

driver \$628 in otherwise unnecessary repairs and expenses every year. Thirty-five percent of Connecticut's bridges are structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, or both.

A great nation does not respond to crises with duct tape. A great nation leads with bold action. I urge the leadership of the House to work with us to pass a long-term highway bill and invest in America's infrastructure.

#### SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as students across Pennsylvania's Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the country enjoy the summer months, many are looking for activities to participate in to occupy their days.

I wanted to highlight the value of public libraries and, specifically, an exceptional program in my district that empowers, inspires, and supports performance arts.

The Tredyffrin Public Library is offering a series of camps that seek to "cultivate performance arts skills and instill confidence in students in rising fifth through rising ninth grades."

The vocal and musical theater camps are led by Conestoga High School graduates and serve as a wonderful resource for area students to improve theatrical and music skills over the summer vacation.

It has long been proven that students that participate in the arts have improved academic performance and a strong sense of community. I applaud the Tredyffrin and Paoli Public Libraries across Pennsylvania's Sixth District in their efforts to promote life-long learning, entertainment, and enrichment.

Our public libraries are local treasures that add value and promote learning in our communities. I encourage everyone to share this support this summer and year-round by attending our libraries, by supporting those who work there and offering our thanks to those who volunteer there.

#### SUPPORTING A LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight America's infrastructure crisis.

Almost 30 percent of our Nation's major roadways, and 50 percent in California, are in poor condition, meaning they must be rebuilt, not just patched up.

Drivers are now paying a hidden pothole tax, the extra cost to maintain a car because of bad roads. In California, the average driver pays \$760 because of

poor roads. People and goods are slowed down by congestion.

In just 10 legislative days, our highway trust fund expires. Congress must pass a long-term surface transportation bill to ensure that the United States has the best infrastructure.

In May, this Congress kicked the can down the road and passed a short-term bill. It seems we are likely to do that again. This is not a responsible way to govern.

We should invest in our transportation system to be globally competitive and to move these goods efficiently. Drivers want less time stuck in traffic and more time at home with their families. Let's invest in America's future and pass a long-term surface transportation bill.

#### IRAN—WOLF IN WOLF'S CLOTHING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while the Ayatollah has preached "Death to America," the United States and the West have made a deal with the deceitful wolf of the desert.

Iran promises to temporarily cut back and not continue its nuclear weapon development capability. Then Iran will receive sanction relief. It will be able to export oil and receive billions of dollars in cash.

In 5 years, the embargo on most conventional weapons against Iran will be lifted. In 8 years, Iran will be able to import ICBMs. In 10 years, the deal expires and Iran can develop nuclear weapons, thus legitimizing the number one state sponsor of terrorism and allowing it to be a nuclear weapons power.

This is dangerous. This will start a nuclear arms race. Israel will be less safe. So will America.

In theory, this deal is supposed to give us "peace in our time," to coin a phrase. But Iran is a wolf in wolf's clothing, and the wolf has made a deal with the sheep not to eat them for 10 years. Then what? Supper?

And that is just the way it is.

#### ARROWS AND AN OLIVE BRANCH

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, in the Great Seal of the United States, the eagle clutches arrows and an olive branch. While today's Iran agreement puts the olive branch out first, the arrows remain firmly in our grasp.

The safety of all our families in the United States, in Israel, and elsewhere, is advanced by pursuing a verifiable, enforceable, diplomatic solution. Refusing to be frozen by fear or pushed into conflict by those who are just campaigning or who are campaigning for war, the President recognizes diplomacy as our greatest strength.

So many of those who loudly denounced this deal before they have even read it also loudly supported the stunning historic mistake of a go-it-alone invasion of Iraq.

No choice is without risk, but strong inspections and verification are the best path to peace and security for all of our families.

#### A BAD DEAL FOR THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, far from backing Iran's path to a nuclear weapon, the inherently flawed deal announced this morning preserves and legitimizes Iran's nuclear program. The fact that Iran is celebrating and that our allies are not should tell you everything that you need to know about this deal.

I have read the deal. I have it right here.

I believe that it will usher in a terrifying new era of proliferation in which neighboring nations feel no choice but to build nuclear programs of their own, while the massive sanctions relief in the deal will provide Iran with hundreds of billions of dollars in new funds to foment terrorism around the globe and prop up its proxies, like Assad in Syria and Hamas, to launch brutal attacks on Israel.

The measure of success and diplomacy is not simply whether agreement is reached; it is whether a good agreement is achieved. Unfortunately, the administration arrived at this deal through a parade of concessions on poor issues and by straying far from the insistence that Iran's nuclear program be dismantled. The world is a more dangerous place today with this, as a result.

Mr. Speaker, Congress can and must step forward, do the right thing, and reject this deal.

#### WE NEED A LONG-TERM HIGHWAY BILL

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to take up and pass a long-overdue bill to fund our roads and bridges for the long term. Yet again, we are approaching the end of a short-term extension with the highway trust fund in danger of expiring at the end of this month. We can't keep kicking the can down the road. We need a long-term bill, and we need it now.

In my congressional district alone, there are 421 bridges that are structurally deficient. Just earlier this month, I stood alongside the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria that runs over the Illinois River, the heart of my district. Its structure is in need of replacement.

