

ban gas stoves, but the facts simply are not on their side.

DOE cannot ban gas stoves. DOE is simply proceeding with a Congressionally mandated efficiency standard.

The proposed efficiency standard will save Americans money through lower energy bills while cutting harmful indoor air pollution that disproportionately impacts children's health.

DOE's proposed rule is one of their statutorily required standards—and it follows years of inaction and missed statutorily mandated standards deadlines by the Trump Administration.

In the Fall of 2020, multiple organizations and states filed lawsuits asserting Trump's DOE was in violation of deadlines for the review of 25 of its energy conservation standards.

This Republican bill doubles down on that legacy by obstructing DOE from doing what Congress and a court settlement have required it to do.

Republicans' fearmongering over gas stoves is nothing more than a cheap political stunt designed to scare consumers and protect their fossil fuel friends.

H.R. 1640 prioritizes profits for Big Oil and Gas over the health and economic well-being of everyday Americans.

Efficiency standards save Americans money, while the Republicans' bill will only increase energy costs for Americans and pad the pockets of their fossil fuel friends.

Republicans' scare tactics include pushing a false narrative about how "96 percent of gas stoves on the market don't meet the proposed standard."

This is simply not true.

This deliberate fearmongering is the result of Republicans purposefully misrepresenting DOE data to serve their own political goals.

The statistic Republicans are referencing comes from a DOE test of high-end models that they anticipated would not meet the standard. The test, by design, was not representative of the entire market.

The truth is, nearly half of products on the market today are already in compliance with the proposed rule, including all entry level models.

In a testament to just how far Republicans are willing to go to prop up their polluter friends, H.R. 1640 goes beyond an amendment offered by Rep. PALMER (R-AL) that was added to H.R. 1 by significantly limiting future DOE rulemaking.

This bill does not include a sunset clause—it could forever limit DOE from taking substantive action to improve the energy efficiency of Americans' cooktops.

While the Palmer Amendment would prevent DOE from moving forward with one standard related to cooktop efficiency, H.R. 1640 goes even further by amending the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to restrict DOE from taking similar action in the future.

This bill sets a bad precedent that polluters could seek to exploit.

DOE is already prohibited from banning products based on their fuel source, but H.R. 1640 adds yet another hurdle: it requires DOE to prove that a conservation standard is not likely to result in the unavailability of a product based on the fuel it consumes.

This added condition could significantly weaken and slow down DOE's ability to issue future energy conservation standards.

DOE's proposed energy efficiency standard for gas and electric stoves is smart, common-sense policy that would cut pollution, improve Americans' health, and lower energy bills. And it can be achieved using readily available design changes.

DOE's commonsense proposal will benefit Americans' health and pocketbooks.

DOE estimates the proposal will: Save consumers as much as \$1.71 billion and slash nearly 22 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and 245 thousand tons of methane.

These benefits would come without imposing any undue burdens on manufacturers.

DOE's proposed rule gives manufacturers three years after the date of the rule's publication to comply.

Nearly half of products on the market today are already in compliance with the proposed rule, and there are readily available design changes available for those that don't.

Energy efficiency standards are popular: three out of five Americans support stricter energy efficiency standards for appliances and buildings.

It is time we stop the negativity and counter-productive efforts that are ripping apart our country, and to instead focus on coming together to work towards sensible and effective solutions that can work for the betterment and growth of our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an illness, I was unable to attend votes on June 14, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 257; YEA on Roll Call No. 258; NAY on Roll Call No. 259; NAY on Roll Call No. 260; NAY on Roll Call No. 261; YEA on Roll Call No. 262; YEA on Roll Call No. 263; NAY on Roll Call No. 264; YEA on Roll Call No. 265; NAY on Roll Call No. 266; NAY on Roll Call No. 267; YEA on Roll Call No. 268; and NAY on Roll Call No. 269.

#### RECOGNIZING BRIAN KEITH

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Battalion Chief Brian Keith for his 24 years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Battalion Chief Keith began his career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1999. Over the past 24 years, he has served in numerous roles and has remained steadfast in his commitment to service and keeping our communities safe. Battalion Chief Keith has been recognized many times over the course of his career in Dearborn for his exemplary record, including lifesaving, valor and for his military service. He has also been awarded the esteemed John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation in 2019.

Please join me in recognizing Battalion Chief Brian Keith for his 24 years of out-

standing service to the people of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well in his retirement.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JOE BARRON

### HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joe Barron on his retirement from Kennywood, an amusement park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, where he worked for over 50 years.

In 1972, Mr. Barron began working in the games department at Kennywood at 16 years old. Two years later, Joe met a new hire, Peggy, while staffing a Skee-Ball machine. She would later become his wife.

Joe's distinguished career at Kennywood included rising to Human Resources Director in the personnel department and serving as Human Resources Chairman of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions for years.

For 51 years, nearly every employee hired at Kennywood has had the pleasure of working alongside Mr. Barron, including his own children—and me as a teenager. As the years and management changed, Joe remained a staple at the park, driving to preserve the park's status and cultural significance to the greater Pittsburgh area. His deep respect and interest in the lives of the park's staff undoubtedly fostered the family-friendly atmosphere experienced by his colleagues and all who visit the park. Kennywood will sorely miss Joe's leadership and kind-spiritedness.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Barron's innumerable contributions to the success of Kennywood and its staff are an inspiring example of the rewards of hard work, dedication to one's profession, and service to others. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Barron on his retirement and wish him continued success in the next chapter of his life.

#### RECOGNIZING U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR SAULT SAINTE MARIE

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 15, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Captain Anthony R. Jones and Captain James R. Bendle of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie. Captain Jones will be relieved by Captain Bendle on Friday, June 23, at their Change of Command Ceremony. Since beginning his time as Sector Commander of USCG Sector Sault Sainte Marie in July of 2020, Captain Jones has overseen and protected over 1,850 miles of shoreline and 560 miles of border between the United States and Canada. His expertise and exceptional work over the past few years have allowed the station to navigate everchanging weather, obstacles, and needs from the public—and for that I am grateful.

Leading more than 750 active duty, reserve, civilian, and supplemental personnel, Captain

Jones and his colleagues have cultivated a truly strong and capable team in Michigan's First District, one that performs lifesaving services across Northern Michigan and the Midwest. Captain Jones's time as Sector Commander has certainly brought with it times of great stress and gravity, but his spirit and determination to serve our nation's citizens has remained unbroken.

His successor, Captain Bendle, will soon be assuming his position and taking responsibility for the Sector's personnel, as well as their 23 watercrafts distributed across their seven stations. The various challenges that he will face will certainly be a little easier to overcome, thanks to the example of Captain Jones.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Captain Anthony R. Jones for his exceptional

work as Sector Commander of USCG Sector Sault Sainte Marie and Captain James R. Bendle for being selected to replace him during their Change of Command Ceremony being held on June 23, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Captain Jones, Captain Bendle, and their families, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.