

them in the cycle of poverty and keeping them in survival mode when they should be able to drive.

Auto insurance rates should be based on how good a person's driving record is, period. It is outrageous that many continue to allow these discriminatory practices to be applied.

Please support the PAID Act. It is good legislation to continue to protect our residents and make sure they get insurance that they can afford.

JC FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the unique opportunity to say congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade Team Army flag football team for winning the Northwest Tucson Under the Lights spring championship, a team that I had the pleasure and the privilege of coaching.

The spring season was our third undefeated season in a row and the second championship in the last three seasons. With this spring season championship, we have qualified to compete in the national tournament in Florida this July.

I absolutely love coaching, and I don't think there is anything better than that. I have been coaching most of these boys since they were in second grade, and it has been amazing seeing them grow up, compete together, and support each other like teammates always should.

My players—Kenny Ciscomani, Augie Axen, Mateo Brandt, Cooper Brayant, Braeydn Darby, Isaiah Davis, Bas Guthrie, Preston Harshberger, Warrick Mendoza, Dominic Olivito, and Cor Pinneo—throughout the entire year, and this season's playoffs in particular, played with grit, determination, and passion. In spite of being down by several possessions at different points, they kept their composure and executed the game plan perfectly against tough opposition. I congratulate the boys. They earned this victory. I am so proud to display the trophy right here in my office in Washington, D.C.

I thank the coaches who often had to take over due to my hectic schedule. We would not be here without them.

I thank the families and fans who came to cheer us on for being with us throughout it all. They were truly an indispensable part of our remarkable season.

The team should enjoy this championship. They earned it.

Now, on to nationals representing Arizona. Let's go get it.

CONGRATULATING JANE STRAIN ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and Army veteran Jane Strain on a well-deserved retirement as a trustee of Cochise College's governing board after an incredible 27 years.

Since even before being elected, I have been lucky to have Jane as a resource, and I have come to deeply respect her role as a community leader, a tireless advocate for our veterans, and a devoted volunteer.

A fighter and leader by example, Jane's work on behalf of our veterans is well known across Arizona, which is why I jumped at the opportunity to ask her to be a part of my veteran advisory council.

Jane's powerful voice, grounded by personal experience and genuine desire to help those who served, has been an invaluable resource for me and has greatly informed my efforts working to support the nearly 80,000 veterans in my district that they call home.

Jane's exceptional record reaches beyond our veterans. It also focuses on education and empowering our youth to reach their potential.

As a trustee of Cochise College's governing board, Jane has been instrumental in shaping Cochise College into the innovative institution it is today.

While Jane's retirement marks the end of an extraordinary chapter, I have no doubt that she will continue to do amazing work and will enjoy this new chapter being closer to her children and grandchildren.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank Jane so much for her service. I look forward to hearing about Jane's next adventure and all the amazing things she will still be doing and be able to achieve.

CONGRATULATING SALPOINTE MEN'S BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say congratulations to the Salpointe men's baseball team for their remarkable achievement in winning the 4A State championship.

In a thrilling match, they defeated Flagstaff by a score of 8 runs to 0, truly an incredible performance by all the players.

This victory earned Head Coach Danny Preble his second State championship since 2017.

I thank and congratulate Coach Preble, his staff, the players, parents, fans, and everyone who played a part in this special season. They made their school and community incredibly proud.

Once again, I congratulate them. Go Lancers. This is their victory. They earned it, so enjoy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROJECT CANCELATIONS

(Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in fierce objection to the hasty, ill-considered decisions made by the new administration that undermine new investment in America's future energy and manufacturing systems.

Rather than enhancing new energy generation and bolstering good-paying jobs in the United States of America across all energy sectors, including ad-

vanced energy manufacturing, the U.S. Department of Energy has ceded ground to global competitors like Communist China.

Last Friday, U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright announced that the Department of Energy was canceling \$3.7 billion of previously appropriated funding for 24 advanced energy projects inside the borders of the United States of America.

Our goal must be to make America energy independent inside our borders in perpetuity.

These initiatives were designed to reduce energy costs and to reinvest in American-based manufacturing firms, our Nation's future.

These projects were funded under the Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. The goal was to resecure the United States as the global leader in energy innovation, but now, the Department of Energy has pulled the rug out from the future by walking away from leading-edge U.S. manufacturers. I never thought I would see that from this administration.

Two weeks ago, I raised this issue of strategic U.S. investment during a hearing with the new Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright. In terms of these companies, he said: "If it is viable, and it is going to create jobs, and it is going to do these great things, we are going to support that project."

The Secretary said that he would ask these questions to make the decisions: Is the investment legal? Is the technology viable? Is the engineering done competently? Is there a market for it? Does it add to our national or economic security?

The projects in question check all of these boxes, so what has changed? The Department of Energy claims that it conducted a "thorough and individualized financial review of each award." It found that "these projects failed to advance the energy needs of the American people [and] were not economically viable."

Every company is economically viable.

Turning America's back on recognized U.S.-based manufacturing—I will underline that—facing fierce global competition—I underline that—is an insult.

This includes hundreds of hard-working constituents even across northwest Ohio. If the goal is to Make America Great Again, then the U.S. Department of Energy just failed royally. Each of these U.S. manufacturing companies has developed plans to modernize operations and to position themselves and our communities to fight back toward economic success in a fierce global economic race.

America can lead in the energy sector, but we cannot roll back the clock to a former era when America became economically paralyzed due to oil embargoes and dirty manufacturing.

Three of the projects across our country for which funding had been assured are from well-respected Ohio

companies: Libbey Glass, Owens-Illinois Glass, and Kraft Heinz.

Let's talk about Libbey. This historic company holds deep roots in my hometown of Toledo, long known as the Glass City. Glass requires lots of energy. The firm has been working for years to maintain competitiveness in a terrible international glass environment while reducing its environmental footprint.

