HON. JOE COURTNEY
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 3, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today out of great respect for a public servant who has since left us, Linda Davis of Ledyard, Connecticut. Linda passed at the age of 71 on December 12th, 2021, after a long-term battle with cancer. Having dedicated 40 years of her life to the town, earning Linda the appropriate nickname, “Mother Ledyard,” the heartbreak that has resulted from her loss cannot be understated.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 4th, 1950, Linda grew up with an affinity for sports and her hometown teams, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Steelers. Upon graduating from high school, Linda continued on into higher education at the University of Pittsburgh where she was able to actively enjoy Steeler games. It was at one of these very hometown games, a playoff between the Steelers and the Navy, that Linda met a rival by the name of Earl Davis. Little did she know at the time that that game and the rival she had met would change the course of her life. It was not long after their first run in that Linda became Mrs. Linda Davis, marrying Earl in 1970 before making the choice of settling down in our neck of the woods, Ledyard, Connecticut.

By the early 1980’s, Linda had moved to Ledyard with her new family and went right to bat for the town of Ledyard. First appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Economic Development Commission in the same year, Linda became a key figure in Ledyard’s fight against the 1981 gypsy moth plague, which significantly impacted the State of Connecticut and continues to invade our communities in spikes to this day. Linda led a part of a town-wide spraying campaign using a fungus which proved effective against the moths. This fungus earned Linda a spotlight as a magnate in attracting families into the neighborhood. Her leadership and passion were felt by all within the town. Though words cannot describe how deeply she will be missed, we can find consolation in the fact that there is an army out there that will ensure that the neighborhoods like Linda Davis, who has put in the work to bring the community into the eastern Connecticut area.

Resembling a true reflection of her character, however, Linda most notably fostered a loving responsibility for the local food pantry during her later years. As supervisor to the pantry, Linda put countless hours into maintaining and recruiting sources for the available supply, most recently overseeing its transfer into a new storage space and making more efficient the process by which donations go from storage to families in need. The town of Ledyard even renamed the pantry after Linda in honor of her dedication to the food pantry. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to know of and represent eastern Connecticut residents like Linda Davis, who has put in the work to not just better our community, but also acted as a magnate in attracting families into the neighborhood. Her leadership and passion were felt by all within the town. Though words cannot describe how deeply she will be missed, we can find consolation in the fact that there is an army out there that will ensure that the neighborhoods are kept alive.

From those early days through to even her final moments, Linda’s life force derived from her fierce advocacy on behalf of the town of Ledyard. Capping her several decades of service to the community, she most recently won a ninth term to the town council. Serving as Chairman of the town council since 2012, Linda used her position on the Economic Development, Land Use, Planning, and Public Works Committee as well as the Information Technology Committee to make Ledyard more hospitable in a variety of ways. This includes her work to publish town works online, making local government more accessible and transparent for the general public. Her leadership on the town council, reflected by her ability to bring elected representatives together, only exists by course as the tip of the iceberg when it comes to remembering her example.

The prosperity of Ledyard was always close to Linda’s heart. Since the start of her official capacity with the town of Ledyard through her service on the Economic Development Commission in 1981, Linda wore just about every hat one could in Ledyard, ranging from other governing bodies like the Economic Development Committee to her Chairmanship of the Board of Education in 2003. Her background in real estate made her a successful proponent of improving the town’s image, including her work to move an anti-blight ordinance through Ledyard Town Council as well as her efficient stewardship of Ledyard’s Beautification Committee. As a real estate agent, Linda personally helped move and welcome more than a thousand families into the eastern Connecticut area.

JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE NO. 1757
TRANSCRIPT
HON. TROY E. NEHLS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, on December 31, 2021, Joe Rogan hosted Dr. Robert Malone on his podcast to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and the Federal government’s response. That podcast has been met with unbridled censorship by big tech. In accordance with House rules, I add the first five pages of the transcript to the Record. The remainder can be viewed at https://nehls.house.gov/posts/joe-rogan-experience-1757-dr-robert-malone-md-full-transcript.

