

From: "Rep. Michael Lawler" <RepMikeLawler@mail.house.gov> To: Peter.Finocchio@mail.house.gov Subject: Moving Forward on our Important Work Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2023 21:00:57 -0400 Unsubscribe: <https://lawler.house.gov/Forms/EmailSignup/?Delete=true&MessageID=74&Email=Peter.Finocchio@mail.house.gov>

Moving Forward on our Important Work 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);} }
```

Friday, March 31, 2023 Peter, It's been another monumental week in Washington - from passing and introducing important legislation to holding hearings on bank regulatory failures and Russian aggression to honoring Hudson Valley veterans and congratulating new citizens. Whether in D.C. or back home in New York, our work never ends, but my team and I are proud to be working around the clock to serve the people of the 17th District. Yesterday the House passed H.R. 1 - the Lower Energy Costs Act. We are all feeling the pain of higher energy prices - whether at the pump, in home heating costs this winter, or in our electric bills. It's fueling the affordability crisis in our backyard, and is exactly why I was proud to support H.R. 1, which will restore our nation's energy independence by increasing production and export of domestic energy and reducing the regulatory burdens that stifle American energy. Unleashing American innovation and technology, reducing energy costs, and getting back on the road to energy independence are goals we should all support. I was pleased to see this legislation pass the House by a broad margin and with bipartisan support. You can find my remarks on the House floor in support of the Lower Energy Costs Act below:

Friday, March 31, 2023 Peter, It's been another monumental week in Washington - from passing and introducing important legislation to holding hearings on bank regulatory failures and Russian aggression to honoring Hudson Valley veterans and congratulating new citizens. Whether in D.C. or back home in New York, our work never ends, but my team and I are proud to be working around the clock to serve the people of the 17th District. Yesterday the House passed H.R. 1 - the Lower Energy Costs Act. We are all feeling the pain of higher energy prices - whether at the pump, in home heating costs this winter, or in our electric bills. It's fueling the affordability crisis in our backyard, and is exactly why I was proud to support H.R. 1, which will restore our nation's energy independence by increasing production and export of domestic energy and reducing the regulatory burdens that stifle American energy. Unleashing American innovation and technology, reducing energy costs, and getting back on the road to energy independence are goals we should all support. I was pleased to see this legislation pass the House by a broad margin and with bipartisan support. You can find my remarks on the House floor in support of the Lower Energy Costs Act below: I was proud to introduce a new bill this week to make September 11 a federal holiday. That terrible day is forever seared into our memories. So many of us here in the Hudson Valley lost a loved one in those attacks or know someone who did. This much-overdue legislation will help us to preserve the significance of that day in the collective memory of our nation. You can find my statement on

this legislation below: Both of the committees on which I serve - the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Financial Services - held important hearings this week. The House Financial Services Committee held its first round of hearings with federal regulators to discuss the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. It was clear from these hearings that although federal regulators had the tools needed to preempt these bank failures, they failed to do so. My colleagues and I on the House Financial Services Committee will continue working to ensure that those who fell asleep at the wheel during this crisis are held accountable so that these events do not repeat themselves on an even broader economic scale. Additionally, I am looking into legislation lifting the FDIC insurance ceiling higher than the current \$250,000 cap, which will help give mom and pop shops and other small businesses a little more security in these uncertain economic times. Rep. Lawler questions federal regulators during the March 29 House Financial Services Committee hearing on the banking crisis. At Wednesday's House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing, we discussed our ongoing support for Ukraine and Eastern Europe. I had the opportunity to ask the Deputy Inspector General about her office's inspections and operations out of our embassy in Moldova. As Co-Chair of the Moldova Caucus and the sole freshman member appointed to serve on the Helsinki Commission, I will continue working with my colleagues on these important international issues. I believe increased aid to Moldova is necessary to maintain economic growth, secure its borders, and further assist the country in responding to Russian aggression. Rep. Lawler asks Deputy Inspector General Diana Shaw about support for Moldova during the March 29 House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing. We must be ever vigilant against the twin threats of Russia and China. A few days ago, I joined House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul, several colleagues in both parties, and my constituent Richard Gere for a bipartisan press conference with the International Campaign for Tibet. We drew attention to the atrocities Tibetans suffer at the hands of China as well as the actions we are taking in the 118th Congress to stop them. I will continue working with Chairman McCaul, my House Foreign Affairs Committee colleagues, and members on both sides of the aisle to oppose China's acts of aggression against Tibet and other nations. Rep. Lawler joins colleagues and constituent Richard Gere at a bipartisan press conference drawing attention to Chinese atrocities against the Tibetan people. This past week in Washington, I had the opportunity to meet with Japanese Ambassador to the United States Koji Tomita, the Armenian Assembly of America, and a delegation of leaders from Kosovo to discuss our continued support and assistance to these key allies. Ambassador Tomita and I had a fruitful discussion about our pivotal partnership against China. The Armenian Assembly has been sounding the alarm over Azerbaijan's ongoing aggression against Arktash, which amounts to nothing short of genocide. Toward this end, I recently co-sponsored House Resolution 108 condemning Azerbaijan's blockade and ongoing human rights violations against the Armenian people. I also met with the Head of Parliament in Kosovo, Glau Konjufca, to discuss peace and stability in the Balkan states, which is critical to the long-term prosperity and security of Europe and the free world. I look forward to continuing to work

with my colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee to strengthen our relationships with each of these partnering states to further our interests abroad and maintain the peace and stability of the free world. Clockwise from Top-Left: Rep. Lawler meets with Japanese Ambassador to U.S. Koji Tomita, Head of Kosovo Parliament Glauk Konjufca and Kosovo delegation leaders, and the Armenian Assembly of America. Back home in the 17th District, my team marked National Vietnam War Veterans Day on Wednesday by presenting Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5491 in Mahopac with a congressional proclamation. I was proud to commend Post #5491 for their ongoing efforts to keep the memory of our Vietnam War heroes alive and for their unwavering support of all our veterans. Our Vietnam veterans - and all our servicemen and servicewomen - have sacrificed so much. Our country is forever in their debt. Rep. Lawler's office and Putnam County leaders recognize Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5491 in Mahopac on Vietnam Veterans Day. My district team attended naturalization ceremonies this week in Putnam and Rockland Counties. As the husband of an immigrant who just became a U.S. citizen two years ago, I have seen the challenges in our immigration system firsthand and share the joy of these new citizens. Please join me in welcoming these new citizens to our American family! Naturalization ceremonies this week in Rockland and Putnam Counties. I look forward to keeping in touch and seeing you around our community in the weeks and months ahead! If there is anything my team and I 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. Sincerely, Michael V. Lawler

Member of Congress
New York, 17th District

[Click Here to view this email in your browser](#) [Click Here to be removed from this list](#)