



CONGRESSWOMAN **CHRISSY HOULAHAN**

PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIA'S 6TH DISTRICT

117TH CONGRESS IN REVIEW

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 117TH CONGRESS

Serving Residents of Chester and Berks Counties

- Chrissy hosted more town halls than any other member of the PA delegation – 68 by the end of 2022.
- Her team closed 4,045 cases, resulting in nearly \$27 million in direct federal benefits payments back to constituents. That's in addition to the passports that were expedited, the IRS issues resolved, the military records obtained, the lost packages found in the US Postal Service system, the Washington, D.C. tours that were arranged, and so much more.
- She helped local students get ahead by providing 32 with internships in one of her offices, and helped another 28 get full scholarships to one of our nation's military academies.
- When she learned that the Coatesville VA Medical Center was slated for closure, she jumped into action and mobilized her team to fight it. Not only is the Coatesville VA staying open but facility upgrades are underway.
- Within hours of Hurricane Ida causing extensive damage in Chester County, Chrissy was in touch with Governor Wolf and President Biden to ask for a disaster declaration. Chrissy helped gather data showing the need for a disaster declaration and then helped localities access these funds.



Working Across the Aisle to Get Things Done

- With over 100 of Chrissy's legislative initiatives becoming law, all of which received support from Republicans, Chrissy continued her record of being one of the most productive members of the House.
- Chrissy co-founded For Country, a bipartisan caucus of military veterans now serving in Congress who work together on issues of public and national service.
- Over 76% of the more than 900 votes Chrissy took in the 117th Congress were bipartisan.



Making a Difference Nationally

- As countries around the world started to emerge from the pandemic, and as demand for goods ran up against significant supply chain problems, inflation hit record highs. In response, Chrissy co-authored an Action Plan to Fight Inflation which Forbes magazine called "the best inflation-fighting blueprint to come out of Congress yet."
- Having served as an engineer in the Air Force, Chrissy knows that as technology advances, so must the skills of our warfighters. She wrote the bill – signed into law by President Biden – to create the DOD Cyber and Digital Service Academy to provide scholarships for degrees in cyber, artificial intelligence, or other digital technology to civilians to work within the DOD after graduation.
- A beneficiary of ROTC programs herself, Chrissy wrote the bill – signed into law by President Biden – to require the Department of Defense to assess ways to make access to ROTC scholarships more equitable so a more diverse cohort of students are able to enter the military as officers.
- Recognizing that a victorious Ukraine is in the best interest of the United States, Chrissy has been a persistent advocate for military aid to Ukraine. She wrote the bill – signed into law by President Biden – to provide funding to train Ukrainian pilots on various aircraft systems.
- Building on her success getting 12 weeks of paid parental leave for federal employees in the 116th Congress, Chrissy wrote the bill that enabled servicemen and women to have 12 weeks of paid parental leave. After this was signed into law and she discovered problems with implementation, she worked with Department of Defense leadership to get it right.

DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

First and foremost, Chrissy's priority is always using her voice and vote to help our community. Throughout her time in Congress, when constituents have brought her ideas or problems, Chrissy has led the charge to help.



- **FOCUSING ON ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY:** Chrissy's commitment to transparency and accountability is reflected in the frequency and diversity of topics of her town halls; she's hosted more – 68 by the end of 2022 – than any other member of the Pennsylvania delegation. These gatherings continue to be a good opportunity for Chrissy to hear directly from community members and for her to share updates on her work on their behalf.



- **HELPING CONSTITUENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCY ISSUES:** One of the core functions of a member of Congress is helping constituents resolve tax issues with the IRS, expedite a passport application, resolve benefits issues with the VA or Social Security Administration, get military records, and more. Chrissy's entire district staff is focused on delivering results for people who contact her office asking for help. By the end of her second term, at the end of 2022, she and her team had closed 4,045 cases and delivered nearly \$27 million in benefits back to her community that were tied up in red tape. In 2022, Chrissy was recognized by the Congressional Management Foundation as having the best constituent services operation in the House.



