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Joni on the Job: Ending Handouts to the Idle Rich

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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:

Ending Handouts to the Idle Rich

Last week, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed my [Ending Unemployment Payments to Jobless Millionaires Act](#) as an amendment to the One Big Beautiful Bill, saving taxpayers \$100 million over the next decade.

My bill ends the backwards practice of forcing small businesses and job creators to foot the bill for unemployment benefits for those making more than \$1 million annually.

I will continue working to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in Washington! Read more [here](#).



Working to Mitigate Flood Risks

I've seen firsthand the devastating impacts flooding can have on our communities in Iowa, and my heart goes out to all those in Texas who have been impacted by catastrophic flooding.

I am leading the bipartisan *Restoring America's Floodplains Act* to proactively reduce the impact of flooding by using existing tools at no additional cost to taxpayers, while also improving water quality and protecting our land.

I will always work to protect Iowans! Read more [here](#).



Stopping Secret Spending

This week, my bipartisan *Stop Secret Spending Act* was included in the Senate version of the *National Defense Authorization Act* to end the secretive practice of allowing unknown amounts to be hidden from the public.

I've long been working to make the Pentagon more transparent and accountable. Americans have a right to know where their hard-earned dollars are going.

I am ending Pentagon bureaucrats' game of hide and seek with your tax dollars. Read more [here](#).

Securing a Win for Iowa Farm Families

I secured a major win for Iowa families in the One Big Beautiful Bill by eliminating restrictions in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process that unfairly punished farm kids and limited their opportunity to attend college.

Iowans will not have to sell off the farm, or their small business, to afford college!

I will always prioritize our farm families! Read more [here](#).



Celebrating the Small Business of the Week

Our Small Business of the Week is Edd the Florist of Wapello County!

Since the Wilz family purchased it in 1956, Edd the Florist has blossomed into a *scent-sational* institution in Ottumwa.

Hans Wilz has stayed *rooted* to his parents' dreams, while expanding to provide gifts and gourmet foods for the community. Serving the community for nearly 70 years, this small business is *blooming* with success. 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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