

amount of SNAP benefits for qualifying families and, the market basket costs in the 2021 TFP apply broadly to the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Finally, the 2021 TFP substantially impacts the rights of non-agency parties because it has an effect on qualifying families by granting increased benefit allotments designed for them to obtain a more nutritious diet.

USDA contends the 2021 TFP meets the good cause exception under the CRA, and, therefore, USDA was not required to follow the CRA's submission requirements. Response Letter, at 7-8. In its response USDA stated that good cause existed to issue the 2021 TFP with an effective date in August 2021. *Id.* at 8. USDA further stated that this excepted it from carrying out formal CRA notice before the effective date. *Id.* While CRA does not provide an emergency exception from its procedural requirements to submit rules for congressional review, CRA and APA address an agency's need to take emergency action without delay. Agencies can waive the required delay in effective date requirement when an agency for "good cause" finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons in the rule issued) that notice and public procedure are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 5 U.S.C §§553(b), 808(2). Therefore, an agency can provide for a rule to take effect immediately while still complying with the agency's statutory obligation to submit the rule to Congress for review. Asserting a good cause exception does not serve to waive the CRA's submission requirements all together. Notably, the 2021 TFP did not incorporate a finding or statement of the reasons why there is good cause for an exception to the CRA's procedural rules to submit the 2021 TFP for congressional review, nor did the 2021 TFP include an immediate effective date. Therefore, USDA did not properly apply the good cause exception.

Thus, we conclude that none of the three exceptions that would exclude the rule from CRA coverage, or the good cause exception apply, and the 2021 TFP is subject to the submission requirement of CRA.

#### CONCLUSION

The 2021 TFP is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the APA definition of a rule and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, even if exempt from the APA notice-and-comment requirements, the 2021 TFP is subject to the CRA requirement that it be submitted to Congress before it can take effect.

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#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES BOLLICH

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, James Bollich was born on April 15, 1921, in Mowata, LA. As a young man, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and participated in Louisiana maneuvers in 1941.

In 1942, he was deployed to the Philippines, and 18 days after his arrival, Congress voted to enter World War II. Mr. Bollich served as an infantryman on the island of Luzon and fought valiantly during the Battle of Bataan. He was captured by Imperial Japanese forces and was forced to endure the Bataan Death March. Mr. Bollich later spent more than 3 years as a prisoner of war in Mukden, Manchuria. On August 15, 1945, his 24th birthday, Mr. Bollich and his fellow survivors were freed by the Russian Army.

After the war, Mr. Bollich transitioned into civilian life, and attended college at the University of Southwest Louisiana. He and his wife Celia raised their family in Lafayette, LA, and worked as an exploration geologist until his retirement in 1986. He was the author of several books including "A Soldier's Story," where he detailed his time as a serviceman and a prisoner of war.

Mr. Bollich received many commendations during his military service including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star medal, Prisoner of War medal, WWII Victory medal, Presidential Unit citation with two oakleaf clusters, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific medal with 2 bronze stars, Army Good Conduct medal, American Defense medal with one bronze star, Philippine Presidents badge, Philippine Defense medal, Philippine Liberation medal, and the Philippine Independence medal.

In one of our Nation's darkest times, James Bollich answered the call and served this country with esteem and dignity. Mr. Bollich was an American hero and should be honored as such.

#### TRIBUTE TO DREW TROJANOWSKI

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the service and career of Mr. Drew Trojanowski, an Army veteran of Phoenix, AZ. He, with honor and courage, has dedicated his life to service to our great Nation and continues to work to ensure veterans are connected with their communities and needed resources.

Drew had many accomplishments while serving in the U.S. Army from 2006 to 2015. He was a sniper, achieved the rank of staff sergeant, and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to support the Global War on Terrorism. He also served as a combat adviser to foreign militaries while coaching them on operations, tactics, intelligence, and civil affairs. Drew concluded his military career serving in the Arizona Army National Guard, where he aided in developing long-range plans for the Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force.

In 2015, while searching for a way to continue service after returning from Afghanistan, Drew became active in the veteran space and the Mesa Chamber of Commerce. After identifying a void between the business and veteran communities, he established the Mesa Veterans Program and Mesa Industry and Defense Council. This consortium has grown to more than 70 aerospace and defense companies.

In 2016, Mr. Trojanowski started working with U.S. Senator John McCain as a military and veteran advocate. As an advocate, he traveled throughout Arizona, learning about veterans and their service and the challenges they face post-service. He was also the primary contact for Department of Defense installations, personnel, and industry throughout Arizona.

In December 2016, Senator McCain asked Mr. Trojanowski to be his military legislative assistant and senior policy adviser. In that role, he was at the forefront of advocating for reform, resources, funding, and benefits that our military and veterans earned and deserve.

During his time with Senator McCain, Mr. Trojanowski helped author and champion the passage of significant legislation impacting American servicemembers, their families, and veterans. Drew worked on the VA MISSION Act, numerous National Defense Authorization Acts, the VA Appeals Modernization Act, the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act—also known as the Forever G.I. Bill—and the Veteran Overmedication and Prevention Act. These bipartisan bills, all of which were signed into law, serve as examples of Drew's dedication and leadership in the military and veteran community.