- **SAVING THE COATESVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER:** The Coatesville VA Medical Center is a critical source of health care to veterans across the region, so when Chrissy learned that the Department of Veterans Affairs recommended its closure, she jumped into action. Chrissy published an op-ed making the case for keeping it open, held roundtables for local veterans to speak out, and hosted VA Secretary Denis McDonough at the facility to meet with VA employees, veterans, and local hospital administrators. Reversing course, the Coatesville VA is staying open and facility renovations are underway.



- **ACCELERATING AID AFTER HURRICANE IDA:** Within hours of Hurricane Ida causing extensive damage in Chester County, Chrissy contacted Governor Wolf and President Biden to ask for a disaster declaration, freeing up federal funds for recovery. Chrissy helped gather data to support a disaster declaration and then helped localities access these funds. .



- **HOLDING WASHINGTON ACCOUNTABLE:** After the number of calls from constituents needing help getting a passport skyrocketed in 2021, Chrissy led a bipartisan call for Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to fix bureaucratic failures at the National Passport Center. After hearing from local venues about lengthy delays in getting SBA emergency assistance grants, Chrissy led a bipartisan call for SBA Administrator Isabel Guzman to immediately release Shuttered Venue Operator Grants (SVOG) funds. In late 2021, after Chrissy learned that constituents couldn't get help from Social Security Administration offices because they hadn't yet reopened after the pandemic, Chrissy called on SSA Acting Administrator Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi to immediately resume in-person appointments. All three of these efforts resulted in improvements.



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- **HELPING LOCAL STUDENTS GET AHEAD:** As a former teacher, Chrissy knows firsthand how important early experiences are for lifelong success. Her office helps art students compete in the Congressional Art Competition and STEM students compete in the Congressional App Challenge. She's nominated 58 exceptional high school students to our nation's five military academies – 28 of whom were offered a full scholarship and enrolled. She's provided another 32 exceptional students with an internship in either her local or DC Congressional office.



- **IMPROVING LOCAL MAIL DELIVERY:** Chrissy and her team regularly hear from constituents who are frustrated by delayed or lost mail and who have concerns about the declining physical state of the historic Gay Street Post Office in West Chester. In addition to helping constituents track down their missing packages, Chrissy participated in a House Oversight Committee hearing in Philadelphia with the USPS Office of the Inspector General, pushed for an audit of the mail processing facilities that serve our district, and organized a tour of the Gay Street Post Office. Soon thereafter, repairs were made to the building and an audit was completed.



- **SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING:** Another core function of a member of Congress is helping companies and nonprofits apply for federal grants and contracts. Additionally, in 2021, for the first time in over a decade, members of Congress were able to direct federal funding to specific local projects – an initiative called Community Project Funding. Chrissy set up an independent, nonpartisan panel of community leaders to review applications for Community Project Funding and make recommendations to her. By the end of 2022, this process resulted in Chrissy securing an additional \$16 million for 23 local projects.



- **COMBATING THE INFANT FORMULA CRISIS:** When the Abbott baby formula facility in Sturgis, Michigan shut down in early 2022, millions of families were left scrambling to figure out how to feed their infants. Chrissy took action to secure federal funding for an infant formula manufacturer in our district, ByHeart, so that they could work to fill the sudden gap. Chrissy also introduced the Access to Donor Milk Act of 2022, to make it easier for families to access safe donor breast milk.



- **HELPING COMPANIES FIND TALENT:** When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, many businesses closed and many people lost their jobs. As businesses reopened and the economy started to recover, Chrissy heard from many local companies about the challenges they were having finding workers. To help, Chrissy hosted a job fair in 2021 at West Chester University that attracted 125 companies and hundreds of job seekers.



- **ELEVATING LOCAL ENTITIES WITH NATIONAL LEADERS:** As U.S. Cabinet Secretaries and Cabinet-level government officials made decisions about different programs that impacted our region, Chrissy pushed for them to see firsthand all that Chester and Berks have to offer. She hosted Labor Secretary Marty Walsh to talk nursing and healthcare, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to talk domestic manufacturing and semiconductors, SBA Administrator Isabel Guzman to talk STEM and entrepreneurship, and White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu to talk commuter rail.



WORKING WITH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

Pennsylvania's 6th district is a "purple place," and Chrissy is working hard to build relationships with colleagues from across the political spectrum to deliver for our community. In a time of extreme partisan politics, Chrissy is a leading voice in promoting civility and decency in our political discourse.

