

Act, the amount of funding needed to repair and modernize school facilities for the safe reopening has grown. My colleagues and I are now fighting for \$300 billion to safely reopen our schools and maintain services for students.

Today, I am calling on the Senate to act immediately and pass a comprehensive relief package that provides significant resources to safely reopen our schools and protect students, staff, and families.

We must guarantee the academic achievement and basic development needs of our youth. However, we must also care for the safety and the mental and physical health of our students, educators, staff, and families.

At every level of government, we must do more for our teachers, our school administrators, and the families who depend on critical services provided by our public school system. That is why the Senate needs to stop obstructing and pass meaningful legislation for our Nation's families.

PROMOTING FARM AND AGRICULTURAL WORKER SAFETY

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

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of bipartisan legislation, the Farm and Agricultural Worker Safety Education Act, which I am proud to introduce with my friend from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR).

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need to ensure that we have a safe and reliable workforce to maintain our food supply. In order to win the battle with COVID-19, we must guarantee that the most up-to-date and science-based information is readily available and accessible for community leaders, educators, and rural businesses.

Our legislation will help guarantee that timely, relevant health and safety guidelines are reaching our rural workforce and communities by allowing higher learning institutions to apply for grants to distribute best practices and safety guidance to help farms, ag workers, and others who conduct business during this pandemic.

When we think about best practices and safety in the rural areas, we often think about tractor accidents and how to stop the farmers from being hurt in grain bin incidents and things of that nature.

We haven't really delved into this idea that we have to look at the health of our employees, the workers who are in the packing plants, the folks driving the trucks, the people at the distribution plants, and the people on the farms.

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We have learned during this pandemic that when our health workers and when our workers on the farms and everything are in trouble, we are in

trouble. We had shortages in our grocery stores of meat products, and that was not due to any problems having a supply of hogs, for instance. We had excess supply. But the folks who did the work at the packing plants were down, and we had disruptions, which led to those types of shortages.

So to make sure that we ensure our food supply and that we have everyone in as safe a condition as possible, we want to have these grants and best practices moving forward.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this important initiative that will help ensure the safety of our farmers in rural communities as we work to keep rebuilding our economy.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER BLAKE CRULL

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sixth District hero Greenfield Police Officer Blake Crull.

Officer Crull was on a routine patrol when he saw a flipped car on fire. He sprang into action and ran toward the danger. With no regard for his personal safety, Officer Crull saved a woman from the burning car, which exploded mere moments later.

Brave acts such as Officer Crull's are the very reason I will always back the blue and never defund the police. I thank Officer Crull for his courageous and brave service to our community.

FIGHTING FOR CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as Indiana's Sixth District Representative, it is my duty to fight for the conservative Hoosier principles on which my constituents sent me to Washington.

My Republican colleagues and I are committed to the American people. We will renew the American Dream. We achieve this by making sure students can attend a great school, no matter their ZIP Code, by honoring the service of our veterans with good healthcare and job opportunities, and by supporting technical education.

We will restore our way of life. We achieve this by defeating COVID-19, by defending our police and not defunding them, and by upholding our constitutional rights.

We will rebuild the greatest economy our Nation has ever seen. We achieve this by getting Americans back to work, by ending our dependence on China, and by upgrading America's infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, America is worth fighting for. This is our commitment to America.

AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Soybean Association centennial celebration.

One hundred years ago, the American Soybean Association was started in my home State of Indiana at Soyland

Farms in Camden. Today, the association advocates for our great soybean farmers while promoting the growth of the U.S. soybean industry, a thriving Hoosier asset and industry.

Congratulations to the association on its 100th year. As a supporter of the ag industry, I wish them the best of luck in the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING FUTURE OF WORK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Future of Work initiative in Muncie, Indiana, for its leadership in the 21st century workforce development.

The Future of Work organization includes Innovation Connector, Ivy Tech Community College, Ball State University, Purdue Polytechnic, Muncie-Delaware County Economic Development, Muncie Community Schools, Eastern Indiana Works, Ball Brothers Foundation, and East Central Indiana Regional Partnership.

It is paving the way for students and jobseekers to prepare for careers in technology, engineering, and manufacturing. I thank Future of Work for helping young Americans develop skills to join the 21st century workforce.

SUPPORTING SECOND AMENDMENT

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my proud support of the Second Amendment.

The Constitution affords the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and that shall not be infringed.

As a lifetime member of the NRA, I understand what it is like to have your constitutional rights attacked. We take a look at the riots, looting, and danger right here on our own front doorsteps, and we see that the ability to protect our families and ourselves has never been more important.

As the Representative from Indiana's Sixth District, I promise to uphold the Constitution.

APPLAUDING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF FARMERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Trump administration's commitment to our great American farmers.

This week, the USDA announced \$14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs due to COVID-19.

President Trump made a promise to put American farmers first, and he is doing just that. This commitment to farmers has helped the hardworking Sixth District Hoosier farmers who have been impacted by this pandemic. Our ag community feeds this Nation, and I applaud the Trump administration's unwavering support.

