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ability of State leaders to invest Federal resources and prioritize economic growth and local needs. It fails them in having the flexibility to be able to react to immediate workforce needs.

In an effort to close the skills gap, my colleague, Rep. Raja Krishnamoorti and I introduced H.R. 2353, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

H.R. 2353 makes impactful changes to the law by giving authority back to the State, local communities, and the business sector, who have a thorough understanding of the regional workforce; aligning career and technical education programs with high-skilled, lucrative, and in-demand jobs; and increasing transparency and accountability, while also assessing the success of skills-based education programs; and limiting the Department of Education’s role in the CTE programs, empowering the State and the local leaders.

Now, while this bipartisan legislation passed the House unanimously last year and still awaits action in the Senate, in a time when critical industries have vacant jobs but not enough qualified workers to fill them, it is imperative that we work to get this bill signed into law for the prosperity of our economy and for the future of our workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for the opportunity to weigh in on this important topic.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Thompson for his time tonight. Again, I appreciate the work that he has done in this field session after session, and I appreciate the way he approaches his work on the Education and the Workforce Committee. We respect the gentleman greatly, and he is well respected by all of his colleagues here.

Mr. Speaker, we are all pushing to get the bill passed out of the Senate and are very, very hopeful. In addition, we keep our fingers crossed.

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We pray, we keep our fingers crossed, and we hope.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN), another one of the great members of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her work in organizing this Special Order this evening. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the importance of workforce development in America.

Over the past 1 1/2 years, this Congress has been working diligently to turn this around and get Americans across the country back to work.

After passing the most comprehensive tax overhaul in 30 years and rolling back Obama-era rules and regulations, our economy is beginning to thrive, and the need for a developed and established workforce is more crucial right now than ever before.

The simple fact is our workforce is aging and there are not enough people who currently have the skills to take the positions of retirees nor the thousands of private sector jobs being created every day in this new economy. And with over 6 million jobs available in this country as we speak, we have to ensure that our young people today are equipped for the job market of tomorrow.

In fact, I enjoy meeting with young people and talking about this era in which, when they are educated, they have the greatest opportunity of any generation that I am aware of to find a job in an upward economy in just about every field that they desire.

As someone who has worked in the construction industry for my entire career, I know firsthand how difficult it is to find skilled workers. And as a member of House Education and the Workforce Committee, this is why I was proud of supporting the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

Make no mistake, getting an education is essential, but it is equally important that our education efforts are aligned with the in-demand jobs in our communities.

In order to cultivate a qualified workforce for the future, our education and business communities must work together so our kids and grandkids have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. As I said, I believe that opportunity is the best today that it has ever been.

Back home in Georgia’s 12th District, I have visited small business after small business. And one question I always ask is: What is your biggest challenge? And the answer to that question almost every single time is: Workers.

As a business owner, the greatest joy in my life was creating jobs. I look back, and I look at the buildings we built in the construction industry, and we got people in and out. But I will tell you, the one thing, when I look back, and the greatest joy that I had in life, was giving folks a good job, allowing them the dignity and respect that they deserve, to empower them to fulfill their God-given right to provide for their families, to provide for their communities, and yes, provide for this Nation; an opportunity I believe should be available to all Americans.

One of the facts I have is where a business decides to locate is based on workforce, and with Georgia being named as the number one State to locate your business for the past 5 years in a row, our workforce needs in Georgia are growing every day.

I will continue to work with my colleagues in this body on the House Education and the Workforce Committee to ensure that we have an available workforce equipped with the skills necessary to jump directly into that workforce.

Mr. Speaker, again, I would like to thank Chairwoman Foxx for her leadership work here and her work here this evening in bringing attention to this critical matter.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Allen. He and the other members of the committee who have been here tonight, as well as Members on the committee, the serious work we have done to see real-life experiences and help us better understand what it is that we need to be doing on the committee and in the Congress.

Again, this skills gap is something that is of concern to all Americans and has been of concern to all Americans. The Education and the Workforce Committee is doing its best to present good legislation to pass here so that the Federal Government can again give the structure that is needed for business and industry to do what it needs to do.

We are the greatest country in the world. We will continue to be the greatest country in the world as long as we respond to the needs of our culture and keep our country moving in the right direction.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues again and I yield back the balance of my time.

