

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNION STATION REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDING ELIGIBILITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation Funding Eligibility Act, which would make the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) eligible for funding under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program, the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program, and the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program, also known as the Mega Program. Funding under these transportation programs is essential to implement the planned expansion and modernization of Union Station in the District of Columbia, known as the Washington Union Station Expansion Project (USEP). Senator Chris Van Hollen has introduced this bill in the Senate.

Union Station is owned by the federal government, and USRC, a nonprofit, manages and operates the station under a lease with the federal government. The members of USRC's board of directors are the Federal Railroad Administration, Amtrak, the Federal City Council, the District of Columbia and the USRC President and CEO. USRC is the only entity exclusively dedicated to the management and operations of Union Station and therefore should be eligible for funding under the FSP Program, the CRISI Program, the BUILD Program and the Mega Program.

Union Station is a vital local, regional and national intermodal transportation hub that, pre-pandemic, welcomed more than 100,000 travelers and visitors each day—more than either Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport or Washington Dulles International Airport. Located five blocks from the U.S. Capitol, Union Station serves as a gateway to the Nation's Capital, as well as the backbone that connects East Coast passenger rail lines to the north and south. People rely on Union Station every day to get to work and to visit the Nation's Capital.

Despite the vital role Union Station plays in the Nation's Capital, it has not undergone major renovation since the 1980s. The USEP represents a historic transportation and economic development opportunity for the Nation's Capital and the national capital region, but billions of dollars are needed to carry it out. This bill would give USRC access to critical funding.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTINE KRZYSIAK AS A COMMUNITY CHAMPION IN PENNSYLVANIA-16

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding service, leadership, and unwavering dedication of Ms. Christine Krzysiak, who has served as the Crawford County Treasurer and Director of the Crawford County Tax Claim Bureau. In addition to these positions, Ms. Krzysiak has also served as the appointed Tax Collector for current county real estate taxes for the City of Titusville—duties she has carried out with professionalism and integrity.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Krzysiak has demonstrated a commitment to public service and to the residents of Crawford County. Her extensive knowledge, attention to detail, and tireless work ethic have not only ensured the responsible management of county finances but have also earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues, local officials, and community members alike.

Ms. Krzysiak's career reflects a deep sense of duty and pride in her work. Her efforts have directly contributed to the effective operation of county government and have helped maintain the financial health and transparency so essential to public trust.

As Ms. Krzysiak prepares to embark on her well-deserved retirement, we commend her many years of dedicated service. We thank her for her invaluable contributions to Crawford County and extend our heartfelt best wishes for happiness, good health, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE FOREST LEGACY MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce the "Forest Legacy Management Flexibility Act," alongside Representative KEN CALVERT (R-CA). I thank my colleagues, Representatives JIM COSTA (D-CA), JOSH HARDER (D-CA), KEVIN MULLIN (D-CA), and SUZANNE BONAMICI (D-OR) for cosponsoring my bill.

As the former Deputy Secretary of the Interior, I know our national conservation goals cannot be achieved through public land ownership alone. The federal and state governments can and must work with private landowners who want to do their part to conserve America's natural landscapes, as my family did for our cattle ranch in 1998. This bill would unlock millions in federal funding to help states conserve working forestlands, create

local jobs, and support sustainable forest management practices that reduce wildfire risk.

Specifically, the "Forest Legacy Management Flexibility Act" would allow States to choose to designate accredited, nonprofit land trusts to hold conservation easements purchased with federal funding under the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. Current law requires that only the federal or state governments can hold conservation easements purchased under the Forest Legacy Program.

Allowing States participating in the federal Forest Legacy Program the flexibility to partner with accredited, nonprofit land trusts will help permanently conserve more land by working with private landowners who want to have their land conserved but are wary of selling the federal or state governments an easement on their property. Expanding opportunities to conserve working forestlands will benefit our rural economies and encourage sustainable forest management practices that help prevent wildfires.

This bill maintains the integrity of the Forest Legacy Program by holding all accredited, nonprofit land trusts participating in the Program to the highest possible standards. In addition, it implements safeguards to prevent misuse of the Program and allows the U.S. Forest Service or State to reclaim easements if a land trust falls into noncompliance with the Program.

By unlocking new opportunities and funding for permanent land conservation, the "Forest Legacy Management Flexibility Act" takes a critical step towards protecting our country's natural resources and forests for future generations. My colleagues and I are honored to reintroduce this legislation to preserve America's working forests and bolster our rural economies. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members to join us in cosponsoring this bill.

HONORING MAYOR ESTEBAN "STEVE" BOVO, JR.

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, a venerated leader in South Florida, and a dear friend of mine, Mayor Esteban "Steve" Bovo, Jr.

For years, Mayor Bovo has dedicated himself unreservedly to this shared mission of serving with honor the people of Hialeah. He consistently maintained the highest standards of leadership and a clear vision for Hialeah: to bring our community to new heights.

As the son of Cuban exiles whose family was forced into exile in search of freedom and opportunity, he understands firsthand the importance of democracy and freedom. His father, the heroic Esteban Bovo Carás, served courageously as a pilot of the 2506 Brigade,

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the group of brave Cuban exiles who fought in the Bay of Pigs invasion. This created a legacy for the Bovo family that Mayor Bovo would carry throughout his life and career. Growing up in a household that ingrained in him the value of sacrifice and of civic duty, Mayor Bovo developed a strong sense of responsibility to serve others and to defend the values that his family and so many others have fought to preserve.

