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**Remarks on Signing Legislation Regarding Congressional Disapproval of Environmental Protection Agency Rules Relating to Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standards in California and an Exchange With Reporters**

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*The President.* Well, thank you very much. I just said to Mike, "This is fantastic." I didn't think we were going to see this coming for a while. Congratulations.

This is a very, very important thing. Thank you very much, everybody. This is a very important thing we're going to be discussing.

Please sit down. Thank you very much.

This is good news, indeed. People said it couldn't be done. You got it done. I just have to sign, right? *[Laughter]* That's very good. This is really something.

And it has to do with the California auto regulation CRA. It's been a disaster for this country.

And I want to thank everybody for being here. We officially rescue the U.S. auto industry from destruction by terminating California electric vehicle mandate once and for all. *[Inaudible]* So good.

They said it couldn't be done. But, boy, it's been—it's had us tied up in knots for years. And they'd pass these crazy rules in California, and would it—would be—17 States would go by them. The automakers didn't know what to do, because they're really building cars for two countries. When you have 17 States, you're building cars for two countries.

And I want to congratulate you all—the Senate, the House, the whole thing. It's incredible. I was going to sign an Executive order and give it a shot. *[Laughter]*

But the one good thing with this—number one, it holds up forever, and number two—unless somebody votes it out. They'll never do that—and it's just so much better, huh? It's so much better. That's so great. Very proud of you.

We're joined today by the great Speaker of the House. I think he's going to go down as a great Speaker of the House too. I may be wrong. *[Laughter]* I may be wrong. Who knows? Who the hell knows? *[Laughter]* I think he is.

And he's doing something—the only thing I would say is more important than this one, and I'm—I'll tell you what, it's almost close. That's how big this is today. But the "Great Big Beautiful"—I added the word "great," you know? I used the word. *[Laughter]* The "Great Big Beautiful Bill." It's going to be one of the—I said it this morning to a group, I think it's the most important—one of the most important pieces of legislation ever—ever signed, ever approved. So it's going to be something very special.

Thank you very much. Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, thank you.

Secretary Sean Duffy. And they had a problem in India today, and you're on that. Sean is doing a tremendous job.

Secretary Chris Wright. Everybody said, "You'd never be able to get him." He's the most talented man, they say, in the oil and gas industry. I'll let you know in about 2 years if that's true. *[Laughter]*

Well, Doug Burgum—you know, I wanted Doug Burgum to head up Energy because he was so successful in North Dakota as Governor. And he said, "Sir, there's one person who's much better than me." I said, "Who?" They said, "Chris Wright." I said, "Who the hell is Chris Wright?" [Laughter] I had no idea. Now everyone knows Chris Wright. He's going to be more famous than me. But he said, "There's a guy named Chris Wright, and if we could get him, he'd be better than I am, sir." And if you know Doug—is not here, is he? If you knew Doug—he's always working someplace. But if you knew Doug, you'd know that he doesn't say that often, and he did.

And, Chris, you're doing great. And—but I don't like—the oil prices have gone up just a little bit over the last few days. I was going to call and just really start screaming at you. [Laughter] Are we okay? Nothing wrong, right? It's going to keep going down a little bit, right? [Laughter]

Because we have inflation under control perfectly. You probably saw the records. Everyone's on television saying, "What's going on here? Trump has proven to be right." You know, all of these things—we've taken in \$88 billion in tariffs in 2 months—\$88 billion—with no inflation. And if we're smart, there won't be.

Now, we'd like to get this guy to lower interest rates, because, you know, if he doesn't, we have to pay—we have a lot of short-term debt. Obama gave it to us originally, and Biden carried it on. They like short-term. I like long-term, cheap debt. But a lot of the debt comes through, because Biden, that's what—well, he didn't do it. I'm sure he didn't know anything about it. [Laughter] But somebody approved short-term debt. It's all over the place. And it comes due starting very soon.

And if we would lower the interest rates by 1 point, we'd pay about 1 point less. That's \$300 billion a year. Can you believe it? One point. If he'd lower it by 2 points, we'd pay \$600 billion a year less. That's for years—10 years, 12 years, whatever we make it. But we can't get this guy to do it.

And the fake news is saying: "Oh, if you fired him, it would be so bad. It would be so bad." I don't know why it would be so bad, but I'm not going to fire him. I just want him to—you know, we call him "Too Late," right? "Too Late" is his nickname—like "Too Tall" Jones. He was too tall—t-o-o.

And I just say this because we want to get rid of inflation, and we have, but we're going to be paying more for debt. And all he has to do is lower it. Europe has done 10 lowerings. We've done none. And nobody understands it.

Actually, today, when the numbers came out, they were so good. You saw yesterday's numbers. Incredible. No inflation. Today's numbers—today just came out, same thing: no inflation. They were all shocked. Every—all these guys are watching from—well, business CNBC and all of these different networks. Maria Bartiromo actually got it right. She's been getting it right for a long time, that one. I hope she's appreciated. And Joe Kernan has been very good at CNBC, I must tell you. But other people aren't so good.

But I will say that they are just—they can't believe what's happening.

But if I could, because we can discuss—oh, we got a lot of press. We get a lot of cameras rolling right now. Not that I like doing it, because I don't. But if we take—if we cut our interest by 1 point, for years, we save \$300 billion. If we cut it by 2 points, we save—because it's pretty equivalent. We're going to save—we're going to spend \$600 billion a year—\$600 billion because of one numskull that sits here, "I don't see enough reason to cut the rates now."

And the problem he's got is that—and I explained to him, "Look, if inflation went up, cut your rates now." There's no inflation. We got it down. We got prices down. We got gasoline down, and you—you'll keep it going down. *[Laughter]* But gasoline is down. We're drill—you know, it's drill, baby, drill. That's what—that's why it's going down. But we—all that.

But think of it. I said to him—he was in my office a couple of days ago. I said, "If you think there's inflation, let's find out, because I think we're going to keep it down." I think gasoline is going to be so far down—oil, energy. It's so much energy—we have so much energy, we don't know what to do with it. "But let's say there was inflation in a year from now. Raise your rates. I don't mind. Raise your rates. I'm all for it. I'll be the one to—I'll be calling you." He'll be too late for that too. *[Laughter]* "But raise your rates. You don't have to keep them up here. If it's going to go up, I'm okay with you raising, but it's down."

And we're going out to financing, and I may have to force something—somebody said, "Who's the genius that thought of that?" I said, "It's me." Unlike Biden, I stay awake at night thinking about how to save our country. He was much better at sleeping than me. He could sleep on a beach. *[Laughter]* He could sleep on a beach with cameras rolling. I can't do that.

But I had an idea. I gave it. They said, "This is really"—we'll go short-term for a year, let this guy get out of office. Some guy will come in, cut it a couple of points, and we'll save ourself \$7-, \$8-, maybe even \$900 billion a year.

What is he doing? Why doesn't he lower these rates?

And with that, we'll get on to the California standard, which is a disaster. Okay?

So, Chris Wright, you're going to get the numbers down. Thank you very much. *[Laughter]*

Lee Zeldin, one of the most important men in this room. He's the man I get nervous when I talk to him. He's doing a great job.

Nuclear, I say, "Okay, you can take 2 weeks for that approval." It used to take 20 years, then they wouldn't approve it. Now I say: "Lee, nuclear, I'll give you 2 weeks for an approval. A coal-fired plant, you only get a couple of days. And oil and gas, we'll give you a week. Okay?" Something like that.

But he's doing it so fast, and we have so many plants being built right now. It's so beautiful to see. And one of the reasons they're coming here is because we—they have to produce tremendous—especially the AI—they have to produce beyond believable amounts of electricity.

And they're doing—I said to them—I think this was more or less my idea. They—didn't have the idea only because they didn't think a thing like this was possible. I said, "As you build your plant, you're going to become a utility, and you're going to build a separate plant right alongside of it. You're going to build it. You're going to build a plant that produces electricity. And you'll produce it through natural gas, coal, nuclear."

They're—we don't want to produce it through wind, because we don't feel like ruining 50 miles of beautiful plains and beautiful vistas. And—but we want to produce it.

You know, interestingly, China is opening up a coal plant every single week, but now I'm finding out it might be two plants every single week. And you know, usually that's a good gauge. If they're using coal, I guess we're supposed to use coal. And you know, we went to a coal standard. And not that you have to use coal. You're going to use whatever is best.