THE HISTORY OF ROBERT MUELLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FERGUSON). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2017, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOMERT. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the words of my friend from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx), and she has an amendment that is going to help a lot of folks in my district.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to hear some people say that they think Robert Mueller is going to be fair-minded, he is going to do a good job. But I think probably more than any of my Republican friends that profess to think they know Robert Mueller, I don’t think they know him as well as I do, and on the research I have done on the man, the dealings I have had with him, the questions I have asked him.

But I don’t think they know him as well as Eric Holder does, and Eric Holder said a month or so ago he has known Bob Mueller for 20, 30 years, and, in essence, he wasn’t going to stop until he found something he could pin on Donald Trump.

There is the essence, and I think he is right.

We see from Robert Mueller’s history that when he decides somebody is not a good person, even when he is 100 percent wrong, then it justifies in his mind putting them in prison, leaving them for the rest of their lives, destroying their lives, destroying any friendships, family, caring relationship. He doesn’t care.

He has destroyed good people, completely destroyed good people, and as someone who has said more than once after he has destroyed good people, and in the case of Dr. Hatfill, the government had an over $6 million payout to him for the
way Bob Mueller destroyed his life as an innocent individual, he said he had nothing to apologize for.

And see, in his mind, he doesn’t think he does. He is justified in destroying anybody he doesn’t like, anybody he disagrees with. And one reasonable term that Donald Trump is somebody that needs to be brought down.

It is so ironic, though. Here he was, pleading for the job of Director of the FBI. He had already been there once. He did more damage than anybody—since J. Edgar Hoover, and got 2 extra years because Obama liked the way that he was protecting President Obama and Eric Holder, and they gave him 2 extra years, much to the dismay of so many good FBI agents around the country and the thousands and thousands of years of experience of good FBI agents that he ran off, leaving our country all the more vulnerable because of his bad decisions.

But anyhaw, I had some of our Members approach me after a Republican Conference and say: Louie, you know so much about Robert Mueller. Is there one article we could go read where we would kind of get up to speed on his background?

And I said: Well, there are hundreds of articles I have read; some helpful, some not. But every time I did preparation to question him when he came before our committee, I did more and more and more, and they said it would really be helpful if we had one place we could just go read stuff about Robert Mueller’s background.

So that inspired me to start writing, and I accumulated from other writers, always giving them proper credit, and put together a 48-page article about Bob Mueller. This does scratch the surface, but there is so much more that could be touched.

Apparently, he served honorably and well in Vietnam, but that doesn’t give him the right to ruin the country. It doesn’t give him the right to destroy innocent people’s lives.

And so here is just one chapter from my 48-page article, Mr. Speaker, and this particular chapter is entitled “Death of Dr. Steven Hatfill’s Reputation and Productive Life.”

Here is how Mollie Hemingway of The Federalist described the combination Mueller/Comey debacle: “The FBI absolutely bungled its investigation into the anthrax attacker who struck after 9/11 terrorist attacks.

“Carl Cannon goes through this story very well, and it is worth reading for how it involves both Comey and his dear ‘friend’ and current special counsel Robert Mueller. The FBI tried—in the media—its case against Hatfill. Their actual case ended up being thrown out by the courts.”

I believe this is Carl Cannon’s account. “Comey and Mueller badly bungled the threat case they ever handled. They botched the investigation of the 2001 anthrax letter attacks that took five lives and infected 17 other people, shut down the U.S. Capitol and Washington’s mail system, solidified the Bush administration’s antipathy for Iraq, and eventually, when the facts finally came out, made the FBI look feckless, incompetent, and easily manipulated by outside political pressure.”

And I would insert here, that is exactly what has been proven with most of the big cases that Robert Mueller has personally been involved in.

This article goes on: “So what evidence did the FBI have against Hatfill? There was none, so the agency did a Hail Mary, importing two bloodhounds from California, whose handlers claimed could sniff the scent of the killer on the anthrax-tainted letters. These dogs were shown to Hatfill, who promptly petted them. When the dogs responded favorably—of course, they never did. But the Bureau then told the FBI that the dogs had alerted on Hatfill and he must therefore be the killer.”

There was no—let me repeat—there was no evidence whatsoever that Steven Hatfill was the anthrax killer.

