

WELCOME

Serving the people of Iowa is an honor I take very seriously. Every year, for 44 years, I've made it my top priority to listen to your views, advocate for our great state and deliver real results for Iowans.

Washington is an island surrounded by reality. It could always use a good dose of Iowans' work ethic and common sense. I try to instill those values in our nation's capital and work to hold the government accountable to the American people.

The following is a brief update on some of my work this year. As we turn the page into 2025, I encourage all Iowans to keep in touch. Let me know what's important to you.

Chuck Grassley

U.S. Senator for Iowa



HISTORY SERIES

It's no secret Senator Grassley loves history and enjoys sharing [#realhistorychannel](#) updates with his nearly 1 million [followers on X](#). This year, Iowa's senior senator launched a recurring series of commentary and analysis on current events and public policy looking through the lens of history. In 2024, Grassley has shared his insights about [Women's History Month](#), [Social Security](#), [Herbert Hoover](#) and more. Grassley invites you to follow along and subscribe to the *HIStory* series to learn more about how he fights for Iowa. You can use the QR code or go to [grassley.senate.gov](#) to subscribe.



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Did u know Johnny Carson was born in Corning? He hosted the Tonight show from 1962-1992 [#realhistorychannel](#)



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RECORD BREAKING YR The Iowa State Fair had 1,182,682 attendees in 2024 What wld u expect from the gr8est fair in the country???? [#realhistorychannel](#)



Keeping in Touch

with Iowans

For the **44th consecutive year**, Senator Grassley completed his annual 99 county meetings, holding at least one question-and-answer session in every Iowa county. It's a tradition that helps Iowa's senior senator keep his finger squarely on the pulse of the people he serves.

This year, one-third of Grassley's county meetings were open town halls; the remaining were hosted by high schools, small businesses, service clubs, farmers and hospitals throughout the state. No matter the setting, the format stays the same: **lowans set the agenda**. After all, dialogue is the essence of representative government. Grassley brings your feedback and ideas with him to the policymaking tables in Washington.



Grassley holds Q&A at the Oliver farm in Warren County.



Grassley holds a town meeting in Jefferson County.



Grassley and Ernst survey tornado damage in Greenfield.



Grassley meets with Oskaloosa high school students.

This year, the issues foremost in Iowans' minds were the **high cost of living**, **illegal immigration** and the **farm bill reauthorization**. Iowans told Grassley they're working harder than ever just to get by, let alone get ahead.

The hard work and ingenuity of Iowans continue to inspire. For example, Grassley observed Iowans make organic baby formula in Allerton and manufacture commercial bakery equipment in Rock Rapids. He heard directly from Iowans about the challenges they face, from labor shortages to the high cost of materials. Throughout the year, he celebrated Iowa's skilled workforce. And when disaster struck, Grassley went to impacted communities to meet with residents and local leaders to discuss recovery efforts in the wake of devastating storms and flooding. He keeps on top of federal agencies, including FEMA, to ensure eligible disaster victims receive federal assistance and protect its taxpayer-supported mission against unlawful partisanship. No matter the issue raised, Grassley works to ensure all Iowans' questions are answered and their needs are met.



"Sen. Grassley answers range of town hall questions during Marshalltown stop"
- *Times Republican*



Follow along as Grassley completes his 99 county meetings.



Farm Bill Priorities

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Grassley consistently advocates for Iowa crop farmers and livestock producers at the policymaking tables in Washington. Without a doubt, financial hardship caused by high input costs and low commodity prices has continued to place a heavy burden on farmers' shoulders. A downturn in the farm economy creates a domino effect that impacts Main Street, implement dealers and jobs across rural America. During the Biden-Harris administration, farm profitability fell \$22 billion. To add insult to injury, the administration's heavy-handed regulatory policies – from electric vehicle mandates to complex proposals for policing herbicide and insecticides – drove up costs and fueled uncertainty.

Congress has twice extended the outdated 2018 Farm Bill. Farmers are anxiously awaiting a new Farm Bill that brings safety nets up to speed with current market conditions. Grassley is pushing Senate Republicans to move quickly in the 119th Congress to pass a five-year reauthorization that puts more “farm” back in the Farm Bill. Currently, 85 percent of funding goes towards nutrition assistance programs, leaving only 15 percent for the farm safety net. That needs to change.

Grassley's top priorities for the next five-year Farm Bill:

- Raise reference prices;
- Strengthen crop insurance;
- Enact reasonable payment limits;
- Fix overpayments in SNAP (food stamps);
- Enhance congressional oversight of the Commodity Credit Corporation;
- Protect U.S. farmland from foreign adversaries;
- Help pork producers impacted by Prop 12.

