

Mr. Speaker, this rush to a green agenda will raise the costs to turn the lights on, cook your meals, or heat your homes. Hoosiers and all Americans will be the ones to foot the bill for an incoherent energy strategy.

TAKE ACTION ON GUN VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Mrs. TRAHAN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind Members of this Chamber what happened just 2 weeks ago in Allen, Texas.

Eight people were senselessly murdered by an extremist armed with an assault rifle—a 3-year-old boy and his mom and dad, who left behind a 6-year-old orphan who survived the mass shooting.

Two young sisters, one in the fourth grade and the other in the second grade, who were described as rays of sunshine, and three young adults each had their entire life ahead of them. All of them were simply minding their own business at the outlets on a Saturday, not knowing it would be their last day.

The news cycle may have changed—something many in this Chamber were waiting for—but each of these victims leaves behind loved ones who are still mourning an unimaginable loss.

Each of these victims, like every victim of a mass shooting before them, deserved better. They deserved real action that could have prevented a person deemed unfit to serve in the United States Army from accessing an assault weapon that he used to kill them.

They deserve better than their Member of Congress going on national television that same day and saying that thoughts and prayers are enough to stop gun violence and that if you disagree, then you don't believe in an Almighty God.

They certainly deserve better than platitudes from a Governor more concerned about his grade on the NRA scorecard than the number of victims of mass shootings in his State.

Mr. Speaker, I stood here at this podium 3 weeks ago after three 9-year-old children and two teachers were murdered in their classrooms in Nashville. I pleaded with the Republican majority to bring legislation to the floor to prevent another mass shooting.

I listed bills we could have considered: the assault weapons ban to get weapons of war, the gun of choice for mass shooters, off our streets; the Bipartisan Background Checks Act to make sure guns aren't falling into the hands of individuals who shouldn't have them; and the Enhanced Background Checks Act to ensure that a full background check is actually completed before the firearm sale is processed.

Yet, here we are, 17 days since Allen, Texas, 57 days since The Covenant School, and 1 day before the first anniversary of the massacre in Uvalde, and

what are we being forced to vote on this week? A piece of legislation that will make it harder to stop air pollution. Are they serious? This is a colossal disconnect.

There is a witness from a shooting just 2 weeks ago who talked about how he went to help a little girl whom he thought was hiding, and when he went to check on her, she didn't have a face after being shot with an AR-15-style assault weapon.

We can't even get a vote on whether these guns should be available. It is no wonder people think Congress is out of touch.

The United States is the only developed nation in the world where this kind of thing keeps happening again and again. We are the only country where mass shootings are so common that we have PSAs so people know what to do and where my girls' school day is interrupted on a regular basis to practice an active shooter drill.

It is shameful, infuriating, and embarrassing. This Chamber should be embarrassed that another mass shooting has disappeared from the news without a shred of action.

FARM BILL IMPACT NO. 20: NBAF RIBBON CUTTING

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 20th installment of my farm bill impact series and celebrate this week's ribbon cutting at USDA's National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas, in the heart of my district.

It has been 8 years since the facility's groundbreaking in 2015, and now this state-of-the-art, 700,000-square-foot research center is a national asset that will help protect animal agriculture against the threat and potential impact of serious animal diseases.

NBAF will be home to the only maximum biocontainment space in the country where USDA will conduct comprehensive research, develop animal vaccines and antivirals, and explore enhanced diagnostic and training capabilities. This facility isn't just about animal health. It is about public health, as well.

NBAF will replace the 60-year-old Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York, create 400 new jobs for Kansans, generate more than \$100 million in total economic benefit for our State, and make Kansas the home of internationally recognized animal disease experts.

By bringing healthy animals into the facility, world-renowned research will happen here. I am proud to have this facility in my district and right down the street from K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine and the Biosecurity Research Institute, creating a scientific hub that will lead the world in agriculture research and health.

Last month, I chaired my first hearing of the House Agriculture Sub-

committee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry on animal health with USDA Under Secretary Moffitt. Animal health is at the forefront of livestock producers' minds, and so it is at the forefront of my mind on their behalf.

This year's farm bill is an opportunity to lead in the areas of innovation and research. We must get animal health right for our food security, economic security, and national security.

The 2018 farm bill contained special authorization for biosecurity planning and response, which helped make NBAF possible. NBAF is a concrete example of the impact that we can have when we reauthorize the farm bill in careful and creative ways.

Last year, I hosted House Agriculture Committee Chairman G.T. THOMPSON on an ag tour of Kansas, where I was proud to show him NBAF. Last month, I hosted House Agriculture Committee staff and congressional staff from agriculture districts around the country for a tour of NBAF. The technology, scale, and international significance of the facility are truly second to none.

Once fully operational, NBAF won't just support and protect agriculture. It will protect our country and the world.

I will be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my farm bill impact series and highlight more programs and titles within the farm bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives right here in America.

OPPOSING A NATIONAL ABORTION HOTLINE

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to use my voice in defense of the voiceless.

Abortion has desensitized our Nation and resulted in the deaths of nearly 64 million unborn American citizens, which is basically the entire population of the Midwest.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, rectifying a wrong that has plagued our country for decades. While that is a huge triumph for the right to life, there is still a lot of work to be done.

Last month, the Biden administration announced that it plans to use \$1.5 billion of taxpayer money to establish a national abortion hotline to counsel individuals on how to obtain an abortion and certain other family planning services.

According to the administration, the project will operate as a supplement to the existing Title X Family Planning services grant. The grant information states that one of the hotline's purposes will be to offer information, counseling, and referral for pregnancy termination.

