

the title of Farmer of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Tulare.

Mr. Sola was born in Porterville, California and developed his love of farming at two years old from his father, John Sola. As a high school student, he rented his first twenty acres of land as part of a Future Farmers of America (FFA) project, and Dave Linder from Linder Equipment financed his first tractor and disc. He later served as FFA president during his senior year and earned his FFA State Farmer Degree. Mr. Sola graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1978 and from the College of the Sequoias with a degree in agriculture in 1981.

Mr. Sola is a fourth-generation farmer who has devoted his life to nurturing the land his family has tended since it was homesteaded in 1903. Mr. Sola has extensive experience growing products including cotton, corn, wheat, tomatoes, sugar beets, broccoli, cauliflower, and watermelons, all of which are important crops to Central Valley. He also uses these skills to help his neighbors, members of the community, and landowners in the area with their commercial farming.

Mr. Sola is committed to fostering the Central Valley's next generation of farmers. He spends his time teaching his son, Vin, about the family business, emphasizing the hard work and dedication needed to run a successful farm. It is because of farmers like Mr. Sola that the Central Valley thrives, and I want to thank him for his commitment to our agricultural community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Mr. Vincent Sola, as he is awarded the Farmer of the Year Award by the Kiwanis Club of Tulare. His contributions to the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

COMMEMORATING THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 12th Anniversary of Women's Entrepreneurship Day, celebrated globally on November 19.

In the United States alone, over 14 million of our Nation's 36.2 million small businesses are owned by women, employing around 10.7 million workers and contributing an astounding \$2.1 trillion in revenue. These women-led businesses are a cornerstone of our economy, and I extend my deepest commendation to the women behind them.

Today, I celebrate the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement, founded by Wendy Diamond. Twelve years ago, Wendy launched the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO) with an unyielding commitment to elevate and empower women in entrepreneurship at a time when their vital role in the global economy was still underappreciated.

Since its inception, WEDO has led transformation initiatives, including providing microloans to over 10,000 women in need and launching the WEDO Entrepreneurial Arts Education Program for disadvantaged female students. WEDO also launched a

groundbreaking AI education program with world-renowned experts, aimed at empowering 1 million disadvantaged women entrepreneurs with cutting-edge skills.

WEDO has also partnered with Defy Ventures to drive the Entrepreneurs in Training (EIT) program, achieving an outstanding 84 percent success rate among formerly incarcerated women by providing them with a path to opportunity and reintegration.

This year, WEDO welcomed iHeartMedia as a national partner iHeart's influential broadcast and digital network will promote Women's Entrepreneurship Day, highlight local women entrepreneurs across the country, and amplify this movement's impact in communities nationwide.

In recognition of this extraordinary milestone, the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization Pioneer Awards honor exceptional leaders who have pioneered new frontiers across various fields.

I include in the RECORD this year's honorees:

Angelina Jolie, Humanitarian, Artist, and Entrepreneur; Rachel Drori, Founder of Daily Harvest; Howard Morgan, Cofounder of Renaissance Technologies, Chairman of B Capital, and Cofounder of First Round Capital; Chloe Ting, Global Fitness and Wellness Entrepreneur, Gloria Allred, Civil Rights Attorney and Founding Partner of Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, Jesse Draper, Founder of Halogen Ventures, Sheila Lino Marcelo, Cofounder and CEO of Ohai.ai, and Founder of Proof of Learn and Care.com.

As we celebrate this profound milestone, let us be resolute in our commitment to providing the essential tools and programs that enable young women not only to survive but to truly flourish in the dynamic world of entrepreneurship.

OPPOSITION LETTER LED BY THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION ON THE COMMON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN DC ACT OF 2025 (H.R. 5107) AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH BAIL REFORM ACT OF 2025 (H.R. 5214)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives debated the Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025 (H.R. 5107) and the District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025 (H.R. 5214). I include in the RECORD a letter opposing these bills led by the American Civil Liberties Union.

November 18, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND LEADER JEFFRIES: On behalf of the ACLU, ACLU DC, National Urban League, and The Bail Project we write to express our opposition to the D.C. Cash Bail Reform Act (H.R. 5214) and the Common Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability in D.C. Now Act (H.R. 5107).

We urge all Members to "Vote NO" on H.R. 5214 and H.R. 5107. The ACLU will score these votes.

