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WELCOME

Representing Iowans in the United States Senate is an honor and a privilege. My constant focus is advocating on your behalf and delivering on the issues that matter most for our state. Iowa is number one in the Senate as a result of my seniority in Congress.

This booklet includes some achievements from my work on behalf of Iowans this year. As we enter 2026, I encourage you to let me know what's on your mind. My door is always open, so be sure to keep in touch.

U.S. Senator for Iowa



NUMBERS TO KNOW:



Grassley responded to **467,414** messages from Iowans this year. He makes it a priority to respond to every constituent who contacts his office.



88% of the legislation Grassley authored this year has been bipartisan.

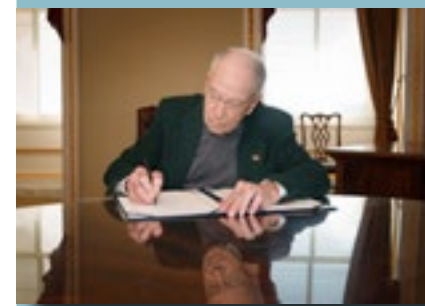


Grassley completed his **45th** consecutive year of **99** county meetings. He also held **287** press calls with Iowa journalists. No question is off limits, and Iowans set the agenda.

Iowa: Number One in the Senate

This year Senator Grassley was sworn in for a second time as [President pro tempore](#) of the Senate, a constitutional office bestowed upon the longest serving member of the Senate majority. He previously held this position from 2019 to 2021. Iowa is number one in the Senate thanks to [Grassley's leadership](#). He leverages the Senate's seniority system to benefit Iowa through his high-ranking standing throughout the upper chamber, including through influential committee assignments and Judiciary chairman responsibilities.

After opening the daily business of the Senate, Grassley delivers remarks to bring attention to issues important to Iowa. You can find those remarks [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

The first bill Grassley signed as President pro tempore in 2025 was the *Laken Riley Act*.

HISTORY

SERIES

As a policymaker and history lover, Grassley understands the importance of using the lessons of history to inform policy decisions that will make the world a better place. Ignoring history risks repeating mistakes of the past. Get a refreshing take on Grassley's observations connecting history with current events by subscribing to his "HIStory" series and find the entire series on his [website](#). Scan the QR code to learn more.



Every County, Every Year

“Tonight was an example of our democracy at work. Today happened because we [sent] an e-mail to the senator’s office... Within a matter of days, there was a response and within months, including during a government shutdown, he’s here,” Mahlberg said. *“... [T]he fact that he was here today really impressed us and amazed us.”*

Source: N’West Iowa REVIEW

Senator Grassley’s annual 99 county meetings set the gold standard for representative government. This year, Grassley completed the annual tradition for the 45th time, holding at least one question-and-answer session with Iowans in every county. It’s part of Grassley’s ironclad commitment to foster civic engagement.

Dialogue is the essence of representative government. Grassley meets with a cross-section of the population, including factory workers, farmers, students, seniors and health care workers. No matter the setting, Iowans set the agenda and no question is off limits. Their feedback guides Grassley’s policy priorities in Washington. This year Iowans consistently raised concerns about health care costs and the farm economy.

In August, Grassley met with the Iowa Restaurant Association, the Iowa Hotel and Lodging Association and the Iowa Latino Hospitality Council in Council Bluffs. Employers shared how thrilled their workers are to keep more take-home pay, with no tax on tips and no tax on overtime policies thanks to the historic law President Trump signed in July. From [soybean farmers in Corning](#) to [health care professionals in Madison County](#), to [factory workers in Dickinson County](#), Grassley celebrated Iowa’s skilled workforce and heard what matters most to families across the state.



Grassley holds Lee County town meeting.



Grassley discusses no tax on tips in Pottawattamie County.

Year One of Trump’s Second Term

President Trump was sworn into office for his second term on Jan. 20, 2025, and he hit the ground running on Day One. Senator Grassley, who has represented Iowans in Congress over nine presidential administrations, says Trump’s second term in the White House hit Washington “like a hurricane.”

