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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday, I was proud to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Thomas Scott Jefferson in Whitesboro, south Jersey. TJ is a member of Whitesboro Troop 104.

TJ not only was an exemplary student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, but he was also a committed volunteer at CCWI, a homework club, among other after-school activities.

He is currently studying classical performance voice at William Paterson University. He has an avid love for the arts, performing and starring in numerous plays, operas, and choirs.

TJ has become recognized for his singing voice, and he has continued to perform not only across the region but even training on Broadway in New York City.

We are so proud of you, TJ. I look forward to big things from you. I am confident you will live up to the name "Thomas Jefferson."

Congratulations to you and to your family. Some people look to sports or movie stars or, heaven forbid, politicians as role models. But it is individuals like you that inspire me.

You are one of my heroes. I know your future is bright, and may God bless you.

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THE NEED FOR PAID SICK LEAVE

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, last night, I was so pleased to hold a telephone townhall with my colleague, Representative CHRIS PAPPAS, New Hampshire public health officials, and over 10,000 Granite Staters to provide an update on the impact of the coronavirus.

I continue to hear from constituents who are concerned, and a recurring theme for many is a lack of access to paid sick leave, which complicates our ability to address this public health crisis.

When faced with an illness or medical issue, many Americans face a challenging decision to put their job and their income at risk or risk their own health and the health of their colleagues and their community.

I am proud to support ROSA DELAUNO's legislation to expand access to paid sick leave so that workers are able to follow the directives of public health officials and stay home from work when they are feeling ill.

As Congress continues to address policies to protect the American people against the spread of the coronavirus, I urge consideration of this important bill.

MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic bipartisan legislative package introduced this week to address the United States' urgent maternal health crisis. I am referring to the Black Maternal Health Momnibus.

Each year, 700 women in our country die from pregnancy complications, but 3 in 5 of those deaths could be prevented.

The United States' maternal mortality rate is exponentially higher than that of any other developed country, and Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women, a glaring disparity that we cannot ignore.

In my community, organizations like The Foundation for Delaware County and the Maternity Care Coalition have stepped up to address this crisis, but we must do more.

I am proud to join Congresswomen LAUREN UNDERWOOD and ALMA ADAMS, Senator KAMALA HARRIS, and other congressional leaders in introducing the Black Maternal Health Momnibus.

The momnibus provides a comprehensive approach to maternal health, and particularly Black maternal health, by funding community-based organizations, investing in social determinants that influence maternal health outcomes, and growing and diversifying the prenatal workforce.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation for all our families.

CHINA AWARENESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SCANLON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. YOH. Madam Speaker, what I would like to do for the next few minutes is talk about an awareness campaign, and that is to make people aware of China and what China is doing.

We all know about China, a big country, wealthy country, a country that has come out of poverty and has become an industrial powerhouse. They have become a world power. Yet a lot of people don't understand what China really is doing.

When one really studies the history of China and sees where they are going, it is pretty remarkable that many of our countries around the world and our companies around the world do business with China.

The Communist Party took over in 1949, and that is when Mao Zedong came to power. He laid out a vision that I think any world leader would be

proud of. He laid out a 100-year plan. In fact, they call it the 100-year marathon.

We have seen a remarkable advancement of China, but, unfortunately, it was at the expense of many along the roadways.

We look at what they have done; and their goal, if you listen to what Xi Jinping has said when he came to power, was he wanted to remove any Western influence from China.

This was not too long after Tiananmen Square, where people in China were promoting liberties and democracies, and then the Tiananmen Square massacre happened where thousands of people were run over by tanks in the streets as the world watched. Yet China has taken that history and swept it under the rug and pretends it didn't happen. But we know. We have seen the videos.

Since that time, Xi Jinping has come out with a very strong statement. In fact, in 2017, in the Sixteenth Chinese Communist Party Congress, he made a statement, and it is a warning, and it should be a wake-up call for all people who are buying products from China.