EXPERIENCE NO. 1757 TRANSCRIPT
(By Joe Rogan and Dr. Robert Malone)

Joe Rogan: So, first of all, thanks for coming and uh very nice tie.

Dr. Robert Malone: Thanks. Christmas present um actually ryan cole is the one that first got these and uh my wife has been jealous ever since so this is what I got for . . .

Joe Rogan: Where does one get a Christmas tie that’s got the virus on it?

Dr. Robert Malone: You gotta love how industrious some of these folks are they’re just you know they find a niche like I know what I wanna sell: Covid ties and there you go.

Joe Rogan: I gotta gotta have a tax for an event that’s coming up in Texas in a couple of months and so my wife is writing to the guy that does the ties and to see if he can make a bow tax that’s got the virus on it.

Dr. Robert Malone: Are you uh I mean are you tired of this . . .

Joe Rogan: . . . dealing with this do you feel a duty to talk about this like we should just say uh because uh historically we should just state what’s happening here so today is the 20th of December and yesterday you were kicked off twitter correct.

Dr. Robert Malone: True.

Joe Rogan: Um, we scheduled this in advance. It’s just coincidentally that you were kicked off twitter. What was what were you kicked out first of all before we even do this please tell everybody what your history is and what you want your degrees are and what you do.

Dr. Robert Malone: Okay so I’m going to do the short version okay um some you know this can last for an hour um if we go into the whole history of mumps vaccines and all that kind of stuff uh my history I am uh I was originally a carpenter and a farmhand uh in the central coast of California and decided that I wanted to go back to school and uh did two years of computer science and then decided that I didn’t want to spend the rest of my life looking at a computer monitor in abase and made the decision that I wanted to try to become an MD which was a hard thing to try to do in the in the late 70s so that was a real stretch objective. Went to uc davis after two years at san francisco state and then went to stanford and uh and wanted to work on this new tech space called molecular biology in particular on cancer my mother was deathly afraid of breast cancer and so I looked around and found laboratory at uc davis with a guy named bob cardiff and another guy named murray gardner that were working with retroviruses and their links to breast cancer and it just happened that while I was in there this is circa 83 84. um this whole thing cut loose in san francisco with the immunodeficiency syndrome in men and uh the lab ended up right at the forefront of that you know davids is just down the street basically from san francisco and at the davis primrose center that’s where we discovered that there were monkeys that had immune deficiency and so I was there in the lab as an undergrad as a total bench rat m when there were monkeys that had immune deficiency in primates and uh then murray went to the pastor brought out the virus literally by in a pocket um he
went with there with bob gallo met with a guy named luc montagnier that you may know and uh that kind of kicked off the whole vaccine effort for aids so i that kind of thing that was on uh and i was out of that you know i was uh i was it was really bad to think that i could get into medical school um and i kind of overshoot the mark a little bit but had like many many friends in the intelligence community so i’m kind of a pretty deep insider in terms of the government i know tony fauci person- personally and i’ve been interested in that and then and then we had this particular out- break and um i was uh tip of the spear on bringing the ebola vaccine forward that we we call it and this is kind of the virus i’m the one that got merk involved.

jr: now when the pandemic broke out pre- vious to that i mean you’re kind of thought of as a heretic now in some strange way...

rm: pariah.

jr: yeah it’s probably a better word and the fact that you’ve been banned from twit- ter is it’s it’s very confusing because i’ve been following your tweets and i’ve been reading all the things you’ve written and i don’t understand how it justifies a ban and i don’t know what was the partic particular tweet did they tell you what the particular tweet was was because the reason was that...

rm: they never tell you.

jr: they never told you.

rm: well that’s illegal anybody.