Keeping Foreign Adversaries Off U.S. Farmland

When Senator Grassley served Iowans in the U.S. House of Representatives, he helped write a federal law requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to report to Congress on foreign investments in U.S. farmland. Today, he's still working tirelessly to protect and preserve America's Heartland, and that includes pushing the USDA to strengthen its implementation of the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act. Those efforts are all the more important today, as foreign adversaries like China attempt to infiltrate schools, peddle influence in the public square online, spy in plain sight and buy up the ground beneath our feet. Foreign purchases of U.S. farmland are not only a threat to national security and food security, they also push up land costs, making it even more difficult for young and beginning farmers to get started. Grassley will keep his nose to the grindstone to protect ownership of American acres in the next Congress.

The U.S. is projected to incur a **\$32 billion** agricultural trade deficit in 2024.



Expanding Overseas Markets

The Biden-Harris administration's lackluster trade strategy contributed to a sharp drop in U.S. farm exports and a stinging decline in net farm income. When the U.S. sits on the sidelines, our global competitors fill the void - at the expense of our nation's producers. In the 119th Congress, Grassley will push the Trump administration to reduce trade barriers and keep in mind the impact of tariffs on American agriculture. History shows free trade and capitalism foster opportunity and prosperity. American farmers are ready to compete for every sale, in every market.

Iowa Leads the Way

Senator Grassley this year sought to expand markets for Iowa producers ready to fuel the world. He pushed back on restrictive regulations that don't work beyond Washington's bureaucratic bubble. And, as a [Clean Energy Champion](#), Grassley celebrated the many [wind](#), [biofuel](#) and [solar](#) pioneers across Iowa. Grassley's unwavering priority is to empower their efforts and bolster U.S. national security by embracing an all-the-above energy approach.



Grassley accepts the 2024 Clean Energy Champion award.
[Photo credit: Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions]

Year Round E15

Grassley this spring [successfully pressed](#) the White House for a summertime E15 waiver. This is the third year in a row Grassley's persistence has paid off for ethanol producers and consumers. At the same time, he continued to advance a [bipartisan bill to permanently authorize year-round E15 sales](#), so Americans won't have to face seasonal uncertainty at all. Uninterrupted E15 would be a welcome, sensible change for retailers, producers and drivers alike.

This Might Blow You Away . . .



Did you know there wasn't a single wind turbine in Iowa before Grassley's 1993 *Wind Energy Tax Credit* became law? Today, Iowa sources [approximately 62 percent](#) of its electricity from wind and is the [second-largest](#) wind energy generator in the nation. The wind energy industry now holds [America's fastest-growing job](#).

[Read](#) Grassley's *Des Moines Register* op-ed, "How Iowa pioneered the rise of renewable energy," in honor of National Iowa Day.



Iowa Ethanol: All Positives, No Negatives

"When people in Washington ask me about Iowa ethanol – and, even when they don't ask – I tell them four things: First, biofuels are good for the environment. Second, biofuels are easier on consumers' pocketbooks. Third, biofuels help reduce our reliance on foreign energy sources. Finally, 58,000 good-paying jobs in small towns were created through the biofuels industry. All positives and no negatives. In other words, ethanol is good, good, good."

- U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)

Grassley [grilled](#) Biden's U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for failing to advocate for American ethanol producers on the world stage. He specifically urged more aggressive negotiations with Brazil in response to its [increased duties](#) on U.S. ethanol. The USTR told Grassley, *"The strength of your voice on this matter is an asset to us."* Grassley's keeping his foot on the gas to reduce market barriers.

Grassley [participated](#) in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Green Plains Clean Sugar plant in Shenandoah. He applauded the facility for being the first to ever combine wet and dry mill capabilities – not to mention, at a [40-percent lower carbon intensity](#) than competitors.



Grassley lauded unanimous Senate passage of his [resolution](#) designating May 2024 as Renewable Fuels Month. The measure drew nationwide attention to the diverse benefits ethanol – and other homegrown energies – brings to the table.

Sky-High Possibilities

Senator Grassley is one of the Senate's most vocal opponents of a Biden-Harris action that boxed out grain feedstocks from the burgeoning sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry.

In an average year, there are more than 10 million flights scheduled in the U.S. alone; however, only 360,000 planes in America and Europe, combined, have ever flown on SAF. That's a significant untapped market. With SAF expansion on the horizon, Grassley wants Iowa producers to be first in line to meet growing demand.

This year, corn and soybean producers eagerly awaited an update to the [science-based GREET Model](#) that determines their eligibility to contribute to SAF. But rather than pave the way for grain feedstocks, the Biden-Harris administration [mandated unworkable conditions](#) for grain farmers. Grassley immediately called out the administration for its out-of-touch rules.

He outlined Iowans' concerns with the Biden-Harris GREET Model update on the [Senate floor](#) and [to bureaucrats within Washington's beltway](#).

