

Furthermore, Dr. Dixon's unwavering drive and commitment inspired students to enroll and remain at Elizabeth City State University, breathing new life into the institution. Her leadership saved the university and attracted a new generation of students, promising a brighter future in northeastern North Carolina.

The impact of Chancellor Dixon's leadership became evident as, over 6 years, she laid the foundation for a promising future for this esteemed institution. Her astute leadership and unwavering dedication solidified her as the right leader for the university during a critical season of change and growth.

As Chancellor Dixon has now assumed the reins at North Carolina Central University, bringing her closer to her family, she left a remarkable leadership and transformation legacy at Elizabeth City State University.

Viking pride. Viking pride. Viking pride.

Acknowledging her extraordinary contributions, I gladly join the community and offer my heartfelt best wishes to Dr. Dixon as she has transitioned from leading the Vikings into her new role at the helm of the Eagles.

I have every confidence she will live up to the motto: Truth and Service. The drumline helped provide an incredible welcome. Eagle pride, amplified.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD HENDRICKSON

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

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of an incredible community leader in northern Utah and a dear lifelong family friend, Mr. Richard Hendrickson.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, Richard and his daughter, Sally, passed away in a tragic vehicle accident close to home in Ogden Canyon.

Richard led a 36-year career in the outdoor products space. Starting as a welder at the age of 16 and rising to become the CEO and president of Lifetime Products, a uniquely American success story. "From Rags to Richard," his colleagues would quip.

Not only was Richard a good friend but also a trusted adviser and supporter of my efforts in Congress. I am most grateful he accepted a voluntary role as a member of my Debt and Deficit Task Force based in Ogden, Utah. He would go out of his way to provide context on trade policy that affected American businesses. It was abundantly clear that his main professional focus was the livelihood of his employees and sustaining a positive culture at a very significant Utah-based company. He will leave a void that simply cannot be filled.

Above all, Richard was a truly genuine and kind man, treating his neighbors and his employees as his peers. In addition to his career and community

involvement, Richard was a leader in his faith, serving the last 2 years as a stake president for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His service reflected his commitment to his faith, family, and community.

His executive counterpart mentioned to me how busy Richard's schedule had become. They couldn't even find 2½ days to visit another facility, yet what was he doing on a Saturday afternoon? He was taking his kids boating.

On a more personal note, every time that my boys practice free throws going forward or we host a backyard barbecue, we will remember Richard and how his life's work was to build products meant to bring friends and families together.

I take comfort alongside his family—his wife, Julie, and his surviving children, Samuel, Lyssa, and Mollie—in knowing that Richard continues to look after and comfort Sally, and they will all be united again. I offer these words as a remembrance of his legacy.

CONGRATULATING DR. DANIELE STRUPPA ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of my very good friend, Chapman University President Dr. Daniele Struppa.

Managing a major university today is not easy. Some say it takes a mathematician, an Einstein type, so Chapman University set out on a quest to find the right person, and they got really lucky by hiring a Ph.D. in mathematics to do the job. He was not just an ordinary math whiz, but rather an Italian model, fast and slick, an import from Italy.

President Struppa has not disappointed us. Since 2016, he has overseen the tremendous growth at Chapman University and enhanced the university's reputation at a national level.

President Struppa's contributions go beyond the campus. He has created a partnership with the Nicholas Academy, which has increased local enrollment on campus by almost 20 percent and boosted the number of first-generation students on campus.

President Struppa also put Chapman University on the map nationally as a Hispanic-serving institution. Chapman University, because of his leadership, is now known nationally for its sciences and research, arts, social sciences, and school of law.

President Struppa is a man of intellect, and his drive will never be equaled. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement as he returns to his lifelong passion of teaching math to the next generation. I trust that he will continue to be my friend and close adviser, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

Go Panthers.

CELEBRATING NORMA LOPEZ

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Ms. Norma Lopez and

her career fighting for southern California working men and women.

