

# 2021 REPORT



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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3605**

Much of my career has been spent in public service here in North Texas, and I was honored to represent every resident of Texas' 24th district this year in Washington. I strive to bring the values and beliefs of North Texas to Congress while working every day to serve the people of the district through our district programs and ensuring we answer all inquiries coming from residents. This year brought many challenges, but I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve you. In my first year in Congress, I worked to pursue pragmatic solutions to fighting violent crime, empowering small businesses, strengthening our economy and focusing on national security. My first two pieces of legislation, supporting small businesses and working to improve the supply chain problems, have been signed into law.

I serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and prioritized meeting with transportation stakeholders all over North Texas to listen to experts about the needs in DFW. I also represent the thousands of small business owners in Texas-24 as a member of the Small Business Committee. While I am continuously advocating for small business legislation, I have truly enjoyed meeting over 100 business owners and touring over 50 businesses here in the district. In addition to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Small Business Committee, I serve on the bipartisan Modernization Committee, putting our historic institution through a modern lens and recommending ways Congress can better work for the people.

In the district, I have hosted dozens of roundtables and engaged hundreds of North Texas students through our Youth Advisory Council, and the Art and App challenges. I am filled with hope for the future of our country after spending time with the bright young minds of Texas-24.

Through our office, over 100 people have sought and received help in resolving issues they have with federal agencies. The web of bureaucratic red tape is never easy to navigate, and it is a pleasure to connect constituents with the tools to get the help they need. Our office has proudly returned over \$10 million to residents in 2021.

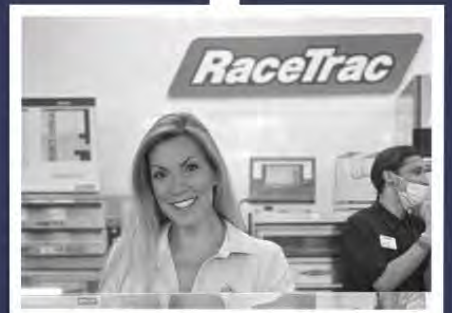
Although 2021 has been plagued by crisis after crisis, there are pragmatic solutions being discussed. It is my hope that my colleagues in Congress can work across party lines to pursue prudent legislation addressing issues at the border, in the economy, and in the energy sector.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in Congress. Please take a moment to look through this compilation of some of the work we did in 2021. I am excited to begin this new year with renewed vigor to deliver results for the people of Texas-24.

Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Van Duyne".

# PROTECTING JOBS AND SMALL BUSINESSES



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## Note from Beth about Protecting Jobs and Small Business

Last year, small businesses saw crippling challenges from labor shortages to supply chain disruptions. Now more than ever, protecting and supporting small businesses in North Texas and across the nation, are of the utmost importance to me. I have listened to small business owners at roundtables, toured their businesses and met one-on-one to understand struggles and challenges as we continued into the second year of the pandemic.

I serve on the House Committee on Small Business, where I have worked to aid and protect businesses. In the committee, we are working on simple, yet critical pieces of legislation to ensure our small businesses are supported and have the necessary resources to overcome the continuing economic challenges of the pandemic and the inflation and supply chain problems exacerbated by this administration.

Here's a look inside what I have done over the past year to protect jobs and small businesses. I wanted to share the small business legislation I introduced, op-eds I wrote, North Texas Job Fair I hosted, small business tours I joined, and roundtables I convened.

**H.R. 3551**

# **Restaurant Recovery Fairness Act**

Without proper statutory oversight requirements, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) is vulnerable to fraud and abuse. With limited funds, Congress should ensure only deserving businesses are getting the help they need to support their hard working employees and stay afloat.

The Restaurant Recovery Fairness Act addresses the shortcomings of the RRF by adding vital oversight to the Small Business Administration's \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

**H.R. 5070**

# **Bringing Back Main Street Act**

With near \$100 billion in fraudulent or improper COVID relief payments disbursed by the Small Business Administration, ensuring taxpayer dollars went to businesses in the U.S. should be the most basic requirement. Unfortunately, there is currently no assurance of this.

This bill solves this issue by requiring a report on the amount of small business assistance that went to businesses based in foreign countries.

After having their livelihoods shutdown and dreams crushed, we must ensure money set aside by Congress for small businesses is going into their pockets, not those of foreign businesses.

**H.R. 4295**

# **Supply Chain Vulnerability Assessment Act**

We have seen first-hand the negative consequences of supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19, in some cases threatening life-saving medical supplies. As a nation, we need to ensure such disruptions never happen again.

The 'Supply Chain Vulnerability Act' requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency to jointly report to Congress on the vulnerabilities in supply chains critical to U.S. national security, economic security, or public health and how to address those vulnerabilities.

This bill was signed into law by President Biden on December 27th as a part of the National Defense Authorization Act.



H.R. 4165

# Uplifting First-Time Homebuyers Act

In a competitive market, first-time homebuyers should be able to leverage all of their assets to accomplish their dreams. The 'Uplifting First-Time Homebuyers Act' helps ensure this is possible by increasing the tax exception for withdrawing from your IRA to purchase your first home from \$10k to \$20k. When the original \$10k exception was put in place in 1997, the median home price was only \$115k. Today, that number is over \$400k.

Your first home is key to building generational wealth, and it's my goal to make it easier for every American to access the dream of homeownership.

H.R. 1718

# Ensuring Economic Recovery Act

We know that top-down, one-size-fits-all federal minimum wage mandates are disastrous for employers. From lost jobs to shuttered businesses, increasing the federal minimum wage would hurt business' across the country, especially our entrepreneurs.

The 'Ensuring Economic Recovery Act' requires the Small Business Administration to report on the the effects on small businesses of increasing the federal minimum hourly wage to \$15 while recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Cosponsored

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## Small Business Bills



### H.R. 4568 - ENTRÉE Act

Replenishes the Restaurant Revitalization Fund with \$60 billion paid for by rescinding money from unspent Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and state and local funds within President Biden's reckless American Rescue Plan. Also increases oversight for the program and removes preferential treatment for priority groups.



### H.R. 1799 - PPP Extension Act

Extended the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), through June 30, 2021.



### H.R. 2188 - Reopening America by Supporting Workers and Businesses Act

Helps local businesses rebuild their workforce quickly by turning these unemployment benefits into a back-to-work bonus that will provide a bump to workers and help accelerate our economic recovery.



### H.R. 3268 - Combatting COVID Unemployment Fraud Act

Prevents fraud in COVID unemployment programs, recovers fraudulently paid benefits, and provides relief for taxpayers and victims of unemployment fraud.

# *Rep. Beth Van Duyne: Biden's war on suburbs – here's how admin hopes to control you, your community*

Published on May 14th, 2021

Joe Biden's "American Jobs Act" is another delivery of radical campaign promises, but not the ones you might expect from a transportation branded bill – it's the beginning of the end for America's suburbs.

Through this policy proposal, municipalities will be incentivized to cancel single-family zoning, the cornerstone of suburban neighborhood development.

This plan builds on the Obama-Biden administration's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing policy that was revoked during my time at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by Secretary Ben Carson because it was, "unworkable and ultimately a waste of time for localities to comply with, too often resulting in funds being steered away from communities that need them most."

President Biden campaigned to take Obama's already dangerous policies one step further, citing the Home Act of 2019 of Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., which would eliminate "exclusionary zoning policies and local regulations that contribute to sprawl."

In case you missed it in all the political jargon, "exclusionary zoning policies" is the rebrand from what we all know as single-family zoning – meaning your neighborhood and mine. In fact, Booker's press release defines it here: "exclusionary zoning laws, for example, are local ordinances that ban apartment buildings from certain residential areas."

I live in Irving, Texas, or as the leftists in Biden's administration would call it, sprawl. If you live in a home that dares to have a yard, trees, space between you and a neighbor, and you work hard to pay a mortgage, you are likely a target.

The goal of this is to dismantle local control of municipal zoning by using federal housing grants. With many cities struggling to deal with budget cuts due to the loss of revenue during the pandemic, it's understandable why Biden includes this under the guise of a transportation bill.

Owning a home is one of the best ways to build and accumulate generational wealth. But in –

liberal states, stopping the growth of single-family neighborhoods has already begun to take root.

Last year, Oregon passed legislation eliminating single-family zoning for most of the state. A bill reintroduced in the California legislature would allow six to eight units where one home stands now. Across the nation there are over 200,000 homes owned by corporations, which amounts to over \$220 billion in housing wealth that could be owned by working families. Instead, corporations are managing single-family rentals.

