

is also a funder of this. It is in Canada. I wish it was in Arizona. They are claiming right now that their facility can pull carbon out of the air for about \$100 to \$150 a ton, capture that carbon, package it, and make a clean-burning fuel out of it.

If the rest of the world continues to go the way it is going, the concept that we now have the technology to yank carbon out of the air, and if it is really heading toward \$100 a ton, it is at the threshold where it is economical because, it turns out, the dollar values—some of the sequestration tax credits we do, but also the ability to convert it back into a fuel, it is almost in the money.

This is exciting. How many did you hear talk about this technology over the last 10 days? It is here.

My beloved university, Arizona State University, the biggest university in the United States, has an entire center devoted to this concept of technology that is a negative carbon sink. Functionally, it pulls carbon right out of the air. Their technology is passive, where the other one is active.

The professor working on this—I have met with him—freaky smart. He has a joyful view that basically says let's let the technology compete. Whoever does it the best will win.

This one is more a distributive model of this passive collection where you can put it in lots of locations. Part of it is the cover for your bus stop, but it is also pulling carbon out of the air.

The technology is here, so the Malthusians of this place—and if you don't know what that means, please go look it up—somehow think we need to go back and live in the dark ages, basically, or that man has demonstrated over and over technology is a disruption.

Look, when I was growing up, I remember having a teacher read us the Population Bomb, scaring me to death that by the late 1970s, we were all going to be starving. How many of our kids out there today hear the propaganda on some of the reactionaries, the folklore about what is happening out there, that they are going to be in a planet that is burning up in their late teenage years?

The issues are real, but so are the technology solutions. It turns out solutions often aren't as elegant as a great speech with lots of virtue signaling.

I am very proud of the things that are happening out there.

A final bit of this thought experiment is, years ago, we were blessed—we had a Ph.D. of physics. I think he is now—well, he is at one of those special agencies that does really complex stuff right now. But he did a math experiment for us. Methane, in our formula, was considered 84 times more greenhouse-causing in its first year than carbon. So, okay, you get 84-to-1.

□ 1915

He came to me with this math experiment saying, if you could build a sub-

stantial pipeline or multiple pipelines in west Texas and a couple other large hydrocarbon-producing areas and it was designed to capture methane and take that methane and pull it in in enough density to actually convert it to a fuel, and then he had that and a couple other things, you hit the Paris accord numbers.

Isn't that exciting? How many of our brothers and sisters here are already saying we need to be building a bunch more pipelines to go collect that methane so we can capture it, compress it, make sure it doesn't go into the air—except pipelines are, functionally, part of the religious process here and need to be opposed.

If anyone is watching, listening, go look this up: photosynthesis, 40 percent. I actually believe this may be the single most disruptive bit of technology in our lifetimes.

It looks like the inherent problem of plants. You remember all of your high school biology class where we were told plant cells have had, for millions of years, a small flaw. Sometimes they really, really want that carbon molecule so they can make a sugar out of it and, instead, they grab an oxygen molecule.

Apparently, through synthetic biology, they figured out how to rearrange that plant cell so it always grabs the carbon. It grows the sugar, and the plants grow 40 percent more efficient.

Think about that. What would happen if that technology was part of our commodity crops, our fresh produce, the things we eat. The world would feed itself for another 250 years. It would mean 40 percent less land, 40 percent less water, 40 percent less fertilizer.

It turns out, world agriculture produces 2.2 times the greenhouse gases of every car on Earth. Do you know, if you had this type of technology as the crops for around the world, it would be equal to removing every car off the face of the Earth?

And, yes, it is a GMO, because the fix was done through a type of synthetic biology.

But it would equal removing every car off the face of the Earth.

These are joyful thought experiments, but the technology is real, and it is here. We have to figure out, as a body, how we adopt these things that it proves we can grow as a society, we can grow economically as a world.

My soon-to-be 4-year-old little girl can have an amazing future. We don't have to be terrified about the debt cliff that is going to crush us because we grew. And we can have the amazing clean environment and deal with the issues of greenhouse gases.

Are we ready to pull our heads out and actually do that crazy thing of reading and math and understand the technology disruption is in front of us?

Madam Speaker, are we ready to adopt, embrace the technology disruption that allows us to grow, prosper, and meet so many of our goals?

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

NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with grave concern for our country, our longstanding Western security alliances, and liberty itself that I rise today.

