

What do we have? Our economy is being outclassed by China and others in the Pacific Rim that can produce at will, and they are the much larger so-called polluters than we are of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Do you want to have a situation where we can actually have better control and reasonable regulations on how things are produced in this country, or do we want to export it all to China and places like that and have basically almost no control on how they are doing that?

What we are going to hear tonight when the President is going to be in this room, he is probably going to talk a whole bunch about climate and some new initiatives on that. Instead, why doesn't he focus on something that could have immediate help for the devastating things going on on our border in this country, eight steps he could take with the swing of a pen to clean up our border problems instead of blaming Republicans for his mess?

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#### MUSICIANS DESERVE A LIVING WAGE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am from Motown, where our music has changed the world in so many incredible ways forever.

But artists in my district and across our country are struggling to make ends meet in an industry where the money just keeps going to executives and shareholders.

It would take more than 800,000 streams per month to make the equivalent of \$15 an hour, and the vast majority of our artists are on platforms like Apple Music and Spotify, and they never, ever get to 800,000 streams in a year.

This is a big deal. Streaming now represents 84 percent of the recorded music industry's revenue in the United States, but most of the artists who bring joy to our lives and culture aren't seeing any of it.

The Living Wage for Musicians Act, which I introduced with Representative BOWMAN, would change that by creating a new fund that aims to pay artists at least one penny per stream.

The bill would completely reform the music industry, supporting a much more diverse set of artists, enabling more recording and touring, and sending a ripple effect throughout local economies by supporting professionals throughout the music industry.

I truly encourage my colleagues to learn more about this legislation, co-sponsor the bill, and help change artists' lives forever.

#### REMEMBERING CHEF MAXCEL HARDY

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, our community is deeply saddened by the loss of Chef Max Hardy, a Detroit native who was a trailblazer in his advocacy to end hunger.

Chef Max was the owner of Rosedale Park neighborhood restaurants River Bistro, COOP Caribbean Fusion inside the Detroit Shipping Company, and Jed's Detroit on Seven Mile Road.

He founded the One Chef Can 86 Hunger Foundation, a nonprofit organization that fights against hunger and raises awareness about food insecurity.

The New York Times named Hardy one of 16 Black Chefs Changing Food in America in 2021.

Chef Max also cowrote "The Marley Coffee Cookbook" with Rohan Marley, Bob Marley's son, and was featured on the Food Network.

He was a champion of aspiring young people in Detroit, teaching them the fundamentals of conscious cooking.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, we send our love and condolences to Chef Max's two daughters and his family. He truly will be missed.

#### DETROIT RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable work of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, as they recently celebrated their 115th anniversary of service to our residents.

For over a century, Detroit Rescue Mission has been a beacon of hope, providing, food, shelter, and services to those in our community that are most vulnerable.

Detroit Rescue Mission was founded by David Stucky on February 14, 1909.

The Mission began as a soup kitchen with a mission to find permanent solutions for our most vulnerable residents in the city of Detroit.

The Detroit Rescue Mission has worked tirelessly to rebuild hundreds of thousands of lives destroyed by addiction, homelessness, and poverty.

I am so grateful for the work of the Detroit Rescue Mission for their incredible leadership in our community, and I am looking forward to witnessing all they will continue to accomplish in the years to come.

#### CHALLENGES AMERICA IS FACING

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the challenges that America is facing and identify ways we can restore order in this country.

Tonight, President Biden will join us in this very Chamber to address the Nation. I am hopeful that he will speak to the real issues before us and detail how he plans to work with House Republicans to get America back on track.

The southern border, inflation and our national debt, and the weaponization of the Federal Government need his immediate attention.

Since last year, House Republicans have passed legislation after legislation to secure our southern border, reduce and reprioritize Federal spending, and end the weaponization of the Federal Government. We passed H.R. 2 to finish the border wall, increase the

number of Border Patrol agents, protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking, and terminate catch and release.

Since President Biden took office, there have been more than 8.5 million illegal crossings—that is almost three times the population of Kansas—including known criminals and terrorists on that list.

Just last month, the Nation was horrified by the brutal murder of Laken Riley by an illegal immigrant. Despite the illegal immigrant's criminal history in the United States, failed liberal policies allowed him to stay here, and an innocent young woman from Georgia paid the price.

Now that President Biden has visited the real southern border and witnessed the crisis he created, he should work with House Republicans to secure our southern border.

We passed legislation to limit future government spending, reclaim \$200 billion of unaccounted for COVID dollars, and promote progrowth energy and economic policy.

While the White House says inflation is cooling, those of us in middle America still feel the weight of Washington's spending problem. Our national debt has surpassed \$34 trillion, diesel is well over \$3.60 a gallon in Kansas, Americans' paychecks are grossly overtaxed, and Washington Democrats pretend that the President has a no-limit credit card.

This is no way to govern. It is irresponsible, it is fiscal insanity, and President Biden should work with House Republicans to rein in inflation and our national debt.

We passed legislation that ends the weaponization of the Federal Government, we are working to hold the U.S. Department of Justice accountable to applying justice equally, and we are pushing the U.S. EPA to fully implement the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that the EPA's waters of the U.S. rule is unconstitutional.

We are working to reduce the number of executive orders that the Biden administration uses as force of law. We are standing up for the unborn and fighting the radical agenda that promotes Federal funding for abortions. In the Big First, we know that the right to life is a right from God, not from the government. That right deserves to be protected.

President Biden should work with House Republicans to end the weaponization of the Federal Government once and for all.

I hope that President Biden will also discuss how he will work with us to enact a strong farm bill that will protect and strengthen crop insurance; incentivizes agricultural trade opportunities; promotes global food security; supports agriculture research; and reflects the needs of the American farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers who work to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

I hope that he will address the importance of our country's energy independence, our fight against China, and a strong Second Amendment.