In that statement, he said: The era of China has arrived. No longer will China be made to swallow their interests around the world. It is time for China to take the world center stage.

As we looked into that—and we have talked to people from Hong Kong and from China—their intent is very real, it is very true, and it is very out front. They are not trying to hide anything. Their goal is to be a world dominant power, or the world dominant power.

What we are seeing today in the world is a tectonic shift in world powers that we haven't seen since World War II. China has made very clear what their intent is.

Then they have marched on a campaign since 1949. Deng Xiaoping, in the eighties, said that it could not compete with American or Japanese technology and manufacturing, but what they could do is they could corner the market on rare earth metals.

As China came into the modern world, America and other countries helped China in technology, science, research, in advancement of weaponry, thinking that China would come along and become more Western democracy in their thinking. That is the furthest from the truth.

As China moved on, Deng Xiaoping's vision came to realization. They talked about cornering the market on rare earth metals. Well, today, they control virtually 100 percent of the rare earth metals that are needed in our electronics, in our cell phones, in our missile guidance systems and our satellites.

China has gone on to corner the market in the APIs in our pharmaceuticals. The APIs are the active pharmaceutical ingredients. They control approximately 85 to 90 percent of that. They control the majority of the minerals and vitamins that go into our livestock feed.

So their intent is very clear, yet they hide behind policies that favor China.

In the WTO, when they became a member of that in the nineties, they entered with a developing nation status. Today, they are the second largest economy in the world. They are building five aircraft carriers. They have got a space program. They have expanded around the world through their One Belt, One Road initiative. Yet, today, in the WTO, they claim developing nation status.

It is time that we let everybody know these things and wake up the American people and our manufacturers. China has risen, yet it has been at the expense of other nations. It is been through coercion, intimidation, not honoring contracts, and not honoring laws that are world norms.

A good example of that is what is going on in the South China Sea. They have reclaimed landmasses, and they went ahead and built facilities on these to the point where they have military installations, runway strips, military barracks, offensive and defensive weapons on there, military radar systems. Xi Jinping, when he was here visiting President Obama in 2015, said they have no intention of militarizing those structures; yet, today, they are militarized.

China has encroached on the ASEAN nations in the East China Sea, in the South China Sea, and they have gone into the exclusive economic zones in those areas, not honoring the world norms or the laws of the sea. In fact, the Philippines took them to court.

At the court arbitration, China lost the case. They said they had no claims to the nine-dash lines that China claims that the Philippines challenged them on. The Philippines won, yet China ignored that ruling and kept doing the dredging of the landmasses, destroying thousands of acres of coral reefs and laying claim to that area.

China has used their heavy hands with our corporations when somebody does something unfavorable to what China wants. An example is the Marriott Hotel employee who had mentioned something favorable about Taiwan. That person got fired.

We have seen that over and over again with different industries. Just recently, the manager of the Houston Rockets tweeted in favor of the protestors in Hong Kong to stay strong for liberties and freedoms, and we all know what China did. The NBA backed down to placate China. We have seen this with corporation after corporation. We have seen Nike do this. We have seen other corporations do this.

I think today, in the modern world today and what we are going through with the coronavirus—another gift from China—is the supply chain that they control of so many products that the world is dependent on, and I think this is a wake-up call that we need to remove manufacturing from China. We can't do it as a government, but our manufacturers can.

We have drafted a policy. It is called "Manufacture the ABC Method," and that is manufacturing anywhere but China.

When we make a product in China, China benefits from it. China introduces their Chinese Communist Party members within their corporation. Many times, our corporations have to give up their intellectual property. So China benefits from this by the theft of that property plus the production of that property. They counterfeit so many of our manufacturers' products, and our manufacturers go out of business.

We have met with many manufacturers that went over there initially for cheaper labor. Within 5 years, China has copied that product. That product is competing against the original manufacturer. It is being sold cheaper, and it is of an inferior quality, so it ruins the reputation of the manufacturer and they wind up going out of business. Then China just keeps producing. We see it over and over again, that they keep doing that.