Making glass requires huge amounts of power, as I said, and the funding Libbey was awarded would have helped it transition to more powerful glass furnaces with cleaner manufacturing technologies. These jobs are union jobs with living wages and benefits that strengthen Ohio as a hub for advanced industry.

Owens-Illinois Glass, another recognized heritage glassmaking firm, is headquartered in Perrysburg, Ohio. It had similar plans at its Zanesville, Ohio, plants to remain viable and globally competitive.

Third, Kraft Heinz, a giant in the food industry, is in Fremont, Ohio.

I simply do not understand how canceling these projects makes America great again. Instead, it emboldens our foreign competitors.

I invite President Trump to Ohio to visit these companies. He can change these decisions by his Secretary of Energy.

America can't look in the rearview mirror. We have to look forward to America's new energy future, and the Department of Energy's misguided decisions will really hurt American advanced manufacturing.

Ohio knows what it means to get left behind. We have seen the effects of globalization. We have lived it. We have seen the effects of outsourcing and automation. The United States simply should not be hurting our legacy companies.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL BOONDOGGLE

(Mr. LAMALFA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, what began as a concept to connect California's two largest cities with high-speed rail has become a national embarrassment and one of the most expensive boondoggles in modern infrastructure history.

After more than 17 years and \$6.9 billion in just Federal money, and overall \$17 billion raised over 17 years, not a single mile of high-speed rail track has been laid, just a few bridges built.

A report released today by Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy and the Federal Railroad Administration confirmed what many of us have been saying for years and years: This project is not viable. It is riddled with mismanagement, massive cost overruns, missed deadlines, fantasy-level ridership projections, and even promising 1.1 million jobs in the process. After they got pinned down in committee at

the State legislature, they finally admitted it was 1 million job-years.

If you do the math on that, Mr. Speaker, they claim 10,000 workers there currently, so that would mean about 100 years to equal 1 million job-years. They seem to be right on track for 100 years in building this project.

It is still \$7 billion short just to build a sliver of this segment between Merced and an almond orchard somewhere outside of Bakersfield, hardly the world-class system voters were promised back in 2008.

The original vision for the project from S.F. to L.A. also included spurs to Sacramento and San Diego possibly, which would have been about an 800-mile network.

Now, well after a decade, what is left is simply the 119-mile stretch through the Central Valley I just mentioned, which doesn't really connect any major metro areas. That segment is years behind.

The whole project should have been done by 2020. They are hoping to get that Central Valley Project done by maybe 2030.

That project, the Central Valley part by itself, would be \$38.5 billion. The original concept of the whole thing was \$33 billion from S.F. to L.A.

The total estimated cost today is a staggering \$128 billion. As I mentioned, over a 17-year period from 2008 to now, they have raised only \$17 billion. They are short \$110 billion. They think they are going to come to the Federal Government and ask for that here? Are they going to hit the taxpayers for more? Are they going to pass more bonds to raise \$110 billion—what?—five or six times more than what they have already raised over 17 years?

There is no serious plan to even secure that kind of money. There is no credible timeline to finish the construction. There is no evidence that the California High-Speed Rail Authority is even capable of delivering or operating the system. The authority has failed to meet even the most basic terms of its Federal grant agreement.

That is why I am so pleased that Secretary Duffy has taken a good hard look at this and has come up with the conclusions they have.

They have not acted in good faith. They have downplayed the risks. They have run out of time and money. Basically, the voters—the people, everybody—have been lied to in order to keep this project alive.

□ 1030

Even Governor Newsom, about the first week or two he was in office as Governor, for a moment there he said, you know, maybe we need to relook at this thing because it is not going very well. He must have got a hot set of phone calls from some angry donors, or somewhere in the system in Sacramento, because he got right back on track, so to speak.

The Trump administration is right to put this project on notice, claw back

whatever Federal money is still unwasted in that, and make sure that not a single dollar goes toward this boondoggle.

As a Californian, I can see plenty of other needs that California has that are grave, such as our water infrastructure, our electricity infrastructure, our highways, and our levies that prevent floods. I would probably dwell mostly on the water supply situation, as more and more of it seems to be devoted to fish, running it right out to the Pacific Ocean. Less and less agriculture is being planted and operated in California, including the issue in the San Joaquin Valley where more acres are taken out, which creates a higher dust situation, which contributes to more of what is known as Valley fever, a big problem. Instead, they want to put so-called solar farms—calling solar panels "farms" is an insult anyway.

So much of the Nation's food supply comes from California, the specialty crops: tomatoes, almonds, pistachios, so many things that America consumes. Many of these crops are 100 percent grown in California or 90-plus percent grown in California. Yet, they still want to keep wasting money on this high-speed rail boondoggle that, as I said, is \$110 billion short of today's projections of finishing this thing when they have only raised \$17 billion over 17 years.

Certainly, the California High-Speed Rail Authority has shown that it can't deliver on this project. Shift the money to something else. California could build 25 large dams and store enough water to grow everything it could ever want to grow in California. It is time to focus on infrastructure that really makes a difference for Californians, the American people, and keeping food on the table.

RECOGNIZING FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Fauquier High School class of 2025.

Last month, the 301 graduates and their families gathered at the packed Jiffy Lube Live to celebrate this milestone.

This senior class has a lot to be proud of, including beating their teachers in the students versus faculty basketball game.

The graduates excelled not only in the classroom but also on the field and in their ability to persevere through challenges. Whether they are heading into the workforce, trade school, college, or embarking on their service at institutions like the Air Force Academy or Virginia Military Institute, the values of hard work and determination that they learned as a Falcon will always be with them.

I congratulate the class of 2025 at Fauquier High School.