

When DACA was enacted, a life of fear became a life of possibility. Marla could now drive. She could earn and save money. She could go to college and contribute to her community.

Marla not only went to college, she graduated at the top of her class. She bought a home and is now contributing her talents to the Commonwealth's innovation economy.

Last week, Marla bravely came to me as a DREAMer, in front of her coworkers, because she wanted to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, DREAMers are bright, young people who are American in their hearts and in their minds. They are American in every way but on paper, and their dream for a better future is unmistakably American.

Their families have often endured poverty, violence, and persecution, but despite it all, they have excelled and charted their own path to success. Though they know no other country, they grew up with the threat of deportation and that their families could be torn apart at any given moment.

The DACA program showed them a way to come out of the shadows, to lift their heads and reach for their dreams, and give back to a country they call home. Through DACA, 800,000 young people have been able to contribute to our workforce and our Armed Forces.

As Marla put it, 800,000 is not just a number; it is birthdays, school events, graduations, homes, and memories.

Reversing DACA would mean sending these talented young people to a country they don't even know, where they could potentially be our competitors in our workforce.

We have all the tools we need to prevent that from happening and keep DREAMers like Richard, Mario, and Marla in our communities, where they can help us build successful futures. All we need is for leadership to allow us a vote.

What these young people deserve is no different than what we want for our own children. If we fail to pass the Dream Act, we not only fail them, we fail to meet our potential as a country. Let's do what the vast majority of Americans are asking us to do. Let's give our DREAMers and the Dream Act a vote.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT PROGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Mrs. ROBY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I would like to start by saying I am heartbroken and shocked by the terror attack in New York this week. This atrocious act of hatred and violence has no place in this country, and we must make it clear that we will not stand for it.

I offer my sincere condolences to every single person who has been impacted by this senseless tragedy. My family and I will be in prayer for every-

one who has been hurt by this act, whether physically or emotionally.

I also want to thank law enforcement officers who responded so quickly, who saved lives and apprehended the suspect. As scary as this incident was, we can all be reassured by the courage and professionalism of our law enforcement, the military, and the intelligence community that work together to keep our country safe.

Madam Speaker, it has been a busy 10 months here in the House of Representatives. We have passed more than 360 bills this year alone in a unified effort to deliver on our promises to the American people. Of course, many of those bills are aimed at rolling back the Big Government policies of the Obama era. So I would like to say we are doing a lot to make sure that the Federal Government does less.

As a limited government conservative, I am especially glad that we have taken action to return some of Washington's bureaucratic power to the American people. The last 7 years saw the emergence of a regulatory state that never stopped in its mission to grab power and impose its will at the expense of everyday Americans. This town is overrun with Federal agencies and departments where bureaucrats sit around every day concocting rules and regulations that might sound like a good idea but, in reality, end up weighing down businesses, destroying jobs, and limiting freedom.

In his 8 years, President Obama added 18,000 pages to the Federal Register, amounting to 6 pages added every day that he held office. This habit costs American households roughly \$15,000 per year, each.

While President Obama is no longer in office, his regulatory state is alive and well, but not for long. Madam Speaker, the people of Alabama elected me to help put an end to that, and I am proud to report that is exactly what we are doing. The House is changing the game because the American people deserve better than to pay for unnecessary Big Government mandates. We have utilized the Congressional Review Act to strike 15 Federal regulations that were imposed by executive action.

What kind of regulations?

One extended intrusive, overreaching, and punitive environmental penalties on energy companies, costing tens of thousands of jobs, but not anymore.

One attempted to force State and local schools to use Washington's preferred teacher preparation programs, undermining local control—not anymore.

One restricted States' ability to enforce existing laws stopping otherwise able-bodied drug abusers from receiving unemployment benefits—not anymore.

One attempted to take away the Second Amendment rights of millions of Americans without due process by arbitrarily restricting Social Security disability beneficiaries from purchasing firearms—not anymore.

Finally, one attempted to force States to steer millions in Title X funding to abortion provider Planned Parenthood, even over the State's objections—not anymore, thank God.

These rules no longer exist because this Congress, working together with the Trump administration, struck them one by one. In all, 15 bills rolling back these Big Government policies have been passed and signed into law.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of the work the House of Representatives has done, and I hope it can give us momentum for tackling more pressing issues like tax reform and infrastructure.

KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, we had the holiday of Halloween, and a character came to my house with paint all over their face, and I thought they were the musical group KISS. Well, they weren't.

They were the Trump administration, disguised as the Trump administration is, and with the simple logo of KISS: Keep it simple, stupid. That is what the Trump administration's attempts are to the American people.

The previous speaker made some comments about regulations and said that the Obama administration wanted to stop Second Amendment advocates from getting guns, arbitrarily, for Social Security recipients. Well, that sounds good. It is simple. Keep it simple.

Well, they weren't Social Security recipients. They were Social Security recipients who had been declared incompetent to manage their own affairs. That is who they said shouldn't get guns, not Social Security recipients.

The previous speaker said something about abortion provider Planned Parenthood getting their funds cut off. Planned Parenthood does most of their work outside of the arena of abortion. Mostly, they do women's basic health services, and by cutting that off, they are hurting women, particularly in my community and other communities where poor people often get their healthcare, their women's care, from Planned Parenthood, and they are depriving them of that healthcare.

Just yesterday, in the subcommittee of which I am the ranking member, we had a hearing on changing Roe v. Wade. They called it the Heartbeat bill. In reality, it is destruction of women's right to choose, a fundamental right established in Roe v. Wade, and an unconstitutional bill that could limit the right of a woman to have an abortion as early as 6 weeks, while right now it is 20 to 24 weeks, the period of viability.

