and to champion our immigrant population and their
families in Washington. Anyone who would try to characterize us as an
unwelcoming place simply doesn't know the 17th District. We are a nation
of immigrants - my wife being one of them - and we welcome them to
our country and our community. It is unsustainable, however, to have
15,000 migrants crossing the border daily without any plan for
housing, employment, or food. While I have long agreed with
Mayor Adams about the need for more federal aid to accommodate the
migrant crisis in New York City, I am fundamentally opposed to shifting that
crisis to other communities that are not prepared to handle that
influx. May 12, 2023 Peter, Between multiple press conferences with local
elected officials, President Biden's visit to my district on Wednesday,
the House's vote on H.R. 2 on Thursday, and a myriad of events and meetings in
Washington and back in the 17th District, it has without question been another
monumental week for us. As we have seen with Mayor Adams' decision to bus
hundreds of migrants from New York City into Rockland County, the unsustainable
situation at the border does not just impact border states like Texas or
Arizona, but has a direct impact on our Hudson Valley communities as well. On
Monday, I held a press conference with Rockland County Executive Ed Day and
other local officials highlighting our concerns with this plan and the Mayor's

lack of coordination with any local, county, or federal officials from the area before announcing this. This was the second press conference I held with County Executive Ed Day on the topic- in March we were joined by Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Joan Silvestri and representatives from various local nonprofit organizations to discuss the strain our social services organizations and nonprofits are under. This new wave could put many of these organizations under. The Hudson Valley is one of the most welcoming places in the country and we have vibrant immigrant communities. I am honored to represent this district and to champion our immigrant population and their families in Washington. Anyone who would try to characterize us as an unwelcoming place simply doesn't know the 17th District. We are a nation of immigrants - my wife being one of them - and we welcome them to our country and our community. It is unsustainable, however, to have 15,000 migrants crossing the border daily without any plan for housing, employment, or food. While I have long agreed with Mayor Adams about the need for more federal aid to accommodate the migrant crisis in New York City, I am fundamentally opposed to shifting that crisis to other communities that are not prepared to handle that influx. Rep. Lawler joins County Executive Ed Day for a Press Conference on March 2 drawing attention to the strain on county services and nonprofits. With Title 42 now expired, the strain at our Southern Border is only intensifying. We must secure the border and begin working to fix our broken immigration system - something both parties have failed to do for a very long time. That's why on Thursday I voted in support of H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. You can find my speech on the House floor in support of this legislation below. On Wednesday, President Biden spoke in my district and I had the chance to speak with him about the need to secure our border and urge him to negotiate with Speaker McCarthy on a debt ceiling compromise. I appreciated the President's comment in his remarks that he sees me as the type of Republican he is used to working with. I look forward to him continuing to work with Speaker McCarthy and Leader Schumer so that we can lift the debt ceiling and start reining in spending. After the President's speech, I submitted an open letter to him, which you can read by [CLICKING HERE](#). You can also watch my "Minute with Mike" on President Biden's visit below: I also spoke with Bill Hemmer on America's Newsroom yesterday about my conversation with the President. You can watch my dialogue with Bill here: I have said it before and I will say it again, New York's 17th District is a community of heroes. On Thursday morning I had the opportunity to honor two heroes in our law enforcement community at a Back the Blue bike ride and wreath-laying with several of my colleagues in honor of fallen law enforcement officers. I placed a wreath in memory of Nyack Police Officer Waverly Brown and Sergeant Edward O'Grady who were murdered during the Brinks Robbery in 1981. That day is one Rockland County will never forget, and we will continue to honor the memory of Waverly and Edward. Their sacrifice is a stark reminder that our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day. We must never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and I will continue working with my colleagues to ensure

our law enforcement community has the federal support they need. Rep. Lawler recognizes law enforcement officers and honors their sacrifice at Speaker McCarthy's Back the Blue Bike Ride and Wreath-Laying Ceremony I was also pleased earlier this week to announce that we requested \$56 million in federal funds for infrastructure projects in our district. Since taking office in January, I have worked closely with our partners at the local level. Together, we identified the areas in our communities where federal project funding would be most beneficial to our constituents and selected our 15 allotted projects based on those needs. These projects will provide investments in clean water, infrastructure, and public safety that will improve the lives of Hudson Valley families. Among the projects we requested funding for were sewer projects in Somers and East Fishkill, additional funding for the Mount Pleasant Police Department, flood mitigation in Clarkstown, and funding for the Lake Carmel Dam. Our office is actively working to secure as much of the funding we requested as possible for each of these important community projects. Rep. Lawler joins Carmel Supervisor Mike Cazzari in announcement of project funding requests, which includes funding to ensure clean drinking water in Carmel. We were pleased to hold another round of mobile officers this week as well. On Monday we assisted constituents with casework needs in Pawling. I look forward to continuing to get around the district with mobile office hours and town hall events in communities across the 17th District. Stay tuned for our next announcement! Rep. Lawler's District Staff assists constituents at Monday's mobile office hours. It is an honor to serve as your Representative in Congress. If you have any questions about anything we can do for you or your family, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 845-201-2060 or reach out through my website at lawler.house.gov. Additionally, you can keep up with the latest news on my efforts by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - and by opting in to periodic updates from my office by [CLICKING HERE](#). Sincerely, Michael V. Lawler

Member of Congress17th District, New York [Click Here to view this email in your browser](#) [Click Here to be removed from this list](#)