I have the distinct privilege of serving on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and co-chair the Congressional Ukraine Caucus.

As the Congresswoman from a district with a strong Ukrainian heritage and tens of thousands of citizens who understand what liberty demands, I hold a unique perspective and, dare say, deep knowledge to speak on the events of the past several days to provide some additional context on why the conversation between President Donald Trump and the newly elected President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, is so distressing to our national security.

The American public has looked on in horror as America's President, President Trump, has willfully neglected his oath of office and sacred duty to defend the best interests of our Nation in favor of his own and, in effect, promote the interests of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin.

This week, we learned of yet another instance in which our President has put national security at risk in favor of advancing his own personal, partisan, political objectives.

According to a highly redacted White House memo released this morning, new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was quoted as saying he was "ready to buy more U.S. antitank missiles to defend his nation against Russia's invasion."

And President Trump, without skipping a beat, responded: "I would like you to do us a favor, though."

A favor to receive the funds that this Congress passed and appropriated? A favor to disburse the funds already slated for Ukraine until President Trump held them back to ask a favor?

That is illegal. It is unconstitutional. And it is dead wrong.

This exchange is not only a clear violation of the law; it is an unprecedented abuse of power that undermines our national security, violates our Constitution, and compromises the struggle for liberty on the continent of Europe that includes America's most trusted allies through instrumentalities like NATO.

Article I of the Constitution clearly states that all legislative power shall be vested in the Congress of the United States and that Congress holds the awesome power of the purse.

On July 18, President Trump purposefully directed his administration to

withhold nearly \$400 million in defense assistance for Ukraine from the State and Defense Departments' budgets.

These funds were voted by Members of the House and Senate. And, frankly, at one point this year, we did not know that the President was holding the funds back. When we learned that he was, I joined my fellow Ukraine Caucus co-chair, Congressman MIKE QUIGLEY of Chicago, in issuing a statement demanding that the money we had voted for be released.

Members of Congress wrote the President letters and sent them to the White House and were told by the administration that, well, you know, it was "an interagency delay" that caused the funds not to be released to a nation at war with Russia.

Russia invaded Ukraine, not the reverse. And the scrimmage line for liberty on the continent of Europe now is at the Russian-Ukrainian border, and our President delayed the release of those funds.

The President sought to make the release of national security funds passed and appropriated by this Congress contingent on asking a new foreign leader for a favor—a favor—prior to release of those funds.

Congress must compel the release of the full conversation that occurred between President Trump and the new President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, as well as the full whistleblower complaint as was originally submitted to the Office of Inspector General.

We do not have the full release. I will say more about that in a moment.

The document we were provided today was not a complete transcript of the conversation that our President had with President Zelensky. We only got about 11 minutes of a conversation that lasted upwards of 30 minutes. Congress must demand the full transcript and hold the executive branch officials in contempt if they refuse to give us the full documents.

Like so many Americans, I am disgusted by President Trump's repeated betrayal of American interests in favor of Vladimir Putin's.

This President's efforts to coerce Ukrainian President Zelensky, an allied leader, into helping him win reelection by urging congressionally supported military aid as leverage is not only a dramatic betrayal of the President's constitutional duty; it is also the latest example of Trump doing Putin's bidding.

I am certain that our President's relationship with Vladimir Putin didn't start with his veiled support for Putin's election meddling or inviting the Russians to hack the Democratic National Committee or even lobbying, most recently, for Russia to be readmitted to the G7, our most trusted allies, when Russia has invaded Ukraine, for heaven's sake.

Who benefits when Ukraine loses military assistance? It is an easy question. Russia, the country that is wag-

ing a bloody war in Ukraine for over 5 years.

Who is to say Putin wasn't listening in when Trump blackmailed Zelensky?

Madam Speaker, no Member of Congress has traveled to Ukraine as many times as I, beginning long before I was in Congress and long before the Berlin wall fell. I can say with confidence that Ukraine, today, is the scrimmage line for liberty's defense on the continent of Europe. And that is why President Trump's decision to withhold this money is so troubling.

There is no more important strategic military alliance for liberty than America's membership with European nations in NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Every minute of every day, NATO stands united to defend against dictatorships and protect our liberties.

Russia has always hated this organization and will do anything to disrupt the Western alliance, and she is hard and fast at work doing that as we stand here this evening.

