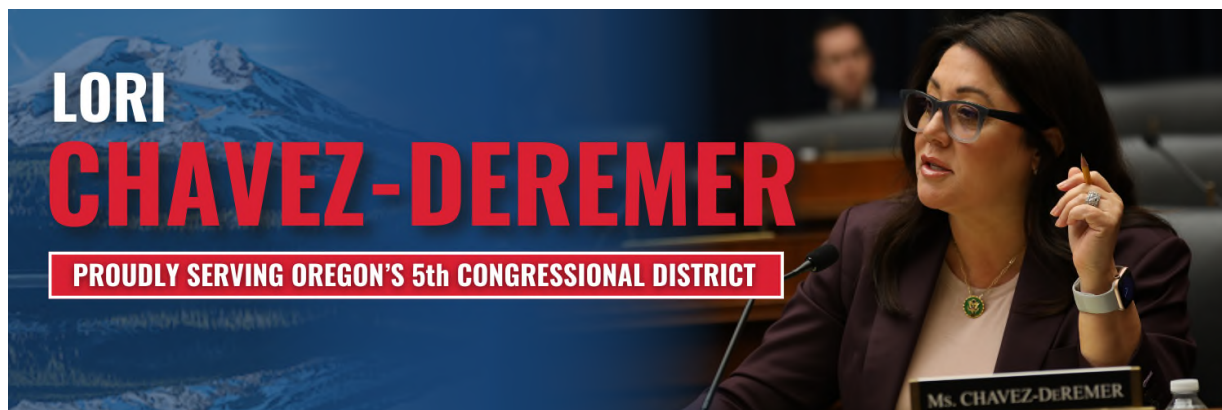


S. Scott McDowell

From: Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer <replorichavez-deremer@mail8.housecommunications.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Scott McDowell
Subject: Lori's Letter: Raising Concerns on Chinese Ownership of Oregon Timberland



Friend,

It's an honor to serve you in the U.S. House of Representatives. On day one, I promised to represent you with transparency, authenticity, and integrity, and I'm committed to upholding that promise. Every week, I'll be sending "Lori's Letter" to keep you updated on my work. If you know someone who would like to receive my regular updates, please have them visit [this link](#) to sign up today!

Continue reading this week's letter to learn more about a bill I'm supporting to prevent stillbirths, legislation that passed the House to support Taiwan, and more.

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON CHINESE OWNERSHIP OF OREGON TIMBERLAND

A Bloomberg [report](#) published this week uncovered that the second-largest foreign owner of United States land owns 198,000 acres of forestland in Oregon. The individual, who is a [member of the Chinese Communist Party](#), owns [around 33,000 acres](#) of the Bull Springs Skyline Forest just west of Bend in the 5th District.

Foreign ownership of U.S. land by our adversaries is a serious problem that has rightfully sparked unease among farmers, ranchers, and foresters across the country. I'm deeply concerned that a member of the Chinese Communist Party owns tens of thousands of timberland acres – one of our most precious and finite resources – in my district.

I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of the [Stop CCP Land Act](#) and the [Protecting America's Agricultural Land from Foreign Harm Act](#) – two proposals that seek to prevent adversaries of the U.S. from purchasing our valuable land. With conflict and uncertainty on the rise around the world, including increasingly aggressive rhetoric and actions from China, we cannot hesitate to

stand up to bad actors. I'll be taking further action in the coming weeks to ensure our land and national security are protected.



SUPPORTING TAIWAN

Today, the House passed the Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act, PROTECT Taiwan Act, and the China Exchange Rate Transparency Act with bipartisan support.

I proudly joined my colleagues in voting for these bills to support Taiwan, hold China accountable, and deter further aggression to promote stability in the region [↓](#)

The Chinese Communist Party has continued engaging in aggressive rhetoric and actions against Taiwan. Today, I proudly joined my colleagues in passing legislation to support Taiwan, hold China accountable, and deter further aggression to promote stability in the region. With conflict and uncertainty on the rise around the world, the United States must continue standing firmly with our democratic and freedom-loving ally.