Ms. Lopez is organized labor. Her grandfather was a key figure in the efforts in California to organize farmworkers. Even as a child, Norma walked picket lines and demonstrated solidarity with workers in her community.

Later, she joined the Service Employees Union when she was in her twenties. She quickly rose through the ranks to eventually represent 800,000 members.

Thirty years later, Norma is leaving her role with the Teamsters but will continue to fight for working families in California.

In her new role as executive director at Labor Community Services, I know she will continue to fight to make life better for all families in southern California.

We are all proud of Ms. Lopez. I congratulate her on her new role and thank her very much for all she does and will do for our communities.

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IMPOSSIBLE RULES FROM CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last year, California's air regulator, known as the California Air Resources Board, finalized a new rule that would require freight railroads in the State to adopt zero-emissions locomotives for industrial use by the year 2030, only 6 years from now, and for normal hauling by 2035. It is now requesting a waiver from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to proceed with this rule.

This EPA CARB rule would effectively require all locomotives to operate in a zero-emissions configuration when operating in California. Sounds nice in theory, doesn't it?

This regulation would limit the useful life of thousands of locomotives currently in use across the rail network and require transition to zero-emissions technology. What is that going to do to the cost of moving goods with technology that is not yet even available widely?

Even by CARB's own admission, this rule will drive many short-line railroad operators out of business. Short-line railroads are very important for moving freight in the interim from manufacturers, from granaries, from wherever, out to the mainline. We are just going to eliminate them. What will we replace them with? More trucks. We love trucks, but there is a role for trucks, for short-line and for long-haul railroads.

CARB also admits this rule will be shifting the transport of goods to many more trucks with much more truck traffic. They admit to that, which is the opposite of their stated goal of reducing emissions.

Rail operators have not even been able to acquire full tier 4 locomotives yet due to the availability and stretch in technology, which isn't there yet. We can't acquire tier 4 locomotives, which is already being bypassed by new tiers that CARB wants to push, basically going to all-electric trains. This isn't the all-electric train we have in the basement. This is the real world here.

It would make more sense for the bureaucrats at CARB to just take a break a little bit from their carbon-neutral crusade and let rail operators come to the tier 4 standards for the locomotives that they are still trying to develop as being compliant.

These tier 4 locomotives are 85 percent cleaner than other older technology already. That sounds like a win to me. That is a bingo, as some might say, instead of pushing net-zero locomotives on such a ridiculous timeline. Because of their obsession with net zero and carbon reductions, CARB is actually working against their own goals they are stating here.

It is estimated the U.S. EPA approval would result in close to 65 percent of the Nation's class I railroad locomotive fleet being banned from operating in California just 6 years from now.

General Van Ovost, the head of the U.S. Transportation Command, expressed concerns that this regulation will negatively affect the economy as well as the military readiness posture—moving the tanks and heavy equipment that you see sometimes on the railway, these big long trains of items the military has to deploy to wherever. By reducing the ability to transport this military equipment in and out of California from different parts of the country, it could severely impact their ability for military readiness.

When I asked about this CARB regulation in committee yesterday, they said the military is going to be exempt. I guess that is good. The things that are really important, CARB is going to exempt. I guess goods movement, movement of agricultural products, and movement of food isn't as important. Instead, we are going to be forced this rule.

A large collection of national, State, and local agriculture groups have expressed great concern that this CARB rule poses a significant danger to U.S. agriculture's ability to transport products domestically or to our ports. We already have enough trouble getting stuff into our ports.

It needs to be stated that technology for these replacements does not yet exist on these new types of locomotives.

Freight railroads contribute only 0.5 percent total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, as defined by WHO, and 1.7 percent to total transportation-related greenhouse gas. All of this is to reduce the amount of CO₂, carbon dioxide, which is currently only 0.04 percent of

our atmosphere, practically a rounding error.