North Texas is home to some of the best and most desirable suburban communities in the country. Biden's plans are taking direct aim at stopping the very aspect that has made these communities so exemplary. As a former mayor, I know that zoning, grants and local control don't make for sexy headlines, but it is this kind of foundational planning that has empowered generations of working families with the opportunity of home ownership.

Rather than demonize and begin a federal assault against our suburban communities, we would be far better served as a nation by focusing on policies to expand generational wealth accumulation and home ownership and revitalize urban areas.

The strength of our communities lies in their differences, and the ability of people to choose the kind of city where they want to raise their family or retire. It means stopping the heavy hand of federal social engineering from taking away local control and destroying the single-family zoning that has made our suburbs affordable and attractive for all kinds of families.

After suffering severe losses during the 2020 election in suburban districts, Democrats believe they have found a solution to improve their election prospects: urbanize the suburbs.

Using language like "The American Jobs Act" to disguise another federal power grab is becoming a common theme with the Biden administration. Or calling this a transportation bill when only 6% actually funds highways, roads and bridges. And let's not forget that "exclusionary zoning" is nothing more than a smokescreen to eliminate single-family zoning and break the burbs.

Democrats know this must be done before their own primary fights start and they find themselves back on the campaign trail trying to win over the same suburbs they desperately want to dismantle.

Their desire to restructure America using single-family zoning reveals clear differences between America's political parties: Republicans want you to own your home and control your money, while Democrats want to own your home and control you.

## *Labor shortage, Biden vaccine mandate threaten small business. How Congress can help*

Published on September 17th, 2021

Shaw Insurance Agency in Hurst represents more than 60 companies and serves as a staple in our community. I had the opportunity recently to welcome Susan Shaw, the co-owner, to testify in front of the House Small Business Committee. She reminded us that small businesses around the country have borne the brunt of the pandemic's economic damage because they do not have the luxury of deep pockets and sometimes must make hard decisions between keeping employees or paying bills.

Small businesses are fighting to survive the last year and a half of mandates, regulations, shutdowns and constantly changing economic forecasts as they recover from the pandemic. But in a time of uncertainty, it is these small businesses who are driving our nation's economy forward.

During times of need, it is great to see a community rally behind small businesses, but they can only do so much. Larger action is necessary, but President Joe Biden's war on small business is crippling our economy. American entrepreneurs' spirit cannot be defeated, but they need policies that champion them.

Last week, when the president announced his massive plan of government overreach and privacy violation in the form of vaccine mandates, he made it clear he does not care about the future of small businesses. This mandate will affect more than 80 million workers — more than two-thirds of the American workforce, many of whom work for small businesses.

Biden cannot federally mandate that most Americans receive the coronavirus vaccine, so he's using American businesses as his arm of the law and unconstitutionally threatening them with crushing fines.

My Republican colleagues and I on the small business committee have worked to prioritize legislation to help such businesses, but our Democratic colleagues have opposed it. The Restaurant Recovery Fairness Act would provide necessary oversight to ensure that revitalization funds are distributed to the restaurants that serve at the center of our communities.

In August, I proposed the Bringing Back Main Street Act to help ensure money set aside by Congress for our small businesses is getting to them, not foreign businesses. These are simple, yet critical bills that would support our small businesses and provide the necessary resources to overcome the economic challenges of the pandemic.

Democrats, though, are proposing policies detrimental to small businesses' future. The most apparent is the left's continuous unemployment incentives. At the end of June, businesses were unable to fill a record 10.1 million job openings, up from a previous record of 9.4 million in May. In North Texas, small businesses who managed to stay open through the pandemic are unable to keep the doors open during this hiring crisis.

While facing a labor shortage and vulnerable economy, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is continuing to push massive spending bills, contributing to inflation. Americans are now paying 41.8% more for used cars, 51.8% more for gas in Texas, 24.1% more for hotels, 19% more for airfare, and 10.7% more for steaks, and the cost of chicken is at a 7-year high. Every American is paying more every time they walk out the door.

The good news is that the American spirit cannot be broken. More people are filing to start new businesses, and it is time to support them. To those small businesses who continue to fight to give back to our community and bring light to your neighborhoods, we salute you.

I'll continue to advocate for small businesses here and across the country. We need policies that will help, not hinder, their success.

# *Biden's policies to blame for much of current supply chain crisis*

Published December 3rd, 2021

During the past eleven months, I have marveled at the resilience of so many small and medium-sized North Texas businesses as they have worked through countless and ever-changing problems in order to stay afloat. The stories I've been told at business roundtables and in tours across North Texas are not only a testament to the rugged spirit of our intrepid entrepreneurs, but are also infuriating as I've heard how the policies of our own government are dragging these good people down.

Corky's Gaming Bistro here in Grapevine offers good food, fun games, and a family atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. But like so many others, they have had to adjust to difficult circumstances beyond their control. Operating two locations and a 2020 "pandemic" opening was unimaginably challenging, but they made it through a bumpy first year. Sadly, what COVID did to small businesses like Corky's is nothing compared to the one-two punch of President Biden's policies that have driven up labor costs and made food expenses too high for them to have two locations stay open. Just like many others, Corky's isn't going down without a fight. Corky's has condensed to one location, but also expanded entertainment offerings, and continued their investment in our community — they are fighting to stay, and I am proud to be their congresswoman.

Small businesses across our region are adjusting business models, changing food menus, finding new suppliers, and doing everything they can to battle against the biggest threat to their operations - the president of the United States.

Earlier this year, President Biden said, "Small businesses are the engines of our economic progress; they're the glue and the heart and soul of our communities. But they're getting crushed." That's correct, sir. And your administration is doing the crushing. Our small businesses in North Texas and across the nation are courageously hanging on and doing their best to succeed. They have spent the last two years navigating a pandemic, pivoting strategies overnight to stay alive through lockdowns and mandates. But many of these same businesses who survived a once in a century pandemic, cannot last through one year of Joe Biden.



When one of President Biden's first acts was to pay workers to stay home, he began a domino effect, causing a supply chain crisis that will have repercussions for years to come. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell recently stated, "supply chain snarls that have slowed deliveries and swelled prices throughout 2021 are likely to last longer than previously expected, likely well into next year." A year of this is a death knell for your local bakery who can't get the ingredients for their trademark treats. It is the end for restaurants who will have no choice but to pass the higher food prices on to their customers. While Starbucks can demand priority shipping and deliveries, George Coffee here in our community cannot.

Recent reports show 90 percent of small business owners are enduring supply chain disruptions. To make matters worse, nearly 50 percent of all small businesses have experienced product delivery delays from their suppliers, and 25 percent of small businesses are experiencing slower delivery times to their customers. One business owner, Jeff Salters, founder of Salty's BBQ and Catering said in the last several months, latex gloves needed for their business have gone up in price from \$40 a box to \$240 a box.

There is no way a small business can afford these price increases without laying off workers or passing costs on to their consumers — driving even more price conscious customers away from local businesses. Conglomerates continue to be prioritized in shipping and they are also able to withstand delays, temporary losses, or use other revenue streams to make up for supply chain shortages. Mom-and-pop shops across the country lack the purchasing power, diversified supply networks, and pricing flexibility of the larger corporations, leaving them shorthanded and unable to compete.

While President Biden's words support small business, his actions have made it clear — in Joe Biden's economy, only the corporations survive.

The seriousness of the challenges we're facing and this administration's staggering inability to address them goes far beyond a slightly less Merry Christmas — supply chain problems are destroying the small business that make up the lifeblood of our communities. When you couple this with the devastating inflation and escalating energy costs as colder weather sets in, Democrat policies will shut down businesses that have been operating for generations. Unless we can stop Biden's ineptitude, and perhaps purposeful quest to destroy American small business growth, our future is clear — we will go from an America that empowers broad opportunities for our people to: Made in China and brought to you by Amazon.

# North Texas Job Fair

In July, I hosted a North Texas Job Fair at the Irving Convention Center. We saw an impressive turnout with 250+ employers and 5,000+ attendees. This was a great way to meet with and help connect the businesses across North Texas with potential employees.

This event was a great success and was supported by every Mayor and State Representative in DFW. I look forward to continuing to promote jobs and aid businesses across Texas-24.



**Scan to watch the 2021 North  
Texas Job Fair Video**

## Van Duyne to Host North Texas Job Fair with over 130 local businesses and counting.

DALLAS, TX - Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne today is announcing a North Texas Job fair hosted by her office at the Irving Convention Center on July 15 from 1-6pm. The Congresswoman will be joined by over 40 local Mayors, State Representatives and State Senators and has brought in over 130 businesses and counting in the area like Toyota, Amazon and American Airlines who are looking to hire employees.