Grassley is additionally urging improvements in tax credits slated to take effect in 2025. A successful outcome would fix the Biden-Harris administration's poor GREET Model decision – and, as a result, allow Iowans to access new markets, scale SAF and get next generation fuels off the ground.

[Watch](#) Grassley discuss the GREET Model on Fox Business.



Investing in Iowa

Iowa – an agricultural and manufacturing powerhouse – relies on sound infrastructure to move our world class goods to market. That's why Senator Grassley supported the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA), which has brought millions of tax dollars back to our state. In the three years since the bipartisan infrastructure law's enactment, communities across Iowa have benefited from hundreds of unique projects. Below are just a few examples.

Airports

Our regional and municipal airports facilitate high volume passenger travel, drive job creation and transport Iowans and their homegrown products around the world. The bipartisan infrastructure law Senator Grassley supported provided Iowa airports with more than **\$50 million** in this year alone to improve terminal areas and streamline travel. Iowans can look forward to seeing [major upgrades](#) at Des Moines International Airport, Eastern Iowa Airport, Sioux Gateway Airport and more.



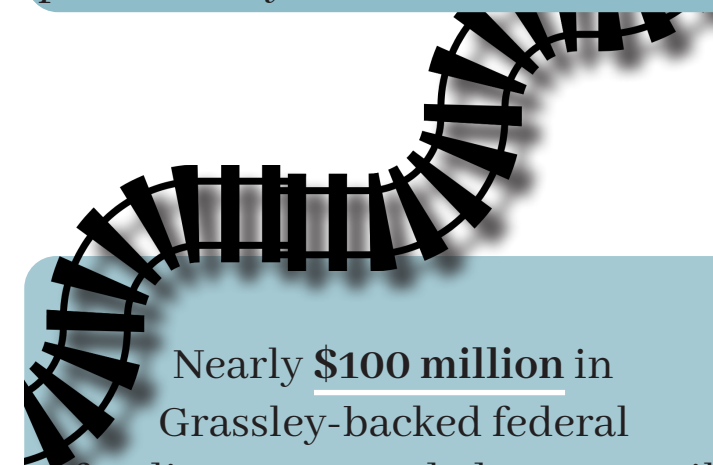
Did you know?

Iowa's aviation industry supports nearly 41,000 jobs and generates \$124 million in tax revenue each year.

Source: Iowa DOT

Railroads

Rail transportation is essential to the state's growing economy. Grassley in 2024 secured over **\$98 million** to modernize Iowa's railroad system, ensuring smooth transportation for large shipments and eliminating shipping delays. These federal dollars boost economic development and improve public safety.



Nearly **\$100 million** in Grassley-backed federal funding was awarded to Iowa rail infrastructure this year, benefiting communities in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Colfax, De Soto, Albia, Waterloo and more.

Roads and Bridges

Iowa this year secured significant federal resources for road and bridge upgrades. In Des Moines, federal funds are being used to make much-needed improvements to heavily traveled areas, like the [Southwest Mixmaster](#) and [Southeast Connector](#). Meanwhile, the city of Dubuque was awarded funding to [boost](#) public safety in urban neighborhoods. Drivers, passengers and pedestrians will enjoy safer commutes as a result.

Nearly one in every five Iowa bridges is deemed “structurally deficient” - in other words, upgrades have been long overdue. Senator Grassley’s vote for the bipartisan infrastructure law brought over \$138 million in funding to remove and replace over 37 bridges in ten [northeastern](#) and [eastern](#) counties, including Cedar Rapids’ [Arc of Justice bridge](#).

Clean Water

Grassley this year [joined Iowans](#) to celebrate the completion of a decades-long initiative bringing clean water to rural Iowa and beyond. The project began 24 years ago through [legislation](#) Grassley cosponsored. Since then, the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System has provided hundreds of thousands of residents in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota with access to safe, clean drinking water. In October of this year, Grassley [attended](#) a ribbon cutting ceremony in Sibley, marking the 20th and final community to be connected to the waterway.



Grassley at Lewis and Clark ribbon cutting in Sibley.

Budget and the Economy

The U.S. stands at the edge of a fiscal cliff due to years of unchecked spending. The Biden-Harris administration’s reckless regulatory outlays accelerated the trajectory. The 2024 deficit totaled \$1.8 trillion – but this explosive number seems like a drop in the bucket compared to the national debt, which topped \$35 trillion in July. It’s now 34 percent more expensive to service the debt than it was last year.

Americans are [feeling the consequences](#). Overall prices rose more than 20 percent during President Biden and Vice President Harris’ time in office, with groceries up 22 percent and energy up 34 percent. Farmers are shouldering hefty costs for inputs like seed, fertilizer and chemicals. Senator Grassley is working to restore [fiscal sanity](#) and safeguard Iowans’ hard-earned tax dollars.

