

best—the best—chief who has built the best team in Congress. He has been a friend, a mentor, and a supportive colleague to so many. He has created the kind of culture that has made my office so effective at getting things done and a great place to work.

At around 11:30 every day, Matt asks folks in the office: “What are we doing for lunch today?” And you will see him with at least two, sometimes more, colleagues heading down to grab food and then coming back to his office to eat together.

During his time as chief, we have had one of the lowest staff turnovers of any office. And it is not just because they love Arby’s or spicy chicken sandwiches, although he has gotten a lot of recruits to do that. When Matt makes decisions, he seeks a lot of input from our office, from our staff, which is so important.

One staffer talked about how, during the pandemic, he would regularly check in with everyone on the team and seek feedback when deciding new protocols and office systems as the pandemic evolved. In chaos and uncertain times, Matt made sure everyone felt supported and competent that they had what they needed to succeed. And, of course, he has always done that for me.

Matt has also effectively bridged the divide between DC and the Michigan staff. This means leading our all-staff retreats, making sure everyone knows each other, and setting the tone of constant collaboration in service to our State. The people of Michigan have benefited every single day from his leadership and service.

Matt’s relationships outside of our office have also been instrumental in so many successes. These relationships are what keeps our office informed and helps us serve the people of Michigan.

When I finally decided not to run again, I knew it was the right decision for me and my family. I knew it was time to pass the torch. But I couldn’t imagine not being with my Senate family every day and not working with Matt every day. It is the hardest decision I ever made—the right decision but the hardest.

Matt will be starting an exciting new job soon. I know he will continue his commitment to excellence and service in this new role and beyond, and I am confident that he will continue his great success in everything he does.

I will be forever grateful for Matt’s contributions to my success, for his loyalty, and his friendship.

I wish Matt continued success and happiness in the next chapter in his life, and I wish him joy and happiness with Heather and his wonderful daughter Sophie, who is with us today in the Gallery.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

KOSA-COPPA

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, before the Senate adjourned last week, we took a major step forward to ensure

our kids’ online safety by advancing KOSA-COPPA with strong bipartisan support—a vote of 86 to 1.

Thanks to both sides working together, the Senate is on track to pass KOSA and COPPA tomorrow. These bills are perhaps the most important updates in decades to Federal laws that protect kids on the internet and a good first step.

After the Senate passes KOSA and COPPA tomorrow with a strong bipartisan vote, the House should do the same when they return in September. The bipartisan momentum behind these bills is real, and we should seize this opportunity to make a law.

While social media has many benefits, it also, as we know, has many risks. KOSA and COPPA will install guardrails that protect kids from these risks.

Too many kids experience relentless online bullying. Too many kids have their personal data collected and then used nefariously. And sadly—sadly—too many families have lost kids because of what happened to them on social media.

I have met with many of the families whose children took their own lives. We felt the pain of loss together. We have cried together. What they have gone through is impossible to imagine—losing a child and in this way.

But these families, to their everlasting credit, instead of cursing the darkness, they lit a candle. They turned their grief into grace by working so hard to make sure this doesn’t happen to other kids, what happened to theirs.

I thank all of the families who advocate to get kids’ online safety over the finish line. Their efforts will pay off tomorrow.

I also want to thank colleagues who have relentlessly championed these bills: Senators BLUMENTHAL and BLACKBURN, MARKEY and CASSIDY, DURBIN and KLOBUCHAR, Chair CANTWELL, and others.

Getting to this point wasn’t easy; that is for sure. It has been a long and winding and difficult road. But after tomorrow, I am very proud that it will have all been worth it.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Madam President, now on SCOTUS, the Supreme Court of the United States, no democracy can hope to survive if it can’t ensure accountability. That is a hallmark of democracy—and American democracy, in particular. This was the stern warning handed down to us by the Framers of the Constitution. Accountability is how power is checked, how consent of the governed is secured, and how trust between the people and their institutions is preserved.

Later today, President Biden will speak at the LBJ Presidential Library on the need for accountability for the U.S. Supreme Court, where it is desperately needed. The President published an op-ed in the Washington Post outlining his ideas and will expand on them this evening.

