

Yuengling has a rich history and has survived through Civil War, two world wars, Prohibition, the Great Depression, and recessions. In the words of its owner Dick Yuengling, a friend of mine, "The brewery is a survivor."

Just recently, I met with the sixth generation Jen Yuengling, who gave a great speech on the history of Yuengling at Bucknell University, the open discourse forum. Her passion for the brand will stand the test of time.

Today, let's raise a pint to the Yuengling family and to the best American brewery and beer there is made in America. Cheers.

SUPPORTING THE PROBLEM SOLVERS CAUCUS

(Mr. NICKEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, we need to raise the debt ceiling and we need to do it soon. I rise today in support of the bipartisan debt ceiling framework unveiled today by the Problem Solvers Caucus.

In such a closely divided Congress, the only real solutions are bipartisan solutions that can get 218 votes in the House, 60 votes in the Senate, and on to the President's desk.

This framework proposes reasonable and responsible steps to ensure that we won't default on our debt while also ensuring that Congress takes short-term and long-term steps to address spending and balance the budget.

I came to Washington to get things done, and I am firmly committed to working with the Problem Solvers Caucus and my colleagues across the aisle to find solutions for the most pressing issues facing our Nation.

I am proud to support this bipartisan framework, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support it.

PROVIDING FOREST LANDOWNERS SOME FINANCIAL RECOVERY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in full support of the bipartisan and bicameral H.R. 655, known as the Disaster Reforestation Act. Specifically, this bill would eliminate the "basis limitation rule" allowing landowners who farm trees with the intent of sale to deduct the value of their timber loss from a natural disaster, providing forest landowners financial recovery after a catastrophic event.

There is currently no Federal program that allows timber farmers to recoup the loss of their timber, leaving them with no way to economically recover after a natural disaster.

Private forests in the U.S. are vital to rural economies, strong domestic wood supply, and as a natural climate solution. Our Nation's private forests

act as our largest carbon sinks and are essential to providing clean air and water.

Fixing this casualty loss issue would provide an immediate and permanent solution for forest landowners to keep their forests working, a vital part of rural economies.

Again, this is a bipartisan and bicameral bill, and I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 655, the Disaster Reforestation Act.

ABORTION CARE IS UNDER ATTACK

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the American people know that their right to abortion care is under attack.

As I speak right now, across the street, the Supreme Court of the United States is getting ready to rule on whether or not to keep a ban on restrictions on an abortion pill that has been around for decades and has safely helped millions when they needed it the most.

In my home State of Florida, our wanna-be-President of a Governor signed a 6-week abortion ban into law that effectively means that people who have been raped, who are the victims of incest, and who are experiencing life-threatening pregnancies are going to be denied the care that they need and will be forced to give birth.

It is barbaric and disgusting. That isn't liberty. That isn't freedom. Being able to make a decision about your future and your body, that is freedom. Having control over your own reproductive care, that is freedom. Having a choice, that is freedom. That is what we need to fight for: freedom and liberty for all of our people, not ripping away one of their most sacred human rights.

UNCOVERING THE ORIGINS OF THE CORONAVIRUS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, during a House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic hearing yesterday, former Director of National Intelligence Ratcliffe testified that a lab leak is the only explanation credibly supported by our intelligence, by science, and by common sense.

On Monday morning, a new Senate report concluded there were two leaks from the Wuhan lab in 2019 and this Nation had funded gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

At the same Tuesday hearing, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Feith revealed that the State Department tried hiding evidence of

U.S. funded gain-of-function research, arguing it could open a Pandora's box.

In other words, they concluded it would be easier to lie, therefore, endanger the American people and the world because telling the truth would expose a lot of difficult questions.

These revelations are further proof of what many Americans already know to be true: Dr. Anthony Fauci misled the public continuously during the pandemic about the origins of this virus and the risk of gain-of-function research.

People in our own government aided this for various reasons, selfishly wanting to defraud and endanger the public while they pursued their own goals. Director Ratcliffe's and Mr. Feith's testimony, as well as the Senate report, should disturb every lawmaker in this Chamber.

RESTORE PRUDENT BANKING AND CONFIDENCE TO OUR NATION'S BANKING SYSTEM

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Return to Prudent Banking Act to restore prudent banking and confidence to our Nation's banking system.

This bill would reinstate essential provisions of legislation born from the ashes of the Great Depression: The Glass-Steagall Act, also known as the Banking Act of 1933.

Carelessly, in 1999, Congress repealed the Glass-Steagall Act, and you can see the growing concentration of banks just in this country. Three banks control a third of the money in this country. What has really been happening is, the repeal of that act opened the floodgates for speculation, for speculators on Wall Street and other places to empty out the worth of Americans' life savings.

By 2008, investment firms had gambled it all away in their version of the Wall Street casino. Their greed cost hardworking Americans their homes, their savings, their jobs. Speculation plunged our Nation into a deep recession.

Now, here we go again watching bank runs—SVB over in California, Signature over on the East Coast in New York—bank runs, failures, massive buyouts, cryptocurrency schemes, and rampant speculation and high-risk Chinese tech companies.

Wake up, America. Let's restore prudent banking. Let's pass the Glass-Steagall Act.

Mr. Speaker, we need to corral the raging bulls who cloak their unbridled speculation under the cover of prudent banking.

DEMOCRATS MUST UPLIFT AND PROTECT TRANS KIDS

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Republicans are bringing a bill to the floor that seeks to ban trans women and girls from participating in women's sports. This bill is morally wrong, it is cruel, and it is discriminatory.