Seventy-seven million Americans voted for the Trump-Vance ticket to restore peace and prosperity. Elections have consequences, and Trump is working at warp speed to deliver on the mandate the voters gave him and keep his campaign promises. In the [first year of Trump 2.0](#), his administration has secured the border; signed into law the largest tax cut in U.S. history; negotiated a Middle East peace deal; led efforts to fix our foreign trade imbalance; and put the safety and prosperity of Americans first.



Tax Cuts for Working Families

This year, Congress passed the [Working Family Tax Cuts](#) into law to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts and prevent families from being hit with the largest tax increase in American history. Senator Grassley helped secure this victory to benefit the hardworking men and women of Iowa and help grow America's economic engine.

If Congress did **NOT** pass this law:

- The average Iowa household's taxes would have increased by \$2,063.
- 57,000 manufacturing jobs would have been lost.
- Small businesses and farmers across Iowa would have seen the federal death tax exemption cut in half.
- 269,150 Iowa small business owners would have lost their 20% small business tax deduction.

The Grassley-backed law delivers key benefits for [Iowa families](#) by permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit to \$2,200 and making the increased and enhanced standard deduction permanent, which is claimed by over 90% of taxpayers.

The measure also strengthened the employer-provided childcare credit and boosted childcare assistance. It supports Iowa seniors through critical tax relief, allowing those over 65 to deduct an additional \$6,000 when filing their taxes.

The law is a win for workers across Iowa. It largely [eliminated taxes on tips and overtime](#), allowing employees in the hospitality and personal service industries to keep more of their hard-earned money and secure more take-home pay for Iowa's factory workers, construction workers and nurses.

The Working Family Tax Cuts law also brings relief to Americans by cutting unnecessary red tape. The law repeals burdensome Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements – which would have required transactions over \$600 on payment apps like Venmo to be reported.

Advancing Iowa's Clean Energy Future

Senator Grassley's lifelong stewardship of Iowa's rich farmland and natural resources guides his work on Capitol Hill to promote renewable energy and a clean environment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Grassley successfully got the wind industry [off the ground](#) by instituting America's first-ever federal wind energy tax credit in [1992](#), earning him recognition as the "father" of wind energy production. More than three decades later, the wind industry has expanded and matured.

As part of the [Working Family Tax Cuts](#) law, Grassley fought to improve the transition period for planned wind and solar projects by providing a 12-month runway for projects to begin construction. This action supercharged near-term growth for the renewable energy industry and protected workable standards to get projects from the drawing board to the finish line. Wind energy has come a long way over the past several decades, and Grassley believes an orderly phase-out of its tax credit will provide a smooth glide path to self-sufficiency for the industry.

Grassley secured another victory by preventing a punitive new tax on wind and solar from becoming law. Renewable energy is critical to Iowa, which generates more than [60%](#) of its energy from wind power alone.

We applaud Senator Grassley for championing policies that strengthen our energy infrastructure while supporting job creation and long-term investment in the heartland and across the country.

- Alliant Energy

Agriculture

Family farmers need certainty to plan from one harvest to the next. With [high input costs](#) and low commodity prices hitting the ag economy, farmers across the state are facing [urgent financial hardship](#). The historic tax law this summer significantly [boosted the farm safety net](#), providing welcome news for family farmers.

[Here's what's included for Rural America:](#)

- Increased reference prices for 2025-2031 crop years;
- Boosted crop insurance for beginning farmers;
- Permanently expanded death tax exemption, up to \$15 million for individuals and \$30 million for couples;
- Eliminated tax subsidies for renewable fuels produced from imported feedstocks;
- Extended Clean Fuels Production Tax Credit through 2029;
- Included relief for small biodiesel producers who shut down operations during the previous administration due to regulatory foot-dragging.

