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40px);} } Friday, October 20, 2023 Peter, Today marks the 42nd anniversary of  
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year, I have attended a memorial service in Nyack in remembrance of these  
officers, and I was proud to have a member of my office at today's service on  
our behalf while my colleagues and I continued to wrestle through the impasse  
on the Speaker vote both in conference and on the floor of the U.S. House. We  
are continuing to receive calls from across our district both supporting and  
opposing my votes in the Speaker race. Unfortunately, neither Kevin McCarthy,  
Steve Scalise or Jim Jordan were able to build consensus behind their  
candidacies and for the good of the conference, the party, and the country have  
stepped aside. The next Speaker must bring together Republicans from all across  
the spectrum of our conference to work on the key issues we all ran and find  
consensus on the path forward. You can watch my video message on this current  
impasse below: &nbsp; &nbsp; I will continue to prioritize the needs of Hudson  
Valley families and work&nbsp;within the House Republican conference to ensure  
that our next Speaker shares these priorities, which include a plan  
to&nbsp;avoid&nbsp;a government shutdown in November, fully funding our 9/11  
heroes and survivors, and fixing SALT. Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch  
famously said, 'If you agree with me on 9 out of 12 issues, vote for me. If you  
agree with me on 12 out of 12 issues, see a psychiatrist.' While it was said in  
jest, he was right.&nbsp;I don't expect you to agree with me 100% of the time  
and I can't promise to agree with you all the time either. What I can promise  
is that I will always do my best to represent you and your families, and act in  
the best interest of our&nbsp;district and our country. I have been emphatic  
about the need to support our closest ally, Israel. Unfortunately, there are  
individuals here in Congress, including Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-MI),  
who are doing everything they can to delegitimize the State of Israel.  
Congresswoman Tlaib doubled down on a false claim that Israel had bombed a  
hospital in Gaza, even after it was widely reported that the rocket had been

fired by Hamas, not Israel, and the Biden Administration itself had acknowledged this. I spoke out on this at yesterday's House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing: &nbsp; &nbsp; With antisemitism on the rise, the Squad's anti-Israel rhetoric isn't just disgraceful, it's downright dangerous. I will always call out those who prop up the lies of terrorists and seek to undermine our relationship with our closest ally. If you have loved ones who are in Israel at this time, please see and share the below information from the State Department: Citizens seeking to be in touch with the U.S. Embassy in Israel can fill out THIS FORM.&nbsp;They can also call 1-833-890-9595 or 1-606-641-0131.American citizens calling from Israel can dial 03-519-7426. For the latest updates, please monitor the messages to U.S. citizens from the U.S. Embassy in Israel HERE.&nbsp;Any U.S. citizens in Israel should enroll their contact information in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP):<https://step.state.gov/step/> The State Department will post additional updates to their travel advisory for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza as they are issued HERE. My office continues to be in touch regularly with Administration officials concerning the safety of American citizens who are&nbsp;in Israel. I have publicly called on the Biden Administration to use every tool in its tool chest to evacuate American citizens and get them home, including indemnifying commercial airlines and sending military aircraft. Yesterday, the SHIP Act, the bill which Jared Moskowitz (D-FL) and I introduced to hold Iran's enablers accountable, sailed through the House Foreign Affairs Committee by a broad bipartisan margin - a major milestone toward it becoming law. You can read my statement on the advancement of the SHIP Act below: After the devastating terror&nbsp;attack and mass murders perpetrated against Israel by Iran-backed Hamas, holding Iran's enablers&nbsp;accountable for&nbsp;their support for terrorism is&nbsp;more crucial than ever. The SHIP Act will impose sanctions on&nbsp;foreign ports and refineries that process&nbsp;Iranian&nbsp;petroleum and&nbsp;undermine U.S. sanctions. This will send&nbsp;a strong message that the U.S. will not sit by as Iran fills its coffers to fund terrorism, develop its nuclear program, and commit abhorrent human rights abuses. You can listen to my comments on the SHIP Act during yesterday's House Foreign Affairs Committee markup below: &nbsp; &nbsp; Representative Moskowitz and I also discussed this legislation, along with our shared commitment to holding Iran accountable, with Andrea Mitchell yesterday: &nbsp; &nbsp; I&nbsp;am proud that about half of my House of Representatives colleagues have cosponsored the SHIP Act, and even more proud to see it pass the Foreign Affairs Committee with broad bipartisan support. I will continue working with my colleagues to get this legislation passed and signed into law as expeditiously as possible. In addition to moving the SHIP Act forward, I also introduced bipartisan legislation this week to crack down on emergency room wait times and ensure quality care at these facilities. The bipartisan&nbsp;Streamline Emergency&nbsp;Care Act, which I introduced with&nbsp;Congressman Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13), will&nbsp;establish&nbsp;a grant program to expand, modernize, or streamline ER operations. Grant funds may be used to hire more healthcare workers, purchase new equipment, or provide trainings to increase capacity at existing ERs. You can read my statement on

