



118th Congress in Review
SENATOR MIKE CRAPO



January 2025

Dear Fellow Idahoans,

President Donald Trump's decisive victory across every corner of the United States, in both the popular and electoral vote, as well as Republican successes in key districts and states to maintain control of the United States House of Representatives and flip control of the United States Senate, sends a very clear message to Congress about how to govern in the next few years ahead.

The Left made false claims that inflation was not an issue, fentanyl-related deaths fueled by an open border were declining, immigration was under control and no American troops were in combat zones. But Americans knew the truth.

They felt inflation's sting at the grocery store and at the gas pump—sometimes having to make decisions about whether to put food on the table or gas in their car. Idahoans alone were spending \$1,097 more per month in October 2024 compared to January 2021 when President Biden took office.

In 2023, 197 Idahoans died as a result of a fentanyl overdose, compared to 13 in 2017. There have been over 10.3 illegal crossings at the southern border under the Biden-Harris Administration. Russia invaded a free Ukraine, threatening a wider world war. Hamas terrorists murdered and killed thousands of innocent people in a terrorist attack on Israel, breaking a fragile peace and plunging the Middle East into turmoil again.

Americans saw these truths with their own eyes and experienced hardships downplayed by federal elites.

This election was a sweeping mandate for change.

This report is a snapshot of my work during the 118th Congress. The 119th Congress will present new opportunities to restore our economic and international strength. I look forward to working with President Trump and my Senate colleagues to implement a strong conservative agenda.

Sincerely,

U.S. Senator for Idaho



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ABOUT MIKE

As a lifelong Idahoan and fifth-term U.S. Senator for Idaho, Mike Crapo has learned that a willingness to listen makes for a more effective leader and lawmaker. Mike's commonsense approach and collaborative, creative problem-solving have enabled him to achieve lasting solutions to issues of importance to Idahoans and the country. Mike ranked 10th in overall Senate seniority in the 118th Congress.

Mike's sensible approach has earned him the respect of his colleagues, and he has been selected to serve in various leadership roles, including serving as Chief Deputy Whip among Senate Republicans. Mike's committee assignments for the 118th Congress were as follows:

- Ranking Member, **Senate Finance Committee**;
- Senate Banking, **Housing and Urban Affairs Committee**;
 - Securities, Insurance and Investment;
 - Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection; and
 - Housing, Transportation and Community Development; and
- **Senate Budget Committee**;
- **Chief Deputy Whip**; and
- Chairman, **Committee on Committees**.

Mike has also served as the Chairman on the Joint Committee on Taxation and several caucuses. He was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo, in addition to serving a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals private to legal practice and his service in Congress.

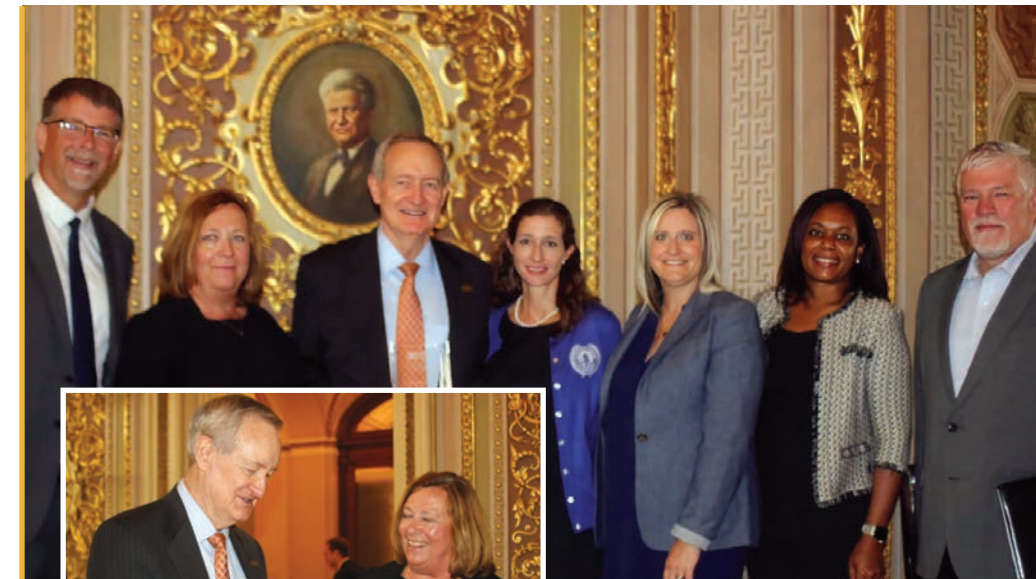
PERSONAL HISTORY AT A GLANCE:

- Born in Bonneville County, Idaho, 1951
- Graduated from Idaho Falls High School, 1969
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; awarded by Brigham Young University, Summa Cum Laude, 1973
- Juris Doctorate; awarded by Harvard Law School, Cum Laude, 1977
- Eight years, Idaho State Senate (1984–1992)
- Six years, U.S. House of Representatives, Idaho 2nd District, 1993–1998 (3 terms)
- United States Senator, Idaho, 1999–present

AWARDS

Senator Crapo is honored to represent the people of Idaho, and does so in a manner that reflects the values and traditions of Idahoans. During the course of his public service, many organizations have recognized his voting record and efforts to serve the people of Idaho. The following is a list of awards Senator Crapo received during the 118th Congress;

- Distinguished Community Health Center Advocate and Champion Awards, two awards from the National Association of Community Health Centers;
- Fighting to End Cancer Award in appreciation for sponsoring the Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Act, awarded by the Idaho Cancer Community;
- Community Development Finance Institution Congressional Champion Award, awarded by the Opportunity Finance Network;
- Maple Leaf Award in recognition of Canada being Idaho's #1 customer and a congratulations on creating jobs and strengthening the North American partnership, awarded by Canada's Ambassador to the United States, Kirsten Hillman;
- 2024 Cancer Champion in recognition of unwavering support and leadership of the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, awarded by the Idaho Cancer Community;
- 2024 Hero of Main Street for support of retail industry, awarded by National Retail Federation;
- Friend of the Farm Bureau for support on policy issues and nominated by respective state Farm Bureaus, awarded by the American Farm Bureau;
- Fraternal Ally, awarded by the American Fraternal Alliance; and
- Guardian of Small Business for the 118th Congress, awarded by NFIB, the small business association.