"While meeting with businesses in TX-24, I am constantly told about hiring shortages and the employment difficulties that have been brought on by the pandemic. We have businesses who survived the pandemic only to be forced to close from lack of workers," said Van Duyne. "We know that enhanced federal unemployment benefits end here in Texas on June 26, and our goal is to make sure that every person in North Texas has access to a job. This job fair is about empowering North Texans with opportunities, from individuals starting a career in an entry level position to executives looking for their next challenge. No one who wants to work hard and provide for their family should be without a job, and we are here to make finding that job a little easier on North Texans."

The Congresswoman has created MyNTXJob.com so people who are interested in attending, or additional businesses who may want to participate are able to get more information and receive alerts and reminders about the event. As the date of the job fair draws nearer, the website will serve as a digital hub for some businesses to link the jobs they have available.

Rep. Van Duyne is proud to have gathered a bipartisan group of mayors and legislators to join forces to invite individuals all over North Texas to participate. It is our hope that anyone in need of employment or considering a career change will join us in Irving on July 15.



## North Texas Job Fair Hosted By Rep. Beth Van Duyne Attracts Hundreds Of Employers

IRVING, Texas (CBSDFW.COM) – Hundreds of employers made their way to Irving Thursday to participate in one of the first in-person large-scale job fairs in North Texas since the pandemic began. It was hosted by Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne and her team at the Irving Convention Center.

“You know there were businesses that closed through no fault of their own, you know it’s the government that came in and shut them down,” Duyne said.

Now, as economy opens back up, she said the job market is fierce.

“People are starting up small businesses, mid-size businesses, large corporations and they’re starving for employees,” she said.

The situation is what led her to create this job fair featuring over 250 companies and over 7,000 jobs.

For Jason Ray-Talbery, the variety is refreshing. Coming out of college, he’s hoping to find something tailored to his kinesiology degree.

“I’m very qualified for a lot of jobs, but I need some thing that is higher paying,” he said. His situation is not unique.

A recent Monster.com study, surveying 1,000 impending and recent college grads, found almost half of 2020 grads are still looking for a job.

For those who are employed, desperation drove about 75% to accept a job that didn’t fit their career goals. The number one reason being they needed money.



# 2021 Participating Job Fair Businesses

AT&T  
 7-11 DFW Airport  
 Abba Staffing  
 ABM  
 Accelerate Mortgage  
 Ajl International  
 Albertson's  
 Alliance Aviation Services  
 AllState  
 Aloft Las Colinas  
 Amazon  
 Amazon Web Services (AWS)  
 Ambridge Hospitality  
 American Airlines  
 AmeriCorps  
 Anderson's Paving  
 Anton's African Cuisine  
 Arlington Water Services  
 Applied Concepts  
 Associa  
 AT Staffing Advanced  
 Temporaries  
 Aterisk  
 Atrium Hotel and Suites  
 Babe's Chicken  
 Bash Career Institute  
 Bell Helicopter  
 Ben E. Keith Company  
 Billingsley Company  
 Blue 22 Sports Grill  
 Brinker International  
 Bureau of Prisons  
 Carrollton Community Hospital  
 CBS 11  
 Central Market  
 Chelsea Hall  
 Chewy  
 Chick-fil-A  
 Chili's  
 Christian Brothers Automotive

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 City of Dallas Department of  
 Aviation - Love Field  
 City of Euless  
 City of Hurst  
 City of Irving  
 City of Keller  
 City of North Richland Hills  
 City of The Colony  
 Clay Cooley Auto Group  
 CLEAR  
 Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages  
 Cognizant College of Nursing  
 and Advanced Health Professions  
 Colleyville Police Department  
 Comfort Suites  
 Commercial Metals Company  
 Complete Care  
 Computer Minds  
 Copart  
 Coppell TKD  
 Costa Vida  
 CounterCraft  
 Courtyard by Marriott -Dallas  
 Las Colinas  
 Core Logic  
 Corky's Gaming Bistro  
 Dallas College  
 Dallas Police Department  
 Federal Executive Board  
 Dental Dimensions  
 Corky's Gaming Bistro  
 Dallas College  
 Dallas Police Department  
 Federal Executive Board  
 Dental Dimensions  
 Denton County

DeVry University  
 DFW Airport  
 Dickey's BBQ  
 Dr. Pepper  
 DutyFree Americans  
 DXC Technology  
 ECS Southwest  
 Ellery Arbor Memory Care  
 Envoy Air  
 Expo Home Improvement  
 Fairfield by Marriott  
 Fast Signs  
 FC Dallas  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 (FAA)  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Feed Store BBQ  
 FEMA  
 First American Payment Systems  
 FirstStudent  
 Five Star Subaru of Grapevine  
 Flower Mound Police Department  
 Ford in Carrollton  
 Forterra  
 Fort Worth ISD  
 Fort Worth Water Department  
 Four Leaf Ventures  
 Freedom Park  
 Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
 Freshii  
 Frito Lay  
 Fusion Academy  
 Galaxy Theatres  
 GallantFew  
 Genuine Parts  
 Gina Godsey Real Estate  
 Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas  
 Glorias Latin Cuisine

Goosehead Insurance  
 Grand Prairie ISD  
 Grapevine-Colleyville ISD  
 Grapevine PD  
 Guard Texas  
 Harmony School  
 Hattie Marie's BBQ  
 Hazel Health  
 HEB ISD  
 Highland Landscaping  
 Hilton Garden  
 Holt CAT  
 Home Care Assistance  
 Homewood Suites Irving  
 Hotel Vin  
 Hourly Recruiting Specialist  
 Hyatt  
 Hydradyne LLC  
 IBEW Local Union 20  
 IH Specialty Benefits  
 IHCSB  
 Inspired Wings Fashion  
 Irving CVB  
 Irving Fire Department  
 Irving Police Department  
 Irving Human Resources  
 Irving ISD  
 Janitorial Services DFW Airport  
 Inspired Wings Fashion  
 Irving CVB  
 Irving Fire Department  
 Irving Police Department  
 Irving Human Resources  
 Irving ISD  
 Janitorial Services DFW Airport  
 Jason Ridley Agency LLC  
 JMJ Development  
 JPS Health Network  
 JSAV

# 2021 Participating Job Fair Businesses

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|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Judy Pie                              | North Richland Hills Police Department | Salvation Army Fort Worth                       | TSF Sportswear                                      |
| JW Construction                       | North Texas Orthopedics                | Samsung   | TX Oncology   |
| Karim Ali CPA                         | Northwest ISD                          | Securitas, Inc.                                 | TxDOT   |
| Kasai Hibachi Sushi and Bar           | O'Reilly Auto Parts                    | Sedo Laser                                      | TXR Logistics                                       |
| Keurig Dr. Pepper                     | Oak Street Food & Brew                 | Selph Marketing                                 | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District   |
| KnightVest Residential                | Odeh Group                             | Shelton Tile                                    | U.S. Concrete                                       |
| Kriya Hotels                          | Omni                                   | Silver Creek Materials                          | U.S. Department of Health                           |
| Kroger                                | O'Reilly Auto Parts                    | Six Brothers Beef                               | U.S. Department of Homeland Security                |
| LeMans Corporation - Parts Unlimited  | Pack Auto Group                        | Sky Chefs                                       | U.S. Department of Labor                            |
| Lewisville ISD                        | Paradies Lagardere                     | Small Business Administration                   | U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs                |
| Link Staffing                         | P.F. Changs                            | Smoothie King                                   | U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas     |
| Lone Star Park                        | Pharmpix                               | Social Security Administration                  | U.S. Secret Service                                 |
| Lone Star Staffing                    | Plaza Premium Group                    | Southern Methodist University                   | Uline   |
| Lowen Hospitality Management          | PM Hotel Group                         | Sovereign Staffing Group                        | Unique Landscaping                                  |
| LSG Sky Chefs                         | Productiv                              | Stanley Cleaners                                | United Training Academy                             |
| Macy's Northeast Mall                 | Pronto Delivery                        | Star Concessions                                | Universal Technical Institute (UTI)                 |
| Mac's on Main                         | Prospect Air                           | Starbucks                                       | University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing |
| Mallard Group                         | QuikTrip                               | State Farm                                      | USDA  |
| Man Power                             | RaceTrac                               | Stumpy's Hatchet House                          | VCA Animal Hospital                                 |
| Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth            | Rally House                            | Subaru  | Vista Corp  |
| Westlake                              | RAS Services                           | Superior Service Pros of Irving                 | Walden Security                                     |
| Marshall Retail Group                 | RBF Credit Union                       | Target  | Walgreens   |
| Mary Kay                              | Reading Partners                       | TeamGlobal                                      | Walmart Global Tech                                 |
| Massage Envy/Di Colleyville           | RealPage                               | Texas Association of Sports Officials           | Ward Architecture PLLC                              |
| Mathnasium                            | Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Remington | Texas Oncology                                  | Wasp Barcode Technologies                           |
| McCalisters                           | Republic National Distributing Company | Texas Rangers Baseball Club The Italian Kitchen | Waterwalk Hotel                                     |
| McKesson                              | Republic Services                      | Texican Court Hotel                             | Waxing the City                                     |
| Mercury One                           | Right at Home                          | The Westin DFW Airport Hotel                    | Western and Southern Life                           |
| Metrocrest Services                   | RBF Credit Union                       | Thirsty Lion Gastropub                          | Western Extrusions                                  |
| Mobility Credit Union                 | Reading Partners                       | TLE Childcare                                   | Westin Irving Convention Center                     |
| ModularDesignsPlus                    | RealPage                               | Tom Thumb                                       | Who Ya Know   |
| Mooyah Burger                         | Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Remington | Toyota  | Your Favorite Recruiter                             |
| Morada Senior Living                  | Republic National Distributing Company | TriVAN Roofing                                  |   |
| Move Solutions                        | Republic Services                      | TSA   |   |
| My Health Resources of Tarrant County | Right at Home                          |   |   |
| NAPA Auto Parts                       | Rushmore Corp                          |   |   |
| National Carriers                     |  |   |   |
| NFI Industries                        |  |   |   |
| Nosco, Inc.                           |  |   |   |

