

purchase energy-efficient appliances, make repairs to their homes, and save money on their utility bills.

However, the draconian default on America act will jeopardize many of these provisions. We must reject these extreme cuts and cleanly raise the debt ceiling.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Police Week, we honor and thank the brave men and women of law enforcement. Just this week we passed the POLICE Act, and I proudly supported it.

Public safety is the most important factor to a high quality of life and perhaps the number one function of government, but, sadly, we have seen a rise in anti-law enforcement rhetoric and violence.

Already this year, 135 officers have been shot in the line of duty, a more than 50 percent increase from this time in 2020. This should be agonizing to all Americans.

As well we must, as elected officials, always show respect for the work and authority of the police. If we don't, portions of the public will not, and weakening the thin blue line is dangerous to police officers and to society as a whole.

To all those who put on the uniform every day, we say thank you to America's finest. As your Representative in Congress and the son of a former police detective, know that I will always back the blue.

#### A VISION FOR OUR NATION

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a vision for our Nation that values the well-being of the communities we serve.

As a new Member of Congress, I have plans for what I want to accomplish for the people of California's 37th District which is to LEAD, to focus on land, economic justice, art, and democracy.

Land means finding ways to mitigate the climate crisis to put us on a sustainable path for the future. Focusing on economic justice means ensuring that marginalized communities can access economic opportunities.

The "A" refers to art and education. I will always be an advocate for the future of the arts and the unique stories artists tell.

Lastly, I am laser focused on safeguarding our democracy. The past couple of years have taught us it is fragile, vital, and worth fighting for.

My priorities are not the GOP's priorities. So far, the GOP has put forward bills attacking our education sys-

tem, parents, and immigrants, as well as plans that would be catastrophic for our environment and economy.

I am committed to my plan for Angelenos and to lead us to this moment fiercely hoping we can push toward progress together.

#### SAILOR SUICIDES

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, over the past 2 years, our Hampton Roads and Navy communities have been devastated by multiple sailor suicides, in particular aboard the USS *George Washington* and at MARMAC.

As a former Navy helicopter pilot and a primary care nurse practitioner, it infuriates me that the number of sailors who die by suicide continues to rise.

It is clear for anyone to see we have to better serve those who serve our great Navy and our country.

That is why this week I introduced the Sailor Standard of Care Act. This important bipartisan legislation would increase mental health resources and require mental health screenings for sailors assigned to limited duty, address challenges servicemembers and their families face accessing mental health care through TRICARE and implement a system to track quality of life programs and their success rates.

It is imperative that we address the mental health challenges facing today's Active Duty servicemembers and veterans and that we do it today. This is exactly why I came to Congress.

We speak so much about providing our military men and women with the necessary equipment, technology, training, et cetera, to be able to "fight tonight," and rightfully so. However, all those resources in the world are meaningless without the capable men and women behind it.

Right now, the harsh reality is that suicides among Active Duty servicemembers are at an all-time high. Tragically, they increased by more than 40 percent between 2015 and 2020. We owe it to our servicemembers to do everything in our power to make sure they have the support and mental health care they need.

They put their well-being on the line to serve our Nation, and our Nation must put their well-being first. We must prioritize our servicemembers and their families by focusing on the quality of life we provide for them while they serve.

As a veteran, granddaughter of a veteran, spouse of a veteran, and mother of future veterans, I am honored to fight every day for the quality of life they deserve.

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#### SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS COMPLEX

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am on the House floor to talk about a condition that impacts the lives of so many Americans: tuberous sclerosis complex, or TSC.

I am honored to speak on behalf of the Cardona family, who shared their child's story with me, and thousands of other families across America who love a child with TSC.

TSC is a rare genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on vital organs, prompting seizures and developmental issues and often delaying children's progress in school.

Despite its profound impact on American families, TSC often goes unrecognized.

Research into diseases like TSC benefits countless individuals and families battling different conditions. It leads to scientific breakthroughs and discoveries to help cure a wide range of diseases, making better care and quality of life a reality for so many.

Today, I invite my colleagues to rally behind rare disease research for conditions like TSC.

#### UNITING ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we must act on the border security crisis. However, with a divided Congress, we can act only on a bipartisan basis to be successful.

Any immigration reform needs to reflect our shared American values and the needs of our modern economy. We must set aside the partisan infighting and unite for the greater good and strength of our country.

On border security, I said it was a priority to travel to the southern border to see the challenges for myself. That is why I am heading to the Rio Grande Valley along the Texas-Mexico border today to do just that.

