

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
BROWNSTOWN CHARTER TOWN-
SHIP SUPERVISOR ANDREW
LINKO

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Supervisor Andrew Linko on the occasion of his retirement from the Charter Township of Brownstown, Michigan, where he has served as supervisor for over a decade. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Supervisor Linko began his journey of service as a Construction Electrician in the U.S. Naval Reserves, where he served from 1983 until 1993. A graduate of Youngstown State University, Wayne State University, and Baker College, he studied labor, leadership, electrical engineering, and health and human services. An active member of his community from a young age, he has served in various volunteer positions in local politics in Ohio. He was first elected to the position of City Councilman in Warren, Ohio, where he served as chair of the health and welfare committee.

Supervisor Linko came to find his new home in Brownstown Township when he moved to Michigan in 1996 to work for Ford Motor Company. He worked at Ford until his retirement in 2021. A devoted member of the United Auto Workers, he was a Trustee at UAW Local 387 where he was a leader among his union brothers and sisters and showed his commitment to our auto industry. His experience as a leader in the labor movement inspired him to run for office and show people how workers should be treated. Supervisor Linko started out serving the township on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He became treasurer of the Board of Trustees in 2008 and was appointed Township Supervisor in 2010. He was subsequently reelected in 2012, 2016, and 2020. During his tenure, he has been a champion for public safety. As supervisor, he oversaw the completion of a \$6 million recreation campus. His accomplishments include reducing the township's carbon footprint, welcoming hundreds of new residents, encouraging economic investment, and delivering new jobs for the people of the township. Under his leadership, Brownstown Township has become one of the fastest growing communities in Wayne County. Supervisor Linko is a member of the Woodhaven-Brownstown Rotary and resides in Brownstown Township with his wife, Linda. Together they have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Supervisor Andrew Linko. We are grateful for his years spent serving the citizens of Brownstown Charter Township. Andy is someone that I am proud to call a friend, and I have depended on him for advice, wisdom, and guidance for years. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

NASA ENHANCED USE LEASING
EXTENSION ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of support for the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH,
January 13, 2022.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of Friends of the Earth's millions of members and supporters, we write in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

Guaranteeing a strong and functioning democracy, including the right to vote, is critical to ensuring that our government can adequately address the many environmental challenges our country faces, from climate change to environmental justice.

The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

Nineteen states enacted 34 new laws that restrict access to the ballot box in 2021 alone and more are under consideration today. Candidates are running for top election offices peddling the Big Lie. States are passing racially-gerrymandered maps that dilute the power of Black and Brown voters. This legislation would fight back against all these attacks and ensure the ability for every American to participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections.

Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE CHAN,
*Vice President of Programs,
Friends of the Earth—United States.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 13, 2022.

Re: Vote Yes on HR 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The League of Women Voters of the United States writes in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act. This legislation is critical to the protection of our democracy. We must ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires cannot buy elections.

Our country remains in the middle of a desperate fight for voting rights. State legislatures around the country have introduced

hundreds of bills designed to create barriers and prevent Black, brown, indigenous, and other voters from casting their ballots. In 2021, nineteen states enacted 34 voter suppression laws, and we know more will go into effect in the months ahead.

Right now, redistricting processes across the country are underway. This is the first redistricting cycle without the full protections of the Voting Rights Act. Voters are not just at risk of losing their freedom to vote, but they stand to lose representation in the US Congress and in state legislatures. Critical legislation like the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act are urgently needed to override these voter suppression measures, prevent such laws from taking effect in the future, and protecting representation in communities across the country.

Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to cast your vote in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA KASE SOLOMON,
*CEO, League of
Women Voters of the
United States.*

NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN WOMEN'S FORUM,
January 13, 2022.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is proud to endorse the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, and strongly urges you to VOTE YES to support our access to the ballot. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are the fastest-growing populations in the nation, and our ability to make choices about issues that impact us is on the line.

NAPAWF is the only national, progressive, multi-issue, community organizing and policy advocacy organization for AAPI women and girls in the country. NAPAWF approaches our work through the reproductive justice framework, which is rooted in the human right to control our bodies, our sexuality, our gender, and our reproduction.

Core to NAPAWF's work is our commitment to building power with AAPI women and girls. Through our chapters in Arizona, Chicago, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New York City, St. Cloud, and Texas, we center our organizing on the AAPI women who are most impacted by the issues we work on, such as workers with low wages, first-generation immigrants, and people who speak English as a second language. Our base spans at least twenty different AAPI ethnic groups and is multigenerational.

This is why protecting voting rights is so crucial to us. Many of the issues we care about are intrinsically linked to the power of voting and NAPAWF is excited that the House is advancing this important issue. Our communities need support now, please vote YES.

If you have any questions, please contact Da Hae Kim, NAPAWF's Judicial Strategy and Legal Advocacy Manager.

Sincerely,

SUNG YEON CHOIMORROW,
Executive Director.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

SIERRA CLUB,
January 13, 2022.

Re: Sierra Club's support for the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of our over 3.8 million members and supporters, I write to express our strong support for the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act and urge its immediate passage.

This act will ensure every American has equitable access to the ballot box, protect against election sabotage, prohibit extreme partisan gerrymandering and set limits on the influence of dark money in politics. Protecting and strengthening the freedom to vote for every American is the bedrock principle of our democracy and this Act seeks to do just that.