# 2021 Job Fair Partners

## Community Partners

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Metrocrest Chamber of  
Commerce  
Metroport Chamber of  
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Texas Association of  
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Restaurants  
Texas Retailers Association  
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## Participating Representatives

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Texas Senate  
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*Texas House District 112*  
Rep. Giovanni  
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*Texas House District 98*  
Rep. Jeff Cason  
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Mayor Joe Chow  
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*City of Farmers Branch*  
Mayor Kevin Falconer  
*City of Carrollton*  
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Mayor Derek France  
*City of Flower Mound*  
Mayor Scooter Gierisch  
*City of Roanoke*

Mayor TJ Gilmore  
*City of Lewisville*  
Rep. Craig Goldman  
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*Texas House District 97*  
Sen. Kelly Hancock  
*Texas Senate District 9*  
Mayor John Huffman  
*City of Southlake*  
Mayor Eric Johnson  
*City of Dallas*  
Rep. Julie Johnson  
*Texas House District 115*  
Sen. Nathan Johnson  
*Texas Senate District 16*  
Rep. Matt Krause  
*Texas House District 93*  
Mayor Linda Martin  
*City of Euless*  
Mayor Armin Mizani  
*City of Keller*  
Mayor John Muns  
*City of Plano*

Sen. Jane Nelson  
*Texas Senate District 12*  
Mayor Richard Newton  
*City of Colleyville*  
Rep. Candy Noble  
*Texas House District 89*  
Rep. Morgan Meyer  
*Texas House District 108*  
Mayor Joe McCourry  
*City of The Colony*  
Mayor Mattie Parker  
*City of Fort Worth*  
Rep. Tan Parker  
*Texas House District 63*  
Rep. Jared Patterson  
*Texas House District 106*  
Sen. Angela Paxton  
*Texas Senate District 8*  
Mayor Jim Ross  
*City of Arlington*  
Mayor Rick Stopfer  
*City of Irving*  
Mayor Oscar Trevino  
*City of North Richland Hills*  
Rep. John Turner  
*Texas House District 114*  
Mayor Paul Voelker  
*City of Richardson*  
Mayor Laura Wheat  
*City of Westlake*  
Mayor Henry Wilson  
*City of Hurst*

# RaceTrac

I spent the day at RaceTrac learning about the day-to-day operations of their stores. They discussed the challenges currently facing businesses due to increased government regulation and how the future of electric vehicles is changing how they do business.



# NTTA Safety Center

I toured the NTTA Safety Center, where they were able to show the state of the art technology used to keep North Texas drivers safe every day.





# Lone Star Analysis

I met with Lone Star Analysis, where we discussed how they are working to change analytics and how businesses operate. They use predictive and prescriptive analytics to improve business operations & competitive position.



# Williams RDM

I visited with Williams RDM, where they displayed the innovative products they produce to help Border Patrol. The devices here are camouflaged solar panels used to increase law enforcement's efficiency in remote locations.



# Texas Farm Bureau

I met with the Texas Farm Bureau, where they were able to explain how increased inflation and disruptions in the supply chain have impacted their industry - and what Congress can do to help.



# Martin UAV

In Washington, I visited with Martin UAV, a North Texas company focused on providing high-tech and cost-effective UAVs to government, defense, and commercial markets. We discussed their efforts producing drones for border security and disaster relief.



# MultiCam

I toured MultiCam, a North Texas business that serves as a global supplier of CNC cutting solutions. When COVID-19 hit, MultiCam changed their business strategy to meet our community's needs in incredible ways by providing 50,000 face shields and 30,000 gowns to local hospitals, 8,000 dividers for local schools and 10,000 face shields to the Dallas Police Department.



# United Recycling

I toured United Recycling, an environmentally responsible recycler of electronic waste. They have recycled over 30 million pounds of electronics since the company's inception in 2011, helping to decrease electronic waste in our North Texas landfills.



# 6 Stones

I joined a business tour of 6 Stones to see their New Hope Center, which provides emergency assistance of food, clothing, and other resources to families in need. 6 Stones serves over 300 local families each week through clothing and food assistance.



# Trinity Lakes Development

I met with Trinity Lakes Development to hear about their plans for a mixed-used development in the heart of our district – providing jobs and useful services.



# Vaccine Distribution Centers

I toured the Tarrant, Denton, and Dallas county vaccine distribution centers. Local officials provided briefs on each county's distribution plans.

Local officials: Mayor Betsy Price, County Commissioner Gary Fickes, County Judge Andy Eads, and Mayor Eric Johnson.



# Harley-Davidson

I visited the Texas Harley-Davidson facility in Bedford - the largest motorcycle dealership in the state. They showed me how they are more than just a business, but work hard to develop the communities around them.



# Bell Flight

I toured Bell Flight facility headquartered in Fort Worth. This international helicopter producer employs personnel from over 90 countries to serve customers from across the globe.



# Fast Signs

I had the opportunity to tour FastSigns, a local business in North Texas. FastSigns' President and CEO, Catherine Monson, and franchisees, Mark and Shawn Glenn, shared how their business has adapted during COVID-19. Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, FastSigns has adapted to provide resources for businesses to safely keep their businesses open. To help protect our law enforcement officers, FastSigns donated 15,000 face shields to the Dallas Police Department.



# Atmos Energy

I had the privilege of meeting with Atmos Energy to discuss their efforts to prioritize safety and work with their customers to ensure no one is without gas during the pandemic.



# Southwest Office Systems

I visited with Southwest Office Systems, a company owned for generations by the Puente family that prides itself not just on customer service, but valuing their employees, with many of them spending their entire career at SOS.



# Mid Cities Women's Clinic

I visited Mid Cities Women's Clinic in Euless, a nonprofit clinic empowering expecting families through free services such as counseling, ultrasounds, medical needs, and supplies. The wonderful women who volunteer as nurses are not only generous with their time, but exemplary citizens in the community.





# Airbus

I toured Airbus Headquarters, where they were able to explain their struggles with hiring and supply chain disruptions. Airbus is the largest export customer of the U.S. Aerospace industry, with over 1,800 aircraft in U.S. fleets and 2,300 helicopters in service.



## Local Restaurant Roundtable

We have some of Texas' best restaurants right here in TX-24, and they have shown admirable resiliency adapting to the changes the last year has brought. In June, I hosted a roundtable with local restaurant owners to discuss how Congress can help with their recovery from COVID-19 lockdowns and widespread employee shortages.



## Small Business Roundtable

In March, I hosted a Texas Small Business roundtable to discuss businesses reopening as Texas lifted its mandates, the challenges businesses had to overcome, how operations have changed as the result of the pandemic, and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) success stories.



