

# 2022 SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT



CONGRESSWOMAN

**SUSIE LEE**

SERVING NEVADA'S 3RD DISTRICT





*Rep. Lee greets constituents at the Desert Research Institute's May the Science Be With You Open House, where Rep. Lee highlighted funding secured for DRI.*

## Dear Neighbor,

I want to start by acknowledging the news that came out of the Supreme Court recently, stripping away fundamental freedoms for women.

When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, I was—just like you—devastated. I am still grieving the fact that my daughter now has fewer rights than I did at her age, and my heart breaks for the millions of women who saw their fundamental right to choose ripped away from them.

Let me assure you: the fight to protect abortion rights doesn't stop here. Nevada has enshrined the right to abortion care into its state law, but I will never stop working until every single woman across this country has access to the health care they deserve.

Politics doesn't belong in the doctor's office, and it never has. Women should have the freedom to choose the futures that they want for themselves—not the ones that anti-choice politicians want to force them into. I will continue to fight fiercely to ensure that women have the liberty to make their own choices about their health and their bodies. It's going to be an uphill battle, but I won't back down.

Please know that you have a champion for abortion rights in me, and that I will continue to defend the right to choose right here in Nevada and in every state across the nation.

Sincerely,

Susie Lee  
Member of Congress



# Bringing Back Your Tax Dollars

As a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Lee was focused this quarter on advocacy for sound investments in key Nevada priorities. From drought solutions to education investments and programs to serve our veterans, the Appropriations Committee puts Rep. Lee in a strong position to defend Nevada priorities in the federal budget. In June, Rep. Lee joined her Appropriations colleagues for a series of 12 funding bill markups that reflected many of Rep. Lee's requests for southern Nevada investments. Now, these bills will be considered by the full House of Representatives.

## **These funding bills included over \$26.6 million in Community Project Funding that will directly invest in 15 southern Nevada projects, including:**

- \$5 million to fund improvements to the Henderson I-515/I-11 Interchange
- \$1.33 million to expand Clark County's Social Service Mobile Health Outreach Program
- \$350,000 for the Clark County Small Business Opportunity Program
- \$1.7 million for LVMPD's CARE Team Diversion Program
- \$3 million to expand Southern Nevada Water Authority's Septic Conversion Program
- \$2.5 million for Desert Research Institute's Quantifying Carbon Fluxes initiative
- \$2.95 million for the City of Henderson's mental health co-responder crisis response unit
- \$400,000 for Boulder City Police Department's purchase of replacement vehicles
- \$611,968 to support NSC's School of Nursing launch of a career readiness program
- \$3 million for UNLV to expand capacity for advanced sports research and education
- \$1.34 million to establish NSC's School-Based Mental Health Clinic
- \$800,000 to expand Workforce Connections' ability to facilitate sector partnerships
- \$1.62 million to establish NSC's Center for Career Advancement and Education
- \$1 million to establish DRI's STEM and Educator-Student Partnerships Program
- \$1 million bring a 3T functional MRI scanner to UNLV and improve research capacity

## **These funding bills include additional support for Nevadans, including:**

- Provisions to strengthen our supply chain and lower costs for Nevada families, including increased support for programs to help U.S. producers and funds to grow programs that fight hunger and nutrition insecurity
- Zero funding for the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, as well as critical report language secured by Rep. Lee that will direct the Department of Energy to continue to pursue a consent-based approach for nuclear waste storage
- Significant investments in veterans' mental health, including funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to take steps toward implementing the Zero Suicide program
- Investments in education directly in line with Rep. Lee's legislation, including support for sustainable Pell Grants, increased funding for Full-Service Community Schools, and an initial investment to advance a national matched savings grant program to help families save for college



## Fighting for Lower Costs for Hardworking Nevadans

As Nevadans face rising costs at the gas pump and the grocery store, Rep. Lee has been pushing for legislation to bring down these costs and provide relief. As far back as December, Rep. Lee was calling on House leadership to hold votes on key legislation to address supply chain challenges that have contributed to inflation. In June, she once again joined her colleagues to urge Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader to hold votes on a host of bills to combat rising costs.



