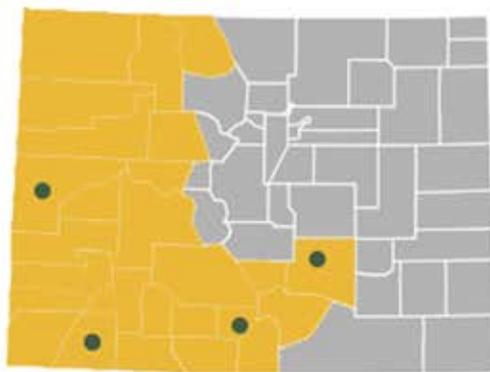




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Dear Friend,

I recently returned to Washington, DC, after a great August district work period. I enjoyed traveling across our district, visiting with local officials, discussing the impacts that federal regulations are having on small businesses across our state, and hearing about the issues that keep Coloradans up worrying at night.

Lately, whenever you pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV or radio, it seems there's nothing good happening in our country. The truth is that although we still face immense challenges and have a long way to go to resolve many of the most pressing challenges facing our nation, there are some accomplishments to celebrate. Over the past several weeks, I've had a chance to tell groups about some of the things our office has been working on so far in the 114th Congress. The following review is a snapshot of these achievements, and I appreciate the opportunity to share them with you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Deaton". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

SERVING YOU

1502 new cases opened

1574 cases resolved:

711 veterans cases

123 Social Security/Medicare cases

50 U.S. flags delivered

68 staff-led Capitol tours given



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

44,122 constituent response letters/emails sent

44 eNewsletters sent

30 in-person townhall meetings and roundtable meetings

4 telephone townhall meetings, reaching over 94,500 constituents

308 in-district meetings and visits

344 visits with Coloradans in DC



FIGHTING FOR YOU

1 bill signed into law

- Small Bank Exam Cycle Reform Act of 2015
(So far, 219 bills have been signed into law in the 114th Congress. Congressman Tipton has had 4 bills signed into law since 2010.)

4 bills passed by the House

- *Water Rights Protection Act*
- *Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015*
- *Small Bank Exam Cycle Reform Act of 2015*
- *Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act*

10 bills introduced, including:

- *Planning for American Energy Act of 2015*
- *Native American Indian Education Act*
- *TAILOR Act*

256 bills cosponsored, including:

- *Empowering Patients First Act of 2015*
- *Separation of Powers Restoration Act*
- *Western Water and American Food Security Act*
- *Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015*

HIGHLIGHTS:

House Financial Services Committee

38 full committee hearings

13 hearings in Oversight and Investigations

10 hearings in Financial Institutions
and Consumer Credit

Bipartisan leadership on ...

- **Relief for community banks:**

Congressman Tipton introduced the Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk (TAILOR) Act (H.R. 2896) to allow community banks and credit unions to better focus their limited resources on serving the needs of their communities, rather than on duplicative and oftentimes conflicting obligations from federal regulations that should never have been applied to them in the first place. H.R. 2896 is included in the Chairman's financial regulatory reform legislative package, the Financial CHOICE Act, and it has 112 cosponsors.

- **Consumer access to prepaid cards:**

Congressman Tipton led a 43-member bipartisan, bicameral letter urging the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to support growing market demand for prepaid cards while empowering and protecting consumers.

- **Access to capital for small businesses:**

Congressman Tipton led 62-member bipartisan letter to the Financial Accounting Standards Board to express strong concern about a Board of unelected bureaucrats' action that would limit small businesses' access to capital.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Western Policy

Water Rights:

Congressman Tipton introduced the Water Rights Protection Act (H.R. 1830) to protect Coloradans' privately held water rights from federal takings and interference. Language from H.R. 1830 has passed the House three times in the 114th Congress.

Forest Management:

Congressman Tipton introduced the Healthy Forest Management Act (H.R. 695) to allow the state of Colorado to better protect its communities from devastating wildfires on National Forest System lands. Parts of H.R. 695 passed the House as part of the Resilient Federal Forests Act (H.R. 2647).

Water Infrastructure:

Congressman Tipton helped secure \$2M in additional resources for water delivery projects, including the Arkansas Valley Conduit, which when completed would provide a reliable supply of clean drinking water to Southeast Colorado.

Energy Jobs:

After a federal judge ruled that the Interior Department had 120 days to address deficiencies in the original permitting for the Colowyo Coal Mine or the mine would be shut down, Congressman Tipton led Colorado U.S. Sens. Bennet and Gardner in pressing the Interior Department to complete a new environmental analysis to preserve the 220 direct jobs and millions of dollars in economic activity supported by the mine. On September 4, 2015, in response actions taken by Congressman Tipton and Sens. Bennet and Gardner, the Interior Department filed the new analysis and the Colowyo Coal Mine remained operational.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Western Policy Continued

Abandoned Mine Clean-up:

Congressman Tipton has led the fight in developing legislation that would remove hurdles that discourage qualified Good Samaritan groups from performing remediation at abandoned mine sites and providing Colorado's communities and environment with a valuable service. Tipton added important Good Samaritan permitting requirements to a bill (H.R. 3843) that was approved by the House Natural Resources Committee.

Gold King Mine Response:

Immediately following the Gold King Mine spill, Congressman Tipton pressed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to undertake an emergency response, water quality testing, and cleanup that was necessary to keep families in the surrounding communities safe from the contaminated water. He secured language in the FY17 interior and environment funding bill to ensure the EPA operates the water treatment plant at Gladstone until there is a long-term water treatment and cleanup plan in place, and he continues to push the EPA to fulfill its commitment to making the affected communities whole.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Local Engagement

Small Business Roundtables:

In a series of roundtable meetings, Congressman Tipton gathered feedback from local small businesses on the impacts that federal regulations have had on their ability to operate and grow their businesses.



Opioid Abuse Action Groups:

Congressman Tipton has gathered community, health care, and law enforcement leaders in five communities to determine the steps the federal government can take to support local efforts in the fight against the national opioid abuse epidemic. The federal response to the epidemic, which includes the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, enacted on July 22, 2016, includes feedback from local meetings like these.