jr: they removed you for not going along with whatever the tech narrative is because tech clearly has a censorship agenda when it comes to the conversation in terms of the whether or not you’re pro- moting what they would call vaccine hesi- tancy they can ban you for that they can ban you for in their eyes what they think is justifiable offense and they’re doing this and i don’t know who these people are that are doing this but they’re doing these this one of the reasons why i’ve read and you read- ing your history like that is to one of the most qualified people in the world to talk about vaccines

rm: well thank you for that i think that that’s so one way that some people put it is and of course since this has happened i’ve been contacted by multiple lawyers that are looking at filing a suit just like alex berenson has one against twitter um and the point is made just with what you just made uh um if so the point that i think it is that i mean i travel a lot and i voice if if there’s no merit to my voice being in the conversation whether i it’s true or not whether i it’s got a park that just for a minute whether or not i’m right in everything i say and i freely admit no one’s perfect i’m not perfect it’s one thing for me to think for myself and i try really hard to give people the information and help them to think not to tell them what to think okay but i think it’s not okay to be part of the conversation even though i’m pointing out scientific facts that may be inconvenient then who is who may be convenient and whatever.

rm: i wasn’t aware of that.

jr: you know i was there in the middle of the whole thing there was some question about me and concluded that i was an

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jr: it was there in the middle of the whole thing there was some question about me and concluded that i was an
anti-vaxxer and therefore I should not be allowed on linkedin now the context for that is talking about that is that monthly attack article that is often cited by my detractors is a fascinating read we could go down that rabbit hole but no reason um it was written a few days after peter navarro’s name was up in the washington times in which we criticized biden policy on vaccines and said that they should be reserved for those that need the most and not used inversely and we read some other things about the need of testing and um tools so that people can assess their true risk it was a political retaliation I thought at the time the map was starting to interact more of a public policy sphere now with this this twitter event my wife and I have racked our brains about what was the what is likely to have been the event that triggered this and you know you never know the last two that I can think of that went out was one that was on our sub stack in which we um referred to a fantastic video that has been put out by the canadian covid care alliance group that summarizes all the malfeasance and data manipulation misinformation associated with the vaccines and their clinical trials it’s a super video and um of course that’s I guess that uh interpreted as something that would cause people to become vaccine hesitant that’s the sin in general is saying things that cause people to become vaccine hesitant the other one that the other immediate one that was a post a link to a website for the world economic forum that lays out their entire strategy for how they manage media following ema managing covid-19 and all of their core messaging it’s fascinating with links those are the only two things I can think of that would meet the criteria. Scattered knowledge my position all the way through this comes off of the platform of bioethics and the importance of informed consent so my position is that people should have the freedom of choice particularly for their children um and that in order to appropriately choose to participate in a medical experiment they have to be fully informed of the risks as well as the benefits and so I’ve tried really hard to make sure that people have access to the information about the risks and potential benefits the true unfiltered academic papers and raw data etc. and the policy that’s being implemented is one in which no discussion of the risks are allowed in discussion they will elicit vaccine hesitance so it can’t be discussed but that’s the fundamental background that’s the backbone of informed consent so information that’s not only not happening it’s being actively blocked that makes sense.

JR: it does make sense and it’s unprecedented I mean I can’t recall a time ever where people weren’t able to discuss the side effects of medication whether or not the studies are accurate whether or not people should universally take these things or whether it should be done on a person-by-person basis this is a it’s a very strange time and so when someone who’s an expert like yourself in measuring opinion and you see that dissonance opinion immediately silenced or si- or at least immediately criticized and then these attempts at silencing it it just signifies how confusing and how troubled the times were in are when Covid first hit when the lockdown started happening in march of 2020 what was your position on all this?

RM: so you’re kind of asking my origin story with Covid

JR: yes I mean were you initially um have you had the covid vaccine?

RM: so the answer is yes I’ve also been infected twice.

JR: after you took it um

RM: once before I was infected at the end of February because I was attending a MIT conference on drug discovery and artificial intelligence so this is pre-lockdown Feb

2020 you but it goes back further than that um there’s a CIA agent that I’ve co-published research with named Michael Castillo, he was in Wuhan in the fourth quarter of 2019 he called me from Wuhan on January 4th I was currently managing a team that was responsible for organophosphate poisoning ergo nerve agents for DTRA defense threat reduction agency, involving high-performance computing and high-end stuff and he told me Robert you got to get your team spun up because we got a problem with this new virus I worked with him through it brought it forward and it was then that I turned my attention to this started modeling um a key protein a protease inhibitor of this virus when the sequence was released on January 11th as the Wuhan seafood market virus and I’ve been pretty much going non-stop ever since to that point with drug repurposing so I’m the one that originally discovered famotidine as an agent um because I was self-treating myself after I got infected with agents that we’d identified through the computer modeling.