Again, EPA approval of this rule would result in close to 65 percent of the Nation's class I railroad locomotives being banned from operating—what will that do to our supply chain—by 2030, with tier 4 locomotives that are not even fully available yet, let alone the next set of technology they are trying to mandate.

This will slow our farmers' ability to get food to our tables and our ports. It will be rotting in the fields or sitting somewhere while waiting for an electric train to recharge and be able to go another 100 miles.

It will delay and raise prices of materials used to build and heat our homes.

It will raise prices for middle-income and lower-income families who are already struggling with inflation and so many policies from this administration.

Every stage of automobile production and sale, including EVs, will be pushed by the same people who are also pushing this rule. Bureaucrats are once again going after anything carbon related without considering the effects of this crusade against carbon.

We need not follow the California Air Resources Board as a whole country. They are not even elected. They are appointed by the Governor. They might be elected locally as a supervisor or something, but they are not elected by anybody to be on the CARB.

COMBATING GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, how many times do we have to come to the floor to demand that our colleagues take action to end the gun violence crisis that is traumatizing our children and tearing families apart?

Since Republicans took power, the Speaker has called not one single vote, not one, to combat gun violence. It is shameful. It is shameful because since then, 934 mass shootings have occurred in our country.

Just this past weekend, Mr. Speaker, in the northeast side of our city, there was a mass shooting where 2 people were killed and 19 others severely injured. The victims were all between the ages of 17 and 27 years old.

I refuse to accept this as normal or the status quo. I refuse to accept that last month, there was a mass shooting at a Splash Pad with families in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where nine people were shot, including two children, that that is okay, that it is normal.

Behind these numbers are real people in our communities, families who are directly, forever being impacted and traumatized by these senseless shootings.

Firearms are now the leading cause of death for children and teens in our country. It is not just mass shootings. Mr. Speaker, 4.6 million children in our

country live in homes with loaded and unlocked firearms.

There is a Children's Hospital in Detroit that passes out lockboxes.

Recently, a 6-year-old boy in Detroit shot himself in the hand at his grandmother's home after he found an unsecured firearm. He was playing with it and accidentally pulled the trigger. He is just one of nearly 360 children who unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else every single year.

This cable lock right here, which prevents a gun from being loaded and fired, is \$10. I looked it up. That is why I introduced the Safe Storage Saves Lives Act to require gun locks like this one to be provided for every firearm sold in our country. This is a common-sense solution to save lives, to prevent these horrific accidental shootings, and even prevent suicides among our children.

It is time for Congress to act with urgency, Mr. Speaker, and pass legislation to save lives now.

ABORTION RIGHTS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, it has been 2 years since the corrupt, far-right Supreme Court gutted *Roe v. Wade* and stripped us of our reproductive freedom.

There are now 21 States with an abortion ban in effect. Currently, one in three women are living without access to abortion care.

I want you to think about this: Our bodies are now being regulated more than guns in our country. It is disgusting. They have not only targeted abortion but also undermined access to IVF, birth control, and family planning.

Thankfully, I know in our State, Michiganders have soundly rejected the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe* and voted to enshrine abortion rights and abortion care into our State constitution.

MAGA extremists are not going to stop. They won't stop. They are pushing for a national abortion ban at the Federal level.

Abortion care is healthcare, and we must fight back and pass legislation that restores access.

People, Mr. Speaker, not politicians, should have the freedom to make decisions about their own bodies. We won't stop until we make reproductive freedom for all the law of the land and accessible to all our residents across our country.

LIVONIA TORNADO

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, last month, a tornado swept through my district with little to no warning. It tragically took the life of a 3-year-old child named Cooper Drake and left his mother in critical condition after a tree fell on their Livonia home during the storm.

It is absolutely devastating that a family should experience this heartbreak. Our community is heartbroken.

That is why my Michigan colleagues, Congresswoman HALBY STEVENS, and really led by Congresswoman DEBBIE