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WILD IN REVIEW

We've officially made it to summer, and boy has it been a scorcher so far. I hope you've all stayed safe, cool, and hydrated this week during the heat wave. I'm so grateful for all the amazing organizations in our community who opened their doors to folks looking to escape the heat this week. The fellowship, kindness, and generosity exhibited by the people of the Greater Lehigh Valley will never cease to amaze and inspire me.

Today, I had the pleasure of speaking at the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon to discuss the work I'm doing in Washington to support our small businesses and bolster our local economy. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community, and I'm committed to doing everything I can to uplift our local businesses and entrepreneurs in Congress.

Finally, I wanted to bring to your attention a moving piece written by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and Senator Mark Kelly detailing their experience with IVF in the days after Gabby was shot in 2011. I am constantly inspired by their strength and bravery in the face of unimaginable horror and heartbreak. As they detail in this piece, IVF is under attack in America. Whether you are someone hoping to have kids one day, currently struggling to grow your family, already a parent, or someone who cares about the freedom to make your own medical decisions, please know that I am fighting every single day to protect your access to reproductive care. I'll keep working to pass my bill, the Access to Family Building Act, and I'll keep standing up to extreme judges and politicians who want to tell you what to do with your body.



Yesterday, I was thrilled to welcome Deputy Agriculture Secretary Xochitl Torres Small to Pen Argyl to learn more about the incredible community programs in the Slate Belt that are keeping children fed this summer. For families facing food insecurity, children often rely on lunch service for their daily nutrition during the school year and are left to fend for themselves during the summer. Thanks to Summer Nutrition Programs, like the one I visited at the Slate Belt Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA yesterday, we are able to keep our children fed year-round.

During the visit, I had the opportunity to meet with families participating in these programs and hear about the impact it is having on them. I was also proud to show Deputy Secretary Torres Small the importance of investing in our rural communities. As your representative in Congress, I will always work to invest in our nutrition assistance programs and stand up to any extreme cuts proposed by my colleagues.