

Topics of Concern Dominate Jenkins Town Hall

**(KAIR)--United States Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins continued her Kansas listening tour this week, meeting with a small group of constituents at Highland City Hall Tuesday morning.**

**Concerns regarding healthcare were voiced early in the session, with questions posed by those attending regarding how a Republican overhaul of the Affordable Care Act would affect healthcare costs.**

**Jenkins maintained that preexisting conditions would continue to be covered under the overhaul plan, while costs would decrease due to competition, as healthcare plans would be available for purchase across state lines.**

**Agricultural issues also took center stage, with Jenkins saying she finds disagreement with President Donald Trump on matters of trade, which could negatively affect Kansas ag-producers, and other manufacturers. “If the Kansas economy is going to flourish, we have to have fair trade agreements, or otherwise we don't have markets for our ag products and our aircraft, and everything else that we make here in Kansas.”**

**The town hall session took a brief, heated turn when matters of LGBTQ issues were addressed, and the possible handling of such issues under the Trump administration. “They have legal rights, they don't need extra rights,” one constituent stated when the issue was addressed. “I couldn't get married until, like 3-years ago, in 2012, that's an extra right?” another constituent questioned.**

**The exchange ended when the discussion turned to the Trump administration's economic plans.**

**Jenkins also fielded questions regarding the difference between state and federal budgets and education funding, among other concerns.**

**The Kansas Congresswoman last month announced this will be her final term in office, planning to return to the public sector when her current term ends in two years.**

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