

Job growth has slowed dramatically, and the September jobs report fell 300,000 jobs short of what economists are predicting. This is in addition to massive shortages that have wrought havoc on our supply chain and left a record number of container ships waiting to enter our ports.

#### BUILDING BACK BETTER

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, three of the goals of President Biden's agenda and that of Congressional Democrats are to recover from this pandemic, to create jobs, and to lower taxes. We have met all three.

Under President Biden's leadership, case rates and hospitalizations from COVID are dropping across our country, unemployment rolls have decreased, and since January 20, approximately 5 million jobs have been created.

In addition, Democrats delivered a tax cut for families with children. We greatly expanded this tax cut, and we sent payments on a recurring monthly basis to American families. By the middle of this month, in November, the overall majority of families with children will get another round of payments directly deposited into their bank accounts.

The Joint Economic Committee has shown that this creates \$19 billion worth of economic activity in the local jurisdictions and when you let American families keep their hard-earned money, it creates economic growth. We will try to extend this tax cut for working families in the Build Back Better Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Republicans to join us.

#### SEPTEMBER BORDER NUMBERS ARE ALARMING

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask where is the administration? It is certainly not at our southern border. The crisis at the border continues to go unaddressed.

In September, more than 192,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended by our Border Patrol agents. That is a 233 percent increase over last September, and DHS has warned this month we could see as many as 400,000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: Where are my Democrat colleagues on this crisis?

Under the leadership of the other side of the aisle, this House has not considered a single piece of meaningful legislation to address the issue. The strategy appears to be pretend as if the problem doesn't exist. Meanwhile, a record 1.2 million people have been caught trying to cross the border illegally this year. Imagine how many

tens of thousands have evaded capture—who might be dangerous to our local communities—and made it into this country.

Rather than solving this crisis, this body is instead considering legislation that will pave the way for mass amnesty. It is irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to step up, come to the table, hold real bipartisan discussions and focus on this crisis.

#### HONORING JOVITA MOORE

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jovita Moore, an award-winning journalist whose presence and professionalism were known across newsrooms around Georgia and throughout the country.

I, and so many whose lives she touched every single day, are deeply saddened by her passing. Her life was a positive force for good in this world. Every evening, little girls saw themselves on the television knowing that one day they could be the woman their community trusted at the end of each day.

So while we mourn her death and suffer our heartbreak, I want to take this time to celebrate the life of a woman who always stood steadfast and resolute, who was classy and consistent in presenting us the facts and the news of the moment.

This week, our hearts are with Jovita's family and her children, and my prayers are with the WSB team.

#### SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS

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

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, nearly every Member of this body proclaims to be a champion of small business. But how many follow with action?

Time after time my colleagues are presented with opportunities to vote in support of small businesses and then repeatedly fail to live up to their hollow promises.

They say they support small businesses, but Democrats proudly support increases on small businesses and job creators.

They are actively disrupting the labor market by keeping workers out of the workforce with never-ending handouts to able-bodied Americans.

They are preventing first-generation entrepreneurs from passing a successful business on to the next generation.

They are expanding credits for childcare without any work requirements for the parents.

They are surveilling small businesses and farmers through the IRS.

The Democrat dream is an America dependent on Big Government. It

couldn't be farther from the American Dream where a guy like me, who grew up on food stamps, could take a big idea and a big work ethic and turn it into a successful business career and job creator.

Under Democrat policies, we may see the end of the American Dream. We cannot let that happen.

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#### BUILD BACK BETTER FOR PENNSYLVANIA

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, our negotiations have been long, but today we are closer than ever to passing Build Back Better. We have heard enough about the process. Let's talk about the impact, the transformative investments we are making in our children, our seniors, and our planet.

And let me say this loudly and clearly: It is paid for; paid for with the taxes ensuring that corporations and the mega-rich pay their fair share, and IRS investments closing the multi-trillion dollar tax gap.

Paid-for, historic investments in our future: In Pennsylvania alone, more than 200,000 children will have access to high-quality pre-K, and more than 730,000 children will gain access to childcare.

Childcare and extended child tax credits will ease the financial burdens that our parents face. They are not the only ones, 122,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians will have healthcare. Bold climate action will help our districts that have seen an increase in climate disasters.

My Commonwealth is ready for both Build Back Better and the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The process will be forgotten, the investments will not.

#### HIGHER HEATING BILLS

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

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, the average cost of a gallon of gas in my hometown of Murphysboro, Illinois, is \$3.60 and rising. That is not all. Tonight's temperatures will dip down to about 29 degrees in southern Illinois and families will be dialing up the thermostat.

Many of my constituents rely on propane to heat their homes during these colder months. According to the Energy Information Administration, midwestern families that use propane this winter can expect to pay as much as 54 percent more in their heating bills; potentially an additional \$1,800 this winter.