Pushing for Year-round, Nationwide E15

While work will continue next year on a new Farm Bill, Grassley is pushing Congress right now to pass year-round, nationwide E15 to help boost farm income and lower prices at the pump. Selling E15 across the country 365 days a year would save taxpayers up to \$4 billion and add \$15.8 billion to the U.S. economy, of which \$13.8 billion would come from corn demand. Iowa is number one in corn and renewable fuel production that creates tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in rural communities across the state. Getting his [bipartisan legislation](#) across the finish line would give retailers the certainty of federal law to invest in equipment and infrastructure.



Lowering the High Cost of Fertilizer

As an outspoken champion for Rural America and lifelong family farmer, Senator Grassley has heard anguishing stories from farm families about their income crisis, particularly crop farmers. The high input costs are pinching profitability, especially high fertilizer prices, particularly when commodity prices are below the cost of production. That's why he [successfully pushed](#) to add [phosphate](#) and potash to the [U.S. Critical Minerals List](#) and is urging the Trump administration to [get rid of the Biden Phosphate Duties](#) that push up fertilizer prices and destabilize food security.

Supporting Farm Aid

Grassley [used his voice](#) to bring attention to the crisis in farm-country and push for direct farm assistance. Although farmers prefer to profit through the marketplace, Grassley supports immediate direct cash assistance to help [farmers stay afloat during this historic downturn](#) in the farm economy.

The White House [announced bridge payments](#) in December to help farmers survive the financial headwinds through no fault of their own, from high input costs to falling commodity prices and uncertain export markets. While the Trump administration continues working to fix trade imbalances [and hold China's feet to the fire to buy U.S. soybeans](#), Grassley continues pressing the White House to get behind year-round, nationwide E15 that would add billions to the farm economy.



Grassley holds a Q&A with members of the Jones County Farm Bureau in Anamosa.



Grassley holds a Q&A with members of the Iowa Corn Growers Association in Lucas County.

Health Care

The cost of health care is often top of mind for Iowans at Senator Grassley's 99 county meetings. From Grassley's senior position on the Senate Finance Committee, he works to find policy solutions that will make health care services more [accessible and affordable](#).

Protecting Rural Health Care and Supporting Telehealth

The Working Family Tax Cuts law included a \$50 billion [rural health transformation fund](#) to ensure hospitals, nursing homes, community health clinics and other rural providers can continue serving their communities and improve care.

The Grassley-backed tax law also allows Americans to access telehealth services before their deductible is met. This preserves access to essential virtual care options for over 32 million Americans.

Preserving and Strengthening Medicaid

The tax law [improves and preserves](#) Medicaid for those who need it while enacting integrity provisions to root out waste, fraud and abuse. The law cracks down on duplicate enrollment, unenrolls deceased individuals, reduces excess provider payments and requires states to check eligibility twice a year. [These provisions](#) save taxpayers over \$500 billion.

The law also includes commonsense work requirements for able-bodied adults to qualify for Medicaid, with reasonable exemptions for pregnant mothers, caregivers or parents, the medically frail and veterans with a disability rated as total.

Cracking Down on Obamacare Fraud

In 2024, taxpayers reportedly footed the bill for approximately \$20 billion in improper Obamacare subsidies. This number was projected to [exceed \\$27 billion in 2025](#) – prompting Grassley to demand answers from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding widespread fraud in the system.

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices Through PBM Transparency

Pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, are the powerful middlemen in the drug supply chain. They determine what medications are covered by a health insurance plan and how much it costs patients at the counter. PBMs operate in the shadows, preventing patients or pharmacists from fully knowing how they set prices, rebates and formularies.

Senator Grassley is leading the fight to shine a light on PBMs' shady practices. This year, he joined Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to introduce the [PBM Price Transparency and Accountability Act](#) to improve accountability and oversight of PBMs.

Several of the bill's provisions were lifted from the [Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act](#), which Grassley led through the Finance Committee as chairman in 2019. The *Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act* was an initiative to save seniors and Americans with disabilities \$95 billion in out-of-pocket costs in [Medicare Part D](#) and reduce premiums by \$1 billion. As Finance Committee Chairman in 2003, Grassley was instrumental in creating Medicare Part D, which was the first outpatient prescription drug benefit for seniors.