SUPPORTING PPP FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JACOBS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, of the many excellent provisions in the

CARES Act, which was passed by this body, undoubtedly one of the most successful was the PPP, the Paycheck Protection Program, which literally helped thousands of small businesses and over 50 million jobs be saved during the COVID pandemic.

The PPP was also successful because it partnered with the private sector, utilizing local banks to disburse the PPP loans. Often these banks already had existing relationships with the small businesses in their communities. These existing relationships between banks and small businesses were invaluable in getting these funds out onto the street in record speed—again, saving thousands of businesses and millions of jobs. In my district alone, PPP saved over 50,000 jobs.

It is due to the success of the PPP and the significant need for additional PPP funds for small businesses around the Nation that I rise in support of H.R. 8265, sponsored by Representative CHABOT.

This is a very commonsense piece of legislation. You see, Mr. Speaker, there are approximately \$130 billion in unspent PPP funds. This bill simply enables the Small Business Administration to do another round of PPP awards. There is still incredible demand and need for this program. So this is not an allocation of additional money.

As both sides debate a much larger and more complicated new stimulus package, I think this bill is a great first step. It is a program that has shown itself to be incredibly effective in saving jobs and small businesses. There is most definitely more demand for PPP funds for the small businesses and local nonprofits. The model of awarding the funds has shown itself to be excellent. Finally, it doesn't require an additional appropriation.

Mr. Speaker, our small businesses are fighting for their survival, and millions of jobs hang in the balance. We can do this. This money is there, and the program works.

UPDATING AMERICA'S ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. I am proud that that bill was used as a shell for this legislation.

This legislative package is the work of over 40 critical pieces of energy and environment legislation from the House. Many of the bills included in this package are bipartisan, and I would like to thank our leadership, committee chairs, and Members on both sides of the aisle for contributing to this effort.

This bill will take meaningful steps to update our energy infrastructure, create new jobs, and take important steps to address climate change in our country.

The last major Federal effort to address our changing energy landscape occurred in 2007. The urgency of the climate crisis and energy infrastructure crisis cannot be overstated.

As the proud Representative of Arizona's First Congressional District, and as seen throughout the Western United States and our Nation, communities are facing the effects of climate change every day. From larger, deadlier forest fires to crippling droughts, Arizonans know the real-life implications of our changing planet.

This is why today's bill is so important. It addresses the growing climate crisis and revitalizes our sagging energy economy. It creates much-needed job growth across our Nation. It is a win-win-win.

As Members of Congress, we must work in a bipartisan manner to identify commonsense policy solutions to these critical issues and help hard-working families find a just transition as our energy economy continues to evolve.

The legislative package we are voting on today does more than just update our Nation's energy infrastructure. It creates tens of thousands of new, good-paying energy jobs that support a family and will be created through the new programs, initiatives, and Federal projects created within this bill to accelerate the deployment of clean energy technologies.

We make meaningful investments in research and development programs to unlock the energy technologies of tomorrow, limit our carbon footprint, and preserve the environment for future generations to enjoy and prosper. We need to continue to identify legislative initiatives like the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act that will work on a large scale to create new jobs in growing industries.

I am humbled to see two bills I introduced, the Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act, and the Tribal Power Act, be included in today's critical legislative package. And I am proud to stand today in favor of the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to pass this important legislation.

HONORING MY WIFE, SHANNON, AND THE GREAT AMERICAN MEDICAL SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my wife, Shannon, because this is the 21st anniversary of her last chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed and treated for colon cancer in 1999.

This is a day that we will all remember. It is the day of success, much different from the day of her diagnosis just a little over 6 months before that.

We were a young couple with a 2-year-old daughter and didn't know what the future held. But because of the great American medical system and the research that was done out here at places like the NIH for years before my wife was diagnosed, she was able to get the surgery and the treatment she needed to now celebrate this anniversary.

On that last day, when that poisonous chemotherapy stopped having to enter her veins, little did we know we would be blessed with two more children, twin boys, just a short time later. They were born less than a year from then.

While our daughter is now 23 and our sons are 20, this is an opportunity to talk about the greatness of America's healthcare system and the greatness of the ingenuity within our healthcare system in this country.

What is frustrating to me, Mr. Speaker, is that sometimes I hear my colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about how we on this side of the aisle want to get rid of preexisting conditions coverage. Every time I hear that, it hurts because I have seen what my wife went through. I live, she lives, and our family lives with her preexisting coverage every day.

Let's stop playing politics with healthcare. Let's celebrate what America is all about and how we help heal the world. Let's do it today, the day that I get to honor the love of my life, my wife, Shannon.

Shannon, I can't thank you enough for who you are. I can't thank you enough for your courage. And I am so blessed to be able to call you my wife.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord, Father of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

At a time when so many are worried about business survival, rent payment, and unemployment benefits, impel those in our government who are charged with promoting the general welfare to come together to negotiate solutions benefitting all Americans in need.

Pour forth Your spirit of wisdom, patience, and good will upon all the Members of Congress during these troubling