

EPA'S PM2.5 RULE

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise my concerns about the command and control regulations in EPA's PM2.5 rule. These regulations will only hurt Indiana's electric reliability, raise costs on Hoosier businesses, and hinder economic growth in our State.

Additionally, at a time when companies are looking to re-shore domestic manufacturing, this rule serves as a detriment to new investment. Overall, this rule is bad for Hoosiers and for all Americans.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UAW WORKERS

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

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand in solidarity with the nearly 150,000 United Auto Workers who are bravely leading the fight for fair pay, better benefits, and safe working conditions.

It is important that the industry supports a contract that rewards auto-workers for the sacrifices they have made and the profits they have built for these companies and our economy. Let's not forget that in 2008 these workers did their part. They stayed on the job and kept manufacturing and production going while the government swooped in to keep the industry afloat.

These workers didn't complain when we supported the big automakers, but now it is our turn to support them. The Big Three car manufacturers are experiencing record profits. Their CEOs are bringing home millions of dollars and 40 percent pay increases—that is right, 40 percent pay increases—while their workers cannot say the same.

Generation Z—something I am very proud of—is America's most pro-union generation, overwhelmingly supporting union workers time and time again. Now Congress needs to stand in solidarity with working people and do what is necessary in the struggle for what they deserve: fair wages, better benefits, and safe working conditions. I am proud to stand with the United Auto Workers.

FIGHT AGAINST THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the climate movement for a huge win today. President Biden has announced the creation of the American Climate Corps, which will train tens of thousands of young people to build the climate-friendly infrastructure we deserve and that we need. This is youth workforce development and will help us in many different issues, from gun violence to the economy.

This transformational thinking is the policy and work that we deserve to save our planet and save humanity. I thank the youth-led movements, like the Sunrise Movement, that made moments like this possible. I thank every-

one who has championed this. This is a great step in the greater fight to protect humanity, to fight against the climate crisis, and to have a world that we deserve.

The climate crisis is here, and the cost of not doing anything is far greater than the cost of taking bold action. Yes, in terms of dollars and cents, which is usually the way we think about things here in Congress, but I also think about the cost of human life and the cost of humanity. Let's continue this fight together.

HONORING BLANCA M. HERNANDEZ-ADAME

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

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I recognize Blanca M. Hernandez-Adame for all her tremendous work in Nebraska's Second Congressional District. Blanca's determination and kind-hearted nature have benefited our community for years.

Born in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico, from a very early age, Blanca showed signs of being a natural-born leader. She always stood out among her peers in the different activities, groups, or social clubs she participated in.

Blanca has three children: Eros, Daniel, and Camila. She is a strong woman of faith and puts God first in everything she does. One of the most important people in Blanca's life is her mother, who has been present through good times and bad times for her whole life.

In 1995, Blanca began law school at the Universidad Autonoma de Guerrero and demonstrated an interest in politics. She became involved in Mexican politics and volunteered in campaigns for senators, state Governors, rectors of the University of Guerrero, and even the Presidency of the Mexican Republic in Mexico.

Blanca graduated from law school in 1999 and had the opportunity to work for some of the most essential people in the State of Guerrero as a trusted staff member. Later that year, due to the economic situation, Blanca left Mexico for the United States to pursue opportunities for herself and her family.

In 2000, she began working in a packinghouse. Blanca has the utmost respect for people who work in these places, as they can be very repetitive jobs and hard work. Some stay in the same place, doing the same movement for 8 to 10 hours every day for weeks, months, and even years. Every day that she spent at the packinghouse, she became more convinced that she had to learn English and that if she didn't, she would stay there forever working in a very difficult job.

She began taking English classes at night after a long day at the packing plant, but one of Blanca's strengths is her persistence. She knew that the effort would be worth it, so little by lit-

tle she learned to speak English and became a representative of the workers' union at the packing plant.