A Costly Cover-Up

The Biden-Harris administration’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in July launched a demonstration program it claimed would lower seniors’ Part D premiums. In reality, the program papered over consequences from Democrats’ *Inflation “Reduction” Act (IRA)*: the entirely partisan law has allowed big health insurance companies to hike premiums and reduce plan options. Grassley teamed up with his counterpart on the House Budget Committee to request a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis of CMS’ demonstration program. The results showed the Biden-Harris plan would use [\\$21 billion in taxpayers’ money over just three years](#), all to hide *IRA* ramifications. Grassley continues to oppose this cost-shifting scheme and, instead, advocate for bipartisan policymaking paired with responsible spending.



‘Transparency Brings Accountability’

One of Senator Grassley’s favorite phrases that rings true time and time again.

Since the 1970s, the CBO has issued budget projections based on the president’s policy proposals. However, the federal agency has struggled to fully analyze Biden-Harris proposals due to their lack of detail. Grassley this year [secured a commitment](#) from the White House that it would submit all necessary information to the CBO. Even so, the White House [failed to share](#) specifics on over 60 of its policies, hamstringing this standard practice to account for taxpayer dollars.



Grassley attends a Senate Budget Committee hearing.



Scan to read
Grassley’s HIStory Series:
“[Budgeteers Can Rein
in Washington’s
Wild West Ways.](#)”

“ This administration’s **unprecedented lack of transparency and fiscal discipline** is insulting to Congress and the taxpayer. President Biden and Vice President Harris shouldn’t count on Congress to go along with their plan to stick Americans with the bill for a bunch of unclear initiatives – especially today, when households are facing 20 percent higher prices than they were four years ago.
- U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) ”

It’s the Budget Committee Not the Climate Committee

As the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Grassley has sought to build consensus around reining in the [debt](#), pumping the brakes on [deficit spending](#) and combatting inflation. To do so, he’s needed to counter the Democrat majority’s misguided agenda, including by [leading all Republican committee members in a letter to the chairman](#) underscoring the dire fiscal realities facing the country.

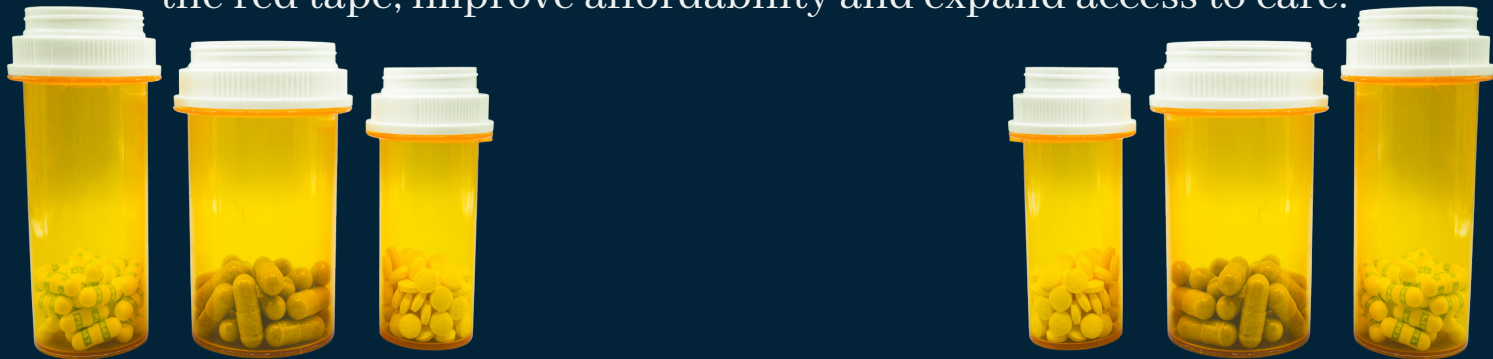


Ranking Member Grassley and Chairman Whitehouse at a Senate Budget Committee hearing.

During committee hearings, Grassley often discussed the importance of enforcing fiscal discipline, starting with the basics: pass a sound budget and [reform Congress’ broken appropriations process](#). He [reiterated](#) the urgency of preserving [Medicare](#) and [Social Security](#), calling for Congress to foster the bipartisanship President Reagan and House Speaker Tip O’Neill demonstrated when the programs faced insolvency in the 1980s. After more than 20 hearings intended to incite climate alarm, Grassley successfully pushed for the director of the nonpartisan CBO to [testify](#). It was the Budget Committee’s most-attended hearing.

HEALTH CARE

Since 2021, federal agencies have imposed over 120 regulations on the health care industry. Those bureaucratic burdens are costing taxpayers and providers over \$140 billion. It's saddled hospital administrators with roughly 24 million paperwork hours. Senator Grassley believes all that time and money would be better spent on patients. That's why he's working to cut the red tape, improve affordability and expand access to care.



