

doing well. They all deserve as many tools as we can provide to weather this storm. What is more, employers across the country who have been relying on the CARES Act shouldn't be deterred by the misguided tax hike proposed by the House Democrats. The messaging bill that the House just passed can't be allowed to undermine access to capital needed to reopen their businesses, bring back employees, and win back the customers that made them successful before the pandemic attack.

And to the Democratic critics, I say this: Let's put away the partisan attacks. Let's put away the political pandering. Let's keep working for the good of the country, so our families, businesses, and economy really can come out of these tough times on a strong footing and with the best shot at a rapid recovery.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERDUE). The Senator from Iowa.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to use my military rucksack in my speech.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEMORIAL DAY

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, on Monday we honor the fallen on Memorial Day. While we traditionally spend this day of remembrance with our family and friends, things will look a little bit different this year. Even though we will not have the same services and ceremonies that we typically take part in, it does not make this day any less important. Just like every year, on this Memorial Day, let's commemorate the servicemembers and families who have sacrificed in defense of our freedom.

The freedoms we cherish, which are so often taken for granted, did not come without a price. For generations, American patriots have secured our blessings of liberty by willingly laying down their lives in defense of our great Nation.

Every fallen soldier leaves behind a grieving parent, child, sibling, spouse, or friend. These family members and friends never forget that knock at the door, the sound of Taps, the loud thunder of the 21-gun salute, or the touch of a folded flag once laid on a casket.

As a combat veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, I know that the men and women in uniform who served bravely alongside the fallen never forget either. I think of Iowans, like Iraq War veteran Richard Miles, whose picture I proudly display on my desk; Iowa Army National Guardsman Brent Maher.

Iowa National Guardsman James Carney, whose family are dear friends, just 22 years old, was killed in Afghanistan. Army SGT James "Jamie" Skalberg, Jr, died in combat in Afghanistan at just 25 years old, leaving behind his beautiful son, who was not even a year old when he lost his father.

SGT Joseph Milledge was killed when a roadside bomb exploded near his unit,

as it searched for weapons in Baghdad, and he was just 23. It was the knock that I gave on his mother's door to tell her that her son would never be coming back home.

Command SMA Marilyn Gabbard, the first woman in the Iowa Army National Guard to be promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, was killed in Iraq in a Blackhawk helicopter crash.

These stories and many, many more of these men and women of Iowa are heartbreaking and heroic and the very reason for Memorial Day.

For 23 years, I served alongside the best of our Nation, women and men who risked absolutely everything to preserve our great freedoms. One of the many ways I pay tribute is through a ruck march. Every couple of months—that is, until COVID-19—I would gather a group of people to go on a ruck march. I grab my rucksack, filled with nearly 35 pounds of weight, and march down around the Washington Monument and back. These marches offer time for us to remember and reflect on the service and sacrifice of those in our armed services.

A couple of years ago, I went on the Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, NM. This is 26 miles. It is a marathon in the desert, with a 46-pound rucksack—not my typical 35 pounds. Folks, let me tell you, it was exhausting. My feet were blistered. My legs were swollen and sore, and my back ached for days after. There were times during that march when I thought I couldn't keep walking and I was probably dehydrated, and I just simply wanted to quit. But every minute and every mile was worth it because we were honoring the lives of the fallen, those who were on that Bataan death march and others who had sacrificed family, comfort, health, and, in so many cases, their lives. The Bataan march really put the meaning behind Memorial Day into focus.

While this weekend is a time to reflect on the sacrifice and lives lost, this entire month is Military Appreciation Month. So I want to take just a minute to commend our servicemembers. During this pandemic, our men and women in uniform have fought tirelessly against this invisible enemy, and they have been doing an outstanding job.

For instance, our troops have stepped up to care for patients in hospitals and created deployable medical units, such as the Air Force expeditionary medical system, Army combat support hospitals and field hospitals, and Navy expeditionary medical facilities. Members of our U.S. Air Force have transported critical supplies around our Nation.