— *Lori Chavez-DeRemer*


LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER
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WORKING TO PREVENT STILLBIRTHS

Despite the impressive technological and medical advancements we've made in recent years, the stillbirth rate in the United States has remained stagnant for three decades. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stillbirth affects one in 170 pregnancies, with over 21,000 babies born still each year – meaning 57 babies are dying every day. In the U.S., the annual number of stillbirths far exceeds the number of deaths among children aged 0-14 years from accidents, preterm birth, SIDS, drownings, fire, and flu combined.

As a mom, it's frustrating to see that more progress hasn't been made towards preventing stillbirths.

That's why I'm backing the bipartisan Stillbirth Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) for Autumn Act. This proposal would enhance data collection, research, education, and awareness by creating the first comprehensive, federal-state partnership to reduce stillbirth rates in the U.S.

Learn more:



CELEBRATING LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

🚓 Tuesday was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – I'll always have the backs of our brave men and women in blue, and I'm grateful to law enforcement for putting their lives on the line to serve and protect our communities!



MEETING WITH OREGONIANS

I had a productive meeting earlier this week with Kent Ziegler, president of the Oregon City Business Alliance. Kent and I discussed the alliance's priorities, including ways to build connections with surrounding communities and the impact tolling could have on local businesses.

It was also great to chat with members of the ESOP Association, including a constituent with Bob's Red Mill in Milwaukie in my D.C. office on Thursday. Thanks for stopping by!





ICYMI: WORKING TO ENSURE ALL VETERANS HAVE A HOME

My HOME Act, which passed the House last month, will help empower our veterans to ensure they all have a place to call home. [us](https://www.house.gov/ourwork/veterans)

Watch:



ONE MORE THING!

On Monday, we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – a time for us to renew our commitment to continue working toward a brighter future and equal opportunity for all.

As Dr. King said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.”

JANUARY 15, 2024

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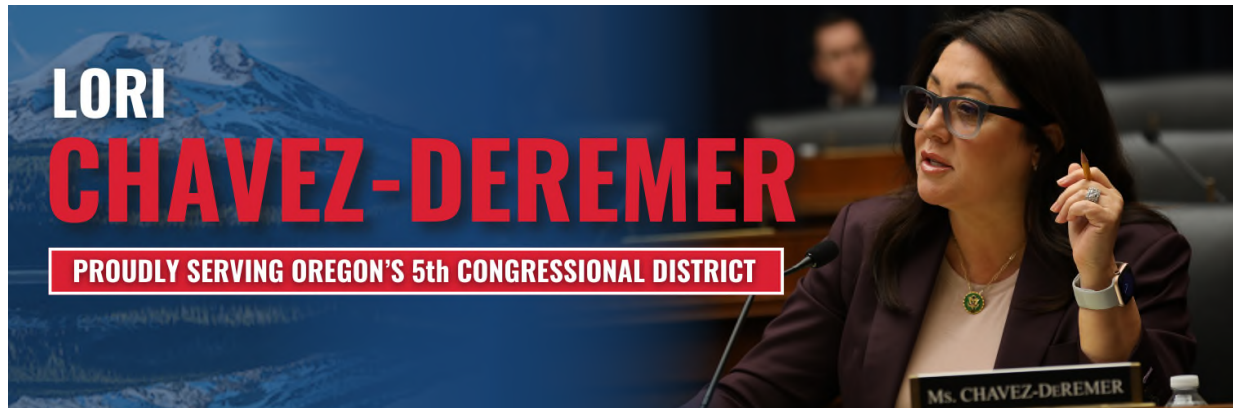
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From: Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer <replorichavez-deremer@mail8.housecommunications.gov>
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2023 BY THE NUMBERS: CONSTITUENT SERVICE

My team and I hit the ground running in January, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished for constituents during our first year!

We helped hundreds of you successfully navigate the federal government, and I responded to thousands of your questions and concerns. Always feel free to get in touch – contact information for my Oregon City, Redmond, and Washington, D.C. offices is available [here](#).

