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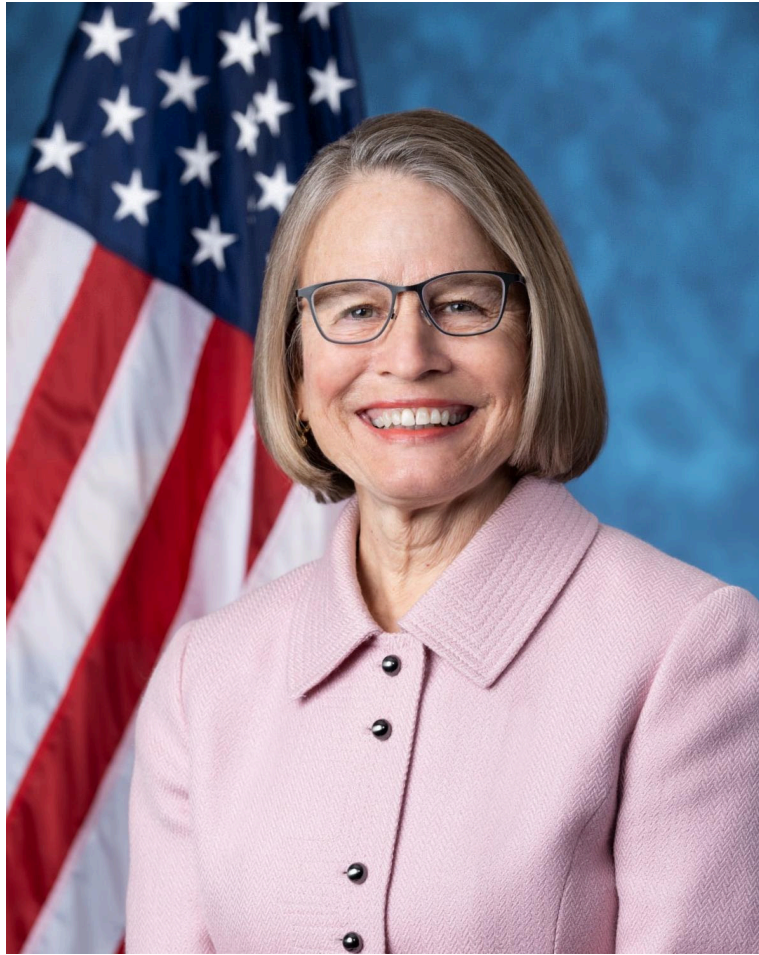
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America is facing a genuine housing crisis, and Iowa families are feeling it every single day.

The nation is short by as many as 5.5 million housing units. Rising construction costs, regulatory delays, and outdated zoning constraints have made it harder and more expensive to build homes. Community banks that finance new construction are being squeezed by regulatory burdens that limit their ability to lend. The result is a housing market that is failing working families across the country.

The numbers tell the story. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median age of a first-time homebuyer reached 40 years old in 2025, an all-time high. The share of first-time buyers has fallen by half since 2007, dropping to a historic low of just 21% of all home purchases. An entire generation of Americans is being locked out of homeownership and the wealth-building opportunity it represents.

Young Iowa couples are working hard, saving diligently, and still being priced out of the homes they deserve. That is not acceptable, and that is why I fought for the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act every step of the way.

This legislation passed the House with 358 votes and the Senate with 85 votes, reflecting the broad, bipartisan consensus that the housing crisis demands real solutions. It cuts red tape, expands housing supply, makes it easier and cheaper to build affordable homes, and bans large Wall Street investors from competing against Iowa families for single-family homes in our communities. Iowa homes belong to Iowa families, not hedge funds.

How the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Delivers for Iowa Families:

- **Removes unnecessary regulatory barriers** by allowing pre-approved home designs so builders can get permits faster and giving communities more flexibility to produce affordable homes in rural and urban areas.
- **Bans Wall Street from buying Iowa homes**, ensuring large institutional investors cannot compete against everyday Iowans in the housing market.
- **Modernizes HUD programs** by updating manufactured housing rules, strengthening the HOME Program, and converting vacant buildings into attainable housing.
- **Empowers community and rural banks** by cutting red tape and expanding local lenders' ability to finance new home construction for Iowa families, farmers, and small businesses.
- **Protects Iowa veterans** by improving access to VA home loan benefits and ensuring veterans' disability compensation does not count against their housing eligibility.
- **Preserves affordable rural housing** for 400,000 rural families whose housing is tied to maturing USDA mortgages.

