

16 percent, rent almost 7 percent, and transportation has soared 11 percent.

Republicans warned that burning through billions of dollars in order to expand the IRS by 87,000 new agents, advance Green New Deal initiatives, and deliver crushing tax hikes would only plunge our economy into deeper turmoil—worsening inflation and contributing to our ballooning national debt.

Yet, Speaker PELOSI, Senate Leader SCHUMER, and President Biden steamrolled ahead anyway—selfishly advancing their Big Government Socialist agenda that costs the American people over 1 month's pay every year. Yes, Americans are now losing a month's pay every year because of Biden inflation.

Enough is enough. Americans simply cannot afford the cost of one-party Democrat rule in Washington any longer. We must prioritize financial security and fiscal responsibility over runaway spending and reckless monetary policies in order to provide American workers, families, and small businesses, the economic relief they desperately need.

BORDER CRISIS

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the raging crisis that continues to plague our southern border.

Since President Biden stepped foot into the Oval Office, his failed policies and radical open border agenda have provoked an unprecedented illegal alien invasion at our southern border.

While Vice President KAMALA HARRIS, our so-called "Border Czar," comically claims that the southern border is secure, the American people know good and well that this is a blatant falsehood. But unlike our delusional Border Czar, the numbers don't lie.

Nearly 5 million illegal aliens have crossed the southern border since Biden and HARRIS took office. To make matters worse, 66 individuals on the Terrorist Screening Database have been stopped trying to illegally enter our country—this is more than double the last 5 years combined—double the last 5 years combined.

Furthermore, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has seized enough fentanyl in this fiscal year alone to kill almost 2.4 billion people—over seven times the U.S. population.

The southern border is, in fact, not secure, and the Biden administration knows it. After all, chaotic open borders have always been their plan. Unless the Biden administration abandons this sinister scheme, communities across the country will only continue to be ravaged by deadly drugs and border lawlessness.

It is simple: Americans deserve border security, not an administration actively manufacturing mayhem, advocating for mass amnesty, and emboldening dangerous cartels.

President Biden must immediately about-face on his open border agenda, commit to securing our southern bor-

der, and finally put American people first.

USDA LETTER

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly oppose the Department of Agriculture's poultry line speed waiver rule.

Back in July, over 50 chicken plants that currently participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's waiver program received a notification from the Department stating that within 1 month these plants must participate in a third-party study in order to retain their line speed waivers.

In addition to granting a third-party group unlimited and unannounced access to poultry plants, the study also requires these plants to submit heaps of data and burdensome paperwork. Failure to participate in this study results in chicken plants slowing production by 25 percent, creating supply chain mayhem in the industry, and undeniably posing a serious threat to food availability.

The Biden administration's line speed waiver rule forces an ultimatum on poultry plants, burdening both consumers and workers already battling supply chain disruptions and hyperinflation, for the sake of a vague, intrusive, and unnecessary third-party study on worker safety.

Since I represent and serve the "Poultry Capital of the World," Gainesville, Georgia, I proudly led 34 of my colleagues in sending a letter to USDA Secretary Vilsack expressing grave concerns about the third-party study and urging the delay in the mandate.

Given the adverse effects this rule imposes on the industry and poultry production, Secretary Vilsack must immediately provide substantive answers to Congress about why this rule must be put in place.

Madam Speaker, I am fully committed to conducting proper congressional oversight into the USDA's line speed waiver so that we can continue to run at full capacity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

300 DAYS SINCE WE SIGNED THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today as this week marks 300 days since we signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law.

But we didn't stop there, we have accomplished so much more in the last 100 days.

For years, Washington has been all talk, no action when it comes to infrastructure. Congress after Congress, President after President, all promised to finally tackle our Nation's crumbling infrastructure. This Congress fi-

nally delivered—and delivered with bipartisan support.

It was truly a historic moment, but in the 300 days since it was signed into law—on this very floor, amidst all of the noise and divisiveness—this Congress has continued to make history.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the most significant gun violence legislation in nearly 30 years. Now law.