Grassley touring Montgomery County Hospital in Red Oak.



Grassley meets with employees from Colfax pharmacy during his annual 99 county meetings.

"Just because Congress gets a law on the books, that doesn't always mean the executive branch will execute it immediately or properly: oversight brings accountability."

- U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley

A Dose of Sunshine

Ever since an Iowan wrote Senator Grassley years ago with concerns about high prescription drug costs, he's worked to pinpoint the causes. He's conducted extensive oversight into EpiPen manufacturers and insulin companies, among others, and proposed policies based on his findings. This Congress alone, Grassley has shepherded four bipartisan bills through four committees to tackle the sticker shock Americans are experiencing at the pharmacy counter.

Grassley is leading the fight in Congress to bring transparency to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). These powerful middlemen exist to negotiate lower costs on behalf of patients and independent pharmacies. But Grassley has revealed they're actually engaging in opaque practices that pad their own pockets and drive up consumers' expenses.

He requested the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) investigate potential anti-competitive practices. In June, Grassley welcomed a status update from the FTC: it confirmed his suspicions about consolidation and heightened public and legal scrutiny around PBMs. While he continues to urge the FTC to issue its full report, Grassley is using the interim report to increase momentum behind his legislative efforts. Senate-wide support for shining light on shady PBM practices has markedly grown since Grassley started digging into the issue – 68 senators have voted for at least one PBM accountability measure this Congress.



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Met w Iowa pharmacies Talked about my bipartisan efforts 2 hold powerful Rx middlemen called PBMs accountable We need more sunshine on PBM opaque practices Time 4 Senate 2 act on PBM bills 2 lower ur Rx cost



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Pro-Family,

Pro-Mother,

Pro-Life.

This year, Congress enacted Senator Grassley's bipartisan [*Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act*](#). The law will help curb infant mortality by allowing evidence-based stillbirth prevention efforts to qualify for federal funding. It was inspired by Iowa advocates whose education initiatives contributed to a 30 percent reduction in statewide stillbirth occurrences between 2008 and 2018.

While he keeps an eye on that bill's rollout, Grassley continues to advance separate legislation to support new and expectant moms. His [*Healthy Moms and Babies Act*](#) would combat maternal mortality and high-risk pregnancies through enhanced technologies and community-based care.

He additionally joined a Senate Republican effort to [expand resources for mothers in rural areas](#) who, due to geographical challenges, don't always have ready access to the care they need.

To Grassley, a pro-life, pro-mother and pro-family outlook in practice consists of holistic policymaking. Just like he's dedicated to addressing the maternal health crisis, he's also working to improve outcomes for children. For example, current law makes it particularly difficult for kids with complex medical conditions to get proper care when the provider is out-of-state. Grassley is spearheading a measure to simplify onerous Medicare processes at pediatric facilities, so families can secure vital treatment as quickly and affordably as possible – regardless of where it's available.

Supporting Rural Pharmacies

In January, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a rule to improve pharmacies' annual clawback structure in the long term; however, independent and rural drugstore owners anticipated insurmountable fees during the regulatory transition. Following [communication with CMS officials](#) and conversations with Iowans, Grassley [called for PBMs to coordinate with local pharmacies and help them maintain their operations](#). CMS responded by issuing a memo to PBMs with guidance that included many of Grassley's suggestions.

As a voice for Iowans and a top Senate Finance Committee member, Grassley is always pushing to keep local pharmacies open. They ensure rural communities can access care close to home.

Grassley recently championed two bipartisan laws to enhance patient care quality and availability. One broke a four-decade status quo by bringing [lifesaving reforms](#) to the organ donation system. The [other](#) enables Americans with mild-to-moderate hearing loss to purchase hearing aids over the counter. Grassley's work [didn't stop](#) with the wave of the president's pen, though. He conducts [constant oversight](#) to monitor the laws' implementation.



senatorchuckgrassley • Met w Dr Van Beek w Univ of Iowa Discussed Medicare reimbursement Rural health care Improving health care access & quality etc



Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

Too many Iowans know the pain of losing a loved one to substance abuse. As co-chair of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, Senator Grassley is working to combat the drug epidemic through prevention, enforcement, education and treatment.

The supply chain for fatal fentanyl analogs often starts in Chinese laboratories. Cartels in Mexico are tweaking drugs with precursor chemicals from China, then moving them into the U.S. undetected.

Grassley this year:

- Led a bipartisan bill to extend an order classifying fentanyl as Schedule I, a policy that provides law enforcement enhanced tools to crack down on its use;
- Introduced legislation to improve international collaboration on seizing and destroying Chinese precursors; and
- Cracked down on money laundering activity that fuels the illegal drug trade and sounded the alarm on dangerous transnational criminal organizations.



