

us to use our authority outlined in Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution to prevent our Nation's Capital from becoming the next New York City, Chicago, or San Francisco. They are calling on us to support MPD officers, help them restore law and order, and improve public safety in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Senate to put people over politics. Join our effort to repeal the D.C. Council's antipolice law and send this commonsense bill, H.J. Res. 42, to the President's desk.

I implore President Biden to abandon his senseless veto threat so we can take another crucial step in bolstering the ranks of the Metropolitan Police Department and boosting public safety in D.C.

We shoulder the responsibility and the authority to make our Nation's Capital a safer place for all Americans, and we cannot take this duty lightly. It is time for the Senate to take a stand in not only protecting Americans in Washington but in protecting MPD officers who risk their lives to defend law and order in D.C.

On this National Police Week, fulfilling our constitutional duty to strike down a law that will continue to severely damage the Metropolitan Police Department is the least we can do to show that we do, in fact, always back the blue.

RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

One in six students is experiencing childhood mental health disorders. Among adults, that number jumps to one in five.

Our Nation is facing a mental health crisis, and it requires urgent action. For too long, mental health has been a topic that people have been afraid to openly discuss.

It carries with it a stigma that has prevented people from getting the care they need. I know this firsthand. Having been raised by a single mom with undiagnosed depression, I know the challenges that many families face. While grateful for her love, I knew the struggles that she lived with.

Talking about mental health simply isn't enough. We must work hard to break down and break through barriers and encourage more people to seek the help they need.

That requires us as a nation and as communities to invest more and to help ensure anyone who needs mental health treatment can access it.

I spent much of the last 12 years as a local elected official building up the most comprehensive community-based mental health model in the country. It is now, today, the model that New

York State uses, and it is critically important that we expand the reach and the ability of individuals to access community-based mental health treatment.

In upstate New York, we have incredible providers like the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier. Unfortunately, these providers are stretched thin and face growing demand. They need our help.

That is why we must increase Federal commitment to mental health programming and incentivize mental health education to boost the pipeline of qualified practitioners.

As we recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, we must increase our commitment to addressing the mental health crisis in our communities.

This is an issue that transcends party and politics. By working together, we can build communities where everyone has the support they need to live out a full, healthy, and fulfilling life.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with many of my colleagues in honor of National Police Week. I join Members across this country in recognizing the brave men and women who serve in Federal, State, county, and local law enforcement.

I especially acknowledge and recognize the men and women of law enforcement throughout upstate New York, the county, State, and local men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities.

Sadly, however, they don't get the recognition that they deserve, and appreciation, while well deserved, is simply not enough.

New York State passed cashless bail reforms that have allowed dangerous criminals to be released and remain in our communities and on our streets, reoffending, creating new victims, undermining law enforcement, and diminishing public safety.

These laws make it harder and more dangerous to be a law enforcement official or a police officer. It is no wonder our police officers are leaving the profession in record numbers.

Here in Congress, we are moving this week to pass bills to show our support and appreciation for law enforcement and to prove again that we have their backs. We defend those who defend us and vigorously oppose the defund and defame the police movement, not just because it is the right thing to do but because it will further protect our police officers and enhance community safety.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize all of those men and women who serve and sacrifice every day, and we are grateful to them and their families.

May they always come home to a family that loves them and a community that supports them.

OPPOSING A BAN ON LEAD

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

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposal regulating and banning lead ammo and fishing tackle from our public lands across this country.

So many of us grew up hunting and fishing with our parents, our grandparents, and our friends. Some of my best memories are with my kids and grandkids when I have taken them hunting and fishing in those quiet moments that we have together when we can talk about life lessons and about the things that, as families, we need to pass on.

These traditions will cease to exist if we allow this proposal to come into effect by U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

In my opinion, enjoying the great outdoors with our friends and families is one of the most important and special parts of the American Dream. Unfortunately, the Biden administration is planning to impose more rules and regulations even on our most basic rights.

I have huge concerns over these actions. Low-cost lead for ammunition and fishing gear made of lead is commonly used by all of us. Banning them will essentially be the same as putting a "no hunting" sign on millions of acres of land and kicking people off waterways across this Nation.

Access to hunting and fishing on public land is important in this country, and we cannot allow the Biden administration to take away these rights because they would rather listen to the far-left environmentalist groups than trust the science and leave law-abiding Americans alone.

Whether they are attempting to ban gas stoves, force expensive electric vehicles on everyone, or tell us what kind of ammunition we can hunt with or what type of fishing lures we can use, this administration seems determined to chip away at our constitutional rights.

Many years ago, I took a hunter safety course from a blind gentleman who could no longer see to hunt and fish, but his way of reliving all of those memories was teaching a hunter safety course. He taught me that you will never control guns because you can make a gun out of virtually anything.

The way to control guns, by an old gunsmith who is living his dreams through his blind eyes, is ammunition. Don't think for a second this lead bill is about wildlife. This bill is about controlling the lead that we use in our guns and not controlling the guns themselves. This man had wisdom. This was 30 years ago. It has just taken them a little while to get to it.

What is the next step? Will the next step be banning all lead from being used in hunting? How is that going to limit our hunting? Who is that going to limit that can afford to hunt?

This is a slippery slope we don't have to go down. We have to stop it now. We cannot give them the first bite of the apple by saying that we cannot use lead on government property.

I can promise you that I will do all I can to stop this from happening and ensure that this administration can try to do nothing similar to this.

I encourage all American hunting and fishing clubs, whether you are a shooter, a hunter, a fisherman of any type, to do something. Speak out. Talk to your legislators. Reach out to the President. Make some phone calls. Let your voice be heard today.

Don't wait until after something gets passed because this proposal will kill our sport as we know it, and we have to fight back.

MALIGN CCP INFLUENCE

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

Mr. SANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Department of Energy and the FBI have affirmed that the COVID pandemic most likely originated from a leak of the SARS-CoV-2 from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The deadly COVID virus was unleashed on American soil in 2020, yet it took 3 years and a new majority in Congress to finally start investigating the malign influence of the barbaric Chinese Communist Party.

COVID was not the CCP's only flagrant and unsparing attempt to infiltrate American sovereignty. Earlier this year, spy balloons floated along the United States and gathered intelligence from sensitive U.S. military sites.

Just last month, two CCP spies were arrested, and 36 CCP police officers were charged with operating an illegal and secret police station in New York City—the two alleged CCP spies only to be quickly granted bail and released from custody.

In 2020, leaked CCP member data confirmed that U.S. companies such as Boeing, Qualcomm, and Pfizer had employed dozens of CCP members in their Chinese facilities.

Rightfully so, Americans are infuriated, blaming ivory towers in Washington, D.C., and Wall Street for being slow to the punch and handing our fragile dominion over to globalists.

We ought to do better. We ought to protect Americans, and we ought to preserve democracy.

This is why I am unapologetically pushing back on the CCP and calling on the House Judiciary Committee, the DOJ, and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government to investigate CCP infiltration into the U.S. Government and do all they can to free Miles Guo.

In 2017, the CCP's most prominent critic, Miles Guo, claimed political asylum in the United States, alleging persecution by the CCP. He has been here for about 6 years. Just last month,

Guo was arrested and denied bail for being pronounced a flight risk.

In this case, the charges against Miles Guo are simply a part of an organized campaign of political persecution brought against him by the CCP.

As a matter of fact, in November 2018, George Higginbotham, a senior official at the DOJ, pleaded guilty to his active role in this illegal campaign. He admitted to accepting \$41 million from the CCP and meeting with the Vice Minister of Public Security of China to advance the removal of Guo from the United States.

It is with great dismay but complete confidence that I say that the weaponization of the United States' prosecutorial system is spinning further out of control, and it is time we take a stand.

It shows when we have a national crime crisis falling by the wayside because politically motivated campaigns designed for nothing other than retribution on political agitators keep getting in the way of our leading law enforcement officials who refuse to prioritize the American people.

With each passing year, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the CCP is accomplishing its goal of insidiously infiltrating the United States.

All the while, perpetrators, the real threat to the American people, are let out on the streets, and harmless political targets remain behind bars with justice denied.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for every American when I say we are done tucking our tails and being at the losing end of every tradeoff with the CCP.

They take our jobs, use our technology, and steal our intellectual property. In turn, we got robbed, spied on, and deadly viruses.

Enough is enough. Free Miles Guo.

□ 1045

AM RADIO IS ESSENTIAL

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I grew up on AM radio: listening to the news; listening to Dr. Demento; the "CBS Radio Mystery Theater," falling asleep at night in my bed while listening to that on the weekends; and Rush Limbaugh, who not too long ago sat right up there in that gallery recognized by President Trump. I even interned for the late Larry King. I love AM radio.

I rise today to address an urgent concern that is impacting our Nation's heartland and America in general: the decision by some car and truck manufacturers to eliminate, do away with, AM radio from their systems, including the F-150, the Ford F-150 that is made in Claycomo, near Kansas City, not too far from my district.

You see, AM radio is an essential platform for conservative voices like Pete Mundo and Chris Stigall and listeners who rely on the truth that they

hear from AM stations, like KCMO, KRMS, KMMO, KOKO, KDRO, KWTO, and KSGF.

AM radio is the lifeblood of information for our farmers and ranchers in particular, providing crucial updates on weather patterns, market shifts, and agricultural news. It is also a vital platform for emergency information. Under the Communications Act of 1934, AM radio is there for a reason. It is there to operate in the public interest, and that is exactly what it does.

Mr. Speaker, farmers are the backbone of our Nation's food security, yet they operate in some of the most isolated regions, often lacking access to modern high-speed internet or digital services.

Did you know, Mr. Speaker, that there are more than 4,000 AM radio stations in the United States, with more than a third dedicated to agricultural programming? That is one-third of the stations. That is a big number.

This is not a dying medium, Mr. Speaker. It is a vibrant network that connects diverse communities across our Nation. We must remind our car manufacturers to consider the wider impact of their decisions.

Let's make sure that conservative voices are protected. Let's make sure that emergency communications are protected, as well, for our farmers and ranchers in particular. Let's make sure our rural communities, our farmers and ranchers, the unsung heroes of our Nation, remain connected, remain informed, and remain respected.

Mr. Speaker, in the 1980s, I remember when MTV first came on and the little jingle, "I want my MTV."

Mr. Speaker, it is 2023, and I want my AM radio.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield. In You do we find trust and find our refuge. In protecting us against threats of harm, defending us in the face of danger, You have set among us brave men and women who have taken up the shield of service. This National Police Week, hear our prayers of gratitude for their