

President Biden ended President Trump's remain in Mexico policy before the Supreme Court forced him to reinforce it.

President Biden came into office hyperfixated on implementing radical policies to appease progressive activists, and in turn, he has left our southern border wide open.

Since he was sworn in, there have been more than 9.2 million illegal immigrant encounters across the country, nearly three times the population of my home State of Kansas.

More than 1.8 million of those illegal immigrants have evaded the U.S. Border Patrol and slipped into the country.

There have been at least 350 encounters with individuals on the terrorist watch list and more than 24,000 encounters with Chinese nationals.

Make no mistake. The Mexican cartels have been empowered by President Biden's failed policies, and they are cashing in by helping people all across the globe illegally enter our great country.

As a result, we have had more drugs on our streets and crimes in our neighborhoods. Fentanyl has poured into the country while human trafficking and uncontrollable crime run rampant.

Under President Biden's policies, every State is a border State. Border security is national security, and enough is enough.

House Republicans voted again this week to make our Nation safe and restore order to our Nation's immigration system. It is time for President Biden to work with House Republicans to secure the southern border for good.

I thank Mr. MOORE again for having this Special Order hour.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kansas, and we appreciate the chair for the time today on this Special Order, and I yield back the balance of my time.

#### HEALTHCARE UNDER ATTACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JACOBS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, 3 years ago during my first year in Congress, I froze my eggs, which means I went through the initial stages of IVF, except that after egg retrieval, my eggs were frozen and stored.

For weeks, I took hormone pills, gave myself injections, and went to the doctor for checkups. Then I had a procedure under twilight sedation to harvest my eggs.

Many people use IVF if they are single or LGBTQ+, if they are older or experiencing fertility issues or have suffered multiple miscarriages, but no matter the reason for IVF, it should be a valid and viable choice for anyone.

Unfortunately, IVF, like many reproductive healthcare options, is under at-

tack in the courts and here in the Halls of Congress.

Madam Speaker, 184 of my Republican colleagues have cosponsored legislation that supports "fetal personhood" giving embryos the same full legal rights as a person.

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This fringe ideology is dangerous and could be used to prosecute people for miscarriages or for having an abortion and could potentially affect access to birth control, too.

It could threaten access to IVF. During IVF, doctors often create more fertilized embryos than they plan on using, because some may be genetically unviable or result in miscarriages.

I have 17 mature eggs frozen. Patients like me pay for the storage of our eggs or embryos, and eventually some embryos are usually donated for medical research or destroyed.

Fetal personhood legislation, and even court rulings like the one in Alabama, could force patients to pay for storage of their embryos forever or leave clinics liable to criminal charges if embryos are damaged. That is why at least one IVF clinic in Alabama is ending the service.

This is just the beginning. Last week, Supreme Court Justice Alito acknowledged fetal personhood in his line of questioning in *Moyle v. United States*, a case that could decide the future of emergency abortion care.

I say this to my Republican colleagues: You can't support fetal personhood and support IVF access. You can't falsely claim to be pro-life and then rip away people's dreams of having children, and you can't hide and try to bury your true end goal.

I call on all 184 House Republicans, including Speaker JOHNSON, who have cosponsored legislation that would treat embryos as children and threaten access to IVF and other reproductive health services to come to the House floor and publicly remove their name from this bill, prove that they support IVF access, prove that they support families, and prove that they are not a hypocrite.

Madam Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE).

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, first and foremost, let me thank Representative JACOBS for her determined leadership on this particular issue, among many others.

I stand here today in solidarity with Representative JACOBS, Representative WILD, and the leaders of the Pro-Choice Caucus in the United States Congress to help shine a light, as my colleague from California has done so well, on House Republican hypocrisy.

In February, as we now know, the Alabama Supreme Court issued a dangerous ruling that upended fertility care and opened the door for extremists to push through their destructive agenda.

In the months that followed, as Representative JACOBS referenced, many House Republicans have rushed to this House floor, to any TV camera that they may be able to find, to profess their support for IVF, the reproductive technology in question.

To them, I say the same admonition that Representative JACOBS offered: Their actions have clearly shown otherwise. They have already shown who they are and what they believe.

Make no mistake, Madam Speaker. If given the chance, unfortunately, extreme Members of the Republican Conference will find every opportunity to deprive Americans of their fundamental freedoms, criminalizing abortion nationwide, prosecuting the doctors and nurses willing to perform life-saving care, and pursuing this dangerous legislation that Representative JACOBS so eloquently described.

We, of course, are already seeing the consequences of that extremism across the country, in Ohio, in Alabama, and in Florida, where just today, a ban on abortion past 6 weeks of pregnancy has taken effect.

Madam Speaker, the American people will not stand for this. House Democrats will not stand for this. We will keep pushing back against these plans to drag Americans back to the laws of the last century, and we will keep working to protect the right of every woman to make her own healthcare decisions.

I again salute Representative JACOBS, and, in particular, I want to salute Representative WILD, who introduced legislation that this body must pass in the days and weeks ahead. I salute her for her leadership and her determination on behalf of every American in our land.

Ms. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### PROTECTING ACCESS TO IVF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, before we begin, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that as of today, Florida's cruel and inhumane 6-week abortion ban has taken effect. Attacks on women's basic reproductive freedom have not and will not stop. While days like today are difficult, they also remind us of the stakes that we are facing in this fight.

I, for one, am proud to stand here and declare my unwavering support for reproductive freedom. When the Supreme Court took the cruel but unsurprising step to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, my heart broke for all the women whose basic reproductive freedom would now be in jeopardy.

As a mother, a lawyer who used to represent healthcare providers, and as a sitting Member of Congress, I have

always believed that private medical decisions should be kept squarely between a woman and her healthcare provider.