I want to introduce also Senate Majority Whip John Barrasso, who's a tremendous guy. Doctor. Right? And he is a tremendous guy, tremendously talented doctor. When I have a medical situation for the country—for myself, I haven't used him, but I might have to. *[Laughter]* Maybe

I'll do that. If it's serious enough, I think I'd probably do that. *[Laughter]* But he's a tremendously talented gentleman who happens to be a Senator and one that's very respected.

Chairwoman Shelley Moore Capito. And congratulations, I just endorsed your son. Did you know that? I endorsed your son. I endorsed her son, who's running in West Virginia, and he's great.

*Senator Shelley Moore Capito.* Thank you. Thank you.

*The President.* In fact, he's all Trump, all the time. Much—I think much more so than you, actually if you want—*[laughter]*—you were his largest impediment. No, I'm only kidding. *[Laughter]* He's all Trump, all the time, and he's going to win big. And so congratulate him. Okay? He's really been fantastic. So many people have told me. Thank you.

And House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, who's a brave man. He went through a hell. Steve went through hell.

And we have a lot of other people here that I won't be able to—because I don't have your name down, and I'm looking, and I see people's whose names—I'll do a couple of you.

But thanks as well to Markwayne Mullin, Senator. Markwayne, thank you. Stand up, Markwayne. Don't fight him. He's a serious fighter, in a lot of ways, and he's a great guy too. Thank you, Markwayne.

Deb Fischer. Deb. Thank you, Deb. Good. Pete Ricketts, who's going to do very well in the upcoming election. Thank you. Thank you, Peter. Jon Husted, who's really moving along in Ohio. Jon, good luck. You're going to do well. All endorsed people. John Curtis, who's doing terrifically. John, thank you. Good job. They all say "excellent." What can I tell you? *[Laughter]* Good job.

And Bernie Moreno, who won a race that was not winnable. They all said it's not winnable. He won in Ohio. They said: "You can't win that race. It's a waste of time. You're just wasting your time." Right, Bernie?

*Senator Bernardo Moreno.* Thank you, President.

*The President.* It wasn't a waste of time, was it? Huh? And they won by, like, 5 points too. Won by a lot.

Along with Representatives Kevin Kiley, Vince Fong, Jay Obernolte, Doug LaMalfa, Darrell Issa. Where's Darrell? I haven't seen you in such a long time. Look at you. How good you look, huh? *[Laughter]* Good when you have those big margins. It's easier, right? *[Laughter]*

John Joyce. Great guy. John, thank you. Thank you, John. Dusty Johnson, Morgan Griffith, Troy Balderson. Troy, from a place called Ohio. And he played very cute at one time, but then he got—boy, I'll tell you, he's become a good politician. Where is Troy now? Where—I haven't seen him—for years. I endorsed you early, when he was early and younger—*[laughter]*—but you still look young, and you've done fantastically good. Good work. Really good work.

Claudia Tenney, New York. Claudia. Thank you, Claudia. John James. John James. I don't know. You know, he's running for Governor, but I'm not sure I'm happy about that, John. Do we have somebody good to take your seat?

*Representative John James.* Absolutely.

*The President.* Because otherwise, we're not letting him run for Governor. *[Laughter]* We can't. You have somebody good, right?

*Rep. James.* Yes, sir.

*The President.* Okay. You—as long as you like them, they'll win.

Tracey Mann. Tracey, thank you very much. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Michael Baumgartner. Michael. Thank you, Michael. Good—good job. David Rouzer. Rouzer. Thank you. Glenn Grothman. Hi, Glenn. Thank you very much, Glenn. Brett Guthrie. Brett. Thank you, Brett. Rudy Yakym. Thank you. Thank you, Rudy. And I want to thank you all. And there's some additional people in the room, but I—we have to get back to—this is, like, so big. This is a big one.

Under the previous administration—oy, the previous administration. [*Laughter*] I could go point after point, everything they did: open borders, men playing in women's sports, transgender for everybody. "Everybody, let's go transgender." [*Laughter*] What a group of people you had over there. They must have hated our country.

Under the previous administration, the Federal Government gave left-wing radicals in California dictatorial powers to control the future of the entire car industry all over the country—all over the world, actually, because they have to build a car. They can't build 19 different cars called the same thing. And really, it was all over the world, what was happening.

They approved Governor Gavin Newsom's ridiculous plan to impose a 100-percent ban on all new gas-powered cars within a very short period of time. Think of this. You couldn't buy any other car except an electric-powered car. And in California, they have blackouts and brownouts. They don't have—enough electricity right now to do the job.

And countrywide, you'd have to spend \$4 trillion to build the firing plants, to build—to be able to—they call it a firing—they call them a lot of things: charging plants, firing plants. Four trillion dollars, you'd have build—spend.

In the Midwest, they built nine of them—nine individual—it's like a pump. It's just like a pump, except instead of gas, electricity comes out. They spent—actually, they built eight of them. Nine billion dollars they spent for eight. Eight little hoses, \$9 billion.

Now, I'm sure they could have done it for about, you know, one-thousandth of that. But even if they did, it's unaffordable.

They approved Governor Gavin's ridiculous—he's so ridiculous—by the way, you would—if I didn't bring the military in, Los Angeles would be burning down right now. It'd be burning just like his damn houses burned down because he didn't have the water that he should have had. He had so much water—they have so much water.

We had to send in the military to free up the water, and we did that right after the fires. We told them to do it in the first term.

But just like that ridiculous plan, this is a plan to—think of it, a plan to ban 100—and they call it the 100-percent ban—on all new gas-powered cars and abolish 75 percent of the gas-powered trucks. Seventy-five percent.

The trucking industry saw me. They said, "Sir, it doesn't work." Number one, the trucks are so heavy. They're two and a half times heavier than a diesel-powered truck. So one of the big truckers owns 28,000 trucks. Big company, tremendous company. And he said: "I go out of business immediately. I'm not going to play games." I mean, I said, "Did you explain these things to the Government officials, like the truck weighs 2½ times more—two and a half times more than a regular truck, a gasoline-powered—diesel?" And he said, "Based on that, we have to rebuild every bridge in the United States of America, because it wasn't designed to hold cars and trucks that heavy." Because the batteries are very heavy. They're, you know, probably lead. They have a lot of things in those batteries that weigh a lot.

But it's 2½ times. It's a simple number. Two and a half times. And if you—if you want to do this, you have to spend trillions and trillions of dollars on rebuilding every bridge—bridge in the United States and, I guess, throughout the world, if they—because they do follow us.

And the big rig, buses, and even cement trucks—they want to abolish certain categories of truck, but they want to go 75 percent of all of these trucks have to be abolished almost immediately. I mean, the time is just crazy.

And they don't go far. Another little problem. With a tank of diesel, you can go from New York to Los Angeles—if you want to go to Los Angeles right now—but New York to Los Angeles, and you can go back a little bit. With the electric truck, you'll stop approximately six times. Enjoy your—enjoy your stop.

And the truckers saw me, and I said: "Did you just explain this? Because this is like—you know, if you explain it, a person is reasonable for the"—he said, "We explained it. They didn't care." They said, "We're going all electric."

They're—they can't be stupid, because anybody that can cheat on elections like them is not a stupid person. [Laughter] But they must hate our country.

But I said to this big trucker—he said, "Sir, I've been buying trucks my whole damn life." He's a rough guy, smart guy. He said: "I've got thousands of them. I've been buying them for 50 years, and every single year, they got better. They got more efficient. They got bigger. They got stronger. I build apartments in my trucks now for the drivers." I said, "What's an apartment?" "That's on the cab; they put this thing." "And, sir, I know you like luxury, but you wouldn't mind living in one of these." I said: "Maybe I would. Maybe I wouldn't." [Laughter] I mean, it doesn't sound too appealing. [Laughter]

But I said, "So what's the problem?" He said: "So I noticed one thing. For 50 years, every single year, one thing happened: They got better. They got stronger. They got more efficient. They got faster. They could carry any load. If we went to this standard, we'd go back beyond 50 years. They wouldn't go as far as a truck from 50 years ago. It would be too heavy and have all the other problems." He said: "We'd be going backwards. We'd be taking—the trucking industry would be starting all over. But actually, it would be worse, because it was better 50 years ago then."

