

helped us serve people here in Washington and in Dallas.

This was always personal for me, Mr. Speaker. It wasn't just another district; it was the place where I was born and raised, where I went to high school, where my family lives.

Mr. Speaker, we served during a time of great uncertainty: a pandemic and an insurrection. There is more uncertainty to come, but I believe in this country. I believe in the people of north Texas. I know that God will continue to bless Texas and our great country.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS for her 20 years of public service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Not only is CATHY the first woman Congress Member in history to give birth three times while in office, she is also the first woman in history to become chairwoman of the powerful and influential Energy and Commerce Committee. In addition, CATHY served 6 years in leadership as the Republican Conference Chair.

CATHY and her husband, Brian, and their three children attended the same D.C. church that Joe and I attended. I remember going out to lunch after church with them and having fun throwing snowballs with their kids. I will always remember CATHY giving Bibles to every member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, inviting me and others to Bible studies, and walking around the U.S. Capitol after votes praying with other Congress Members.

Mr. Speaker, CATHY has made a difference in this world and in the people she has touched. May God continue to bless her and her family. She will be missed.

RECOGNIZING LOU HRKMAN

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Lou Hrkman, for his dedication and service to me and the constituents of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District.

Lou joined my staff as my energy policy advisor and brought with him decades of experience in the energy space, including experience on the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and at the Department of Energy under President Trump.

Lou's expertise was key to my work on the Energy and Commerce Committee and his commitment to advancing sound energy policy was critical in the passage of my legislation, Hands Off Our Home Appliances and Save Our Gas Stoves Act this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, as I leave Congress, I have no doubt Lou will go on to do great things as he continues his public service. I wish him nothing but the

best in all of his endeavors. I appreciate him.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL STEFANSKI

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Daniel Stefanski, for his dedication and service to the constituents of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District.

As Members of Congress, we know the importance of communicating our work to our constituents, and communications staffers are essential to this endeavor.

Daniel joined my communications team after a career that included service to other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the former Attorney General of Arizona. He is a dedicated professional who is committed to helping conservatives effectively communicate their policy priorities to the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Daniel for his hard work and dedication to me and to our team. As I leave Congress, I have no doubt Daniel will go on to do great things. I wish him nothing but the best in all of his future endeavors. I greatly appreciate him.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY BRAVO

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose service and dedication to both myself and the State of Arizona are unmatched, Bobby Bravo.

Bobby first came to work for me when I was serving in the Arizona State Legislature, and I was honored when he joined me on my congressional staff in Washington, D.C.

My longest serving aide, Bobby is a hard worker with a commitment to advancing the policies and priorities that make our Nation and State great.

A native of Mesa, Arizona, and a graduate of Arizona State University, Bobby never meets a stranger. Bobby is kind to everyone and treats everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of their position or party affiliation. He always has a smile for anyone he comes in contact with.

When I look back at my time in elected office, Bobby was such an important part of my journey, and I thank him for his service and commitment to me, our State, and our Nation. I greatly appreciate him.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAN'T PASS AN AUDIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEAN of Florida). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOYLE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state my opposition to the National Defense Authorization Act.

First, let me be clear, I support any funding to keep Americans safe, protect and fairly compensate our troops for their sacrifices, and to improve our national security. I also support some of what is included in this act: pay

raises for our servicemembers, expanding access to contraceptives for female servicemembers under TRICARE, and properly funding the replacement of poor and failing military housing and barracks.

However, it is simply irresponsible to give more money to an agency that accounts for half of our discretionary spending but can't pass an audit. This is an agency that spends over half its budget on defense contractors who have no incentive against price gouging, some who overcharge the Department of Defense by 40 to 50 percent with no accountability and no consequences. Year after year, we dump money into defense contractors that grow fatter while our servicemembers and their families struggle to scrape by.

Since the election, we have heard a lot of talk about improving government efficiency and cutting waste, and I agree. It is incumbent upon us to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, but instead of proposing cuts to Social Security benefits for seniors or cutting veterans' benefits to our servicemembers, benefits that they have earned, let's start where there are clear savings to be had.

In this NDAA, the Pentagon would get \$10 billion more than last year. Simply put, the Pentagon just failed its seventh audit, and it is getting nearly \$900 billion already. Why should we keep writing blank checks and expecting things to change when there is no incentive to do so?

Without robust accountability, all this is, is a transfer of wealth from hardworking American taxpayers to private defense contractors in the military industrial complex. Without meaningful oversight for how my constituents' taxpayer dollars are spent, I plan on voting no.

CONFUSING ZIP CODES CAUSE UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, currently in the United States, some municipalities have ZIP Codes that don't match the municipal boundaries, and it is a real problem.

Communities across southeast Wisconsin, including Somers, Mount Pleasant, Caledonia, and Franklin have dealt with this unnecessary difficulty as a result, so I rise in support of H.R. 8753 to fix this problem.

H.R. 8753 will direct the United States Postal Service to designate single, unique ZIP Codes for certain communities.

When physical mailing addresses differ because multiple ZIP Codes converge within one municipality, it causes real confusion.

Besides mail delivery issues, inaccurate address listings can cause delays in service response times, higher

insurance rates, problems with tax rebates, confusion over polling places, and incorrect jury summonses.

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ZIP Codes play an important role in community identity. The consequences of inaccurate address listings have been a constant frustration for many local officials and the people they serve. In fact, Dave DeGroot is the one who brought this to my attention.