From there, she became active in our community in South Omaha. For 6 years, she served on the board of directors of the One World Clinic in Omaha. She volunteered in different community groups, nonprofit organizations, and is the founder of the Queens of Cinco de Mayo contest, one of the most important events in the Latino community of South Omaha.

In 2016—and this is where we want to focus because she has done so much great work here—she founded Generation Diamond to help people reenter our community after incarceration. She believes that her participants are diamonds in the rough that only need to be polished to shine. In just 7 years, Generation Diamond is one of the only organizations in Nebraska that helps the formerly incarcerated remove tattoos free of charge and covers basic needs, such as food and clothing. Services are offered in both English and Spanish, with a focus on building the Latino community. They are able to help fund employment and offer classes in trauma, finances, and stress reduction to give those they serve a glimmer of hope and the ability to remain in the community. Generation Diamond has grown rapidly, providing 1,020 services last month alone.

Madam Speaker, I thank Blanca for her hard work and determination to make our community better, and for investing in so many people and giving them a second chance. I am eager to see the growth and positive impact Generation Diamond will have in my district.

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KUSHNER-SAUDI DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. ROBERT GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, just last week on the House floor, I called this body to investigate the clear corruption and graft of Jared Kushner.

The American people deserve answers. Why did Jared Kushner receive \$2 billion, with a b, from the Saudi Government just 2 months after leaving the White House?

Here are the facts.

First, we know that Donald Trump's son-in-law was unqualified to work in the White House, but Jared was placed at the heart of government overseeing Middle East policy.

Kushner personally intervened to secure a \$110 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia. He supported the Saudis through the brutal war in Yemen even after they murdered Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist, who we all know was an American resident.

The Saudi Crown Prince, shown here with Jared and Ivanka, reportedly bragged to other heads of state that

Kushner was “in his pocket.” Jared delivered for the Saudis over and over.

We now know today that when Jared left the White House just 2 months later, the Saudi Royal Family gave \$2 billion to the Kushner hedge fund, and Jared pockets another \$25 million per year in fees directly from the Saudi’s.

Now advisers to the Crown Prince said publicly that this made absolutely no financial sense, and they pushed back, but the Saudi Crown Prince went forward, and Jared Kushner is receiving that enormous benefit to this day.

Madam Speaker, I have been calling out the Trump and Kushner crime family for months, and we should not stop speaking out until we get the investigation that we deserve. Americans need to trust that White House officials are looking out for our national interest.

The Kushner-Saudi deal is the biggest corruption scandal right now in American politics. We need subpoenas, investigations, and reforms so that this type of graft never happens again.

UKRAINE STRATEGY

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak about the ongoing brutal and unjust war that is still wreaking havoc in Eastern Europe to this day and about America’s role.

Make no mistake, Vladimir Putin is an evil tyrant whose brutal army is devastating the people of Ukraine. Like many others, I look forward to seeing him in The Hague.

My position on providing aid to Ukraine has been clear. Ukraine should have the tools it needs to win this war, its war, with the help of other countries, not just the United States.

The United States, especially with the American President, who holds many of these powers, absolutely cannot provide a blank check without robust oversight and something else that has been lacking: a clear strategy to end America’s involvement.

Before I became a Member of this House, the previous Congress gave the Biden administration the resources it needed to help the Ukrainians end their war. However, the piecemeal approach taken by this administration has prolonged, rather than ended, the fight.

Frankly, just like former President Trump has said, the United States of America has the tools to end this war in 24 hours, bring that thug Putin to the table, stop the killing of innocent civilians, and allow Ukraine to maintain its independence.

I believe the American people, as well as the Ukrainians fighting on the front lines, have little use, if any, for weak and ill-equipped weaponry that simply prolongs the war rather than bringing it to an end once and for all.

A piecemeal approach to helping Ukraine is wasting taxpayer dollars,

and I do not know anyone who is in favor of wasting American tax dollars.