The Public Health Services Act of 1970 established Title X funds to help low-income and uninsured women access healthcare and family planning services. From the beginning, Title X funds were never intended to support abortion services, and the underlying statute explicitly prohibits it.

In October 2021, however, the Biden administration finalized a rule that

violated the spirit of this law by actively supporting abortion. It provided Title X funding to clinics that perform elective abortions by requiring grantees to make abortion referrals.

This new abortion hotline goes one step further.

Taxpayer dollars should never go toward funding abortions, but President Biden and his administration are continually attempting to use Title X funds to promote abortion services.

This week, I am leading a letter to President Biden to push back on this gross violation of the law, and I will be doing everything within my power to prevent this hotline from going live, including a piece of legislation that I plan to introduce soon.

I firmly believe that life begins at conception, and I will fight to protect the lives of all Americans, born and unborn. I will also continue to protect pregnancy resource centers and pro-life organizations from domestic terrorism.

As a proud father and member of the Values Action Team, I will strongly oppose any legislation that would endanger the lives of the unborn, and I will support legislation that protects the rights of the defenseless.

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CELEBRATING AANHPI HERITAGE MONTH AND SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of two celebrations that are incredibly important to my community: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Small Business Month.

As the Representative of one of the largest and fastest-growing AANHPI communities in the country, I am beyond proud of the contributions our small business owners have made to our thriving southern Nevada economy, which include folks like: Alex Zen who curates Chinatown's Zen D'core, a boutique jewelry shop offering minimalist decor and jewelry; Amy Zhang Warthan, owner of No. 1 Boba Tea, which has proudly served the Las Vegas community since 1998; and leaders like Ken Cheng, manager of Chinatown Mall.

They have all worked tirelessly to create thriving commercial centers for our small businesses.

All of this amazing development would not be possible without the support of groups like the Nevada AAPI Chamber of Commerce, the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce, the Las Vegas India Chamber of Commerce, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce, the Korean American Chamber of Commerce, the Sri Lanka America Association of Las Vegas, and so many more. They all work day in and day out to serve our AANHPI businesses across the Silver State.

From Chinatown to the Las Vegas strip and across the valley, southern Nevada draws its strength in our diversity, and the AANHPI Nevadans are key to that success.

Thank you to all of the AANHPI Nevadans who put the American Dream on full display by pursuing their passions and growing our small business economy.

FENTANYL IS A NATIONAL SECURITY CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. STEEL) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the HALT Fentanyl Act. The flow of fentanyl across our unsecure borders is not only a public health crisis but a national security crisis, as well.

With as much as 90 percent of illicit fentanyl coming from China, the Chinese Communist Party has a hand in the poisoning of American citizens.

Our communities are becoming all too familiar with the danger that this toxic substance poses. Fentanyl poisoning is now the number one cause of death among adults between 18 and 49, resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans.

That is why I am proud to cosponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act, which will permanently reschedule fentanyl and ensure the Federal Government recognizes this substance for the deadly threat it is.

It will give our law enforcement the tools they need to combat this danger, and it will empower researchers to better understand the full scope of the drug's impact on Americans' health.

We owe a solution to the families who have lost a loved one to fentanyl. This bill is that solution, and I urge all my colleagues to vote "yes" on the HALT Fentanyl Act.

RECOGNIZING DR. CLAYTON CHAU

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Clayton Chau to the people of Orange County and to congratulate him on his dedicated service to our community.

When I chaired the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I was pleased to work with Dr. Chau in his capacity as the director of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

During the pandemic, he stepped up to serve as the county's health officer. Together, we worked to keep Orange County citizens safe and informed during a time of unprecedented anxiety.

Dr. Chau understood the importance of protecting the vulnerable while also preserving livelihoods, supporting workers and businesses, and maintaining an evenhanded approach.

Thanks to his work, we ensured a successful pandemic response in Orange County. Dr. Chau has so much to be proud of.

On behalf of Orange County, I thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

LEADING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud how the Inflation Reduction Act is delivering for our country and California's 37th Congressional District.

I am proud of the work that California has already done to be a leader in renewable energy. With key investments from the Inflation Reduction Act, our country can benefit from a clean energy market that puts our workers first and brings the United States into the 21st century.

The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act has already created \$242 billion in new investments with \$5.45 billion announced in my State alone for clean energy and manufacturing projects.

It has already created 142,000 new jobs across 41 States: red, blue, and purple. The IRA is projected to create 9 million new, good-paying jobs for Americans over the next decade, but that is not all it will do.

It will help us achieve our climate goals, boost clean technology manufacturing, make EVs more accessible and affordable, ensure families breathe clean air and drink clean water, and make gains toward environmental justice for historically forgotten communities.

What does this look like for my community?

It is funding for air quality monitoring grants in historically disadvantaged communities, clean schoolbuses for our children, and low-emission public transportation in Los Angeles.

After years of insufficient Federal action to address our climate crisis, Democrats came together to enact this historic law, and we cannot go back.

Unfortunately, Republicans prefer to help their corporate polluter friends roll back environmental safeguards and are currently working to use our economy as a bargaining chip to erase major clean energy provisions in the IRA through debt limit discussions.

If the Speaker and his ultra-MAGA colleagues got their way, they would inflict dire consequences on our efforts to stop the worst of climate change from happening.

They would end renewable energy credits for wind and solar, limit rooftop solar growth in homes and businesses, stop the expansion of electric vehicle sales and EV charging stations, repeal funding for low-income communities that was intended to address pollution, and repeal the Methane Emissions Reduction Program.

These are investments in clean energy that have largely benefited Republican districts, even though they won't admit it, and Republican actions today will take away the wealth and economic opportunity from everyday American households.

This law is our strongest chance to create a safer, healthier Nation for our