- With over 100 of Chrissy's legislative initiatives becoming law, all of which received support from Republicans, Chrissy continued her record of being one of the most productive members of the House.
- Over 76% of the more than **900 votes** Chrissy took in the past two years were bipartisan.
- Chrissy is a founding leader of the **For Country Caucus**, a bipartisan group of veterans serving in Congress who are promoting public and national service as a career path. This group's ethos is rooted in integrity, civility, and courage.
- Chrissy is the co-chair of the **Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus**, the co-founder of the bipartisan **Women in STEM Caucus**, the bipartisan **Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus**, and the **Bipartisan Paid Leave Working Group**.
- The Lugar Center ranks her among the most bipartisan members in the House.
- A majority of the bills that Chrissy has introduced have support from Republicans, including the Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act, a bill that has more than 30 cosponsors, 1/3 of whom are Republicans.
- Chrissy is a member of the **Problem Solvers Caucus**, a bipartisan group equally divided between Democrats and Republicans, who recognize that the best solutions for our nation's most pressing problems will only come from working with those with whom you may not always agree.





LEADING ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Chrissy focuses her legislative efforts on what she calls the “No Duh Agenda” and on issues on which she is uniquely qualified and able to help. The “No Duh Agenda” includes making health care, including prescription drugs, more affordable and accessible, enabling economic growth and good jobs, improving the quality of our students’ education, protecting our planet, and combatting gun violence. Additionally, Chrissy has led on:



- **LOWERING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:** Across our community, Pennsylvanians are struggling with the high cost of prescription drugs. The **Inflation Reduction Act**, which passed with Chrissy’s support and was signed into law, caps insulin prices at \$35 for seniors and limits out-of-pocket pharmaceutical costs for Medicare recipients at \$2,000 per year, beginning in 2025.



- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Chrissy attended both COP26 and COP27, the United Nation’s annual gatherings of government, NGO, and corporate leaders to find solutions to climate change. She is the co-chair of the **Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus**. She proudly supported the **Inflation Reduction Act**, the most significant climate legislation in U.S. history and the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, which creates new programs to combat climate change and make our infrastructure more resilient.



- **GUN SAFETY:** Chrissy proudly voted for the **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act**, which was signed into law by President Biden in June 2022. This is the first significant federal gun legislation in 28 years and provides increased mental health resources, sensible restrictions for firearm purchases, and increased assistance to police officers and first responders. There are additional commonsense gun safety reforms that would keep our communities safer, and Chrissy has supported multiple bills in the House that have stalled in the Senate.



- **ECONOMIC GROWTH:** As countries around the world started to emerge from the pandemic, as demand for goods ran up against significant supply chain problems, inflation hit record highs. In response, Chrissy co-authored, with her **New Democrat Coalition** colleagues, an **Action Plan to Fight Inflation**, which Forbes Magazine called, “the best inflation-fighting blueprint to come out of Congress yet.”



- **SMALL BUSINESSES:** As an entrepreneur who started and scaled organizations throughout her career, Chrissy knows firsthand the challenges facing small business owners and is committed to helping. After hearing from small businesses that they were on the hook for repaying excess PPP loan amounts resulting from “good faith” errors, Chrissy urged the SBA to forgive those excess amounts. She also hosted SBA Administrator Guzman at an innovation hub in Coatesville and led a roundtable discussion with the Administrator and local Chamber of Commerce leaders.



- **QUALITY EDUCATION:** Chrissy knows that quality early childhood education is the foundation on which further educational and professional success is built. In response to concerns about the impact of the pandemic on learning loss, she introduced the **Global Learning Loss Assessment Act**, to direct international organizations to assess the impact of COVID-19 on education, and how we can work to overcome that gap moving forward. This bill passed the House in July 2021. Recognizing that student loan debt is also a heavy burden carried by many Pennsylvanians, Chrissy led legislation to make common sense reforms to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, to ensure that our public servants can access the forgiveness promised to them.



- **PAID PARENTAL LEAVE:** Building on her success getting 12 weeks of paid parental leave for federal employees in the 116th Congress, Chrissy wrote the **Military Moms Matter Act**, which guaranteed 12 weeks of parental leave for primary and secondary caregivers, as well as six weeks of convalescent leave for the birth parent. After this bill was signed into law by President Biden in 2022, she discovered problems with its implementation so she worked with the DOD Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness to get it right.

