

Their dedication and hard work are the bedrock of our entire Nation. Food security, after all, is national security.

As chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have the privilege of working closely with those who lead in the agriculture industry. Over the past 1½ years, I have visited over 40 States and met with thousands of farmers. I have seen firsthand the challenges that they face, from unpredictable weather to fluctuating markets.

I have also witnessed their relentless efforts to ensure the highest safety and quality standards for the food supply that reaches every corner of our country.

Farmers are the lifeblood of our communities. They feed our families, sustain our rural economies, and contribute to the cultural fabric of our Nation. They work long hours, often under grueling conditions, to provide us with the abundance that we enjoy every day. Their commitment and resilience are nothing short of extraordinary. Yet, despite the vital role they play to make all of our lives easier, their work comes with significant risk.

Farm life is inherently dangerous. The nature of their work involves heavy machinery, unpredictable livestock, and exposure to various environmental hazards, from extreme weather conditions to hazardous chemicals. No two grains of wheat are the same, and no two farms are the same, which means the challenges they face are all different.

It is crucial we support our farmers with effective safety measures and robust support systems. That is why the farm bill, which we are working to bring to this floor, is so crucial. This legislation is not just another priority policy document. It is a testament to our commitment to improving the lives of those who work tirelessly to keep our Nation nourished.

Our discussions on the farm bill have been focused on ensuring that it addresses the full spectrum of needs of our agricultural community. This bill represents our dedication to fostering a safer and healthier work environment for our farmers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude to every farmer, rancher, and producer across this great Nation during National Farm Safety and Health Week. Their tireless work, dedication, and unwavering commitment do not go unnoticed. We are profoundly grateful for all that they do.

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HERSH GOLDBERG-POLIN

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Hersh Goldberg-Polin, a courageous 23-year-old, American-Israeli who was executed by Hamas terrorists.

Hersh was abducted at the Nova Music Festival on October 7. In the face of unimaginable terror, Hersh's arm was blown off by a grenade. His senseless murder, along with five others discovered on September 1, is a stark reminder of all the innocent civilians killed. It is also a reminder of the many of whom remain held hostage, enduring unimaginable suffering.

To Hersh's parents Jon and Rachel we extend our deepest sympathies. We stand with you.

May Hersh's memory be a blessing.

Congress, the administration, and the international community must intensify efforts to secure the immediate release of all hostages and hold accountable those responsible for these egregious acts.

Bring them home now.

ABRAHAM ACCORDS

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we honor the transformative power of diplomacy. Four years ago, the Abraham Accords opened the door to a new era of peace, bringing together Israel, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and later Morocco in an unprecedented step toward stability in the Middle East.

The signing of the Abraham Accords, a historic moment, reminds us that even in the face of deep division, it is possible to find common ground.

Israel, a beacon of democracy in a region too often defined by conflict, has long been a vital partner in our pursuit of shared security and prosperity.

The Abraham Accords highlight not only Israel's crucial role in securing its own future, but its commitment to building enduring alliances that benefit the global community.

Yet our work is far from over. We must remain unwavering in our commitment to support Israel and all partners who extend the hand of peace.

Let us continue building a world where dignity, security, and freedom are the rights of all.

DEMOCRATS' RHETORIC AND SECOND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the left's dangerous rhetoric that has led to two assassination attempts on President Trump in 2 months.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the law enforcement officers who fearlessly prevented a second utter catastrophe from taking place this past Sunday. I am also thankful for God's continued hand of protection over President Trump.

However, I am deeply disturbed that within a 64-day span, President Trump has seen an assassin's attempt to take his life not once but twice. After the first horrifying attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, many Americans asked

for politicians and media pundits alike to turn down the temperature of their political rhetoric. Yet given the continued targeting of President Trump's life, it is evident that many on the left have not stopped spewing hateful speech and malicious lies.

For years, we have heard rhetoric from the radical left that goes well beyond policy disagreement and crosses into dangerous territory. Think about all the times liberal figures have erroneously labeled Trump as Hitler, or the biggest threat to democracy, or a dictator who must be stopped.

Now we are seeing the tragic results of that false rhetoric. President Trump has faced not one, but two assassination attempts.

This isn't a partisan issue. This is about the safety of our leaders, the stability of our Republic, and the rule of law. Yet disturbingly, we have seen numerous Democrats and the leftwing media blame these attempts on President Trump himself. This level of victim blaming isn't just ghoulish. It is a sinister attempt to normalize this senseless violence and to absolve themselves of any wrongdoing.

There are still many unknowns about both of these attacks, and while I certainly have concerns and questions about the obvious security failures that have taken place, I can't silently sit by as the left, including many of my Democratic colleagues, take no accountability for their incendiary rhetoric and shameless lies that undoubtedly have played a part in inspiring the assassination attempts on President Trump.

Since the liberal media won't hold them accountable, I will.

Here are examples of the left's violence inciting and dangerous rhetoric.

Vice President KAMALA HARRIS: "Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms."

Again, she says: "It's on us to recognize the threat [Trump] poses."

Governor Tim Walz said: "Are [Republicans] a threat to democracy? Yes. Are they going to put peoples' lives in danger? Yes."

Former Speaker NANCY PELOSI said: Trump is "a threat to our democracy of the kind that we have not seen."

JASMINE CROCKETT said: "MAGA in general, they are threats to us domestically."

Representative DAN GOLDMAN said: He is a threat to our democracy, and, "He has to be eliminated."

Representative STEVE COHEN said: "Trump is an enemy of the United States."

Representative DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ said: Trump is "an existential threat to our democracy."