By the Numbers: 2023 Constituent Services

> **19,953 Letters and Emails Sent**

> **486 Cases Closed**

Lu Chavez-Deremer

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💰 Additionally, my office helped return over half a million dollars to Oregonians who were missing IRS refunds, veterans benefits, and more. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you need help with a federal agency: chavez-deremer.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

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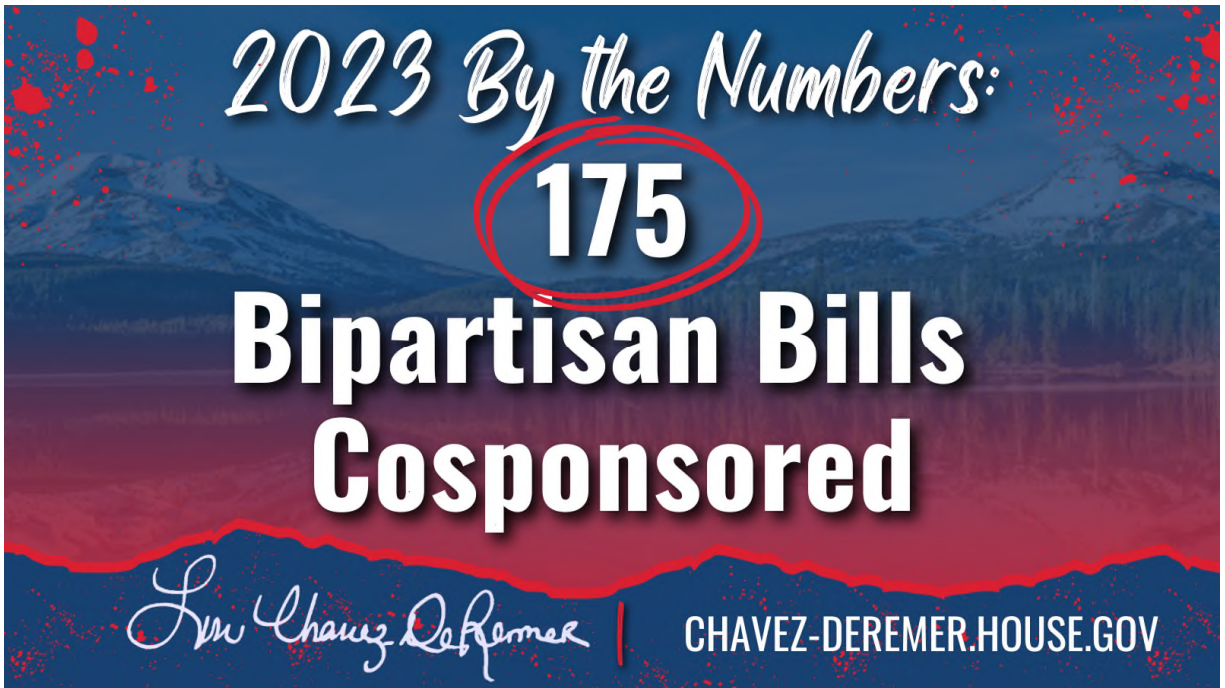


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2023 BY THE NUMBERS: BIPARTISANSHIP

Oregonians have made it clear that they want their leaders to deliver results, not engage in partisan gridlock. In a divided Congress, taking a bipartisan approach is the only way we can successfully address many of the serious issues facing our state and nation. That's why I've made working across the aisle a top priority and quickly joined the [Problem Solvers Caucus](#) at the beginning of the year.

During my first 12 months in office, I've proudly backed 175 pieces of bipartisan legislation. I've also authored my own [bipartisan homelessness bill](#) and [passed a bill](#) to help homeless veterans with broad bipartisan support. In 2024, I'll continue to engage with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get things done for Oregon!



2023 IN PICTURES: MEETING WITH CONSTITUENTS

📷 Meeting constituents is one of the best and most important parts of my job as your representative. It's been a busy year, and I'm looking forward to doing it all again and meeting even more of you in 2024!

Check out some of my favorite pics from the year:



2023 IN ACTION: FOCUSING ON OREGONIANS' PRIORITIES

Whether it's pumping the brakes on ODOT's tolling proposal, addressing homelessness, or tackling the fentanyl crisis, I've worked on legislation to address the issues Oregonians frequently bring to my attention. I'm committed to paying attention to the issues that matter most:



If you haven't already, be sure to follow me on Instagram [here](#) and click through my story highlights to see more top moments from 2023!



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ONE MORE THING!

Wishing you a safe New Year's Eve and a very happy and healthy 2024!



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