this legislation below: Long ER wait times have become far too common in New York and across the country, where it can take hours on end to see a physician. My bill will help tackle this problem by providing the critical support ERs need to improve capacity and expedite care. It will ensure patient emergencies are truly treated emergently, and I look forward to moving this legislation forward in Congress. Over the weekend, I spoke at a vigil in downtown Chappaqua honoring those who have been lost in Israel. Elliott Saiontz and Educate Now On Understanding Genocide and Hate (ENOUGH), a student group at Horace Greeley High School, organized this event. We must honor the victims, remember our history, reflect on the path forward, and work together to stop antisemitism wherever it rears its ugly head. Rep. Lawler speaks at Chappaqua vigil commemorating those lost in Israel and standing up to hate and antisemitism. My office also participated in a moving vigil for the people of Israel held by Chabad of Bedford in Pound Ridge. Rabbi Arik Wolfe delivered a beautiful message and I'm incredibly grateful for his leadership in the community. Chabad of Bedford holds a vigil in Pound Ridge for Israel. As the temperature drops, street fair season is coming to a close. I enjoyed getting out to the Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce's annual street fair over the weekend. My office and I appreciated the feedback from residents as well as the opportunity to help constituents with casework needs. Rep. Lawler speaks with constituents at the Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce's Annual Street Fair. My office enjoyed participating in the Ossining Padres Hispanos' 4th annual Hispanic Heritage Festival - a wonderful celebration of the rich Hispanic heritage and culture here in the Hudson Valley during Hispanic Heritage Month. We were proud to present Ossining Hispanic Padres Executive Director Ana Guzman with a certificate recognizing hers and the organization's incredible efforts in the community. Rep. Lawler's office participates in the Ossining Padres Hispanos's 4th annual Hispanic Heritage Festival. We also joined the Spring Valley community for its National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration! I'm proud to represent a district with such a vibrant Hispanic community as I continue working here in Washington to serve NY-17 families. Rep. Lawler's office participates in Spring Valley's Hispanic Heritage Month event. In addition to community street fairs, vigils for Israeli families, and celebrations of our community's Hispanic heritage, we joined the Arc of Rockland for the ribbon cutting of its new Day Hab location in Nyack. I appreciate everything The Arc does to support intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals in our community! Rep. Lawler's office joins local leaders for the Arc's Nyack Day Hab ribbon cutting. My office and I look forward to continuing to get out across our community to meet with residents and their families where they are - as we have been doing since January. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your feedback on how we can better serve you and your family! Our office was proud to recognize exceptional leaders in our community at Rockland County Hispanic Heritage Month celebration this week. These amazing individuals have contributed greatly to our community, helping to make the Hudson Valley a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Rep. Lawler's office helps recognize residents at Rockland County's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. My office also was

proud to recognize Daniel Dolch of Chappaqua Troop 2 at his Court of Honor. For his Scout project, Daniel renovated parts of Burden Preserve, redoing parts of the walkway so that Hudson Valley residents can better enjoy the natural beauty of this trail. Daniel also gives back to our community as a volunteer Junior Corps Member with the Millwood Fire Department. Daniel truly embodies the values of service and volunteerism that represent the best of our community.

Rep. Lawler's office recognizes new Eagle Scout&nbsp;Daniel Dolch of Chappaqua Troop 2 Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't give a shoutout to Luis from my district team, who just had his NYPD retirement ceremony this week. I'm deeply appreciative of Luis's heroic service as a law enforcement officer and his continued work on behalf of 17th District residents as a member of my team!

Over the summer, I joined several of my colleagues in sending a letter urging the State Department to address the massive passport delays Hudson Valley residents and citizens across our country are facing. Just this week, the State Department announced shorter wait times for both routine and expedited passport applications received on or after October 2nd. The maximum processing time for a routine application is down from 13 weeks to 11 weeks, and expedited time is down from 7-9 weeks to 5-7 weeks. This is a step in the right direction and I will continue working with my colleagues to ensure these wait times continue to decrease. In the meantime, if you are having any difficulties with your passport application, please don't hesitate to contact our district team at&nbsp;845-201-2060. Additionally, below are some tips from the State Department regarding passport applications: My office is still seeking a veteran for a two-year paid position through the Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program. This person will join our team as a district representative, attend local meetings and events on my behalf, and act as a facilitator between constituents and federal, state, and local agencies. To qualify for the Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program, veterans must meet all the following requirements: Honorably discharged, released from active duty within the last six years, pay grades at or below E-5, O-3, or W-2. Veterans promoted to the pay grades of E-6, O-4, or W-3 within 6-months of separation from active duty are eligible, granted they meet ALL other eligibility requirements. Veterans who are in receipt of a 20-year or Temporary Early Retirement Authorization (TERA) retirement are not eligible for the program. Interested veterans can [CLICK HERE](#)&nbsp;or below to apply. Finally, there is still time to participate in the Congressional App Challenge. [CLICK HERE](#) or on the flyer below for more information or to apply! If you have any questions about any of&nbsp;the above information, or if there is anything we can do for you or your family, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 845-201-2060&nbsp;or reach out through my website at [lawler.house.gov](http://lawler.house.gov). Additionally,&nbsp;you can keep up with the latest news on my efforts by following us on&nbsp;Facebook,&nbsp;Twitter, and&nbsp;Instagram&nbsp;- and by opting in to periodic updates from my office by&nbsp;[CLICKING HERE](#). Sincerely, Michael V. Lawler

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