LEGISLATION

During the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo sponsored 14 pieces of standalone legislation, four Senate Resolutions and 18 Amendments. Additionally, he co-sponsored 263 pieces of standalone legislation, 157 Congressional Resolutions and 28 Amendments.

SUPPORT FOR IDAHO VETERANS & SERVICEMEMBERS

Senator Crapo has long worked to ensure federal policies respect veterans' service. Veterans enrich our communities with a deep sense of commitment to their fellow Americans and federal policies must adequately address their needs.



LEGISLATION

SUPPORTING COMBAT-INJURED VETERANS

- Co-led the reintroduction of **S. 344, the Major Richard Star Act**, which would provide combat-wounded veterans with less than 20 years of service both their disability compensation and retired pay. If enacted, this bill will affect roughly 42,000 medically retired and combat-injured veterans. This legislation is overwhelmingly supported by Congress, with 74 bipartisan co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate and 326 bipartisan co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Crapo is dedicated to ensuring all active and retired military personnel receive the care and benefits they deserve.

CONNECTING VETERANS WITH RESOURCES

- Co-led **S. 2431, the Helping Unleash Benefits and Services (HUBS) for Veterans Act**. Currently, veterans must navigate a number of organizations and agencies to find the resources they need, an often confusing and time-consuming process. The HUBS for Veterans Act would authorize a five-year pilot program to provide matching grant funds to “network hubs,” non-profit organizations that offer access to multiple, wraparound services from one source, streamlining services for veterans.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY

- Sponsored bipartisan legislation designating U.S. Highway 20 between Newport, Oregon, and New England as the “National Medal of Honor Highway.” Designating **U.S. Highway 20 as the “National Medal of Honor Highway”** ensures all 3,516 recipients and any future recipients of the Medal of Honor from all 50 states and territories are recognized. The legislation was signed into law on December 18, 2024, after unanimous passage in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

PRESERVING GUARD UNITS

- Senator Crapo sponsored **S. 2307, the Fighter Force Preservation and Recapitalization Act**, to prevent the closure of Air National Guard (ANG) fighter squadrons at a time when pilot and maintenance manning are at critically low levels. Language based on this legislation requiring the U.S. Air Force to develop a plan to sustain and recapitalize the fighter fleets for the ANG was included in the final version of **the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act**, signed into law on December 23, 2024.

HONORING AMERICA'S MISSING SERVICEMEMBERS

- Obstacles prevent many families and caseworkers from accessing the records needed for recovering America's prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA). According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, more than 81,500 Americans—including 360 Idahoans—remain unaccounted for from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars and other conflicts.
- Senator Crapo introduced **S. 5203, the Bring Our Heroes Home Act**, to consolidate all records related to missing personnel within a newly instituted records administration and require all government agencies to transmit any missing servicemember records to the National Archives and Records Administration. Senator Crapo has long supported various efforts to identify and recover all missing and unaccounted for American military personnel.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS

- In honor of Idaho and all Vietnam Veterans and their sacrifice, the Senate unanimously passed **S.Res. 778, a resolution acknowledging the courage and sacrifice of veterans of the Vietnam War** and expressing regret for the mistreatment of veterans returning home from the war.



Casework

Assisting Idaho's veterans through casework is another critical component of Senator Crapo's efforts to ensure veterans receive the care and benefits they have rightfully earned through their service to our country. Senator Crapo and his staff have worked on thousands of cases on behalf of veterans, active duty servicemembers and their families, with many yielding successful results.

For the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo's office worked to have **\$5,335,437.54 of lump sum benefits returned to Idahoans**. Of those benefits, \$1,948,649.97 are related to an inquiry with a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs entity or the Defense Finance Accounting Service.

Sen. Mike Crapo honors volunteers at Warhawk Air Museum

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Senator Crapo presented the **Spirit of Idaho Award** to Warhawk Air Museum volunteers for their efforts to showcase American servicemember history and educate visitors about the cost of keeping our nation free.

Some examples of casework stories are included below.

DISCLAIMER: Senator Crapo and his staff handle all casework matters with the utmost care and dedication to privacy and confidentiality, so personally identifiable information has not been included. In some cases where identifiable information is provided, the respective individual was honored publicly in the media, or submitted materials to the media on their own accord.

- The family of World War I Veteran Milton E. Blair contacted Senator Crapo's office hoping to finally acknowledge his bravery and sacrifice on the field of battle. Senator Crapo's office was able to assist his family in receiving their grandfather's Purple Heart decoration, along with an official document noting Private Blair's award "For wounds received in action on 12 September 1918 in France."
- A veteran honorably discharged from the military after 22 years of service had not received his separation pay after more than a year. His home was under foreclosure and was scheduled to be sold. Senator Crapo's office was able to resolve the issue, and the veteran received his pay of \$210,000 and saved his family's home.
- A veteran contacted Senator Crapo's office requesting assistance in getting a fellow veteran a Bronze Star Medal for his heroic action during the Vietnam War in 1965. Not only did the deserving veteran receive a medal, the U.S. Marine Corps upgraded it to a Silver Star Medal. Officers from the Marine Forces Reserve traveled to Boise to present this award during a touching ceremony honoring the veteran at Gowen Field.
- When veteran Mr. Francis Barnes moved to Idaho, movers lost the box that included his uniforms and Army medals from the Vietnam War. Despite many hard efforts, he was unable to replace his medals. Senator Crapo's office submitted an inquiry about replacing the medals and received them in the office within one week. Mr. Barnes said, "this is the best Christmas present I could ever have."
- Senator Crapo's office assisted the historian of the Bannock County Veterans Memorial Building obtain a replica of the Medal of Honor to display in honor of Pocatello hero, James E. Johnson, who died in Korea in 1950. Johnson is the only Medal of Honor recipient from the county and one of only 48 from Idaho. Crapo's office worked with the U.S. Marine Corps and Johnson's daughter for many months to obtain the necessary records for them to issue a copy of the Medal for display. Johnson's daughter flew from Georgia to attend a special unveiling of the medal on Veterans Day 2024.

SUPPORT FOR IDAHO COMMUNITIES

Federal legislation impacts many aspects of daily lives for Americans. In Congress, Senator Crapo champions a number of policies that specifically impact Idaho communities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CAUCUS

- Senator Crapo is a founding and active member of the Senate Community Development Finance Caucus, a bipartisan group dedicated to supporting the missions of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) to fuel more financial lending in low- and moderate-income communities, including in rural and underserved communities across Idaho.
- As of February 2023, Idaho has 11 CDFIs.

