

We are also going to be able to help Detroit homeowners receive home repair grants for energy efficiency. Enterprise Community Partners is so eager to be able to work with my seasoned residents; and my seasoned residents are eager to see their homes become not only energy efficient, but also accessible, as many are struggling with access because of disability.

The Eastside Community Network is going to be able to establish the Stoudamire Wellness HUB for the eastside Detroit residents who are, right now, struggling to access healthcare.

We are also going to be able to help, some relief—and this is just the beginning—to help many of our families in Dearborn Heights and Wayne County address the number of families that continue to be impacted by flooding because of Ecorse Creek's challenges.

We are also going to be able to support ProsperUS Detroit Micro Lending to support some of our small businesses and expand some of the work they have already done to Detroit all the way to western Wayne and Inkster.

I am also so proud of the investment that we are going to have in the Ruth Ellis Center to provide safe, affordable, identity-affirming housing for marginalized Black and Brown Detroiters, especially my LGBTQ-plus youth.

I am also going to be able to stand there with my City of Wayne residents to see, finally, the Goudy Park Amphitheater space be able to be rehabbed. It is a space that many of our schools use for graduations, for gatherings, and just really truly coming together as a community.

We are also going to be able to see over 300 of our high school students in the Western Wayne School District, along with the partnership of SEMCA, be able to access vocational technology, career-tech programs.

We are also going to see a \$2.5 million investment in our Inkster Senior Wellness Center. This is one of—again, Inkster has some of my spectacular seasoned residents, and they are eager, again, to have a space to come together, especially after the challenges during the pandemic.

I want to thank Chairwoman DeLauro and the Appropriations Committee staff, and the incredible hard work of my team, for a thoughtful and engaging process that really targeted communities with the most needs.

I am proud and committed to continued engagement with all of my 13th Congressional District communities to find funding to address the needs because they truly deserve it.

AFFORDABLE INSULIN NOW

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the incredible impact the bipartisan Affordable Insulin Now Act will have on Americans across the Nation.

It is no secret diabetes poses a major health burden to Americans across our country. Texas, in particular, suffers greatly from the effects of type 2 diabetes. Every day, new Texans are diagnosed. On top of that, the rate of new cases increases every single year.

This topic, Mr. Speaker, hits very close to home. I have seen firsthand the hurdles diabetes creates for families simply looking to live a quiet life and be alone and have a good, productive life. In my family, my mother faced uphill health battles because of diabetes most of her adult life. She died eventually of diabetes complications.

Diabetes runs in my family. In fact, my doctor tells me that no matter what I do, I may end up getting diabetes. I am one of 10 children. Five of us have already gotten diabetes and are dependent on insulin.

Sadly, this epidemic disproportionately impacts older adults, especially Latinos, minorities, and populations with lower levels of education. It remains one of the leading causes of death in Texas and the United States. In my own home county of Harris County, diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death.

Even when purchased through Medicare, insulin is more than three times as expensive in the United States than in the U.K. The bipartisan Affordable Insulin Now Act is truly needed to save lives.

The Affordable Insulin Now Act caps insulin copays at \$35 per month or 25 percent of an insurance plan's negotiated price, whichever is lower. It is a great first step, and it will save lives. But more must be done.

You see, Mr. Speaker, Americans without health insurance will not benefit from this bill. This will help those residents who are fortunate to already have health insurance, and we welcome this support. Again, it is a great first step. But much more is very needed.

Texas is the State with the highest rate of uninsured individuals and, in my district, 33 percent of the residents in my district do not have health insurance.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, my district has the highest number of uninsured people than in any other district in the Nation. To make matters worse, diabetes is highly concentrated in east Texas, the area where I live. It pains me that these folks were not included in the bill.

The immense health and emotional challenges diabetes brings to households are burdensome enough; but its economic strain is ruthless to families not fortunate enough to have insurance.

Because of corporate greed and companies focused only on profits, Texans without medical insurance face astronomical prices for insulin. In short, people with diabetes have medical expenses approximately 2.3 times higher than those who do not have diabetes.

The out-of-pocket costs for healthcare and insulin have crippled

hardworking Americans across our country. It has gotten so bad that one in four people have rationed, rationed lifesaving insulin because they could not afford proper dosage amounts. This is unacceptable and wrong, and we must do better.

No one—I repeat, no one—should have to gamble with their health by rationing insulin to make ends meet. The bipartisan Affordable Insulin Now Act will save lives, and it is a great step forward. But I will continue fighting for residents across my district who do not currently have health insurance but do need insulin. We will continue to fight until we get it done.

STOP MASS SHOOTINGS

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, a recently released Violence Project study has found that more than half of all mass shootings between 1966 and 2019 occurred since 2000. There have been more and more shootings. It is getting worse and worse. Mass shootings have occurred in the workplace, on college campuses, in our houses of worship, and in our schools. We must do better.

These shootings cut off young lives and devastate families. We owe it to the victims to do more to combat gun violence in our communities. We owe it to Joaquin Oliver.

Joaquin was 17 years old when he was shot and killed with an assault rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. This is Joaquin.

But this symbol of Joaquin is also an assault rifle. You see, this is an assault rifle that was purchased by Joaquin's dad, Manny, without a background check.

Manny went to a gun show in Florida and bought a high-powered rifle without a background check. Then he went home, and he melted it down to make this statue of his son, who was killed by a similar weapon in his school on Valentine's Day.

This statue of Joaquin is now a powerful reminder of our weak gun laws and the countless American lives that have been stolen, families broken by gun violence.

