

ready to change the world. They can't do that when Federal research funding is drying up and educational support is being pulled out from under them.

Dallas ISD alone has over 150,000 students, many from middle-class families. Cuts to programs like Head Start, Title I, and after-school STEM enrichment don't just hurt, they derail students' futures.

Texas colleges and universities share one of the largest enrollments compared to almost any other State. Yet, under Trump's budget, millions of them would lose access to workstudy jobs and to affordable student loans. That is not just an educational crisis, it is an economic time bomb attacking our workforce development.

This country has long been a magnet for global talent. Engineers, scientists, and doctors come here to help build our future, but Trump's anti-immigrant crusade is scaring them off. Whether it is blocking student visas, slashing green cards, or denying people their due process, he is slamming the door on the very people who fuel our economy.

Dr. Kseniia Petrova, a brilliant Harvard scientist whose research could lead to breakthroughs in early cancer detection, was charged with a felony by the Trump administration for failing to declare preserved frog samples at customs, which is normally a very minor infraction handled by a mere warning.

Instead, she is locked up in an ICE detention center in Louisiana, facing possible deportation to Russia. This isn't just cruel, it sends a chilling message to scientists and international students around the world: Come to America, and you may be imprisoned instead of empowered.

Then there is Ardem Patapoutian, who came to the U.S. from war-torn Lebanon at 18. He worked nights delivering pizza to become eligible for the University of California. Years later, with the help of an NIH research grant, he launched a lab making groundbreaking discoveries on how humans sense touch and went on to win the Nobel Prize in 2021.

However, thanks to Trump's cuts to science funding, his Federal grant has been frozen. Just like that, China offered to fund his lab for the next 20 years in any city, any university, anywhere he wants. China is winning this war.

That is what countries like China are doing. They are investing in students, in science, and in research because they want to win the future while Trump wants to only tweet about the past and harm American innovation.

We should be doubling down on education and innovation. We should be building labs and funding scholarships, not building walls.

Here is the truth: You don't make America great again by making Americans dumber. You don't build up the economy by draining it of talent and opportunity. This is not just about

spreadsheets and budget lines. It is about real people: students trying to become the first in their family to graduate, young scientists working on the next breakthrough, and teachers trying to give every child a chance.

Trump's budget doesn't just threaten programs. It threatens progress. We must fight back.

Let's protect our students, support our researchers, and defend the right for everyone to dream big and achieve greatness in the United States of America.

STOP DEFENDING LAWLESSNESS

(Mr. ARRINGTON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, it is really difficult for me to be in this Chamber and hear my Democrat colleagues disparage our country and how we treat immigrants.

The fact is, they are defending lawlessness. They are defending the invasion of our sovereign country. They are promoting and defending people breaking the law, cutting the line of millions of people who are respecting our laws, our country, and the safety of our citizens.

What you won't hear from my Democrat colleagues this morning is to condemn what is happening in L.A., and the violence being perpetrated against our law enforcement agents who are simply trying to uphold the laws of the land.

That is how upside down and backward the Democratic Party has become. You won't hear any of that. These people are risking their lives for you and for me and our families and our communities to stop the flood of drugs and crime pouring into this country. It is unacceptable.

HONORING THE UMC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of heroes that have been a lifeline for the people of Lubbock County for 50 years: the UMC Emergency Medical Services team.

Since their first 911 response back in November 1975, well before the University Medical Center Hospital even opened its doors, UMC EMS has been on the front lines of saving lives and serving our communities in west Texas.

We are fortunate to have the highest level of healthcare and emergency response professionals protecting our families. In fact, UMC EMS is one of just 46 EMS systems worldwide with a dual accreditation. Their team has earned the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Gold Award every year since 2019, a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone at UMC EMS, past and present, for their unparalleled care, for their endless compassion, and most of all, their commitment to excellence and service to the people of west Texas. I congratu-

late them on 50 years of incomparable service, and here is to 50 more.