THE D.C. CASH BAIL REFORM ACT

H.R. 5214, the DC Cash Bail Reform Act, requires mandatory detention on a wide range of cases and is almost certainly unconstitutional under the requirements set out by the Supreme Court in *United States v. Salerno*. This bill would reverse more than 30 years of successful, data-driven pretrial policy reforms in D.C. and replace it with a wealth based system that fuels mass incarceration, racial disparities, and benefits the 2 billion dollar bail industry.

D.C.'s pre-trial system is grounded in individual assessment, not based on wealth. The federal Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia evaluates each person's likelihood of appearing in court and assesses individualized conditions of release to support community safety. The results of D.C.'s current risk and safety based pretrial system outperform most cash-bail jurisdictions in the country. Ninety-two percent of people released pretrial in D.C. remain arrest-free before trial, 87% appear for their court dates, and 86% complete the pretrial period without any compliance violation.

H.R. 5214 would replace D.C.'s current risk and safety based system with a cash bail system that requires mandatory detention for a wide range of conduct. Cash bail would disproportionately harm Black D.C. residents. Nearly 90% of the D.C. jail population and 80% of the people released through the Pretrial Services Agency are Black, due to systemic overpolicing. Abolishing D.C.'s pretrial system which balances risk and safety and on an individualized basis, and replacing it with a cash bail system which favors release for wealthy defendants and imprisons those who cannot afford bail, would deepen existing racial disparities and disproportionately separate Black families from their communities, jobs, and housing.

The District of Columbia has operated a successful risk and safety based system for more than three decades. These policies were informed by input from local stakeholders including courts, prosecutors, police, and community members. Congress should not override the local policy making process of D.C. stakeholders and the will of D.C. residents and democratically elected leaders.

A pre-trial system that relies on regular check-ins, targeted social-service referrals, and text message reminders consistently outperforms cash bail systems at securing appearance and protecting public safety. Maintaining housing, employment, child-care, and medical care substantially reduces recidivism and promotes community safety. D.C.'s current pre-trial system is a calibrated approach to public safety that appropriately weighs public safety risks while also considering the need of individuals to maintain critical supports such as housing and employment on a case by case basis. In contrast, H.R. 5214 would implement a cash bail system that would financially ruin many of D.C.'s lower income families, force many parents, disproportionately women and Black women, out of the workforce, and expose children to the well-documented harms of parental detention, all of which increase long-term risks to public safety and community wellbeing. The D.C. Cash Bail Reform Act will harm D.C. residents and will not make D.C. safer because it ignores the evidence and data on pretrial detention and thirty years of local input and governance.

THE COMMON SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN D.C. NOW ACT

H.R. 5107, the Common Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability in D.C. Now Act, would repeal D.C.'s Comprehensive Policing

and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (CPJRAA), which enacted several recommendations to improve public safety, accountability, and trust. These recommendations came from the D.C. Police Reform Commission, a body of retired law enforcement, community leaders, experts, and directly impacted residents. Among the critical provisions that H.R. 5107 would repeal are reforms to officer discipline processes. These reforms were recommended after several officers in D.C. were reinstated despite major misconduct including sexual assault and domestic violence. D.C. residents, D.C. police chiefs, and the D.C. Auditor all opposed the laws that H.R. 5107 would reimpose, which allowed police to keep their jobs even when they committed a crime or broke the law. As the D.C. Auditor reported, “MPD management expressed frustration over the reinstatement of ‘bad cops’ and concern that MPD officers are demoralized when their colleagues are reinstated despite breaking the rules. They suggested that officers may be more likely to engage in misconduct when they believe they have a good chance of overturning any resulting discipline.”

H.R. 5107 would also repeal many other common-sense reforms of D.C.’s laws that have been adopted across the country, including:

Timely and thorough investigation of incidents that involve deadly use of force by an officer or a death in custody.

Release of body camera footage in cases of serious bodily injury or death in custody.

Background checks so only highly qualified officers are hired, and those who engage in misconduct cannot simply leave one jurisdiction to be hired in another.

With appropriate safeguards and limits, preservation and dissemination of officer disciplinary records that are subject to open records requests.

Strengthening use of force review boards.

Increased training, as well as clearer guidance on use of force.

Limiting the possession or use of certain military-grade equipment by law enforcement agencies.

H.R. 5107 would repeal a locally approved law that provides transparency and accountability for police misconduct and promotes community safety.

For these reasons, the ACLU, ACLU DC, National Urban League, and The Bail Project strongly urge Members to vote NO on H.R. 5214, the DC Cash Bail Reform Act, and vote NO on H.R. 5107, the Common Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability in D.C. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Patel, Senior Policy Counsel ACLU Justice Division.

