

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

have pictures that I will cherish because it was nonviolent resistance.

Now, we have an opportunity to stand in the gap for the families in Uvalde, families in Buffalo and Tulsa, and pass real gun safety legislation. Join us and be what America is all about, taking care, creating a more perfect Union, Mr. Speaker, and passing gun safety legislation that I and the Judiciary Committee, Chairman NADLER, and other Members have really stood up for.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW E. MCLOGAN

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

Mr. MEIJER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize west Michigan's own Grand Valley State University Vice President Matthew E. McLogan, who for nearly 35 years has delivered unparalleled leadership and expertise to our region's academic communities.

Originally hired in 1987—I won't mention that that is the year before I was born—he is the longest serving executive officer in university history.

Prior to his time at GVSU, Matt was a fixture in broadcast news and served honorably as Michigan's former public service commissioner with a booming baritone voice that many of us recognize.

He took the exceptional skill set that he had built in these professions and brought it to Grand Valley State University. When Matt joined GVSU and became a Laker, the school's lone campus was home to just 8,000 students. As of 2022, the Laker community has grown threefold, boasting over 23,000 students across five locations. Their technological centers, libraries, and resources are the envy of competing universities at home in west Michigan and across the Nation.

Having served through the previous four of five university presidents, Matt facilitated and witnessed firsthand Grand Valley State University's historic expansion. For years, he has been essential to the success of Grand Valley's executive leadership, playing a crucial role in government and alumni relations and the school's marketing programs and as secretary to the board of trustees.

Matt maintains responsibility for some of the institution's memorable accomplishments: the university's presence on our famous Medical Mile in Grand Rapids, the school's unprecedented expansion, and game-changing additions requiring public support.

Matt is known widely throughout the community as one of west Michigan's best boosters and academic professionals.

It is largely thanks to the leadership and expertise of Vice President McLogan that GVSU is poised to continue unprecedented growth for years to come. Matt has brought great fortune to the Lakers, and there is no

doubt that the successes of his leadership have made a lasting impact on our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take this time to recognize his accomplishments. I applaud Matt for his decades of selfless leadership and service to the Grand Valley State University community. I can say with great certainty that his accomplishments will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENGA), my colleague and friend from the Second District.

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleague yielding. As we come to the floor to honor Matt, I know that Matt and his colleagues are watching right now.

My colleague was able to run through the litany of his career, but I will note that, in 1987, I was just graduating from high school when Matt was hired. He has had an incredible tenure.

I can tell you that throughout his career, Matt has put the staff and Grand Valley community at the center of it all, but most importantly, it was about the students for him. It was always about the students.

Whether it was him looking out for who would be the next leader for the student council and the student body president or who would be a great intern in an office like mine or many others, whether it be in Lansing or in Washington, D.C., Matt was always there for the students.

As was said, when he joined the university, it was a smaller college of 8,000 students literally in the middle of a cornfield, and it now is this juggernaut, powerhouse of a university in Michigan with five locations and 23,000 students. That is, in part, due to Matt's efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of knowing Matt personally for well over 25 years, and I, too, grew up listening to Matt on local television at first. I can tell you that his wisdom, his counsel, and his encouragement that he has to offer to friends, family, and colleagues is something that he is known for. I have never met anyone quite so positive as Matt when it comes to life.

In addition to his time at Grand Valley and his time on television, he served the State in lots of various ways, on committees and commissions.

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One very notable one was the Public Service Commission as he was there serving and trying to help lead the direction of the State through multiple administrations and various Governors.

I will tell you this though, Mr. Speaker, the thing that Matt is especially known for is his Michigan political trivia. Now, I can tell you that if you had been wondering who the Lieutenant Governor was in 1923, all you had to do was ask Matt. He would be able to tell you, and he is probably tell-

ing and saying the name right now to his colleagues as he is watching this.

So here is what I need to say today: Congratulations, Matt, and thank you. Jane is going to enjoy that time together with you. I know that you have got more coming. Even though you may not have quite figured it out, I know you are fighting to the very end for Grand Valley and for that budget period that is in Lansing right now.

But here is something that we all need to know: Matt is a Laker for life, and I thank him for his service.

PELL GRANT ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Federal Pell grant. Created in 1972, the Pell targets students with a demonstrated financial need. It helps cover the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and many, many other expenses.

Now, unlike loans which can burden low-income students, Pell grants do not need to be repaid. The Pell actually helps students focus on school rather than have them wondering about how to pay for it.

The Pell has benefited more than 80 million students in the past 50 years and is an absolute lifeline for students at colleges in my district on the central coast of California. Currently, there are close to 16,000 students receiving \$68 million in Pell grants to pursue their higher education goals at our local colleges and universities.

Now, clearly, support for the Pell is widespread and bipartisan. I am proud to say that we here in Congress actually increased the Pell by \$400 for 2022. That is the largest increase, Mr. Speaker, to the Pell in 10 years, but I think you would agree with me that this is not enough. As we celebrate this anniversary, Mr. Speaker, the Pell now only covers less than one-third of average attendance costs. So we must do everything we can to strengthen the Pell. I believe we can do that by doubling the Pell.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that that happens and ensure that students, regardless of need, can afford college and attain a brighter future.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTTUMWA'S COLLINS CLINGMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Ottumwa's Collins Clingman.

Collins recently won gold in the men's 100-meter walk and the bronze in the 50-meter run while representing