STABILITY FOR RURAL COUNTIES

- Senator Crapo championed legislation to extend the **Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Program** through the end of Fiscal Year 2026. The program financially assists counties with untaxable federal lands and historic declines in timber revenue. The program supports maintaining roads, bridges and schools. Crapo remains committed to pushing for a long-term solution to SRS that protects rural communities. The Senate unanimously passed **S. 2581, the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act**. The legislation did not move in the U.S. House of Representatives, so Senator Crapo will continue to press for its passage in the 119th Congress.

BLOCKING LAVA RIDGE

- Senator Crapo and the entire Idaho Congressional Delegation took a number of actions to **block the Lava Ridge Wind Project** due to lack of support from the local Idaho community and the negative impacts the project would have on the Minidoka National Historical Site. Crapo is a co-sponsor of Senator Jim Risch's **Don't DO IT Act, S. 3122**, which would direct the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior to deny a wind or solar right-of-way application if the relevant state legislature enacts legislation disapproving the project. Senator Crapo remains opposed to Lava Ridge.

THIRD JUDGE FOR IDAHO

- Idaho has needed a third federal judge for decades, and has been in a judicial emergency since 2003. Senator Crapo is the **lead sponsor of legislation to create a third federal judgeship in Idaho**, and the U.S. Senate made significant steps this Congress to authorize the new judgeship.
 - In July 2024, the **Senate unanimously passed** the Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved (**JUDGES) Act, which Senator Crapo co-sponsored, to accomplish these efforts**. The U.S. House of Representatives also passed the JUDGES Act, but President Biden vetoed it. So, work will continue in the 119th Congress to authorize a third federal judge in Idaho.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

- Opportunity zones, enacted under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), encourage private, long-term investments in low-income urban areas and rural communities with low economic activity. In Idaho, within just the first two years of the opportunity zones program, 54 percent of the State's opportunity zones saw investments. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, by the end of 2022, Idaho had received \$130 million in opportunity zone investment. Without the TCJA, these investments might have stayed on the sidelines.
 - In Twin Falls, two local developers opened one of Idaho's first opportunity zone projects: the Second South Market food hall. Located in a 1920s-era warehouse, the Second South Market houses local food vendors and is the first of its kind in Idaho. **This is a tangible result of opportunity zones working in Idaho.**



“ The private sector's partnership in investing in these communities is crucial for the long-term sustainability and economic growth of areas most in need. ”

— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, June 8, 2023

WESTERN CAUCUS PRIORITIES

The Senate Western Caucus is a group of Senators from western and rural states who are committed to upholding the fundamental principles of the West. The Caucus focuses on key areas for western states: economic development, natural resources, energy independence and smart public land management. As a member of the Senate Western Caucus, Senator Crapo **promotes the Western Way: self-reliance, local decision-making, love of the land and the pioneer spirit.**

PUSHING BACK ON FEDERAL OVERREACH

- Senator Crapo joined Western Caucus members in sending a letter to block the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Conservation and Landscape Health Rule. The members stressed that rewriting the multiple-use mandate of federal lands goes against both congressional intent and the will of those who work, recreate or live near federal lands.
- Senator Crapo led colleagues in a letter to Senate leadership urging the continued Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing prohibition for the greater sage-grouse. Enabling state and local communities to make informed decisions on the ground remains the most effective approach for conserving the greater sage-grouse and sustaining rural western communities

FORESTRY AND WILDFIRE

- Senator Crapo is working to advance legislation which will improve forestry prospects in rural economies while also reducing the devastation of forest fires on Idaho families. This includes his co-sponsorship of legislation to reauthorize and expand the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program and his active leadership of letters in support of **collaborative and community-based forest management practices.**



AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the backbone of Idaho's economy. Senator Crapo has taken a number of steps to safeguard American agriculture.

- Senator Crapo joined legislation that would protect American agriculture from foreign adversaries like China, Russia, Iran and North Korea:
 - **S. 4978, the No American Land for Communist China Act**, to prevent the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) from purchasing land adjacent to federal lands;
 - **S. 168, the Promoting Agriculture Safeguards and Security Act**, to prohibit foreign countries of concern from investing in agricultural land;
 - **S. 5277, the Securing American Agriculture Act**, to protect domestic agriculture supply chains; and
 - **S. 5007, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act**, to add the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to add another layer of security on foreign acquisitions of U.S. farmland.
- Senator Crapo and Senate Western Caucus colleagues introduced **S. 3849, the Protect America's Lands Act**, which would amend the Securities Exchange Act to prohibit a national securities exchange like the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) from listing Natural Asset Companies (NACs). NACs create a financial vehicle for radical environmental activists to raise capital to seize public and private lands throughout the West and restrict energy production, grazing, mining, recreation and additional economic development.
- Senator Crapo **succeeded in blocking a decision** by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that would have required companies to report supply chain emissions, thereby placing unnecessary burdens on farmers and ranchers as they provide almost every product in the food chain. The proposed policy would have required publicly traded companies to report their indirect emissions.

HARDROCK MINE CLEAN-UP

- Senator Crapo co-sponsored **S. 2781, the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act** that was signed into law on December 17, 2024. Absent the legislation, liability laws have left "Good Samaritans," such as state agencies, nonprofits and other groups legally responsible for all pre-existing pollution from a mine, even if they had no involvement with the mine prior to cleaning it up. The legislation will make it easier for such Good Samaritans to clean up and improve water quality in and around abandoned hardrock mines.

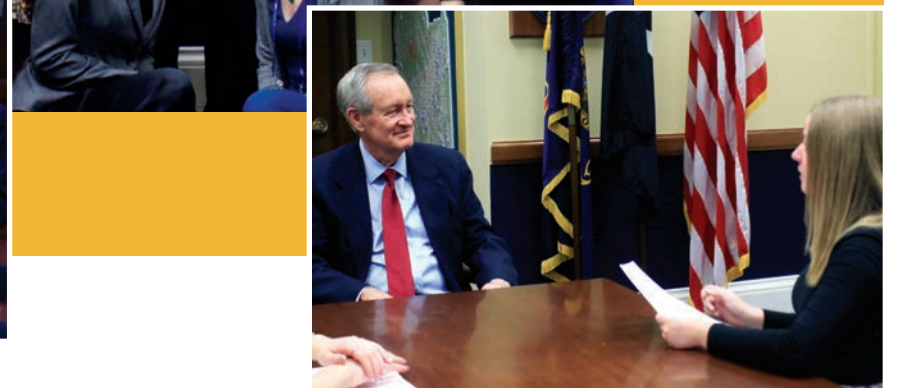
NUCLEAR ENERGY

Senator Crapo has been a long-standing advocate for nuclear energy. Idaho is home to America's leading nuclear energy lab, the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). For 75 years, the INL has promoted international nuclear competitiveness through research, innovation and workforce development. Crapo is committed to ensuring federal policy helps empower America's national laboratories, including INL, to stay at the cutting edge of nuclear innovation and meet our country's energy needs. If the United States does not lead on nuclear energy, our adversaries like China and Russia will.