#### OPPOSING EXTREME ABORTION BANS

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to an extreme abortion ban that North Carolina Republicans passed through the general assembly after overriding Governor Cooper's veto this week.

Since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade nearly a year ago, North Carolina has become a safe haven for

women seeking reproductive care across the South. As States like Georgia and Florida enacted dangerous 6-week bans, North Carolina stood as a bastion for women's reproductive freedom.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans in my State are now turning the clock back 50 years by enacting a dangerous abortion ban and restrictions on providing healthcare.

The truth is women will suffer and doctors will be penalized under this dangerous law. We will not stay silent in the face of attacks on our rights and our healthcare.

#### STANDING UP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

(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 during National Police Week to memorialize our officers who lost their lives in the line of duty and call for action.

In my district in Riverside County, we have lost six deputy sheriffs in the line of duty since 2020. This is in addition to the losses our local police departments have suffered over the years, including Palm Springs Department Police Officers Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega, who we lost on October 8, 2016.

It is because of Officers Zerebny and Vega and Deputies Brett Harris, Darnell Calhoun, and Isaiah Cordero that I have authored legislation to support families of fallen officers and why I have fought to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program so that their families can get the support they need.

This National Police Week and all year round, I am standing up for law enforcement officers and their families. I am pushing for support for those grieving the loss of their brothers and sisters in uniform, and I am calling for action on behalf of those who protect and serve our communities every day.

#### FUNDING SMALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, this week, National Police Week, is a special time to recognize the courage and sacrifice of police officers in my district and across the country.

Police chiefs have shared their challenges with me, from difficulties with recruitment and retention to the high costs of modernizing their equipment and technology.

That is why I am cosponsoring the Invest to Protect Act that funds small police departments, like many in Pennsylvania-07, to help with retention and training, small departments like this one in Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

It is why I voted to institute stricter consequences for assault of law enforcement officers and voted to memorialize fallen officers killed in the line of duty.

It is why I am opposing the extreme GOP budget proposal to cut by 23 percent the number of local law enforcement agencies receiving Federal funding. That is why I am proposing that we increase funding for public safety programs.

Police officers put their lives on the line to keep us safe every single day. They deserve our thanks and our support, but they also deserve the Federal resources that they need to modernize and retain their officers. I will keep working to ensure they have those resources.

#### CELEBRATING HAITIAN FLAG DAY

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to wish the entire Haitian-American community a happy Haitian Flag Day.

The Haitian flag is a global symbol of resilience and freedom and represents the spirit of Haiti, the world's first Black republic.

Haiti's flag represents the indomitable spirit of the Haitian people. From the triumphant fight for independence to the resilient efforts to recover in the wake of a catastrophic earthquake, Haiti has inspired us all.

The flag embodies the richness of Haiti's history and culture and unites over 1.3 million Haitian Americans across the United States.

Haiti's journey has certainly not been without challenges. Today, Haiti finds itself in turbulent times, battling instability, violence, and threats to its democracy.

It is so important that our communities remain present and united so we can address these difficult times as good neighbors.

Hope is a powerful force. We will never stop hoping, but most importantly, we will never stop fighting for a better tomorrow.

Union makes strength: strength through unity. "L'union fait la force."

Have a wonderful Haitian Flag Day.

#### INVEST IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, my friends, this National Police Week, instead of helping communities recruit and train the next generation of principled police officers, we voted to let officers buy their department's retired handguns, and we voted on a non-binding resolution opposing defunding the police.

So many of us here are willing and ready to work together to address the

problems that I hear about when I meet with our police chiefs and police officers. In fact, my bipartisan Pathways to Policing Act has been endorsed by law enforcement and is still awaiting action on this floor.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get to work and legitimately invest in law enforcement. Let's stop creating campaign slogans and start working on congressional solutions like my Pathways to Policing Act to ensure safety, security, and justice for all.

#### SUPPORTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our local law enforcement officers in New Mexico and across the country.

These heroes in uniform keep our communities safe. That is why I voted in support of the POLICE Act because assaulting an officer is never acceptable—never.

However, I have serious concerns about how this bill was written and how it can be interpreted. The vague language creates the risk of wrongfully criminalizing law-abiding people who are legally in this country.

Let me be clear: Assault is never acceptable, especially when it comes to our officers of the peace and to our first responders.

Our law enforcement put their lives on the line every single day to ensure our communities are safe. For that and so much more, they deserve our respect.

To my constituents, I want them to know that I am committed to finding solutions to address our public safety issues with my partners across the aisle and to support local law enforcement.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS WAS AVOIDABLE

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

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. KIGGANS), my friend.

#### HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT