

safe by creating this pilot program that allows us to move more freight and allow freight and warehouse companies to participate in Customs and Border Protection's CTPAT program. It is a public-private partnership that basically allows you to get preclearance to move freight and store freight that has been precleared.

I introduced this bill because Michigan is a border State. Every single day we have 40,000 commuters, tourists, and truck drivers coming across our border.

Mr. Speaker, \$323 million worth of goods every single day is coming across our borders, one of the busiest land borders in the country.

I introduced this bill specifically because of freight companies and businesses like Frontline Logistics, which is a small, 15-person business in Brighton, Michigan. They reached out and they said: Hey, we want to expand this TSA PreCheck program so we can grow our business and other small businesses can grow.

The bill will become law because it was bipartisan, and I am grateful to the group of bipartisan Members in the House who sponsored this bill and helped get it passed not just in the House but in the Senate, and it is on its way to be signed at the White House.

Here is another example from yesterday. There was not a lot of press on this. We passed the IMPACTT Human Trafficking Act, which is designed to give survivors of human trafficking and law enforcement officers who fight this crime the tools and the resources they need.

Michigan is number eight in the country for human trafficking. Again, our border plays a role in this. It is an issue that is close to many people's hearts. We have had young women, in particular, taken from their homes and moved across State lines.

Again, this bill will become law because it was bipartisan, and I was proud to introduce it with Representative JOYCE as well as Representatives WAGNER and TITUS. That bipartisan support got it over the finish line in the House and in the Senate.

Similarly, just yesterday, the House passed the Senate version of the Building Chips in America Act, a bipartisan bill that Congresswoman KIGGANS introduced here in the House and on which I am a proud cosponsor.

It will streamline the process so that we can build more microchips in the United States, manufacture more microchips in the United States. We invented those microchips. We make zero percent of the microchips that go in cars. That is a problem. We were able to pass this yesterday because it was bipartisan, and it passed unanimously in the Senate.

These bills are evidence that we do not need to be at each other's throats. In fact, being at each other's throats is principally against the mission of what it means to be a Representative.

It means you are not getting work done. It means you are doing things for political posturing. It means that you care more about making a statement that makes the news or goes viral on Twitter than you do about actually moving the ball down the field for your constituents.

I hope that when Congress returns in November and when a new Congress is sworn in next year, we can learn that basic lesson. We do our best work when we work together, even when it is hard.

We could do things that support the Commerce Department. Yesterday, they put in a big countermeasure to make sure that Chinese-connected vehicles aren't moving around in the United States. Congress should pass legislation that strengthens that.

We could pass the farm bill, which should be bipartisan, a big piece of legislation every 5 years.

The National Defense Authorization Act, funding our military, funding our military salaries, big appropriations bills that go to the essential function of government, all of that is work on our plate after the election.

I sincerely hope that we are able to act like adults and do the things that most people want us to do, which is get in a room, hash things out, hammer it out, compromise, and move the ball forward for the American people. I urge my colleagues to remember this. It is much easier to get things done when we work together.

HOUSING ISSUES

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss Vice President KAMALA HARRIS' housing plan.

First, let's talk about the broader problem. Housing is less affordable and less available today, and it is bringing costs onto the American people.

Overall, housing underproduction costs the U.S. economy \$1.6 trillion in lost wages and productivity every single year.

The U.S. needs to build 4.3 million more apartments by 2035 to meet the demand for rental housing. This includes 600,000 units to fill the shortage from after the 2008 financial crisis.

Underproduction of housing has translated to higher housing costs, resulting in a decline of 4.7 million affordable apartments from 2015 to 2020.

Housing underproduction also increases the cost of living for families, inhibits geographic mobility, burdens both renters and buyers, and stifles economic productivity.

According to one estimate, from 1964 to 2009, our national housing shortage lowered aggregate economic growth by 36 percent.

All of that is to say there is no question we have a housing supply problem in this country. Unfortunately, Vice President KAMALA HARRIS' plans would make the problem much, much worse.

The Harris plan's goals are to "lower housing costs for working families and end America's housing shortage." The problem is that the Biden-Harris policies and the Harris plan will actually raise housing costs and worsen the housing crisis.

I will break it down piece by piece to demonstrate why. First, let's start with KAMALA HARRIS' proposal to add tens of thousands of dollars in new downpayment assistance for home buyers.

Large amounts of downpayment assistance might sound nice, it might sound like it is free, but it is exactly the wrong answer in this environment with housing shortages across the country.

More government subsidies won't bring housing costs down. They will continue to increase demand and drive prices even higher.

The great irony is that this policy would hurt the very people it is intended to help. Think about a young person who is currently renting but planning to buy a home. He and his wife may be looking at prices on Zillow and diligently saving up for a downpayment on a nearby house. They financially planned for this goal, and they have been working toward it for years.

If the Harris plan's subsidy were to go into effect, the prices of those homes would increase. They could find themselves further from their goal, even if they were able to receive the promised subsidy themselves.

It is a classic example of why progressive economic policies fail. Instead of working through a market-focused solution, the Harris plan simply throws money on the problem, and it hopes for the best. That is not leadership, and that is not going to solve the problem.

Next, let's talk about rent caps. Earlier this year, the Biden-Harris administration announced their intention to impose rent caps on "corporate landlords."

Rent caps are a failed policy with a long track record of exacerbating housing shortages by dissuading developers from building new rental units in high-demand areas.

If investors know that future rent increases will be capped, they shift their capital elsewhere. That means less building, less housing supply, fewer options, and it drives demand for existing units even higher, which pushes rents up in buildings that aren't even subject to the caps.

We have seen how these policies work in New York and San Francisco where rent control has been in place for decades.