THE ADVANCE ACT

- Senator Crapo joined in introducing the **Accelerating Deployment of Versatile Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act**, which President Joe Biden signed into law in July 2024. A U.S. Department of Energy report underscored the decline of our industrial nuclear supply capabilities threatens our national interests and security. The ADVANCE Act will implement key report recommendations to improve the nation's nuclear infrastructure, secure America's uranium supply chain, grow the economy, create jobs, reduce carbon emissions and strengthen national security.

Continued investment in maintaining U.S. leadership in nuclear innovation will decrease our nation's reliance on foreign energy sources and allow the United States to provide energy security at home and abroad.



CRIME / VICTIMS

- Senator Crapo co-sponsored the reintroduction of **S. 499, the Debbie Smith Act**, which would reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program to help state and local governments improve the collection and analysis of DNA evidence, including evidence in sexual assault kits. In 2023, the Senate amended and passed S. 499 by voice vote.

Senator Crapo is a co-sponsor of two pieces of legislation to protect children online:

- **S. 2073, the Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act**, would require social media platforms to provide extra safeguards for accounts used by minors and restrict access to minors' personal data online. The Senate overwhelmingly passed the bill by a vote of 91-3. As the House of Representatives did not pass this bill prior to the conclusion of the 118th Congress, the work to protect children's and teenagers' data continues.
- **S. 1418, the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act** would ban online companies from collecting personal information from users under 17-years-old without their consent. It bans targeted advertising to children and teens and creates an eraser button for parents and kids to eliminate personal information online.

PRESERVING IDAHOANS' ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE VEHICLES

The Biden Administration took steps, through the federal rulemaking process at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), to push a radical green agenda and force gas-powered vehicles out of the market. Senator Crapo led a number of efforts to block de facto Electric Vehicle (EV) mandates and preserve Idahoans' access to affordable vehicles:

- Introduced **S.3094, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act**, to prohibit the EPA from moving forward with its proposed tailpipe emissions rule, which is a de facto EV mandate;
- Co-sponsored **S.2090, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act**, which would prevent the elimination of the sale of motor vehicles with internal combustion engines;
- Requested Senate and House Leadership include language in **government funding legislation to prevent EV mandates**;
- Led a bipartisan, bicameral letter to the Biden Administration urging it withdraw the EPA's proposed tailpipe rule which would **require 67 percent of new light-duty vehicles and 46 percent of medium-duty vehicles to be electric by 2032**;

“Americans deserve access to affordable, reliable vehicles fueled by American-made energy products, not those primarily supplied by China.”
— Nearly 140 Members of Congress to the Biden Administration ”

- Led 120 Senate and House colleagues calling on the Biden Administration to immediately **withdraw** the NHTSA proposed rule that would **require automakers to more than double average fleet-wide fuel economy** in less than 10 years, effectively mandating mass production of EVs.
- Introduced amendments to minibus appropriations packages to **defund both rules**, and received a vote on Crapo-led legislation, **S.4072, a bill to prohibit implementation of the EPA tailpipe emissions rule**.
- Led more than 150 Senate and House colleagues calling on the Biden Administration to **overturn** its Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles rule, **which would electrify the U.S. commercial fleet of trucks, tractors, buses and semis**; and
- **Co-sponsored Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions of disapproval to nullify federal agency rules implementing such de facto mandates**.

“Heavy-handed, top-down environmental policies do more harm than good. Regulations like these raise costs for Americans, harm farmers and small businesses and push our country toward greater dependence on China. We deserve a choice in the cars and trucks we drive, especially when the consequences of these mandates are so detrimental to the economic success of families, businesses and rural communities.”

— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, July 3, 2024 ”

The screenshot shows a Fox News article with the following content:

120 Republicans join effort opposing Biden's 'de facto EV mandate'

Fuel economy regulations are 'latest attempt by the Biden administration to implement a de facto EV mandate,' Republican tells Fox News Digital

By Thomas Catenacci | Fox News
Published January 24, 2024 4:00am EST

FIRST ON FOX: A coalition of 77 House and 43 Senate Republicans is calling on the Biden administration to scrap [proposed fuel economy regulations](#) that they and energy industry groups have characterized as a de facto electric vehicle (EV) mandate.

The 120 GOP lawmakers — led by Sens. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Mich. — penned a letter late Tuesday to the Department of Transportation's [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#), warning that its corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards proposed in July would raise costs, restrict consumer choice, harm businesses and degrade both U.S. energy and national security.

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC ENERGY

Domestic energy production is vital to our nation's prosperity and security. Senator Crapo has been active in pushing back on the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts suppressing energy production here in the United States. Some efforts include:

- Co-sponsoring **S. 3704, the Unlocking Domestic Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Potential Act**, which would depoliticize the export of American LNG and ensure the United States remains a leader in LNG exports; and
- Signing letters to the U.S. Department of Energy slamming the Administration's decision to pause approvals for LNG exports.

EDUCATION

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

- During the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo opposed the Biden-Harris Administration's continued efforts to unilaterally enact student loan debt amnesty, including through multiple CRA resolutions to overturn those regulations and various public comment letters calling attention to their illegality and harmful policy effects.

GENDER IDEOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

Parental Rights

- At the federal level, Senator Crapo has taken steps to advance parental rights in their children's education, as well as to ensure students are protected from harmful social and political ideologies. In the 118th Congress, he became an original co-sponsor of **S. 200, the Parental Rights Over the Education and Care of Their (PROTECT) Kids Act**, which would block federal funding for any elementary or middle school that allows children to change their sex-based accommodations, or uses different pronouns or names for a minor child on relevant school forms.