## Roundtable with Leader McCarthy

In September, I participated in a small business roundtable with Leader McCarthy and Reps. Blaine Luetkemeyer, Jackie Walorski, Fred Keller, Kevin Hern, and David Schweikert for a discussion on the Democrats' spending in Washington.



## Small Business Roundtable

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer led a Veterans Small Business Roundtable in honor of National Veterans Small Business Week. We had a productive discussion on what policies help and hinder their businesses, and how Congress can best support veterans re-entering civilian workforce.



## District Swap with Rep. Dean Phillips

I had the opportunity to travel to Minnesota's 3rd district and join Rep. Dean Phillips for a small business roundtable and local business tours during Small Business Week in November.

During the roundtable, we had the opportunity to discuss supply chain issues and how Congress can address them.



## Medsource Labs Business Tour

Rep. Dean Phillips and I toured Medsource Labs to see how they are constantly working to innovate to reduce the cost of medical devices. It was reassuring to witness the progress our medical professionals are making for hardworking Americans.



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4324

July 30, 2021

The Honorable Isabel Casillas Guzman  
Administrator  
United States Small Business Administration  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

I write to request your immediate response to the issues discussed in the May 26th House Small Business Committee Hearing.

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to be an outright disaster for small businesses. As of June 2021, the number of open small businesses decreased by over 44 percent, and revenues fell close to 40 percent compared to January 2020. In May, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) also reported the highest number of small business owners raising prices since April 1981.

Unfortunately, even as the nation reopens and small employers begin to recover, the Democrat-led Congress and the Biden administration has doubled down on disastrous economic policies that will continue to hurt small businesses. Enhanced unemployment benefits were extended by the American Rescue Plan Act, continuing to keep workers on the sidelines. As a result, the labor force participation rate has remained close to 2% below its February 2020 level, while the NFIB is reporting record high unfilled small business job openings. The federal government should not be competing with small businesses for workers.

President Biden has also proposed increasing the corporate and capital gains tax rate. An increase in the corporate tax rate would directly impact the 1.4 million small businesses that are currently classified as C-corporations. Raising capital gains taxes would pass through to small businesses while also stifling innovation and capital investments. As I stated during the hearing, regardless of who this administration seeks to tax, a tax increase will have dire consequences for the balance sheets of small businesses.

I continue to be deeply concerned about the state of small businesses and the effect this administration's policies are having on them. For this reason, I request your answers to the following questions to provide clarity on where this administration stands:

1. How have extended federal unemployment benefits affected small businesses' ability to hire?
2. What effects would increasing capital gains and corporate tax rates have specifically on small businesses?
3. How would a federally mandated \$15 minimum wage affect small businesses?

In addition to the responses to the questions posed above, I would also like to reiterate my invitation for you to join me in TX-24 so you can visit with the small businesses in my community and hear their concerns directly.

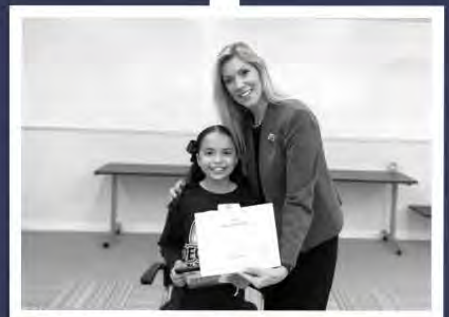
I look forward to your responses. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Mason at 202-225-6025 or [sean.mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:sean.mason@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Van Duyne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Beth" being particularly prominent.

Beth Van Duyne  
Member of Congress

# HONORING AND ENGAGING NORTH TEXANS



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**BETH**  
VAN DUYN  
REPRESENTING THE 24TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## Note from Beth about Honoring and Engaging North Texans

Over the past year, it has been an honor to meet with law enforcement, veterans, and outstanding citizens across Texas-24. I have enjoyed hosting roundtables with local businesses, doctors, and mayors to learn about their challenges and how we can help them continue to protect our community.

We have also set up programs to involve the students of the district, whether it is learning about the branches of government in Elementary school, participating in our Youth Advisory Council, competing in the Art and App challenges or even receiving nominations to serve our country by securing a nomination to a military academy. I have enjoyed meeting so many students and been impressed by their thoughtfulness and diligence.

Spending time with those who have dedicated their lives to serving our cities and listening to the impact they are making on our community makes me proud to represent such an innovative and exceptional district.

Here's a look inside what I have done over the past year to honor and engage with North Texans. I introduced new legislation, wrote an op-ed on the Department of Justice's treatment of vocal parents, hosted local competitions. and joined local roundtables.



**H.R. 5126**

# **Combating Predatory Lending in Higher Education Act**

Students should have the opportunity to pursue higher education without fear of predatory loans hindering their ability to learn and threatening their financial future.

This bill will require that "Grad PLUS" Loans are included in the cohort default rate under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and requires the Secretary of Education to report default rates for such loans.

# Cosponsors

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## Education Bills



### H.R. 682 – Reopen Schools Act

Encourages local educational agencies to resume in-person instruction at elementary and secondary schools.



### H.R. 3179 – Stop CRT Act

This bill prohibits federal agencies and contractors from advancing specified policies or training related to race or sex.



### H.R. 4428 – Upward Mobility Enhancement Act

This bill increases the amount of tax exclusion for employer-paid educational assistance programs. It also expands the exclusion to include amounts paid for education-related tools and technology (e.g., hand tools, computers, software, licensure fees).

# *Rep. Beth Van Duyne: Justice Department aims to threaten parents into submission*

Published on October 28th, 2021

We live in bizarre and profoundly disturbing times where our nation is run by an administration who empowers drug cartels and human traffickers to commit horrific crimes against Americans.

This is the same administration currently mobilizing the FBI to investigate and intimidate concerned parents speaking out about education in taxpayer funded schools.

From my first days as a local elected official, I have stood with the men and women of law enforcement even as other elected officials cynically, sanctimoniously, and wrongly threw them under the bus. But now, as with all actions in the Biden administration, we are seeing yet another federal agency weaponized against its own citizenry. Such an exercise deserves to be opposed.

To be clear, any credible threats and acts of violence should be investigated and prosecuted. With more than 14 years serving as an elected official, I have endured threats of rape, assault, and murder.

I have zero sympathy for people committing or plotting to commit violent crimes.

I know our local law enforcement are well equipped to handle criminal acts against local elected officials, despite radical Democrat efforts to defund the police.

Just this week, under Senate questioning, the attorney general disgracefully doubled down on his insistence that concerned parents, exercising their rights to free speech, would face Department of Justice investigation and be considered domestic terrorists. These recent statements from the Department of Justice are obvious in their purpose to silence parents, threaten them into submission, and insert the federal government in between a child's education and concerned parents who are advocates for the quality schooling we desperately need.

Voices and concerns of parents should not be considered "domestic terrorism" as the National School Boards Association attempted to portray the outcry against critical race theory, mask mandates, and other debilitating restrictions placed against children.

The involvement of parents in their child's education is not a favor granted to them by a benevolent school system, but rather their RIGHT as the primary stakeholder in a child's life and development.

Vocal parents change school districts, cities and even the country.

When my daughter was born, she needed nine eye surgeries in her first year of life.

As she grew older, it became apparent that in order for her to play outdoors with friends in our neighborhood, she also needed shaded playgrounds. So began my start in local politics as I worked to have approved, funded, and built one of the first shaded playgrounds in Irving, Texas.

A concerned and dedicated parent is something to celebrate, rather than condemn with the force of the federal government.

Parents today have lived through a harrowing two years -- restructuring their daily lives to accommodate their children's learning from home, working overtime to excel in their own careers, as well as lend support to their children through these unprecedented times.

Now as parents are rightfully voicing their concerns to school boards and in PTA meetings, President Biden and the DOJ want to force parents to be quiet and obey.

What an appalling and un-American way to govern.

Parents know the most about their children. They care for their children. They have the primary responsibility of raising their children. And, they have the right to know what is being taught during the few hours a day their children are left in the hands of our schools and teachers.

Unfortunately, as parents, we know it's not enough to simply trust our educators, administrators, and experts to make important decisions about what is taught to our children and how our schools are run.

We have seen the left set a dangerous precedent as they expand the definition of words until they have no meaning.

I have no doubt how far the radicals in our federal government will twist what "threats," "harassment," or "violence" means in order to achieve their end goal -- removing parents from their child's education.

Virginia gubernatorial candidate and longtime Democrat party fixture, Terry McAuliffe, made that clear when he infamously said, "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

To the contrary, now, more than ever with the disruptions caused by COVID and rampant use of destructive racial political theories in schools, parents must be involved.