LEADING ON NATIONAL ISSUES



- **PROTECTING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE:** The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* set women's rights back half a century. Chrissy voted to pass the **Women's Health Protection Act**, which would legally guarantee a woman's right to choose. She spoke on the House floor and in committee about the need for servicewomen to have full access to reproductive health care, and how denying them that right could have devastating impacts on recruitment, their careers, and, consequently, our national security.



- **SUPPORTING INVESTMENTS IN STEM:** As an engineer and an entrepreneur, Chrissy knows that in order to remain globally competitive, we must invest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). She has advocated for technical training schools, community colleges, and 4-year degree institutions to expand academic programs in these fields and she has introduced legislation, like the STEM RESTART Act, to grow our workforce. Chrissy was proud to vote for the CHIPS and Science Act which will jumpstart domestic manufacturing of microchips. Chrissy hosted Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo for a roundtable at Vishay Intertechnology to discuss the importance of STEM education and workforce development.



- **KEEPING OUR OIL AND GAS AT HOME:** At one of her town halls, Chrissy spoke with a constituent who was angry about a Chinese affiliated company purchasing oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). In response, Chrissy introduced the Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act, which would prevent China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, and any entity owned or controlled by those countries, from purchasing oil from our SPR. It has broad bipartisan support and passed the House.



- **EQUITY AND EQUALITY:** Chrissy is committed to ensuring equality for every Pennsylvanian. She helped pass historic bills like the **Respect for Marriage Act** which provides federal protections and benefits of marriage equality for same-sex and interracial couples; and the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act** to address systemic racism and build a more equitable justice system for Black Americans. Her bill to require the DOD to assess ways to make access to ROTC scholarships more equitable was signed into law in 2021 by President Biden.



- **SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS:** For too long, thousands of American veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during their service had to fight, often to no avail, to have their associated medical issues covered by their VA health care. The **Honoring our PACT Act**, signed into law by President Biden in 2022, expands benefits for Vietnam-era veterans exposed to Agent Orange and delivers on an overdue promise to care for our veterans exposed to toxic burn pits. Chrissy helped this bill become law, and called on VA Secretary Denis McDonough to engage community-based organizations to help educate veterans about the bill.



SUPPORTING OUR WARFIGHTERS AND STRENGTHENING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

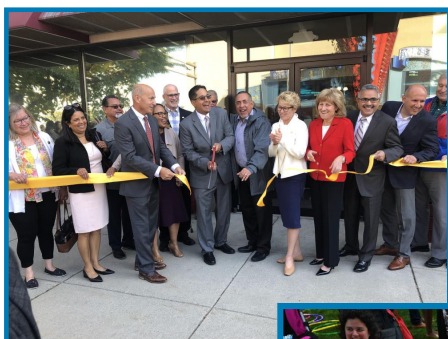
As a third generation military veteran, Chrissy supports our military, our veterans, and their families and fights for robust U.S. diplomatic leadership in the international community to protect our national security interests.

- Having served as an engineer in the Air Force, Chrissy knows that as technology advances, so must the skills of our warfighters. To address this, she created the **DOD Cyber and Digital Service Academy** to provide scholarships for degrees in cyber or digital technology to civilians to work within the DOD after graduation. The bill was signed into law by President Biden in 2022.
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- Due to her supply chain expertise, Chrissy was asked to join the **Defense Critical Supply Chain Task Force**, which made recommendations for how the United States can improve and overcome our supply chain threats and vulnerabilities. Her **Strengthening Supply Chains for Servicemembers and Security Act** requires the DOD to work to ensure the supply chain stability of life-saving medications for servicemembers. Her **Defense Semiconductor Stockpile Act** aims to safeguard our supply chain for critical minerals. Both bills were signed into law by President Biden in 2022.
- Chrissy continued her bipartisan work with both the **For Country Caucus**, comprised of veterans from both sides of the aisle, and the **Service Women and Women Veteran's Caucus**, to support legislation that will improve the lives of our servicemembers and ensure that the unique challenges faced by service women are not overlooked in legislative efforts. Her **Military Moms Matter Act**, which increases the amount of paid leave granted to primary and secondary caregivers, was signed into law in 2022 by President Biden.
- As the daughter and granddaughter of veterans, Chrissy knows that when one person serves, the whole family serves. Her **Children's Literacy Initiative on Military Bases (CLIMB) Act**, signed into law in 2022 by President Biden, provides age-appropriate books to children receiving care at military treatment facilities, in order to establish an early love of reading and learning. Her bills to **improve access to childcare** for military families have also become law.



