

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT





Rep. Lee and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm with IBEW members at the Townsite Solar Project in Boulder City

Infrastructure: Bringing Washington Together

Infrastructure Negotiations and the Problem Solvers Caucus

Rep. Lee came to Congress to help make Washington work together to get things done and she's worked tirelessly to reach an infrastructure deal that Democrats and Republicans alike support. As a proud member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, composed of 58 members evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, Rep. Lee has been instrumental in the ongoing negotiations to reach a bipartisan infrastructure deal.

Reaching a Deal

Recently, a bipartisan group of Senators reached a preliminary deal with President Biden that closely models the Problem Solvers Caucus' framework. Rep. Lee's leadership as a member of the Problem Solvers Caucus' working group on infrastructure helped create the Building Bridges framework, which closely mirrors the Senators' framework, and she looks forward to bringing Democrats and Republicans together to get a deal across the finish line.

Bringing Tax Dollars Home to Nevada

In addition to her role in these infrastructure negotiations, Rep. Lee sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. In the past few weeks, the Congresswoman has begun the process of overseeing every taxpayer dollar being spent in next year's budget. The final funding bills are set to be voted on in the coming months, but in the meantime, Rep. Lee has been proud to secure funds for key projects in Nevada's Third Congressional District.

These funds include:

- **\$40 million to the City of Henderson** for its Reimagine Boulder Highway Project, after Rep. Lee urged Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg's support
- **\$1 million in funding for the Henderson Workforce Training Center**, included in a recent bill that is heading to the House floor for a vote
- **\$1 million to upgrade outdated systems at the Boulder City Wastewater Treatment Plant**, included in a recent bill that is heading to the House floor for a vote

Key Legislation Introduced

Nevada is a national leader when it comes to energy innovation. Rep. Lee was proud to join Nevada Congressman Steven Horsford and U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich in introducing [H.R. 2406, the Electric Power Infrastructure Improvement Act](#). This legislation would help build a more resilient, reliable electric grid by creating an investment tax credit to help promote construction of regionally significant transmission projects nationwide.

This pandemic brought about an increased need for virtual, online mental health services, so Rep. Lee introduced bipartisan legislation to expand access. [H.R. 2929, the Virtual Peer Support Act](#) would boost the capacity and accessibility of behavioral health support programs by helping service providers expand to online platforms through the creation of a \$50 million grant program.

The COVID-19 pandemic also demonstrated how vital our direct care workforce is for seniors and people with disabilities, but there is a critical shortage of workers and resources to grow this field. Rep. Lee joined her colleagues to introduce [H.R. 2099, the Direct CARE Opportunity Act](#) to help meet the growing demand for direct care workers and improve access to training opportunities.

Rep. Lee knows how important public land protections are in Nevada, but too often reckless leasing results in speculative oil and gas leasing proposals and burdensome administrative costs. That's why Rep. Lee introduced [H.R. 2986, the End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act](#). This bill will not only protect public lands from these harmful practices, but also save taxpayer dollars and improve government efficiency in the process.

This pandemic has made it clear: Nevadans need more access to quality, affordable child care. Rep. Lee joined Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen to introduce the bipartisan, bicameral [H.R. 3155, the Small Business Child Care Investment Act](#). This legislation increases access to childcare by making non-profit child care providers eligible to participate in key SBA loan programs that can assist in expanding operations.

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Throughout the district, the rising cost of prescription drugs is one of the most frequently talked about issues. Rep. Lee introduced [H.R. 3831, the Seniors Securing Access to Vital and Essential \(SAVE\) Prescription Drugs Act](#) to help address this urgent issue for Nevada seniors. This bipartisan legislation would help more low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities afford their prescription drugs by expanding qualification for the Medicare Part D “Extra Help” program.

As a former nonprofit leader and youth advocate, Rep. Lee is passionate about education. That's why she was proud to introduce [H.R. 4145, the Earn to Learn Act](#). This bipartisan, bicameral bill will establish a national matched-savings program to help students and their families save for college.

Most recently, as Lake Mead has reached its all time low and 93% of the West in drought, Rep. Lee joined colleagues in the region to introduce [H.R. 4099, the Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act](#). In order to keep more water in Lake Mead for Nevadans, we need innovative water solutions throughout the area. This legislation will provide an extra boost to Western wastewater recycling projects and help get these projects across the finish line.

