

The Government Accountability Office found that OMB violated the Impoundment Control Act by withholding security assistance from Ukraine, and GAO also stated that OMB's stonewalling of their inquiry had "constitutional significance" due to the undermining of legislative branch oversight. Mr. Kan, like OMB Director Russell Vought during his confirmation hearing, refused to even provide a reason for why OMB did not turn over any documents in response to GAO's request for documents to substantiate OMB's claim that a policy process was the reason for withholding aid to Ukraine. In response to my questions following the hearing, Mr. Kan referred the matter to the office of OMB General Counsel Mark Paoletta, the same official whose response to GAO's inquiry failed to turn over any such documents in the first place.

I am also concerned about Mr. Kan's leadership as a member of the President's Coronavirus Task Force. On February 5, 2020, Mr. Kan told Senators that the Trump administration did not need additional resources to address the coronavirus, which contributed to the deadly lack of preparation as the pandemic spread in the United States. During his confirmation hearing, Mr. Kan would not say whether he agreed with President Trump about reducing testing for coronavirus or whether President Trump was setting a good example by holding large indoor rallies at which masks were not required.

For those reasons, I voted against Mr. Kan's confirmation to be Deputy Director at OMB.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, in 2008, Congress responded to rising reports of child sexual abuse material—CSAM—online by passing the PROTECT Act to direct the Department of Justice to combat these heinous crimes. However, in the decade that followed, DOJ failed to request the manpower, funding, and resources to combat this scourge, leaving both the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—NCMEC—and law enforcement agencies uncoordinated, understaffed, and underfunded. As a result, though tech companies reported more than 45 million instances of CSAM to NCMEC in the last year alone, just a fraction were investigated, and even fewer were prosecuted and convicted.

Yet, rather than confronting this failure by Congress and the executive branch, my colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee have put forth the Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies—EARN IT—Act, a deeply flawed piece of legislation that would revoke online platforms' intermediary liability protections with regard to not only Federal civil law, but also any State law broadly related to CSAM.

The EARN IT Act will not protect children. It will not stop the spread of

child sexual abuse material, nor target the monsters who produce and share it, and it will not help the victims of these evil crimes. What it will do is threaten the free speech, privacy, and security of every single American. This is because, at its core, the amended EARN IT Act magnifies the failures of the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act—SESTA—and its House companion, the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act—FOSTA. Experts believe that SESTA/FOSTA has done nothing to help victims or stop sex trafficking, while creating collateral damage for marginalized communities and the speech of all Americans. A lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of FOSTA on First Amendment grounds is proceeding through the courts, and there is bicameral Federal legislation to study the widespread negative impacts of the bill on marginalized groups.

Yet, the authors of the EARN IT Act decided to take this kind of carveout and expand it further to State civil and criminal statutes. By allowing any individual State to set laws for internet content, this bill would create massive uncertainty, both for strong encryption and constitutionally protected speech online. What is worse, the flood of State laws that could potentially arise under the EARN IT Act raises strong Fourth Amendment concerns, meaning that any CSAM evidence collected could be rendered inadmissible in court and accused CSAM offenders could get off scot-free. This is not a risk that I am willing to take.

Let me be clear: The proliferation of these heinous crimes against children is a serious problem. However, for these reasons and more, the EARN IT Act is not the solution. Moreover, it ignores what Congress can and should be doing to combat this heinous crime. The U.S. has a number of important evidence-based programs in existence that are proven to keep kids safe, and they are in desperate need of funding to do their good work. Yet the EARN IT Act doesn't include a single dollar of funding for these important programs. It is time for the U.S. Government to spend the funds necessary to save children's lives now.

In May of 2020, I introduced the Invest in Child Safety Act to do exactly that. My bill would drastically increase the number of prosecutors and agents hunting down child predators, require a single person to be personally responsible for these efforts, and direct more than \$5 billion in mandatory funding to the folks who can actually make a difference in this fight.

I believe this historic, mandatory investment in personnel and funding is necessary to truly take on the scourge of child exploitation, and I urge my colleagues to support my approach. Meanwhile, I intend to object to any unanimous consent agreement regarding the EARN IT Act.

REMEMBERING COLONEL RONALD DUDLEY RAY

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, Col. Ronald Dudley Ray, USMC, served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Guard/Reserve) during the Reagan administration and was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who was an adviser to the South Vietnamese Marine Corps during the Tet Offensive and other campaigns. He was awarded two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star with combat V, and a Purple Heart. His gallantry under fire was exceeded only by his tenacious advocacy for his fellow veterans. He entered law school at the University of Louisville, where he graduated at the top of his class. Throughout his civilian career, he used his talent and professional skills to encourage, organize, and recognize veterans from the Vietnam era. He personally championed the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Frankfort, and led the way in raising \$1 million for its design and construction. A great student of American history, he amassed a collection of over 10,000 books on the subject, and he shared his vast knowledge by writing and speaking about the history of the country he loved and served with such distinction. Colonel Ray, who passed away July 6, 2020, leaves a unique legacy of personal service to our Nation and dedication to its veterans that is worthy of this special distinction.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA BARRETT

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Cynthia Barrett, the Highlands County Teacher of the Year from Avon Park High School in Avon Park, FL.

Cynthia believes teaching is more than just a job. She holds her students to high expectations, knowing they are in advanced classes and will soon become leaders throughout their communities. Cynthia appreciates this award is more than just a recognition of her hard work, but also an acknowledgement of the hard work her students put in each day.