So I said, "What are you going to do if I don't win this election?" This was before the election. He said, "You don't win the election, I'm going to close up my business because I'm not going to lose my"—he said: "I'm not going to lose my ass. I know exactly what's going to happen. It's going to be a catastrophe." It's the craziest thing I've ever heard. They're making you buy stuff that doesn't work. It's no good. It doesn't work.

And I'm all for electric. If you want to buy electric, you can buy—electric cars are great. If you buy the right ones, your cars are great. And you should be given the option: buy the electric car, buy a gasoline-powered car, buy a hybrid.

Probably not hydrogen, because hydrogen has a tendency that when it blows up, you're gone-zo. It's over. [Laughter] They've—they find you 75 yards down the road. You know? [Laughter] "Where is he?" "Well, I think that's him, but I'm not sure."

So, you know, they said we think we can solve the problem. I said, "That's not good enough, when 'they think.'" No, it sounds like it's quite severe. If it doesn't work—Steve, it will work most of the time, but if it doesn't, it's over. [Laughter] It'll make your accident look like peanuts compared. You wouldn't be around, I'll tell you, because it's been—it's pretty—[inaudible].

But some people like it. I don't know. They'll—let's see what happens. But I would say it's off to a bad start. [Laughter]

But because of the size of California's population and the fact that 17 other States follow California—that's the problem. Seventeen other States follow California. They have the most ridiculous laws I've ever seen for a lot of things. This is just cars, but we're—and trucks and all. They have a lot of them for other things.

But we have—it's called the California car standards, and this horrible scheme would effectively abolish the internal combustion engine, which most people prefer—like, so far, I'd say about 90 percent. In fact, General Motors announced yesterday they're going to spend about \$6 billion on—because of tariffs and maybe because of my election on November 5. But because of tariffs—I think, more than anything—they're all coming back. They're coming back from other countries that took them 25, 30 years ago. They're all coming back.

We have now almost \$15 trillion. They had almost nothing last year and year before. They had very—very little. Nobody wanted to be back here. Nobody wanted to come to our country anymore, because we were like stupid people. We look like stupid people. We were laughed at all over the world. Now we're not laughed at anymore, I can tell you that.

But they wanted to shatter our domestic supply chains and literally grind civilization to a halt. We would have gone so far back. It's hard to believe, actually. Hard to believe, when you don't have enough electricity to give a person a little air conditioning in the summer, and now they want you to take electricity and fire up all these cars. But we're not going to let that happen.

Meanwhile, all of the auto jobs would be shipped to China, because they're—very strong on electric, and it lives off [the lives of; White House correction] an estimated 200,000 American autoworkers would be destroyed. It's one of the reasons I did so well with the United Auto Workers, and now I'm really doing well with them. I did phenomenally with them. No Republican ever got any numbers like I got. And the Teamsters too. Sean O'Brien, the head of the Teamsters. These guys, they like Trump because I'm—I produce jobs. They know that.

Everybody knew that—the autoworkers knew better than anybody how good the tariffs were. And the head of the Auto Brakers [Auto Workers; White House correction]—I don't know him at all, but he didn't like me at all. Now he's going around saying, "This guy's unbelievable." He was very nice to me the last few months. During the campaign, no, but if—[laughter]—I've proven—you know, I've proven it. I've done what I said I was going to do, and we've brought back tremendous numbers of jobs, and you're having auto plants built all over the country. All over.

They're—there's never seen anything like that. They're leaving from Mexico. They're leaving from Canada. They're leaving from other parts of the world. If they want a Mercedes-Benz, you're going to have it made here. It's okay to have a Mercedes, but they're going to make it here. Otherwise, they're going to pay a very big tariff. They already are.

That's one of the reasons we have \$88 billion. It's a lot of money. But that's peanuts compared to what we're going to be making in another few months. They haven't even kicked in yet.

But we're not going to let any of these bad things happen, these stupid projections that I've been reading about for the last 6 months. I think these people are either corrupt or really dumb. And they're supposed to be economists.

In the campaign, I promised to end this disaster, and today, our Republican majorities in Congress have delivered. And I don't know, I can't imagine—did—it's so obvious. It's so good. Did we get any Democrat votes? Did any—did we get one?

*Audience member.* Yes, sir.

*The President.* Two?

*Representative John P. Joyce.* Thirty-five Democrats—[inaudible].

*The President.* Who?

*Rep. Joyce.* Thirty-five Democrats, sir.

*The President.* Thirty-five?

*Rep. Joyce.* Yes, sir.

*The President.* I think that's great. You know, I think that's great.

You got 35 Democrats?

*Rep. Joyce.* Thirty-five. Yes, sir. And one—

*The President.* I think that's great. That, as far as I'm concerned—

*Audience member.* And one in the Senate.

*Rep. Joyce.* One in the Senate.

*The President.* One in the Senate. On something that's so good.

But who was the one?

*Audience member.* That was Slotkin?

*Senator Debra S. Fischer.* Slotkin. Yes.

*Audience member.* Michigan.

*The President.* Oh, well—[laughter]. I shouldn't have asked. [Laughter] I congratulate her. I don't care. I think it's great. That's very interesting. [Laughter]

Why did I ask that question, Mr. Speaker? [Laughter]

But in a few moments, I'll sign three pieces of legislation that will kill—totally killed, can't do anything about it. They can't take us to court. They can't do any of the things they can do with the Executive orders, and it's permanent. I'll sign three pieces of legislation that will kill the California mandates forever. And they're never coming back.

Now the auto companies are the most happy because now they're going to be designing and building one auto. It will be much cheaper. It's a much less expensive.

They were showing me—one of the most respected people was showing me that to save a little—like a half a glass of fuel, it costs them thousands of dollars with new computers and stop it—the engine has to stop and then turn on and blah, blah, blah. And I said, "Does it work as well?" "No, it's terrible. It's terrible." And that's to save a little bit of fuel. This much fuel, that Chris Wright can produce with one extra little oil well someplace, right? [Laughter] One little—a small one, a very small one.

But think of it, your cars are going to cost you \$3,000, \$4,000 less, and you're going to have what you want. And, again, you can get any car you want. You can get electric. A lot of people love the electric—they—they like Tesla. So do I, in all fairness. I like Tesla, and I like others too, but I also like combustion engines. And I—you know, there are reasons for a lot of things.

When I was in Iowa, we had an unbelievable victory, if you remember. Remember? That was nice. You won by, like, so much. Nobody even talked about anything else. But that was a great victory.

But it was unbelievably cold that night, and I was going to watch my victory in the area where I was going to make a speech, and the whole place was littered with cars. I said, "What



happened?" "They were electric cars, and they don't work in cold." I said, "I didn't know that." And they don't work in extreme heat, either. Other than that, they're wonderful. But—*[laughter]*—no, but if you're in a cold climate, you know, how do you do that? But they're electric cars, and I noticed that, and then I didn't pay much attention, because we won by about 65 points, so I was more interested in that. But I do remember that scene. I said, "What the hell is going on over here?"

This historic action will also help us reduce inflation and bring down the price of automobiles and electricity very, very substantially. You know, we're building massive electricity right now—it's already started—because of that guy right there, Lee Zeldin. By far, the most important man in the room, Mr. Speaker. Stand up, Lee.

He blows you guys away, John. He blows the politicians away, I'm sorry, right now.

He actually—he's a great politician, though. He almost won for Governor in New York, which is—we just missed by a—a few points. And that was another race that was not winnable, but you almost got it. But I think what you're doing now is even bigger, if you want to know the truth. I think it's actually more important, if you can believe that.

Under the previous regime, car prices skyrocketed as a direct result of the mandates. These mandates, this nonsense that you had to do. And they had so many other rules and regulations that the car companies, who are here today, appreciate that.

And Susie Wiles is here today. Stand up, Susie. The most incredible woman. Most powerful woman in the world, they say. She's the most powerful. She was rated the most powerful woman in the world, Susie Wiles. One phone call and a nation is destroyed. *[Laughter]* She destroys—she could destroy five nations with five calls, and she's doing a great job. More importantly, right? Doing a great job. Nobody like her.