Representative ADAM SCHIFF said: Trump is "the gravest threat to our democracy."

Representative GREGORY MEEKS said: "Trump cannot be President again. He is an existential threat to our democracy."

Representative ABIGAIL SPANBERGER said: "Trump is a threat to our democracy. . . . The threats to our democratic Republic are real."

Representative MIKE LEVIN said: "Donald Trump is a threat to our Nation, our freedom, and our democracy."

Representative ERIC SORENSEN said: "He is the greatest threat to law and order we have in our country today."

Representative JAKE AUCHINCLOSS said: "What unifies us as a party is knowing that Donald Trump is an existential threat to democracy."

Yesterday, just 2 days after the second assassination attempt, White House Press Secretary KJP said: "President Biden has been clear-eyed about the threat that the former President represents to our democracy."

Seriously?

She just couldn't stop herself and had to join in.

Moreover, let's not forget President Biden who said: It is "time to put Trump in a bull's-eye."

President Biden has also said: "I mean this from the bottom of my heart, Trump is a threat to this Nation." As well as: "Donald Trump is a genuine threat to this Nation."

"He's literally a threat for everything this America stands for."

For the last 9 years, the left erroneously labeled Trump as a racist, a Fascist, and an existential threat to our democracy. They have encouraged protests, approved of violent rhetoric, and, in some cases, refused to condemn violent actions. They have made it acceptable to view someone with opposing political beliefs not as a fellow American but as an enemy to be destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is when you constantly tell people that our democracy is in existential danger because of one man, and when you label that man a threat to the very fabric of our country, then you should take some responsibility and not be surprised when unhinged individuals take matters into their own hands.

Words have power, and Democrats have recklessly used that power for nefarious political gain, no matter the cost. We, as a nation, must be better than this.

I have six words for my Democrat colleagues: Stop it and stop it now.

VANDALS DEFACED BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAGEMAN). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. SUOZZI) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, we all know that hate has always been a part of the human existence, but we see so many hate crimes today.

Late Sunday night, vandals defaced the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir on Long Island with vile hate and bigotry against the Hindu community.

I have seen Hindus many times, and many of you have as well, when they

place their hands together and they bow and they say "namaste," "I bow to you." When they do that, they are recognizing the divinity in the person in front of them. They are showing their respect for the person in front of them.

We really need to recognize that with all of our fellow human beings, that we are all special, made in God's image, and we need to treat each other with more respect.

What is happening that we see these acts of vandalism, bigotry, and hate happening so often?

Is it because of the inflammatory rhetoric we hear all the time?

Is it because of extremism?

Is it because of the lack of accountability?

What do we need to do to address this problem because hate is not the answer. Love is the answer.

In the short term, we need to hold vandals, criminals, and people who commit hate crimes accountable. We need law enforcement to work to apprehend these criminals, and we need prosecutors to prosecute them to hold them accountable because people can't just say whatever they want regardless of the impact it has on other human beings.

In the long term, we need to do a much better job educating people about the importance of love and of respect for other people.

On Monday, I stood in unity with the BAPS community gathering with State and local officials, people from different religions, Democrats and Republicans from the Federal, State, and local level. We spoke out for the values that the people of the BAPS community stand for, that Long Islanders stand for, that New Yorkers stand for, and that Americans stand for.

Let's remember the importance of mutual respect and love and the role they play here in our country and in our world. Love will always win out.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

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

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, the Constitution of the United States of America, is the guardian of our liberties. It embodies the principles of limited government in a republic dedicated to rule by law.

September 17, 2024, marks the 237th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States by the Constitutional Convention.

It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it.

To honor this year's Constitution Week, I ask my fellow citizens and my colleagues here to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Moreover, don't forget, Madam Speaker, the Constitution does not give us rights, and it does not grant us rights. The Constitution seeks to bind our government and protect our God-given rights.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to the members of the John Guill-Polly Hawkins Craig Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their steadfast commitment to honoring the history of our great Nation and for hosting a Constitution Week celebration for my constituents.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Mr. MASSIE. Madam Speaker, we are told today that we are going to vote on a continuing resolution with another bright, shiny object attached to it.

I feel like this legislation is insincere and unserious.

Now, why is it unserious?

It is unserious because we are cramming all government spending into one bill, and instead of deciding what to spend on, we are saying: Let's just spend at least as much as we spent last year and not worry about running any of these bills through committee or debating how much we should spend on things.

It is also unserious because we spent 2 years uncovering deficiencies in our government. We have been stonewalled by the FBI and the Department of Justice with that familiar refrain: Oh, Mr. Congressman, that is the subject of an ongoing investigation, and it is our longstanding policy not to comment on that.

They can say that in a press release, but they shouldn't be saying that to Congress. However they get away with it because we don't cut their spending every time they do that to us.

If we would withhold the ink cartridge for one printer at the FBI, they would come to heel. Yet we are not going to do that in this bill, this continuing resolution. It is just unserious.

It is also very insincere. It is an insult to the American people. It is an insult to their intelligence to bring this bill to the floor because it sets up a fake fight that we all know here is fake. Somebody come down here and tell me it is not fake. You all know it is fake.

Here is what is even more insincere about it: The compromise has already been reached in a smoke-filled backroom here. They already know what we are going to do. It is going to be a clean CR when we get to September 30.

What is the deal they have reached?

It is the same deal they reach every year: We will let you spend a few billion dollars more if you let us spend a few billion dollars more.

In fact, what we should be doing is correcting this country's course. We are on a course to financial ruin.

I ask my colleagues: When history looks back, how will it judge you for what you do today on this vote?

Will it say: Oh, well, this is a person who was unserious and insincere, and