Protecting Women and Girls' Sports

- Additionally, Senator Crapo recognizes the value of women and girls' sports, as well as the need to ensure female athletes can pursue scholarships and other opportunities without having to compete against biological males. To that end, he has taken multiple actions to protect female-specific sports, including but not limited to:
 - Co-introducing **S.J. Res. 96**, a CRA resolution to nullify the Biden-Harris Administration's Title IX rewrite, which unilaterally expands the statute's prohibition against discrimination based on sex to include "gender identity";
 - Becoming an original co-sponsor of **S. 613, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act**, which would make it a violation of Title IX for schools to allow a biological male to compete in an athletic program designed for women or girls; and
 - Joining multiple efforts to **support the Boise State University Women's Volleyball team** by urging the Mountain West Conference to ban biological males from competing in women's sports.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Iran-backed Hamas terrorists launched a widescale attack on thousands of innocent Israeli citizens on October 7, 2023. Hamas terrorists kidnapped, tortured and brutally murdered thousands of innocent people, breaking a fragile peace and plunging the Middle East into turmoil once again. Senator Crapo stands resolutely with Israel, our strongest ally in the Middle East, and its right to defend itself from ongoing threats from Iran and Iranian-backed terrorists.

BACKING ISRAEL IN WORD AND DEED

- Joined in introducing **S.4337, the Israel Security Assistance Support Act**, which would force the Biden Administration to send critical weapons to Israel;
- Signed a Senate Resolution that **condemns any action by the Biden Administration to withhold or restrict weapons for Israel**;
- Co-sponsored **S.431, the UNRWA Accountability and Transparency Act**, which places strict conditions on U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA);
- Backed efforts to ban **U.S. funding to UNRWA permanently**;
- Joined colleagues in sending a letter to the United States Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) urging her to bring forward **a resolution to designate Iranian-backed Hamas as a terrorist organization**;
- Supported a **unanimously-passed Senate Resolution calling for the strengthening of economic ties between the U.S. and Israel**;
- Sent a letter to President Biden calling on him to **enforce current law and act against Iran's illicit oil trade through sanctions**;
- Co-sponsored a **resolution reiterating Israel's right to self-defense** and condemning statements from U.S. lawmakers which interfere in Israel's sovereign electoral process; and
- Co-sponsored **S.5303, the Stand with Israel Act**, to cut off funding to UN agencies that expel, downgrade, suspend or otherwise restrict the participation of the State of Israel.



FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM

College campuses across the country have provided fertile ground for antisemitic violence and harassment following increased student demonstrations and statements supporting Hamas' October 7 attacks. As a member of the Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Antisemitism, Senator Crapo has joined many efforts to address the rise of antisemitic behavior in the United States and abroad, which include but are not limited to:

- Co-introduced **S.4127, the Antisemitism Awareness Act**, which would direct the U.S. Department of Education to use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism when investigating antisemitic acts on college campuses;
- Co-introduced **S.4240, the No Bailouts for Campus Criminals Act**, which would prohibit pro-Hamas protestors convicted of a crime from receiving student loan amnesty at the expense of the American taxpayer;
- Co-introduced **S.4302, the No Higher Education Assistance for Mobs of Antisemitic and terrorist Sympathizing Students Act ("No HAMAS Act")**, to revoke federal financial assistance eligibility for students convicted of trespassing, rioting or damaging property at an institution of higher education;
- Called upon the Biden Administration **to address the rising rates of antisemitism in K-12 schools**, requesting the use of their enforcement power under Title VI to maintain a safe learning environment for all children;
- Demanded that Harvard University condemn the statement issued by more than 30 Harvard student groups supporting Hamas's attack on Israel;
- Called on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland **to investigate the pro-Hamas criminals who disgracefully and illegally vandalized a veterans cemetery**;
- Issued **strong condemnation of the United Nations** for its inaction regarding Hamas's widespread sexual violence, including mass rape and mutilation, against women in Israel, and urged them to bring forward a resolution designating Hamas as a terrorist organization; and
- **Raised concerns over the resurgence of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement on college campuses.**



COUNTERING IRAN'S MALIGN INFLUENCE

Iran maintains heavy influence over and is the largest monetary source of violence in the Middle East. Senator Crapo has backed many efforts to counter its behaviors, including, but not limited to:

- Co-sponsoring **S. 3049, the Revoke Iranian Funding Act**, to freeze \$6 billion of Iranian funds and prevent the Iranian regime from accessing and using the funds held in Qatar to finance terrorist attacks against Israel or any other nation;
- Co-sponsoring several pieces of legislation to implement and enforce heavy and strict sanctions against Iran; and
- Signing letters to the Administration regarding its lack of sanctions enforcement, calling on the Administration to use current law to block financial resources from Iran's access.

COMBATING CHINESE AGGRESSION

China remains one of America's greatest adversaries. Senator Crapo has taken a number of steps to combat Chinese aggression, including, but not limited to:

- Co-sponsoring several pieces of legislation to protect American farmland and military bases by preventing agents of the People's Republic of China from purchasing American land; and
- Co-sponsoring **S. 5131, the STRATEGIC Act**, which contains a number of specified sanction provisions on China including:
 - Giving the U.S. Department of Justice stronger investigative power against foreign agents in the U.S.;
 - Sanctions on any Chinese citizen responsible for the CCP combative behavior worldwide; and
 - Further penalties on the reprehensible and inexcusable human rights violations of the CCP against the Uyghur people.



BORDER SECURITY/IMMIGRATION

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol encountered a record-shattering over **10.2 million** illegal crossings at the southern border. This record number of illegal border crossings on the Biden Administration's watch has created a humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions and fueled the increased smuggling of deadly drugs such as fentanyl into our country.

Senator Crapo's efforts regarding immigration, include, but are not limited to:

- Co-introducing **S. 333, the Keep Our Communities Safe Act**, which would close the Obama-Biden era "catch and release" policy that allows the federal government to release illegal immigrants into the United States;
- Requesting U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) investigations into the crisis at the southern border;
- Joining several efforts to expand and protect Title 42 authority;
- Co-sponsoring legislation to deport illegal aliens who commit certain felonies, including sexual assault and crimes resulting in the death of another person; and
- Co-sponsoring **S. 3933, the Laken Riley Act**, which would require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to arrest illegal aliens who commit theft, burglary, larceny or shoplifting offenses and mandate these individuals be detained until they are removed from the United States.