President Biden has already promised to veto it, but when the United States House of Representatives passes a bill, it sends a message. If you are a trans kid right now, the message coming from our government is that you don't belong.

This leads to bullying, isolation, depression, and even suicide. I want to speak to the trans kids in America today. I want to say you belong in the American family. We are proud of you. Democrats must not be quiet. We must speak clearly to uplift and protect trans kids. We must recognize that a harm to trans kids threatens a harm to everyone, and we must embrace our diversity as a unique American strength that has the ability to unite us.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this cruel discriminatory bill tomorrow.

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ONE STEP CLOSER TO UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND THE AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Ohio). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I am convening a Special Order hour for the Congressional Progressive Caucus, where we are focused on our shared commitment and shared urgency to make comprehensive immigration reform and universal healthcare our reality. We are one step closer to doing so for DACA recipients, or Dreamers, who have been waiting and are still waiting for us to make good on our long-overdue commitment to a pathway to citizenship for them.

Healthcare is a human right, full stop. I know saying healthcare is a human right can feel more like a slogan or a hashtag than a call to action that anyone will actually do something about. I have certainly felt that myself and felt frustrated by the simplicity of that call to action contrasted with a deflating lack of change.

Some people think it is too lofty and that we should start smaller. What

does it mean, though, to start smaller? When it comes to healthcare, that means dividing people into who is worthy of healthcare and who is not.

I will take a quick moment to thank everyone who doesn't give in and doesn't give up on envisioning a better world that has more than enough resources for all of us because I know that you get pushback, doubt, and de-traction. It is those big, lofty goals that keep us rooted in our why and keep pushing us for better.

That is why, last week when President Biden announced his proposal to expand eligibility for Medicaid and Affordable Care Act benefits to Dreamers, we all celebrated.

DACA first started in 2012, over a decade ago. There are approximately 600,000 DACA recipients living across the United States. They are healthcare workers, they are teachers, they are parents, and they are neighbors.

About 35,000 Dreamers call my home State of Illinois their home. One of them is my husband, Boris Hernandez, who has lived in the U.S. since he was 14 years old. He has now lived in the U.S. more than he ever lived in Guatemala.

Collectively, Dreamers pay \$9.4 billion in State and Federal taxes every single year.

For all these years, access to healthcare through the ACA or through Medicaid hasn't been available to Dreamers. That is a policy failure with life and death consequences.

Right now, DACA recipients can mainly only access healthcare if their employer provides it. Otherwise, they are largely reliant upon the State they happen to live in to have a State-funded healthcare program.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, more than a third of DACA recipients don't have any healthcare insurance whatsoever. We know what happens when you deny access to affordable healthcare. People avoid going to the doctor as much as possible because they can't afford to go. Health conditions that may only need preventive care or some kind of medication go undiagnosed, untreated, and get worse and worse until it is a life or death emergency.

Before I came to Congress, I had the deep honor of serving in the Illinois House of Representatives, where I led legislation with the Latino Legislative Caucus, the Healthy Illinois coalition, and Governor J.B. Pritzker to create what is now State law that expands Medicaid coverage to all residents age 42 and up regardless of legal status. This made Illinois the first State in the entire country to provide healthcare coverage to immigrants, regardless of status.

By the time this passed into law, it reflected multiple rounds of negotiations. If I could have, I would have had eligibility start at the age of 19 to ensure that there was no break in healthcare coverage for our children who are now adults.

I now look forward to working with President Biden's proposed expansion of healthcare coverage to Dreamers and it going into effect so that we can continue to build on the work we have done in Illinois and across the country.

Hearing even one story of what expanding healthcare coverage for just one person has meant to them and their loved ones underscores what is true for all of us. We must recognize the importance of providing access to quality healthcare and services for all people, regardless of their citizenship status.

Olga, a resident in Illinois, who, because of this new State law, could access medical coverage for the first time, graciously shared her story with me. She said: "I was born in Mexico, and I came to Chicago in 2004. I came to the United States for a better life for my family. I encountered many obstacles, such as language, work, housing, school for my children, and health. I had to get a dental treatment, but due to the cost, I put off going. Then, it got complicated and more expensive. I managed to save \$8,000, but I had to choose between two options: pay for the dentist or pay for my son's university. Having access to medical coverage is a true relief because now I can go regularly to the doctor."

I share Olga's story because her story is the story of many others, hundreds of thousands of immigrants, whether DACA or otherwise, who live all across our country and still don't have the ability to go to the doctor when they need it.

The immediate and tremendous impact she experienced once affordable healthcare was no longer denied is the same immediate and tremendous impact President Biden's proposal will have on all Dreamers.

It feels obvious to say, but the benefits of access to affordable healthcare for someone who is a DACA recipient are the same for all immigrants. It is not just Dreamers.

Yet, here is just one example of how we continue to divide and break up the immigrant community into politicized categories that we then use to weigh different members of the immigrant community against each other. Who is and isn't worthy of citizenship? Who is and isn't worthy of healthcare?

I say all this as the only Member of Congress in a mixed-status marriage. What I want to make absolutely clear is that our families and our communities cannot be conveniently divided into documentation status and, therefore, neither can our deservedness of healthcare as a human right.

That is why The New York Times' reporting this week that multiple staff at HHS warned the administration that migrant children were being hastily connected to sponsors who put them in grave danger cannot be seen as separate.

More than 250,000 migrant children have come alone to the United States in the last 2 years alone, and thousands