Energy prices would likewise soar as the radical left force more electric vehicles onto the grid, while blocking approvals for new power plants. They want to block the approvals. They want you to have a car with electric, but they block the production of the juice that runs the cars—and all of them, all forms of cars.

It's just the craziest thing. We're in a different sphere now. We're in a whole different planet right now.

The result would be rolling blackouts and a collapse of our power systems. We'd have a total collapse. You couldn't do it. You couldn't even do it. Think of it. They're forcing you to do something, and they want you to do—boats, also—I assume boats are being covered by this. And boats—they want you to go all electric, and the batteries are so heavy, the damn boat practically doesn't float. I used to have a lot of fun talking about that one on the tours. We'd talk about it. I said, "What would happen if the boat sank?"

Because we went to North Carolina, South Carolina. We visited boat factories—unbelievable guys—and they said: "Sir, we have one problem. They're forcing us to go electric for the boat." I said, "How's it going to work?" "The boat will not float, sir." *[Laughter]* "It's so heavy, and it won't go fast, and lots of other"—and I did ask them a question, because I have a lot of background—my uncle is a big shot at MIT, the smartest guy. They never had a smarter guy. And I have—guess I have a little of that.

My first question was: "What would happen if the boat sank? Do you get electrocuted?" *[Laughter]* Remember, I said that? And I used to be decimated by these people back here, right? I used to be decimated. They'd say, "What kind of a crazy question is that?" I'm actually serious. What happens? If you're in electric boat and the boat is going down, you're in trouble, Susie. And I used to say, remember—oh, I'd get decimated. The audience loved it, but the press would laugh

at it. I said, "So, if I have my choice of going down or jumping 5 or 6 yards away from the boat, but there's a shark there"—[laughter]—"what do I do?" You know what I said? "I'd rather be electrocuted." [Laughter] I said, "I'll take electrocution every single day."

But actually, he said, "Nobody has ever asked me that question, sir." He makes boats. "Nobody ever asked me that question. That's really an unusual question." He said, "And, honestly, I don't have the answer." He wasn't able—[laughter]—I said: "Don't worry about it. If I win, you won't have to worry about it." [Laughter]

But today we're saving California and we're saving our entire country from a disaster. Your cars are going to be thousands of dollars less money, and even the ones that—if you buy electric, we're not going to make you do certain things that are just a waste of money and—just a time-consuming waste of money. They make you do things that are no good for anybody, make the car worse and make it much more expensive.

Over the past 5 months, our administration and Republicans in Congress have fought for the American autoworker and for Teamsters and for, by the way, right to work. We have them all. We have—you know, we just call them just "workers." We fought for workers like no one has ever fought before.

I understand that. It's why we won. We won with workers. We won with young people.

I just saw with TikTok, I was number one on TikTok in its history. Can you believe that? So I guess I like TikTok. That's why they're saying, "Are you saving"—and we probably will save TikTok, actually.

But on my first day in office, I ended the "green new scam" and abolished the EV mandate at the Federal level—we abolished it—which is basically that everybody will be driving an electric car within a very short period of time.

Now we know why Elon doesn't like me so much, which he does, actually. He does. And he never had a problem.

You know, it was very interesting. This was—this is not something new. This has been there from day one, Speaker, right? We're going to abolish the EV mandate. And Elon still endorsed me, because, honestly, he never, ever spoke to me about that.

And I used to say: "I'm amazed that he's endorsing me, because that can't be good for him. I'm abolishing the EV mandate." And I once asked him about it. "You never talk to me about that." He said, "Well, as long as it's happening to everybody, I'll be able to compete." It was a very interesting answer. I thought it was a very honest answer, to be honest with you. And I talked about it that—incredible. You know, you would have thought he would have been, from day one, "You've got to make sure you don't do the EV mandate—the abolishing." He never did. He was very honest in that sense.

And he did say to me—I actually asked him, because it was, like, really strange how—I'm with him. He's very—you know, a friend of mine, and he makes electric cars, and we're saying: "You're not going to be able to make electric cars, or you're not going to be forced to make all of those cars. You can make them, but it'll be by the market—judged by the market." And that's what he said. He said: "As long as I'm on the same plain as everybody else, we're going to do good. We make a better product." I said, "That's very cool. That's very cool." That was my answer.

After that, he got a little bit strange, but I—[laughter]—I don't know why—over much smaller things than that.

As part of the "One Big Beautiful Bill," we'll also further slash the funding for the "green new scam"—as you know, it's greatest scam in history—saving American taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars.

The windmills are killing our country, by the way. The fields are littered with them—junk. They're littered with them, and they get older, and they get rusty, and they get bad, and they get—this is other countries also. It's the greatest scam in history. It's the most expensive energy you can buy. They're ugly.

A friend of mine comes from Minnesota. He's been in New York. He hit it big. He's a very successful guy, actually. And he wanted to go back—see his mother, who's not well—and he went back to Minnesota. Hasn't been back there in 20 years. And he said: "It's unbelievable what happened." He said, "I'm driving down a highway and up a certain road, and the most beautiful fields. I remember them so well, and I was so looking forward to seeing them again. And I looked at them, and they had windmills all over them. These horrible, horrible structures." A very smart guy, this guy. And he said, "These ugly buildings—these ugly, horrible things." And he said: "It was so bad, I actually drove back to see it, because I couldn't believe it. Before I even got to my mother, I drove back." I said, "How much do you like your mother?" [*Laughter*]

But no, it hurt him to see it. He said, "I looked at this field that was one of the most beautiful places in my own mind and imagination that I've ever seen." And I said, "It's littered with the—this garbage. It looked like a junkyard," he said.

And some, you know—then you get different manufacturers, and they don't look alike, and they're not painted alike—different colors. You have—even if they're white, one's a beigey white, one's a darker white, one's a lighter white.

And then they start to rust after 4 or 5 years, and then they start to wear out, and nobody takes them because you're not allowed to bury the propellers—the props, right? You can't bury the props for some reason. I don't know why, but they say that you can't bury. It's a certain type of fiber, and if it goes in the ground, we're all going to die. It's—what bullshit this is, okay? [*Laughter*] They can't bury—so what they do is, they leave them up. If you go to Palm Springs, California, take a look. You watch—go into this beautiful community. Before you get—it's like you're riding through a junkyard. Windmills all over the place—tall ones, short ones, dead ones. They're all dead. Some are hanging over by a thread. They never take them down. They just leave them there, and they start to rust.

It's one of the greatest scams, and it's also the most expensive energy. And the environmentalists say: "Oh, we love wind. It sounds so good." But it's a—it's a horrible thing. Environmentally, it's a horrible thing. I say that to you. It's wind.

And we are going to have virtually no—one mandate we have, we're going to natural gas, nuclear.

Nuclear—we just had a big signing with nuclear, making it easier and safer and better. It's really, I would say, probably more than any other form of energy that's come about, it's been amazing, what's been done. It's very safe, very good, and very inexpensive.

But we're not going to let windmills get built because we're not going to destroy our country any further than it's already been destroyed. You go and look at these beautiful plains and valleys, and they're loaded up with this garbage that gets worse and worse looking with time. It starts when the rust comes; 4.5 years, it starts to rust. And it's very expensive to paint them, so they don't paint them. And they're horrible. What's happened is horrible. So we're not going to approve windmills unless something happens that's an emergency. I guess it could happen, but we're not doing any of them.

I hope the Senate will soon pass a bill the House can quickly approve and get to my desk. By the Fourth of July, we'll have this done.

And to further defend our autoworkers, I imposed a 25-percent tariff on all foreign automobiles. Investment in American auto manufacturing is surging because of it.

They have Mercedes all over. They have—they pay 25 percent if they don't make the car in the United States, and because of that—and this could have been done long before Trump. This could have been done by any one of the Presidents. I did it with China. The reason you don't have Chinese cars here is because I imposed it my last term.

I actually asked a question. I said, "Do we have any Chinese cars here?" "No." "Why?" "Because you imposed a 25- or 27½-percent tariff on Chinese cars, so they're not coming here." But they are going to Europe, all over the place.

But I love China. We just made a deal, and I respect President Xi a lot. And we made a deal that's good for both countries. The deal we made with China, good for both countries. Going to be a lot of money made, and it's going to ultimately open up China, which is the ultimate thing. And I'm going to be working with President Xi. We had a long talk about it. And that's going to be good for China. It's going to be good for us.