PROTECTING IDAHOANS' SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Protecting Idahoans' Second Amendment rights is an ongoing priority for Senator Crapo. This past Congress, he once again worked to protect the rights of responsible gun owners and firearm manufacturers from burdensome regulations proposed by Democrats in Washington and from discrimination by financial service providers.

HEARING PROTECTION ACT

- Senator Crapo again led the reintroduction of **S. 401, the Hearing Protection Act**, which would reclassify suppressors to regulate them like a regular firearm. The measure would benefit Idaho's recreational gun users and provide them better access to hearing protection equipment.

OTHERS:

- Co-sponsored **S. 632, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Transparency Act**, which would permit the sale of a National Firearms Act item (suppressor, short-barreled rifle, etc.) if the ATF fails to process the forms within 90 days. Additionally, it creates an appeals process if the sale request is denied within the 90 day window.
- Co-sponsored **S. 3529, the ATF Accountability Act**, which would create an appeals process for companies that disagree with a classification made by the ATF.
- Co-sponsored the **S. 2911, Protecting the Right To Keep and Bear Arms Act**, which would prohibit the President, the Secretary of Health and Human Services or a designee thereof from declaring gun violence a national emergency to impose gun control.
- Co-sponsored **S. 2736, the Allowing Recreational Resources for Outdoor Wellness Act**, which would clarify that federal funding may be used for hunting and archery safety lessons in public schools. **The Administration ultimately reestablished funding** for such programs.
- Co-sponsored the **S. 1907, Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) Protection Act**, which would increase penalties for robbing or burglarizing FFLs.
- Co-sponsored **S. 898, the Merchant Category Code (MCC) Neutrality Act**, which prohibits the Internal Revenue Service from initiating audits of taxpayers primarily based by the MCCs used by businesses.
- Co-sponsored a CRA resolution of disapproval to block U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security interim final rule that severely restricts the ability of American firearm, ammunition, and related-component manufacturers to obtain a license to export their products for sale.

COMMITTEES

Committees are an essential part of the legislative process. Senate committees provide oversight of federal governmental operations, identify issues suitable for legislative review, gather and evaluate information and recommend courses of action to the Senate.

Senator Crapo served on **three** committees during the 118th Congress, including serving as:

- Ranking Republican Member of the **Senate Finance Committee**;
- Current member and former Chairman of the **Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee**; and
- Senior member of the **Budget Committee**.

Senator Crapo also served as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, which negotiates the process of assigning Republican Senators to committees. He also serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation. The following are some highlights of his work on the committees.

FINANCE

In the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo served as the top Republican member of the United States Senate Finance Committee, giving Idaho a strong voice in legislation on **federal tax policy**; social safety net and health care programs, including **Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid**; and the implementation and enforcement of **foreign trade agreements**.

TAX

Serving on the Senate Finance Committee enables Senator Crapo to shape tax policy affecting the lives of Idahoans and all Americans. As Ranking Member, he worked to simplify the tax code, create jobs and help Idahoans save for retirement.

- **The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) led to one of the strongest economies in generations:** unemployment dropped to historic lows, economic gains flowed to all demographic groups and income levels, and American businesses reported record research and development investment. All Americans reaped the benefits of a flourishing economy.
- With many of the TCJA's provisions set to expire at the end of 2025, **Senator Crapo spent much of the 118th Congress making the case for extending and improving the TCJA**, particularly for the families, individuals and small business owners who face tax increases if Congress fails to extend these important provisions.
- In the summer of 2023, he invited **Stephanie Camarillo, co-owner of Molly Maid of Boise and the Treasure Valley**, to participate in a roundtable discussion about the challenges small businesses face navigating the federal tax code. Stephanie spoke about the benefits of the small business tax deduction in the TCJA, which allowed her to invest in her employees through higher wages and expanded benefits. The **small business deduction** is just one of the critical provisions in the TCJA that, if allowed to expire, will hurt the small businesses that employ hundreds of thousands of Idahoans.
- Senator Crapo remains **focused on preserving and continuing to build on these important tax policies** to create a competitive environment for U.S. businesses, ensure Americans have access to high-paying jobs and allow Idahoans to keep more of their hard-earned money.

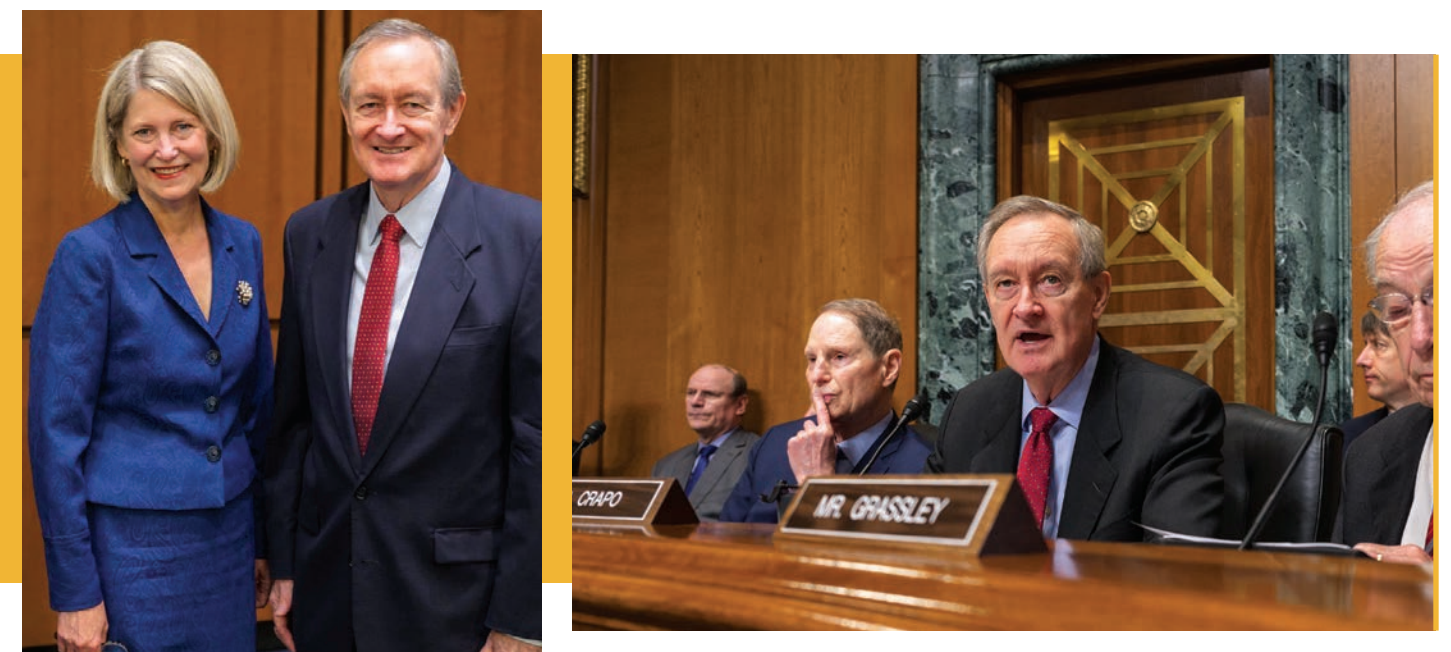
“ In the years ahead, we must prevent tax hikes on hardworking families and ensure America remains the most attractive place in the world to do business. ”

— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

TRADE

America succeeds when it is free to compete and the entire country benefits from smart trade policies. International trade is responsible for more than a quarter of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) and supports more than 40 million American jobs. The world wants America's products and services—whether it is Idaho's high-quality potatoes and dairy products or cutting-edge memory chips. In Idaho, agricultural exports reached record highs in 2022 and 2023, and trade-related employment grew three times faster than total employment from 1992 to 2018.

- In the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo continued to press the Biden Administration to open foreign markets to Idaho's workers, farmers and businesses. This means:
 - **Expanding trade opportunities** for Idaho by breaking down trade barriers and renewing important, effective trade programs;
 - **Enacting smart trade policies** that maximize opportunities for Idahoans to reach overseas customers; and
 - **Conducting rigorous oversight to hold our trade partners accountable.** This includes preventing unfair trade practices, particularly by countries like China, creating a level playing field for American businesses and ensuring full enforcement of U.S. rights under existing trade agreements.





- Senator Crapo's efforts to **expand opportunities for Idaho's producers** include:
 - The introduction of **S. 3300, the Specialty Crops Reporting on Opportunities and Promotion Act (Specialty CROP Act)**, bipartisan legislation that would respond to high tariffs, burdensome labeling requirements and other trade barriers that restrict U.S. products from accessing foreign markets.
 - The full **Senate passage of legislation to strengthen the United States' long-term partnership with Taiwan**, ensuring trade agreements between the United States and Taiwan are subject to strict requirements on consultation with Congress and transparency for the American public.
 - The introduction of much-needed double-taxation relief of cross-border investments between the U.S. and Taiwan, further opening doors for American businesses and strengthening U.S. economic ties with Taiwan.
 - Successfully **pushing the Administration to prioritize the removal of Mexico's unjustified "safety" restrictions on U.S. potatoes**, which had been in place for more than 25 years and lacked any scientific justification. Now that they have been lifted, U.S. potato exports increased by more than 48 percent, or more than 17,300 metric tons, from the previous year.
 - Maintaining pressure on the Administration to **increase protections against importing potatoes with potato wart from Canada**, preserving strong Idaho potato production and keeping markets open.

HEALTH CARE

Ensuring access to effective and affordable health care is one of the greatest challenges facing health care professionals, insurers and local, state and federal governments.

In the 118th Congress, Senator Crapo prioritized making our federal government health programs more innovative and responsive to the needs of patients and providers. This included efforts to:

- Allow patients to receive services via telehealth;
- Provide coverage for multi-cancer diagnostic tests;
- Address prescription drug accessibility and affordability; and
- Update payment systems to appropriately reimburse providers.

Reducing Drug Costs and Expanding Access to Health Care

- Whether at the pharmacy counter, the doctor's office or the hospital, some life-saving medications remain out of reach for too many working families and seniors. As Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Crapo introduced bipartisan proposals to:
 - Enhance pharmacy benefit manager accountability;
 - Mitigate misaligned incentives that drive preferences for higher-priced medicines;
 - Prevent costly spread pricing arrangements in state Medicaid programs;
 - Improve pharmacy access; and
 - Increase oversight of the prescription drug supply chain.



“Deepening our ties with Taiwan and its vibrant democracy is important for strengthening our long-term partnership.”

— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

- This Congress, the Finance Committee **passed both Senator Crapo's Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act (MEPA) and his Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs and Extenders Act (the Better Act)**. Together, these bills would **reduce out-of-pocket** medication costs for seniors, enhance accountability in our federal health care programs, improve access to high-quality mental health services and extend critical support for clinicians and suppliers.
 - The legislation was highlighted at a press conference Senator Crapo held in Twin Falls, Idaho, with local state officials and representatives from Idaho's pharmacy industry. While the legislation did not come under consideration before the full Senate, Senator Crapo continues to advocate for its passage.

“ **This commonsense, bipartisan legislation takes crucial steps toward driving down prescription drug costs for Idahoans and ensuring that seniors can access the pharmacy of their choice, including in rural communities.** ”
 — U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

Combating Prescription Drug Shortages

- In 2024, prescription drug shortages began fueling high prices for generic medicines and limiting access to life-saving treatments and cures. Senator Crapo introduced **a bipartisan discussion draft of legislation that would take meaningful strides toward mitigating and preventing prescription drug shortages**, ensuring that patients can receive the care they need, when they need it. Senator Crapo continues to work with members, experts and stakeholders on addressing these life-threatening challenges and promoting consistent, cost-effective health care for Americans nationwide.



ENSURING PATIENT ACCESS TO CLINICIAN SERVICES

- In 2024, Senator Crapo joined Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) in **developing and releasing a bipartisan white paper highlighting a range of challenges facing frontline health care providers**, in addition to outlining areas for potential reforms aimed at shoring up Medicare beneficiaries' access to clinician services. Stakeholders, experts, patient advocates and Members of Congress continue to work toward translating these issues and solutions into bipartisan legislation, with a focus on the program's Physician Fee Schedule.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Protecting Taxpayers from IRS Overreach

- Protecting taxpayers and addressing an ever-encroaching Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was central to Senator Crapo's oversight efforts as Ranking Member in the 118th Congress. When the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provided the IRS with a massive budget increase dedicated primarily to enforcement, Senator Crapo pressed the agency for details on how the funds would be used and how it would prevent increased audits on individuals making less than \$400,000 per year. Part of that effort included the re-introduction of **legislation to explicitly protect low- and middle-income taxpayers from additional intrusive IRS examinations**.
- The IRS also used its new funding to pursue an unauthorized, expensive venture into the tax preparation business, launching a problematic, purportedly “free” tax filing service, Direct File. The Biden Administration spent more than \$120 million on the Direct File program for 2024, which amounts to \$902 per return. By comparison, existing IRS programs cost around \$2.50 per return. Instead of diverting resources and attention to a redundant, expensive new government-run program, **Senator Crapo continued to press the IRS to better serve taxpayers by highlighting the existing and efficient options available to them**, and improving basic customer service.
- The IRS also experienced a myriad of privacy and security concerns surrounding the safety and security of taxpayer data over the last few years. Examples include mistakenly releasing over 100,000 tax files, leaking thousands of people's tax returns to a news outlet to further a political agenda and multiple U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) reports highlighting IRS cybersecurity concerns. In each case, **Senator Crapo led colleagues in demanding answers and launching investigations into the agency's mishandling of taxpayer information**.

