

program for children. And yet, Congress has not taken any action to expand benefits in more than 50 years. Democrats have a plan to expand benefits today, tomorrow, and forever.

The Republicans have a plan also. Their plan is to end Social Security in 5 years. It is time for us to have this debate in front of the American public, not behind closed doors and let people know where their Member stands.

Mr. Speaker, I refer you to this poster behind me. This poster demonstrates that Democrats have a plan to increase Social Security benefits. Republicans have a plan to cut benefits 20 percent across the board.

Democrats have a plan that will ensure that Americans are able to keep pace with inflation and rising costs. The last time Congress did anything with Social Security, a gallon of milk was 71 cents. We all know what the cost of living is today, but inaction is inexcusable.

The Republicans call for 20 separate benefit cuts to Social Security, and most importantly, say we are going to get there by raising the age. For every year you raise the age, that is a 7 percent cut in people's benefits. The idea that people would say, Well, people are living longer so we have to raise their age—imagine that. So you are living longer; the Republicans want you to live on less or work until you die.

The time of reckoning is upon us. President Biden has called Social Security a sacred trust. As you heard Mr. RUIZ say before, the concept of making sure that WEP and GPO is repealed so that teachers and firefighters and policemen can get the benefits they deserve, and also to make sure that nobody who works all their life and pays into a system. These are not entitlements, as they say in their book and in their Republican study plan. These are the benefits that people have paid for out of their pockets; working people, of all races, colors, and creed in this Nation who deserve that sacred trust, that promise that the American people know is theirs in the sacred trust that Social Security represents.

The Republicans have a plan to end Social Security in 5 years. How about you join us and expand Social Security benefits for people who need them in the midst of this pandemic, in the face of what is happening to our seniors.

The time to act is now. We don't need a double-secret probation study like they are advocating in the Senate. We need to do this out in public, with the people, demonstrating what we stand for.

Democrats stand for enhancing benefits and improving the quality of life of our seniors. You stand for cutting their benefits and ending Social Security in 5 years.

Mr. Speaker, we will have a Special Order on this topic later today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

#### KEEP KIDS FED ACT

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, summer is the hungriest time of year for over 11 million children currently facing food insecurity. That is 11 million children who rely on school meals as their only meal of the day.

The Federal waivers that provide free or reduced-price meals—especially during the prolonged school closures—are set to expire at the end of the month, leaving far too many students without a reliable food source.

Local schools are facing an uphill battle: Four-decade high inflation, skyrocketing costs of food, and supply chain disruptions have made for unique challenges in my district and across the country.

The Keep Kids Fed Act will transition schools—and the families served—back to paid school meal programs without increasing costs to taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor to the Keep Kids Fed Act, and I urge Congress to do its part and pass this important legislation.

#### MY BODY, MY DATA ACT

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

Ms. JACOBS of California. Mr. Speaker, right now, as we meet in this Chamber, the Supreme Court is releasing a new slate of opinions. And like millions of people across the country, I have been waiting with dread for what is coming. As we wait, we are texting, messaging our friends and loved ones, providing support, looking for more information, and it is all taking place on our devices. That is how we live in 2022.

I am determined to make sure that as we continue to fight for our rights, we do so with policies that reflect today's world. That is why I am proud to have introduced the My Body, My Data Act, new legislation to protect our personal reproductive health data. I am proud that Senator HIRONO and Senator WYDEN have introduced a companion bill in the Senate and that we have 43 cosponsors from across the ideological spectrum here in the House.

When the Supreme Court's draft decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* leaked, the decision that would undo decades of precedent and overturn the landmark opinion of *Roe v. Wade*, I immediately started hearing from friends and constituents, panicked that their reproductive health data could fall into the wrong hands, panicked that the personal information on their phones, on their computers could be used against them in a post-Roe world where abortion is criminalized and where laws, like the Texas bounty hunter law, give extremists a financial incentive to target vulnerable people.

