

girls. This legislation is not about all the other things that the folks on the other side of the aisle are trying to turn it into.

It is simple and it is really essential if we want to have our women and our girls not feel defeated right out of the chute.

I don't know where the feminists are, but there are a lot of us men that feel strongly about this, supporting this, and supporting Title IX, and the whole concept that men and women are different. Girls and women deserve the same chance as everybody else.

#### C-SPAN STUDENTCAM WINNERS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate students from my district, Orange County, California, for winning C-SPAN's 2023 StudentCam documentary film competition. Congratulations.

This competition invites high school and middle school students to make documentaries on issues of national importance.

This year, they were asked to answer the question: "If you were just elected to Congress, what would be your priorities?"

Amber Khaub, Darwin Lopez, Evan Spence, and Christian Kim made exceptional films engaging with issues of artificial intelligence, agriculture, and the environment. Their films were among the best and few of those that actually won an award out of nearly 3,000 entries.

It is inspiring to see them grow and be so successful.

Congratulations to all of them. We are very proud.

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#### TODAY'S R&D DOLLARS CREATE TOMORROW'S JOBS

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

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act.

Our country is filled with talented innovators who put their heart and imagination into new ideas that advance our Nation. Through research and development, their incredible breakthroughs can come to fruition.

Unfortunately, the R&D immediate expensing tax provision expired at the end of 2021, removing the incentive to prioritize research and development in the United States.

By disincentivizing R&D here at home, American tax policy encourages manufacturing and production to move abroad. That is why I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation that encourages R&D throughout the country.

Sixty-four original cosponsors have joined me and Congressman JOHN LAR-

SON to make R&D immediate expensing permanent, cementing this critical tax provision and reestablishing the United States as the leader in research and development.

Today's research and development dollars create tomorrow's jobs, and we need to keep R&D dollars inside our country where they can help strengthen American businesses and workers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in advancing this critical legislation.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ERIN O'QUINN

(Ms. SCHRIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to my chief of staff, Erin O'Quinn.

Erin and I met just a week after I was elected to Congress. This was in November 2018. It was an overwhelming time. There was a lot to organize, and job number one was to find a chief of staff.

Dr. AMI BERA suggested that I meet his deputy chief, Erin. We sat down to coffee and hit it off. I never looked back. I knew right away I could trust Erin to guide me through this whole new world of Washington, D.C., which was quite a contrast from the life of a community pediatrician.

I still remember that first meeting when she asked me what I wanted The Seattle Times editorial board to say about me in 2020. It was a way to figure out my values and goals. Wouldn't you know it? Two years later, the comments made by The Seattle Times endorsement board were remarkably similar to what we set out to achieve.

Erin understands the value of a strong team, remarkable constituent services, outreach, and townhalls. She made sure I was everywhere in the district and that we hired the best team members with hearts of gold and a dedication to service.

With a background in social work, she kept our team in sync and collaborative, and several of our staff are still here today.

I couldn't have done it without Erin. We could not have done it without Erin. I thank Erin and wish her all the best in the next chapter in her life. We will miss her.

#### MIFEPRISTONE SHOULD REMAIN APPROVED AND ACCESSIBLE

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day after a week of chaos and confusion following the Supreme Court's decision to allow mifepristone's status to remain as it has been: approved and accessible.

Let me be clear. The fight is not over. The Supreme Court needs to do

its job and reject this ridiculous effort to thrust unjustified grudges into the FDA approval process and further limit access to abortion.

Women deserve safe and fair access to medication when they need it. Women deserve to have medication without interference from judges and politicians. Women must be treated as equals and have agency over our bodies and our lives.

Mr. Speaker, mifepristone's approval is still in jeopardy. The Supreme Court Justices should keep their bans off our bodies. Access to this medication must be protected. Our rights must be protected.

This fight is not over, and we will never concede.

#### UNITED NATIONS IGNORES AUDITORS' REQUESTS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of committee hearings and a lot of subcommittee hearings here every week, and the press is not able to adequately cover them all.

I highlight the committee hearing in which we examined the current assistance of the United States toward what is left of Afghanistan.

The United States, being the United States, even after we left that country, gives from \$4 billion to \$5 billion in aid, which should be humanitarian aid to help the Afghan people. In the hearing, we heard from the inspector general, who is somewhat of an auditor of American programs, as to what was becoming of the money.

Our wonderful United Nations, together with the State Department, together with the Department of Defense, together with the USAID, some of these agencies breaking the law, refused to open up their books and tell our auditors what they are doing with the money.

I hope, as we head into appropriations season, we do not forget that when we give money to the United Nations, they ignore our requests to find out what is happening to the money. I hope the American public also remembers what the Departments of Defense and State are doing.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Alcohol Awareness Month.

This Nation is in the midst of a war for the protection and longevity of our children. We have found ourselves battling epidemics at an unprecedented magnitude, many of which are plaguing our youth: violence, suicide, mental health, and, most notably, substance abuse.