Parents must speak up and condemn school boards and lesson plans not focused on the crucial academics our children must learn. If in the course of doing so, parents in my district become targets of the FBI, I want to know about it because I pledge to stand by their side, meet the FBI at their door, and tell them, "Not today, not here, and not on my watch will you threaten the well-intentioned parents of our country."

Be advised, DOJ: focus on real criminals. Do your jobs and protect Americans from the harm being inflicted by a reckless administration, and serve the American people instead of radical ideologies.

## Elementary Art Showcase - Spring

During the Elementary Art Showcase & Forum, students around the district submitted their artwork with the theme “The Sights of U.S. Capitol Hill.” Those students and their families attended a forum in which they told me about the three branches of government and presented how they interpret the government through their artwork.



## Elementary Art Showcase - Fall

Our Fall Elementary Art Showcase theme was "Holidays at the Capitol" and our students did not disappoint. Over 30 students presented their festive artwork before we had a great discussion about the three branches of government.

If you are interested in participating this year, email [Rachel.Garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rachel.Garcia@mail.house.gov)



## Congressional Silver Medal Award

I presented Nicholas Boling of Dallas with the Congressional Silver Medal Award for completing 400 hours of public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration.



## Congressional App Challenge

The winner of the Congressional App Challenge, Michael Liu, was a freshman at Coppell High. Michael utilized his skills in STEM by creating his app, Flaurapedia, a mobile application that informs users about the plants they see in their daily lives.



# Congressional Art Competition

Our Congressional Art Competition had over 90 entries submitted by 65 students. All of their artwork was displayed at a reception at the Tower Gallery on Main Street in Grapevine. Here, we spent time recognizing the incredible pieces of art they submitted and truly got the chance to appreciate the passion and detail these young minds dedicated to their work. The winning piece pictured below proudly hangs in the Capitol this year.



Scan to watch the  
Congressional Art  
Competition Video



# Youth Advisory Council

Over 30 students from North Texas were accepted into the first class of TX-24's Youth Advisory Council. During this meeting, the students discussed policy, listened to guest speakers, and learned more about government with the hope of working to make our country a better place.



During one of the Youth Advisory Council meetings, students presented their position on federal issues impacting our community, such as immigration, healthcare, and inflation.

If you are interested in participating this year, email [Rachel.Garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rachel.Garcia@mail.house.gov)



# Youth Advisory Council

As part of my Youth Advisory Program, North Texas students participated in a law enforcement roundtable discussion with the United States Secret Service, FBI, and Irving Police Department. It was a pleasure to see our future leaders discuss such important topics.



## Realtor Roundtable

The North Texas real estate market is one of the busiest in the nation. Our office hosted a roundtable for Realtors Day with local realtors to discuss the bill I introduced to make it easier for first time homebuyers to purchase a home.



## Mayors Roundtable

I understand how crucial mayors are bringing businesses to cities, growing local economies and strengthening our communities, so I invited Mayors and Mayors pro tem of TX-24 to join me to discuss the needs Texas cities have for real transportation and infrastructure investment, how local control is vital to meaningful projects, and how Congress can better serve our growing cities.



# Transportation and Infrastructure Roundtable

In January, I was appointed a member of Congress's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Before I had my first meeting in Washington, I wanted to listen to key stakeholders in the transportation industry across North Texas. I sat down with companies and organizations in North Texas to hear about the challenges they're facing and what they needed in the year ahead. Working with these local stakeholders has informed my work and legislative priorities throughout the year.



# REPRESENTING NORTH TEXAS



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**BETH**  
VAN DUYNÉ  
REPRESENTING THE 24TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## Note from Beth about Representing North Texas

My number one priority is to be a strong voice for the incredible people of Texas-24, as well as work to meet with as many residents as possible and ensure we are listening to their priorities. We receive calls daily from constituents seeking assistance with the slow-moving bureaucracy of government agencies. It is an honor to connect them with necessary tools to expedite their cases, which vary from issues with the VA, IRS, or passport inquiries. It has been a pleasure to hear the joy in the voices of those who we successfully helped.

Constituents also call our office everyday to voice their concerns and opinions on current events. It is a requirement in my office that we maintain a 100% response rate to our constituents, and we have sent out tens of thousands of letters and emails to meet that demand.

Here's a look inside what I have done over the past year to represent our constituents in Texas-24. We focused on having a 100% response rate for constituent concerns, hosting telephone town halls, and committing to casework in our community.

**H.R. 5037**

# **Safe and Certain Elections Act**

Now more than ever, we must ensure our elections are free and fair.  
This bill would bolster our democratic system by providing  
safeguards against potential voter fraud.

This bill will amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to clarify the requirement that the paper records produced by voting systems used in elections for Federal office shall be used as the official ballots for purposes of audits and recounts conducted with respect to such elections. This will prohibit the connection of such systems to the internet and require states to remove individuals who are ineligible to vote in elections for Federal office in the State from the Statewide voter registration list, and for other purposes.

# 2021 Letters



53,502

Letters Sent



100%

Response Rate to Constituent  
Concerns



5.9 days

Average Response Time



# Casework



1,331

Cases Closed while Advocating  
for Neighbors

\$10 Million

Returned to Constituents

## Constituent Feedback

"Thank you for requesting expedited service of my EB-2/Natural Interest Waiver. My EAD card and Travel Document arrived shortly thereafter. On Oct. 18, I start work doing cancer research, and am excited to serve the American people in that capacity." -Mike, Irving, TX

"I am writing to inform you that the new EAD Card has been delivered today. We are short of words and can not thank you enough for helping us out on this matter. We are thankful to the team and of course Madam Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne from the bottom of our hearts." -Suman, Coppell, TX

"I see the update now! Card is being produced. OH MY GOD. You are my life saver! I don't know what to say. You are one of the best human beings I've ever know. I can't thank you enough." -Amy, Carrollton, TX

"I received this same update from USCIS over the weekend, that my EAD is being produced. This is great news and I really want to thank you for your help in this process! The communication with you and your office was a very pleasant experience for me. I am extremely happy that I sought assistance via this route!" -Irina, Irving, TX

# Telephone Town Halls



During my telephone town halls over the year, we interacted with tens of thousands of constituents.

In April, I held my first Telephone Town Hall to take questions from constituents. I enjoyed the opportunity to hear from everyone and listen to their concerns. It is impossible to serve Texas-24 diligently without hearing from my constituents.



In June, I hosted a telephone town hall to update constituents on what is going on in D.C. and share more about the Job Fair we hosted in July. For future town halls, visit [vandyne.house.gov](http://vandyne.house.gov) to sign up for email updates so you will never miss one.



# Mobile Casework Stations



My office held a Mobile Casework station in November at the HEB Chamber of Commerce.

If you need assistance with a federal agency, you can email [tx24casework@mail.house.gov](mailto:tx24casework@mail.house.gov) or call my office at 972-966-5500

In October, my staff helped the small business owners of TX-24 with SBA claims at the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce. They were joined by Herbert Austin from the Small Business Administration to help all of our small business owners get the help they need.



# Virtual Town Halls



## Connecting to Congress

In October, I participated in a town hall focused on our financial future. It was organized by the non-partisan Connecting to Congress project at The Ohio State University.

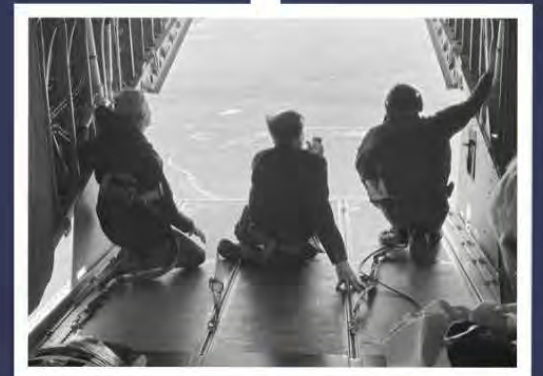


# Transportation and Infrastructure Roundtable

Just before Christmas, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hosted a productive discussion with transportation sector leaders where we discussed how Biden's overreaching vaccine mandate is affecting the industry.



# SAFEGUARDING OUR BORDERS



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**BETH**  
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REPRESENTING THE 24TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## Note from Beth about Safeguarding our Borders

This year, we witnessed an unprecedented crisis at our southern border, caused directly by the actions of our President. President Biden's campaign promises of an open border, coupled with the reversal of necessary executive orders, resulted in over 1.8 MILLION illegal immigrant apprehensions, earnings of over \$1 BILLION for human smugglers at the US-Mexico Border in a single month, and Fentanyl becoming the number one cause of death of Americans under the age of 45.