And the heroes who are near and dear to my heart, our National Guardsmen, have been working around the clock to disinfect public spaces, to hand out food, and to provide transportation and logistic support.

To all of our servicemembers at home and abroad, thank you. And to their

families and loved ones who also make tremendous sacrifices, we appreciate you and we support you. Because of the ongoing service of our military men and women, we will defeat this virus. Folks, on this Memorial Day and during Military Appreciation Month, I pray we take time out of our lives, we pause, and we remember all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and the families and the friends and loved ones whom they left behind.

To all of our soldiers, airmen, marines, and sailors who never returned home, today we honor you.

May God bless our troops and their families.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, let me join my other colleagues in appreciation for Senator ERNST and her service in Iraqi Freedom, her two decades of service, being ready and able to go whenever she was called to go, and her continued service here, and her appreciation for those who serve, which she feels in such a unique way.

She pointed out that this is a different Memorial Day. Communities across Missouri and across the country have traditional events that were long planned on Memorial Day. Every year, Memorial Day looks the same. It will not look the same in very many places this year. If you did have a parade or an event planned, it was probably canceled weeks ago. Even with the best of efforts, it was probably not put together for Monday.

But it doesn't mean that we still don't have an opportunity and an obligation, in fact, to remember those who served. Also, Memorial Day has long become a time, at least where I live, in the middle of the country—and it may be more southern and in southern Missouri than in other places. Memorial Day really became a day to remember all of those who have gone before us, those who passed along values to us, those who have done things that made life possible today.

When I was growing up, sometimes we called Memorial Day "Decoration Day," because it was the beginning of the tradition of Memorial Day, and people would go and decorate the graves of soldiers after the Civil War. That has continued. Memorial Day became a time when families would go to cemeteries, and you sort of had the genealogical lesson right there, as you walked from gravestone to gravestone, and it was explained to you how those people were related to you.

Many family members who were here last year aren't here today and will not be here on Monday. Clearly, the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on families. It has had a devastating impact on communities. It has had a devastating impact on lives.

As we support this Memorial Day, as we think about this Memorial Day, we will be remembering a unique Memorial Day, where so many have given

their lives in a war that was different than other wars, to an enemy that was not easily seen, to an enemy that turned out to be deadlier around the world than any would have predicted. And that is part of Memorial Day this year.

Part of Memorial Day is remembering the sacrifices that people have made, and we also on this day want to remember the sacrifices that people made to try to keep people alive with this virus—the sacrifices people have made to try to give care, to bring people out of the emergency room, to bring people off the ventilators, and to do those things.

It is, in fact, a unique Memorial Day. It is a Memorial Day where, 75 years ago, we were just finishing the incredibly devastating war of World War II. V-E Day ended the war in Europe on May 8. Seventy-five years ago right now, American soldiers were fighting the Battle of Okinawa. Just 2 weeks before that, our country and our allies fought the fierce Battle of Iwo Jima. These were really the two last major battles.

One of the people who died on Iwo Jima was an 18-year-old marine from Bates County, MO, named George Phillips. On the night of March 14, an enemy hand grenade was tossed into the area where his squad had sought shelter. Private Phillips shouted a warning and threw his body on top of the grenade, saving the lives of every other person there, but gave his life to save theirs.

For his actions that day, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. The citation was signed by another former soldier from Missouri—President Truman—honoring that bravery.

That kind of unhesitating bravery is a characteristic of American soldiers over centuries of understanding what it meant to defend your family, to defend your friends, to defend those serving with you, and, in the case of our country, to be willing to defend freedom, to be willing to jump on the grenade, to be willing to do what is necessary to protect others.

We have seen many examples of that in the last year. Some of those examples were in the military. Others were in those who protect us and in first responders and police and fire, and then many examples of people who risked their lives to save others with the virus that has attacked our country.