From his time serving in the Florida House of Representatives, to his leadership at the county and municipal levels, Mayor Bovo has successfully championed policies that protect small businesses, improve public safety, and preserve the unique culture that defines South Florida. During his time as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner from 2011 to 2020, Mayor Bovo demonstrated his dedication to fiscal responsibility and government transparency. He has always been a champion for the hardworking families of our community, advocating for lower taxes and ensuring that local government remains accountable to the people it serves.

Since taking office as Mayor of Hialeah in 2021, Mayor Bovo has proven in word and deed his commitment to our community. He has supported local law enforcement, stood with our first responders, and has never wavered in his mission of seeing our community thrive. His hands-on approach to leading the people of Hialeah has solidified his reputation as a trusted, effective, and admired leader in our community.

Beyond his official duties, Mayor Bovo has always remained deeply and personally engaged with the community. Whether supporting local businesses, expanding youth development programs, working with nonprofit organizations, or attending neighborhood events, he has proven his dedication to serving and knowing the people he serves. Above all, Mayor Bovo is a loving husband to Viviana and a proud father to his five children; Oscar, Bianca, Esteban, Sofia, and Alessandro.

I am honored to recognize today my dear friend Mayor Esteban Bovo for his decades of service and his devotion to our community. He is a true public servant, a man of the utmost integrity, and a cherished leader who has earned the respect and gratitude of the people he has served.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Vote No. 88. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 89, and YEA on Roll Call No. 90.

HONORING JOHN GREEN: AUTHOR,
PHILANTHROPIST, ADVOCATE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Hoosier, John Michael Green, for his contributions to literature, entertainment, and education, and in recognition of his latest book, *Everything is Tuberculosis*, which debuted on March 18, 2025.

As a globally-recognized New York Times bestselling author, John's works include *Looking for Alaska*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Paper Towns*, and *Turtles All the Way Down*, as well as contributing to vlogs, podcasts, articles, live-action shows, motion pictures, and more. Through their Indianapolis-based *Crash Course* YouTube channel, John and his brother Hank have reached millions of people worldwide with over 65 accessible and engaging educational video series. John has long used his platform to foster philanthropy and advocacy, including as an advocate for Indianapolis, earning him the title "Indy's best hype man."

Since 2019, John's focus has turned to global health and the fight to eradicate tuberculosis. Recognizing the artificial barriers to tuberculosis treatment in developing nations, John's advocacy has lowered the cost of life-saving drugs and testing equipment and directed millions of dollars to underfunded tuberculosis health programs. Recognized as a "TB Elimination Champion" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, John continues to highlight the tuberculosis crisis through his newest release, *Everything is Tuberculosis*.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Green for his meaningful contributions to literature, education, and global health. His work continues to inspire, educate, and make a lasting difference in Indianapolis, across the Nation, and around the world.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF WALTON COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPUTY WILLIAM "WILL" PAUL THOMAS MAY

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Deputy William "Will" Paul Thomas May, who made the ultimate sacrifice defending his community in the line of duty. Deputy May was a dedicated officer, family man, and lifelong Floridian who demonstrates the best that our state has to offer. Deputy May's courageous actions underscore the dangers that law enforcement faces every day while protecting our communities. I believe I can speak on behalf of the constituents of Florida's second congressional district in saying that we are deeply moved by Deputy May's sacrifice in the name of our safety. We collectively mourn the passing of this outstanding public servant.

Deputy May was born on January 28, 1987, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, to William Alex May and Sandra Dee Hargrave Asher. Deputy

May went above and beyond during his 11-year career in law enforcement. He served in both Walton County's field training program as an instructor and in the breathalyzer program, eventually earning the Life Saving Award Certificate. On top of his impressive law enforcement career, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Crystal, and an exemplary father to his four children: Zane, Clarice, Layla, and Tracker. Outside of work, Deputy May was known for being a pillar of the community, who enjoyed playing cornhole and cheering on Alabama football with his neighbors.

Deputy May was a model officer who never stopped defending his family and the community he loved. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Deputy William "Will" Paul Thomas May and offering prayers and condolences to his family and friends. May his sacrifice serve as a reminder that this body must always support our law enforcement and ensure that they have all the support necessary to safely protect our communities.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF KERRY NYE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Lititz Borough Police Chief Kerry Nye on his retirement after 45 years in law enforcement.

Kerry Nye began his career with the Lititz Borough Police Department in 1980 and has remained there since, becoming a sergeant in 1994 and the Chief of Police in 2016. A staple of Chief Nye's leadership was his geniality and his visibility in the community. He planned emergency services events, such as cancer treatment fundraisers, and was a central figure in special occasions throughout Lititz Borough.

His dedication to serving the community extends beyond the Lititz Borough Police Department, as he served with the Boy Scouts for more than 30 years.

Once again, I want to thank Chief Nye for his selfless efforts serving and protecting Lititz Borough. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVID MCCORMACK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of David McCormack as he retires after 34 years of service to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency. Over the course of his tenure, David has been a tremendous public servant in his role as a district congressional lead.

David has hosted numerous congressional outreach meetings to bring together staffers and federal agency representatives, to keep our government engaged at the local level with trends in immigration cases. Throughout the course of his career, David consistently ensured Granite Staters received the support