We know the battlefields of Europe directly influenced the founding of our own Republic and our fundamental ideals of democracy. NATO stands ready, as we stand here tonight, to defend our liberty. In return, we keep our word—our word—for our NATO allies, a promise that should never be contingent on a single President's political objectives back home.

After the collapse of communist Russia in 1991, Ukraine became a free nation. Ukraine had been occupied for all of its modern history but began its jagged path forward to the free world, a path that has been torturous and fraught with danger and setbacks and, yes, bloody murder.

To this day, there exists an insidious network of corrupt Ukrainian and Russian oligarchs whose tentacles reach far across Ukraine and the rest of the world, seeking to undermine the Western alliance while protecting the selfish, corrupt financial looting that continues to this day in that part of the world and, frankly, even reaching our shores.

It will be a permanent blot on American history that certain Americans, including President Trump's campaign manager and several other Trump operatives, were actually involved in supporting these oligarchs and the undemocratic forces that are trying to undermine the Government of Ukraine every time they try to right themselves. And these oligarchs steal and plunder billions of dollars with their Kremlin allies.

Despite these setbacks, since Ukraine's Euromaidan Revolution of Dignity 5 years ago, Ukrainian people have bravely demonstrated their resolute commitment to their nation's democratic future.

The latest example is their historic Presidential and parliamentary elections, which international observers lauded as free and fair.

Meanwhile, Russia's devastating invasion of Ukraine has resulted in more

than 13,000 Ukrainian deaths, including civilians who have been targeted by Russian missiles, 30,000 injured, and more than 2 million displaced internally.

It is sad that Ukraine must fight a war on two fronts: a hot war against Russia, for which she is completely underarmed, and one against the enemy from within, the scourge of corruption, both perpetuated by Russian influence.

In fact, when Boris Nemtsov, a brave Russian, was prepared to lead a demonstration for Ukrainian independence, he was killed on the steps near the Kremlin—how about that?—in Moscow.

□ 1930

That is how Russia plays.

Ukraine's new President, Volodymyr Zelensky, and his party in the Rada won a significant majority because he promised, finally, to root out this corruption.

While the ink is fresh on the Zelensky Presidency, we have high hopes for him and his ability to live up to the expectations of his people. It would be tragic if President Trump compromised him with his recent missteps.

In order to make good on his promise to root out corruption, President Zelensky must make clear his independence from every oligarch. A prime example is his benefactor, the infamous Ukrainian oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky. Kolomoisky serves as an example of corrupt influence on Ukraine's fragile political system.

With a net worth of over \$1.2 billion—and I am sure that is a lowball number—Kolomoisky is one of the richest and most corrupt oligarchs in Ukraine. He also owns the television channel that ran the show "Servant of the People" that propelled Zelensky to stardom and popular acclaim.

The question for history will be: Will Ukraine's new President be able to rise to the highest aspirations of those who voted for him? Or will he be mired in corruption at home and by entrapment by foreign leaders like President Trump?

Kolomoisky, like other oligarchs, did not become rich due to their acumen. Rather, they used lies, intimidation, cheating, stealing, money laundering, and killing—yes, killing. These are their stock in trade.

Kolomoisky used his company, PrivatBank, as a personal piggy bank by issuing endless loans to himself and, frankly, laundering billions of dollars—billions of dollars—including in this country, mainly in real estate.

In one instance, Kolomoisky hired hundreds of thugs—think about this—with iron rods, rubber bullet pistols, chainsaws, and baseball bats to raid a plant in order to take it over. He didn't buy it. He stole it—surely, a macabre definition of a hostile takeover.

Due to Kolomoisky's corruption and looting of the PrivatBank, the bank had lost \$5.5 billion, putting Ukraine's

economy at risk. That is why the head of Ukraine's National Bank, Valeria Gontareva, nationalized it. This was a critical step urged by the United States, the European Union, the International Monetary Fund, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Now, Ms. Gontareva's life is under threat. She was hit by a car in London, leaving her hospitalized. Her son's car was burned. Her house in Kiev was burned down, her apartment raided by police.

Fear, crime, murder, and destruction are the paths of repressive regimes. Freedom-lovers simply do not accept that way of life for ourselves or for the future of Ukraine.

For these reasons, I have invited Valeria to come to Capitol Hill to share her courageous story in the face of such brutal intimidation.