The PACT Act, to provide generations of veterans and their families the care and benefits they have earned and deserve. Now law.

The CHIPS and Science Act, which will allow us to compete with China, boost our supply chains and American innovation, and bring jobs back to America. Now law.

The Inflation Reduction Act, the biggest step our country has taken to tackle climate change, while also delivering lower prices for prescription drugs and expanded access to affordable healthcare. This, too, is now law.

Nevada was ground zero for the economic devastation of this pandemic. Nevada was also ground zero for the most urgent effects of climate change, but Nevada also stands to gain the most from the Inflation Reduction Act. A record 14.5 million people—and more than 100,000 Nevadans—have signed up for coverage through the ACA marketplaces. Now, that coverage will be even more affordable with the expanded tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act.

Medicare can finally negotiate lower drug prices, which means savings for our seniors and every single taxpayer. Not only that, the Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket costs for part D drugs and insulin for seniors and individuals with disabilities on Medicare.

All of this means better, more accessible healthcare, and more money in Nevadans' pockets. I am also incredibly proud that this bill will tackle our climate crisis and stand up for Nevada's future. The West is facing the worst drought in 12 centuries. In my district, the dire situation at Lake Mead is making headlines all over the world.

This bill will help mitigate the harmful effects of our drought by funding environmental restoration projects and investing in conservation projects to increase water levels in the Colorado River.

It is going to take all of us to fight the climate crisis. This bill supports Nevadans on the ground in their effort to save energy and save money all along the way.

Do you need to replace a stove or a refrigerator? Do you need to install solar panels or perhaps buy an electric vehicle? This bill will help you with direct rebates to buy more energy-efficient options.

Overall, Nevadan families that take advantage of the clean energy tax credits could save more than \$20,000 in a single year. All of this is fully paid for by cuts to our deficit by \$300 billion, by finally making the ultra-wealthy and big corporations finally begin to pay their fair share. Let me be clear, not

one person earning less than \$400,000 a year will pay a penny more in Federal taxes.

Madam Speaker, a lot can happen just in 300 days—from infrastructure to gun violence prevention to helping our veterans and building a stronger American economy. The Inflation Reduction Act is perhaps the biggest achievement of this Congress, and House Democrats delivered it alone.

Not one Republican voted to lower the cost of prescription drugs and insulin. Not one Republican voted to lower healthcare costs. Not one Republican voted for a fairer tax system.

Not one Republican voted to put people over their politics. The fight continues, and House Democrats will do everything in our power to deliver the results and put the American people first.

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NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize Carolina Padilla and the Intercultural Senior Center in my district.

Historically, National Hispanic Heritage Month has been a way to appreciate the contributions and influence Hispanic Americans have made to our history, culture, and achievements of the United States. I can think of no better way to recognize the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our district than by recognizing Carolina and the Intercultural Senior Center, which provides language interpretation, cultural insight, community events, as well as social workers, to better connect community members with outside resources.

Carolina, who was born in Guatemala City, immigrated to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1993 with her husband and three children. She then started her career in the United States by spending 12 years working for One World Community Health Center, a nonprofit primary healthcare facility. During her time at One World, she worked in a variety of health departments in both administrative and leadership positions.

Additionally, she worked for Catholic Charities, where she was the director of their Latina Resource Center. In this role, she worked to develop social service programs for women in need of assistance with English as their second language, as well as women facing issues of domestic violence.

During this time, Carolina realized that one segment of the population, the Latino elders, were largely overlooked and underserved. Inspired by her aging family in Guatemala and her need to serve others within her own community, Carolina founded the Intercultural Senior Center in 2009 in

the Latino neighborhood of South Omaha. The Intercultural Senior Center, however, has extended much farther than the Latino community as it now welcomes refugee communities, including Sudan, Somalia, Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Burma, as well as native English speakers.