Alcohol use among youth is more prevalent than tobacco or illicit drugs. The dangers of underage drinking are significant, as they can drastically increase the likelihood of alcohol dependency later in life, cause a decline in academic performance, and increase engagement in harmful behaviors such as the use of other drugs and impaired driving.

In addition to the adverse mental health effects, it puts children and young adults in jeopardy of developing health risks that negatively affect the brain, liver, and endocrine system.

We have already lost too many young lives by not taking necessary protective measures. Research shows that a lifetime of conversations between parents and their children can prevent underage drinking. Let's all do our part to protect our children.

#### CELEBRATING DR. MICHAEL R. REICH

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Michael R. Reich for being honored by the Center for Global Development for his tenure as Harvard's Taro Takemi Professor Emeritus of International Health Policy.

I have had the privilege to know him as a great friend, a man of science and empathy, a man who believes that health is a human right, and a man who has devoted his life to creating a healthy global community.

Dr. Reich has dedicated decades to investigating the inequities in health services around the globe, understanding the intersection between healthcare and policy, and advocating to improve healthcare outcomes for underserved communities all around the world.

As a professor at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Dr. Reich has empowered his students to learn from and contribute to real-world global health policy scenarios, bringing new perspectives to cases like health reform in West Africa, malaria control in Zambia, national pharmaceutical reform, or even reproductive health policy in Guatemala.

Today, I celebrate him, his legacy, his friendship, and his outstanding contributions to our global community.

#### WHAT AMERICA MAKES AND GROWS MAKES AND GROWS AMERICA

(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 talk about the irresponsible brinksmanship being played by House Republicans with the debt ceiling.

Let me point out that inflation happens when too much money chases too

few goods. In order to stem inflation, America needs to be producing more goods right here at home, not importing more and more of everything and subjecting our markets to supply chain choke holds from offshore producers and shippers that drive the prices up.

What America makes and grows makes and grows America. Supporting products made in America makes and grows a real middle class. Why champion more windfalls for Wall Street and powerful financial titans that finance outsourcing our jobs going to penny wage havens? We should reshore what Americans use, eat, and drive and reduce inflation.

Speaker McCarthy ought to stand up for America, stand with the American people on Main Street, not with the outsourcers and scions of finance on Wall Street who outsource our jobs.

#### HONORING THE VICTIMS OF COLUMBINE

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

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the horrific mass shooting that occurred at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

Twenty-four years ago, 12 teenagers and 1 teacher went to school and never came home. I stand before you all today and ask: What has changed since Columbine?

Two weeks before his death, one of the victims expressed concern to his dad about America's gun laws. He asked his dad about the loopholes in the Brady Bill that allowed individuals to obtain guns online or at gun shows. His life was taken from him by a gun purchased through one of those loopholes.

The gun show loophole remains open to this day. Gun violence in this country is the worst it has ever been. Our children fear going to school every single day, and Republicans in Congress refuse to take any steps to protect them.

Americans have had enough, and I have had enough. We can and must do more to protect our children and our communities from gun violence. We must ban assault weapons and ensure these weapons of war are inaccessible to the general public.

As Members of Congress, we have a responsibility to act to stop these tragedies from occurring all over our country.

#### ECONOMICS IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. McCLAIN).

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my district, my State, and my country to say that the Chinese Communist Party is actively working to destroy America.

From aggressive military actions to spying on Americans through TikTok and high-altitude balloons, the CCP is focused on becoming the world's number one superpower.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make something very clear: China is not our friend. They are coming at us militarily, economically, and educationally. They are our biggest adversary.

We know that China is targeting our country as a whole, and we also know that they are targeting individual States, as well.

For example, in North Dakota, China has bought up farmland right next to a strategic military base. Probably the only vacant land in Nebraska they could find was next to a strategic military base.

In Texas, China is using the shadow of TikTok to build a massive facility that will focus on spying on Americans.

Now, in my home State of Michigan, China is tightening its grip on a chip manufacturing facility and establishing a facility in Big Rapids. The company taking over this town is called Gotion, which is actually a subsidiary of a company that is owned and operated by the Chinese Communist Party.

When Gotion proposed this new plant, they sold a good story by promising 2,000 jobs and massive economic gains for the State. Actually, Michigan could use some economic gains for our State, but we know the truth. Gotion is establishing its Big Rapids plant in order to extend its CCP influence in Michigan. They plan to utilize Chinese EV chip technology and send the profits of its production right back to the CCP.

By the way, those 2,000 jobs that they promised? They will be filled with Chinese workers implanted from Beijing to work at this facility, not to mention—wait for it—over \$500 million in tax breaks from our Governor will be used to subsidize these jobs and given to Gotion.

Let's not forget, ironically, coincidentally, that Big Rapids is home to Ferris State University, which just got an accreditation for their information security and intelligence program.

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That seems like a coincidence, doesn't it?

I can assure you; I am not much for coincidences.

This is a blatant move from the Chinese Communist Party to undermine the State of Michigan and gain greater access to our State and our country.

Make no mistake about it, this Gotion plant poses a huge threat to our national security. That is why I am standing before you today to call out Gotion and the CCP for their plot to ransack Michigan.