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Joni On The Job: Putting Parents First

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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.

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:

Putting Parents First

The first weeks of a child's life are precious, and no parent should miss out on that time simply because they work for the same employer as their spouse.

I applaud the Senate for putting parents first and passing my FAIR Leave Act.

This legislation will allow eligible married parents who work for the same employer to each take up to 12 weeks of family leave to care for and bond with their newborn or newly adopted child, just like any other couple is allowed.

The Senate did its part, now it's time for our colleagues in the House to do the same! Learn more here.



Connecting Rural America

Rural America shouldn't be left in the digital dust. Every community deserves access to reliable, high-speed internet!

That's why I introduced the bipartisan PROTOCOL Act to prevent duplicative broadband projects and improve transparency in federal spending.

My PROTOCOL Act will help increase transparency to prevent duplicative projects and make sure rural Iowans, especially our farmers, can count on the same high-speed internet as the rest of the country. Learn more here.



Celebrating the Small Business of the Week

My Small Business of the week is American State Bank of Clarke!

For nearly 40 years, American State Bank has made it their mission to *deposit* joy throughout Iowa communities

From financial services to investing in the local community, American State Bank continues to make customers its highest priority and *interest*. Learn more here.

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



Have a great weekend!



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