They brought a sonogram in and showed a sonogram on the monitor. What they didn't do when they talked about their "culture of death" was bring in any lifesaving equipment that

will not be available when they cut \$1 billion from Medicaid and \$500 million from Medicare in their tax proposal, when they put 23 million people off of healthcare, the Affordable Care Act, which is what they tried to do but couldn't accomplish.

It is difficult to sit here and watch what is happening to our country. Having the Trump administration tell the middle class they are going to get a tax cut on the one hand, but on the other hand, they are creating over a trillion dollars in debt, where is that debt going to come from? It is going to come from programs that the middle class will have to give up, so they will be net losers.

One of the main thrusts of their tax proposal is to eliminate the State tax, originally to do it immediately. Now they are talking about maybe phasing it out over 5 or 6 years. That will cost the Federal budget \$290 billion. That will come from Pell grants that give people the opportunity to go to college and not have a terrible debt over their heads when they leave; from SNAP payments that give nutritional benefits to people that otherwise would go without, the families that would go without food and proper nutritional benefits; and even LIHEAP, which gives help with heating bills to people who can't afford it in difficult winter conditions.

What they are proposing is not a middle class tax cut. It is a cut for the wealthiest in our country, and that is who will get the benefits. That is who they are about.

Their whole program is KISS: Keep it simple, stupid. That is the only way they can try to sell their wealthy tax break, their aims to prevent women from getting proper healthcare, and their attacks on women in general.

It is unfortunate what we see, what we saw earlier this week in the indictments handed out to Mr. Manafort, Mr. Gates, and the guilty plea of Mr. Papadopoulos. Individuals involved with the campaign and the administration have not been the best, as they were supposed to be. In fact, they are suspected of criminal behavior, and one has admitted to it.

Our democracy is at risk, and I fear what could happen to it. That is why I introduced an amendment to the Constitution to limit the President's pardon power so he couldn't pardon himself, members of his family, members of his administration, or paid members of his campaign staff.

He has already pardoned Joe Arpaio, and he has threatened to use that power in furtherance as he discussed the possibility of pardoning himself. If he does so, any of these pardons, it will be a test of our democracy, and it will be a test of my colleagues on the other side.

We must protect democracy and protect America from unlawful activity.

God bless America.

NEW YORK CITY TERRORIST ATTACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, earlier this week a driver whom law enforcement has identified as Sayfullo Saipov, violently rammed his pickup truck into a crowd in Manhattan, killing 8 people and injuring 11. Local officials called it the deadliest attack since September 11, 2001, in that city.

My heart breaks for those who have lost their lives—for their families, for their friends, and for their colleagues—due to this violent act. Two Americans and six of whom were tourists visiting our Nation and New York City to experience the wonders of America's largest metropolis met the crass act, the murderous act of a terrorist.

Our Nation's deep gratitude goes out to the first responders. Imagine these heroic Americans who intervened under very chaotic circumstances to bring down this criminal. Imagine yourself in that position.

This attack raises many questions about how this individual came to America and how he was allowed to stay. The President's tweets obliquely blame this person or that person, some in Congress, some not in Congress, but he misses the larger point: our Federal Government, the legislative branch—the first defined in our Constitution—the executive branch, and the judicial branch, need to work together to tackle our flawed immigration system.

□ 1030

How can we make it more secure while upholding our values as a nation of immigrants? The Bible reminds us: At one point, you and your predecessors and your family were aliens, too.

These are the questions to which we should be dedicating ourselves. We have security systems we must perfect, but it requires working together. We are supposed to be the adults in the Republic. A true leader would convene a working group of both parties, along with other experts, to tackle these security challenges brought to light again by this tragedy. Wouldn't that be constructive? Instead, there is more division. That is not a recipe for success.

Let's not forget a comprehensive bill passed in the Senate in 2013, on a vote of 68–32 and a bipartisan House companion bill that had 201 cosponsors, but the Republican-controlled House here refused to bring that bill to the floor for a vote. That bipartisan reform bill on immigration eliminated the diversity visa lottery by which the murderer got into this country. Imagine if that bill had been passed. We would be in a different position.

We can work together, but we must move past the fear-mongering, the talking points, the cheap political stunts to appeal to a media that runs 24/7 and just looks for more fodder. Our job in Congress is to defend our Con-

stitution and, in so doing, defend liberty. This includes our primary responsibility to work together to assure that our people feel safe and secure. We defend the Constitution by defending and protecting them.

The goal must not be division. The goal cannot be shallow attention and tweets on social media and cable news. Our people have a higher calling that our Constitution defines. The recent terrible tragedy in New York City reminds us that unity is always powerful, and it surmounts division.

It is time for that unity in this Capitol, and I look for the leadership in the Presidency, in this Chamber, and in the judicial branch to achieve it.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at noon.

PRAYER

Pastor Kenneth Codner, Grace Baptist Church, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, I am humbled to be able to stand before You on behalf of this assembly here today.

Lord, we are sinners, deserving none of Your favor. But, Father, I come to You on the merit of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who washed me from my sins in His shed blood.

Father, we are aware, more than any, of the bitter divisiveness throughout this room and across this Nation of ours. I know that this grieves Your heart, Father. I pray that we would repent of our sins, that You might forgive them and heal this land of ours.

Father, I pray that You will work in the hearts of the Members of Congress, that they be willing to put aside their political expedience and partisan politics and personal agendas, that they would strive to do what is best for our Nation as a whole and uphold the Constitution which they avowed to uphold, that they would seek to do what is pleasing in Your sight, that they would seek Your will and wisdom for the decisions of this day and each and every day.

I ask these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ, my Savior.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the