But we're going to be opening up China. That's bigger than the—than what we signed, and I think had we not signed it, that wouldn't be happening. It's going to happen. It's going to happen fairly soon.

But to further defend our autoworkers, I imposed this 25-percent tariff on all foreign automobiles and investment in American manufacturing and auto manufacturing. All manufacturing is surging. And I might go up with that tariff in the not-too-distant future. The higher you go, the more likely it is they build a plant here.

Ford has just announced that it's going to invest \$500 million in some of the things involved in what we just did. General Motors is going to spend \$4 billion. They just announced that yesterday. Stellantis announced that it's going to reopen its Belvidere Assembly Plant. That's good. I know the plant very well. Had a lot of problems. They're going to spend \$5 billion.

And Hyundai announced that it will invest \$21 billion in America—they wouldn't have invested 10 cents if we didn't have tariffs—including for manufacturing American steel, which is doing great. American steel is doing great now, because of what we did.

You wouldn't have—if I didn't put tariffs on steel—they were dumping steel. China and a lot of other countries were dumping steel in our country—garbage steel, dirty steel, bad steel, not structurally sound steel. Real garbage, but it was still there. Lots of it. And if I didn't put tariffs—I put 25- and 50-percent tariffs on steel. Right, John James? We put tariffs on steel, and we were doing great with steel.

Now we're really doing great. Big—a big investment is being made in Pennsylvania. You've been reading about it. They're going to spend \$17 billion on U.S. Steel, and all the steelworkers wanted it.

And we have a golden stock. We have a golden share, which I control—or President controls. Now, I'm a little concerned, whoever the President might be. But that gives you total control. It's 51-percent ownership by Americans. And we have a company—a great company—Nippon. They're coming in from Japan. They're going to spend \$17 billion.

And somebody said, "Well, what about—what happens if it doesn't work out?" I said: "They spent \$17 billion. We can't put it on a trailer and drive it to Japan. This is a steel mill." You know some businesses you can move. You move your office, and that's where the business is. With this

business, they're spending \$17—think of that, \$17 billion. They're going to have them all over the country.

I want to introduce several of the great Americans representing the millions of people whose livelihoods we're saving with today's action.

I just can't tell you how—how incredible this action is, because nobody thought—this was one that I wasn't so—I—would have rather had it than almost anything, but I was told by everybody, except that guy right there, that you couldn't—you couldn't get it.

Bill Kent runs a chain of family-owned convenience stores that opened in West Texas in 1957 known as "Kent Kwik."

And, Bill, if you could come up and say a few words about what the signing means to you. Please.

*Kent Companies President and Chief Executive Officer William B. Kent.* Mr. President.

*The President.* Thank you very much.

*Mr. Kent.* Thank you.

Wow. You're probably wondering why I've called you all here today, right? *[Laughter]*

What a great day. From my perspective—I'm in the convenience store and petroleum marketing business, and what this does is, it gives us freedom. It gives the consumers freedom to pick what kind of car they want. But more importantly for us, it gives us the ability to plan going forward, because with mandates, we were forced to have to look at putting in, you know, infrastructure that, frankly, is extremely expensive and doesn't give you any return.

So this allows us—it's going to free me up and our companies up to invest in what people want, in the cars they want. And it's a great day.

So, Mr. President, Congress, thank you. Steve, everybody, thank you so much.

*The President.* Thank you very much.

*Mr. Kent.* Thank you.

*The President.* Great job. Thank you.

And a friend of mine for a long time is John Hess. He's one of the top CEOs in the—country, and he's now the CEO of Hess Corporation, one of the biggest oil producers, and he's a fantastic person with great knowledge of the subject matter. Can you say a few words, John? I see you in the audience. Come on. Thanks.

*Hess Corporation Chief Executive Officer John B. Hess.* Hi. I'm John Hess and CEO of Hess Corporation, a proud producer of oil and gas in North Dakota and the Gulf of America. And so you all know, the——

*[At this point, the President gave a thumbs up.]*

*The President.* *[Inaudible]*—thank you, John. *[Laughter]*

*Mr. Hess.* I was born in New Jersey, grew up in New York, and my father started our company by driving a second-hand oil truck. So, Mr. President, it's an honor to be——

*The President.* Thank you very much.

*Mr. Hess.* ——before you today. And thank you for that.

Mr. President, during your campaign, you made a commitment to the American people to repeal unworkable and costly mandates for cars and trucks and let the consumer choose what type of vehicle they drive. Today, with the bipartisan support of Congress, you're making good on that promise.

*[Mr. Hess continued his remarks, concluding as follows.]*

So, Mr. President, on behalf of Hess Corporation, on behalf of the oil and gas industry, and every family across our country, thank you for your courageous leadership and your commitment to consumer choice and energy affordability. Thank you very much.

*The President.* Thank you, John. Invaluable.

Very respected guy.

The California EV mandates would also have devastated our Nation's incredible truck drivers and the trucking industry. And I gave you a little bit of a rundown on that, but a diesel-powered semitruck can drive from Reno, Nevada—I'll give you some other locations—Nevada to Los Angeles, California, and back on a single tank of diesel oil—diesel fuel. But the same exact journey would require an electric truck driver to stop also six times at recharging stations, adding an estimated 9 hours to the trip.

I don't know too much about the trucking industry, but this is not sounding good. Here to discuss a little bit about the trucking industry, Gina Jones. And, Gina, a real expert on trucks, I can tell you that. She's going to come up and tell us about trucks.

Thank you, Gina. Thank you, darling.

*Werner Enterprises professional truck driver Gina Jones.* Thank you.

*The President.* Okay.

*Ms. Jones.* Thank you, Mr. President.

*The President.* Thank you very much.

*Ms. Jones.* And thank you, Members and Congress.

The trucking industry has America's back, and we are grateful that a President and the administration that have our back too. Today, trucks are 99-percent cleaner than a generation ago. We need great partners in government to continue that process. We cannot allow one State's regulations to disrupt our entire nation's supply chain.

Allowing California to do so would have net negativity, impacted the hundreds and thousands of truck drivers who deliver critical goods across the country each and every day.

In order to deliver for American families and businesses, we need realistic national standards. With the signing of this resolution, Mr. President, you have delivered the leadership that trucking industries need. Promises made, promises kept.

On behalf of the 8—[*applause*]. On behalf of the 8½ million Americans who work throughout the trucking industry, I thank you.

*The President.* Thank you very much. Thank you, darling. Great. Great job. Great job.

So, just to wrap it up here, say, under the Trump administration, we will restore the full strength, might, and glory of the American auto and trucking industry. We'll protect our truck drivers, auto workers, small-business people, and manufacturers all over our country and, actually, all over the world, and that's okay too.

They'll be doing a product that works, a product that's much more efficient, that's better. It's much better, less expensive. And we'll put affordable energy and affordable car ownership back on the center of the American dream as we make America great again. And that's what's happening. We're making America great.

You know, when I went over to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, U.A.E., just a couple of weeks ago, the leaders of those countries—and they're very smart people—they said, "You know, you've made, in a short period of time, America the hottest nation in the world. It's the hottest—that—you're the only one we talk about now. And 6 months ago, it was a laughingstock." They said that to me, those words: "It was a laughingstock." And it was. It was an absolute laughingstock.

We've got the hottest nation right now in the whole world, and the numbers are reflecting it too. So I just think it's great. And what I'll do is, I'll sign this, then we can take a couple of questions, if you want. And we will be finished, and you're going to go off, and you're going to build the most beautiful automobiles for 20-percent less money.

And I want to thank you. Man, you have done some job. Thank you, Mike. Thank you, everybody.

You guys want to come up here, surround me? *[Inaudible]* Come on. Surround me.

Okay. We're going to sign three bills and do everything I just said.

*[The President signed H.J. Res. 87, "Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision.'"]*

No autopens allowed. *[Laughter]*

*[The President gave Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Michael Johnson the signing pen.]*

That's for you. Keep that, Mike.

Okay. You know, that pen was so good, give it back to me.

*Speaker Johnson.* I'll take—here, you take it back.

*The President.* That was a good one.

*Speaker Johnson.* That's a great one.

*The President.* No, I'll sign all three of them—

*Speaker Johnson.* Yes.

