

# U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE EZELL

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Dear Gerald,

It's been another busy week at our nation's Capitol. I helped introduce legislation to protect American shrimpers and voted for bills in committee that stand up to bad actors like China and Iran. Here are the highlights:

## Protecting American Shrimpers

As a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast, I know a ton of families who put food on their tables by working in the shrimping industry. Unfortunately, domestic shrimpers, especially family-owned operations, are struggling to stay in business due to an increase in expenses and a flood of foreign seafood in the market.

Foreign nations pay their shrimpers to sell shrimp below production costs, making it impossible for Americans to compete. It's a process called "dumping" — and it violates international trade rules and has cost American shrimpers billions of dollars and thousands of jobs.

What's really infuriating is that our taxpayer dollars are being used to subsidize these foreign shrimpers through international organizations like the IMF.

I'm not okay with my tax dollars supporting foreign entities that are putting my friends and neighbors out of business. That's why I joined Congressman Troy Nehls (TX-11) and several other coastal members in introducing the bipartisan **Save Our Shrimpers Act (H.R. 7932)**.

If we don't fight back against these unfair trade practices, America's domestic shrimp industry will collapse, taking with it the way of life for so many across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Stopping our tax dollars from subsidizing these bad actors won't totally fix the problem, but it's a critical first step.

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If you have questions about that bill or need help with a federal agency, please contact my team via [my website](#) or at one of the offices below.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your United States Congressman.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress

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