Iowa families deserve a place to call their own. I will not stop fighting until they get it.

Representing Iowa's First District



Great tour and roundtable at Washington County Hospital with E&C Chairman Rep. Guthrie.

Thanks to Iowa's Rural Health Transformation Program, Washington County Hospital has already put the funds to work, including a brand new CT scanner making a real difference for patients in our community.

We discussed Iowa's new cancer hub and spoke model, recruiting new physicians and nurses to rural communities, and how Iowa is leading the country in using RHTP funding to transform care. The work continues!



Great visiting the University of Iowa with E&C Chairman Rep. Guthrie and Rep. Harshbarger to see how the Maternal Health Grant Simulation Program is preparing rural providers and first responders for high-risk maternal emergencies.

We also discussed the Child Health Specialty Clinic, graduate medical education, and the Rural Health Transformation Program.



Great meeting with the Clean Fuels Alliance to discuss the Renewable Fuel for Ocean-Going Vessels Act, legislation I introduced to expand markets for Iowa's biodiesel and renewable diesel industries.

New markets mean more opportunity for Iowa producers.



Wonderful meeting with young producers and industry leaders from the Iowa Pork Leadership Academy.

I enjoyed hearing from the next generation of agricultural leaders about their passion for the industry and the importance of carrying on Iowa's strong agricultural tradition for generations.

Committee Hearings



If hospitals know what they're going to charge, patients should too.

For too long, Americans have been forced to make health care decisions without knowing the cost until the bill arrives weeks later. That's why I introduced the [Prices on the Wall Act](#).

Patients deserve transparency before they receive care, not surprises after the fact.



I joined a key Energy and Commerce hearing on critical mineral recovery and recycling.

The United States has the technology and need to create a better solution to processing critical materials, but we continue to follow outdated requirements and ship these materials overseas. There is a consistent gap between the value these materials could bring to the economy versus what we actually receive. It's time to unlock values from existing waste streams and strengthen production at home.

Here to Help You

As always, my office is here to help.

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to contact us. We've responded to over 100,000 constituent emails, letters, and calls. We've also helped over 2,500 people who had issues with a federal agency and, as a result, returned over \$5 million to those constituents. If you're having trouble with a federal agency, reach out, and we'll be glad to assist.

My Indianola and Davenport District offices are open and serving constituents. If you have a casework issue or need help with a federal

department please call the Indianola Office at (515) 808-6040 and the Davenport Office at (563) 232-0930.

My Washington, D.C. office is open and answering your calls so your voice can be heard. Please feel free to contact us at 202 225-6576.

If you want to stay updated on the work I'm doing, I invite you to visit my [website](#).

You can also connect with me [on Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X/Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

Let us know how we can help you with the following agencies and more:

Medicare and Social Security Claims

My staff has been able to recover tens-of-thousands of dollars for constituents who deserved benefits and did not receive them.

Veterans' Services

If you are a Veteran, my office can help you navigate the bureaucracy so that you can get the services you deserve.

Passport Assistance

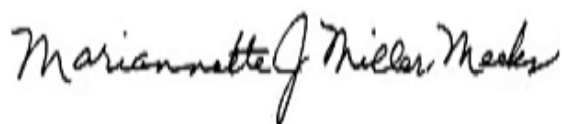
Reach out to my team for assistance with any issues you might have with your passport.

Tours and Tickets

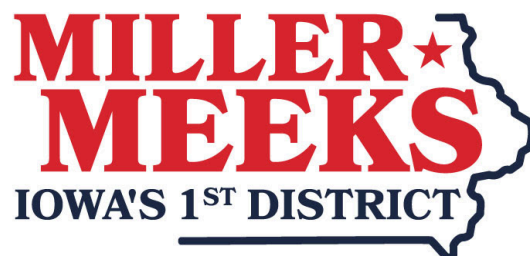
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