I went to our southern border with my colleagues to witness firsthand the severity of this self-inflicted crisis. We saw thousands of pounds of confiscated drugs, illegal immigrants flowing across into the country, and unaccompanied minors huddled together in foil blankets. The sights we saw were devastating and it is going to take real American leadership to fix the devastation just one year of this has caused.

After witnessing these tragic conditions and the dangerous precedent set at our border, I was proud to introduce legislation last year aimed at addressing the President's crisis and putting an end to the chaos occurring at the border. Communities across the country rely on a secure border to ensure their neighborhoods are safe from illegal drugs and violent criminals. I will continue to fight for strong border security and pursue pragmatic solutions to the border crisis.

Here's a look inside what I have done over the past year to secure our southern border. I had the opportunity to visit our southern border, introduce legislation, and write op-eds on the topic.

# 2021 Southern Border Trip

Rep. Van Duyne participated in a trip to our southern border with Texas Congressional colleagues, touring various facilities and speaking with local officials, Border Patrol, and drug enforcement agents. The Donna Immigration Facility (pictured right) is designed to hold 250 people, but the facility had over 5700 minors in custody. Contrary to what the administration has stated, there were no CDC guidelines in place. No one was tested for COVID-19 unless they were showing symptoms. Many children were left at the border with only a phone number on their shirt or their body. In a single morning, the border center processed over 1,000 children who are all pending placements in the United States.





**H.R. 5810**

# **Reclaiming the Border Fence Act**

This bill will authorize the transfer of certain materials for the construction of the border wall.

The Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of the Army (acting through the Chief of Engineers), may transfer to Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas materials unused as of the date of the enactment of this Act that were obtained through the expenditure of amounts transferred or otherwise made available for the construction of the border wall in each such State, respectively.

**H.R. 5946**

# **Valor Earned Not Stolen Act**

There have been many instances of stolen valor when attaining governmental benefits, and it is not clear how agencies have attempted to stop these occurrences.

The “Valor Earned Not Stolen Act” first and foremost, increases the maximum penalty for stolen valor from 1 year to 3 years, putting it in line with the penalty for impersonating a public official.

This act will also require a study and report by the VA to identify any monetary or government benefits received due to a misrepresentation of the receipt of a military decoration or medal. The report would also include recommendations on ways to stop these occurrences.

# Cosponsored

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## Border Bills



### H.R. 2219- End Child Trafficking Now Act

This bill imposes restrictions related to adult aliens being admitted into the United States with a minor. An adult alien shall not be admitted with a minor unless the adult (1) presents documents or witness testimony proving that the adult is a relative or guardian of the minor, or (2) submits to a DNA test that proves such a relationship. The Department of Homeland Security shall request a DNA test only if the required relationship cannot be established by documents or testimony. An adult alien who does not consent to a requested DNA test shall be inadmissible.



### H.R. 812- Security First Act

The Security First Act focuses on providing more resources to law enforcement through Operation Stonegarden. Operation Stonegarden is a grant program that allows local law enforcement to augment border patrol efforts at the southern border



### H.R. 1707- To ensure operational control of the southwest border

Strengthens the requirements for border security technology along the southern border. This bill also requires DHS to construct at least 700 miles of navigable roads along the southwest border. This would be cost-free and provides for the use of forfeited criminal proceeds to implement the border security measures outlined in the bill.

## Beth Van Duyne shares video of migrants 'crammed' into Border Patrol holding facility

Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne on Tuesday shared a video from her tour of a migrant holding facility in Donna, showing scores of people packed together underneath Mylar blankets.

She was one of several people, including reporters, who saw the facility, which is supposed to hold no more than 250 individuals, according to CBS News. The tent complex on Tuesday was holding more than 4,100 migrants, including 3,200 unaccompanied children, CBS News reported.

The large group in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection holding facility is part of a continuing influx of migrants, especially children, coming over the U.S.-Mexico border. There were around 9,500 unaccompanied children being held in February, the highest number for any February ever.

Van Duyne, who represents the 24th district that covers part of Dallas-Fort Worth, said in her tweet, "Border Patrol warned Biden what would happen if he chose to open the borders" and the situation in Donna is "a direct result of the president's reckless actions." She wrote in a column for the Star-Telegram that Biden got rid of measures to secure the border, including halting construction on a border wall.

However, according to the Washington Post, what's happening at the border is less of an emerging crisis than a continuation, and increase in, the surge of migrants underneath former President Donald Trump. The Biden administration is continuing Trump's policy of expelling most unauthorized adult migrants, the Post reported.

But Biden is accepting unaccompanied children, unlike Trump, the Post reported. The increase of migrants across the border has to do with poverty and violence in Mexico, as well as hope that it will be easier to cross the border under Biden, according to the Post. Van Duyne makes no mention in her Star-Telegram column of the conditions in the holding facilities during Trump's tenure, when at least seven children died in custody.

# *Biden could stem border immigration crisis with this tool Trump left for him*

Published on March 19th, 2021

The crisis at the border is astounding in its scale. Thousands of people, often enabled by drug cartels and human traffickers, enter the country illegally each day. Many are unaccompanied minors, untested for COVID-19.

This is a surge at levels we have never seen before, and it's a reaction to the Biden administration dispensing with numerous measures that protected our southern border.

One of them, an emergency declaration from the Department of Health and Human Services known as Title 42, has been credited as one of the most important measures used to secure our border during our ongoing COVID-19 challenges.

Joe Biden was clearly going to be an open borders president. He sent numerous signals during his campaign that he would offer no meaningful border protection, promising to reverse President Donald Trump's policies. Wall construction stopped, and we have seen this crisis build each day.

There is a simple solution: The president needs to enforce Title 42 more firmly to expel immigrants. And if he refuses, our border states, Texas among them, should go to court to hold him accountable.

In March 2020, when our nation was only beginning to come to grips with the gravity of the pandemic, a national health emergency had been declared and Trump enacted Title 42. It prioritized the health and safety of Americans and closed our borders in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Trump left America the most secure border in my lifetime and helped our country make progress against COVID-19. Texas is finally seeing rates of hospitalization and death decrease, businesses can fully re-open, and the vaccination roll-out has been called a remarkable success.

Biden simply cannot have it both ways. We are either in the middle of a national pandemic or we are not. If not, he should lift the national emergency order and let every student back into a classroom and every restaurant and music venue, museum and theater open at full capacity.

If we are still in a pandemic, shut our borders, as they are required to be under the law, to protect our country. Thousands of unaccompanied minors are coming across our border, and we have no way to stop them or take care of them. Nor can we keep our communities safe through partnerships between local law enforcement and the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, known as ICE.

In addition to ignoring Title 42, Biden has jeopardized Texas communities by removing much of ICE's ability to handle criminals who come to our cities from other countries. Allowing ICE to do its job is an easy step to make our communities safer.

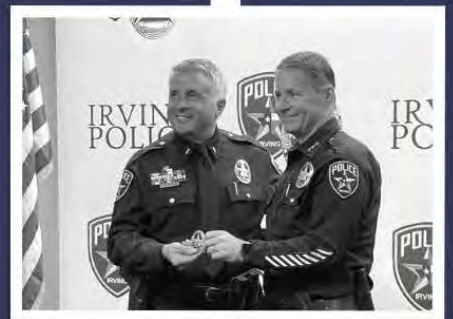
I have met with law enforcement members in our region, who are working with shrinking budgets and rising crime rates. They need ICE to remove criminals from our streets. When I was mayor of Irving, a close relationship between our police department and ICE was a large factor in making it the fifth-safest city in America.

It's obvious we have a broken immigration system, but Biden's flagrant disregard of the pandemic to appease the far left is dangerous. Ignoring Title 42, denying there is a border crisis and having a double standard on the pandemic – that's not leadership, and Texans know better than to take that sitting down.

The president can use whatever term he wants to describe what is happening on our southern border. But his reckless policies are creating a disastrous situation for Texans and putting our health in grave jeopardy even as we deal with the tremendous challenges of a global pandemic.

All of this is within his ability to fix. He simply won't, and that is a tragedy for our country and our state.

# PROMOTING THE HEALTH AND WELL- BEING OF NORTH TEXANS



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## Note from Beth about Promoting the Health and Well-being of North Texans

Americans are struggling to afford healthcare as prices for prescription medications and life-saving treatments continue to rise. It's a mission of mine in Congress to address this issue, which is one of the most urgent and critical concerns affecting our country. Last year, I hosted several roundtables and met with countless healthcare leaders in North Texas to take their ideas back to Washington in pursuit of practical solutions to fix our broken healthcare system.

