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It's been another chaotic week here in Washington, and I'm thrilled to be heading home to spend Thanksgiving in the Lehigh Valley. This week, I'm grateful that members on both sides of the aisle were able to come together to pass a short-term funding bill, preventing a government shutdown that would have had devastating effects on our community. Don't get me wrong – this bill is not perfect. And we must pass long-term spending bills and stop kicking the can down the road. But it will keep the government open and protect our economy, and that is a very good thing. Moving forward, I hope my colleagues will recognize the importance of working in a bipartisan manner to get things done for the American people.

Speaking of bipartisanship, this week I joined colleagues from both sides of the aisle to introduce a resolution that would recognize this past Thursday, November 16th as National Rural Health Day. Our rural communities face unique barriers to accessing health care. As a member of the Bipartisan Rural Health Caucus, I am fighting to ensure everyone has access to high quality, affordable health care regardless of their zip code.

I am also working to ensure that all members of our community have access to reliable, high speed internet access. I've been calling on Congressional leadership to increase funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which helps over 36,000 households in our community save on their monthly electric bills. To learn more about this program, click here.

And finally: the Ethics Committee has been in the news a great deal these past several days. I'm proud to serve as Ranking Member of the Committee, where an equal number of Republicans and Democrats work together to hold Members of Congress to the highest ethical standards that the American people deserve. This week, the Committee released its report on George Santos. The report speaks for itself, and I encourage everyone to read it. Click here for more of my thoughts on why the Ethics Committee's work is a key part of good governance.

Wild Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week

This week was National Apprenticeship Week! I am so proud of the top-notch technical schools and apprenticeship programs that call the Greater Lehigh Valley home. I truly believe that a college education should not be the only path to a good-paying job, which is why I am proud to support apprenticeship programs across PA-07. Last year, I was proud to secure over \$1.7 million in federal funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to support workforce development programs in our community.

Unfortunately, not all of my colleagues seem to share this view. This week, I joined the Center for American Progress to discuss the devastating effects that the House GOP's proposed cuts to apprenticeship programs would have on Pennsylvanians. The proposed cuts would eliminate job training and employment services for 428,000 adults and young adults who utilize programs funded by WIOA. I will always fight back against attempts to undermine good-paying jobs for Americans. Click here for more.

Rep. Wild Celebrates Impact of Two Years of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

On Wednesday, we celebrated the second anniversary of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)! This law is a historic investment in our nation's roads, bridges, ports, and airports. Over the past two years, Pennsylvania has received \$395 million in federal-aid highway funds, which are being used to support 150 new projects, \$1.2 billion to help connect everyone in our commonwealth to high-speed, reliable internet, and \$657 million to ensure access to clean drinking water and improve our existing water infrastructure.

To celebrate the second anniversary of the BIL, I was thrilled to join local leaders to discuss the investments this law has made right here in the Greater Lehigh Valley. Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, our community received \$22.5 million to repair the Cementon Bridge in Lehigh County. Additionally, the Lehigh Valley International Airport's TSA checkpoint installation and airport expansion was the first project to be funded, constructed, and completed thanks to the BIL. And it's made many, many more improvement projects possible.