Cynthia teaches AP world history and economics/honors at Avon Park High School. She has taught in Highlands County since 1994 and previously taught in Leon County from 1989 to 1994. Cynthia is a graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Cynthia on her dedication to teaching students throughout the school year. I look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH CAMP

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Elizabeth Camp, the Sumter County Teacher of the Year from Wildwood Elementary School in Wildwood, FL.

Elizabeth believes that teachers hold several roles in the lives of their students. For example, they are responsible for imparting knowledge, as well as providing guidance and leadership related to many of life's skills. She often considers teachers to be surrogate family members for their students.

Elizabeth's philosophy for teaching is one that states all students can learn and grow, no matter their background. She embodies the principle that having enthusiasm for learning is required to propel students, as well as others in the learning community, and makes for a more positive educational environment.

Elizabeth teaches fifth grade math and science at Wildwood Elementary School and has been a teacher for 21 years. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

I extend my best wishes to Elizabeth on the decades she has devoted to teaching her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER DIXON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jennifer Dixon, the Pasco County Teacher of the Year from Gulf High School in New Port Richey, FL.

Jennifer is excited to come to work every day because of her students. She finds it a great honor to work with them, to understand them, to teach them, and to help them grow throughout the school year.

High school was not Jennifer's favorite time in her life, and she believes other students should not have a similar experience. She credits teachers she had throughout her educational career for making a difference, helping her to become the first person in her family to graduate from college.

Jennifer teaches economics, financial literacy, and psychology at Gulf High School. She became a teacher in 2003 and is certified to teach art K-12, exceptional student education K-12, business education for grades 6-12, and social studies for grades 6-12. She received her master's degree in education from Eastern New Mexico University and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in educational leadership policy from Texas Tech University.

I extend my best wishes to Jennifer and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO DIANA O'CONNOR

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Diana O'Connor, the Indian River County Teacher of the Year from Beachland Elementary School in Vero Beach, FL.

Diana instills her love for learning in each student, knowing this is important for them today and later in their academic careers. Diana began a schoolwide initiative for collecting

soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities and is one of the lead representatives for her school's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program. She brings awareness of these issues to her students to assist their classmates who may be in need of help without their classmates knowing about it.

Diana is the exceptional student education department chair and assists general education teachers in planning standards-based instruction and diverse lesson plans at Beachland Elementary School. She is also an ESOL endorsed educator. Diana graduated cum laude from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in specific learning disabilities for kindergarten through twelfth grade and is currently working towards her reading endorsement. Diana is a certified crisis prevention and intervention educator, a clinical educator, and an Indian River County Education Association member.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Diana for helping students learn throughout the school year. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE O'HARA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Christine O'Hara, the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year from Peace River Elementary School in Charlotte Harbor, FL.

Christine enjoys sharing her passion for math with teachers and students and believes everyone is a math person at heart. She enjoys utilizing the learning experience to make math enjoyable and successful for her students.

In 2016 and 2017, Christine was identified as a High Impact Teacher by the Florida Department of Education. Her fourth grade students' growth on State testing was among the most positive in the State.

Christine is a math coach at Peace River Elementary School, teaching in Florida for 13 years, with 6 of them in Charlotte County. Last year, she became an instructional math coach and is a member of the District Elementary Math Framework committee. She graduated from Central Michigan University in 2005. Outside of her classroom, Christine teaches group fitness classes and enjoy fishing in Charlotte Harbor with her fiancé, Travis.

I congratulate Christine on her hard work for her students over the years. I extend my best wishes and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA PRICE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Jessica Price, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Lecanto High School in Lecanto, FL.

Although she never planned to become a Spanish teacher, Jessica's pas-

sion for sharing a love for language makes her an excellent educator. Jessica loved learning as a student in Citrus County, focusing on Spanish and chorus as her favorite classes. She had originally planned to become a music teacher, but Spanish captivated her to teach the language to students each year. In college, she studied in Mexico, living with a family and immersing herself in Spanish culture, furthering her love of the Spanish language.

Jessica teaches Spanish at Lecanto High School and has been a teacher since 2011. She majored in Spanish and English, with minors in linguistics and teaching English as a second language from the University of Florida. Jessica also oversees her school's honor society.

I extend my best wishes to Jessica and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KATRINA RODDENBERRY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Katrina Roddenberry, the Wakulla County Teacher of the Year from Wakulla Middle School in Crawfordville, FL.

Katrina finds it incredibly rewarding to see students motivated by science experiments and researching on their own about careers in science fields. She strives to spark their interests, which helped to raise Wakulla Middle School's average science proficiency on the Florida Science Assessment for eighth grade by 23 percent, which is 21 percent above the State average.

Katrina created and sponsors her school's science, technology, engineering, and math club, is an Odyssey of the Mind coach, Fellowship of Christian Athletes cosponsor, and is a teacher coach. She believes the ultimate measure of her success as a science teacher is when her students leave her classroom with strong foundational knowledge of science concepts and a renewed curiosity and love of learning about the world around them.

Katrina is in her third year of teaching middle school science and high school credit integrated science and integrated science honors to eighth graders at Wakulla Middle School. Previously, she taught third and fifth grade at Riversink Elementary School and is in her 12th year of teaching. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Flagler College, earned certifications in exceptional student education, middle grades integrated, and general science for sixth through ninth grades. She received her master's degree from American College of Education in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in teaching science and is an adjunct professor at Flagler College in Tallahassee. Katrina is also a NASA Space Foundation Teacher Liaison, is on the Space Educators Expedition Crew, and is a member of the National