Talking to some folks in Washington recently, one of them pointed out: Well, you know, actually, that also fits the mold that Mueller has created for himself. Here he purged the FBI training materials of anything that offended radical Islamist terrorists, but as agents have told me, both Intel and FBI. Mueller blinded our FBI of the reality that we face as our enemy. He took away some of their best training materials, one 700-page bit of training workbook on radical Islam. He had ordered that destroyed. He didn’t want anybody to know how to recognize a radical Islamist. He would rather his FBI—Mueller’s FBI agents—investigate those making complaints for being Islamophobes.

“Unfortunately, both Mueller and Comey have been absolutely and totally convinced of the innocent man’s guilt. They ruined his life, his relationship with friends, neighbors, and potential employers.”

And from Carl Cannon, Real Clear Politics: “You’d think that any good FBI agent would have kicked these quacks in the fanny and found their dogs a good home. Or at least checked news reports of criminal cases in California where these same dogs had been used against defendants who’d been convicted—and later exonerated. As Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times investigative reporter David Upton pointed out, an FBI dog fund is in play in the Bureau's budget.

“Mueller didn’t exactly distinguish himself with contrition, either. In 2008, after Ivins committed suicide”—that is the person who went after after they were assured Hatfill was completely innocent. They go after Dr. Ivins. He ends up committing suicide. “ . . . and the Justice Department had formally exonerated Hatfill.”

It is important to know, Mr. Speaker, Mueller didn’t exonerate Hatfill; the evidence did. Mueller doesn’t believe in apologizing after he destroys people’s lives, and he could not bother to apologize after he wrecks a constitutional government, republic, as we are supposed to have and that is supposed to defend it. The government paid Dr. Hatfill $5.82 million in a legal settlement—that is $150,000 per year for 20 years, plus $2.82 million cash, but “Mueller could not be bothered to walk across the street to attend the press conference announcing the case’s resolution. When reporters did ask him about it, Mueller was graceless. ‘I do not apologize for any aspect.
Trump kicked out of the White House
keeping themselves ignorant of facts, number one, they are intentionally what a great man Mueller is, either, sets out a number of things like this.

It is that simple.

If he didn't lie, it means he intentionally and knowingly used the life-destroying tactics. Either Mueller or Comey were every bad person, and when he destroys a person who is innocent of the crime for which he is pursuing them, in his mind it is not a mistake. He pursued a bad person, and, therefore, he doesn't owe anybody anything.

Going back to the article: "Though FBI jurisdiction has its limitations, Mueller's ego does not. "Mueller and Comey's next target in the anthrax case was Dr. Bruce Ivins. As the FBI was closing in and preparing to give him the ultimate Hatfill treatment, Dr. Ivins took his own life.

Though Mueller and Comey were every bit as convinced that Dr. Ivins was the anthrax culprit as they were that Dr. Hatfill was, there lingered questions about whether or not there was a case beyond a reasonable doubt. Since Dr. Ivins is deceased and had some mental issues, we are expected to simply accept that he was definitely the anthrax killer and drop the whole matter. That's a difficult ask after tax-payer money paid off Mueller's previous victim. Mueller had relentlessly dogged Dr. Hatfill using life-destroying, Orwellian tactics. Either Mueller was wrong or he made a mistake, 'to say there were mistakes,' in the railroading of Hatfill or Mueller did intentionally and knowingly perjuries an innocent man."

That is the bottom line. He says, "we didn't make a mistake." If they didn't make a mistake, then it means he intentionally and knowingly used the full power of the United States Justice Department to destroy an innocent man, again, innocently and knowingly destroying the life of an innocent man.

So either he lied when he said "we made no mistakes," or he didn't lie when he said "we made no mistakes." If he didn't lie, it means he intentionally destroyed the life of an innocent man. It is that clear.

So the book goes through 48 pages, sets out a number of things like this. When I hear my friends, especially down the hall in the Senate, talk about what a great man Mueller is, either, number one, they are intentionally keeping themselves ignorant of facts, or, number two, they want Donald Trump kicked out of the White House as quickly as possible. Those are the two possibilities, and I hope the American public will wake up to that.