We see constant abuses of human rights that we have seen over and over again, and these have been reported in the news. So many times we stand up for human rights around the world, and if we really, truly believe that as a nation, we believe in those values of liberty and freedom, that all people are created equal, that they have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, they have the right of due process, they have the right to a court of law, if we believe in those things, we have to look at our trade policies.

Why are we trading with a country that blatantly ignores those?

I think I want to just pivot to Hong Kong.

I think everybody in the world agrees that Hong Kong is a province of China. In 1997, Great Britain and China came to an agreement that they would allow Hong Kong to go back to China over a 50-year process, and that was going to be from 1997 to 2047.

Hong Kong had the ability and the guarantee that they would be a semi-autonomous region, a portion of China, that they would have an independent judiciary system, they would have their own election process.

Yet 22 years into that process, we see the heavy hand of Xi Jinping and the heavy hand of the Chinese Communist Party. 22 years into that agreement, Xi Jinping came out publicly and said, as far as he was concerned, that agreement is null and void.

We saw the extradition bill that was brought up by their chief executive officer, Carrie Lam, and we know that she didn't bring that up by herself. That was at the direction of Beijing.

What that law did is it was robbing liberty and freedom from the people of Hong Kong. And it is sad, because the people of Hong Kong have always known liberty and freedom in today's modern world. But, unfortunately, the people of China—Xi Jinping and the

Chinese Communist Party—they, unfortunately, have never experienced liberty and freedom because they have lived under a communist, repressive regime that we have seen only grow stronger.

We did a floor speech down here on Tiananmen Square on the anniversary last summer, and shortly after that, within weeks, there were the protests in Hong Kong about the extradition bill.

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And when you have 2 million people coming out in the streets in a province of China that has less than 8 million people, you have got a quarter of your population, and it was young people, it was old people, it was educated people, it was business people, mothers, fathers, children, and they are all protesting against the heavy-hand of China, because what they saw was freedom and liberty being taken away from them.

If that was an isolated case, that would be one thing, but what we have seen with China is the intimidation, the erasing of cultures, as they have done with the Tibetans, as they have tried to do with other ethnic minorities in their country, whether it is the Uighurs, the East Turkistan region, the Kyrgyz. And we see this over and over again, yet they make no apologies for it.

China is One Belt One Road. Or the Belt and Road Initiative is often referred to as One Belt One Road, and it goes one way, and that goes to the Chinese Communist Party.

They do predatory lending practices that put other countries in debt where they can't pay it back, and China winds up taking strategic ports. They have strategically done this around the world. They are in the Western Hemisphere and they are marching on.

The purpose of this Special Order tonight is to get people to pay attention to what China is doing. Who are we going to do business with in the future?

We have got a country that their goal is to take over the world. Xi Jinping says, and their philosophy is, you cannot have two suns in the sky at the same time, meaning one has to come down; and in their philosophy that would be us. Again, those are very confrontational points of view that they are pursuing, and they are pursuing them rapidly.

We have seen the intimidation of corporations with them. We have seen the intimidation of China and their heavy-hand with other countries.

The Czech Republic was going to have their Speaker of the House go to Taiwan to do some business there. China told them if they went there, the Czech Republic, their auto company, could no longer do business in China.

We have seen them do this with Mercedes Benz. If they don't buy Chinese batteries, they can no longer market in China, even though the majority of the Mercedes Benz Corporation is controlled by a Chinese individual.

We have seen the race for the 5G phone network with Huawei, with ZTE, in 2012, in this country. In this body here, in the House Intelligence Committee and the Senate Intelligence Committee, both ZTE and Huawei, in 2012, were deemed a national security risk. Yet, they keep going on and claim to be private enterprises. Yet, we know that the Chinese Communist Party and Government have invested heavily in those companies.