In 2018, Mr. Trojanowski joined the White House as a Presidential Commissioned Officer and Special Assistant to the President on the Domestic Policy Council. In this role, he oversaw the Departments of Veteran Affairs, Defense, NASA, and Labor. During his tenure, Mr. Trojanowski was the policy lead on three Executive orders and 56 regulations, including the implementation of the MISSION Act that strengthened the nationwide VA healthcare system by empowering veterans with more healthcare options and the PREVENTS initiative, a national strategy for preventing veteran suicide.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Drew Trojanowski's outstanding military service and continued service to our military, veterans, and their families. As Mr. Trojanowski begins a new chapter, I do not doubt that he will continue to be a voice for all those who serve.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE EL DORADO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize and congratulate the El Dorado Historic District Commission on being named the 2022 Commission of the Year by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

Described as an oil "boom-town" of the 1920s, the city of El Dorado is a community transformed by historic preservation. The El Dorado Historic District Commission, established in 1984, works to protect, enhance and improve districts of distinctive character, historic interest, and value to promote the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the city.

In 2020, the city of El Dorado and its Historic District Commission released a citywide historic preservation plan drafted by the Lakota Group, an Illinois-based urban planning and design

firm. Upon working with the community of El Dorado and seeing the commission's efforts to preserve the city's history and heritage, the Lakota Group nominated the city's commission for the Commission of the Year award.

The commission received the award in July 2022, recognizing its outstanding achievement, hard work, and diligence in preserving this historic city in south Arkansas.

I congratulate the El Dorado Historic District Commission on this notable award, and I am excited to see how it continues working to preserve the neighborhoods, businesses, landmarks, and other establishments that embody the rich history of the community.●

#### RECOGNIZING LARRY'S MINI MART

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Larry's Mini Mart of Whitley City, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

When Larry Sumner founded Larry's Somerset Oil in 1973, he had no idea it would grow into the family business that it is today. Larry got his start in business when he opened his service station in Whitley City. It was there in McCreary County that Larry's children watched their father run a business that bolstered their home-town community. As the Sumner children grew older, they learned firsthand what it meant to devote one's energy to their customers, so it was only natural that they inherited their father's entrepreneurial nature. Thus, Larry Sumner's business continues operating today in the exact location he moved to in 1976, with the Sumner children at the helm of operations.

Today Larry's Mini Mart, as it is now called, is Whitley City's one stop shop for full-service gas, kerosene, and diesel. Unlike the days of old, most people nowadays pump their own gas and rarely interact with the folks working at their local gas stations. That is not the case for Larry's Mini Mart, as they carry on the tradition of pumping gas for their customers, always doing it with a smile. Larry's is also the local stop where folks can drop in to pick up cold drinks, snacks, ice, and anything else they might need whether in a hurry or just for an afternoon excursion. Larry's Mini Mart even goes beyond what a typical service station offers by renting out their extra storage space to their loyal customers.

When the late Larry Sumner first opened his business back in the 1970's, he wanted to create a place that was more than the average filling station. He understood that offering quality service and a wide variety of conveniences would make his store a success, but his dream went beyond those of profits. Larry Sumner's goal was to

create a place that would foster community within the town of Whitley City.

When Larry Sumner's son Mark and daughter Marlo took over the business in 1998 following their father's death, they stayed true to his mission. Today, as it has always been, Larry's Mini Mart is a place where locals can come to catch up on the latest news in the county, whether that news travels through the local paper or word-of-mouth. As is often the case with small towns, sometimes it takes a trip down to Larry's just to hear about the goings-on about town, and the late Larry Sumner would not have it any other way.

Larry's has often been recognized for the quality service they provide to their community. Most recently in 2020, Larry's Mini Mart received McCreary County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month. They have also won McCreary County Business of the Year numerous times due to the charitable spirit of the owners and staff. Throughout their years of operation, Larry's Mini Mart has supported local school systems and all their various sporting activities. Larry's has become a well-known for hosting car wash fundraisers for various causes within their community. Larry's Mini Mart has also contributed to the Banquet of Blessings, a McCreary County tradition that provides a free Christmas meal to anyone in need. Larry's has also contributed to the local chapter of Relay for Life, a cancer awareness nonprofit. Moreover, the public library, the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the McCreary County Chamber of Commerce, right down to the McCreary County Little League baseball team, have all seen support from the fine folks at Larry's Mini Mart.

Larry's Mini Mart is known not only for their quality service and charitable spirit, but they also maintain their reputation for being a fantastic place to work. Currently, Mark Sumner and his wife Stephanie operate Larry's with the help of their daughter Taylor and their son Tyler. This family affair fosters a friendly environment, so much so that two of Larry's Mini Mart employees have worked for the business for over 40 years. That type of longevity clearly shows that Larry's is not your average service station. Larry's Mini Mart is a community institution that goes above and beyond to support their friends and neighbors, whether it be during or outside of their regular business hours. Congratulations to the Sumner family and entire team at Larry's Mini Mart. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHLOE GRACE CRISSMAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Chloe Grace Crissman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for

all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Chloe is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, where she is pursuing degrees in French and political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Chloe for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH HJELM

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Elizabeth Hjelm, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Viborg-Hurley High School in Viborg, SD. Currently, she is attending Wayne State College in Wayne, NE, where she is pursuing a degree in communications studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Elizabeth for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BAILEY LAMB

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Bailey Lamb, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Bailey is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, having earned a degree in global studies. Currently, she is attending Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service in Washington, DC, where she is pursuing her master's in German and European studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bailey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARGARET MEIERHENRY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Margaret Meierhenry, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Margaret is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where she is pursuing degrees in political science and musical arts. She is a