Now, it is also interesting, here we have got Mueller raiding, or being an accessory to the raid of Donald Trump's personal attorney's home and office. Lo and behold, it shouldn't surprise anybody, but it turns out this article from April 17, by Jeff Murdock: "Federal Judge Kimba Wood, who is overseeing the court case against Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, officially the 2013 wedding of George Soros, a billionaire supporter of liberal political causes, according to the news reports at that time."

Now, I would submit, Mr. Speaker, that he is not just a supporter of liberal political causes. He supports anything that will help destroy the moral, upstanding United States of America that has been the greatest gift freedom has ever had in the world.

The article goes on here, though it says: "The judge," Kimba Wood, "is currently weighing whether to have a neutral third party review the documents seized in FBI raids on the office, home, and hotel of Mr. Cohen."

"Mr. Cohen have sought to keep the government from reviewing the materials by asserting attorney-client privilege"—a legitimate privilege, of course. "Prosecutors have demanded access to those documents claiming they are related to an ongoing criminal investigation."

"The government currently probing Mr. Cohen's $130,000 payment to porn star Stephanie Clifford, better known as Stormy Daniels, for possible violations of campaign finance laws."

"Judge Wood, who will decide those issues, married Mr. Soros, then 83, and his 42-year-old bride, Tamiko Bolton, in September 2013, media outlets reported at that time."

"The New York, wedding was attended by 500 guests, including top Democrats such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California and then-California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom. U2 front man Bono also attended the reception, Reuters reported."

"In lieu of gifts, the couple asked that donations be made to several organizations, including Planned Parenthood and Global Witness, an environmental activist group, according to Reuters."

"Mr. Soros donated nearly $10 million to political action committees that supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential election. He also chaired the transitional finance committee for a pro-Clinton PAC, dubbed Ready for Hillary."

"Judge Wood was also then-President Bill Clinton's second, but failed nominee for U.S. Attorney General in 1993. Mr. Clinton had nominated Zoe Baird, but withdrew her after it was revealed she had hired an illegal immigrant as a nanny and did not pay taxes on the employee. Judge Wood was then selected, but she had also employed an illegal immigrant, but did pay taxes on the employee. Fearing a repeat of the same disastrous nomination of Ms. Baird, Mr. Clinton quickly removed Judge Wood from consideration."

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In any event, people that care about fair, impartial, and independent justice that doesn't decide a case by looking to see who is on either side, they are sickened by what has been happening at the Department of Justice, at the top of the FBI, and under a special prosecutor who has made abundantly clear by his hires of those—not who would be fair and impartial, but those who would help Mueller do as he is so good at doing, and that is finding somebody he doesn't like and destroying their lives.
Russian collusion. Mr. Speaker, you needn’t look any further than the investigators themselves.

Mueller, in his arrogance, showed the country and world he was not interested in fair, impartial justice. He wanted people who hated Trump and who loved Hillary Clinton and helped her all they could, because he had determined that he was going to undermine the election of Donald J. Trump as President. And if he is not—Rosenstein is the one who has to be removed first. He has got to be removed. He has got to be investigated. I hope and pray that is going to happen, that Rosenstein is going to be investigated.

I can’t count on Bob Mueller to do the honorable thing. There are so many examples where he had a great opportunity to do the honorable thing by people whom he has wrunged and whose lives he has destroyed. He was careful always to avoid doing the right thing, making comments as if he had nothing for which to apologize for destroying innocent lives.

That doesn’t even get into the Ted Stevens case. He had to have been all over the top of that case. He was the director of the FBI. You know good and well they didn’t investigate the longest lives he has destroyed. He was careful making comments as if he had nothing for which to apologize for destroying innocent lives.

They framed an innocent man, manufactured evidence, and destroyed evidence of his innocence. It wasn’t just a reasonable doubt he was innocent; he was innocent.

They manufactured charges, and one might say: Well, but we don’t have direct testimony, direct evidence that Mueller personally knew of the frame-up of Ted Stevens. But what we do know is when the whistleblower FBI agent came out with sworn testimony of the frame-up of the innocent Ted Stevens, that God-fearing whistleblower was run out of the FBI, and the one that he reported the wrongdoing on continued to get glowing praise, advances, and promotions from Bob Mueller.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of his congressional primary.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of prior event in district.

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel delays.

**EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL**

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first and second quarters of 2018, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

**REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 3 AND APR 7, 2018**

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