

role to play in saving lives and addressing this crisis. That is why I am working across the aisle to expand overdose prevention tools and hold drug traffickers accountable.

A grateful community thanks every member of law enforcement for the work they do every day to keep our communities safe.

ISRAELI HOSTAGES

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Naama Levy. Naama is just 19 years old. Before October 7, she was full of joy with dreams of helping people in need.

She was last recorded on a cell phone being dragged by her hair at gunpoint, injured and bound by Hamas terrorists in Gaza. On October 7, Naama and more than 240 other men, women, and children were kidnapped from their homes and their communities, as even more innocent people were killed, sexually assaulted, and tortured.

Naama and 135 other hostages are still being held captive in Gaza, enduring unspeakable trauma at the hands of Hamas who refuse to let them go.

I stand here today to demand that Hamas release Naama immediately with all of the other hostages, and I stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free Naama and its other citizens wrongfully held by this terrorist group.

It is past time that we bring Naama home. We must bring them all home.

SUPPORT FOR CREDIT UNIONS

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the more than 4,700 credit unions across the country, including 86 chartered in my home State of Minnesota.

As not-for-profit, member-owned financial institutions, credit unions work every day to improve the financial well-being of American households and communities, including the nearly 300,000 credit union members in Minnesota's Second District.

It is estimated that Minnesota credit unions have provided more than \$227 million in direct financial benefit to our State. Local branches in the Second Congressional District have done important work helping customers gain early access to their paychecks, supporting local school athletic programs and veterans' organizations, and hosting community events. Our credit unions have put community and customer trust first.

This month credit unions in Minnesota and nationwide will be represented by the newly launched America's Credit Unions to better serve the more than 140 million people who rely on them for financial well-being.

I am a proud supporter of Minnesota and America's credit unions in Congress.

OPEN BORDERS THREATEN AMERICAN INTERESTS

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's open-border policies have rolled out the welcome mat for illegals: for drug traffickers, for terrorists, and for foreign nationals with ties to China.

Under President Biden's watch, 302,000 illegals were apprehended at our border in December—the highest number ever recorded—which means that roughly 10,000 illegal immigrants are crossing our border every single day.

The chaos and lawlessness must end. That is why I voted for the Secure the Border Act to finish the wall and fully fund our Border Patrol agents.

That is why I introduced Sarah's Law, in honor of 21-year-old Sarah Root who was killed by an illegal immigrant who was driving while drunk. The law would detain and prosecute illegal immigrants who seriously injure or kill American citizens.

That is why I also introduced legislation to seize money from the drug cartels so that we can finish the border wall and keep deadly fentanyl out of our rural communities.

On my 36-county tour of Iowa, I have heard from countless Iowans who want to secure the border and keep our communities safe. So do I. I promise that I will continue to hold President Biden accountable for his open-border policies that are extremely reckless and destroying our country. I will vote to impeach Secretary Mayorkas for his dereliction of duties when it comes to our border. The American people and Iowans deserve nothing less.

AMERICAN STRENGTH MUST PREVAIL AGAINST CHINA

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, China is the greatest threat to our country and our economy. Over the last several years, China has deployed spy balloons in our airspace to surveil our military bases, bought up our farmland, unleashed the COVID-19 virus on the world, and manufactured deadly fentanyl that is pouring over our border.

We must counter China's aggression with American strength. This Congress, I have voted to impose sanctions on Chinese fentanyl manufacturers, condemn China's illegal spy balloons, and ban oil sales from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve that are going to China.

I am so glad that my bill to ban China from buying American farmland passed the House last March.

When I am traveling all 36 counties in my district, stopping China from buying our farmland is one of the top concerns of Iowans. That is why President Biden must sign this legislation into law to keep American farmland in the hands of the American farmer and not our foreign enemies.

While China invests heavily in their military and works to destabilize our economy, I will work nonstop to protect our families, farmers, and businesses from China.

On this mission, we cannot falter, and so as long as I am in Congress, we won't.