When Manny went to a gun show, the seller pushed him to buy the rifle, to buy ammunition, to buy a high-capacity magazine, all at one time, without a background check. And Manny wondered, what's the rush?

What is the rush? Why does anyone need a deadly arsenal in one afternoon, with no questions asked?

We have put a lot of effort into making background checks work well for legal gun buyers. The National Instant Criminal Background System, the NICS system, returns results in as fast as 30 seconds.

Every gun buyer at a gun show, every gun buyer online, every gun buyer at a licensed dealer, every gun buyer should

go through that system to keep our communities safe. But they don't because of a dangerous loophole like the one that allowed Manny to buy an AR-15 at a gun show without a background check.

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The background check system is the foundation of gun safety in America. When that foundation is weak, like it is today, it makes all of us less safe.

We need universal background checks. States with laws requiring background checks on all sales have lower gun homicide rates than States that don't. Guns from States that lack background check laws often end up recovered from crime scenes in neighboring States without those tough laws.

That is why we need a uniform national requirement to end weak gun laws that contribute to trafficking.

The President visited New York City recently after two police officers were fatally shot, and he urged the need for universal background checks. He rightly said our country needs a comprehensive strategy to dramatically reduce gun violence. The Attorney General of the United States has directed U.S. attorneys to confront gun trafficking across State lines and in cities.

I strongly support the President's call for a comprehensive strategy. As part of that strategy, Congress should do what many States are currently working on to ban untraceable ghost guns, similar to the law that was signed in New York in October of last year. Congress can do this.

Congress should also pass safe storage legislation to protect kids from being harmed by loaded weapons kept unsafely in their homes. We should ban weapons of war that don't belong in our community and are regularly used to hunt innocent people. Who needs to be able to fire off 50 or 100 rounds at a time?

Congress should recognize that high-capacity magazines have no place in our communities and that their only purpose is to make it easy to cause mass casualties.

These proposals have significant support. Ninety percent of Americans, including gun owners, want universal and stronger background checks.

Would a stronger background check system prevent every instance of gun violence? No, of course not. Would ending large-capacity ammunition magazines prevent mass casualties caused by guns? No, but they will make us safer. They will make our communities safer. They will make our schools safer. They will make the workplace safer. They will make people feel safer as they attend religious services. They will make it easier for law enforcement to do their jobs safely every day.

Continued inaction on confronting gun violence will only lead to more innocent people dying from firearms. Congress must take action to get strong gun violence prevention legisla-

tion for Joaquin and the 16 others who were taken at Stoneman Douglas, for their families, and for America.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PRIVATE ANDREW LADNER

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the homecoming of World War II Private Andrew Ladner, whose remains finally came home 80 years after being killed in action.

Private Ladner was assigned to the 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. On November 30, 1942, during a blockade to prevent a Japanese assault on the island of New Guinea, he was killed during the initial wave and was reportedly buried 26 yards west of the road the unit was blockading.

After the war, his remains could not be found and eventually were declared nonrecoverable. However, between a little luck and the never-quit Army attitude and exhaustive research, they located his remains in 2016.

Now Private Ladner can be laid to rest in a way he deserves. I know his family takes comfort in his example of a life well lived and the legacy he left behind all those years ago.

Private Ladner was part of the Greatest Generation of Americans. His family can find solace in knowing his legacy will never die but lives on with every American who puts on the uniform of the United States military.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Private Andrew Ladner, who gave his life for his family and the country he so dearly loved.

Private Ladner, may you rest in peace. God bless you, and Semper Fidelis.

MAKING HEALTHCARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE THAN EVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud President Joe Biden's executive order to bring down the cost of health insurance and expand health coverage. The executive order represents the most significant action to strengthen the Affordable Care Act since it was signed into law.

Consistent with the administration's mission, my colleagues and I in Congress voted in favor of the Affordable Insulin Now Act, which will lower costs for hardworking families by capping the out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 per month.

President Biden's executive order delivers a longstanding Democratic priority for strengthening the Affordable Care Act and fixing the so-called family glitch. Without this step, current

regulations define employer-based health insurance as affordable if the coverage is provided solely for the employee and not for family members.

For family members of an employee offered health coverage through an employer, the cost for that family coverage can sometimes be very expensive and make health insurance out of reach. The family glitch affects 5 million people and has made it impossible for many families to use the premium tax credit to purchase an affordable, high-quality marketplace plan.

Fixing the family glitch builds on several steps Democrats have taken to lower health costs and build on the Affordable Care Act, including the American Rescue Plan, which was signed into law last year. The American Rescue Plan is saving families an average of \$2,400 in annual premiums and has helped enroll 14.5 million Americans in marketplace plans.

Thanks to Democratic leadership, healthcare is more affordable and accessible than ever. Our American Rescue Plan dramatically lowered the cost of marketplace plans and helped enroll millions of Floridians into quality, affordable coverage.

As House Democrats fight to build a better America for all people, I will continue to work to lower healthcare costs and prescription drug prices for all Floridian families.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, nothing in all of creation is hidden from Your sight. Your eyes, O Lord, are everywhere. You see everything from the wars that rage around the world and into the recesses of each heart. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before Your eyes that all must give account.

Call to account, then, the wicked and the good. Unspeakable atrocities have taken place throughout Ukraine. Bring to justice those who have failed to demonstrate any evidence of human decency. Bring to Your court those who have disregarded the precious life of the innocent.

Raise up the good and strengthen the noble, and give success to their efforts to shield and shelter the displaced and