According to AEIR, rent control policies in New York City resulted in more rental units being abandoned than built in the 1970s and 1980s.

We can expect more of the same under the Harris plan, which will replicate these failures on a national scale.

To recap, the Harris plan would implement an expensive downpayment assistance subsidy. It would hamper new

development by putting in place rent caps that disincentivize investment.

In other words, HARRIS would both increase demand and limit supply, the exact wrong combination of policies if you want housing costs to go down.

The result is a housing market where both renters and potential homeowners are squeezed, leaving everyone with fewer choices and higher prices.

Vice President HARRIS has said previously that “Bidenomics is working.” For those that are concerned about rising housing costs, her words should be taken literally and taken as a warning.

Vice President HARRIS plans to continue the inflationary policies of the Biden-Harris administration, exacerbating our housing affordability problems and leaving renters with less options and future home buyers with even higher costs.

If America wants to boost housing supply and end the inflationary policies of the Biden-Harris era, we need to cut red tape, streamline Federal housing programs, and remove barriers to building new units.

Until we move toward a solution that encourages private investment in development, we can expect that our country’s housing shortage will persist, leaving the American Dream out of reach for everyday working families.

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REMEMBERING LARRY FISHER FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Larry Fisher.

Throughout his life, Larry showed incredible dedication to his community. He was a proud alumnus of the University of Southern California. After his graduation from USC, he served as executive director of the California Democratic Party. In 1966, he joined Braun and Company and rose through the ranks to become CEO of this international public relations firm, which eventually became Braun and Ketchum.

In his retirement, Larry moved to the bay area with his wife, Betty, and briefly worked as director for Options Recovery in Berkeley, California, assisting people through the process of recovering from addiction. He then became the spiritual director, working with clients to help them find new meaning in life.

Sadly, Larry passed away this year. Our hearts are with his wife, Betty; their children, Timothy and Lara; and the rest of their family. Larry will be remembered for his outstanding character and community contributions. Please join me in honoring Larry Fisher for his incredible impact on his community, his State, and the country.

INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AMIT ELOR

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Amit Elor for making history as the youngest wrestler from Team USA to earn an Olympic Gold Medal.

Amit was born and raised in Walnut Creek, California, and has been wrestling since the age of 4. In 2022, Amit won under 23, then under 20, and senior world titles, making her the youngest U.S. senior world champion in wrestling. She went on to win those titles again in 2023, making her the only wrestler in history to win these three titles 2 years in a row.

In August, Amit won an Olympic Gold Medal in the women’s freestyle in her weight group. Her astonishing skill and unwavering dedication to the sport make her an inspiration for the next generation of girls’ wrestling.

Our community is incredibly proud of Amit, and it was a delight to root for her during the Paris Olympics alongside California’s 10th Congressional District. Please join me in congratulating Amit Elor on her incredible accomplishments and the many more to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTE BOATMUN

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Bette Boatmun.

Bette was a trailblazer for women in leadership in the community, water agencies in California, and in special districts. She was a native New Yorker who settled in Concord, California, with her family of six. In 1974, Bette was appointed to the Contra Costa Water District’s Board, and she served in that seat for over 46 years. She was instrumental in implementing many significant projects, such as building the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant and expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir.

Bette was passionate about bringing more women into elected office and into the water industry. She was an active member of many organizations, including the Concord branch of American Association of University Women, Soroptimist International of the Americas, and many others.

In 2020, the Association of California Water Agencies presented her with a lifetime achievement award for her lasting contributions to California water.

Sadly, Bette passed away last week, on September 19, and our hearts are with her family. Bette will be remembered as a remarkable leader and a true visionary when it came to water conservation and women in politics. Please join me in honoring Bette Boatmun for her incredible impact on our environment, her community, the State of California, and this country.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observation of Suicide Preven-

tion Month, a time to raise awareness on this urgent crisis and to rededicate ourselves to watching out and caring for each other, not just this month but every single day.

Suicide is a complex, personal, and devastating moment. The loss of life is painful, and the heartbreaking aftermath spreads beyond the individual to friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, and society itself.

Whether you are a servicemember, veteran, or civilian, mental health challenges affect us all. We must work to end the stigma surrounding mental health and asking for help. Seeking help is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a sign of strength.

If you or a loved one are struggling with your mental health, please know there is a caring community who stands ready to assist. You can get help 24/7 by calling or texting 988 or you can chat with the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988lifeline.org.

During this month, let us dedicate ourselves to shifting public perceptions, spreading hope, and sharing vital information and resources for people struggling with their mental health.

Know that you are not alone.

ADDRESSING CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, H.R. 9678, the FLASH Act.

For 3½ years, border districts, like mine, have suffered the devastating consequences stemming from the crisis at our southern border. As a result, bad actors are emboldened, CBP agents and officers are overwhelmed and overworked, our communities have become more dangerous, and the environment along the border has been harmed.

My legislation will address this crisis and secure the border by allowing States to place temporary barriers on Federal lands, providing for the construction of navigable roads to enhance CBP’s ability to do their job, and directing Federal managers to develop plans to address growing trash piles along the border that hurt our environment.

Securing the border and protecting the environment are not partisan issues. They remain top of mind for the constituents in my entire southern Arizona district.

I remain committed to working with anyone on either side of the aisle to find common ground to address the issues impacting communities in my district and our Nation.

HISPANIC RESTAURANT WEEK

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1480, recognizing Hispanic Restaurant Week, a time to mark and honor the significant contribution of Hispanic restaurant owners and workers.

In southern Arizona and across the United States, countless Hispanics have opened a restaurant in search of their American Dream. These establishments allow Hispanics to share their rich culinary traditions and bold flavors, all while creating jobs and