

Experts have already estimated that we need \$60 billion to replace every service lead pipeline in America. But we know the Senate proposal—which was negotiated without a shred of input from frontline communities or their representatives—only devotes \$15 billion. That is just simply not enough.

People are drinking water with lead now, and we know which communities lose out when there isn't enough money to go around. They are communities that look like mine. It is environmental justice neighborhoods.

We must—we must—do more, and we already have secured another \$30 billion in Build Back Better to get us closer to our goal. Again, a clear way to bring us all together is making sure that we all have access to clean water.

There are 2.65 million service lines in Michigan, and over 12 percent of those lines are contaminated with lead. To replace these lead pipes in Michigan alone, it would cost \$1.65 billion.

Again, I ask everyone, how can we build back better when children are being poisoned?

Benton Harbor in Michigan needs \$11.4 million to provide clean water to its residents. We just discovered new lead-contaminated issues in the cities of Wayne and Hamtramck in Michigan. That is why it is critical that the Federal Government, our government, steps up with bold and aggressive investment.

In 2018 a report from the Natural Resources Defense Council revealed that between 2015 and 2018 about 5.5 million Americans in communities around the Nation got their water from a system that exceeded the EPA's lead action level of 15 parts per billion. That is just the stuff we know about. We know that there is more.

The threat of lead-contaminated water is a longstanding one that has overwhelmingly impacted communities like mine, low-income communities, communities of color, for decades. And yet we have not done anything meaningful for a very long time to really, truly remove lead service lines.

We continue waking up to stories about children being poisoned with lead and cities handing out bottled water because we have failed to invest in our water infrastructure. Folks are being forced to drink, bathe, cook, and wash dishes with water that is literally contaminated with lead because politicians have put their well-being on the back burner.

On top of it all, the leaky, outdated infrastructure also means many of those same people can't even afford to pay for water that is being poisoned. Literally, they are paying money for water that is contaminated with lead. Some people in Washington like to pretend to worry about how we are going to pay for lead pipe replacement, but what we really can't afford is another moment of inaction.

Clean, affordable drinking water is a human right. There are Flint and Benton Harbors and cities of Wayne and

Hamtramck in every part of this country, communities right now where children are drinking water that can alter the course of their lives forever.

So please join me in replacing lead service lines across the country. It is a moral imperative. We need to immediately pass the full \$45 billion in the Senate proposal as well as the Build Back Better proposal. Again, there is no building back without it.

#### CONGRATULATING BROOKE CHILDERS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my district director, Brooke Childers, for being named a member of the Georgia Southern University Alumni Association's "40 under 40" class of 2021.

Brooke graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2005 with a degree in political science. Since graduating, Brooke has served her community with immense passion and dedication. As our district director, Brooke has ensured that the highest levels of constituent outreach and services are met throughout the district.

From cofounding a southeastern Rotary E-Club to volunteering across Georgia's First District, Brooke continues to make a lasting impact.

Whatever role Brooke has occupied, she has exemplified compassion, determination, and leadership. A model public servant, Brooke is well deserving of this prestigious honor.

I am proud to have her on our team, and I am thankful for all that she does for the First District and the entire State of Georgia. I am forever grateful to have her lead our district office and represent us in our community.

#### OCTOBER IS AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as American Pharmacists Month.

As a pharmacist, I have seen firsthand the impact pharmacists have on people's lives. Throughout this pandemic, pharmacists have helped distribute lifesaving medicines and care to those in need.

Pharmacists across our country deserve to be recognized for their service in helping others through these unprecedented times. Every day these pharmacists are providing vaccines for a number of illnesses and carefully counseling patients on prescriptions.

As a pharmacist currently serving in Congress, I am proud to recognize the work these individuals are doing every day to serve their local communities around the country. Their commitment to serving their communities is to be admired by all.

Mr. Speaker, this month, as well as through the rest of the year, I encourage everyone to visit their pharmacist, ask questions about your prescriptions, and get to know the people who provide your medicine and work to keep you healthy.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF TONY COPE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Tony Cope of Savannah, Georgia, who sadly passed away on October 8 at the age of 83.

Founder and director of the Otland Island Wildlife Center, Tony dedicated his life to teaching and inspiring the next generation.

After attending college, Tony returned to Savannah, where he would serve the community for over 30 years as an author, educator, baseball coach, and an administrator.

Beyond the classroom, Tony's life work was sharing his love of Savannah with others. Authoring many books about his beloved hometown, Tony's work touched countless lives.

As president of the Savannah Symphony and member of the Rotary Club East, Tony's passion for his community was undeniable.

Despite retiring to Ireland, Tony was always first and foremost a Savannah native.

I am grateful for Tony's service to Georgia's First Congressional District, and I know his legacy will never be forgotten.

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

#### AWARD-WINNING SAVANNAH/HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport for being awarded the number one airport in the country by 2021 Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards.

More than 800,000 readers rated the Savannah airport as the number one destination that they cannot wait to return to.

Since opening their doors in 1929, the Savannah airport has helped shape the Savannah community into a world-renowned travel destination.

This distinguished award highlights the airport's exemplary customer service and dedication to safety and security.

Providing the Savannah community with countless jobs and tremendous service, Savannah's airport has contributed immensely to the economic success of Georgia's First Congressional District.

Much like the readers of Conde Nast Traveler, I believe the southern charm of Savannah's airport makes it a truly unforgettable experience.

