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Mr. ALEXANDER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, first, let me join with so many of my colleagues in wishing our distinguished friend and Senator from Tennessee best wishes.

Thank you, Senator ALEXANDER, for your incredible leadership and working across the aisle. So many good things that you have talked about are so meaningful to all of us. I appreciate the way you have conducted yourself with the committees and with Members, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you. Electric vehicles didn't quite get across the line this year with what we wanted to do in terms of tax cuts, but I appreciate the chance to have been able to partner with you. Certainly, I wish you the best in your next steps in work as you end the year with your family. In whatever you do, I know you will be very successful.

CORONAVIRUS

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, it might be hard to believe it is actually December. In normal times, a lot of families in Michigan would be focused on getting ready for the holidays, and while Michigan children might still be counting down the days until Santa arrives, their parents have a lot bigger issues weighing on their minds.

A Michigan dad has been out of work for months and is wondering how long his family will be able to keep scraping by in the new year after his unemployment runs out.

A Michigan single mom whose hours have been cut and who has been unable to pay the rent for months is wondering just how long it will be until her family will be out on the street.

The owner of a Michigan small business is wondering if he will see enough of a holiday boost to keep the doors

open and his three employees on the payroll.

A Michigan retiree who struggles to buy enough groceries is wondering if it is safe to wait in a long line at her local food bank or if that is where she will get sick.

Michigan families who have seen almost 9,300 of their grandparents and neighbors and uncles and cousins and friends and community leaders get sick and die from this horrible virus are wondering who is going to be next.

The truth is that we are not just facing a health crisis right now—we are facing an economic crisis; we are facing a housing crisis; and we are facing a hunger crisis all at the same time. Coronavirus cases, hospitalizations, and deaths keep rising, and we haven't even seen the effects of Thanksgiving gatherings yet. We are seeing unemployment claims tick up, and those are expected to get worse after seasonal jobs will be cut in January.

Some studies have estimated that about 40 million renters in the United States are at risk of losing their homes. There are already 10,000 eviction actions that have been filed in a number of States. Those are 10,000 families who need to find new places to live right now, in the winter, in the middle of a health pandemic.

We have all seen the massive lines of cars at food banks across the country. In a normal year, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan helps about 14 percent of the population in 22 counties get enough food to eat. This year, it is helping 40 percent to put food on the table. Before COVID-19, the South Michigan Food Bank provided food to about 80 families a week. Now it is helping more than 500 families a week. This is an emergency. These families, businesses, community organizations, and seniors can't just wait around, hoping for a Christmas miracle. They need help now, and it is our responsibility to do it now.

That is why I am so pleased that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have been working to come together on additional help. There are still a lot of details to work out, but I am hopeful, in being part of the process on the workings of the details, that we are going to be able to come together on an agreement that will help families and businesses and communities get through these tough times.

Whatever agreement we reach won't be perfect. We know that. It won't be everything everybody wants. Yet we can't wait because time is quickly running out. On December 26—only 23 days from now—vital unemployment programs will expire, cutting off benefits that millions of workers will need to be able to provide for their families.

If you are self-employed, if you are a contract worker, if you are a gig worker, suddenly you will have zero help—zero.

Five days after that, on December 31, the Federal Reserve's emergency lending program ends. That will cut off cru-

cial credit that is keeping businesses open and helping State and local governments provide necessary services.

Also on December 31, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's eviction moratorium expires, and the Federal foreclosure moratorium and some opportunities for forbearance expire.

Imagine what it would be like to begin a new year with no roof over your head or your family's, no place for your children to sleep, and no place to stay clean in the middle of a raging pandemic.

And on January 1, millions of student loan borrowers will have to resume their payments whether they can afford them or not.

These programs have been, literally, a lifeline for families, for communities, for businesses during the pandemic. And while vaccines are on the horizon and we are so happy to hear the progress, this pandemic is far from over. Cutting off this vital help now would be like an ambulance driver stopping 2 miles short of the hospital and making the accident victim get out and walk the rest of the way to the emergency room.

We need to face this health crisis, this economic crisis, this housing crisis, this hunger crisis with seriousness and boldness. People in Michigan and across the country are crying out for help. It is time for this body to listen. It is time for Congress to lead.

We should not go home until we have passed at least a short-term survival package to help Americans through the next few months. That is our job. That is our job, and we should not go home until that job is done.

We are the United States of America—United States of America. Nothing is holding us back from helping our citizens other than people's unwillingness to do it. Nothing.

We are the United States of America. There is no reason we are not coming together, and shame on the Congress and the White House if we don't act now to help our citizens.

There is nothing holding us back but the political will to do it, and it needs to get done. There are many of us now on both sides of the aisle working to do that, and we need to make sure that people lean in together and get this done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT of Florida). The Senator from West Virginia.

REMEMBERING OFFICER CASSIE JOHNSON

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I rise today to talk of one of West Virginia's very own—Police Officer Cassie Johnson.

Officer Johnson was a member of her hometown of Charleston's police department, where she joined less than 2 short years ago.

She was a devoted daughter, sister, a loyal friend, and a lover of animals.

She had three dogs. She was formerly a humane officer, as well, in our community. And, boy, did she have a bright future ahead of her.

On Tuesday, the Charleston Police Department received a call about a traffic complaint. Officer Johnson answered that call and responded accordingly, just as she would have any other call.

Shortly after arriving at that location, she was shot in the chest. The bullet hit her badge and deflected into her neck, where it eventually struck a main artery.

She was rushed to the hospital, and every effort was made to save her life. She was 28. She was 28 years old.

Sadly, we learned yesterday that the decision was made to remove her from life support, and she will not be able to pull through.