In April, Grassley led the Senate Judiciary Committee in approving six bipartisan bills to boost competition in the pharmaceutical industry and improve access to more affordable prescription drugs. This included the [Prescription Pricing for the People Act](#), which requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to complete a study of PBMs.

Caring for Rural Iowans

Grassley introduced the [Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act](#) this Congress to expand basic medical services for older Americans in communities that lack easy access to doctors.

The legislation would allow pharmacists to be reimbursed for providing health care services to Medicare patients, such as health and wellness screenings, immunizations and diabetes management, in states where pharmacists are already licensed under state law to provide them, like Iowa.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley

In 2025, Senator Grassley retook the gavel as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Grassley has brought Iowa common sense to the powerful Judiciary Committee since 1981, when he was first sworn into the Senate. Grassley's chairmanship is anchored by his no-nonsense approach to representative government, as well as his robust commitment to accountability and transparency, whistleblower protections and the rule of law.



About the Committee

The Senate Judiciary Committee is one of the first-established committees in the upper chamber. Its expansive legislative and oversight jurisdiction makes the Committee highly influential.

The Committee has [legislative jurisdiction](#) over immigration; bankruptcy; anti-trust; criminal and juvenile justice laws; whistleblower protections; intellectual property; the federal judiciary and more. Its oversight responsibilities include keeping check on the [Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) and agencies under its umbrella, such as the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI), as well as components of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Committee plays an important role in the consideration of executive nominations – like the [Attorney General](#), the [FBI Director](#) and U.S. attorneys – and leads confirmation hearings for judicial nominees to the federal bench, from district judgeships all the way up to the Supreme Court.

This Year at the Helm:

- **Committee and Subcommittee Hearings: 59**
- **Bills Reported Out of Committee: 23**
- **Nominees Reported Out of Committee: 84**

Ending the Biden Border Crisis

During the Biden administration, more than 10 million illegal immigrants poured across our nation's borders, including violent criminals and potential terrorists. The Biden Border Crisis overwhelmed law enforcement and immigration officials, [empowering cartels](#) and [allowing dangerous sponsors](#) to prey on unaccompanied migrant children.

Chairman Grassley's oversight revealed the Biden administration paroled into the U.S. over 6,000 individuals with potential criminal or terrorist ties. The previous administration [failed](#) to remove these individuals after their parole expired. Additionally, the Biden administration [lost track](#) of hundreds-of-thousands of migrant children, failed to conduct [home studies](#) for nearly 10% of children recommended to have one and [dismissed](#) over 65,000 concerning reports regarding migrant children, including over 7,300 reports of human trafficking.

Republicans and the Trump administration have [taken a sledgehammer](#) to these reckless policies and continue to stand up for brave immigration officers, who are [frequent targets](#) of violent attacks. As chair of the Judiciary Committee, Grassley shepherded the largest border and immigration investment in modern history into law this year, which included [significant upgrades](#) for immigration and border security to make communities safer. These provisions included funds to finish border wall construction, hire additional immigration officers, enhance migrant screening and reimburse states that shouldered the costs of the Biden-Harris administration's border crisis.

Supporting the American Workforce

Grassley this year recharged bipartisan efforts to shed light on abuses of [non-immigrant visa programs](#) that harm American workers and students. He teamed up with Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) to reintroduce the [H-1B and L-1 Visa Reform Act](#) to root out fraud and abuse within the H-1B skilled-worker visa program and enhance transparency in the foreign worker recruitment process. The lawmakers [wrote](#) to 10 major U.S. employers – including Amazon, Google and Meta – to examine their use of H-1B visas and the impact it's having on the domestic workforce. American workers shouldn't be undercut by cheap foreign labor.

Grassley also called on and has pressed DHS to [stop issuing work authorizations](#) to student visa holders, which is in direct violation of the law. These authorizations ignore congressional caps on employment visas for foreign graduates, harm American job seekers and put the nation at risk of technological and corporate espionage.

