

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share a letter to the editor from a constituent published this morning. Here is what he said:

I worked the polls for 10 years, which included 20 elections and over 25 hours of training. As the years passed, technology improved, training got more efficient, and communications were state of the art. I am so proud to be an American and contributing to our system of democracy.

At my poll, five of us work together. There are also two watchers from each party. The results are posted on the door of the polling place immediately for residents to see. Votes are checked against duplications and death certificates. We have a paper ballot that can be matched to a voter machine. The machines are not hooked up to the internet, preventing interference and hacking.

My heart breaks with every utterance of voter fraud. Please don't let the GOP erode voting rights.

Signed: Former Republican.

I share this constituent's frustration. We are both fed up with people repeating lies about the security of our elections in order to justify voter suppression.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, as a new mom expecting a child this fall, I will never forget my husband and I hearing our child's heartbeat for the first time, truly the greatest miracle of life. But sadly, that culture and value of life are under attack.

The Hyde amendment has historically been supported by both Republicans and Democrats for more than 40 years.

American taxpayers should never be forced to pay for abortions, and since 1976, this Chamber has agreed and passed the Hyde amendment with bipartisan support. But now, President Biden and House Democrats caving to the far left are trying to reverse course and strip the Hyde amendment from the budget.

It is unacceptable that President Biden is destroying a policy that has saved over 2.4 million innocent American lives.

Every President since Carter has signed the Hyde amendment into law. It is a critical lifesaving protection that goes beyond party-line politics. It is about human life and protecting the most innocent among us.

The majority of Americans agree that taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund abortions. Democrats should listen.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, the request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL DELGADO TORRES

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of one of my constituents, an Anaheim resident, Specialist Daniel Delgado Torres, who suddenly passed away on February 16 in an automobile accident.

The son of immigrants, I recently had the opportunity to meet with his mother and father, who told me a story. They said from the early days that they could remember, Daniel dreamed of being an American soldier. In 2016, he had the opportunity when he joined the United States Army, and he became the first of his family to join the military.

He was deployed to Afghanistan and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for helping save the lives of seven of his fellow soldiers.

Daniel was just 22 when he passed away. He is survived by his parents, Teresa and Aurielo; his sister, Yasiry; his girlfriend, Noelia; and their young son, Joaquin.

Madam Speaker, I thank Daniel for his service to our country.

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(Mr. SMITH of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, 166 Members of Congress have cosponsored H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, to make the Hyde amendment and other current abortion funding prohibitions permanent and to ensure that the Affordable Care Act conforms with the Hyde amendment.

According to public opinion polls, most Americans, almost 60 percent, according to the Marist poll, agree that taxpayers should not be forced against their conscience to fund abortion.

Years ago, then-Senator Biden wrote to constituents, explaining his support for the Hyde amendment, and said it would "protect both the woman and her unborn child. . . ." He said: "I have consistently—on no fewer than 50 occasions—voted against Federal funding for abortions. . . . Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them." So said Senator Biden. I totally agree.

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INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMERICA NEEDS OVERHAUL

(Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to support acting, taking up and passing the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan.

Our infrastructure is in dire need of an overhaul, and it can't be put off any longer.

We also need to invest in the human infrastructure in our country, and we don't have to choose one over the other.

Americans across the Nation rely on sustainable infrastructure to get their children to school, to get to work, to facilitate commerce. We need to build on the investments that this Congress has already made through the American Rescue Plan, including dollars that are flowing to our communities.

Madam Speaker, \$2 million has recently been sent to Milwaukee for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit project in my district, a green public transit option.

I support the American Jobs Plan, bold investment to get every lead pipe in our country out from underneath our ground.

I also support investments in paid leave, childcare, and expanded access to affordable and quality health insurance.

I urge my colleagues to support these measures.

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(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARRIS. Madam Speaker, today, the House debated several bills to address the health and safety of children and newborns, including those that would ban crib bumpers and mandate stability standards for furniture that could fall on children.

Unfortunately, this body did not consider any legislation that would continue to ensure that precious taxpayer dollars are not used to fund abortions that intentionally kill babies. At a time when this protection of the unborn may be stripped from Federal funding bills for the first time in nearly 50 years, it should be pointed out that abortion ends exponentially more lives than crib bumpers or furniture.