This bill directs USPS to create ZIP Codes that align with municipal boundaries. It is a commonsense solution, and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

ACTBLUE INVESTIGATION

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I think we can all agree foreign funding has no place in American elections.

Over the past year, my Committee on House Administration has investigated multiple situations, and in particular the Democratic online fundraising platform of ActBlue, identifying and showing the vulnerabilities that exist that could be exploited by foreign actors.

We have uncovered that the platform previously wasn't requiring the use of a CVV code. That is the three or four digit number on the back of your credit card. It is a simple financial safeguard most online companies use to deter bad actors.

The Committee on House Administration has recently subpoenaed ActBlue for documents related to potential foreign influence in campaign funding. As chairman, I have introduced legislation to require the CVV number and prohibit prepaid cards from being used to make contributions, a pathway for foreign entities, including drug cartels, to launder money.

The SHIELD Act would prohibit political committees from accepting online contributions unless the contributor provides the CVV number and the billing address associated with the card and also prohibit them from accepting online contributions from prepaid cards.

It is imperative that we are increasing trust and transparency in our elections. All parties should be complying with Federal election law, including campaign finance laws.

Foreign actors have no place contributing in American elections. They have no place in contributing to American political campaigns. I will continue working to prevent foreign funding in our elections.

AMERICA NEEDS MEDICARE FOR ALL

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, across our land, there is outrage at private health insurance companies that are denying claims: denying claims for heart disease, denying claims for cancer, denying claims for diabetes.

Mr. Speaker, the average cancer patient in America will lose their entire life savings in 2 years. Forty-two percent of Americans who have cancer lose their life savings in 2 years. Mr. Speaker, 18 percent of Americans have had their healthcare claims denied, over 3.4 million Americans.

On a very small matter, I had my healthcare claim denied by UnitedHealthcare when I wanted to get a \$100 nasal pump for allergies. Back it came: denied. I couldn't get that reversed. Imagine people with more serious problems.

One of the people in my district, Sarah Broughton, died of a sinus infection because her health insurance companies denied her claims for basic healthcare.

As Americans face denial after denial after denial, what is happening with these private insurance companies? Let me tell you: \$1.4 trillion in revenue, \$70 billion in profits for the top seven private insurance companies. They say, oh, it is only 5 percent profit, but it is \$1.4 trillion sucked out of our economy while basic Americans are denied healthcare.

What is this money going to? It is going to administrative costs. It is going to advertising. It is going to bloated executive pay salaries while we can't give people treatment for cancer, for diabetes, for basic health issues.

The American people are outraged, and they are rising up across our country, demanding fundamental change to a broken healthcare system. Enough.

Here are three things that we could do: First, if a doctor prescribes a medicine, the private insurance company must cover it if Medicare covers it. That is common sense.

Second, let us cap out-of-pocket costs so you don't have someone who has cancer depleting their entire life savings. Cap those costs at \$2,000 a year.

Third, let us make sure that these private insurance companies can't rely on AI to have AI-generated algorithms that deny claims. No AI used to deny Americans' claims.

Really, what we need, Mr. Speaker, is what so many other democracies have. We need Medicare for All. The reality is, the average American is paying more than \$6,000 a year on healthcare costs, and those premiums are up 7 percent from last year. We are not going to get those premiums down. We are not going to get those healthcare costs down unless we have Medicare for All.

When we have Medicare for All, we will have 2 percent administrative fees. Medicare will be able to negotiate with the hospitals and the pharmaceutical companies to lower costs for all Americans and provide care.

Guess what. If we have Medicare for All, every doctor and every hospital will be in network. No more of these denied claims that are bankrupting Americans and taking people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I represent a district in Silicon Valley that has \$12 trillion of value: Apple, Google, Nvidia, Tesla. We

are producing more wealth in my ZIP Code than anyplace in human history. How is it that in the wealthiest nation in the world when we are producing more wealth than ever before, Americans can't get basic healthcare?

Healthcare is a human right. We have the money to make sure every American is covered and not denied. It is time for change. It is time to hold private health insurance companies accountable. It is time to fight and pass Medicare for All.

CONGRATULATING MICA MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mica Mountain High School varsity football team for winning the 4A State championship, the first title in the school's history.

The fourth-seed Mica Mountain Thunderbolts overcame the odds and beat second-seed Arizona College Prep by a resounding score of 42-13 and capped their perfect 14-0 season with a majestic trophy.

The Thunderbolts attacked early and quickly, scoring on each of their opening four drives and leading by a score of 28-7 at halftime. They were led by star running back Josiah Thornwell, who finished the night with 182 yards and four touchdowns.

Considering that Mica Mountain only became a school 4½ years ago, it is remarkable to see how much the students and staff have accomplished in such a short time, setting a strong foundation for future classes to build upon.

Moreover, this was Coach Nugent's first championship in his 34 years of coaching. Coach Nugent did a great job.

Coach Nugent, all the coaching staff, the players, the administration, the school, the students and everyone who had their hand in this special season made their school and our community extremely proud. This is their victory. They earned it. Go on and enjoy it.

CONGRATULATING MICAH POWELL

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Micah Powell for an outstanding tenure as mayor of Eloy.

Since the day he took office 4 years ago, Micah has been a devoted public servant who cared deeply for the residents of Eloy and dedicated himself to serving his community with genuine passion and a tireless work ethic.

During his tenure, Micah focused on bringing more jobs and housing opportunities for the residents and promoting businesses and economic growth. In my time in Congress, I am deeply proud of the strong Federal-local partnership Micah and I forged to benefit our constituents. In FY25, we worked together to initially secure \$1