Shortly after, experts started sounding the alarm that our personal repro-

ductive health data—from search engines to menstruation and pregnancy-tracking apps—would be used to target people if abortion is criminalized. Right now, there are no protections from that happening.

Mr. Speaker, as a young woman, reproductive healthcare is my healthcare. And like tens of millions of Americans, I have used apps to track my period. When the draft decision leaked, I knew we couldn't wait for the final opinion. We couldn't just wait for *Roe* to be overturned so I got to work, because it is unconscionable that our personal reproductive information could be sold to the highest bidder and weaponized against us—and especially against low-income people and people of color, who would be the most impacted if *Roe* is overturned.

To protect access, Congress must codify the right to an abortion, and I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Women's Health Protection Act. Alongside strong protections for abortion access, we need strong privacy protections. That is why I introduced the My Body, My Data Act. Our personal reproductive and sexual health information is our most sensitive and personal data, and it deserves the highest level of privacy protection that the government can provide.

I am proud to say that is what the My Body, My Data Act accomplishes. It is endorsed by Planned Parenthood, NARAL, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and many others. This bill restricts businesses and nongovernmental organizations from collecting, using, retaining, or disclosing reproductive health information beyond what is strictly necessary to provide a product or service.

The bill provides everyday people with the right to access or delete their personal reproductive health information, if they choose to, and it requires organizations to publish their privacy policies.

Importantly, the My Body, My Data Act includes strong enforcement mechanisms, including a private right of action that allows individuals to bring a lawsuit if their privacy is violated.

With 26 States likely or certain to ban abortion if *Roe* is overturned, this legislation is more urgent than ever. I am proud to lead this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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#### RED FLAG LAWS RIPE FOR ABUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. CAWTHORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, our Founders were clear. The Second Amendment was designed as the backbone upon which individual rights and liberties could be secured.

Efforts by the ruling class in our government are aimed at crippling this Nation and corroding our Republic.

It is true: Red flag laws sound benign on paper. Flagging dangerous individuals and keeping them from weaponry seems like a cut-and-dried issue, but a simple cursory glance at the actions of our overreaching Federal Government clearly shows that these laws are ripe for Federal abuse. They will abuse your rights and mine.

Make no mistake, red flag laws will be used to flag those who vote for freedom, strip them of their right to self-defense, and empower faceless bureaucrats to dole out or not to dole out the right of self-defense to a downtrodden and oppressed class of citizens.

They will be weaponized to demonize and destroy political dissidents in this country. If you raise your children to adhere to Proverbs instead of POTUS, you may be stripped of your gun rights. If you vote against the regime, you may be stripped of your gun rights. If you refuse the medical decisions pushed by the regime, you may be stripped of your gun rights.

To the American people, I say this: It is not a right if you have to ask permission to exercise it. We are very near to this government becoming the exact reason our Founders penned the Second Amendment, not to hunt deer but to defend against tyranny or invasion.

Red flag laws sound harmless on paper. We all want to keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous people, but remember who the government says that you are. The CDC has labeled you a national security problem for protecting your health. The FBI, last September, called your mothers and wives domestic terrorists for protecting your children. A House committee labeled half the country as coup-sympathetic just a few weeks ago.

The same faceless fact checkers who censor your speech will seize your sovereignty and come to your front door, and they won't be coming with a clipboard and a smile.

These liberal lackeys will show up before dawn, invade your home, seize your property, and smash any concept of individual liberty you may possess. Remember the actions the ruling elite took against those at Waco and Ruby Ridge.

We must wake up. We cannot trust this government, and we must not give them more legal avenues to persecute Americans that they took an oath to defend.

#### INVESTIGATE FIRES AT FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, what is next? You want our guns. You took our gas. Now, it seems that even the simple act of providing food is too difficult for this administration to accomplish.