Today, the Intercultural Senior Center is a unique place where seniors find enrichment and belonging, regardless of language, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, and any other differences that too often create separation and isolation.

As Omaha's population ages and becomes more diverse, Ms. Padilla's mission and the Intercultural Senior Center will continue to embrace the elderly and bring awareness to the community about the aging population.

Congratulations again to Carolina Padilla and the Intercultural Senior Center on this amazing work you are doing within the Omaha community.

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to recognize women who have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer who have either survived or, unfortunately, lost their hard-fought battle. A rare but deadly disease, only about 19,880 women will receive a new diagnosis this year; but this past March, our communications director, Danielle Jensen was one of them.

The deadliest of the reproductive cancers, only 20 percent are diagnosed early in stages I or II, with a 5-year survival rate of over 93 percent. Unfortunately, the majority of cases are diagnosed in stages III or IV, and the survival rate can be as low as 30 percent.

The risk of a woman getting ovarian cancer is about 1 in 78 in her lifetime, and it is estimated that 12,810 women will lose their lives to ovarian cancer this year. Fortunately, Danielle was diagnosed at stage II and has recently completed chemotherapy.

There are several factors that can increase the risk of ovarian cancer. Age is the biggest one. Half of all ovarian cancers are found in women 63 years of age and older. Another is if a woman has never carried a pregnancy to full term or had a child after the age of 35. Hormone replacement therapy, a family history of ovarian, breast, or colorectal cancer, or a personal history of breast cancer are also risk factors.

There is no reliable screening or diagnostic test for ovarian cancer, so it is important to know the signs and symptoms, which includes back pain, bloating, frequent urination, feeling full quickly after eating, fatigue, upset stomach, heartburn, or constipation, pelvic or abdominal pain, or changes in the menstrual cycle. While these symptoms are most likely not signs of cancer, they should be of concern if they don't go away after two weeks following normal interventions such as changing diet and exercise. It is because of this that ovarian cancer is often referred to as the silent killer.

There are different treatments for ovarian cancer. Danielle had surgery and she went through six cycles of chemotherapy to kill any cancer cells that may have been left. Some women will also undergo radiation to treat it.

Finally, we are just thankful that Danielle was diagnosed early when she was and is on the path of being a survivor.

REMEMBERING THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOWMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, the remnants of Hurricane Ida came through my district, resulting in catastrophic damage to our New York-16 community. This hurricane originated in the Gulf Coast and arrived in New York several days later, still so strong and dangerous that it led to the tragic death of several neighbors.

Among those killed were Fran and Ken Bailie, who were professors at Iona College. I stand here today in their memory, and in community with families, friends, and neighbors who lost loved ones.

Hurricane Ida brought historic levels of flooding to New York-16. The evening the storm hit was scary and chaotic. We were not collectively prepared for the amount of rain we received, and people watched with shock as their homes and neighborhoods flooded. At times in the night we got tornado warnings, followed by flood warnings, and then followed by more tornado warnings. This is not an area of the country that is used to these sorts of hurricanes, and I remember feeling terrified and confused as we all tried to stay safe.

In the days that followed, instead of a joyful return to New Rochelle High School for its students, students found themselves with a destroyed, completely destroyed library. Congregants in Bronxville were left with a flooded synagogue during Rosh Hashanah. The First Baptist Church in Mamaroneck was destroyed, and congregants are still picking up the pieces.

I visited constituents' homes and small businesses in Yonkers, Mamaroneck, Mount Vernon, Rye, and Pelham, and the sense of despair was palpable. People could not even travel to check in with loved ones because the Sawmill, Bronx River Parkway, Hutch, Sprain Brook, and Cross County Expressway were deep underwater.

Our immigrant neighbors in Mamaroneck had to reckon with the damage to their community resource center, and the Rye YMCA was left completely destroyed.

For thousands of neighbors, Hurricane Ida fundamentally changed their financial well-being and housing stability. The recovery process and trauma from that storm continues today.

In the days following, our community showed an incredible amount of