SELECT RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- **2022 Advocate for American Business Award** – Awarded by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the Spirit of Enterprise Award, to members of Congress who work in a bipartisan manner to advance policy and legislation that helps entrepreneurs and businesses grow our economy.
- **Friend of the Farm Bureau Award for the 117th Congress** – Awarded by the American Farm Bureau Federation to members of Congress who support policy and legislation helpful to farmers. Members must first be nominated by their state Farm Bureau and approved by the AFBF Board of Directors.
- **2022 Milton Stewart Award** – Awarded by the Small Business Technology Council to lawmakers who champion small-business interests through their support and advocacy for the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization debate.
- **2022 Champion of Small Business Investing Award** – Awarded by the Small Business Investor Alliance (SBIA) to members of Congress who support policy and legislation that promotes capital access for small businesses.
- **2022 Constituent Service Democracy Award** – Awarded by the Congressional Management Foundation to the member of Congress who demonstrates excellence in serving their community and constituents. Only two winners, one Democrat and Republican, are selected each year.
- **2022 Life in Congress Democracy Award** – Awarded by the Congressional Management Foundation to the member of Congress who has office policies and an office culture that support wellness and professional development. Only two winners, one Democrat and Republican, are selected each year.
- **Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Eagle Award** – The Eagle Award is given to a member of the United States House or United States Senate for contributions made to the National Guard through legislative efforts and action.
- **2022 Medicare Advantage Champion** – Awarded by the Better Medicare Alliance to members of Congress who work to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have high-quality and cost-effective healthcare coverage.
- **United Way Champion** – The United Way of Chester County presented Chrissy with the United Way Champion award, recognizing her commitment to supporting United Way and their efforts to improve the health, education, and economic opportunity for everyone in Chester County.





LEGISLATION CHRISSY HAS INTRODUCED

IN ORDER OF DATE OF INTRODUCTION

H.R. 9196 — Access to Donor Milk Act. This bipartisan bill increases federal support for nonprofit milk banks and access to donor milk for medically-vulnerable infants. It does this by allowing state agencies to use WIC funding to promote the benefits of donor milk, creating a donor milk awareness program at HHS, providing emergency capacity funding for milk banks, and requiring the HHS Secretary to issue a rule clarifying the regulatory status of donor milk provided by nonprofit milk banks. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 8614 — Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act. This bipartisan bill would ban China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, and any country under sanction by the United States Treasury, and any entity owned or controlled by one of those countries, from purchasing oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The bill was included in the Buy Low Sell High Act but never considered by the House.

H.R.8470 — Investing in American Defense Technologies Act. This bipartisan, bicameral bill would establish a public-private partnership technology investment program to help small businesses bridge the “valley of death,” which occurs when a company doesn't have the capital to wait for the DOD to declare a critical technology as a program of record. The bill passed the House but did not become law.

H.R.8208 — Children's Literacy Initiative on Military Bases (CLIMB) Act. This bipartisan bill would permanently authorize the Reach Out and Read program on every United States military base. The program provides an age-appropriate book to children receiving care at military treatment facilities (MTFs), where the book is read by the provider and caregivers, and then sent home with the child to continue to develop reading and learning skills. The bill was included in the House-passed version of the FY23 NDAA and a modified pilot program was included in the final version.

H.R.7670 — Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program Transparency Act. This bipartisan bill requires the SBA to report information about the number and total dollar amount of contracts awarded under the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting program. The bill passed the House but wasn't considered in the Senate.

H.R. 6374 — Strengthening Supply Chains for Servicemembers and Security Act. This bipartisan, bicameral bill requires the Department of Defense to implement the recommendations made by the Inspector General to improve the security and reliability of pharmaceutical supply chains for our servicemembers. It was included in both the House-passed and Senate Armed Services Committee-passed FY23 NDAs and signed into law in the final version.