Last week, according to The Washington Times, a fire ravaged a Festive Foods plant near Waupaca, Wisconsin. Earlier this month, at a JBS meatpacking plant near Green Bay, a fire caused nearly \$30,000 in damage. In April, fires destroyed the headquarters of Azure Standard, a distributor of or-

ganic food in Oregon; the Taylor Farms processing facility in Salinas, California; and an East Conway Beef & Pork butcher shop and slaughterhouse in Conway, New Hampshire.

At least 12 U.S. food processing facilities have burned down in the last 6 months. Does no one else believe that this is worth an investigation?

This comes as 37 million chickens have been killed on U.S. poultry farms this year due to the avian flu, the worst outbreak in recorded U.S. history, and the deaths of at least 2,000 cattle in Kansas during a heat wave this month.

These accidents are coming at a time of shortages across our Nation. Essentials such as fuel, semiconductors, and even baby formula have ceased being commodities and have become as rare as coherent speech from the White House.

The American people have every right to be skeptical and to demand answers about the incidents shutting down food facilities.

It begs the question: What exactly are they doing in the White House about this? Why has a seemingly unexplainable series of food industry accidents gone unreported by the media?

Mr. Speaker, does no one care that children are starving while you and your colleagues feast at Le Diplomate?

We survived the Great Depression because our supply chains were local and a large share of American households grew much of their own food. I hope we are all practicing hunting and gardening because I am afraid that we may need it soon.

#### CELEBRATING LIBERTY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I love this Nation, and I stand on the premise of the Declaration of Independence. Even though my ancestors did not benefit at the origins of this Nation, I am a patriot.

I remind my fellow colleagues of the Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Our Founding Fathers understood that this Nation would grow and would breathe life into these words and breathe life into democracy. The Constitution began with:

We the people of United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty.

This is a living document that ensures that we safeguard America and, particularly, that we safeguard its citizens and our children.

This Pride Month, I wish all of those who are in our wonderful community of

LGBTQ a wonderful existence and recognition of their individual liberty. I am so grateful that this Nation allows everyone to have a seat at the table.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their vigorous celebration of Juneteenth, which is legislation that I introduced and fought for, for over a decade. I am so amazed at the celebrations from east to west and north to south, understanding the ancestors of African descendants didn't get free in Texas until June 1865.

All of us, no matter our backgrounds, were having celebrations. Members, Republicans and Democrats, were joining in on the liberty of Juneteenth. That gives me hope as we move to discuss the response to H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act, and find ways for repair and restoration. It gives me hope.

As I mentioned, this Pride Month is about liberty and empowerment for all people. I stand here on the floor of the House with such excitement and exhilaration that I have standing on the foundation of this very book that covers the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. That is why it is so important to fight for democracy and to recognize the sovereignty of this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in fighting for the release of Brittney Griner, Paul Whelan, and many others who are held as hostages, and those who went to volunteer to fight for democracy in Ukraine who are now held.

I raise my voice for Brittney Griner today, a young woman born and raised in Houston, Texas, a graduate of Nimitz High School whose family in Houston is in desperate need for us to pay attention to the very vile way that she now is being held as a hostage in Russia.

I ask the Russian people and Mr. Putin to release these people, release them from this inappropriate detention, incarceration, and holding. Release them now.

Let us pray with the family. Release them now. Release Brittney Griner. Free Brittney Griner, a renowned WNBA player and Olympian, but just a plain human being, an American who has shown herself to love this country and to be such a wonderful, generous person who gives to others, as many have said.

Mr. Speaker, my colleague Congressman STANTON of Arizona, my colleague Congressman ALLRED, and I will be presenting a resolution that says: Free Brittney Griner now.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about how we honor our dear friend, who passed away in 2020, John Lewis.

I am reminded of his nonviolent tendencies, and he taught us well. In teaching us, we were here on the floor of the House to demand gun safety legislation some years ago. At one point, we just couldn't manage it and take it anymore. We sat on the House floor. I