Rep. Lee and Senator Rosen held a Child Care Roundtable to discuss their bill - the Small Business Child Care Investment Act



Rep. Lee cohosted a Housing Resource Panel with Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones and other local experts



Key Bills that Passed in the House

Rep. Lee was also proud to support the following key bills that passed out of the House of Representatives:

H.R. 1195, Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service: addresses the rising rates of workplace violence faced by health care and social service workers

H.R. 7, Paycheck Fairness Act: provides more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination on the basis of sex

H.R.1996, SAFE Banking Act: allows state-legal cannabis businesses access to banking services to get cash off the streets and keep our communities safe

H.R. 1065, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act: prohibits employment practices that discriminate against making reasonable accommodations for qualified employees affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions

S.937, COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act: facilitates the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes amidst an alarming rise in anti-Asian acts of violence

H.R. 2120, Securing Access for Venue Equity (SAVE) Act : expands eligibility of the SVOG program to include additional types of arts and special events businesses

H.R. 2062, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act: addresses rising reports of age discrimination in employment practices

S.475: designates Juneteenth National Independence Day as a Federal Holiday

H.R. 239, Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act: ensures veterans have the same access to contraception as fellow civilians

H.R. 3684, the INVEST in America Act: provides for infrastructure project funding for Department of Transportation programs covering highways, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail

Delivering for Nevada's Third District

This quarter, Rep. Lee kept busy as she attended and hosted **over 65 events within the district**, including...

- [An American Rescue Plan Tour](#) to tout support for public safety and first responders, local authorities, and working families through provisions including the Child Tax Credit
- A Virtual Roundtable with AAPI leaders in Nevada to discuss the rise in anti-Asian racism and escalating attacks against Asian-Americans
- A CCSD Teacher Appreciation Press Conference honoring [Juliana Urtubey, Nevada's first National Teacher of the Year](#)
- A Teacher Appreciation Week Visit at Batterman Elementary School
- Commuting with you Congresswoman with RTC Nevada
- [A National Nurses Day Event](#) to thank and celebrate our hardworking nurses with First Lady Jill Biden, Senator Cortez Masto, Senator Rosen, and Rep. Titus
- A Paws with Patrol community engagement event with LVMPD Summerlin Command
- Opportunities to connect directly with the Congresswoman including a [Hike & Hang](#) at Fossil Canyon, [Coffee with the Congresswoman](#) in Boulder City, and an [Older Americans Month Town Hall](#) at Flamingo Pines
- The College of Southern Nevada Commencement Ceremony, where Rep. Lee gave the keynote address to CSN's largest ever graduating class
- A Virtual Interfaith Roundtable that brought together leaders representing more than 10 local faith groups to talk about healing our communities in the wake of these challenging times
- A Child Care Roundtable with Senator Jacky Rosen and local Nevada leaders to discuss Rep. Lee and the Senator Rosen's Small Business Childcare Investment Act
- [A Housing Workshop following the expiration of Nevada's Eviction Moratorium](#) with Clark County Commissioner Jones, Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, and Clark County Social Services
- [A Tour of the Townsite Solar Project in Boulder City](#) with U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and IBEW workers

Constituent Success Stories

Casework 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 **\$352,211** for constituents.
- Close over **130 cases** for constituents who requested assistance with a Federal Agency.
- Respond to approximately **1,120 constituent requests** for assistance.

Here are some highlights from their stories:

Two constituents had just been married and were set to head out on their honeymoon, when they realized one of their passports was not up to date. They had an estimated wait of over 10 weeks, but Rep. Lee was able to **expedite the process and get them on their flight to their honeymoon.**

Another constituent needed housing assistance and after helping with their case, they said "We will no longer facing eviction because of your help. **From the bottom of my heart and I grateful to your help and support.**"

One constituent was told it would take 16 weeks to receive her tax return, when she desperately needed the income to relocate as her landlord was selling the home. Rep. Lee's team was able to expedite the process and **recover over \$7,500 for the constituent** to put toward her relocation costs.



*Rep. Lee with distinguished honorees at the Bipartisan Women's Wreath Laying Ceremony
at Arlington National Cemetery*



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