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Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our law enforcement in the 12th District of Georgia. This is National Police Week. Not just this week but every week, the Members of this body should honor the often unsung heroes tasked with keeping our communities safe every day.

Unfortunately, many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have called to defund the police and promoted antipolice rhetoric that has resulted in a violent crime wave across the country, and in many cases against our brave law enforcement officers.

House Republicans proudly support law and order and stand with law enforcement nationwide. That is why our conference has dedicated this week to passing prolaw enforcement legislation, including a bill to make the assault of a police officer a deportable offense if you are in the country illegally, and more.

Madam Speaker, God's word gets it right. The greatest love that you can offer is to give up your life for another. We must always support our brave men and women in uniform. Those who have put their lives on the line for the safety of others should never be demonized; they should be honored. My Republican colleagues and I will never stop backing the blue.

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A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to commit to paying its bills and ensure that the significant investments of the Inflation Reduction Act are protected.

The Inflation Reduction Act is a historic investment that tackles the climate crisis and strengthens American energy security, all while lowering costs for families and businesses, creating millions of good-paying jobs for American workers, and delivering on a clean energy future for our children and grandchildren.

What does this mean for Ohio's 13th Congressional District?

It means because of the Inflation Reduction Act, my constituents can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars every year by taking advantage of tax credits to promote clean and efficient energy.

It means that in just the few months that I have served here in Congress, Ohio has already received millions of dollars through the Inflation Reduction Act to reduce climate pollution in our community so all people in Ohio's 13th District can breathe clean air and drink clean water and live in a safe and healthy environment.

Despite these benefits, House Republicans are falsely claiming we only

have two options: default on our debt and cause economic catastrophe or default on America by slashing environmental spending and cutting clean energy jobs funded through the IRA.

We must reject the majority's false choice.

The clock is ticking. I will not allow partisan politics to threaten the livelihoods of people and families in Ohio's 13th District.

HONORING THE BRAVE MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Madam Speaker, as we are in the midst of National Police Week, on Thursday, riding bicycles with the Capitol Police and Speaker McCarthy, from the steps of the Capitol Building to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I couldn't help but think back to the day when I took the oath to become a member of the New York City Police Department.

Upon my many visits to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I think back to the inscription underneath the lion that says: "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Madam Speaker, I recognize the heroes that were added to the wall from my district, representing the Nassau County Police Department: Hector Nunez, Matt Perlungher, Charles Vroom, IV, and Robert Negri. Their families were here on Capitol Hill this week to watch as their loved ones were added to the wall.

Madam Speaker, we are reminded each day that it wasn't how they died that made them heroes, it was how they lived.

PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, this week, during National Police Week, House Republicans are again exploiting law enforcement for political gain rather than helping law enforcement with real policy.

House Republicans are using messaging bills to nowhere to trick the public into thinking they support law enforcement while turning around and stripping communities of the funds necessary to support local law enforcement agencies across the country.

It was only 2 weeks ago that House Republicans voted to slash funding for law enforcement by 22 percent. That would decimate local law enforcement agencies nationwide while leaving our streets unsafe and our communities vulnerable.

I call on my colleagues to reject the empty rhetoric, and instead, work with House Democrats to provide the re-

sources necessary to actually support our law enforcement officers and their mission to protect and serve our families and our communities.

HYDROELECTRIC DAMS ARE BEING DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight a great injustice happening to constituents of mine in Siskiyou County, California. Against their wishes and interests, the hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River are in line to be demolished and removed.

These removals will have a very negative effect on the economy for the residents of Siskiyou County as much of their tax base relies on those dams and the power and energy they produce. It will devalue their property. The hydroelectric power—everyone wants green power—carbon-free power will be eliminated and have to be found some other way.

These property owners are going to be hurt drastically by this, but they are supposed to be compensated by what is called the Klamath Mitigation Fund. It seems that the parent agency of this fund, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, a shell corporation created to take over the ownership of the dams and have no liability, has used extremely subjective criteria when evaluating which property owners will get compensation, which won't even be close to the amount that they lose in their water wells and their property values as the lakefront will no longer be a lake from the Copco Reservoir.

They should really be compensated for this, but on top of that, we really shouldn't be tearing out dams when we already have a shortage of electric power, especially green hydroelectric power that renews every time it rains.

RECOGNIZING ANNA LAIBLE

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize the outstanding Anna Liabile from Lehigh, Pennsylvania. Anna will graduate this year from Lehigh Area High School, in addition to receiving an associate degree in communications from Lehigh Carbon Community College. Although she is only graduating this year, Anna has been an avid reporter since 2019.

Anna reports for Sports Illustrated Kids, covering press conferences, conducting interviews, and reporting on assignment like any other reporter with press credentials.

She writes for MLB.com where she is the only young person asking questions of Major League Baseball players during interviews. She created her own podcast, "Speak Up Sports," where she

covered the MLB Hall of Fame induction ceremony and interviewed an Olympic medalist, an NFL official, MLB general managers, and more—and where she highlighted the importance of Title IX and the contributions of women in sports.

For these achievements and more, Anna received the Congressional Gold Medal. She is well deserving of this highest national honor. I am so optimistic for what the future of journalism looks like, thanks to young people like Anna. She has a bright, bright future.

On behalf of all of Pennsylvania's Seventh District, we congratulate Anna.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, this week is National Police Week, and we recognize the bravery of our law enforcement officers and honor the lives of those tragically lost in the line of duty.

Whether they are keeping deadly drugs off our streets, combating crime in our communities, or acting as emergency responders, our local police do lifesaving work each and every day. They have been asked to do more with less, often taking on additional responsibilities without additional resources.

In my district, I recently toured the local police department which currently operates out of an attic because they lack the funds to upgrade their facilities. Other departments struggle to recruit and retain officers and upgrade aging equipment. This is unacceptable. Congress must step in to invest in our local departments.

We have to deliver sufficient funding to our local law enforcement that will ensure they can do their jobs keeping our communities safe.

I am grateful for the brave men and women of law enforcement who put on the uniform to serve and protect, and I am thankful for their family members who serve alongside them.

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winners of the 2022 Congressional App Challenge from my district: Jessica Nguyen, Henry Vu, and Jasmine Chau.

These constituents created a MnewNote study app that improves their classmates' productivity and academic performance while preventing mental burnout.

These students are part of the Garden Grove High School's first AP computer science group where they learned coding and design skills.

Together, these students combined scientifically proven study techniques,

psychological studies on motivation and productivity, and the result: The MnewNote app.

Madam Speaker, we are proud of Jessica, Henry, and Jasmine. Keep up the good work.

DEFEND AMERICAN WORKERS AND STEEL MANUFACTURERS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today as vice chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus to highlight a recent letter I wrote with Chairman CRAWFORD to the administration.

Specifically, we requested that the Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representatives take action to address a recent surge of steel imports from Mexico.

The letter highlights how recent reports reveal significant volumes of steel that were melted and poured in countries such as Brazil, South Korea, and Russia have entered our market through Mexico.

This development is very concerning to us, as it is occurring when the American steel industry is making significant investments in new state-of-the-art, low-emission steel facilities.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with the Steel Caucus and the administration to address this matter and defend American workers and steel manufacturers.

DANGER OF DEFAULT ON AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the mothers, fathers, children, sons, daughters, beloved friends, and community members whose livelihoods, dignity, and in some cases, survival is under attack by Republicans in Congress who are threatening to crash our economy if we don't bend to their pro-hunger, antifamily, antisenior, antiworking-class agenda to pay for handouts for their billionaire donors.

Like so many of the folks I proudly represent, I was raised by a single mother in a working-class home. When times were tough, we depended on food assistance from SNAP and healthcare

from Medicaid. I became the first in my family to go to college because I received a Pell grant, and I am still hundreds of thousands of dollars in student debt because I had the audacity to attend law school.

I am able to be in Congress uplifting the voices of poor and working-class folks in my community and across the country because of the lifelines Republicans are hell-bent on tearing away.

So let's not get it twisted. Right now, Republicans are trying to fool you into thinking that they genuinely care about spending. They hurt everyone with their giveaways to the price-gougers that fund their campaigns, and they turn around and blame Black folks, Brown folks, poor folks, and immigrants for the mess they created.

They claim that if we don't strip away food from the struggling, subsistence from seniors, and earned benefits from the elderly to give billionaires the benefits of a tax break, you and your family will pay the price.

They are lying to you. You deserve the truth. The truth is that this isn't about balancing the budget. This is about attacking working class, middle class, poor and marginalized Americans to serve themselves and their filthy rich friends.

The truth is that if Republicans get their way, in Pennsylvania alone, almost 100,000 women, children, and seniors will lose access to food assistance. Over 15,000 children and parents would lose access to preschool and childcare. Housing costs would increase for over 20,000 people already struggling to keep a roof over their heads. College would get more expensive or out of reach entirely for nearly 200,000 PA students.

Madam Speaker, 310 rail safety inspection days would be cut, just months after western Pennsylvania, right next to Ohio, suffered from the train derailment in East Palestine.

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Half a million Pennsylvanians would be at risk of losing lifesaving healthcare coverage under Medicaid.

The truth is that if Republicans don't get their way, they are threatening to default on our Nation's bills, crash our economy, and unleash economic catastrophe that would kill at least 7 million jobs—7,000 in my congressional district alone.

They are threatening Medicare, Social Security, and veterans' health coverage for nearly 300,000 people in the two counties I represent. They are threatening to increase lifetime mortgage costs by \$37,000, and they are threatening the retirement savings of 100,000 soon-to-be seniors, eliminating \$20,000 from the typical retirement portfolio.

This isn't about statistics. This is about people's lives. This is about the single mother who, like mine when I was growing up, is paid wages so low at her multiple jobs that she needs food assistance to make sure her kids don't get on the schoolbus hungry.