SUPPORTING H.R. 5314, THE PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY ACT

HON. ED CASE
OF HAWAII
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5314, the Protecting our Democracy Act, a bill I am proud to have cosponsored.

The work of ensuring that our Republic remains committed to our founding democratic principles is something all of us in Congress should fully support. Each generation of elected officials and Americans is entrusted with protecting our incredible and fragile form of government.

Today, we look to respond to that responsibility and confront that systemic crisis of confidence facing our Nation’s government through the Protecting our Democracy Act. This bill seeks to bolster the checks and balances between the branches of our government, ensure public officials are held accountable, confront corruption head on and provide more transparency for the American people. This much-needed legislation responds to attempts to undermine our democratic institutions. It will make sure our government works for the people and rebuild trust in the lawmakers and public servants working on the pressing issues facing our Nation and the world.

Lastly, as a Legislative Branch appropriator and member of the Blue Dog Coalition, I want to thank the Rules Committee for making the amendment submitted by Congressman Courtney, Chair of the House Committee on Jobs and Economic Growth, in order. His amendment will ensure Congressionally mandated reports from the executive branch are transmitted to Congress in machine readable format, easing public access to these reports.

As Congress works to strengthen and protect our democracy for future generations, the reforms in this bill will help ensure that we can keep our cherished republic. I urge support for this measure.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MATTHEW HARMON

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Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Lieutenant Commander Matthew Harmon, United States Navy, during his service as a legislative fellow in my Washington, D.C., office last year. Throughout 2021, Matt has played a critical role in supporting my work on the House Armed Services Committee and representing the proud Navy community in eastern Connecticut.

As Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, I have the high honor of overseeing much of our Nation’s Navy, Marine Corps, and various Air Force programs. The Navy’s legislative fellowship program is an invaluable asset to the members of the House and the Senate as we craft annual improvements to our nation’s military apparatus with the insight of junior officers who, like Matt, bring real-world experience from military duty. This year, as our subcommittee considered how best to further naval shipbuilding and ship acquisition, Matt offered thoughtful and informed perspective that helped us bolster shipbuilding supply chains, and prioritize Navy and Marine Corps readiness across the INDOPACOM through the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, Matt provided critical insight and guidance into how our subcommittee could provide the resources and platforms that our Navy and marines need to achieve mission success.

Matt has also seized initiative in a variety of areas beyond naval affairs. He worked tirelessly to scrup the Navy’s budget request and used his Navy experience to identify funding gaps in the shipbuilding and conversion and research, development, test, and evaluation accounts. After identifying areas in which we could improve the Navy’s posture and readiness through Congressional authorization, he was able to recommend substantive changes through our subcommittee’s inclusion of top Navy priorities in the FY22 NDAA. He has also served as the staff lead for the Friends of Australia Caucus, of which I serve as co-chair, ensuring that the ties between our countries remain as strong as ever—particularly as our two nations begin a new era of partnership under AUKUS. At a time when America’s and our allies’ national security priorities are refocusing rapidly towards the maritime domain in the Pacific, Matt’s work to facilitate communications with our Australian counterparts to recognize new opportunities in light of the enhanced relationship afforded by AUKUS will have a direct impact on the security of our Nation.

From his very first days with my office, Matt has been an adaptable and effective advocate for the needs of the second district of Connecticut. Starting his fellowship in a year marked by the COVID–19 pandemic, he adjusted quickly to more than unusual circumstances, becoming my office’s first legislative fellow to initiate board service at less than fully remote circumstances while also joining my office’s team in the same week of the January 6th riot. He has since acted as an invaluable, resilient asset on behalf of my office.