Southern Illinois and southern Illinoisans are feeling that crunch. Yet, many of my Democrat colleagues only care about passing their socialist

spending spree with higher taxes on natural gas. As winter approaches, we can't allow them to leave our families out in the cold.

#### BIDEN OUTRAGEOUS GAS PRICES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Americans see firsthand Biden inflation at every turn and nowhere more than gas costs. The Biden failed policies are obvious at every gas station with prices up \$1.50 per gallon over last year, an additional \$20 per fill-up.

The \$3.5 trillion Biden inflation spending bill would make it more expensive to heat homes, drive cars, operate trucks, and keep the lights on. The Biden tax increase on natural gas alone would raise heating bills and destroy 90,000 jobs.

The Energy Information Administration forecasts home heating costs this winter: Propane up 54 percent, heating oil up 43 percent, natural gas up 30 percent. The Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone, and they believe Democrat voters are ignorant to believe that \$3.5 trillion in spending costs zero.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism which now continues, sadly, from Afghanistan to America, as Biden ignored military advice, leading to 13 murdered marines.

#### RECOGNIZING COLE BAERLOCHER, NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the newly-elected national FFA president, Cole Baerlocher, who hails from the great State of Washington. Cole, a native of Colfax, is now honored with this tremendous opportunity to represent our State and our entire Nation.

For more than 90 years, FFA has provided students with premier leadership training through agricultural education and advocacy. As a former FFA member myself, I can attest that my experience not only helped shape my career as a farmer, but helped prepare me to represent the Fourth District of Washington in Congress.

Throughout his year of service to FFA, Cole and his fellow national officers will lead workshops and conferences across the country, cultivate relationships with national agriculture leaders, and help set policies that will guide the future of FFA.

Cole: Washington's entire agricultural community is proud to have you representing us, and we look forward to following your journey on behalf our Nation's producers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to please join me in congratulating our national FFA officers.

#### RECOGNIZING MALLORY WHITE

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend and constituent, Mallory White, of Union County, Kentucky, on her recent election as a national FFA officer.

Mallory is coming off a term as Kentucky State FFA president, a position I was honored to hold back in the day. In this role, Mallory put her leadership skills to good use in serving as an outstanding ambassador for Union County and Kentucky agriculture.

But never one to stop climbing the ladder of success, Mallory didn't stop there. In successfully seeking a national FFA office, Mallory demonstrated that she has all the qualities to be a successful leader for years to come.

With this impressive achievement, Mallory personified the positive difference that FFA makes in young people's lives. This extraordinary achievement makes Union County and the entire First Congressional District of Kentucky proud.

Mr. Speaker, I am eager to see what Mallory White accomplishes in the years to come.

#### HONORING OUR BRAVE VETERANS

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate our veterans next week, I rise to honor the dedication and selflessness of the brave men and women who have served our Nation.

California's 21st Congressional District is home to thousands of veterans who are especially valued members of our community. Our veterans have made incredible sacrifices to the cause of freedom, and America is forever in their debt.

As Members of Congress, we have the responsibility to ensure our veterans receive the benefits they are entitled. Those who have courageously served our country deserve our support, and we must protect their care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking our veterans for their service to our country in honor of this Veterans Day. It is a privilege to represent these men and women in Congress.

#### OPPOSING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VACCINE MANDATE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Department of Defense's vaccine mandate.

My district is home to the Sierra Army Depot in Lassen County, which uses a large contingent of civilian military contractors. Sierra Army Depot repairs equipment, salvages old tanks and armored carriers for platforms that are still serviceable.

Over the past year, the depot has served as the Army's global storage and distribution center for COVID-19 testing kits and personal protective equipment. As a Nation, we leaned on the Sierra Army Depot, and other similar ones around the country, to protect our servicemembers while they were busy protecting us. They put it on the line during the worst of the pandemic and didn't question it.

Now, the Biden administration is planning to fire hundreds of these contractors because they have not made the personal choice to be vaccinated with emergency-use vaccines, two of which are still under emergency-use authorization.

After a year, putting the weight of the Army on this workforce, asking them to work overtime and get the job done, and take the risks we did not know about a year and a half ago, the President is going to fire them? Is that really the kind of message we want to send to our military?

#### REMEMBERING MARTHA BREENE

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of Martha Breene, a staple figure in Pennsylvania Republican politics.

Martha has been involved in politics since the 1960s. She was a phenomenal grassroots organizer, where she worked tirelessly on both local and national campaigns.

Martha did what she did because she loves this Nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She worked so hard to see that people are better served, and she did that through politics.

In 2004, she was the first woman elected to serve as the Venango County Republican chairman. She retired in 2013, only to return to that role in 2017 where she served up until her passing this year.

I had the privilege of working with Martha and her late husband, Charlie, during my first election starting in 2008. Martha has always had the ability to motivate, and it is that quality that made her an exceptional leader. She was a force to be reckoned with and will be deeply missed in Venango County.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest condolences go to Martha's family and friends during this time.