And what they are doing is, they are using their technology that will be able to be invaded through the backdoor by the Chinese Communist Party to be able to spy on people. Today, China has the most CCT cameras, closed-circuit television cameras, to where today in modern China they are using these television cameras to grade their citizens. They have good citizen scores. If you don't do what the Chinese Communist Party tells you, you can't travel, you can't bank, you can't go to the restaurants.

It is 1984, George Orwell's story is happening right now.

And what they are doing is they are doing that to suppress people. They have offered that technology around the world. They are using it in Hong Kong. They have offered that to Maduro in Venezuela to control his people. The Iranian ayatollahs want to use that technology. Vladimir Putin wants to use it.

And what we are finding is any authoritarian or despotic government wants that technology so that they can control their citizens. If you look in the Xinjiang region, which is East Turkistan. East Turkistan has been an Asian area of China for over 100 years. Yet, when the Communist Party came in they took it over, recently they renamed it Xinjiang, which means New Territory. And I bring that up because it is home to a Muslim population, the Uighurs, the Kyrgyzstans, the Kyrgyz, that are being suppressed by China.

I think we have all heard of the concentration camps that are going up all over China. We have done hearings—I sit on the Foreign Affairs Committee, I chaired the Asia Pacific Subcommittee last year, the ranking member this year, and we have had hearing after hearing on the human rights suppression, just the terrible things that they are doing over there.

When we looked into it, we have enough reports to feel this is true. What they are doing is, China has interned over a million Uighurs, and other ethnic groups, the Kyrgyz, the Turkistans, they have put them into these so-called re-education camps, but they are not re-education camps, they are concentration camps.

They have armed crematoriums around the country associated with these camps. And my question when we were in the Foreign Affairs Committee doing this hearing: Why do you need an armed crematorium? You know, the people that are supposed to be there are supposed to have passed away.

But we recently met with some people that—I found it very interesting. The people we met with were from East Turkistan. They had a Cossack person with them who had just won an award from Mike Pompeo and First Lady Melania Trump, for her courage, Women of Courage Award.

And what we found as we were listening to the story is, this family, an educated family, the husband was a schoolteacher, the wife was a practicing medical doctor. I mean, they were model citizens.

Well, the husband saw what was happening to his relatives, what was happening in the Xinjiang area, so he got passports, took himself and his kids out. The wife, the doctor, applied for a passport, China would not allow her to go. They felt she needed to go to the re-education camp. This is a lady that is a doctor that was practicing. China puts them in there, saying it was a threat to our country, she was a terrorist, they need to be re-educated.

What China is trying to do is erase other cultures. We have just seen this over and over again. And so when we spoke to these people that were in our office this week, I asked them, I said: Do you have reports of abuses? And they went on and on about the abuses. How they strap people in chairs, they electrocute them, they torture them, pull out their fingernails. The women were being raped, people were being—I can't say murdered, because they said they would disappear and never be seen again.

These are things—you know, it is not just hearsay. We have reports from all kinds of magazines, all kinds of researchers.

Here is one from Radio Free Asia, "China Secretly Transferring Uyghur Detainees from Xinjiang to Shaanxi, Gansu Province Prisons." And it goes on talking about ethnic Uighurs held in political "re-education camps." I am going to put quotes around that because they are not re-education camps, they are concentration camps, because the Chinese Communist Party is the highest of the hierarchy, there can be nothing higher than that. And if you have a religion, and you have a deity above that, that puts the Chinese Communist Party and people like Xi Jinping in fear because they don't know how to control free thought. These people are being sent to prisons in those provinces.

"China to address an overflow in overcrowded camps, where up to 1.1 million Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities accused of harboring strong religious views and politically incorrect ideas have been held since April of 2017." This is something that has been going on not just 3 years, but longer than that, but it is coming to light.

We have asked their ambassadors, have they had the Western Press in there, free and open presses? And they said: Oh, no, there is no need. These aren't going on. But we know they are going on. This is just one report.