Corrupt oligarchs, with their ill-gotten gains, launder money to the West, where they know our laws will keep their ill-gotten money safe. How ironic it is that the Kremlin mouthpieces mock our values of openness and our strong tradition of rule of law while Putin's cronies safely store and invest their dirty money here.

I can tell you that, in our country, recent reports have noted that Kolomoisky and his business partner, Gennadiy Bogolyubov, have funneled vast funds through various Delaware-based shell companies into properties and businesses around our Nation, even in my district of Cleveland, Ohio, where Kolomoisky has become downtown Cleveland's largest commercial real estate owner. How about that?

It is not just in my State. It is in Florida. It is across this country. This is what is going on with the kind of corruption that spreads across our world, and it is why we have to pay attention to what is happening in Ukraine because, next to Ukraine, behind the Iron Curtain of Russian leadership, they have a plan to disrupt the West, certainly using every tool they have to disrupt the NATO alliance, but even here in our country, trying to disrupt our way of life.

The newly reconstituted PrivatBank, which was taken over by the nation of Ukraine, has brought forth a case on behalf of its shareholders in Delaware against Kolomoisky. According to court documents—and get this—Kolomoisky laundered \$470 billion through a Cyprus-based shell company between 2006 and 2016, potentially the largest money laundering case in history.

It is now reported that the FBI is currently investigating these international financial crimes. I fully support their investigation to get to the bottom of these corrupt dealings across the world but, certainly, in the region that I live.

The United States and our allies must send a message that such malign behavior will not be tolerated. We cannot be complicit in empowering foreign

money laundering and the enrichment of corrupt oligarchs. We cannot encourage the kind of complicity that the President inferred in his remarks to President Zelensky in his recent conversation.

The United States and our allies can take steps to combat the illicit flows of money that empower the oligarch economy of money laundering, blackmail, murder, and extortion. Congress must enact beneficial ownership transparency legislation to prevent malign actors from easily opening shell companies here. We must continue to support investigative journalism, not just in Ukraine, but here in order to maintain our own liberty and remain the bastion of liberty for the free world.

President Zelensky and the newly elected Rada must now make good on their campaign promises to serve the people of Ukraine, not the oligarchs. Ukraine's new President must fully support the work of anticorruption that has been promoted by even many Members of our own Congress, including Representative BRIAN FITZPATRICK from Pennsylvania, who has worked so hard to establish that effort even prior to his service here in the Congress.

Critical organizations to perform the tasks include the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, the National Agency on Corruption Prevention, as well as the Anti-Corruption Court. The judicial system must be given true independence to root out corruption free from any kind of outside political influence.

Madam Speaker, the Ukrainian people have our full support in their efforts to shake off the rapacious grip of corrupt oligarchs supported by Russia.

Democracy shines in the sunlight, and we want that sunlight to shine here. Any conversation between our President and the new President of Ukraine that can reveal any attempt to threaten security of our longstanding allied relationships and continue to threaten liberty demands the undivided attention of this Congress.

I reiterate my call for transparency, accountability, and strong, unencumbered congressional investigations.

If President Trump and his administration fail to comply with legitimate congressional inquiries, then there is no other option than for this House to stand with our American allies and move forward with impeachment.

We appreciate those who work late into the evening this night to make sure that these words get placed in the RECORD.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following material:

KAPTUR PRESS RELEASE ON WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

WASHINGTON.—Today, Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus Representatives Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), released the following statement after reports of a whistleblower complaint filed by a member of the Intelligence Community, which is being withheld from Congress in violation of federal law, is said to involve Ukraine:

“Today, press reports indicate that a U.S. intelligence officers whistleblower complaint regarding President Trump's possible breach of national security may involve the nation of Ukraine.” said Rep. Kaptur. As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus, I fully support the efforts by Chairman Adam Schiff and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to seek a detailed accounting of the complaint and transcript of the incident(s), and call upon the Speaker and Minority Leader to take all courses of action for appropriate Congressional oversight to obtain the relevant documents and necessary testimony to establish confirmation of fact and circumstance.”

“Following Ukraine's historic elections and continued democratic struggles, the Ukrainian people deserve our full support. We must know to what extent the President and his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, are using the weight of U.S. foreign policy, including holding critical security assistance, to advance their own narrow personal interests.”

“The American people deserve a government free of malign foreign influence. The American people deserve to know the full truth.”