Grassley participates in a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Grassley Backs the Blue

Senator Grassley's support of local law enforcement is ironclad. This year he led several bills to back the blue and improve community safety, including legislation to:

- Solve staffing shortages at local police departments;
- Protect officers against ambush-style attacks;
- Hold violent criminals accountable; and,
- Safeguard federal support for crime victims.



Bad Actors and U.S. Planes

After issuing a report exposing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)'s lax registration process, Grassley successfully closed the FAA loophole to prevent drug cartels from transporting illicit goods on U.S. planes.

Scan to watch
Grassley expose
loopholes at
the FAA.



Grassley
regularly meets with
law enforcement
throughout Iowa.



Grassley holds a Q&A in
Clinton County to
discuss substance abuse
prevention efforts.

Grassley's also committed to local drug prevention and addiction recovery efforts. This fall, he introduced the bipartisan Keeping Drugs out of Schools Act to establish a new grant program for Drug-Free Communities coalitions to educate students about the dangers of synthetic opioids. Grassley held a Q&A with members of a leading Iowa substance abuse organization and announced significant federal funding for Iowa drug prevention efforts. The award was made possible by a Grassley-led bill to reduce drug abuse in several Iowa communities.

The History of the Juvenile Justice Program

"In America, hope springs eternal for a better tomorrow. I look forward to ensuring our juvenile justice system works better than ever for the next 50 years and beyond."

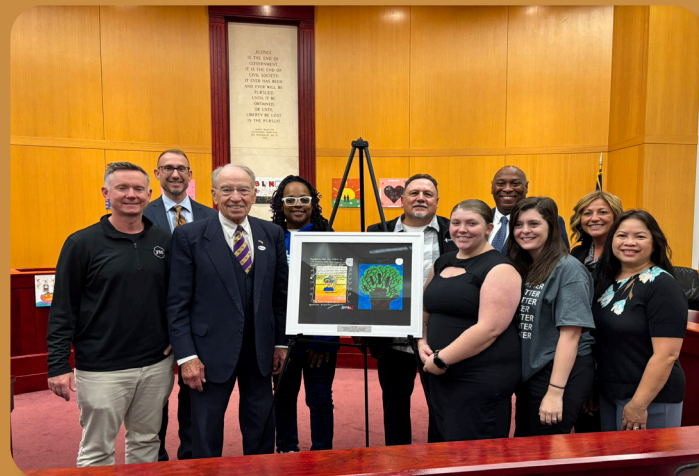
- U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)

In 1974, Congress enacted a law to overhaul the fragmented juvenile justice system, consolidating federal resources under one umbrella and enshrining federal care and custody standards. Over the decades, however, cracks in the *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)* oversight provisions began to show.

After hearing Iowans' concerns of [fraud and mismanagement](#) at juvenile detention centers, Senator Grassley sought to update the program to boost transparency and accountability. After three years of [bipartisan work](#) at the [policymaking tables](#), Grassley in 2018 championed the first JJDP [reauthorization](#) in nearly 16 years. It improved mental illness and substance abuse treatment resources, separated juvenile and adult offenders and ensured juvenile offenders could access adequate legal representation.

Today, Grassley continues his oversight to ensure the scales of justice treat our nation's youth fairly. Earlier this year, he introduced [bipartisan legislation](#) to reauthorize delinquency prevention programs.

50 Years of Juvenile Justice



At Drake University's [50th anniversary celebration](#) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, Grassley was honored for his decades of leadership as a champion for juvenile justice reforms.

PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

Parents are rightfully calling for action, answers and accountability when it comes to media companies' failure to protect children online.

The Senate this year sought to deliver on their calls, sending the Grassley-backed [Project Safe Childhood Act](#) to the president's desk to be signed into law. The bipartisan bill strengthens tools to investigate and prosecute online child exploitation.

Additional Grassley-backed online safety measures that passed the Judiciary Committee include:

- The [Kids Online Safety Act](#)
- The [EARN It Act](#)
- The [STOP CSAM Act](#)
- The [Cooper Davis Act](#)

Grassley Holds Big Tech's Feet to the Fire

After executives from top tech platforms [testified](#) before the Judiciary Committee earlier this year, Senator Grassley [participated](#) in a question-and-answer session highlighting the dangers of unchecked social media. He also [penned a letter](#) to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg demanding the company pull the plug on illicit drug advertisements being pushed to children.



Big Tech CEOs testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies to a packed hearing room.



Immigration

With over 10 million people entering the United States illegally over the past four years, it's no wonder the border crisis has been [top of mind](#) for many Iowans. The nation's [immigration laws](#) have gone [unenforced](#) throughout the [course of this administration](#). And when Uncle Sam's back is turned, bad actors take advantage.

Senator Grassley has stepped up to fill this leadership vacuum by proposing legislative solutions and performing vigorous congressional oversight to push for accountability.

