

**2023**

**REP. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

**100 DAYS  
REPORT**



# BY THE NUMBERS



OFFICES OPEN **3**

CONSTITUENT  
CASES  
SOLVED   
**183**



**3** **BILLS**  
INTRODUCED OR  
CO-INTRODUCED

COUNTIES  
VISITED  
**8** 



**37**  
BILLS  
COSPONSORED



**21**   
BIPARTISAN

**20,403**

RESPONSES TO CONSTITUENT  
CALLS, EMAILS, & LETTERS



COMMUNITY  
EVENTS,  
MEETINGS &  
TOURS  
**60+**

# LEGISLATION

## **INTRODUCED: *Stop the Import of Fentanyl Act***

The Stop the Import of Fentanyl Act would create a National Center to stop the import of illicit synthetic drugs. This National Center would serve as the coordinating agency to investigate how synthetic drugs come into the country and create a strategic plan for breaking up the synthetic drug trade, tracking the movements of drug traffickers, and serving as the central knowledge bank on drug trafficking organizations.

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## **LED OR SIGNED ON: *25 Letters***

In addition to her bills, Rep. Pettersen has led and signed-on to a number of letters to address everything from EPA regulations and postal delivery issues, to the opioid epidemic and ensuring TABOR payments are nontaxable.

She has also supported measures to retain Space Command in Colorado and to ensure insurance covers contraception.

## **CREATED: *Bipartisan Delivering Postal Solutions Caucus***

Representative Pettersen partnered with Rep. Ken Buck to form a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers dedicated to working together across district and state lines to share their constituents' postal experiences and request updates and answers from USPS about subpar service. While failures at USPS affect all Americans, the caucus will also focus on the specific challenges rural communities face in areas where post offices struggle to hire and maintain a workforce.

## **CO-LED: *Preventing the Financing of Illicit Synthetic Drugs Act***

This bill would require the GAO to carry out a study on illicit financing in connection with the trafficking of synthetic drugs, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, and to report to Congress.



# PRIORITIES



## Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

One of Representative Pettersen's top priorities is fighting the opioid epidemic, as her own mother struggled with a decades-long substance use disorder. Rep. Pettersen joined the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force, and has called for a crackdown on the sale of illicit drugs through social media platforms.



***"The people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District sent me to Congress to fight for them, and I will never lose sight of why I am here."***

## Working for Veterans

Rep. Pettersen sent a letter to the VA asking that they prioritize the building of the Fremont County VA Clinic and also ensure that there are two primary care units there, instead of just one. She is committed to supporting those who put their lives on the line for this country and is finding ways to increase support for veterans living in her district.

## Improving Postal Service

Since her swearing-in, Rep. Pettersen has been calling for action to address postal service issues across her district. She has gathered hundreds of constituent complaints about postal delays and halts in service, called on Postmaster General DeJoy for answers, and formed a bipartisan caucus with other members of Congress to find solutions.

## Taking Climate Action

Rep. Pettersen believes climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing Colorado and the planet. She has signed on to numerous efforts to fight this crisis, including to address PFAS chemicals in drinking water, increase limits on carbon pollution, and improve air quality. She has also taken on leadership roles within the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition.





# COMMITTEES

## HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**Subcommittee on  
Housing and  
Insurance**

**Subcommittee on National  
Security, Illicit Finance, and  
International Financial  
Institutions**

In the Financial Services Committee, Rep. Pettersen has been focused on oversight of banking regulators following the failure of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank. The Committee has held several hearings focused on the fentanyl crisis and how this dangerous drug continues to make its way into the country. The Committee has also had a hearing on the National Flood Insurance program and ways that Pettersen can help protect Coloradans from dangerous floods, as well as how to increase access to wildfire insurance.

### Caucuses

In addition to her committee assignments, Representative Pettersen has joined a number of caucuses, task forces, and coalitions in critical issue areas where she wants to make an impact. She is already working to deliver solutions to the gun violence epidemic within the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, as well as reaching across the aisle to find common ground within the Problem Solvers Caucus. Additionally, Rep. Pettersen is a member of the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force, Pro-Choice Caucus, Wildfire Task Force, Equality Caucus, Future Forum, and Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

Representative Pettersen has visited all eight counties in Colorado's 7th Congressional District, traveling from Broomfield and Jefferson County out to Park, Lake, Chaffee, Teller, Fremont, and Custer counties. During this time, she's met with thousands of constituents, local officials, and community leaders.

## Office Openings

Rep. Pettersen has opened three offices to serve the people of Colorado's 7th District – one in Washington DC, one in Lakewood, and another in Cañon City.



Since opening these offices, Rep. Pettersen's staff has helped solve nearly 200 constituent cases from IRS benefits and passport renewals to veteran cases and social security.



## Business Roundtables

Rep. Pettersen is dedicated to supporting small businesses that are at the heart of every community in Colorado. She has hosted discussions with business leaders across the district to hear directly from them about the challenges they're facing and let them know what federal resources are available.

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## Bringing Resources to CO-07

Rep. Pettersen has been crisscrossing the district, connecting constituents, business owners, local officials, and others with the federal resources and contacts they need to get help. She hosted USDA Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small in Chaffee County to discuss rural development, has submitted community project funding requests on behalf of her communities, and is getting the word out about grant opportunities.

## Hosting the Vice President

In March, Rep. Pettersen hosted Vice President Kamala Harris in Jefferson County for a discussion on how climate change is impacting states like Colorado.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

## THE MOUNTAIN MAIL

### VA, Rep. Pettersen reach out to rural veterans

by Hannah Harn Times reporter Mar 21, 2023 0



## CPR News

### Post office woes in the mountain towns of Buena Vista and Twin Lakes have caught U.S. Rep. Brittany Pettersen's attention

By Caitlyn Kim · Jan. 26, 2023, 5:27 pm

"Pettersen is hopeful that her perch on the Financial Services committee will help her address this immediate problem and the underlying issues that lead to workforce shortages, like lack of affordable housing."

## The Chaffee County Times

### U.S. Rep. Pettersen holds business roundtable

Pettersen said she knew broadband and consistent internet were major needs for the community, particularly kids in school.

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### U.S. Rep. Brittany Pettersen joins House's bipartisan addiction, mental health task force

By ERNEST LUNING [ernest.luning@coloradopolitics.com](mailto:ernest.luning@coloradopolitics.com) Jan 20, 2023 Updated Mar 28, 2023 0

Elected in November to represent Colorado's 7th Congressional District, the Lakewood Democrat led efforts to combat the crisis — inspired, she says, by her mother Stacy's struggles with addiction.



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