*"Hardworking families in our districts and across the country are facing rising costs across the board. While the reasons for these rising costs are many and varied, the fact remains that these inflationary pressures are harming our constituents, small businesses and working families. We continue to hear from folks who are wondering what Washington is doing to address these problems."* – **Rep. Lee to House Leadership**

**Rep. Lee's call to action worked, and the House passed legislation to address rising costs, including:**

- **The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act**, which takes three steps to lower costs for America's families:
  - Reduces fertilizer costs in the field to lower food prices in the grocery store
  - Lowers meat and poultry costs by increasing meatpacking competition and capacity
  - Lowers prices at the pump by making cheaper, cleaner Unleaded 88 (also known as E-15) more available.
- **The Ocean Shipping Reform Act**, which will help level the playing field by empowering the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) to strengthen oversight of the shipping market and lower costs for consumers. **This legislation will boost funding for the FMC and implement several key measures, including:**
  - Combating exorbitant shipping costs by strengthening FMC enforcement action against exploitative business practices
  - Ensuring fairness in shipping by improving transparency and prohibiting ocean carriers from unreasonably refusing to transport American cargo

# Key Legislative Developments

Nevada, like much of the country, is facing a dire doctor shortage. In fact, more than 83 million Americans live in areas that have been designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas. That's why Rep. Lee joined Reps Dave Joyce (R-OH), Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) to introduce the [Improving Access to Health Care in Rural and Underserved Areas Act](#). This bipartisan legislation will increase access to primary care providers in rural and underserved areas through accredited continuing medical education and peer-to-peer clinical support.

Rep. Lee also introduced and passed legislation this quarter to invest in workforce development. The [Community-Based Workforce Development Act passed out of the House in May](#), as part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022. As many employers are struggling to find qualified workers, while job seekers say that employers aren't meeting their training expectations, this legislation will help bridge the gap by bringing together workers, educators, and businesses to create training programs through state and local workforce systems.

As Nevadans have faced some of the highest gas prices in the nation, Rep. Lee is leading the fight to lower gas prices and hold Big Oil accountable. Big Oil companies made \$71 billion in profits last year and have over 9,000 untapped public leases. Rep. Lee urged House leadership to investigate and act on this corporate price gouging, and in return the House passed the [Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act to lower gas prices](#) for consumers and hold Big Oil corporations accountable.

In response to a surge of deadly mass shootings across the nation, Rep. Lee took action on multiple gun violence prevention provisions this quarter. Rep. Lee voted to pass the [Protecting Our Kids Act](#) out of the House to raise the minimum age to purchase semiautomatic centerfire rifles, tackle gun trafficking, and build on ATF's regulatory ban on ghost guns. Rep. Lee also joined her House colleagues in passing the [Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act](#), to build a federal program similar to Nevada's. In June, Rep. Lee cast her vote to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act -- the first major federal gun safety law to pass Congress and be signed into law by the President in nearly 26 years.

## Key Legislative Developments



*Rep. Lee thanks teachers at Fertitta Middle School during Teacher Appreciation Week.*



*Rep. Lee hosts a Susie Shops Small at the La Flor de Michoacan at Silverado Ranch.*

Lake Mead continues to reach record lows, threatening our future water supply. Rep. Lee continues to fight for common-sense water solutions for Nevada. In the past quarter, Rep. Lee introduced the [Water Data Act](#) to create a national framework for water data and support collaboration and innovation across federal agencies, state and local entities, and water users, and Rep. Lee voted to pass the [Water Resources Development Act \(WRDA\) of 2022](#) which included an additional \$800 million in funding for the Section 595 program, which funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' critical work on water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection projects.

Rep. Lee also [took action on rising housing prices](#), introducing an amendment that passed as part of a Financial Services package. Rep. Lee's amendment would direct the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to combat the housing crisis in America by creating an interagency working group.

Additionally, Rep. Lee urged House leaders to take action on the [infant formula shortage](#). In response, the House voted to pass two bills included a supplemental funding bill to provide the FDA with urgently needed resources and the Access to Baby Formula Act, which provides flexibility so that low-income families can continue purchasing safe infant formula with their WIC benefits during a crisis.