Putting President Trump's Team in Place

Under Chairman Grassley's leadership, the Judiciary Committee in 2025 advanced 84 of President Trump's executive and judicial nominees, including [Attorney General Pam Bondi](#), [Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche](#), [FBI Director Kash Patel](#), six circuit court judges and 24 district court judges. The Committee also reported out 36 U.S. attorney nominees – outpacing the number advanced in the Biden administration's first year. In 2026, the Judiciary Committee will continue to efficiently advance highly qualified nominees to serve the American people and faithfully uphold the rule of law.



Grassley welcomes FBI Director Kash Patel to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Lifetime Judicial Appointments

The Judiciary Committee is responsible for vetting and approving all Article III judges, including presidential nominations to the Supreme Court, appellate courts and district courts. Once passed out of the Judiciary Committee and confirmed by the Senate, these nominees are appointed for a lifetime of service.

Grassley is committed to advancing constitutionalist judges who interpret the law, rather than legislating from the bench. The 30 federal judges approved by the Judiciary Committee this year are a testament to that principle.

FACT: The Judiciary Committee has held hearings for 96% of the judicial nominations it's received this year. That's the fastest pace since 1981.

Breaking Through the Partisan Blockade

Chairman Grassley and Senate Republicans this year overcame unprecedented partisan obstruction of President Trump's nominees to fill key roles, including vacancies for U.S. attorneys across the country. U.S. attorneys uphold public safety in their communities, acting as states' top federal prosecutors. In the past, these nominations were routinely confirmed on a bipartisan basis due to their non-political and non-controversial nature. During the Biden administration, 94% of U.S. attorneys were confirmed by bipartisan voice vote.

That bipartisan tradition was destroyed this year when the Senate Minority placed indefinite, [blanket holds](#) on all of President Trump's 93 U.S. attorneys in a nonsensical and counterproductive act of partisan protest. As a result of the Minority's actions, Americans were denied their top law enforcement officials – including [communities in Iowa](#).

Senate Republicans broke the partisan blockade in October and have since confirmed 31 U.S. attorneys, including the U.S. Attorneys for the [Southern and Northern Districts of Iowa](#). Thanks to Grassley's leadership, the Senate confirmed as many U.S. attorneys in the first year of Trump's second term as were confirmed in the first year of Biden's term.

Fighting Unconstitutional Judicial Overreach

Our nation's system of checks and balances ensures that the three federal branches of government don't overstep their constitutional authority. After President Trump was sworn into office, many lower court judges targeted the president's efforts to secure the border, deport foreign terrorists and slash waste, fraud and abuse. These judges attempted to derail the people's agenda by issuing unconstitutional orders, known as [universal injunctions](#), that exceeded their constitutional authority of resolving "cases" or "controversies" before the court.

In [response](#) to the unprecedented use of universal injunctions, Grassley chaired a hearing to examine the issue and [introduced legislation](#) to end the practice. Grassley also [included provisions](#) in the [Working Family Tax Cuts](#) law to help the Department of Justice combat universal injunctions.

The Supreme Court issued a [June decision](#) affirming Grassley's position that federal courts were overstepping their authority through the widespread use of universal injunctions.

Keeping an Eye on the Courts

In addition to confirming federal judges, the Judiciary Committee conducts oversight of the judicial branch. As a government watchdog, Chairman Grassley pushes for increased transparency and accountability in courtrooms, including through his longtime effort to allow [cameras in federal courts](#).

Grassley's oversight keeps check on the federal judiciary. For example, this year, he exposed two federal judges who used artificial intelligence (AI) to draft [error-ridden court orders](#) with little to no human verification. These orders misquoted state law and attributed fake quotes to defendants. In response to Grassley's oversight, both judges acknowledged their mistakes and implemented corrective measures to verify the accuracy of their court orders. Grassley is now [calling on](#) every federal judge to develop formal measures to prevent future AI misuse.

Grassley also teamed up with House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) to probe federal judges who provided anonymous statements to the press smearing the Supreme Court. The chairmen wrote to Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, urging him to address the inappropriate comments and noting that judges' inflammatory comments cast doubt on the judiciary and may even violate judicial [ethical obligations](#).