*The President.* —because you never know what you get with a new one. *[Laughter]*

Number two.

*[The President signed H.J. Res. 88, "Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision.'"]*

Very steady hand. *[Laughter]* It's very important. Very steady. Only a steady hand can sign like that, right?

*Senator John A. Barrasso.* Absolutely.

*The President.* I've been told that, actually.

And here's number three. And it all goes into effect. Everything I said goes into effect: lower prices, better cars, and choice.

*Sen. Capito.* Common sense.

*The President.* You can say choice. We have choice for education, and you have choice for cars now. Right? Common sense is right.

*Sen. Capito.* Right, common sense.

*The President.* You're right. Common sense is right.

*[The President signed H.J. Res. 89, "Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision.""]*

Okay. Now I can give you the pen.

*Speaker Johnson.* All right.

*The President.* And I'll give you these.

Shelley. Thank you. Say hello to your son.

Thank you. Thank you.

Congratulations, John.

*Rep. Joyce.* Thank you, Mr. President. Great to be with you.

*The President.* Okay. I'll take these. Pass these around, fellas.

*Sen. Barrasso.* Thank you. Where's John James for his father?

*Rep. James.* Oh, thank you.

*The President.* Do you have one, John?

*Rep. James.* Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President.

*The President.* Pass them around.

Okay, everybody. There's a few extra. You're going to take them and have fun. *[Laughter]*  
Give them to some of the people.

*[The President held up the bill.]*

Okay. Thank you.

Okay. Go ahead, please.

*[Several reporters began asking questions at once.]*

All right, Brian [Brian Glenn, Real America's Voice]. Yes, please.

### *Tariffs/U.S. Automobile Industry*

*Q.* Yes, sir. I have some very close friends who run some of the largest auto dealerships in Southern California: Rusnak Automotive Group.

*The President.* Good.



*Q.* Their message to you: They're 100-percent behind you right now. They know they're going through some soft sales period——

*The President.* It's true.

*Q.* ——but they're in it for the long haul. What's your message to thousands of auto dealerships across this country that are kind of navigating through this tariff situation?

*The President.* Yes. They're going to do better than ever before. They're going to sell cars in America at levels that they've never even thought of before. And they're going to make more money than they ever made before. It's going to be great.

They're going to be selling a better car too. It's going to be a better product.

*Q.* And they're behind you a hundred percent.

*The President.* I know it. I know——

*Q.* They wanted me to tell you.

*The President.* ——that they have been behind me. Right—they knew it was right. They've been asking for this for 25, 30 years, in all fairness. No, they're very happy. I told you, the autoworkers' union, we got tremendous votes.

But they like me today even better than they did on election day, on November 5, because they see the results now. They're all happening. And——

*Q.* And they said, "Thank you," from—[*inaudible*]——

*The President.* Yes, and they have plants moving in, Brian. A lot of plants are moving in.

Thank you very much for that question.

*Q.* Thank you.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

*The President.* Yes.

*Q.* Thank you, sir.

[*Several reporters spoke at once.*]

*Governor Gavin C. Newsom of California/Infrastructure/Political Protests in Los Angeles, California/2024 Presidential Election/Deployment of National Guard Troops to California*

Thank you, sir. Was Governor Gavin Newsom trying to kill the auto industry, then?

*The President.* Oh, he was killing the auto—I don't think he knew it. I think he's a guy who—he's just got a faulty thought process.

You look at that train, the train is the most—I've seen people—stupid people with cost overruns for years, I've watched, where something would cost twice as much or three times, but this thing is costing 20 times more. It's the most incredible disaster I've ever seen. That's one.

The cars are just as bad. Everything's bad, and now you have this situation. So his own sheriff—who's a good man, by the way—said 2 days ago or 3 days ago that we could not have done this without the military. They were going to take over this whole—they couldn't have done it.

Now, today they got him to change his tune. He said, "Oh, I think we could have handled"—[*laughter*]*—*you know, it's so sad. And he was so honest. I was using his quote all over the place,

and they got him to change. But he knows. Los Angeles would be right now burning to the ground, just like the houses burned to the ground. It's so sad what's going on in Los Angeles.

Think of it. They had a fire that should have never had, because they should have listened to me and the water. Eventually, we broke in and we had the water come down from the Pacific Northwest. I can show you pictures now with the half-pipes—the big half-pipes coming all the way down California. Water—so much water. They—don't have any droughts. They don't have any—they have so much water.

They sent it all out to the Pacific Ocean for 20 years. So ridiculous. And we got them to take it now.

But what they do and what they're doing, this is a big problem. And what they really want to do is keep criminals, because they're trying to protect criminals.

Sanctuary cities are a disaster in this country, and most of the voters don't want them. Politicians like them, for whatever reason, but I think the politicians are wrong. That's why we won in such a convincing fashion. We won all seven swing States. We won by millions of votes. We won 2,750 districts, as opposed to 505. That's why when you look at the map, it's almost all red. It's got two little blue stripes on each side of it. It's almost all red.

But no, you have to—I always got along with Gavin. I like Gavin. I've liked him always. He said I never called him. You know, they asked him a question on Fox, I guess. "I never spoke to him. He doesn't remember the call. He doesn't remember—I never spoke"—and then I produced a phone call. I had it. It took me about 2 minutes. I said: "Well, here's the call. It lasted 16 minutes and 4 seconds, and it was at 12:30 in the evening."

I actually made a call. He didn't pick up. I called him a second time, and he picked up. And I told him—I said, "You have to get your ass in gear, because you're going to have a problem there." And he would have. If we didn't bring the military in, he would have had—you would have right now something—and I went through it, because I follow the rules 100 percent, and I watched, in Minnesota, where you have the man who ran for Vice President of the United States, fortunately—he was a disaster—but he wouldn't call in the National Guard.

And I eventually called in the National Guard, but it was 7 days late. I said: "I'll never do that again. I'm never going to"—if I see problems brewing, if they're not going to do the problem, I'm not going to wait 2 weeks, because that city—Minneapolis burned down. Do you remember the CNN anchor? He was standing there saying, "Yes, this is a peaceful rally," and behind him, the entire city was on fire. Looked like World War II.

And I appreciate the question. Please.

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

*Q.* Sir, Mr. President—thank you very much for taking the——

*The President.* Thank you.

#### *Plane Crash in Ahmedabad, India*

*Q.* Two questions, if I may, sir. First, the terrible, horrific plane crash in India today.

*The President.* Oh.

*Q.* I'm sure you saw the images on TV. Your reaction to that first. And will you speak to Prime Minister Modi?

*The President.* The plane crash was terrible. I've already told them, "Anything we can do." It's a big country, a strong country, and they'll handle it, I'm sure. But I let them know that anything we can do, we'll be over there immediately.

But it was a horrific crash. It looks like most are gone. They actually maybe have a couple survivors, we just heard. But that was a horrible crash. Nobody knows—nobody has any idea what it might be.

I gave him a couple of pointers. I said, "Maybe you look at this or that." You know, we saw the plane. It looked like it was flying pretty well. It didn't look like there was an explosion. It just looked like the engines maybe lost power. But, boy, that is a terrible crash. It's one of the worst in aviation history.

Yes, second.

*Iran/U.S. Military Readiness/Political Protests in Los Angeles, California*

*Q.* And also—also, sir—thank you. How confident are you, sir, that conflict with Iran can be avoided?

*The President.* Well, I'd love to avoid the conflict. Iran is going to have to negotiate a little bit tougher, meaning they're going to have to give us some things that they're not willing to give us right now.

I'm the last person—I've kept us out of wars. We defeated ISIS completely, a hundred percent. And I haven't had a—it's peace through strength. I believe in peace through strength.

We have the greatest military in the world. I rebuilt the military, as you remember. For 4 years, I rebuilt the military, and then we gave a chunk of it away, but it was still peanuts. It was a lot, but it was peanuts compared to what we rebuilt. Gave it to Afghanistan, one of the most embarrassing moments in the history of our country, with the whole withdrawal. The way they withdrew was very embarrassing.

But we rebuilt the military. We have the greatest, strongest military. We defeated ISIS. We defeated ISIS—we defeated ISIS in 4 weeks. It was told to be 5 years. It was going to take 5 years—anywhere from 4 to 5 years. We did it in 4 weeks with—by the way, headed by the General who's now the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. That's why he's there. He said it would be—take 4 weeks, and he did it in 4 weeks. He did actually a little bit faster.