KAPTUR/QUIGLEY PRESS RELEASE TO CONDEMN PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ATTEMPT TO SLOW ROLL CRITICAL ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE, AUGUST 30, 2019

WASHINGTON.—Today, Co-Chairs of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus Representatives Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) and Mike Quigley (D-IL) released the following statement condemning President Trump's attempts to slow-roll \$250 million in congressionally appropriated military aid for Ukraine, known as the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.

“President Trump's decision to slow-walk this congressionally appropriated military funding for Ukraine is disturbing and demonstrates once again his affinity for Russia and Russian President Vladimir Putin.” the representatives said in a joint statement. “This funding is vital to preserving democracy in Ukraine and Eastern Europe and must not be delayed or hindered in any way.”

“With Russia's unprovoked, unwarranted and murderous invasion of Ukraine and with over 10,000 innocent Ukrainians now having been killed, the President of the United States should not be a defender of Russian interests. President Trump has repeatedly berated our closest allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, lifted sanctions on Russian oligarchs, and advocated for Russia being allowed back in the G7.”

“The President of the United States should be a champion for liberty, not a pawn for dictators. This funding cannot be delayed.”

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
Subject: Telephone Conversation with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine.
Participants: President Zelenskyy of Ukraine. Notetakers: The White House Situation Room.

Date, time and place: July 25, 2019, 9:03–9:33 a.m. EDT Residence.

The President: Congratulations on a great victory. We all watched from the United States and you did a terrific job. The way you came from behind, somebody who wasn't given much of a chance, and you ended up winning easily. It's a fantastic achievement. Congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: You are absolutely right Mr. President. We did win big and we worked hard for this. We worked a lot but I would like to confess to you that I had an opportunity to learn from you. We used quite a few of your skills and knowledge and were able to use it as an example for our elections

and yes it is true that these were unique elections. We were in a unique situation that we were able to achieve a unique success. I'm able to tell you the following; the first time, you called me to congratulate me when I won my presidential election, and the second time you are now calling me when my party won the parliamentary election. I think I should run more often so you can call me more often and we can talk over the phone more often.

The President: [laughter] That's a very good idea. I think your country is very happy about that.

President Zelenskyy: Well yes, to tell you the truth, we are trying to work hard because we wanted to drain the swamp here in our country. We brought in many many new people. Not the old politicians, not the typical politicians, because we want to have a new format and a new type of government. You are a great teacher for us and in that.

The President: Well it's very nice of you to say that. I will say that we do a lot for Ukraine. We spend a lot of effort and a lot of time. Much more than the European countries are doing and they should be helping you more than they are. Germany does almost nothing for you. All they do is talk and I think it's something that you should really ask them about. When I was speaking to Angela Merkel she talks Ukraine, but she doesn't do anything. A lot of the European countries are the same way so I think it's something you want to look at but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine. I wouldn't say that it's reciprocal necessarily because things are happening that are not good but the United States has been very very good to Ukraine.

President Zelenskyy: Yes you are absolutely right. Not only 100%, but actually 1000% and I can tell you the following; I did talk to Angela Merkel and I did meet with her. I also met and talked with Macron and I told them that they are not doing quite as much as they need to be doing on the issues with the sanctions. They are not enforcing the sanctions. They are not working as much as they should work for Ukraine. It turns out that even though logically, the European Union should be our biggest partner but technically the United States is a much bigger partner than the European Union and I'm very grateful to you for that because the United States is doing quite a lot for Ukraine. Much more than the European Union especially when we are talking about sanctions against the Russian Federation. I would also like to thank you for your great support in the area of defense. We are ready to continue to cooperate for the next steps specifically we are almost ready to buy more Javelins from the United States for defense purposes.

The President: I would like you to do us a favor though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say CrowdStrike . . . I guess you have one of your wealthy people. . . The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people. I would like to have the Attorney General call you or your people and I would like you to get to the bottom of it. As you saw yesterday, that whole nonsense ended with a very poor performance by a man named Robert Mueller, an incompetent performance, but they say a lot of it started with Ukraine. Whatever you can do, it's very important that you do it if that's possible.