I have another one here, Madam Speaker, information concerning China killing prisoners to harvest organs. This is something we have heard over and over again. We have had hearings on this. This is a multi-billion-dollar industry in China. It happens to anybody that doesn't agree with the Communist Party. They get picked up, they get imprisoned. Health checks are done. In fact, this person that was in our office is a medical doctor, she would do the health checks on these young Muslim men, and they would get a red check if they were healthy. And in the darkness of night, they would disappear, never to be seen again.

The China Tribunal, which was a tribunal put together to look into this, has published its final judgment. "The China Tribunal concluded 'that forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale, and the tribunal has had no evidence that the significant infrastructure associated with China's transplantation industry has been dismantled and absent a satisfactory explanation as to the source of readily available organs concludes that forced organ harvesting continues till today.'"

I don't know how a civilized world can tolerate such atrocities. And when I see the armed crematoriums or the Uighurs being taken from their homes, forced from their homes, forced into a concentration camp, and then being rented out or sold as chattel to manufacturers, and this is well-documented, I don't know how we can tolerate that or how we can look at our trade policies to do those kind of deals with a country that works like that.

If they treat their own people that way, how do we expect they are going to treat any of us?

We have talked about Tibet. We have talked about Xinjiang, East Turkistan, the purging of individuals, the social credit scores, the coercion and intimidations.

I haven't touched on the theft of intellectual property. There is over \$600 billion of intellectual property theft that goes on and erodes economies all over the world.

I want to read an article here just briefly. "China Compels Uighurs to Work in Shoe Factory That Supplies Nike." And I don't bring Nike's name out to put a ding on Nike. It says: "The workers in standard-issue blue jackets stitch and glue and press together about 8 million pairs of Nikes each year at the Qingdao Taekwang Shoes Company, a Nike supplier for more than 30 years and one of the American brand's largest factories."

"They churn out pair after pair of Shox, with their springy shock absorbers in the heels, and the signature Air Max, plus seven other lines of sport shoes."

"But hundreds of these workers did not choose to be here: They are ethnic Uighurs from China's western Xinjiang region"—which again means New Territory, they renamed from East

Turkistan—"sent here by local authorities in groups of 50 to toil far from home."

"After intense international criticism of the Communist Party's campaign to forcibly assimilate the mostly Muslim Uighur minority by detaining more than a million people in re-education camps, party officials said last year that most have 'graduated'"—graduated from a work camp.

And, again, if you talk to these people—I have talked to pharmacists, I have talked to lawyers, I have talked to engineers, I have talked to doctors, they didn't need to be re-educated. What China wanted to do was intimidate them, and basically brainwash them from their habits of a religion, of practicing their religion, and become good model Chinese citizens that bow down to the Communist Party.

"But there is new evidence to show that the Chinese authorities are moving Uighurs into government-directed labor around the country as part of the central government's 'Xinjiang Aid' initiative.

"For the party, this would help meet its poverty-alleviation goals"—and, again, this is a doctor. They are saying, we need to alleviate their poverty goals—"but also allow it to further control the Uighur population and break familial"—

The Uighur workers, they are afraid or unable to interact—the Uighur workers at these facilities are afraid or unable to interact with anyone in this town where they went to north of Qingdao, beyond the most superficial of transactions at the stalls or in the local stores where they go. They won't talk to anybody.

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They won't talk to anybody. The people at these towns say: "Everyone knows the Uighurs did not come here on their own free will. They were brought here," said one of the fruit sellers at her stall. "The Uighurs had to come because they didn't have an option. The government sent them here," another vendor told the reporters. They were sent forcibly.

The report that we read did not ask their names out of concern for their safety, so they could not discuss the issues.

Like I said, we met with Mrs. Sayragul Sauytbay, an ethnic Kazakh from East Turkistan that, today, is now called, as I said, Xinjiang. She is the one who shared this. She is a true freedom fighter.

As we move on and we look at what China is doing, they have controlled so much of the supply chain.

