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Message from Rep. Ocasio-Cortez To our neighbors in NY-14, The shooting at

Uvalde Elementary is a tragedy of a scale that is hard to grasp, especially

just ten days after the Buffalo shooting and 10 years after the Sandy Hook

massacre. That the U.S. is the only country in the world where this routinely

happens, and yet has done little to stop mass shootings and prevent gun

violence, is a scathing indictment of our governance. In response to these

shootings, the House passed the Protecting Our Kids Act, which would raise the

legal age of purchase for certain semi-automatic rifles, crack down on gun

trafficking, establish safety requirements for residential storage of dangerous

firearms, and ban bump stocks and high-capacity magazines as well as ghost

guns. Negotiations have been ongoing, and over the weekend, a bipartisan group

of 20 Senators (10 Democrats and 10 Republicans) announced an agreement on gun

violence prevention legislation. The framework includes enhanced background

checks for buyers under the age of 21, the first ever federal law against gun

trafficking, and

more([https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/12/politics/senate-gun-safety-agreement](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/12/politics/senate-gun-safety-agreement)

) . I will be very honest. I don't know if these negotiations in the Senate

will be successful. Gun companies spend twice the entire salary of Congress in

lobbying. As with so many things, they've got money, but we've got you. That's

why we're going to focus on what's in our control and focus on doing our job in

the House — as best we can — while we wait for the Senate to take action. I

spoke more to recent events during our town hall last month. You can watch it

in English with ASL

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) . As always, please don't hesitate to contact our office if you need

assistance on another matter or to share your opinion on legislation. We can be

reached online(<https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/contact>) or by phone at

718-662-5970. In service, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Legislative

Updates Addressing the Baby Formula Shortage President Biden has invoked the

National Defense Production Act to boost formula production, a crucial step in

resolving the nationwide shortage. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez also joined over 100

colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden urging him to resolve the

crisis and ensure families can feed their babies. To ensure a crisis of this

scale never happens again, the House passed legislation which allocates \$28

million to address the shortage and allows the WIC program to address supply

chain disruptions and recalls. Addressing Rising Gas Prices We've also seen a dramatic rise in gas prices across the country as a result of the war in Ukraine. Russia is one of the world's largest oil producers and exporters, and is driving crude oil prices at home and abroad up, subsequently increasing our gas prices. However, Big Oil companies and CEOs are also taking advantage of this and are making record profits while thousands of families struggle financially. When the price of a barrel of oil fell by 20% in late April, oil and gas companies continued to see record profits, all while customers continued to pay the higher price of gas at the tank. Rising gas prices have demonstrated why we must end reliance on fossil fuel companies that profiteer during times of crisis. To ensure we hold these companies accountable, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez voted for the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act, which would prevent companies from price gouging by imposing fines, deterring further price gouging. This bill passed both the House and is currently awaiting passage in the Senate. Introducing the Puerto Rico Status Act and Visiting the Island Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez recently visited Puerto Rico with a bipartisan group of Congress Members to get feedback on the Puerto Rico Status Act. This bill would allow Boricuas to vote for one of the following options: Statehood, Independence, or Sovereignty in Free Association. Unlike past votes, this vote would be binding — and Congress would have to follow through on the election results. Read more about the Puerto Rico Status Act and its significance

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) . Updates from the District New Congressional District Maps for NY-14 Last month, a state court formally approved New York's new congressional map, which means that New York's 14th congressional district has had its lines redrawn.

Historically, NY-14 has included parts of Eastern Bronx and Western Queens. If you currently live within NY-14, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez will continue to represent you through the end of the year. Beginning next year, the borders of our district will have shifted. Pending any further challenges, the maps are likely finalized. Service Academy Applications Now Open Service Academy nomination applications are due on November 1st. Representative Ocasio-Cortez may nominate candidates for appointment to all the military service academies except for the Coast Guard Academy, which does not require a congressional appointment. To request a Service Academy Nomination, please complete a nomination

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