THE FUTURE OF UKRAINE AND ISRAEL AND BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it has been 112 days since Hamas' horrific attacks against Israel on October 7. It has also been 1 year and 11 months since Putin launched his brutal invasion against Ukraine.

The world is on fire with conflict, and democratic countries are under attack. For months, Ukraine and Israel aid has been held hostage by a significant number of my Republican colleagues who appear to have taken the side of Russia. Putin and Iran's Ayatollah are enjoying these political fights, which is only giving them an advantage.

These war criminals—I am talking about Putin and the Ayatollah—are seizing on opportunities regardless of the cost. Just as Iran has enabled their terrorist proxies, the Houthis are attacking our military.

Our actions today will determine the future success of democracies and free societies around the world. That is really what is at stake.

I have been to Ukraine twice in the last year. I have been to Israel many times. Democracy is critical in those parts of the world. They share our values and freedoms that we cherish.

I have been to Gaza where Hamas has oppressed the Palestinian people with poverty, violence, and a lack of opportunity. They have used them as human shields. We must help the Palestinian people out of this horrific situation starting with humanitarian aid. The Palestinians have a right to determine their own future under a two-state solution.

We need to pass a supplemental aid package to provide immediate assistance as we have before in a bipartisan effort. We need to equip Ukraine and Israel with critical security and military needs to defend their sovereignties. By the way, when we do this, we defend our democracy and democracies around the world. We do this in our own interests. We need humanitarian aid for the Palestinians and Armenian refugees removed from their historical home in Nagorno-Karabakh.

These are all part of what the supplemental package does. By the way, it provides assistance for Taiwan.

All this costs the United States less than 1 percent of our GDP without any U.S. troops on the ground. Let me repeat that: It costs less than 1 percent of our GDP. No U.S. troops are being impacted directly.

Ukraine has regained 50 percent of the land Russia originally took, and they have reopened the Black Sea to export grain.

These are the impacts on Russia: Russia has lost over 315,000 troops and two-thirds of their pre-invasion tanks. Mr. Speaker, this has been a very good deal for our adversary, Russia.

For us, the Ukrainian President has said in this Chamber 2 years ago that

this was an investment in global security and democracy.

We need to get the hostages released by Hamas. Israel has been working on that, and there are negotiations taking place right now.

We know that with the recent election in Taiwan, as a prime example, there is a new chapter in their future democracy. Be that as it may, we must send a strong message to Putin of Russia, to Xi of China, and the Ayatollah of Iran and its terrorist proxies, like Hezbollah and Hamas. These are adversaries of the United States, and, therefore, we must be together as a country and as Americans in a bipartisan fashion.

So House Republicans who are demanding border security in exchange for this package, it has been put on the table. We are negotiating it.

Nevertheless, if they are serious about border security, I think they would want to work and see the final language on the product that the Senate is working on before condemning it and criticizing it.

Democrats have put forth dozens of bipartisan bills, like the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farmworker Modernization Act, none of which have been brought forth for a vote, and many of them are bipartisan.

As the bipartisan group of Senators finalize their border deal, unfortunately, extreme MAGA Republicans and Donald Trump want to torpedo it; for what?

It is for political reasons.

The border is a problem. We agree; and we have a legislative solution before us.

It is the height of hypocrisy to say: No. We are not going to do anything right now. It really is a problem. It really is a problem, but we are going to wait 10 months.

What is wrong with us?

The American public gets this. President Biden is ready to sign this deal in its current form to address the surge of migrants, hire more Border Patrol agents, and combat the flow of fentanyl and human trafficking. He is willing to do that now. We ought to be working together and not waiting for an election after November.

Congress cannot lose sight of what is at stake. We can walk, talk, and chew gum at the same time. We can get assistance to Ukraine and Israel along with border security. That is our job. That is what we are supposed to do.