Then we see what happened with the coronavirus. The coronavirus came out. It started off in Hubei province in Wuhan. The epicenter was supposedly a fish market or a fresh market.

With my science background, if you have an epicenter, you want to do your forensics and study it from an epidemiological standpoint. China didn't do that.

We had a hearing where we had two epidemiologists there. They did not do the proper epidemiological studies, yet they destroyed any evidence that was there.

Then the doctors that tried to report this wound up being put in prison, in jail. They came down with the virus, and then they died.

China has done this over and over again.

Then that virus spread around the world. This will be reported, I am sure, in history as the Chinese plague that they tried to hide and conceal like they did SARS and MERS.

As we look at this as a nation and we make trade agreements and we work with these countries around the world, we should look at whom we are trading with.

We have a standard that is known around the world. We have a rule of law honoring our contracts, and when we look to do business with people, we should do business with people we know, like, and trust, and I don't think those apply to China.

When you see the heavy hand of what China is doing, I just think, as a nation, with our trade agreements and with our businesses going over there, we all need to relook at what we are doing. If they will treat Hong Kong that way with those students over there and then the threat of taking over Taiwan and their goal of taking over the world, I think that is something we all need to look at and say: Do you know what? We need to diversify.

That is why we are kind of proud to talk about the manufacturing policy, the ABC method, anywhere but China. Go to Vietnam. Go to Indonesia. Go to anywhere but a country that wants to take us over.

I want to close on two things here. One is we had the students of Hong Kong who led the protests. They came to our office and they brought me this plaque. It says: "Democracy Now. Stand With Hong Kong." They brought this plaque up, and as I have been able to travel around the world and I have seen how other countries look at America and they look at the ideals and the principles of this country, that is what they want.

It made me think that America is bigger than a Presidency. It is bigger than a Republican or a Democratic Party. It is those ideals, and it is those ideals that these students in Hong Kong who brought us this plaque are willing to take a chance and protest the Chinese Communist Party. They burned their flag and held up the American flag because that represents liberties and freedoms.

Taiwan is a different subject. Taiwan has never been part of the People's Republic of China, the Communist Party, nor will they ever be. They have their own borders. They have their own military, their own economy, their Western democracy, yet China wants to claim them as their own.

I think this is a wake-up call for China. If you have got a quarter of a population in a province who knows they are part of China, you can't do that to Taiwan because, when you look at the agreement we have with Taiwan, we have an agreement to make sure they have the equipment to protect themselves in a defensive manner.

I want to end with what we started with. When we looked at the students from Hong Kong, it made me think. I think we have all seen pictures of grass. It is green, tender, new shoots. They are very tender. If we were to compare that with pavement, this is hard road. This is asphalt.

If I were to ask you which one is tougher, which one is stronger, I think we would all say the asphalt is; right? But if we say this is freedom and liberty and this is repression from communism, which one is more powerful, liberties and freedoms will break through that force that is trying to suppress them.

That is what is going on in the world, and that is why China will never succeed long-term in what they are doing. That is why the people of Xinjiang, the Uighurs, will win, because they have the strength of a blade of grass that can grow through the asphalt.

I think I shared that the other day. These are the people who are standing up strong through that suppression. These are the people who have been there.

My heart goes out to those people because I can look back at our country when it was formed. We were under the suppression of another power, and we decided that we weren't going to live there because we are not designed that way as people.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to be here, and I want people to think when they go to buy something and it says "Made in China," find a different source. Buy it somewhere else. Encourage your manufacturers, your Nikes, your basketball teams to go somewhere else. Don't go to a country that is doing virtually genocide today.

If we look back to World War II when Eisenhower went to Auschwitz and the concentration camps and they saw the death and destruction and he said, "Never again," we as a nation have a responsibility to move everything that we can so that the Chinese Communist Party has to change their way.

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

AND STILL I RISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, and still I rise. And I rise as a very proud American, proud of my country, proud to be a part of