Further northwest, where I live, there is the Interstate 74 Bridge. Just over the weekend, I stood alongside it. It spans the Mississippi River. It was built for traffic of about 40,000 cars. Today it accommodates about twice that many. In fact, former Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood stood alongside that bridge and said it is the worst bridge he has seen in the United States of America.

The families I represent deserve better. The businesses I represent deserve better. We need to pass a bill, a long-term highway bill, and we need to pass it now.

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#### IRAN DEAL

(Mr. BABIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about this Iran deal. President Obama has made a deal with Islamic Republic of Iran, a terrorist regime that regularly leads chants of “Death to America,” burns our flag, and has killed hundreds of American soldiers.

In April, Energy Secretary Moniz said inspectors would have “anywhere, anytime access” to Iran’s civil and military sites. Unfortunately, this deal sets forth no such requirement.

Under the deal, inspectors can only ask for permission to access Iranian military sites, like their fortified underground facility in Fordow. Decisions about access will be left to Iran’s leaders, who have said that inspectors will not be permitted to inspect military sites even “in their dreams.”

This deal doesn’t require the release of the American hostages being held by Iran’s Government. It has no acknowledgement of Israel’s right to exist. These provisions would signal that Iran is serious about changing their ways, but they have said no. And that is why Congress should reject this bad deal.

#### SAN DIEGO PRIDE MONTH

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, June may be LGBT Pride month. Back home in San Diego we continue to celebrate well into July, and we sure have something to be proud of this year.

The Supreme Court finally affirmed what all of us know to be true, that love is love, that equality is for everyone, and that discrimination against one is discrimination against all.

Without knowing the outcome of the Supreme Court decision, but knowing that all are created equal, San Diego Pride appropriately chose this year’s theme as “Liberty and Justice for All.” As we continue to push toward that goal, we can’t forget that there is more to be done.

LGBT individuals still do not have workplace or housing protections in

many States. Many LGBT students aren’t protected from bullying in schools, and transgender individuals, in particular, face added obstacles that arise from stigma and ignorance.

So while we have much to be proud of, there is still work for this House to do. Let’s come together to ensure that truly there is liberty and justice for all.

#### IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, from the very beginning of the negotiations, President Obama and Secretary Kerry placed far too much faith in the Iranian regime. Trusting Iran to adhere to the terms of this agreement is a fool’s errand.

This deal allows Iran to continue research on advanced nuclear technologies. Over the course of the deal, the temporary restrictions on Iran’s nuclear weapons program will wind down. President Obama admitted himself that toward the end of the agreement Iran’s nuclear breakout time could shrink almost down to zero.

Meanwhile, Iran will receive sanction relief, a boon of \$100 billion in frozen assets, at the same time while chanting “death to America” and “death to Israel.”

The agreement lifts an arms embargo of conventional weapons in 5 years, and they will even achieve the ability to have intercontinental ballistic missiles in 8 years, meaning Iran will have even more money and more weapons to continue to destabilize Iraq, Syria, and its neighbors in the Mideast and, with the advent of ICBMs, even the United States of America.

Congress now has 60 days to review this plan and see if there is something good in it or not, but we need to be very cautious. Just to take any deal is not a good deal. So it is time that we be tough with Iran.

#### CUTTING OFF YOUR NOSE TO SPITE YOUR FACE

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as of the first day of this month, thousands of American exporters, big and small, were unilaterally disarmed in the battle for new business overseas.

The conservative Members of this body succeeded in their quest to kill the U.S. Export-Import Bank. They did it. The Ex-Im’s charter has expired.

Now there is only the Export-Import Bank of China, the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation of Australia, the Export Development of Canada, Finnish Export Credit, Hungarian Export Credit Insurance, the Israel Export Insurance Corporation, the Japan Bank

for International Cooperation, the Export-Import Bank of Korea, the Norwegian Guarantee Institute for Export Credits, the Export Credit Bank of Turkey, and about 75 other foreign government-run agencies that are all helping businesses, big and small, in their quest to export and create jobs in their countries.

American companies alone find themselves at a distinct disadvantage. Our colleagues have successfully cut off their nose to spite their face.

It is never too late to fix a mistake. Let this Chamber vote on renewing the Export-Import charter and create more American jobs.

#### IRAN, STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, let’s not forget the kind of regime that exists in Iran, a country that will soon be receiving billions of dollars in sanctions relief.

Look at this poster. Friday was Al Quds Day in Iran. And what were they all doing? Officially sanctioned parade, shouting “death to America” and “death to Israel.”

Iran has been labeled as a U.S.-designated state sponsor of terrorism for over three decades now. Yet, just yesterday the White House spokesman couldn’t even confirm that Iran would remain on the terrorism list after this deal.

How hard a question is it to answer, Mr. Speaker? Will the administration’s next concession to Iran be to remove it from the terrorism list in addition to the billions of dollars in sanctions relief?

Doing so would mean that we will be helping to finance Iran’s support for terror, most of it aimed at us and our ally, the democratic Jewish State of Israel.

Look at this poster, Mr. Speaker, where the Supreme Leader says, “No cure for barbaric Israel, but total annihilation.”

Doing so would be a problem of serious consequences to the United States. Let’s get a better, tougher deal. We deserve better.

#### GI BILL STEM EXTENSION ACT

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, we all agree that we should provide veterans the tools they need to successfully transition from Active Duty to civilian life. Yet, far too many servicemen and women are struggling to provide for themselves and their families once they return home. We can and must do better.

That is why I am proud to partner with my Republican colleague, DAVID