What we need is a strategy, oversight, and accountability:

A strategy that explicitly defines what victory looks like so we know when America’s involvement is at an end; oversight so that the American people know how their tax dollars are being spent; and accountability for this administration’s failures to implement these elementary pillars of decision-making.

Another far-reaching, multi-billion-dollar supplement without these three key tenets is not what the American people want or deserve. Frankly, it is not what the Ukrainians want either.

The Ukrainians have taken significant steps to restore accountability to their government and weed out corruption, so I believe they understand just how important a transparency is.

Madam Speaker, Ukraine can end this war, Ukrainians can have peace, the innocent killings of civilians at the evil hands of an evil dictator can stop. We can share the tools Ukrainians need without depleting our own capabilities. However, the United States cannot be drawn into another forever war without a meaningful strategy that defines how we know when it is over. We cannot put American servicemembers in harm’s way, and we certainly cannot waste taxpayer dollars.

We were supposed to learn this lesson after Vietnam, and, instead, we ended up with a 20-year war in Afghanistan. We cannot make the same mistake again.

Madam Speaker, I represent one of the largest Ukrainian-American populations in the House of Representatives. My constituents are Americans who are the family members of Ukrainian soldiers. They are Americans who are faith leaders, and some are even first-generation Ukrainian Americans. All of them are grateful for the American assistance and that of our allies, and every single one is ready for this war to come to an end, just as I know so many others are, as well.

It is time for this administration to be up front with the American people and articulate a coherent strategy to define our end goal.

Let us all work together to commit to saving taxpayer dollars, increasing crucial oversight of our operations, logistical and tactical support, and finally commit ourselves to developing the strategy needed to save innocent lives, help the Ukrainians end their armed conflict, keep America out of this war, and ensure this does not go on another day longer.

TRIBUTE TO DON TRINKS—MAYOR OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the

mayor of Windsor, Connecticut, Don Trinks, a dear friend and person who served in the capacity of mayor for 22 years, and a public servant in Windsor for nearly three decades, as well.

He is a lifelong resident in what he would claim is the oldest community in the State of Connecticut, the town of Windsor. It may be disputed by some in Wethersfield, but that is what Don would claim, and that is where he met his wife, Barbara, in high school. They went on to get married, and he went on along with Barbara to be the go-to people in the community of Windsor.

Now, he also happens to run and manage, and probably is well known for running Bart’s, which is second only to Augie & Ray’s in East Hartford as the greatest hot dog you can receive in the State of Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, Don’s commitment to the community of Windsor is unsurpassed. In political office, Don always sought to bring people together. He has the right temperament for public service and the ability to bring people together, as he did time and again, and why he was so successful at getting more than \$3 million to revitalize downtown Windsor.

I was always happy to work alongside of him. It has been his leadership throughout his career, his temerity, especially during difficult times and especially during COVID, where he was one of those chief elected officials who led by example, especially for small businesses, of which he was very much one of them. He was also a devoted fan of Social Security, and we had an opportunity to work on that and visit many senior centers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to submit for the RECORD a tribute to Don Trinks, the mayor of Windsor for 22 years.

I commend Congresswoman JULIA LETLOW who came before the Committee on Ways and Means last week to discuss her concerns about WEP and GPO and Social Security. I look forward to working with her. I think there is an opportunity here, Madam Speaker, to recognize with more than 10,000 baby boomers a day becoming eligible for Social Security, with almost 70 million people who are currently receiving Social Security, and with more than 40 percent of them Social Security being their only form of retirement and pension, it is long overdue for the United States Congress to act.

It has been 52 years since Congress has enhanced Social Security. Madam Speaker, more than 5 million of our fellow Americans get below-poverty level checks from the government, and, of them, the majority are women, because they were the care providers and were at home with their children or caring for someone that was sick, and also because when they were in the workforce they weren’t making as much as their male counterparts.

There is no rational reason why these people in the wealthiest Nation in the world, who have worked all their lives