By the way, we can get a budget, too. This Congress is doing nothing, absolutely nothing. So let's stop with the politics. Our national security depends upon it. Let's get a deal done.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST SECRETARY MAYORKAS

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, after nearly a year-long and thorough investigation

by the House Committee on Homeland Security, House Republicans have released Articles of Impeachment against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for his willful and systemic refusal to comply with the law and breach of the public trust.

As many of my fellow Tennesseans know, for quite some time now I have fully supported the House's efforts to examine whether Secretary Mayorkas has committed an impeachable offense. Now, after an investigation into the causes, costs, and consequences of Secretary Mayorkas' actions that have exacerbated this historic humanitarian crisis at our southern border, the time has come to officially release Articles of Impeachment.

According to the House Committee on Homeland Security, DHS Secretary Mayorkas is "chiefly responsible for the chaos and devastation that has unfolded over the past 3 years" at America's borders and ports of entry.

The committee has found that Secretary Mayorkas violated his oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States by willfully and systematically refusing to comply with Federal immigration laws. He has also acted in a manner subversive of the law.

These subversive actions and willful negligence of our country's laws have led to an unprecedented level of illegal immigration at our southern border and ports of entry, a fentanyl crisis killing thousands of Tennesseans, and skyrocketing financial costs on the U.S. taxpayers.

That is why the first Article of Impeachment being released is titled, "Willful and Systemic Refusal to Comply with the Law."

The second Article of Impeachment being released is titled, "Breach of Public Trust." As a Cabinet official and someone in the line of succession to the Presidency, the American people must trust Secretary Mayorkas to say and do the right thing. Unfortunately, he has done exactly the opposite. He has knowingly made false statements about his refusal to comply with the law and the impact his decisions have had.

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He has even obstructed the committee's work to save the American people from this catastrophe.

We must take all national security threats seriously and after a thorough, fair, and comprehensive investigation into Secretary Mayorkas, remaining in his position is a threat to our national security.

Not only has he willfully ignored his constitutional duty to defend our country and breached the public trust, but he has also demonstrated an unwillingness to change course or correct his mistakes. One could only presume that he would continue to be a threat to the health of our Nation, its security, and our Constitution.

Americans deserve better than what they are getting. Every town in America doesn't have to be a border town. We must exercise our constitutional duty and hold Secretary Mayorkas accountable to our best abilities. It is, therefore, my sad but straightforward duty to vote for his impeachment and support his removal from office.

END OF LIFE CARE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, one of our society's greatest failures is our inability to equip and inform our families at the time of greatest stress and vulnerability: the end of life.

Even though Sarah Palin lied about "death panels," I am proud to have been the foremost champion of protecting families and equipping them with the information they need to make those decisions before they are too late to inform those decisions and guarantee their wishes are respected and enforced.

No one wants to die in a hospital room but, sadly, too many people do so. Separated from their loved ones, too many are isolated from family and friends in those final hours. It doesn't have to be that way.

I fought for years to raise awareness to equip families to protect themselves and their loved ones, and to encourage doctors to have those often difficult conversations to do their part for those patients.

I led the battle for the Federal Government to put a value on those discussions. The Federal Government would spend tens of thousands of dollars for a 96-year-old woman with terminal cancer, but wouldn't pay \$150 for her doctor to have the discussion with her and her family to understand her choices, how to manage it, and how to make sure her choices, whatever they were, were respected and enforced.

I led the battle for the Federal Government to put a value on that protection by adding end-of-life conversations to the list of services eligible for Medicare reimbursement. It took longer and was made more difficult by Sarah Palin's lies about death panels but, nonetheless, we won that fight.

Now doctors have the opportunity to invest their time and energy to have those often difficult discussions. This work ultimately had bipartisan, bicameral support. I enjoyed my partnership with the late Senator Johnny Isakson and with Senator MARK WARNER.

We finally changed that policy for the Federal Government but, sadly, too few people today take advantage of it until it is too late and their loved ones face end of life at a hospital hooked up to some impersonal machine.

There are great resources and protections, but only if we help people understand how to take advantage of them.