Last year alone, prompted by the Big Lie, over 400 anti-voter bills were introduced with 19 states enacting more than 30 of those laws, all with the intent of rolling back voting rights for Americans. This year as state legislatures convene, more anti-voter bills have already been prefilled with more expected to be introduced and passed in the coming weeks/months. Federal legislation is desperately needed in order to stop these states attacks on voting rights.

The time is now, we must act swiftly to protect the freedom to vote and ensure our democracy is equitably accessible to all Americans, regardless of zip code. We urge our Representatives on behalf of our 3.8 million members and supporters, to not delay and immediately pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

Sincerely,

DAN CHU,
Acting Executive Director,
Sierra Club.

WOMEN OF COLOR COALITION,
January 13, 2022.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We write in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

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Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

RACHEL GREEN, MPA,
Founder & CEO,
Women of Color Coalition.

HONORING ROBYN DOBERNECKER
AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Robyn Dobernecker as Iowan of the Week.

An Iowa native, Robyn has had a passion for animals for as long as she could remem-

ber. She got her start as a kennel attendant at age 18, working with animals who needed to be adopted. She rose up through the ranks and became a senior animal control officer, where she humanely took animals off the streets, got them fed and cleaned, and ready for adoption. She decided to broaden her horizons and work at a vet clinic to better understand animal medicine. Through this, she finally got into the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Iowa, where she is now the intervention coordinator and is responsible for confiscating animals abused at facilities in the state of Iowa. She is also the official point of contact for the rescue efforts for over 500 dogs that were confiscated by a puppy mill breeder, who received one of the harshest penalties for animal welfare violations in USDA history.

After getting three complaints about dog abuse in the summer of 2021, Robyn decided to investigate. What she found was appalling—animals left alone, abused, and neglected. Finding these dogs had little to no water, no food, and inadequate shelter, she immediately called the Iowa attorney general, whose authorization was required to get into the facility and confiscate the animals. With no response, she decided to go to the breeder's hearing, where the USDA and DOJ were prosecuting. Hearing that the breeder's trial will be delayed, Robyn barged into a room of the courthouse full of federal prosecutors for DOJ and said, "My name is Robyn, my job is to help animals get out of abusive homes. But to do what I do, I need your authorization and for you to get on board, and I need a restraining order so I can get ahold of these dogs." This was on a Friday. On that next Monday, DOJ reached out to her and asked if they could work with her to get these dogs out of the facility.

After coordinating with government agencies and other animal rescue organizations, she was able to rescue the first round of dogs on October 13th. Once the breeder officially surrendered on November 1st, Robyn went in with her team and was able to confiscate the rest of the 414 dogs—she got all of them out over the next two days. This difficult feat was catalyzed by Robyn's desire to make a difference for communities. To see those dogs' tails wag for the first time and being able to hug and kiss the puppies once they were all clean made the process of rescuing them worth it. While there is always more work to do to counter animal abuse, we can revel in the admirable work it takes to rescue those who are in harm's way.

I am honored to designate Robyn Dobernecker as Iowan of the Week.

SUPPORTING H.R. 6330, THE NON-MARKET ECONOMY OVERCAPACITY REFORM ACT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce my introduction of H.R. 6330, the Nonmarket Economy Overcapacity Reform Act.

For too long, the United States has been deferential to foreign governments who undermine American workers and manufacturers

through unfair trade practices, targeted subsidization, and excess production capacity. This playbook involves undercutting American industry, flooding the domestic markets with imports, distorting competition, and driving competition under.

Our trade laws allow American manufacturers to seek relief from the International Trade Commission only after they've sustained material injury from uncompetitive trading practices. The decline in American manufacturing shows these laws to be insufficient. How many dormant American factories could have been saved before unfairly subsidized imports flooded U.S. markets? How much wealth has been shipped overseas, only to come back in the form of goods that put American workers out of a job?

Last year, the United States Trade Representative testified before the Ways and Means Committee on the need for forward-looking trade laws that protect American industry from price dumping, unfair competition, and illegal subsidies. In many cases, we know non-market economies intend to undermine American workers and our nation's industrial base through unfair means—it is their stated policy.

The Nonmarket Economy Overcapacity Reform Act will give the United States the tools we need to protect American jobs from the looming and established threat of global excess capacity. This narrowly tailored bill gives the United States the right to proactively seek antidumping and countervailing duties in demonstrated instances of buildup in excess production capacity. By focusing on non-market economies, this bill seeks to preserve the beneficial and lawful competitive trading relations we have established with our allies and good-faith trading partners around the globe.

Madam Speaker, the United States has a responsibility to protect our Nation's manufacturers from unfair trading practices. When put on a level playing field, I know American workers can outperform anyone in the world—we must support them. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6330, the Nonmarket Economy Overcapacity Reform Act.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JOHN McDONALD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 14, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of John McDonald, Local 1650 president and emeritus faculty member at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, Michigan. His significant contributions to Henry Ford College, the greater Dearborn community, and beyond are worthy of commendation.

After graduating from Detroit Catholic Central High School, Mr. McDonald attended Henry Ford College and then the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English. He began teaching 19th century American literature and English composition at the college in 1969. After gaining tenure in 1971, he became involved in Henry Ford Community College American Federation of Teachers' Local 1650 and soon became a trusted leader