

Have we ever said that those families should be punished for their State's political choices? Absolutely not. I am appalled and, frankly, sickened at the calls for conditioning aid for these families, these American families. They are crying out for help.

Congress should respond immediately without hesitation or delay. Here is the map. Look at where the money has gone in the past decade.

#### THANKING TEXAS' EIGHTH DISTRICT FIREFIGHTERS

(Mr. LUTTRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, sadly, wildfires are devastating our neighbors in California. In the face of this tragedy, first responders from across the country have answered the call to help.

I will take a moment to recognize the brave firefighters from District Eight of Texas who have traveled from far east Texas all the way to California. This includes the firefighters from the Houston Fire Department as well as the Needham, Porter, Conroe, and North Montgomery Fire Departments.

The City of Conroe Fire Department proudly deployed its newly commissioned Type 3 brush truck to assist in battling the California wildfires. This wildland fire truck is specifically engineered to fight fires in rough and challenging terrain.

Our firemen expect to deploy for the remaining weeks. Their selflessness and commitment to protecting fellow Americans is inspiring. I thank these firefighters and every first responder stepping into harm's way.

Guardians of their communities, firefighters are always willing to run into danger and share their brave hearts and strong hands. We pray for their safety, their quick return, and for all those who have been devastated by this tragedy in California.

#### MAKING PROGRESS FOR AMERICA

(Ms. DEXTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves at a make-or-break moment in America. The people from East and North Portland, Sandy, Gresham, Estacada, and Hood River have spoken with a united voice.

It is time to make bold progress on the issues that matter most: addressing our homelessness and addiction crises, ensuring access to affordable healthcare for all, building an economy that works for our working families, and, as wildfires ravage our coast, tackling the climate crisis head-on.

As a critical care physician, I have spent the past two decades caring for the sickest Oregonians. Each day that I walk through these doors, I carry their stories with me. For those pa-

tients and every family who calls Oregon home, I am committed to doing the hard work of bringing people together to deliver results for our community.

My job is to be your voice in Congress. I am here to listen, to learn, and to do what is required to ensure that every Oregon child has the opportunity to grow up in a healthy, thriving community.

#### RETURNING TO THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, it has been nearly a decade since I had the opportunity to address this body.

In the time I have been gone, Washington has seen a lot of changes. Donald Trump was elected two times. Over 200 congressional districts have seen new Members take hold. Staffers no longer use BlackBerrys.

As the old adage goes: The more things change, the more they stay the same. Washington's fiscal house is still out of order. Democrats are still out of touch with reality, just as we saw on our last vote 20 minutes ago on the Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act. Conservatism is still in short supply, but Americans recognize Washington is broken, which is why they gave our party an irrefutable mandate to fix it.

We must follow the lead of President Trump and Speaker JOHNSON in reducing government overreach and making this country great, healthy, and prosperous again.

The old way of business has doubled our national debt since I was last in these Halls and has gradually substituted million-dollar spending packages with billion-dollar ones.

The people have been clear: The Washington of old is out, and government for and by the people is in.

#### CELEBRATING 105 YEARS OF ZETA PHI BETA

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 105 years of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, a legacy of "Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood" that began on January 16, 1920, right here in Washington, D.C.

Founded by the Five Pearls, Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts, these visionary women didn't just build a sisterhood. They built an organization that rejected elitism and frivolity.

From being the first to charter a chapter in Africa to fostering community-conscious, action-oriented leader-

ship, this sorority has set the gold standard.

Today, with over 100,000 members across 870 chapters worldwide, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, has remained unwavering in its mission, whether it is promoting social justice, providing service, or showing the world what it truly means to be a finer woman.

What is sisterhood? Sisterhood is not just about wearing matching colors and strolling. True sisterhood means extending respect and support, encouraging each other, and committing to a lifetime of friendship. When a sister forgets what that means, you let her know with love.

As a proud member, I am thrilled to wish my sorors a happy Founders Day.

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#### CONGRATULATING COCOA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to congratulate the remarkable Cocoa High School football team for their third consecutive State championship.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend them and celebrate the exceptional leadership of their head coach, Ryan Schneider, whose dedication to excellence has been instrumental in guiding these young athletes to achieve great success on and off the field.

Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to Cocoa Mayor Mike Blake for his support of the team and his efforts to promote athletics within our community.

To the many seniors who will continue their athletic career at exceptional universities across the country, I wish them the best of luck. I hope they will continue to make Brevard County proud.

#### THANKING OREGON FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR HEROIC SERVICE

(Ms. BYNUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the heroic firefighters from Oregon who are on the front lines fighting wildfires in California.

Firefighters from Clackamas, Linn, and Multnomah Counties have traveled hundreds of miles to help save lives and homes. The fires have been devastating. Unfortunately, we, too, have experienced this in Oregon.

As a mother that has had to evacuate her family, and as a businessowner that has had to close our doors due to dangerous smoke conditions, I am praying for all of the families impacted and for the safety of our first responders, but that is not enough.

We have to do more to prevent these fires from starting. Oregon's leaders in wildfire prevention tell me they need the resources to get an engine to every home that needs one, and they need to know that the water will flow when they need it.

To protect us, the government must protect them, especially when it comes to funding. I will work in Congress to ensure our responders have the resources they need and our families are supported in the aftermath of these devastating events.

#### RECOGNIZING LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

(Ms. SÁNCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize all of the residents of Los Angeles and the surrounding areas who have been affected by these disastrous wildfires.

My district is indeed lucky that we have not been directly affected, but our neighbors are hurting badly. Families have lost their livelihoods, their homes, and their communities.

I am proud to honor these organizations in my own district who have reached out a helping hand in these difficult times. Firefighters, small business owners, hotels, and social service workers from California's 38th District have volunteered their time and services to those in need.

I am honored to represent such a caring community. During tragedies like these, we truly see the best of humanity. I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle can learn from these folks in my district who are providing relief unconditionally to their friends and neighbors. Congress should do the same.

#### DISASTER RELIEF

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for 2 weeks we have watched brutal, orange flames engulf homes, leaving ash and heartache in their wake for both rich and poor southern Californians. Four months ago, North Carolina confronted horrifying destruction from Hurricane Helene.

While we can never put all the pieces back together and we can never replace all that has been taken by fire or flood, we as lawmakers have a duty to ensure the American people can rebuild.

Disaster relief is a lifeline. Disaster relief through FEMA, started by President Carter, gets food, water, power, and shelter to survivors.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ida in my State, my home county of Montgomery County received more than \$30 million for cleanup and repair. Even so, 3½ years later claims hang in limbo.

Some families still cannot return home.

FEMA is working nonstop to support victims in more than 100 disasters. As these natural disasters become more and more frequent, we pray for these communities. Yet faith without works is dead. We must commit to fully funding FEMA and the extraordinary work they do with no strings attached. That is what it is to be Americans.

#### PASSING AID TO ASSIST CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(Mr. STANTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy seeing the devastation across southern California. My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones and whose homes, businesses, and schools have been destroyed.

Arizona is no stranger to devastating wildfires. Anyone in the West will tell you that climate change is making wildfires more frequent and more dangerous, not just in California but everywhere.

This body has a real immediate duty to address the threat of worsening wildfires, and I have introduced legislation to get State and local governments emergency FEMA resources to fight wildfires and protect people and property.

Our first priority is to help those fleeing to safety and to aid the firefighters and first responders, including the brave fire crews from Arizona cities, the State, and our Tribal nations.

When Arizona communities have been impacted by wildfires, floods, or other extreme weather events, the Federal Government has delivered aid without conditions.

When our neighbors in the South, in Florida, North Carolina, and Louisiana, were hit by storms, the Federal Government delivered without conditions.

Now Congress must pass emergency disaster aid for our neighbors in California without conditions.

#### RECOGNIZING OREGON FIRE STRIKE TEAMS

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oregon fire strike teams who have deployed to southern California to help contain the ongoing wildfires.

These fires are leaving a historic path of destruction in their wake. Already at least 25 people have died, thousands of homes and businesses have burned to the ground, and many more people have been displaced.

As Oregonians, we know firsthand the devastation of wildfires. It makes

sense that we would lend a hand to our neighbors to the south. The Oregon fire marshal has sent 21 strike teams and 370 individual firefighters to California to help contain these blazes.

We are already hearing stories of their heroism. Just last week, a Marion County strike team was able to quickly act and save a family's home when it caught fire.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these courageous men and women who are working 24-hour shifts away from their families and putting their lives on the line to help folks who are suffering right now.

I will continue to support our firefighters and deliver the pay and benefits they have earned. I am thankful for these heroes from Oregon and for all those working day in and day out to stop these deadly blazes.

#### CONGRATULATING BAYONNE MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the talented students of Bayonne High School Model United Nations team who returned from Dubai this week where they represented our community and our great State at the Harvard Model United Nations conference.

Under the leadership of Colleen Rushnak, these young men and women are learning the critical skills of leadership, problem-solving, and international diplomacy. I had the opportunity to visit with them recently and couldn't be prouder that they represented us on the global stage.

Congratulations to the Fighting Bees. You made our entire community proud.

#### SUPPORTING RELIEF FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(Ms. SIMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman CHU for organizing the California delegation in support of our fellow Californians who are grieving as a result of the devastating fires in southern California.

Our hearts break as tens of thousands of folks have lost everything. As our hearts break, we know that in this Chamber we have to work. That is our obligation.

I have spoken to fire chiefs in my district, and I am so thankful that our fire departments in Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley have traveled to southern California to support.

I especially want to thank Oakland's chief, Damon Covington, and others who have stepped up to meet this moment, to go into the fire and to protect fellow Americans. The devastation of