“ **Having the IRS act as tax preparer, tax collector and tax enforcer raises significant conflicts of interest, would incur billions of dollars in development costs, and would expose taxpayer information to misuse or abuse.** ”
 — U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

Conducting Oversight of Government Drug Price-Setting Program

- The 2022 IRA has been a core contributing factor to the economic strain Americans face, including driving up health care costs. The partisan legislation advanced top-down health care programs that stifle medical innovation, make American companies less competitive globally and increase the cost of health care for seniors.
- Prior to the IRA's enactment, numerous policymakers, economists and patient advocates warned of the law's potential for triggering harmful consequences, including cost hikes for seniors and working families. As predicted, the implementation of the IRA's drug pricing measures undermined competitive dynamics, constraining seniors' choices and increasing medication coverage costs. In response, the Biden Administration attempted to hide these increases through taxpayer-financed subsidies and legally dubious programs.
- **A Congressional Budget Office report, requested by Senator Crapo, revealed the Biden redesign of Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit cost \$10 billion to \$20 billion more than expected.** The Medicare Part D Premium Stabilization Demonstration program would also use billions of dollars to artificially lower the costs of premiums, shifting the cost increases directly onto the American taxpayer. Senator Crapo will continue oversight of this program to ensure seniors have access to affordable health care.

“ This type of executive overreach treats the Treasury as a piggybank, exacerbating inflation and sidestepping Congress to advance conveniently timed political aims. ”
— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo



“ Improper payments in pandemic unemployment programs left taxpayers on the hook for hundreds of billions of dollars. This legislation will help gain restitution for victims of fraud and theft by jumpstarting efforts to claw back federal funds and recover fraudulent payments. ”
— U.S. Senator Mike Crapo



Combatting Unemployment Insurance Fraud

- In the wake of the pandemic, improper payments in unemployment insurance (UI) programs left taxpayers on the hook for an estimated \$100 to \$135 billion. Senator Crapo **led the effort to recoup these funds**, calling on government accountability agencies to investigate how much money was doled out in fraudulent payments, and introduced legislation to help federal and state authorities recover fraudulent payments.
- Along with his effort to recoup those stolen funds, Senator Crapo joined Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden in introducing **bipartisan legislation that would make key improvements to the nation's unemployment insurance system as a whole, prevent future UI fraud and help ensure those who defrauded the system during the pandemic are brought to justice.**
- Senator Crapo has also asked the U.S. Department of Labor to explain its use of \$1 billion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to ensure it is being utilized according to its statutory purposes.

BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

As former Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Senator Crapo has frequently expressed concerns with the federal government's attempts to choke off access to credit and capital for politically disfavored industries, such as oil and gas or firearms companies. This disturbing trend has materialized in a variety of ways over the last few years. Senator Crapo remains committed to fighting these efforts.

- Co-sponsored the **S. 293, the Fair Access to Banking Act**, which would punish financial institutions that deny services to customers solely for reputational (political) risk.



SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN IDAHO

- Co-sponsored **S. 610, the Credit Union Board Modernization Act**, which would revise the required frequency of meetings held by credit unions' board of directors, reducing costs and maximizing efficiency to help Idahoans, especially in rural areas, access services from their local credit union.

ADDRESSING THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Lack of affordable housing is routinely the number one concern Senator Crapo hears from Idahoans in his meetings throughout the state. Senator Crapo is working to piece together the puzzle in Idaho to find collaborative solutions to improve access to affordable housing.

- Co-sponsor of **S.5027, the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act**, to review how overregulation contributes to excessive costs and delays in the supply of affordable housing.

SANCTIONING FOREIGN ADVERSARIES

- Co-sponsored **S. 1271, the FEND Off Fentanyl Act**, which would allow the U.S. Department of the Treasury to sanction entities and individuals involved in the production and trafficking of fentanyl, much of which has originated in China. **The Banking Committee unanimously passed this legislation in June 2023.**
- Co-sponsored several pieces of legislation to support sanctions against Iran.
- Co-sponsored **S. 3077, the Protect Our Bases Act**, to ensure the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) can review foreign land purchases near sensitive military, intelligence and national laboratory sites through requiring member agencies to annually update and review their lists of these sites.



BUDGET

The Budget Committee's principal responsibility is to develop a concurrent resolution on the budget to serve as the framework for congressional spending, revenue and debt-limit legislation. Working in tandem with the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate establishes a joint agreement, a "budget resolution," that sets the spending levels for its specified timeframe. The Budget Committee tracks the appropriations and legislative processes throughout the year to ensure spending levels conform to the levels set forth in the resolution. Senator Crapo has authored and supported common-sense fiscal policies aimed at balancing the federal budget, including:

- A **balanced budget amendment** to the U.S. Constitution requiring the President and Congress to enact annual balanced budgets and restrict federal spending to 18 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.
- **S. 201, the Zero-Based Budget Act**, which would cut wasteful spending and reduce U.S. debt by requiring government agencies to justify their spending levels every six years with a zero-based budget and propose a reduction in expenditures by two percent.

During the 118th Congress, Congress repeatedly failed to pass annual appropriations bills through regular order. While the Fiscal Responsibility Act provided cap options in an attempt to rein in America's debt spending, the government has been funded by continuing resolutions and omnibuses. **Senator Crapo views these types of all-or-nothing spending as irresponsible.**

Adding to this, Senate Democratic leadership refused to consider appropriations bills passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee for two years. America will not rein in its national debt until our spending process returns to regular order. Addressing our national debt remains a top priority for Senator Crapo.