President Zelenskyy: Yes it is very important for me and everything that you just mentioned earlier. For me as a President, it

is very important and we are open for any future cooperation. We are ready to open a new page on cooperation in relations between the United States and Ukraine. For that purpose, I just recalled our ambassador from United States and he will be replaced by a very competent and very experienced ambassador who will work hard on making sure that our two nations are getting closer. I would also like and hope to see him having your trust and your confidence and have personal relations with you so we can cooperate even more so. I will personally tell you that one of my assistants spoke with Mr. Giuliani just recently and we are hoping very much that Mr. Giuliani will be able to travel to Ukraine and we will meet once he comes to Ukraine. I just wanted to assure you once again that you have nobody but friends around us. I will make sure that I surround myself with the best and most experienced people. I also wanted to tell you that we are friends. We are great friends and you Mr. President have friends in our country so we can continue our strategic partnership. I also plan to surround myself with great people and in addition to that investigation, I guarantee as the President of Ukraine that all the investigations will be done openly and candidly. That I can assure you.

The President: Good because I heard you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair. A lot of people are talking about that, the way they shut your very good prosecutor down and you had some very bad people involved. Mr. Giuliani is a highly respected man. He was the mayor of New York City, a great mayor, and I would like him to call you. I will ask him to call you along with the Attorney General. Rudy very much knows what's happening and he is a very capable guy. If you could speak to him that would be great. The former ambassador from the United States, the woman, was bad news and the people she was dealing with in the Ukraine were bad news so I just want to let you know that. The other thing, There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it . . . It sounds horrible to me.

President Zelenskyy: I wanted to tell you about the prosecutor. First of all I understand and I'm knowledgeable about the situation. Since we have won the absolute majority in our Parliament, the next prosecutor general will be 100% my person, my candidate, who will be approved by the parliament and will start as a new prosecutor in September. He or she will look into the situation, specifically to the company that you mentioned in this issue. The issue of the investigation of the case is actually the issue of making sure to restore the honesty so we will take care of that and will work on the investigation of the case. On top of that, I would kindly ask you if you have any additional information that you can provide to us, it would be very helpful for the investigation to make sure that we administer justice in our country with regard to the Ambassador to the United States from Ukraine as far as I recall her name was Ivanovich. It was great that you were the first one who told me that she was a bad ambassador because I agree with you 100%. Her attitude towards me was far from the best as she admired the previous President and she was on his side. She would not accept me as a new President well enough.

The President: Well, she's going to go through some things. I will have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also going to have Attorney General Barr call and we

will get to the bottom of it. I'm sure you will figure it out. I heard the prosecutor was treated very badly and he was a very fair prosecutor so good luck with everything. Your economy is going to get better and better I predict. You have a lot of assets. It's a great country. I have many Ukrainian friends, they're incredible people.

President Zelenskyy: I would like to tell you that I also have quite a few Ukrainian friends that live in the United States. Actually last time I traveled to the United States, I stayed in New York near Central Park and I stayed at the Trump Tower. I will talk to them and I hope to see them again in the future. I also wanted to thank you for your invitation to visit the United States, specifically Washington DC. On the other hand, I also want to ensure you that we will be very serious about the case and will work on the investigation. As to the economy, there is much potential for our two countries and one of the issues that is very important for Ukraine is energy independence. I believe we can be very successful and cooperating on energy independence with United States. We are already working on cooperation. We are buying American oil but I am very hopeful for a future meeting. We will have more time and more opportunities to discuss these opportunities and get to know each other better. I would like to thank you very much for your support.

The President: Good. Well, thank you very much and I appreciate that. I will tell Rudy and Attorney General Barr to call. Thank you. Whenever you would like to come to the White House, feel free to call. Give us a date and we'll work that out. I look forward to seeing you.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much. I would be very happy to come and would be happy to meet with you personally and get to know you better. I am looking forward to our meeting and I also would like to invite you to visit Ukraine and come to the city of Kyiv which is a beautiful city. We have a beautiful country which would welcome you. On the other hand, I believe that on September 1 we will be in Poland and we can meet in Poland hopefully. After that, it might be a very good idea for you to travel to Ukraine. We can either take my plane and go to Ukraine or we can take your plane, which is probably much better than mine.

The President: Okay, we can work that out. I look forward to seeing you in Washington and maybe in Poland because I think we are going to be there at that time.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you very much Mr. President.

The President: Congratulations on a fantastic job you've done. The whole world was watching. I'm not sure it was so much of an upset but congratulations.

President Zelenskyy: Thank you Mr. President bye-bye.

Ms. KAPTUR, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 25, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1058. To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to