Grassley hosts his sixth Federal Judiciary Youth Summit, giving eastern Iowa students a glimpse into the judicial branch.

Restoring Law and Order

[Soft-on-crime policies](#) endanger Americans and embolden criminals, leading to an increase in [drug trafficking](#), violence, [illegal immigration](#), child exploitation and [retail crime](#). In September, witnesses at a Judiciary Committee hearing [testified](#) how police officers in certain high-crime cities are pushed to keep crime statistics low by reducing felonies to misdemeanors. Additionally, violent criminals are released immediately after arrest, [judges side with murderers](#) over victims' families and lawful gunowners are scrutinized more heavily than actual criminals.

Republicans and the Trump administration are working to undo these dangerous policies, back the blue and restore commonsense to the criminal justice system. Under Chairman Grassley's leadership, the Judiciary Committee this year [advanced](#) the largest package of pro-law enforcement bills in over 15 years, four of which were [signed into law](#) as part of Congress' annual defense bill.

Grassley also secured [historic investments](#) for law enforcement officers as part of the Working Family Tax Cuts law. Grassley's provisions increased funding for training centers, the Bureau of Prisons and programs that support local police departments. Law enforcement organizations nationwide [supported](#) his efforts, noting the new funding would supercharge their work to safeguard national security and public safety.



Grassley meets with the Iowa State Police Association in Washington.

Delivering for American Communities

From the helm of the Judiciary Committee, Chairman Grassley advanced legislation to make America a safer and more prosperous nation. He authored bills to target organized criminal networks, crack down on illicit drugs, protect children from exploitation, support victims of violent crime, curb human trafficking and more.

Combating Organized Retail Crime

Grassley and Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) reintroduced their [Combating Organized Retail Crime Act](#) to establish a multi-agency response to tackle [evolving trends in retail theft](#), recover stolen goods and deter future attacks on American retailers. Thieves are stealing cargo, raising costs for consumers and eating into the bottom lines of shippers, truckers and retailers. Because of this, expert witnesses at a Judiciary hearing this year [urged congressional action](#) on Grassley's "game changing" legislation. The bill has been [endorsed](#) by 38 state attorneys general, leading advocacy groups, major law enforcement organizations and over 260 impacted businesses, like Home Depot and Ulta.

Safeguarding Children

In response to [emerging online threats](#) targeting children, Grassley convened a Judiciary Committee [hearing](#) to examine legislative solutions to predatory grooming, child sexual exploitation and coercion. He also [introduced](#) three child safety bills to protect kids and create safer digital spaces:

- The *Sentencing Accountability for Exploitation (SAFE) Act* would beef up the federal sentencing guideline for child sexual abuse material (CSAM).
- The *Ending Coercion of Children and Harm Online (ECCHO) Act* would create a new standard to address online international criminal networks who coerce and threaten children into hurting themselves, others or animals.
- The *Stop Sextortion Act* would target criminals who use threats to distribute CSAM to extort or coerce children.

Halting the Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl

For decades, cartels exploited a [legal loophole](#) to traffic deadly drugs into American communities. Thanks to Grassley's [Halt All Lethal Trafficking \(HALT\) of Fentanyl Act](#), that loophole no longer exists. The *HALT Fentanyl Act*, which was [signed into law](#) this summer, permanently classified fentanyl-related substances as a highly lethal drug with no legitimate use. Anyone involved in pedaling these poisons will face harsh consequences.



Grassley attends the signing ceremony of the HALT Fentanyl Act.

Transparency Brings Accountability

In your choice to support me, you not only chose to support an FBI agent and a whistleblower but a fellow American, a son, a husband and a father... I firmly believe your actions in my case should make our fellow Americans very proud and your constituents in Iowa reassured in their choice to make you, their Senator.