I look forward to the continued success of the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

As a former law enforcement officer, some of the very first calls I responded to involved domestic violence. During my years as a young officer, I saw firsthand the damage this uniquely heinous crime can do to survivors and their families. As a homicide investigator later, I saw it on a continual basis through the court system and the devastation that it means to families across America.

This is an issue close to my heart and one I have focused my public policy efforts on from day one of my public service. Beginning with my time as a member of the Arizona legislature, all the way to the Halls of Congress, I have advocated for survivors, their children, and the resources needed to get whole families into stable and safe situations.

That is why, as a member of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, I am proud to cosponsor a resolution to recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to have championed legislation that uplifts survivors across Arizona.

Together, as a Congress, we must commit to working to do whatever is in our power to secure justice for survivors both in and out of the courtroom.

This week I will reintroduce my Help End Abusive Living Situations or HEALS Act.

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My bill will assist survivors of domestic violence to rapidly secure safe housing situations by directing the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to prioritize funds for transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

No person experiencing these crimes should be forced to stay in a dangerous situation because they do not have housing elsewhere.

The horrible legacy of domestic violence affects communities across our Nation, including Tribal communities.

As the Representative of Arizona's First Congressional District, I am humbled to represent 12 Sovereign Tribal Nations. Federal data indicates that 55 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.

However, it is estimated that less than 1 percent of the Crime Victims Fund reaches Tribes.

This Congress, I reintroduced two of my bills that address domestic violence in Tribal communities.

First, the SURVIVE Act, a bill to provide legal, medical, and counseling resources to women and children in Tribal communities who are survivors of domestic violence. This bill also corrects the Crime Victims Fund's allocation to Tribes, ensuring they receive a fair percentage of resources.

Second, my Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act, bipartisan leg-

islation that ensures children and law enforcement officials in Tribal communities are protected when present at domestic violence incidents.

Currently, Tribes can convict non-Indian perpetrators of protection order violations, domestic violence, and dating violence.

But under current law, both the children of survivors and law enforcement officers who risk their lives to save victims are not protected by these same laws. My bill extends this Tribal jurisdiction to cover kids and cops, who so often deal with dangerous domestic situations.

I am committed to continued work with my colleagues in Congress, advocates on the ground in Arizona, and brave survivors. We hear you, and we believe you.

To those experiencing domestic violence and to those who have lost a loved one to this heinous and deeply personal form of violence, let me say this: I know that we cannot ever truly know your pain, but we will keep fighting for change at every level.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LUKE SIEGEL

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a remarkable young man named Luke Siegel, who inspired so many with his strength of spirit and will to live in the face of tremendous adversity.

On July 28 of 2015, Luke suffered severe brain damage as a result of a tragic golf cart accident that changed his life forever and left him immobile, lifeless, and even without the ability to speak. Doctors said, Madam Speaker, that he would stay in that condition as long as he lived.

But, through the love and support of his family, the prayers of our wonderful community, and the relentless and tenacious fight that Luke brought every day, he defied all odds and the diagnoses of numerous doctors, recovering to a life no one believed was possible.

Sadly, on August 19, our hero and west Texas warrior, Luke Siegel, went home to be with his Heavenly Father. Luke is survived by one amazing family: father, Tim; mother, Jenny; and sisters Alex, Kate, and Ellie.

Madam Speaker, Luke never gave up. He was a symbol of hope for people throughout the country whose families have struggled with the challenges of traumatic brain injury. Luke is an inspiration to us all to live every day to the fullest and never give up no matter what the circumstances.

I am confident that Luke Siegel heard those beautiful and sweet words of our creator and Lord of heaven and Earth.

Madam Speaker, Luke fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith. May Luke enter into his

eternal rest. God bless Luke Siegel, coach, your family, and God bless west Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING NANCY LILES

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding lady, Nancy Liles, who recently retired after an illustrious 36-year career as executive director of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ms. Liles' passion for hospitality embodies the spirit of west Texas and has made Abilene a thriving tourist destination where visitors feel right at home.

West Texas is known for its friendliness and hospitality, and Ms. Liles has exemplified these attributes in her service to our community and the Key City.

Abilene, Texas, is a warmer and more welcoming place because of the leadership and service of Nancy Liles. We wish Nancy well as she spends more time with her family and continues to be a champion for the Big Country in Abilene, America. God bless, and go west Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING MINDY PATTERSON

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding west Texan, Ms. Mindy Patterson.

Mindy has served the city of Abilene for three decades, from her start as an entry-level accountant to her current position of deputy city manager.

This year marks her 30th year of service for the city of Abilene, and her colleagues know her as a servant leader and a tireless worker who will do anything for her beloved community.

The city manager, Robert Hanna, describes Ms. Patterson as somebody who is, "simply indispensable to my leadership team."

I am grateful to Ms. Patterson for her service to Abilene and look forward to even more successes from her in the future and for our great city and community.

God bless Ms. Patterson, who is keeping the wheels turning out in west Texas. And go west Texas.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GABRIELLA MILLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. WEXTON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of a young constituent, Gabriella Miller, who passed away on this day 8 years ago due to an inoperable brain tumor.

Gabriella was a fierce fighter not just in her own battle with cancer, but as an advocate on behalf of the millions of other children who have suffered from this disease. In the months following her terminal diagnosis at age 9, Gabriella became a national force for change, urging Congress to grant increased funding and to develop better treatments and cures for childhood cancer.