We have a lot to think about this Memorial Day, a lot to dedicate ourselves toward as we look to a future where people continue to help others, where people continue to give selflessly, and for those who have served in the military, to be willing to pay whatever price, and we stand in appreciation of that on this Memorial Day, as we approach this weekend.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, it is an honor for me to be here with my fellow Senators. I was very moved by Senator

ERNST's recounting not only of her service but of the service of so many Iowans, and Senator BLUNT, as well, from Missouri, reminding me of what Memorial Day is for and how it is commemorated around the country for those brave soldiers from Missouri.

So we are getting ready to commemorate Memorial Day, and we will be doing it differently than we have in the past years. But it is still just as important for us to honor the brave men and women of the U.S. armed services. They have selflessly served our country by standing up to protect the freedoms that we hold so dear and going into the line of fire in many ways.

This Memorial Day is particularly momentous because 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. Earlier this month, on May 8, as Senator BLUNT mentioned, we recognized V-E Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marking the anniversary of the Nazi surrender and the end of the Allies' European campaign.

In a few months, on September 2, we will recognize the 75th anniversary of Japan's signing its surrender, subsequently ending the Pacific campaign and the war.

During World War II, the United States lost over 400,000 soldiers, who were fighting to uphold our values and defend the liberties of those abroad as well.

As the daughter of a proud World War II veteran myself, I had the chance to hear firsthand the acts of valor that my father, SGT Arch Moore, witnessed on the battlefield.

I also had the honor this past December to travel with several of my colleagues to Luxembourg and Belgium to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. My dad was wounded just weeks before the battle, where he was, but his company went on to fight in Belgium, and only 3 of the 36 men made it out alive. I think about those 33 men and their families on this Memorial Day.

Being able to attend those ceremonies and to honor all of the soldiers who fought during the Battle of the Bulge was a humbling experience that I will never forget, and those who returned to commemorate that occasion, most of them were in their nineties—mid to late nineties.

The efforts of our servicemembers in both the European and Pacific theaters were great.

A couple of months ago we marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. I was hoping to go to commemorate that, as well, but the coronavirus got in the way. The U.S. Marine Corps and Navy were able to seize the island and to give America the stronghold needed to win the war months later.

While this year marks the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, we must also never forget all of the Americans who have lost their lives in battle, whether it be the Korean war,

the Vietnam war, the first Gulf war, or the ongoing fight against terrorism in the Middle East and in all of the conflicts that America has fought.

Many of our country's servicemembers have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our liberties intact.

I recently read a book called "No Surrender," by Christopher Edmonds. You may have heard of it. It is the true story of his father, Roddie Edmonds, who risked his life during the final days of World War II to save others from the Nazis. His heroic duty saved, I think, thousands of lives. He was captured and sent to a POW camp in Germany. He risked his life to prevent hundreds of others from Nazi persecution and possible death, but at the same time he witnessed horrific acts and he also witnessed many, many of his fellow soldiers losing their lives in the name of freedom.

The members of the U.S. military have always put our country first and will continue to do so to keep our flag flying high, and Roddie Edmonds was a perfect example of this. West Virginians have always believed in putting our country and State first, and I am proud of all of the men and women in my State, of which we have a very high percentage—past and present—who have answered the call of duty.

It saddens me that we will not be able to come together in person, as we normally do as a nation, to honor the heroic efforts of the brave men and women in our country who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service, but I know we will come together in spirit. While we might not have the usual parade and barbecues that we have become accustomed to on Memorial Day, we can use this time to reflect upon the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces and their families.

Whether you are at home or with a small group of friends and family, I encourage everyone to take the time to remember those who lost their lives serving our country. Memorial Day is often considered the first unofficial day of the summer, but really it is a time to pay tribute to those who made America the great country that it is today. On Monday, take a moment to pray for those servicemembers who have lost their lives fighting for this country and for their families as well. For the children who are out of school, take time to learn more about the men and women who came before you and defended this country and its values.