I believe the President is right to say aloud what many Americans already think: The Supreme Court is a morass. I am particularly pleased President Biden called for undoing the damage of the Court’s recent immunity decision. I think Congress should pursue the idea through legislation, and I am working with my colleagues on the best way to proceed.

A few years ago, the Supreme Court was easily the most trusted institution in government, but today confidence in the Court is at an alltime low. For over a year, Americans have learned how some Justices have accepted millions of dollars in lavish gifts from rightwing benefactors that, at the same time, had business before the Court. They were funding these groups to pursue their rightwing agenda before the Court. And all of this happened in total secrecy and possibly—possibly—in violation of the law.

And at the same time, the MAGA Justices have rammed through a flurry of hard-right decisions, reversing decades of precedent—they almost seem to ignore it from time to time, when they want to—on reproductive freedoms, on affirmative action, on gerrymandering, administrative law, and so much more. These decisions on choice and so many other issues are way out of the mainstream.

And 1 month ago, the MAGA Justices ruled that the President of the United States is, in essence, above the law when it comes to his “official acts.” The conservative majority’s ruling was the very antithesis of the kind of accountability our Framers envisioned. The MAGA Court more or less echoed Richard Nixon’s infamous view that “when the President does it, that means it is not illegal.”

These fringe rulings and ethical scandals are not the signs of a healthy Supreme Court. They are the signs of a Court run amok.

The good news is that the Constitution provides a remedy to the Supreme Court’s current morass: Congress has the authority to exercise strong checks on the judiciary through legislation, and Congress has the authority to speak on constitutional issues. The Constitution is clear: The Supreme Court does not get the final word.

An option I am seriously considering is drawing up legislation clarifying that the President is not immune from violations of Federal law.

One of the Justices recently claimed there is no provision in the Constitution that gives Congress authority to regulate the courts. I respectfully suggest that this Justice reread the Constitution because it is plain as day that Congress is well within its rights to conduct oversight.

Accountability shouldn’t be a dirty word when we talk about the Supreme Court. Americans across the ideological spectrum agree that checks and balances are necessary for a system to thrive, and they agree those checks should apply to the Supreme Court just

as they apply to other branches of government.

It is no wonder the Court's positive ratings are at an alltime low. If they can't straighten it out themselves, Congress should.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Madam President, now on the Iowa abortion ban and Project 2025, this morning over 1.5 million women across Iowa woke up with fewer rights than they had just last night. Today, a draconian new law went into effect in Iowa banning abortion after 6 weeks of pregnancy, before many women even know they are pregnant.

Iowa's new abortion law is radical; it is dangerous; and, sadly, it is another example of the hard right taking America back in time through the courts.

By now, it is beyond debate that attacking reproductive freedoms is a fundamental tenet of the GOP. Not 3 days ago, Donald Trump gave a speech where he bragged yet again about overturning Roe. He said:

We did something that nobody thought was possible. I want to thank the six Supreme Court Justices . . . for the wisdom and courage they showed.

Can you believe that? Can you believe that? Donald Trump wants to thank the six Supreme Court Justices for the courage of overturning Roe. What a callous message to send to women in States like Iowa and States like Florida and States like Arizona and Texas and others where freedom of choice is under assault.

Of course, Donald Trump brags about overturning Roe all the time. A few months ago, Donald Trump said he was also "proud" to have been the one to clear the way for overturning Roe. And he said:

Nobody else was going to get that done but me.

America, when Republicans try to sound moderate on choice—they know where the public is; they know where women are—remember the words of Donald Trump who said he was proud to eliminate Roe. Remember the votes of the Republican Senators, knowingly voting for Justice nominees who, in their hearings, said they would overturn Roe or very much alluded to that fact.

Now, of course, Donald Trump didn't reverse Roe alone. As I said, he had plenty of help from Senate Republicans, who confirmed three MAGA extremists to the Bench, all of whom ruled in favor of reversing Roe. And just a few weeks ago when Republicans were given a chance to do the right thing on reproductive freedoms, they doubled down on their anti-women views by blocking a bill expressing support for a woman's right to choose.