There is room for bipartisan legislation in this effort, and I am confident my colleagues in Congress can work across the aisle to deliver results for the American people.

Here's a look inside what I have done over the past year to address the issues in our healthcare system. I introduced various bills to ensure safety, wrote an op-ed focused on Social Security, and hosted roundtables based on specific issue areas like healthcare, law enforcement, and human trafficking.



H.R. 5357

# Unruly Passenger Restraint Review Act

We have witnessed an increase in unruly passengers since the introduction of COVID-19 mandates. We need to address such instances, keeping aircraft personnel and passengers safe.

This bill ensures the effective response by airline personnel to unruly passengers by reporting procedures maintained by air carriers, including recommended best practices.

# H.R. 3290

## Disarming Felons Act

This bill extends federal restrictions on the receipt, possession, shipment, and transportation of firearms and ammunition to a new category of persons: persons who while 15, 16, or 17 years of age commit an act of juvenile delinquency that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.

As crime is increasing across our cities, it is vital Congress consider policies preventing guns from falling into the hands of violent criminals. Having a birthday does not erase a person's violent history. This legislation would prevent proven aggressive offenders from having access to guns.

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## Veterans Bills



### H.R. 2650 – The Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act

This bill allows military spouses with valid professional licenses in one state, reciprocity in another state where their spouse is stationed on military orders.



### H.R. 1282 – The Major Richard Star Act

This bill rectifies an injustice that keeps disabled Veterans from receiving full military benefits. Currently, at least 42,000 military retirees with combat-related injuries qualify for medical retirement pay for their service from the Department of Defense (DoD) and for disability compensation for injuries connected to their service from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). However, for retired veterans with less than 20 years of service, their disability pay is deducted from their retirement pay. This bill repeals this unfair offset, allowing disabled veterans to receive both their retirement pay and their disability compensation.



### H.R. 2650 – The Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act

This bill expands GI Bill benefits to members of the National Guard who are on Federal Active-Duty orders for missions other than training.

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## Healthcare Bills



### H.R. 19 - Lower Costs, More Cures Act

A bipartisan reform that would lower out-of-pocket spending, protect access to new medicines and cures, strengthen transparency and accountability, and champion competition.



### H.R. 6020 - Supporting Medicare Providers Act

A bipartisan bill to provide critical relief to physicians responding to the COVID-19 pandemic who are currently scheduled to receive Medicare payment cuts next year. This bill would extend the 2021 Medicare physician payment adjustment of 3.75% for an additional year.



### H.R. 3173 - Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act

Bipartisan legislation would establish requirements for the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.



### H.R. 1332 - Telehealth Modernization Act

Bipartisan bill that would update coverage restrictions that have long prevented life-saving telehealth services for many of the nation's roughly 61 million Medicare beneficiaries. Continues the success of telehealth that was expanded during the pandemic.

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## Healthcare Bills

### H.R. 3630 - Lymphedema Treatment Act

The Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA) will improve coverage for the treatment of lymphedema from any cause by amending Medicare statute to allow for coverage of compression supplies.

### H.R. 1946 - Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act

This legislation would authorize the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to evaluate and cover blood-based multi-cancer early detection tests and future test methods once approved by the FDA. Without Congressional action, it could take several years after FDA approval before Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage for MCED tests.

### H.R. 1916 - Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act

Bipartisan, bicameral legislation to ensure health insurance coverage for needed treatment and procedures for individuals born with congenital anomalies or birth defect.

### H.R. 5981 - Telehealth Expansion Act

Makes permanent a waiver created by the CARES Act to allow Americans with Health Savings Accounts (HSA) to access telehealth services without first having to meet their deductible.

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## Law Enforcement Bills



### H.Res. 352 — Resolution to oppose defund the police language

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the dedication and devotion of law enforcement personnel should be recognized and that calls to "defund", "disband", "dismantle", or "abolish" the police should be condemned.



### H.R. 1210 —LEOSA Reform Act

This bill broadens the authority for certain law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms across state lines. Further, the bill permits states to reduce the frequency with which retired law enforcement officers must meet certain qualification standards.

# *Biden's Social Security Crisis*

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The only person less thrilled than President Joe Biden about his frequent comparisons to former President Jimmy Carter is Carter himself. To America, the comparison is clear: Biden is dragging the United States from crisis to crisis, causing rising prices on everything from gas to lettuce and crippling inflation, laying the ground for a national security collapse and jeopardizing our global standing on financial and economic fronts.

Following a traditional Democratic playbook, Biden is attempting to spend his way out of his failures and weak decisions. The proposed \$4.3 trillion reconciliation bill, in hand with the \$1.2 infrastructure package, amounts to an outrageous \$5.5 trillion reckless spending bundle that would fundamentally change the federal government's role in the U.S.

This spending sets a dangerous precedent and dooms our children and grandchildren as they, due to no fault of their own, live in a reality of unsustainable government-funded infrastructure until it destroys our nation's economy. But the often ignored yet critical area of concern as we fight to protect future generations from Biden's overspending are the most immediate victims of Biden's policies: seniors.

As the left continues to spend blindly, it's on the backs of our seniors. Every warning sign of the collapse of the Social Security program has been neglected, even as we witness the clearest sign yet: Last month's U.S. Treasury's 2020 annual Social Security and Medicare report confirmed Social Security is running out of money faster than previously thought. Projections are clear that under the current financing and benefit structure, Social Security will only be able to meet its full legal obligations until 2033. Social Security is on a path to insolvency, and how are Democrats in Congress responding? With demands for more out-of-control spending to satisfy their unquenchable desire to make citizens depend on the government.

It took a year after the passage of President Ronald Reagan's Economic Recovery Tax Act for Social Security's total revenues to exceed the cost. Now, for the first time since, costs are projected to exceed total income in 2021, slowly depleting the surplus that will soon run out, leading to cuts in benefits for seniors. Today's Democrats prioritize climate corps militia to police the Green New Deal while an entire generation will never receive the benefits they earned.

Biden's inflation-causing policies are making it increasingly harder for people to afford everyday necessities. While it was good news to see a cost-of-living increase for seniors, make no mistake: That increase will still leave seniors unable to afford the compounding inflation tax caused by this administration. Today, senior citizens stretch their monthly Social Security payments, but the next generation might not know Social Security at all.

Congress must have a pragmatic approach to governing based on reality that sets future generations up for success. If measures are not developed to set Social Security back on a path to solvency, the next crisis of Biden's presidency will put millions of seniors in poverty. We must redirect congressional Democrats' and this administration's paths toward economic destruction.



# Human Trafficking Roundtable

There are many groups and individuals in North Texas who work every day to end human trafficking. I brought them together to discuss what they have seen on the ground. We also touched on how Congress could work to end human trafficking and drew attention to the direct correlation between our crisis at the border and the increase in human trafficking.



# Law Enforcement Roundtable

Our office hosted a roundtable with the Law Enforcement Advisory Board program. The group included line officers and detectives to chiefs and sheriffs, all over TX-24.

They discussed the recent policing bills in Congress and one chief put it best when he said, “our police will comply because it is the law, but it will lead to less safety for communities.”



## Healthcare Roundtable

In July, I gathered local doctors to learn more about issues they see in our healthcare and how Congress can work towards solutions. They offered their expertise and knowledge that I was able to take back to the Healthy Futures Taskforce and inform my legislative priorities for the coming year.



## Healthcare Roundtable

In March, I invited North Texas healthcare leaders for a roundtable discussion on how Congress can address the issues within our healthcare system. I was able to take their ideas back to Washington as we work to make healthcare more affordable for everyone.



# Veterans Commendation Ceremonies

We held a commendation ceremony, where we honored over a dozen veterans. Capt. Milan Georgia of Southlake was among those awarded for his service in the Army during the Vietnam War as well as the significant civic and charitable contributions to the City of Southlake.



Just before Veterans Day, I met with veterans from across TX-24 by participating in the parade in Grapevine, followed by awarding five American heroes with the Congressional Veterans Commendation, and awarding 13 Vietnam War Commemoration Lapel Pins.

# Veterans Roundtable

In July, I invited veterans and organizations for an in-depth discussion on how I can best serve Texas veterans in Congress, specifically as they transition back to civilian life. Our veterans have sacrificed everything for our country, it is an honor to do what I can to help serve them as they return home.





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