H.R. 5635 — Intellectual Property Violators Accountability and Transparency Act. This bipartisan bill requires the President to establish an interagency working group to combat the theft of U.S. intellectual property and better understand ways that we can use foreign policy to protect U.S. intellectual property. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 5225 — Micro-SBIC and Emerging Managers Program Act. This bill authorizes the establishment of a smaller fund within the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program, which would provide increased support and access to capital for small businesses, particularly those in areas that have been historically underserved. The bill passed the House but wasn't considered in the Senate.

H.R. 5190 — Small-Dollar PPP Forgiveness Simplification Act. This bill would retroactively modify the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to ensure that businesses that received excess loan amounts due to a “good faith” error should not be required to pay them back. It also raised the threshold at which a PPP loan would be eligible to use the simplified forgiveness application. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 5138 — Federal Cybersecurity Workforce Expansion Act. This bipartisan bill seeks to establish an apprenticeship program, specifically for veterans transitioning out of the military, on cybersecurity. These apprenticeships would lead to a role within the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency or similar entity. The bill passed the House but got stuck in the Senate.



LEGISLATION CHRISSY HAS INTRODUCED

H.R. 4824 — Stop Copay Overpay Act. This bipartisan bill would prohibit the DOD from charging TRICARE members a co-payment for specialty care that is higher than a co-payment for primary care. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 3938 — Support UNFPA Funding Act. This bill authorizes annual contributions for the United Nations Population Fund for the five fiscal years following the enactment of the bill. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 3588 — Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act. This bipartisan bill requires the National Science Foundation to improve mathematical and statistical modeling education in elementary and high schools. The bill passed the House but wasn't considered in the Senate.

H.R. 3047 — Military Moms Matter Act of 2021. This bipartisan bill improves DOD policies regarding parental leave and postpartum care for servicemembers. It does this by increasing the amount of parental leave for primary and secondary caregivers, providing an additional six weeks of convalescent leave for primary caregivers, guaranteeing a certain number of postpartum mental health assessments and follow-up appointments, and requiring a standardized policy for physical fitness test requirements postpartum. The bill was signed into law in 2022 by President Biden.

H.R. 2784 — STEM RESTART Act. This bipartisan bill creates a national program to assist mid-career workers who are reentering the STEM workforce by awarding grants to hiring businesses. It specifically includes workers from underrepresented and rural populations. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.R. 2023 — Reading Early and Addressing Dyslexia (READ) Act. This bipartisan bill creates a grant program to establish an early literacy and dyslexia intervention pilot program within five state educational agencies. It requires the Department of Education to identify evidence-based ways of screening elementary school students for early reading deficiencies and dyslexia, develop associated intervention methods, and institute best practices for educators. The bill passed Committee but wasn't considered in the whole House.

H.R. 1500 — Global Learning Loss Assessment Act of 2021. This bipartisan, bicameral bill directs USAID to study and report on the impact COVID-19 had on basic education programs. The bill passed the House but got stuck in the Senate.

H.R. 1237 — Stop Supporting Foreign Interference in Our Democracy Act. This bill prohibits any individual from intentionally providing substantial assistance concerning illegal political spending by a foreign national. It passed the House as part of H.R. 1, the For the People Act, but wasn't considered in the Senate.

H.R. 1199 — STEM Diplomacy Act. This bipartisan bill improves the State Department's hiring of STEM professionals by removing certain occupational requirements related to certain civilian foreign affairs positions. This bill was included in the FY22 NDAA as part of the Department of State Authorization Act and signed into law.

H.R. 652 — Research Advancing to Market Production (RAMP) for Innovators Act. This bipartisan bill assists entrepreneurs in accessing federal capital by expediting SBIR/STTR application processes, improving technical and business assistance, and making small businesses eligible for fast-tracked U.S. Patent Office services. The bill wasn't considered in the House.

H.RES. 545 — Supporting the ideals of Bump Day, a global advocacy day for maternal health, and reaffirming United States leadership to end preventable maternal deaths in the United States and globally. This bipartisan bill wasn't considered in the House.



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