Leading the Charge to Protect Unaccompanied Migrant Kids

'Sometimes it seems as though the only person in a position of power who cares about the issue [of child trafficking] is...Senator Grassley.'
- [The Free Press](#)

Grassley [for more than a decade](#) has raised serious concerns about the federal government's standards of care for children who cross the border without an adult guardian. As the arrival rate of unaccompanied minors swelled in recent years, [Iowans](#) and federal government whistleblowers came to Grassley with concerns these children could fall victim to trafficking. Grassley's [efforts](#) to reform the government's [Unaccompanied Children \(UC\) program](#) went full throttle to protect vulnerable children and hold wrongdoers accountable.

Grassley this year [authored legislation](#) to reform the UC program and address the issues whistleblowers identified while working directly with unaccompanied minors. Further, he invited the whistleblowers to [testify before Congress](#) about the abuse they witnessed. After extensively reviewing whistleblowers' internal [UC program records](#), Grassley found evidence that thousands of kids in the program were likely being trafficked and sent to live with criminal sponsors. Grassley [referred this information to federal law enforcement](#), kicking off a trafficking investigation and prompting the government to follow up on 102 investigative targets Grassley identified. Grassley is also [demanding accountability](#) from federal contractors who've received billions in taxpayer dollars to facilitate this [abuse-ridden program](#).

From his senior perch on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Grassley will continue fighting to ensure that [not one more child](#) suffers due to the federal government's incompetence.



The First Job of Government

Protecting the safety and security of Americans is the government's highest priority. Grassley has long pointed out that the failure to perform adequate vetting and enforce federal immigration laws puts public safety at risk. Case in point: an Afghan evacuee who entered the U.S. through a program [Grassley repeatedly warned was rife with lax guardrails](#) was caught [plotting an Election Day domestic terrorist attack](#).

After a young college student, Laken Riley, was tragically murdered by an illegal immigrant with a history of criminal offenses, Grassley and his Republican Senate colleagues took action, [proposing legislation](#) to immediately detain and deport illegal immigrants who commit crimes on U.S. soil. Grassley also [held a roundtable](#) with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) whistleblowers to expose their agency's unlawful refusal to [collect DNA](#) from all individuals encountered at the border. CBP's break with the law makes it even harder to trace who's in the country and track down criminal perpetrators.

Peace Through Strength

"If America doesn't lead, our allies won't follow, and our enemies will no longer fear us."
– U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)

The U.S. [can't afford to blink](#) in our commitment to global peace and democracy. That's why Senator Grassley is leading the charge to [stand with Israel](#), [defend Ukraine](#) against Vladimir Putin's Soviet-style invasion of Ukraine and push back against [Chinese aggression](#).

Since Hamas' chilling terror attacks on October 7, 2023, Grassley has worked to [reaffirm](#) and build U.S. [support](#) for Israel's right to self defense. He's also worked to [safeguard](#) Israel's rightful place as a member of the United Nations. Amid violent protests on U.S. college campuses this spring, Grassley [raised concerns](#) about rising antisemitism and called on the Departments of Education and Justice to fairly uphold anti-discrimination laws.

While Putin continues to wage his unprovoked war in Ukraine, Grassley – a founding member and co-chair of the [Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus](#) – is working to secure peace for our allies and partners through a [strong national defense](#). Grassley supported [national security](#) funding to help replenish dwindling U.S. stockpiles and expand American military production. The funds support American jobs and domestic-based defense manufacturing, including at the [Iowa Army Ammunition Plant](#) in Burlington.

China remains one of our nation's greatest adversaries and is looking to take the U.S. down a peg through its shady purchases of American farmland, ongoing military threats, cyberattacks and influence campaigns. Grassley is taking steps to rein in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) by [reinforcing](#) American competitiveness on the world stage and cutting off U.S. media ties to CCP propaganda. He's also working to protect [Americans' data](#) and keep [U.S. farmland](#) out of the hands of foreign adversaries.

Watchdog for Veterans

Senator Grassley is working to ensure the federal government keeps its promises to the brave men and women who've served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Veterans who need to see a doctor for their [compensation and pension examinations](#) – commonly referred to as C&P exams – have faced roadblocks when scheduling their appointments. One Iowa veteran from Jasper County was told he would need to travel 97 miles, one way, for a C&P exam, rather than seeing a nearby provider in Des Moines. Grassley followed up with the VA to press for improvements of the C&P scheduling process. He'll keep pushing to make sure veterans receive timely access to quality care.

