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I'm looking forward to what we will accomplish in the next 100 days - and beyond! Rep. Lawler joins colleagues for press conference marking 100-day milestone. On Wednesday, the House Financial Services Committee questioned the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Gary Gensler on the Commission's inaction and mismatched priorities as FTX was defrauding investors and lighting the crypto-world on fire. The American people

deserve to know why the SEC has been asleep at the wheel, but unfortunately, Chairman Gensler's responses appear to be reflective of how he has run that organization. You can see for yourself by listening to my questioning of the Chairman below. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has been holding important hearings as well. This week, we heard from Ukraine's Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin about Russia's many atrocities against the Ukrainian people. War crimes Russian soldiers have been committing include rape, torture, unlawful confinement, abductions, and the forced deportation of tens of thousands of Ukrainian children into Russia. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, sole freshman member appointed to serve on the Helsinki Commission, and Co-Chair of the Moldova Caucus (Putin's next target if he is allowed to get away with his butchery of Ukraine), I have been emphatic about the need for the United States and the international community to universally condemn Russia's war crimes, stand with Ukraine, and hold Putin accountable for his barbarism. You can listen to my dialogue with Prosecutor General Kostin here: Each of the Financial Services Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee hearings can be found online and viewed in full on their websites. You can find the Foreign Affairs Committee's hearings and video feeds [HERE](#) and those of the Financial Services Committee [HERE](#). I encourage you to follow their websites and social media pages to keep up with the important work I am doing in committee. My colleagues and I will continue asking the tough questions. This includes our work in Washington as well as back home. Earlier today, I joined state and local elected officials in Rockland County for a press conference on last Friday's fires caused by CSX. CSX's lack of cooperation or admission of culpability thus far is very concerning. As my partners in government at the state level including Senator Weber and Assemblyman McGowan - both of whom were part of this morning's press conference - work to hold CSX accountable and prevent future incidents at the state level, I am looking at federal legislation, including the requirement of notification of incidents to the Federal Railroad Administration. If you missed our live-streamed press conference, you can watch it below: I applaud our first responders for arriving to the scene so quickly. It is thanks to their efforts that there was no loss of life or limb and no one was displaced from their homes. Any residents affected by the fire should email their damage estimates to rmfeedback@csx.com. With Earth Day tomorrow, I want to encourage all Hudson Valley residents to take advantage of the great outdoors right here in our community. I'm proud to serve as Co-Chair of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Caucus, on which I'm working with my colleagues to keep the Appalachian Trail beautiful - including the nearly 50 miles of which runs through the 17th District. New York's own slice of the Appalachian Trail includes Bear Mountain, and yesterday I was proud to have a member of my staff represent our office at the centennial celebration for the Bear Mountain Bridge. The celebration also included a time capsule presentation, which was sealed with letters from 92 students as well as a letter from our office. Bear Mountain Bridge was the first vehicular crossing in New York south of Albany, dedicated on November 26, 1924 and opened the next

day on Thanksgiving. When it opened, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world. I'm so grateful for all the history and scenic wonders we have right here in the Hudson Valley! I hope you will take some time this weekend to take in some of those awesome sights with your family! The Historic Bear Mountain Bridge turns 100. Earlier this week was Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. It was deeply moving to hear from Holocaust survivor Rae Goldfarb, who shared her firsthand testimony of the horrors she lived through. Holocaust survivors Albert Garih, Andy Jampoler, Dora Klayman, Esther Starobin and Henry Weil also joined us. I am greatly appreciative of my colleagues David Kustoff (R-TN) and Brad Schneider (D-IL) for hosting this ceremony. While I was in Washington, members of my team attended remembrance ceremonies in-district, including yesterday evening's Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony in Yorktown. This morning I spoke at the UJA Federation of New York and Westchester Jewish Council's annual Westchester Government Relations Legislative Breakfast. I'm proud to represent one of the districts with the largest Jewish populations in the country and will always take a stand against antisemitism and hate. Rae Goldfarb put it best when she spoke to my colleagues and I in Washington earlier this week - when hate is given room to grow, it becomes all the more difficult to contain. We must remain steadfast against antisemitism to ensure that history does not repeat itself. (Clockwise from Top-Left) Rep. Lawler staff attends Yom HaShoah event in Yorktown; Rep. Lawler joins colleagues at Yom HaShoah ceremony in Washington, D.C.; Rep. Lawler speaks at UJA Federation of New York and Westchester Jewish Council's annual Westchester Government Relations Legislative Breakfast. Today on Eid al-Fitr which marks the end of the Ramadan fast for nearly 2 billion practicing Muslims worldwide, I had the opportunity to join Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann at the Islamic Center of Rockland as Muslims across our Hudson Valley community gathered to observe this holy day. For all reading this who are observing I hope this day has been a time of peace and happiness for you and your family. Eid Mubarak! Rep. Lawler speaks at Islamic Center of Rockland on Eid al-Fitr. I have enjoyed getting out across our community and having the chance to speak with so many of you and your families about the issues that are important to you. I look forward to getting the chance to see you in the 17th District and hope you can join us for our next round of mobile office hours THIS SUNDAY! Check out the flyer below and come join us between 5 and 6:30PM at Church of the Nazarene in Spring Valley! Finally, there is just one week left for high school artists across the 17th District to apply for this year's Congressional Art Competition. For an entry to be considered, it must be received at our District Office no later than close of business on Friday, April 28th and also include a completed Student Information and Release Form. You can either mail the entry and completed form to P.O. Box 1645, Pearl River, NY 10965 or deliver it in-person to our office on the third floor of One Blue Hill Plaza in Pearl River. For more information on the competition [CLICK HERE](#) or on the flyer below: We will recognize the finalists in our district and the winner will be invited to an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol while finalists will

have their artwork displayed in our District Office or D.C. Office. The second-place contestant will have their artwork displayed in our Washington, D.C. Office and the third-place contestant's work will be displayed in our District Office. I'm honored to serve as your Representative in Congress. If you have any questions about the Congressional Art Competition or there is 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
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