# Across Nevada's Third District

This quarter, Rep. Lee kept busy as she attended and hosted **nearly 70 events throughout southern Nevada**, including...

- A [Senior Town Hall for Older Americans Month](#) with residents at Nevada HAND's Flamingo Pines community
- A [ride-along with LVMPD Officer Cynthia Delatorre](#) and a [Roundtable with UNLV Police Services](#) on the Invest to Protect Act
- A [Mental Health Roundtable](#) with local mental health providers, advocates, & leaders
- A [Roundtable on National Gun Violence Awareness Day](#) with Congressman Horsford, students, parents, teachers, loved ones, and survivors
- A series of events with Secretary Xavier Becerra to discuss the President's [Cancer Moonshot initiative](#) and [local mental health services](#) in Nevada
- [Welcoming Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm](#) back to Nevada to meet with NV Energy, members of IBEW, and homeowners benefiting from expanded weatherization assistance
- A visit from Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to [break ground on upgrades to the I-15/Tropicana interchange](#)
- [An Interfaith Roundtable](#) with faith leaders from across southern Nevada, including
- Hosting a series of interviews with five Nevada veterans for the Library of Congress's [Veterans History Project in honor of Women Veterans Day](#) in June
- A [Bronze Star Medal ceremony](#) with Brigadier General Troy Armstrong to honor the sacrifices of WWII veterans Private Arthur Aime Fredette and Sergeant Harold John Scull with the Bronze Star Medal
- Meetings with local small business owners as part of her Susie Shops Small series, including [DW Bistro](#), [With Love & Company](#), and more
- A [Roundtable with UNLV students and leaders](#) to talk about college affordability and Rep. Lee's Pell Grant Sustainability Act
- Spring graduation celebrations including a [meeting with Latino graduates](#) from Nevada State College, UNLV, and the College of Southern Nevada, [the Asian Community Development Council's GraduAsian ceremony](#), and a [graduation speech for Coral Academy's eighth grade class](#)



# Constituent Success Stories

**Casework and constituent service has been a top priority for Rep. Lee** ever since she became a Member of Congress. Over this past quarter, she's managed to...

- Recover approximately **\$9,909,000** for constituents
- Deliver over **\$10,900,000** in NV-03 Federal Grant Assistance
- Close over **351 cases** for constituents who requested assistance with a federal agency
- Respond to approximately **450 constituent requests** for assistance
- Respond to over **7,900 emails, calls, and letters** from constituents about key issues and priorities

"I was waiting for a long time for the IRS to assign someone to audit my case regarding interest income, and that's when I decided to contact Rep. Susie Lee's office. The office quickly started working and ensured that my case was reviewed by the Taxpayer Advocate Service right away. **I had never contacted my Congressional office before, and I'm glad that I did. If I hadn't reached out, I would probably still have been waiting to hear back from the IRS.** Rep. Susie Lee's office is doing diligent work to ensure that her constituents are taken care of."  
-Kenneth Green

"I had been having trouble getting in contact with the IRS since last July. I contacted Congresswoman Lee's office received the necessary help to place my account in a non-collectible status in about a month. **Now I know that when all else fails I can turn to Congresswoman Lee's office, as her caseworkers start taking care of constituents' issues immediately.**" -Cheryl

**"I went to an urgent care facility that was in my network under the VA Mission Act, but my insurance claim was denied.** I submitted a claim to the VA Office of Community Care, but my claim was denied once more, and I wasn't getting anywhere by contacting the VA further. That's when I reached out to Rep. Lee's office. I was impressed by how quickly her office addressed my case, and I was able to get my medical bill paid. **I encourage anybody who needs assistance to reach out to Rep. Lee's office.**" -Enrique

*Need help with a federal agency? Contact my office at [susielee.house.gov](https://susielee.house.gov)*



*Rep. Lee speaks alongside Republicans and Democrats at press conference calling for House action on the Invest to Protect Act to boost funding and resources for local law enforcement.*





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