So we have a great country, and we're going to keep it that way. And when it comes to Los Angeles or other cities—if we see other cities are gearing up—and these people are agitators. They're paid. They're professionals. They're insurrectionists. They're troublemakers. They're all of those things. But I believe they're paid, and we're going to find out through Pam Bondi and her great staff, her great people at Justice, who they are.

And, Mike, I think, you're doing some investigations in that in Congress, but we're going to find out who they are, because they're really—I think what they're doing is unbelievably illegal.

One—just one thing. So they took the bricks away from people. They're walking in with satchels of bricks. Now, why do you have bricks? You have bricks because you throw bricks. They're very potent. If they hit you, they kill you. And they took them away. The military took them away. They saw him, "What the hell is this?" The guy could hardly carry them. He had many bricks. He was a strong guy. Couldn't carry them. And they saw that, and they took them away. Then they found others with bricks.

But they're ingenious. They also brought hammers along, very heavy hammers. And I saw them pounding the curb and pounding the sidewalk. And it was like a military operation. This guy

is pounding, strong. Boom. Big shots. And it was breaking up granite—the granite curbs, and the granite was breaking up and the concrete was breaking up. And there was lines of people standing there, and they're handing them. And then he stopped handing them. They just went down and picked them up. It was so professional.

I said, "That's a professional organization." This is not, like, people at random. This guy is breaking up—because they couldn't use the bricks. So who would think of this even? Did a lot of damage. A lot of curbs are broken, a lot of sidewalks broken. But I never saw that before. That's one I haven't seen. I thought I saw it all. And they have it on tape.

And with that, people get killed. You know, they go to the bridges, and they drop the concrete off the top of the bridge with a car coming along at 70 miles an hour, and the person dies. We had a lot of car problems. You saw that. They were all over the road. They were littered all over the road, where the cars got stopped by concrete going through the front windshield. No, these are bad people.

If we didn't go, Los Angeles, right now, would be on fire. It would be a disaster. And we stopped it.

And last night was very good. Nobody showed up. You know why they didn't show up? Because we were there. If it was just the police—because the police are great. I know those police. They're great, but they're told not to do anything. They're not allowed to act.

Thank you.

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

*Iran/India/Pakistan*

*Q.* Mr. President, how imminent is an—Mr. President, how—Mr. President, how imminent is an Israeli strike on Iran?

*The President.* Well, I don't want to say imminent, but it looks like it's something that could very well happen.

Look, it's very simple, not complicated: Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. Other than that, I want them to be successful. I want them to be—we'll help them be successful. We'll trade with them. We'll do whatever is necessary.

You know, I stopped a war between India and Pakistan, and I stopped it with trade. Nobody—I don't think I've ever seen a story written about it, but it was pretty cool. They were getting ready—Pakistan was now—it was their turn to hit, and eventually they're going to go nuclear. And I stopped it. I called each. I respect each leader greatly. I know them. And I spoke to them, and I talked about trade. I said, "But you're not trading with us if you're going to go to war, if you're going to start throwing nuclear weapons around." And I said it to both of them, and they were both unbelievable, actually. They understood it exactly. They stopped.

I stopped that war with phone calls and trade. And India is here right now negotiating a trade deal, and Pakistan is coming, I think, next week. And I'm very proud of that. Nobody died. Nobody—the nuclear weapons—they each have very severe, very, very substantial numbers of nuclear weapons. And I think we should get some credit for that. You know, the whole Republican Party should, because that's their mindset.

Please.

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

*Q.* On your China deal, Mr. President. Are——

*The President.* Yes, ma'am. What?

*International Students in the U.S.*

*Q.* On your China deal, Mr. President. Are you still concerned about the national security issues with Chinese students studying in the United States?

*The President.* Look, I've always been in favor of students coming in from other countries. That includes China. And we have 500,000 Chinese students coming in. I've always been in favor of it.

Does it mean you—that you have to watch people? Yes. You have to watch students, but you have to watch other people also.

I've always been strongly in favor of it. I think it's a great thing. It's also—it's good for our schools. It's good for—I think it's good for our country. I'm also in favor of having them stay. I've been in favor of letting them stay. If you get educated for 4 years, you're willing to get educated for 4 years, I like people being able to stay.

You know, they have some great students. You have some—yes, that's—these are Republicans clapping. *[Laughter]* You know, because a lot of Republicans don't like that idea. I happen to like it. I'm a real Republican, believe it or not. But I like the idea. They go 4 years—to me, that's almost like, you know, getting your—just buying your way in in a very legitimate way.

And you know, you have stories where Apple wants to hire somebody, and they can't hire him because he can't stay. And he went to a great school, he finished first in his class, they made him a big offer, and everything's done, but they—he has no idea whether or not he's going to be able to stay. And I'm all for making sure that people like that can go to work for all of our great companies.

And you know what they do? They go back to their country. And there are stories that are all over the place: They go back to their company, and they start a company just like they were going to start here. They end up starting it in China or India or someplace else, and now they're among the richest people in the world. They've got thousands and thousands of employees that make a great—this is happening all the time because they're not allowed to stay. And I'm—I think we'll probably end up doing something about that, right? I think.

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

Yes, go ahead. Go ahead. You, in the blue. Please. The light blue.

*Ukraine/Russia/The President's Foreign Policy*

*Q.* Yes, me? Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. How close are you to step back on—between Ukraine and Russia? We see a very bad escalation. Are you going to leave it in the hands of the European?

*The President.* I'm very close to the situation. I'm very disappointed in Russia, but I'm disappointed in Ukraine also, because I think deals could have been made. And you know, we're losing 5-, 6,000 people a week, soldiers, mostly, but also people living in towns, because they're getting hit by missiles again.

How'd you like to live in a building, and you think a missile has a good chance of hitting your building during the evening? It's horrible. Must be horrible to live like that.

But, I mean, we'll get it, but it's—I'm disappointed that it's not done.

We did great with India and Pakistan. We did very good with Israel, I thought. Look, October 7 was a disaster. People forget. You know, they like to forget. That was a horrible thing. But you know, none of these things would have happened if I were President.

If I were President, none of it would have happened. You wouldn't have the Israel problem. Iran was broke. They had no money. We had big sanctions on them. Biden immediately let them get rich—the \$300 billion they have right now. But they had no money for Hamas or Hizballah. They had no money for anything. It was perfect.

We wouldn't have had inflation. That was caused by oil, Chris. The oil price went through the roof. It was also caused by their spending, but it was caused more by oil than anything else. The oil went so high. Got close to \$100 a barrel. And that caused—and that also kept the war going with Putin, because at \$100 a barrel, that was a big moneymaking experience. But now it's down to where it's not so good for them anymore.

No, it's very important to get that solved. That's a bloodbath. That's a terrible bloodbath that's going on.

Yes, please. Go ahead. Go ahead.

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

#### *India/Pakistan*

*Q.* Thank you, Mr. President. Following up your question—answer on India and Pakistan, for stopping the war between them. India say that they cannot talk to Pakistan unless Pakistan takes actions against terrorists operating from their soil.

*The President.* No, we're going to get those two getting together, you know? I told them——

*Q.* How do you plan to bring them together?

*The President.* I told them—India and Pakistan, they've had a longtime rivalry over Kashmir. And I said: "I can solve anything. I'll be your arbitrator. I will be your arbitrator. I can solve anything." And I started, the first question, "How long has it been going on?" They said, "2,000 years." I said, "Ooh, that's a problem." *[Laughter]* "That's a—maybe I'll think about it."

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

I'll let John Hess—when I heard 2,000 years, I said, "Maybe I'll have John Hass solve that problem."

*[Several reporters spoke at once.]*

Peter *[Peter Doocy, Fox News].*

#### *Immigration Enforcement Actions*

*Q.* Thank you, President Trump. I have two. First, on immigration. What made you change your mind about targeting, in California, farmers and people in the hotel and leisure business?

*The President.* Well, we're not targeting. In fact, if you look today, I put out a statement today about farmers. Our farmers are being hurt badly by—you know, they have very good workers. They've worked for them for 20 years. They—they're not citizens, but they've turned out to be, you know, great. And we're going to have to do something about that. We can't take farmers and take all their people and send them back because they don't have maybe what they're supposed to have, maybe not.