Grassley is also leading efforts in Congress to improve [poor management practices at the VA](#), strengthen oversight and protect taxpayer dollars. For example, the VA this year told Congress it was [\\$3 billion short on the funds it needed to deliver promised benefits to veterans](#) and their families. Congress scrambled to fill the gap so veterans wouldn't be left out to dry. But since then, lawmakers have learned the budget shortfall didn't actually exist; instead, the VA ended this fiscal year with a \$5.1 billion [surplus](#). Grassley coauthored [legislation](#) requiring the VA to submit quarterly, in-person budget reports to Congress going forward. The legislation would help clean out the agency's fiscal cobwebs and bring transparency and financial accountability at the VA.

In November in Cedar Rapids, Grassley's office hosted its eighth [Veterans History Project](#) event, where Kirkwood Community College students volunteered to help interview more than a dozen local veterans. Since 2018, Grassley's office has submitted 83 Iowa veterans' stories to the [Library of Congress](#).

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Iowa veterans' stories.



A Record Year

Iowans deserve a government that operates efficiently and in their best interests. In our system of checks and balances, Congress has a [constitutional oversight mandate](#) to ensure the executive branch faithfully executes federal laws. Senator Grassley takes this constitutional responsibility seriously. In fact, this year, Grassley broke his own record, sending **370** oversight letters to **174** federal, state and private sector entities – more than in any year prior.

Grassley also authored bipartisan laws and wrangled reforms out of stubborn federal agencies to address the problems his oversight exposed. The following are just a few examples of his successful efforts to hold the government accountable.

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Grassley [has] long been an advocate of transparency in government, shining a light on areas of secrecy, championing whistleblowers and demanding open access to how taxpayer dollars are spent.

- Dubuque Telegraph Herald



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Protecting Patients

- Grassley opened a [bipartisan investigation](#) into private equity hospital ownership and its impact on the quality of care patients receive in Iowa and across the country.

Supporting Crime Victims

- Grassley [exposed](#) the Justice Department (DOJ) for shortchanging the Crime Victims Fund, which provides states with federal grants to support Americans who've fallen victim to criminal activity. The Government Accountability Office and DOJ Office of Inspector General are now studying DOJ's financial mismanagement to correct the problems Grassley brought to light and secure justice for crime victims.
- Grassley forced international bank Credit Suisse to reopen an investigation into its historic servicing of Nazi-linked accounts and rehire an independent investigator to help bring sunlight to its dark past and justice to Jewish victims.

Defending Whistleblowers

- At Grassley's prompting, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF) updated its [internal policy](#) to explicitly notify employees of their whistleblower rights. Grassley also called on all 76 federal Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) to [scrutinize their whistleblower protections](#) and guarantee all OIG employees are informed of their rights to blow the whistle on government waste, fraud or abuse.
- Grassley delivered keynote remarks celebrating whistleblowers' service to the American people and, for the 11th year in a row, passed a Senate resolution recognizing [National Whistleblower Appreciation Day](#).



Grassley gives remarks at annual National Whistleblower Day event.

Cleaning Up Government Waste and Abuse

- Grassley [dug into problems at the Secret Service](#) following President Trump's near assassination in July. His oversight painted the "[most detailed picture](#)" of the Secret Service's failures and inspired the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General to open four [reviews of the agency](#), as well as an ongoing audit by the Government Accountability Office.
- Grassley published a report revealing the [Environmental Protection Agency's](#) blatant waste of tax dollars, spurring an EPA Inspector General audit.
- Grassley shone light on ATF's illegal and costly practice of [misclassifying](#) administrative positions as law enforcement jobs, allowing those federal employees to collect benefits they weren't entitled to and wasting millions of taxpayer dollars.
- Grassley's oversight of the Defense Department (DOD) uncovered excessive spending on [military plane spare parts](#), millions of dollars employees wrongfully charged as "[emergency pandemic spending](#)" and [price gouging](#) practices DOD contractors use to needlessly upcharge the Defense Department. Grassley [passed amendments into law](#) to combat contractor price gouging and fraud so that DOD starts getting a fair deal.

All told, Grassley's oversight this year touched on **97%** of all taxpayer-funded agencies. Nearly every corner of government received Grassley's thorough inspection – it's all part of Grassley's constant efforts to ensure the government is a service to the American people.

DID YOU KNOW?



Next year, Senator Grassley will mark five decades of public service representing Iowans in Congress. He started in the U.S. House of Representatives on Jan. 3, 1975, one of only 17 new Republicans elected to Congress after President Nixon's resignation and subsequent pardon in the 1974 elections.



During his time in Congress, Grassley has served under nine administrations; helped [shape nine farm bills](#); steered passage of historic tax cuts and the first-ever Medicare prescription drug benefit as then-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.



Since 1981, Grassley has cast votes on 17 nominees to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, leading confirmation hearings for Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh as chairman of the Senate Judiciary.



In the 119th Congress, Grassley will retake the gavel to lead the Senate Judiciary Committee. As the most senior senator in the Senate Majority, Grassley will also serve as the president pro tempore of the Senate, a constitutional office in the upper chamber.



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