Sincerely,

American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia, The Bail Project, National Urban League.

HONORING DONALD “DON” BABBS WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Technical Sergeant Donald Babbs of Celina, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Technical Sergeant Babbs honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961 and in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1978 to 1989.

Technical Sergeant Babbs began his career as an Airman Second Class, serving as a munition’s specialist at Lowry Air Force Base and Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base. He continued his service in the Air Force Reserve as a Technical Sergeant and NCOIC Explosive Safety Munitions Specialist, stationed at RAF Bentwaters, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Carswell Air Force Base, and Luke Air Force Base. During his career, Technical Sergeant Babbs ensured the safe handling, storage, and deployment of munitions, setting a standard of excellence and reliability that earned the respect of all who served with him.

For his exemplary service, Technical Sergeant Babbs received numerous awards and decorations, including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Training Ribbon, and the Small Arms Expert Rifle Ribbon.

Following his military service, Technical Sergeant Babbs continued to serve his country and community. He worked for Boeing supporting the Minuteman Project across several northern states, and later served in law enforcement with the Springs Police Department, the Dallas Police Department, the Dallas Marshals Office, and the Dallas Sheriff’s Department. He has also served as Chapter President of the McKinney Sons of the American Revolution, representing a family with over thirty-two direct ancestors who fought for our Nation’s freedom.

I am deeply honored to recognize Technical Sergeant Donald Babbs for his courage, dedication, and lifelong commitment to serving his country and community. He exemplifies the very best of Texas’ 4th Congressional District and of the United States of America.

HONORING SANDY KRUSE

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn respect and heartfelt sympathy that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sandy Kruse, whose courage, kindness, and unwavering spirit touched the lives of so many in her community and beyond.

Sandy was just 51 years old when she passed away on June 24, 2025, following a brave and determined battle against a primary neuroendocrine tumor of the pancreas, diagnosed in 2021. Despite the challenges of her illness, Sandy faced each day with grace, resilience, and a smile that inspired all who knew her.

Throughout her life, Sandy devoted herself to caring for others. She was known as a calm and steady presence—a true mediator and friend who brought peace wherever she went. Deeply involved in the Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) community, she led Colorado’s NET Facebook support group for three years, offering hope, information, and understanding to countless families navigating similar challenges.

In addition to her advocacy work, Sandy’s friends shared that her life was defined by love, service, and dedication. She was an integral part of her Southshore neighborhood, playing bunco with friends and sharing laughter with the close-knit “Southshore Besties.” She also co-led the Kruse Nussbaum Team at Kentwood Real Estate, mentoring others in her profession and helping families find their homes.

Sandy’s family felt her support for them to be boundless. She ensured her two sons were engaged in a wide range of activities—from piano and drums to swim team, football, baseball, and taekwondo—always encouraging them to learn, grow, and strive for excellence. At Christmas, she organized toy drives to bring joy to children in need, embodying the spirit of giving that defined her life. Her passing has left a profound void in the lives of her family, friends, colleagues, and community.

I extend my deepest condolences to Sandy’s husband Steven and her two children, Lucas and Colton. May we all strive to honor Sandy’s legacy by living with the same grace, selflessness, and love that she so freely gave.

RECOGNIZING THE 124TH PLAYING OF THE BRAWL OF THE WILD AS DELIVERED TO WAKE UP MONTANA ON NONSTOP LOCAL

HON. TROY DOWNING

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, this coming weekend marks one of the oldest and greatest rivalries in all of college football, the “Brawl of the Wild.”

Saturday, November 22, 2025, will be the 124th meeting between the University of Montana Grizzlies and the Montana State Bobcats in Missoula.

To Montanans, the Brawl of the Wild is more than a football game. It’s a celebration of the state’s competitive spirit, community pride, and deep-rooted traditions.

Many households in Montana are divided, heck, even my office is divided.

But the magic of the game is its power to unite our state through sport, bringing together students, alumni, families, and fans who proudly don their maroon and silver or blue and gold.

The Brawl of the Wild is truly a tradition unlike any other. It represents the very best of college athletics and the Montana way of life.

I look forward to a phenomenal game on Saturday and to celebrating another chapter in this historic Montana rivalry.

OPPOSITION LETTER LED BY TZEDEK DC ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH BAIL REFORM ACT OF 2025 (H.R. 5214) NOVEMBER 19, 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives debated the District