And you know what's going to happen and what is happening? They get rid of some of the people, because—you know, you go into a farm and you look and people don't—they've been

there for 20, 25 years, and they've worked great, and the owner of the farm loves them and everything else, and then you're supposed to throw them out. And you know what happens? They end up hiring the people—the criminals that have come in, the murderers from prisons and everything else.

So we're going to have a—an order on that pretty soon, I think. We can't do that to our farmers—and leisure too, hotels. We're going to have to use a lot of common sense on that.

*Iran/Evacuation of Some U.S. Personnel in the Middle East*

*Q.* And my other question, about the Middle East. As the Israelis apparently gear up for some kind of an attack, a possible attack on Iran, are you trying to talk Netanyahu out of doing that, or are you so against Iran having a nuclear weapon that you're okay if he does his thing because it is not an American war?

*The President.* Yes, it's a very fair question.

Look, I want to have an agreement with Iran. We're fairly close to an agreement. We are fairly close to a pretty good agreement. It's got to be better than pretty good though, but it's got to be—I'd much prefer an agreement. As long as I think there is an agreement, I don't want them going in because I think that would blow it. It might help it, actually, but it also could blow it.

But we've had very good discussions with Iran. Whether or not we get there, I can't tell you. But it will happen soon.

I say this, Peter, very strongly: They can't have—whether it's going in or not going in, they can't have a nuclear weapon.

*Q.* And can you tell us——

*The President.* I'd prefer the more friendly path.

*Q.* And can you tell us what the Israelis told you that made you start to evacuate the dependents of service men and women who were stationed in the Middle East?

*The President.* Well, they didn't tell me anything. But I said, "Look, there's a chance of massive conflict." We have a lot of American people in this area. And I said, "We've got to tell them to get out," because something could happen soon. And I don't want to be the one that didn't give any warning and missiles are flying into their buildings. It's possible. So I had to do it.

You know, I had the choice: Do I do it or not? Doing it has its downside, but it also has its upside, like you're going to save a lot of lives if it should happen. Hopefully, that doesn't happen. Right?

Thank you.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

*U.S. Army 250th Anniversary Parade in the District of Columbia/World War II Victory Day*

*Q.* Mr. President, for Americans that are coming to Washington on Saturday for the military parade, what——

*The President.* It's going to be a great day.

*Q.* ——what would you like folks to take away from that day? What would you hope that they would remember?

And, also, Mr.——

*The President.* How great our country is. Very simple. And how strong our military is. We have the strongest military in the world.

You know, it's very interesting. Three weeks ago, it was the end of World—anniversary end of World War II. And I called France and Macron, who's a good man. I said, "What are you doing?" He goes, "We're celebrating World War II, our victory." I said, "Your victory." [Laughter] "Your victory. Tell me about that." And then I called somebody else, and I happened to speak to President Putin at the time.

Now, in all fairness to him, he lost 51 million people, and he did fight. Russia fought. Sort of interesting, isn't it? He fought with us in World War II, and everybody hates him. And Germany and Japan, they're fine. You know, it's—someday, somebody will explain that. But I like Germany and Japan too.

But Putin is a little confused by that, you know? He said: "We lost 51 million people, and we were your ally. And now everybody hates Russia, and they love Germany and Japan." I said, "Let's explain that sometime. Okay?" But it's a strange world.

But I will say this: Look, I want them to go away saying how great our country is and how great our military is.

And I was making all these calls, and for some reason—I spoke to, like, four different places. "Sir, are you celebrating?" And I said, "You know, we won World War II and World War I, right? We won them, and yet we're the only country that doesn't celebrate. Everybody is celebrating, except us." And I said, "We should celebrate too."

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

#### *Political Protests in U.S. Cities*

*Q.* And a second question. As a follow-up, Mr. President, there are several "No Kings" protests planned across the country on Saturday as well. What are your thoughts on those?

*The President.* What are they called, "No Kings"?

*Q.* No Kings.

*The President.* I don't feel like a king. I have to go through hell to get stuff approved. [Laughter] A king would say, "I'm not going to get this." I—a king would have never had the California mandate to even be talking to—[laughter]. He wouldn't have to call up Mike Johnson and Thune and say, "Fellas, you got to pull this off," and after years, we get it done. No. No, we're not a king. We're not a king at all.

Thank you very much.

[Several reporters spoke at once.]

Go ahead. Yes, go ahead. Go ahead.

#### *Senator Randal H. Paul/The President's Legislative Agenda*

*Q.* Sir. Mr.—Mr. President, sir, you made a lengthy posting today on Truth Social about Senator Rand Paul.

*The President.* Yes.

*Q.* Do you expect to see him at the picnic tonight, sir?

*The President.* I do. I look forward to seeing him, actually. I like him. He's the hardest vote in the history of the U.S. Senate to get. Probably won't get him. But he's very tough vote. I mean,



he's a very tough vote. He's always been a friend of mine. You know, I endorsed him and got him elected. I got him elected twice.

But I don't think he understands how great this bill is. This is a great bill. No tax on tips, no tax on—you know, the Social Security payments. It's unbelievable, what happens. No tax on overtime. You work overtime, no more tax. It's so—and those are—those are big, but they're minor compared to the big things. Taxes reduced.

And let's look at the other side. If it's not—if it doesn't get approved, a 68-percent tax increase—68 percent—including the fact that the Trump tax cuts kick in. But it's a 68-percent tax increase and many other bad things. I don't even want to—some of them are so bad, I don't—don't even want to talk about them.

I think it's one of the greatest bills we'll ever pass in this country. And I think that Leader Thune and—this gentleman right here, what—what he's gone through on this with—you know, we started off with a majority of one. Now I guess we have seven, so it's—it's, like, easier. But it's really sort of three. It's seven, but it really equates to three, right?

And we have great support. I mean, I can't tell you—I can't guarantee, but when you have a majority of essentially three, where you can't lose anything more than three votes, and you get it passed, that's pretty amazing.

And I think it's going to haunt the Democrats, because most of the bill is common sense. It's tax cuts. It's border wall funding. It's military funding properly spent. It's all things that are, like, common sense. They're all good. There's nothing tricky about it. It's basic stuff, and we don't intend on getting one—think of it: not one Democrat vote in the House. Mike, not one. Maybe somebody will come along. I don't know how they can run for office.

So many different things. We're going to—very important: Medicare and Medicaid are going to be strengthened, not hurt.

You know, they're using fake narrative, "Oh, we're going to"—no,—they're going to be strengthened. We're going to strengthen them. They're going to destroy them, because under their policies, Medicare and Medicaid go away. Social Security, under them, is going to be devastated. With us, it's going to be kept, but much stronger than before.

And very interestingly—I saw this, and I proved it, because for 4 years, I never hurt Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security. I've already been there.

But they're going to destroy Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. They're going to wipe them out, in my opinion, because their policies are so bad, the country will have no money to pay for them.

We're going to make them stronger than ever before.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:24 a.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Chairman of the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors Jerome H. Powell; former President's Barack Obama and Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Maria Bartiromo, host, Fox Business Network's "Mornings With Maria" program; Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee M. Zeldin; Moore Capito, son of Sen. Capito, in his former capacity as a 2024 West Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate; Shawn Fain, president, United Auto Workers; White House Chief of Staff Susan Wiles; White House Senior Adviser Elon Musk; King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia; Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar; President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates; Los Angeles Police Department Chief Jim McDonnell; Gov. Timothy J. Walz of Minnesota; Miguel Marquez, a national correspondent for

CNN, who was hit with a projectile and tear-gassed while reporting from protests in Minneapolis, MN, for CNN's "Cuomo Prime Time" program on May 29, 2020; Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. J. Daniel Caine, USAF; Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan; President Emmanuel Macron of France; and Senate Majority Leader John R. Thune. He also referred to H.R. 1; and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist organization. Sen. Barrasso referred to John A. James, father of Rep. James. A reporter referred to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. H.J. Res. 87, H.J. Res. 88, and H.J. Res. 89, approved June 12, were assigned, respectively, Public Law. No. 119–15, Public Law. No. 119–16, and Public Law. No. 119–17. The transcript was released by the Office of Communications on June 13.

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