I want to say thank you to all of those who have served and to all of those families who have lost loved ones. Your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed, and we are forever grateful.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I rise with my esteemed colleague from West Virginia and my colleague from Missouri and others to remember, to commemorate, and to honor those who have given their lives in service to our

country. Those who fought and died for our Nation have secured our freedoms, and we are forever indebted to them. That includes many North Dakotans who gave their lives serving in our Nation's Armed Forces. These fallen heroes served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

While we set aside a day each year, Memorial Day, to honor those who have given their lives on behalf of our Nation, every day we are reminded of the dedication and sacrifice of those who serve to protect our freedoms and liberty.

We must never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who are missing in action. That is why in 2014 I supported legislation to create the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. This DOD Agency seeks to locate the nearly 82,000 missing service personnel, so we can bring them home and provide answers to their families.

We also recognize that those who serve do not serve alone. The friends and family of those in the service of our country also serve, and those who have lost loved ones know well the cost of freedom. As fellow Americans, it is our duty to ensure that their survivors are taken care of and that these heroes are never forgotten.

We can better uphold our promise and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice by providing their fellow servicemembers, veterans, and their survivors with the healthcare benefits and recognition that they have earned. That is why we continue to work with the Department of Veteran Affairs as they implement the VA MISSION Act, which gives our veterans more options to seek care in their home communities, and veterans are provided access to long-term and nursing home care closer to home.

Last fall, I also helped to dedicate the Fargo National Cemetery, the first VA national cemetery in North Dakota. We worked to secure the cemetery because its presence allows North Dakotans who have served to be laid to rest with honor, while being close enough to their homes for family and loved ones to visit and pay their respects to our heroes.

The new cemetery complements the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, which is operated by the State. To help support maintenance and operations of our State's veterans cemeteries, I am helping to introduce a bipartisan bill—the Veterans Cemetery Grants Improvement Act—with Senators TESTER, ROUNDS, and REED, so that State-operated veterans cemeteries receive the funding they need to ensure that all of our veterans can be laid to rest closer to their loved ones.

Our servicemembers and their families have given much in defense of our Nation and our way of life. The State of North Dakota especially has a rich tradition of military service.

With deepest appreciation and admiration, we look to the meaning of their

service, never forgetting to honor those who have passed, and we extend our gratitude to the families and loved ones left behind.

May God bless those who have gone before, those who continue to serve, and may He continue to bless this great country that they have served so very well.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, throughout America, we set aside Memorial Day to honor those who gave their all for all of us, but this Memorial Day will be very different from those we have celebrated in the past, as we honor our veterans. This Memorial Day, there will be no big parades and no formal ceremonies at State veterans cemeteries.

In Bangor, ME, where I live, each year there is a fabulous Memorial Day parade in which veterans from all conflicts and all eras march down Main Street, often with walking sticks that were provided by one of Maine's greatest veterans, Galen Cole, who passed away recently, a World War II veteran who made a pledge that he would always honor our veterans.

But despite the absence of big parades and big celebrations of fireworks this year, we should still take the time to honor those who have worn the uniform of our country.

From America's founding to our time, the men and women of our Armed Forces have written the history of our freedom. From generation to generation, they add new and inspiring chapters of valor, devotion to duty, and sacrifice. As we honor the fallen, we also honor those who served and returned home and those who serve today, joined together, as we grieve for their fallen comrades.

We also thank the families—the husbands, wives, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers—who endure the grief that is part of freedom's price.

It is significant that a day dedicated to the deepest of human emotions—grief, remembrance, and gratitude—began not by decree from any high authority but in the hearts of everyday people. As the Civil War ravaged the countryside and took on an ever greater and more ghastly toll, widows and grieving mothers on both sides of the conflict began placing wild flowers on the graves of the soldiers, regardless of uniform, who fell in their fields and forests.

From those humble beginnings, we have remained true to Memorial Day's original spirit. Memorial Day is a national observance. Yet it remains deeply personal for each of us.