The list goes on and on.

When the President joins us here tonight, he has the opportunity to share with Kansans and Americans his plan to tackle these challenges head-on.

Mr. Speaker, I am optimistic that our greatest days are yet to come. Those days require us to get America back on track.

#### HUNTER BIDEN AND IMPEACHMENT

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

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans have finally decided to have Hunter Biden testify in public on their sham impeachment inquiry into President Biden.

Now, the American people will soon see what we all saw behind closed doors: that there is zero evidence—zero evidence—of any wrongdoing by President Biden who had no involvement in any of Hunter's business dealings. Absolutely none.

We will continue to call out these lies.

Let's take a look at the star witnesses that the House majority has brought forward in this political stunt impeachment.

We have Alexander Smirnov, who we know is an indicted Russian asset. He has been indicted for lying, by the way, and working with Russian spies. We have another who turned out to be a spy for China, who actually sold weapons to Iran. The third witness right now is serving a 14-year sentence in prison for fraud.

You can't make this stuff up.

We also, of course, have recently learned about another disgraced con man who colluded with the Trump campaign. They are all-star witnesses of the Republican majority. Of course, we shouldn't forget Rudy Giuliani and his grand conspiracy theories, which is all the House majority is left with.

Now, the GOP insists on impeaching President Biden at whatever the cost, all to help Donald Trump get reelected.

Now, Donald Trump was impeached twice for his crimes and faces 91 felony charges, and he is desperate for revenge. If there is anyone we should be investigating, it is the Trump crime family and Jared Kushner's \$2 billion deal from the Saudi Government, which he received just weeks after leaving the White House. The one person that was in charge of the Middle East—the Middle East envoy—then receives \$2 billion into an investment fund. We know that the Saudis spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in Trump properties. That is a real scandal and should be investigated.

It is time to end this impeachment scam and get back to work for the American people.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSE SAMANIEGO

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jose Samaniego, who passed away in 2017, far too early at the age of 33.

Jose was a firefighter for the Golden Ranch Fire District and will be remembered for his passion for community service.

Jose Samaniego also served on the board of the North Tucson Firefighters Association, Local 3832, working to better the community through fundraisers for local foster families.

Jose began his career as a wildland firefighter and member of the Avra Valley Fire District before going to Raytheon Missile Systems.

In 2012, Jose went to work for Golden Ranch, where he became a member of the special operations team.

Beyond his firefighter achievements, Jose was a devoted husband to Serena and a loving father to four children: Andres, Alysha, Adam, and Annabella, who I had the pleasure of meeting recently and was impressed with their drive and their dedication. They have bright futures ahead of them, knowing that they proudly carry the legacy of their dad.

In honor of Jose, the North Tucson Firefighters Association started the annual Jose Samaniego Memorial Archery Shoot and BBQ Challenge. I was honored to attend this event this past Saturday on March 2 and had the opportunity to meet his entire family and experience firsthand why the event is a fitting tribute to the passion that Jose had for his community and also his fire family, as well as his love for the outdoors.

Jose Samaniego remains a true hero in the hearts of the greater Tucson community and the residents of my district. We extend our gratitude for his dedicated service and are eternally thankful for his contributions.

#### MI NIDITO RESTAURANT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mi Nidito and its owners, Jimmy and Ernie Lopez.

Mi Nidito, the Lopez family's restaurant, has been a staple in Tucson for 72 years.

Jimmy and Ernie's grandparents, Ernesto and Alicia Lopez, first opened the restaurant doors in 1952. Since then, the Lopez family has tirelessly upheld Mi Nidito's legacy for three generations.

Arizonans and visitors from across the country and around the world have stood in line for hours to get a taste of their renowned chile rellenos and enchilada-style burritos, as well.

Over the last seven decades, Mi Nidito has also had some notable guests, including then-President Bill Clinton, who visited the restaurant in 1999.

As Jimmy and Ernie begin a well-deserved retirement, Laura and I want to

thank them and the entire Lopez family for their contributions to our community.

#### SALPOINTE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Salpointe girls' basketball team for winning the 4A State championship.

In an exciting game, they secured victory over Gilbert's Mesquite High by a score of 59-49.

This marks the Lancer's second State championship in the last three seasons. Their hard work and perseverance over the past season has been truly commendable.

I am proud to represent such dedicated student athletes, determined coaches, and supportive parents.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Joseph Luevano and this talented team for a well-earned title.

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL HYATT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retiring Border Patrol agent, Michael Hyatt.

Mr. Hyatt currently serves as the agent in charge at the Brian A. Terry Station near Naco, Arizona.

He will retire later this month, ending a 28-year career with Border Patrol.

After joining in 1996, Michael spent the majority of his time with Border Patrol in Arizona, with 11 years at the Naco Station.

His work as agent in charge has been praised by Cochise County residents, specifically for his tireless community outreach and strong relationships with ranchers.

As Michael prepares for a well-deserved retirement, I personally thank him for all his hard work.

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#### WELCOMING CASSIE SMITH TO THE CAPITOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, at the young age of 109, Cassie Smith voted on the first day of this year's primary and was among the first in North Carolina to do so.

Ms. Cassie, also known as Ma Cassie by neighbors and friends in her Battleboro community, is a living and walking symbol of our democracy. I am honored to welcome her to Washington, D.C., as my special guest to the State of the Union.

When I visited the Smith home to invite her, in response, Ma Cassie smiled brightly and said: I am blessed. I thank God every day.

Her faith drives her, and she wholeheartedly believes in the importance of fulfilling her civic duty. What a reminder as we commemorate Bloody Sunday.

Ms. Cassie traveled by airplane, which was the first time she has flown, and she said this was an item on her bucket list. At 109, why not?