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## Joni on the Job: Remembering Sarah Root

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Dear Friend –

Welcome to Joni On the Job, my e-newsletter to get you the latest on my work for you in the U.S. Senate.

My team and I are here to serve Iowans. Please don't hesitate to send me a [message](#) or submit a [casework request](#). For real-time updates, be sure to 'Like' my [Facebook](#) page, follow me on [X](#) and [Instagram](#) @SenJoniErnst, and subscribe to my [YouTube channel](#).

Here are this week's highlights:

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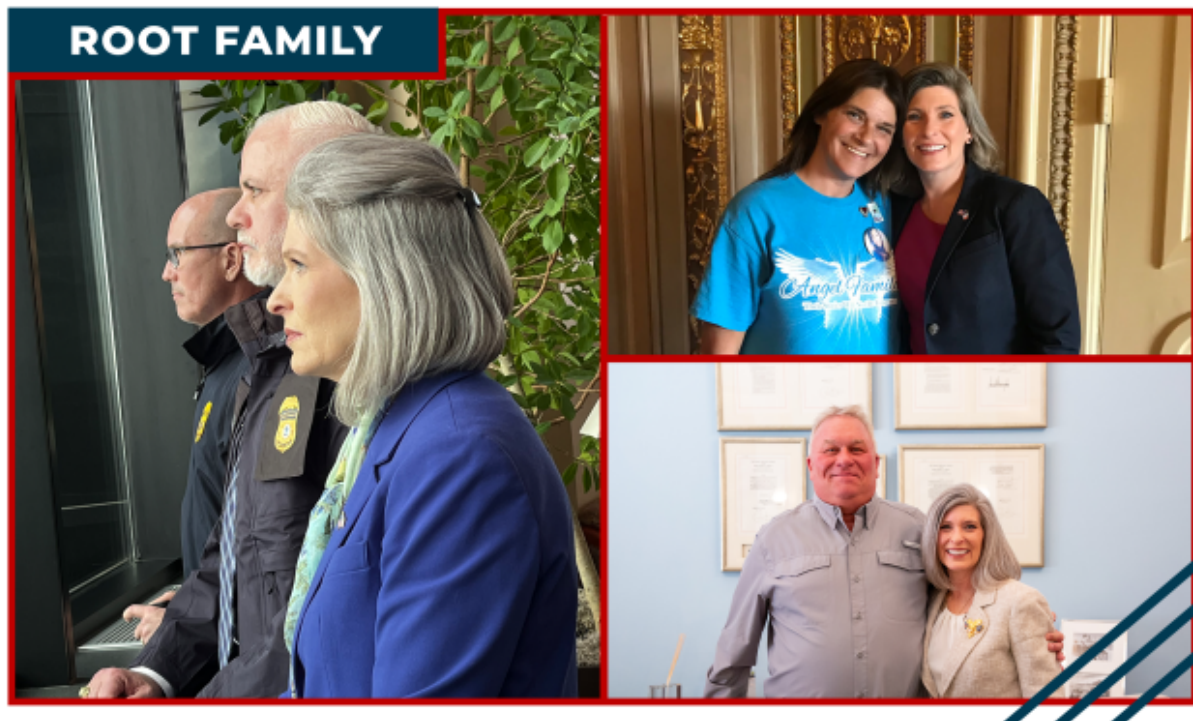
## Remembering Sarah Root

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*Last week, after over nine years of my advocacy, Sarah Root's killer was extradited to the U.S. to face justice.*

**Although nothing can bring Sarah back, my Sarah's Law will help ensure no family has to face what the Roots faced ever again.**

Thanks to President Trump's strong action and his hardworking administration, Iowans know their lives will be prioritized. Read more [here](#).



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## Celebrating National Women in Ag Day

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During Iowa Agriculture Week, I led a bipartisan group of colleagues to designate March 27, 2025, as National Women in Agriculture Day.

**Growing up as a woman in agriculture, I'm honored to recognize female farmers and producers in Iowa and across our nation that work so hard to feed and fuel us!**

*Thank you to the incredible ladies who are stepping up and carrying*

*on our great rural traditions all across our state. Read more [here](#).*



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## Reforming the IRS

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**As Tax Day approaches, I outlined a proposal of major reforms for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to cut down on costs, increase efficiency, and better serve taxpayers.**

My recommendations are to end the political weaponization of the agency, crack down on tax-dodging bureaucrats, and bring the agency's tech – costing \$3.6 billion annually – out of the stone age and into the 21st century.

It's no wonder the IRS is the "least favorite government agency!"  
Read more [here](#).



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## Keeping Housing Resources in Iowa

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In recent years, there has been a troubling trend where individuals from urban areas – where wait lists for affordable housing vouchers are long – are moving to rural states like Iowa to apply for and receive federal housing assistance but then leave, effectively taking away an Iowan's chance to obtain a resource meant for them.

**To protect housing for rural Iowa communities, I introduced the *Rural Housing Accessibility Act* to make sure low-income Iowa families, seniors, and the disabled receive the assistance meant for them.**

*My bill will close gaps that have let too many game the system and help alleviate some of the housing challenges facing rural America! Read more [here](#).*



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## Defunding Planned Parenthood

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Following the Trump administration's [plan](#) to freeze and review federal funding for Planned Parenthood, I renewed my push for the *Protect Funding for Women's Health Care Act* to permanently prohibit federal tax dollars from funding Planned Parenthood Federation of America or its affiliates.

**As a mother and grandmother, the fight for life is incredibly important to me, and I'm glad the Trump administration is working to end the left's radical abortion-on-demand agenda!**

*I am committed to defending the most vulnerable among us. Read more [here](#).*



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## Celebrating the Small Business of the Week

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***Our Small Business of the Week is Mulholland Grocery of Mills County!***

For nearly 150 years, Mulholland Grocery has been a cornerstone of the Malvern community, offering fresh grocery products and beloved local favorites like ham salad and smoked meats.

After a devastating fire destroyed the business in 2021, Tom worked to rebuild and expand his family's legacy, demonstrating the importance of small businesses and their community network. Read more [here](#).

**I'm excited to continue recognizing small businesses in every corner and county of our state!**



Have a great weekend!

*Joni*

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