- Zachery Schoffstall,
FBI Special Agent Reinstated
as a Result of Grassley Advocacy

Senator Grassley is an unflinching government watchdog who's constantly delivering on Congress' constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the executive branch. He pushes for answers to find out how the government's been using your taxpayer dollars and to root out waste, fraud and abuse. While the Biden administration kept the American people in the dark, President Trump and his administration have delivered on their promise of transparency by routinely responding to Grassley's requests for records and information. Sunlight is the best disinfectant.

Of course, the federal bureaucracy can always use a little more light. That's why Congress relies on whistleblowers to speak up when they see something awry. Grassley's door is always open to whistleblowers, and he's their [greatest defender on Capitol Hill](#).

As the co-founder and co-chair of the [Senate Whistleblower Protection Caucus](#), Grassley works tirelessly to empower brave truth-tellers and shield them from unlawful retaliation. In the past year, he's successfully [restored the careers](#) of at least 15 whistleblowers at three separate federal agencies.



Grassley speaks at the annual National Whistleblower Day event.

Arctic Frost: A Scandal Worse than Watergate

Three years ago, whistleblowers came to Senator Grassley with concerns about a pattern of political partisanship by agents at the Biden FBI. Grassley [followed up](#) with the FBI seeking more information about the whistleblowers' allegations. The Biden FBI stonewalled his request; meanwhile, courageous whistleblowers continued to bring concerning documents to Grassley's attention. Since then, Grassley has made thousands of pages of whistleblower records public, including over 197 grand jury subpoenas and related documents, exposing a scandal that's arguably worse than Watergate: [Arctic Frost](#).

"Arctic Frost" was the codename for an FBI investigation opened in 2022 by a highly partisan FBI agent to target President Trump and prevent his return to the White House. Top leadership at the Biden FBI and DOJ [personally signed off](#) on the investigation, then handed it over to Jack Smith, a DOJ Special Counsel who vastly expanded the investigation. Smith secretly swept up records from [hundreds of Republican entities and individuals](#) – including over a dozen [members of Congress](#) – simply because of their political affiliation.

Arctic Frost was a runaway train that targeted the entire Republican political apparatus. Smith's invasive actions raise serious constitutional and legal questions, and those involved in Arctic Frost must answer for their actions. That's why Grassley is leading the charge in Congress to expose everything behind this outrageous act of government weaponization. He [plans to hold a series of hearings](#) to do exactly that in 2026.



Grassley holds a press conference on shocking Arctic Frost findings.

Standing Strong at Home and Abroad

Senator Grassley continues to fight for our national security and stand up for our allies.

After the chilling October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks on Israel by Iran-backed Hamas, Grassley took action to [stand with America's strongest ally](#) in the Middle East. This year, he joined a resolution [condemning](#) Hamas' brutal attack and [spoke out](#) against disturbing attacks against Jewish students. After the Trump administration successfully brokered the release of all remaining hostages, Grassley praised the administration's tireless effort to secure their return. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Grassley held a [hearing in March](#) about the need to stem the tide of antisemitism.

As a founding member and co-chair of the Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus, Grassley remains a steadfast [supporter of Ukraine](#) in the wake of Putin's unprovoked war. After Russia kidnapped over 20,000 Ukrainian children to brainwash and Russify them, Grassley and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) [passed legislation into law](#) to help secure the children's return.

China remains one of America's biggest adversaries, and the destabilizing actions of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) continue to threaten America's interests. Grassley has taken action to crack down on Chinese purchases of [American farmland](#) and voted to rebuild America's military to deter further Chinese aggression, which includes an additional \$150 billion in funding for the Department of Defense (DoD). All the while, Grassley continued his DoD oversight, rooting out [fraud](#) and abuse at the Office of Net Assessment and demanding the DoD [improve](#) its tracking of all transactions.

In an effort to root out wrongdoing and improper influence, he has also conducted oversight of [nonprofits](#) and educational institutions in the United States that accept CCP-backed funding.



Grassley attends the dignified transfer of remains for two fallen Iowa National Guard members at Dover Air Force Base.

SENATOR GRASSLEY'S *2025 Year in Review*