After my immediate horror at the Dobbs decision faded, I started thinking about what other opportunities this would open up for far-right extremists to further control women's bodies and their healthcare decisions. It is why I worked hard with my staff in the year after Dobbs to draft and introduce the Access to Family Building Act, which would codify a right to in vitro fertilization and other assistive reproductive technologies at the Federal level, because I knew that extreme politicians, intent on controlling women's bodies, wouldn't stop at abortion rights. They were coming after all forms of reproductive healthcare.

One month after I introduced this bill on the House floor, the Alabama State Supreme Court made the heart-breaking and cruel decision to classify frozen embryos as children, throwing IVF patients and providers into a state of confusion and panic.

We heard it almost immediately. Clinics stopped doing the procedures at all. Women who were in the middle of an IVF treatment cycle literally had to just stop.

On the heels of the Alabama decision, more than 150 of my colleagues signed on as cosponsors of the bill. Numerous healthcare and advocacy organizations endorsed it, including the Military Family Association, and constituents across my community and throughout the country shared their own difficult fertility journeys.

As someone who struggled with infertility myself, I know how heart-breaking and expensive this process can be. I know for sure that politicians and courts should not have a say in how anyone chooses to start or grow their families.

Don't let anyone tell you that it is just rich career women seeking to defer their childbearing years who rely on IVF. Over the past several months, I have been in close contact with both veterans and cancer patients, men and women, by the way, who have spoken about their own IVF needs and their fears that this safe and reliable procedure may now be in jeopardy.

The reality is that these are the stakes that we are dealing with. The reason we are gathered here tonight is to shed light on additional pieces of legislation that some of our colleagues have introduced or supported, which, if enacted, could have the same repercussions as the Alabama decision.

It is important to note that not everyone on the other side of the aisle is aligned on this issue, and I applaud the handful of my Republican colleagues who have signed onto the Access to Building Families Act to protect IVF and other forms of reproductive assistance. However, there is a real and present threat that exists right here in Congress of extremists who have signaled their explicit intention to attack

IVF and other forms of reproductive healthcare at the Federal level.

Make no mistake. Any of these national bans that have been talked about or proposed that would classify frozen embryos as children would supersede State-level protections thereby throwing IVF access into complete jeopardy nationwide. That includes a State like mine, Pennsylvania, which currently has no such restrictions.

A Federal ban would absolutely affect every woman and couple in Pennsylvania and throughout the country trying to start a family and experiencing infertility issues requiring them to avail themselves of these types of reproductive technologies.

That is why I am not going to stop fighting to protect it, and it is why I am proud to have received such overwhelming support for the Access to Family Building Act. I hope that we will soon be able to bring this to a vote on the House floor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY DISPLAY OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I would note that today we have seen around the country an extraordinary display of anti-Semitic activity on college campuses throughout the country: Columbia University, USC, and even in Austin, Texas, at the University of Texas near where I live and a city that I represent in part.

We saw today protesters replacing the American flag with the Palestinian flag in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. We are seeing all sorts of derogatory actions and statements being directed to our Jewish brothers and sisters in this country, and it should not be tolerated. It should be called out. It is unacceptable.

It is not speech. It is not speech when you are engaging in the kind of conduct that we are talking about where a young Jewish man was being denied entry into a building and being asked whether he was Zionist.

This is not speech. This is action with these encampments when you take over a university, State-owned or private, in particular the University of Texas, a State university. When you take over at USC, you deny the ability of parents and students who have worked to graduate. You are blocking access. This is not speech. Let me be perfectly clear.

University of Texas President Jay Hartzell and the leadership of that university are doing the exact right thing by clearing out the people in the encampments taking over the university. President Ben Sasse at the University of Florida is doing the exact right thing by saying that the University of

Florida is not a daycare, that these are adults, and they know full well what they are doing and that they will get the consequences of their actions. That is leadership.

The University of Texas has allowed free speech multiple times in respect to people who are protesting the conflict, protesting Israel, and supporters of the Palestinians. I think there have been 13 or 14 events at the University of Texas that have been officially sanctioned and other free speech.

Here is the thing. Yet again today, here on the floor of the House of Representatives, we had another show vote to make people feel good about themselves by passing a bill that says anti-Semitism in the title. That is what happened. It was put on the floor by Republican leadership, and it was put on the floor by Republican leadership despite knowing that it was pulled from going through committee. We didn't have a chance to amend it. We didn't have a chance to discuss it and debate it. We didn't have a hearing on it. It was jammed through to take advantage of this political moment while all of these horrific things are going on around the country. Republican leadership wanted to score political points, so they moved through legislation without the kind of deliberation and debate that is supposed to be carried out by the people in this Chamber.

As a result, today, a significant number of my Republican colleagues, including myself, voted no. As a result, we will be accused of—I don't know—being for anti-Semitic behavior, being accused by our friends and allies of not wanting to support Israel, supporting our Jewish-American colleagues and friends, constituents, and fellow Americans. Nothing could be further from the truth, but that is what will happen. It will happen because we dared to stand up and say we don't believe in thought police.

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We don't believe that a bill should be brought to the floor of the United States House of Representatives, having not gone through committee, that has a reference to an international organization's definition literally in the statute, and then taking that international organization's definition and then literally in the statute representing and referencing the examples of anti-Semitic behavior.

I find the vast majority of the things that are listed in that to be horrific activity, and most likely, if not certainly, they are anti-Semitic, at least in most contexts. Some of them are problematic.

In totality, they certainly raise First Amendment concerns. They certainly raise concerns about something that I have opposed, to the best of my knowledge and ability, having read through the piece of legislation at every turn and every vote, to oppose the whole notion of hate speech, hate crimes, thought police, thought crimes, and