Dear Neighbor,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying the summer. As your United States Representative, I work every day to ensure that American freedom, prosperity, and equality is secured in our communities, homes, schools, places of worship, and halls of government across the nation.

As we spend precious time with family and friends, let us remember our brave servicemen and women, diplomats, and foreign aid workers working around the globe to protect and promote our security and interests.

**Legislative Update:**

This month and every month, I work to honor and fight for our nation’s principles, values, and laws. I am proud to have recently introduced the following legislation that I believe upholds the values that we hold dear on the central coast of California:

1. I believe that the Administration failed to call out a leader who attacked the United States when it dismissed Russia’s past meddling in our nation’s electoral process. I called on Congress to pass a resolution condemning what was said during and after the Helsinki Summit, to fully implement sanctions against Russia that Congress passed last year, to pass legislation to protect the Special Counsel, and to pass legislation to protect the integrity of our elections.
2. In response to the Administration’s new zero-tolerance policy, introduced the Keep Families Together Act to protect children from being separated from their parents at the border. Also joined colleagues in sending a letter to the Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services (HHS) asking them to clarify their plans to reunify these detained children with their parents, and one to HHS to express our concerns regarding the use of DNA testing by the Administration to reunite immigrant families.

3. Introduced the National Ocean Policy Act of 2018 to protect the ecological health and long-term sustainability of marine environments and provide certainty in coastal management planning. This was done in response to the President’s Executive Order 13840 to revoke the policy that protects our oceans.

4. The Administration imposed trade barriers on several U.S. trading partners. These policies and tariffs have the potential to negatively impact American industries and consumers, including our district’s $5 billion agriculture economy. Congress needs to reassert its authority on tariffs, and that is why I introduced bipartisan legislation to protect our farmers, ranchers, and consumers from unnecessary trade wars.

Providing New Opportunities for the Next Generation on the Central Coast

Volunteer internship opportunities for the next generation from the Central Coast:

If you or somebody that you know from the Central Coast would like to intern at one of
my offices in either Washington, D.C., Salinas, or Santa Cruz, please call those offices. It is a great opportunity to volunteer and provide service to the people of the 20th Congressional District.

**Request a Flag**

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If you have any questions or issues that I or my staff can help you with, please call or contact my Congressional offices in Salinas, Santa Cruz, or Washington, D.C. or through [https://panetta.house.gov](https://panetta.house.gov). Please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know how I can continue to serve you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Member of Congress