

**Dear Friend,**

You can find my latest update below!

***Dr. Rand Paul Fights to Stop Taxpayer Dollars From Going to Fund Abortions***

Washington has spent over \$1 trillion on small business relief. Yet, thousands of small businesses have permanently closed throughout the country due to Orwellian lockdowns and capacity restrictions. Meanwhile, the Small Business Administration's COVID-19 emergency programs have been rife with fraud.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my job to engage in oversight of your tax dollars and root out this fraud. What my committee and I recently discovered was quite troubling.

Since the implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program last April, 38 Planned Parenthood affiliates applied for and received \$80 million in taxpayer funds meant for small business relief. Pursuant to the longstanding affiliation rules, which stipulate that affiliated organizations are considered one organization, SBA found that Planned Parenthood was ineligible for PPP funds and sent letters to each of the 38 organizations whom wrongfully received funds.



After months of delay SBA finally provided updated PPP data to our Small Business Committee this Tuesday. Based on this data, it is clear that Planned Parenthood affiliates have fraudulently, at least according to SBA's determination, received PPP loans. This includes two Planned Parenthood organizations whom have recently been approved for a second-draw loan, each within the last month. These approvals come long after SBA sent letters to the Planned Parenthood affiliates clearly stating they were ineligible for the PPP and should return any funding they received.

I had the opportunity to discuss this issue and raise these questions during a hearing last Wednesday.

We need answers from the SBA and I intend to get them.

Additionally, I headed to the Senate floor to argue that further extending the Paycheck Protection Program could allow all 49 Planned Parenthood affiliates time to access both the first or second draw PPP loans, given the Biden Administration's apparent recent actions.

I strongly urged everyone who believes taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortions to vote no. You can watch my speech [HERE](#).

### ***Dr. Rand Paul Calls for Congress to Follow Its Own Rules and Pay for New Spending***

In 2010, Congress passed what is known as PAYGO. PAYGO was signed into law and requires that, if you want to spend new money, you have to pay for it. Hence the name: "pay as you go." The idea was that if you wanted to spend money on something, you'd either need to cut spending somewhere else, or raise taxes. The problem is, Congress has now waived PAYGO 60 times. Since we passed PAYGO, debt has gone from \$13.5 trillion to about \$30 trillion today because Congress continues to evade the rules they put in place.

Last week the Democrats wanted to yet again waive the PAYGO rule for their \$1.9 trillion spending bill that recently passed. It was the 61st time the PAYGO rule was waived.

Last Thursday, I made a budget point of order to enforce the PAYGO rule and spoke on the Senate floor about the federal government's outrageous spending that has resulted in a continually mounting national debt.



You can watch my full speech [HERE](#).

### ***Dr. Rand Paul Calls Out Dr. Fauci for "Theater" on Mask Wearing After Vaccination COVID Immunity***

During a recent U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee hearing on the COVID-19 pandemic, I pressed Dr. Fauci on COVID vaccinations, immunization, and the plan for returning to normal.

Dr. Fauci, yet again, is not following science. He keeps asking Americans to continue wearing masks after receiving the COVID vaccine.



We've had 90 million vaccines in our country, where 40 to 50 million people have been vaccinated and the question is, do they have immunity? We've always believed that- that's the science of vaccines, when you get an infection or you get the vaccination you develop immunity.

It's a ridiculous notion not based on science, and what Dr. Fauci is doing is theater and it goes against the science of vaccines.

You can watch my full exchange with Dr. Fauci [HERE](#).

### ***Dr. Rand Paul Leads Letter to President Biden on the Abrupt and Unprecedented Firing of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission General Counsel***

Last Tuesday, I led a group of Senators in writing a letter to President Biden raising concerns about the sudden firing of Sharon Fast Gustafson, General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Gustafson had been fired in early March by the Biden Administration, some two years before her term as General Counsel was set to expire. In a letter, when refusing to resign, she questioned if she was being fired because of her efforts to combat religious discrimination in the workplace.

I was joined on the letter by Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), James Lankford (R-OK), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Rick Scott (R-FL), and Tommy Tuberville (R-AL).

You can read the letter to President Biden, [HERE](#).

### ***Media Wrap-Up***

Last week I joined Fox News [Primetime](#) with Brian Kilmeade, Your World with Neil [Cavuto](#) on Fox News, Leland Conway with WVLC in Lexington, and One America [News](#) to discuss my recent exchange with Dr. Fauci on wearing masks after receiving the COVID vaccine and how it's time to bring our troops home from Afghanistan.



I also joined The Truth with Lisa Boothe, Sinclair Broadcasting Group, WINKY in Bowling Green, and WKYT in Lexington.

### ***Have an Issue or Concern?***

If you are a Kentucky resident and need assistance with a federal agency or with navigating the federal response and ongoing community needs related to COVID-19, please feel free to contact my Bowling Green office at 270-782-8303. One of my staff members will be more than happy to assist you.

Kentucky has also set up a COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-722-5725.

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