For me, it brings back a cherished memory from my early childhood. My father was a World War II veteran who was wounded twice in the Battle of the Bulge. He taught me to honor our veterans and our flag, and each year, as I was growing up, he would take me to

the Memorial Day parade in our hometown of Caribou, ME. He would perch me high on his shoulders and there, from the best vantage point, I could see our veterans march by and our flag go by.

Memorial Day is all about remembrance. It is also about our resolve to uphold the values that inspire the sacrifice we honor today. This was best articulated in what many regard as the first and finest Memorial Day speech. It was not given on a warm May morning but on a chilly November afternoon, in a place called Gettysburg.

These are the words of President Abraham Lincoln: "That from these honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

May those who have fallen rest in peace. May we always remember them this Memorial Day and forever, and may God bless the United States of America.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. YOUNG. Memorial Day. If you travel door to door in neighborhoods across this country, all Americans will agree that this day is special. It is a day to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country. Thanks to their heroism, we have our freedom, our strong democracy, and our country's greatness. For their contributions, we owe them a debt we can never repay.

It was 152 years ago that our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, enacted the first national Memorial Day. It was a day meant to honor the valiant soldiers who fought in the Civil War, and today we still heed Abraham Lincoln's timeless words:

Bind up the nation's wounds to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.

To me, Memorial Day is a day to reflect—reflect on the Hoosiers and other great Americans we have lost to causes greater than their own.

This day honors Alec, LCpl Alec Terwiske of Dubois, IN, a fellow U.S. marine. Alec lost his life in the line of service in Afghanistan in 2012, and I proudly wear his memorial bracelet around my wrist as a reminder of that sacrifice.

This day honors James, CPL James Bethel Gresham from Evansville, IN. He is in the history books for being among the first American soldiers to give their lives in the line of duty during World War I.

This day honors Charles, SGT Charles G. Ruble of Parker City, IN, who was killed in Europe during World War II in 1944. His remains were recently identified and returned to the United States, and in March, he was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

This day honors Christopher. Just 2 weeks ago, we lost SGT Christopher Wesley Curry. Only 23 years old, this Hoosier soldier from Terre Haute, IN, was stationed in Iraq. Those who knew Christopher said:

Sgt. Curry's incessant optimism was the hallmark of his personality and often provided respite for others during times of stress. His honesty, lightheartedness, and wit will always be remembered by his brothers in arms.

To those who are not here today because they made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation, we humbly say thank you. Their legacy lives on in the hearts of every American.

God bless America.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I thank Senator YOUNG and Senator COLLINS, who have just preceded me and set the tone, as only they can do, with regard to honoring Memorial Day.

It is truly an honor to stand on the floor of the Senate and speak about so many who have served and defended our Nation. As the son of a World War II veteran—a marine veteran, I might add—and a veteran myself, also a marine, it is a privilege to represent our men and women in uniform in the U.S. Senate and to be able to ensure they have all the tools they need to fulfill their missions, to ensure their families are supported here at home, and to ensure our veterans receive the care and services they deserve.

Just a word about my dad. He was 41 when the war started. He joined the Marines—he was in a non-combat role—at a recruiting station in Kansas City. They looked and looked and looked for a combat billet and finally found one that said that the top age was 39. They really needed people. He was 41. He lied about his age, and then went into that billet to see action in Guam, Okinawa, and, yes, Iwo Jima.

I went to Iwo Jima on the 15th anniversary—that was about 60 years ago. We now have the 75th. When standing on top of Mount Suribachi, you really stop and realize exactly the sacrifice my dad and others made. He survived those attacks, and thank you to President Truman for allowing my dad to get back.

Throughout our Nation's history, our service men and women have repeatedly answered the call of duty and stepped forward to defend the freedoms we hold dear. From the earliest days of struggle for our Republic to the current unprecedented threats from terrorism, to cyber attacks, to unpredictable regimes with missile capability to attack our shores, and, yes, to global pandemics, the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers have been defended by our brave men and women in uniform.