Last month, Senate Republicans even opposed protections for IVF and contraceptives. Can you imagine? They voted against protections for IVF and contraception.

The Republican credo might as well be: "Your body, our choice."

And let's not kid ourselves. This is just the beginning as far as Repub-

licans are concerned. Republicans like the junior Senator from Ohio are on the record saying:

I certainly would like abortion to be illegal nationally.

That is the Republican nominee for Vice President:

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Let me repeat it again.

I certainly would like abortion to be illegal nationally.

And this isn't a view that was dug up from way in the past. This was a statement in 2022.

Again, let me say to Americans: When Republicans try to sound moderate on choice, remember the words of Donald Trump, remember the words of the junior Republican Senator from Ohio, now the Vice Presidential nominee for the Republican Party, who said he supports a national ban on abortion.

Consider also Trump's plan for a second term as detailed in Project 2025. The document makes clear that if Republicans reclaim power, they will lay the groundwork for a national abortion ban.

Under Project 2025, Republicans could also allow employers to deny access to birth control, continue attacks against in vitro fertilization, and could even keep track of the State of residency of every woman who seeks abortion anywhere.

Can you imagine? This is heinous. It is unhinged. But it is precisely what MAGA extremism proposes for the country.

Americans do not want to take our country backwards, as Project 2025 promises to do. Americans want an agenda that promises a brighter future. They want leaders who will focus on creating more jobs, lowering costs, and expanding people's freedoms—not the oppressive nastiness that Project 2025 promises. The more the American people learn the details about Project 2025, the more trouble Donald Trump is going to have.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, it is clear that the November 5 election is prominent on the mind of the majority leader, who has used the floor of the U.S. Senate to make what should be a paid political announcement for the "Harris for President" campaign.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Madam President, but let me focus primarily on his remarks about the Supreme Court.

It is clear that the majority leader and that our Democratic colleagues don't like the Constitution. They don't like the separation of powers. They don't like the independence of the judiciary, which is really the gold standard for courts worldwide based on the rule of law. What they want is a political branch of government—not one that calls balls and strikes and one that decides cases based on the law and the facts.

He talks about how the Supreme Court's reputation has been tarnished. Well, one reason why the Supreme Court's reputation has, perhaps, been tarnished in the media is because the majority leader stood in front of the Supreme Court and called out two Justices by name and threatened them if they made a decision that he didn't like. He said they won't know what hit them.

Well, that kind of irresponsible rhetoric by the majority leader and others is perhaps responsible for people wondering: Is the Court an impartial institution?

I would point out that when the Court was maybe constituted a little differently, that our Democratic friends didn't say a peep as long as the Court was making decisions that they liked and they agreed with from a political perspective. But it is fundamentally irresponsible for the majority leader to come here—I guess he is caught up in the fervor of the November 5 election. Having established a political coup in replacing the sitting President with the Vice President without going through the democratic process of actually holding elections, he is feeling his oats and perhaps cannot restrain himself.

But it is clear that our Democratic colleagues don't like the Constitution and they want to change it. But they know they can't do that because there is not the support across the country or in Congress to do that. So he uses this as a political cudgel in the runup to the election. It is irresponsible, and, unfortunately, I think it reflects the desperation with which the majority leader views this upcoming election on November 5.

SOUTHERN BORDER

Madam President, America's southern border has been in a state of crisis for the last 3½ years, and our country is desperate for a change in direction. They know of the millions of people coming across, the drugs that have taken the lives of 108,000 Americans last year alone, the crime, the potential vulnerability to terrorist attacks. They are not happy with the status quo, which is what the Biden and Harris administration have provided us for the last 3½ years.

Throughout his time in office, President Biden has shown zero interest in stopping the flood of illegal immigration across our border. He has only visited the border once, and I doubt he will make another trip to the border during the remainder of his term in office. But, of course, I don't think he actually talked to the people who could have best informed him of what the problem was, created by his very policies. His policies have made it worse, not better—certainly, worse than it was under the Trump administration.

President Biden is in Texas today. He is in Austin, TX, and then he will go to Houston. But I doubt he will bother to make a quick trip to the border because the message he has sent loud and