Madam Speaker, I, therefore, ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for

Abortion Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

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CONGRESS MUST STOP VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart with the extended amount of violence in this country that has taken hold of us through the pandemic, and now we seem to be under siege.

No, it is not one isolated issue or community. It is not one isolated reason. But it is a heavy burden on our children. Our children have experienced an enormous amount of violence.

I intend, in my subcommittee, to discuss and have a briefing on both gun violence and the impact on children, as well as violence, and to be able to work with the administration on collaborative ways of dealing with the ending of gun trafficking that has been a source of the mass spreading of guns.

Laws like permitless guns, though I know they are in 12 States, create a synergism of opportunity for guns to be spread everywhere, and then the lack of respect for the dignity of our children so that guns are not stored. I intend to introduce a gun storage bill.

I ask that if you see something, say something. We must, as a Congress and America, stop the violence.

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(Mrs. CAMMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Hyde amendment, which is the longest pro-life precedent in American history. This amendment prevents our taxpayer dollars from ending the lives of society's most vulnerable, the unborn.

Madam Speaker, for over 40 years, Congress, both Republican and Democrat administrations, have supported the Hyde amendment to prohibit publicly funded abortions. That tradition seems to have ended with this current administration.

Protecting life is not and should not be a partisan issue. The President and congressional Democrats need to listen to the American people, who overwhelmingly support life and continue to uphold this important protection.

We as a country believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which is why we must defend that vital first tenet of life and support the Hyde amendment.

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A TRIBUTE TO BRADLEY KARMEN

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly great public servant. Mr. Bradley Karmen served 41 years at the Department of Agriculture, most recently as associate deputy administrator of Farm Programs at the Farm Service Agency.

Put in perspective, President Lincoln established the Department of Agriculture in 1862, and Brad Karmen worked there for nearly one-third of the Department's entire existence.

Ironically, Brad is a city kid, having grown up on Long Island. He would be the first to tell you he knew nothing about agriculture or the Federal farm policy that he would help fashion over the course of nearly a half century. It is not an exaggeration to say that no regulation cleared the Farm Service Agency or farm law was enacted without Brad's careful eye and wise counsel.

Madam Speaker, I don't know how a Long Island kid with no knowledge of agriculture or farm policy came to dedicate his professional career to helping the American farmer, but I am sure grateful he did.

Thank you, Brad, for your distinguished career of public service. Godspeed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HUGH BROWN McNATT

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Hugh Brown McNatt, who passed away on June 1, 2021.

Hugh was known throughout Georgia for his remarkable career as a trial lawyer for over 50 years. Born on June 23, 1946, in Uvalda, Georgia, Hugh learned the importance of hard work, humility, and dedication to helping others. He flourished in law school and immediately began trying cases all over Georgia and throughout the southeast.

After advocating for others his entire life, he won several awards, including the Tradition of Excellence Award and the Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award.

Outside the courtroom, he was a member of many organizations, includ-

ing the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the International Society of Barristers.

He left a lifelong impact on his community, Georgia politics, his countless friends, and his family.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all those who knew him during this most difficult time.

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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has protected American taxpayers from being complicit in the atrocity that is abortion on demand. And since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has been reauthorized on a bipartisan basis, signed into law by both Republican and Democrat Presidents, and supported by most Americans, until now, as President Biden's proposed budget eliminates it altogether.

Madam Speaker, we are treading in dangerous territory. Democrats have completely abandoned millions of pro-life Americans just like me, who vehemently oppose using taxpayer dollars to fund abortion. And even worse, they have done it for no other reason than to appease their own radical base.

President Biden said it best in 1994: "Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them." And in 2006, he said: "Won't support public funding of abortion."

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN'S UNIFIED AGENDA

(Mr. CRENSHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note an odd philosophy that I have seen amongst my Democrat colleagues, and it is this: The belief that if one regulation is good, then ten must be better. Of course, that is not true, but it is actually worse than that. The Biden administration is proposing 2,500 new regulations; they call this "the unified agenda." I am not sure what is unifying about suffocating American businesses and workers under D.C. bureaucrats.

We are killing our economy by the death of a thousand cuts. Our products will be more expensive, and that is if