We also learned that Officer Johnson is an organ donor, which means she will be able to share the gift of life with others.

I had the opportunity to speak with Officer Johnson's mother Sheryl just this morning, and she expressed to me her daughter's commitment to organ donation. She said that her daughter felt very strongly about giving this gift to others in the event that something like this could happen. She was very clear about her wishes, and I think that is a testament to the kind of person Officer Johnson was.

As former Charleston Police Department Lieutenant Paul Perdue said, "The end of her life will be the second beginning for others and that's just who she was."

As you can imagine, our community is hurting, and all of our law enforcement across the country is hurting today for our community and Officer Johnson's family.

But the outpour of support has just been incredible to witness. Throughout this week, West Virginians have been honoring Officer Johnson's life in so many ways, such as in Charleston, where our beautiful coliseum and civic center has been lit in blue in honor of her and our law enforcement.

There has been a great money-raising effort to help Officer Johnson's family meet what is going to be a financial challenge. And what do we do with her pets? There has been an effort to have her pets adopted. I just read before I came in here that the GoFundMe page for Officer Johnson had already exceeded its goal, and, hopefully, it will continue to grow.

Last night a candle vigil was held outdoors to honor her life and legacy, where the community leaders spoke and Officer Johnson's mother Sheryl spoke. It is a tough duty, a tough assignment for any mom.

During the vigil, her mother spoke about Officer Johnson's love for her community, about her desire to protect everyone she was surrounded by.

You know, when I talked to her mother this morning, she echoed those same sentiments in the phone con-

versation that we had, and she said that hundreds of West Virginians had reached out to her personally. Many had stopped by the hospital, wanting to say goodbye to Officer Johnson. These gestures have just been so touching, and I could tell it really helped her family and, in particular, her mother Sheryl.

Charleston Police Chief Tyke Hunt told Officer Johnson's mother that she raised her right, and that Officer Johnson was "a good-hearted soul who had to pay the ultimate sacrifice."

Chief Hunt is right. It is a bitter pill.

In a local interview following her swearing-in, Officer Johnson said: "I am really happy to finally getting to follow my dreams in working with Charleston PD."

She continued by saying: "I've grown up and lived in Charleston my whole life. I just wanted to help make my city a better place—and be there and to be able to help the citizens of this city."

This job was a dream come true for Officer Johnson. She loved her community, and our community loved her back. Like all of our law enforcement, Officer Johnson cared for us and was fiercely dedicated to protecting her community—and that is my community. When I think of Officer Johnson, I think of her protecting my family and my neighbors, my community, the larger community of Charleston.

Police officers like Officer Johnson selflessly put their lives on the line every day for the safety of our communities. They never know what is around the corner. They never know. She thought she was going for a parking violation. It is a hard job and one that is rarely appreciated enough.

I ask—if you have heard this today or if you have read about this—that we all take a minute today and every day to thank our law enforcement and recognize the sacrifices that they make to ensure that our communities are safe and protected.

I would also ask you to keep the Johnson family in your hearts and prayers—our chief, Chief Hunt of the Charleston Police Department, and all of her brothers and sisters in the police department and the first responders.

Our mayor, Mayor Amy Goodwin, has done a wonderful job of bringing the community together and showing a wonderful show of support for Officer Cassie Johnson and her family, and I thank her.

The entire city of Charleston is hurting, so please keep them in your hearts and prayers as well.

With that very difficult time, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

SENATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, the legislative year is quickly drawing to a close, but the lights on the 116th Congress haven't gone out yet. Before the

House and the Senate gavel out for the final time this Congress, we still have a lot of work to do.

Headlines have focused on the large, "must-pass" legislation, which will require a good amount of debate and compromise in the coming days—things like government funding, the National Defense Authorization bill, and another COVID-19 relief package. But there are actually countless other bills that have already passed the Senate with broad bipartisan support and continue to linger in purgatory on the House's legislative calendar.

After weeks, months, and, in some cases, more than a year of waiting, the Speaker and the House leadership refuse to let these commonsense bipartisan bills have a vote on the House floor. Just to give you an idea of the type of legislation they are holding up, let's start with the Jenna Quinn Law. This legislation carries the name of an inspiring young Texan who is a survivor of child sexual abuse and who has made it her mission in life to end the cycle of abuse that harms our children in communities across the country.

Jenna was the driving force behind a 2009 Texas law requiring training for teachers, caregivers, and other adults who work with children on how to prevent, recognize, and report child sexual abuse. You can imagine the teachers, in particular, who spend—at least before COVID—day after day after day with children. They are actually in the best position, sometimes, to identify symptoms of sexual abuse, if properly trained.

Since 2009, a number of other States have passed similar laws, but the training often lacks adequate funding, and that is where our Federal legislation comes in. I introduced this bipartisan bill with Senator HASSAN from New Hampshire to finally back that training with Federal funding through grants from the Department of Health and Human Services. At a time when the experts believe that abuse is on the rise as families are isolated at home due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, this legislation could not be more urgent.

Despite the fact that this bill will deliver real change for the most vulnerable in our communities and that it passed the Senate with unanimous support, the House refuses to even vote on it. House Democrats have chosen to hold this lifesaving legislation hostage in order to advance a partisan bill that they know has no chance of becoming law.

Unfortunately, those are the types of games that, sadly, we have had to become accustomed to when it comes to House Democrats. But, as I said, this is only one of a long list of bills that they are sitting on.

Over the summer, the Senate passed legislation that had taken aim at another crisis harming our children, which is e-cigarettes. Prior to COVID-19, headlines were dominated by stories