

## Talking Points For Ways and Means Member Day Hearing

- Thank you Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ and Ranking Member \_\_\_\_\_ for giving me the chance to testify in front of the Committee.
- I want to talk about three issues today that are pertinent to my constituents, as well as many other Americans across the Country.
- First, I want to bring up the state and local tax deduction or as it's more commonly referred to, SALT.
- As you are all aware, the SALT deduction allows filers to deduct up to \$10,000 of certain state and local taxes from their taxable income.
- This cap was a major change from long-standing federal policy which respected fiscal federalism between the federal government and state and local governments and worked to protect taxpayers from a form of double-taxation by forcing them to pay taxes on income that went to not to their expenses but to local governments.
- The average itemized filer in each of the 10 counties in my district reported a SALT burden from 12k-28k in 2021. In a state which already contributes more than any other in federal taxes, this additional burden is difficult to bear.
- As the Committee starts work on a new tax package, I'm asking you to support raising the SALT deduction cap. The Ways & Means Committee has an opportunity here to adjust the previous policy in a way that will help hard hit consumers and taxpayers by limiting double-taxation and demonstrate that this Congress hears their concerns.
- The next item I want to bring up is my bill, the No Medicaid for Illegal Immigrants Act, which I introduced this week.
- This bill would prohibit states from using both federal and state Medicaid funds to provide services for illegal immigrants. I recognize that much of this jurisdiction is shared with ... ahem... another Committee, but there are significant opportunities here to ensure that scarce healthcare dollars are properly focused on Americans and not those who have abused our laws and borders.
- Border security is a top priority for my constituents, as is cutting back on wasteful spending.
- This bill will prevent states from spending billions of taxpayer dollars on benefits for illegal immigrants, while promoting fairness and fiscal responsibility.
- I wanted to end by thanking this Committee for all its work on the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act last Congress.
- This legislation was vital to my constituents, because it allows wildfire settlements to be exempted from federal income taxes.
- Many of my constituents have been victims of wildfires caused by utilities.
- For years they've been fighting to keep their disaster settlements from being classified as income.
- When a fire devastates a community, families need every resource available to them to rebuild. This bill will allow them to file amended tax returns, and take back the money that is owed to them.
- While this money won't make them whole, it's one more step towards recovery.
- Once again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in front of this Committee, and with that I'll yield back.