I stand here once again to commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Hopefully they will continue to be remembered by those of us who enjoy the freedoms for which they fought and died.

Memorial Day is the day when a grateful nation recognizes those who have given so much out of love for their country, their family, and their fellow citizens.

Remembering service and sacrifice does not happen just on Memorial Day. One of the greatest honors to me is meeting the veterans who visit Washington, DC, through the incredible efforts of the Honor Flight Network. Having the opportunity to visit with members of the "greatest generation" who make the journey to Washington—often with high school students who are learning firsthand about their service and that history—so they can see their memorial is a humbling and uplifting experience for me and for all of us. To watch these men and women share their stories, many for the first time, is incredibly moving.

When meeting these members of the "greatest generation," you understand how befitting that label is for these humble men and women who stood in the face of tyranny and triumph. We see this same courage and resolve demonstrated daily by the good men and women currently serving in our Armed Forces throughout the world. We see acts of uncommon valor and great sacrifice for a cause and a deep belief in something bigger than just one person.

We honor all the American men and women who have given their lives for their country since our Nation's founding. SUSAN COLLINS just referred to that in her very fine speech. We honor the more than 300,000 living veterans, from those folks to the "greatest generation," and we honor the families of those who are here and are serving.

Speaking of the "greatest generation," I have the honor of being the chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, the memorial which pays tribute to Kansas's favorite son Ike's leadership both as Supreme Allied Commander, where he saved Western democracy, and the 34th President of the United States, where he gave us 8 years of peace and prosperity. This memorial will serve as a symbol for all generations of the promise of America and what our values make possible here and around the world.

We were supposed to dedicate this memorial this month, but, like everything else, the pandemic put those plans on hold. When we dedicate the memorial in September, we hope to have many World War II veterans attending, including Kansas's other favorite son, Senator Bob Dole.

While our debt to these heroes can never be repaid, I know that my fellow Kansans agree that these liberators and defenders of democracy deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

I am going to quote from General Eisenhower when he was President and following that. "There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure." I hope those words by Ike at that particular time can ring true in this body and more especially, those of us who are privileged to serve in this body.

There is another quote I will repeat from Winston Churchill, who said: "Kites rise highest against the wind,

not with it." We have seen a lot of talk about the pandemic, and those winds have been a bit partisan, to say the least. I would hope that we would stop for a moment and honor Memorial Day in the true way we should do that.

I would close by saying, in the words of Ronald Reagan:

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance. It must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.

I think President Reagan gives us a great deal of insight.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today concerning the tragic death of a young Virginian, Bijan Ghaisar, who was shot and killed by two U.S. Park Police officers over 2 years ago.

While this tragic incident occurred, as I mentioned, more than 2 years ago, many questions remain unanswered regarding the circumstances of Bijan's death. Unfortunately, the Department of the Interior has failed to answer many of the basic questions that I have asked about the night of Bijan's death and subsequent actions the National Park Service has taken following the shooting.

In November of last year, I wrote the Department and requested information about the U.S. Park Police's use of force and vehicle pursuit policies, as well as information about the Park Service's response in the aftermath of Bijan's shooting. Unfortunately, there has been no response.

The Department found time to do some PR work. They provided copies of the updated use of force and vehicle pursuit policies to the Washington Post earlier this year, but I still have not received a response to my letter that was sent over 6 months ago.

To this point, the Department has failed to answer many basic questions about this incident—questions that I have asked, as well as my friend, the senior Senator from Wyoming. They are questions about the incident, such as these: Did the Department open an internal affairs inquiry into the incident to see if any violations of Park Police policy occurred? What is the timeline for such an investigation? Is the U.S. Park Police conducting a thorough after-action review of the incident? What is the status of the Park Police officers involved in the incident? Are they on administrative leave, desk duty, or are they back on patrol?