God bless America, and go west Texas.

CONGRATULATING COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGETTES

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of young ladies that have accomplished something that no other Texas softball team has in the history of softball in Texas, the Coahoma High School Bulldogettes have secured their third straight championship.

This historic achievement speaks to their drive, their determination, and overall commitment to excellence as well as, of course, the leadership and commitment of their coach, Alex Orosco.

The Bulldogettes have put their community on the map, and all of Texas is taking notice. I congratulate the young ladies on such an unprecedented accomplishment. I thank them for representing the best of west Texas. They are all winners on and off the field and in every sense of the word.

Again, God bless America, and go west Texas.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BABIN). The gentleman from Texas has 2 minutes remaining.

BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I think I can say a few things in 2 minutes, believe it or not, about some of the comments my colleague, Representative BAUMGARTNER, said about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its positive impact on rural America, the heartbeat of this country.

The food, fuel, and fiber capital of the world, west Texas, I can tell you, appreciates what is in this big and beautiful bill. It is more than just stopping a 22 percent increase in taxes for hardworking Americans who suffered an inflation tax of about 20 percent over the last 4 years. It is beyond sustainable.

We could go through the list of the largest spending cuts of wasteful, woke, and fraud in this Federal Government. That is two times the deepest cut to wasteful spending in the history of our country.

We can talk about energy dominance, the most significant commitment to opening up energy resources in this country to bring down the cost of energy prices for our families and to make American energy dominant again.

We are so blessed by our natural resources. I will talk about the farm bill reforms. Republicans are strengthening the safety net, the risk management tools to stabilize the ag economy with respect to the volatile prices, the volatility in weather and the investment in trade promotion to open up new markets and opportunities for ag products made here and grown here in the USA.

We have provisions in there that strengthen rural hospitals so they can

provide basic care to the hardworking farmers and ranchers and energy producers and their families. We have welfare reforms that stop trapping people in dependence on the Federal Government and encourage them to get out and work and do something with their hands and be blessed by it and to restore the dignity of work.

Mr. Speaker, I know my time is up. God bless rural America, and God bless west Texas.

RECOGNIZING NEW FREEDOM FARM AND LOIS MCGILL

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable impact of New Freedom Farm in Botetourt County, Virginia, and to honor its founder, Lois Dawn McGill, as she prepares for a well-deserved retirement.

Since 2016, New Freedom Farm has served as a place of healing for veterans, first responders, and rescue animals, offering a sanctuary where pain met purpose and isolation gave way to hope.

Through Lois' tireless dedication, lives were transformed and bonds were forged between heroes and horses. As the farm prepares to close on July 31, we reflect not with sorrow but with deep gratitude. The legacy of New Freedom Farm will live on in the hearts it healed and the community it united.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lois for her vision, compassion, and unwavering service. She has left an indelible mark on all she has touched.

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HONORING RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TIM WILLIAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend an extraordinary public servant, Shenandoah County Fire Chief Tim Williams, who will retire on October 1 after an astounding 50 years of dedicated service in fire and rescue.

Chief Williams began his journey as a volunteer with the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1975. He went on to serve 25 years with Fairfax County, ultimately retiring as a captain, and then brought his leadership to Shenandoah County, where he has served since 2005, including the past 9 years as chief.

Chief Williams has been a unifying force, skillfully bridging the gap between volunteer companies and career staff. Under his leadership, the department launched a strategic plan that brought all stakeholders together and set a path for the future. His guidance has ensured operational readiness and the expansion of essential services, even as challenges grew more complex.

Chief Williams leaves behind a legacy of integrity, collaboration, and tireless dedication. I thank him for his service, leadership, and enduring commitment to the safety of our communities. He

has truly earned this next chapter in his life.

ELIMINATING WASTEFUL FEDERAL SPENDING

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, the House is finally doing what the American people have demanded for years. We are cutting wasteful spending and restoring fiscal sanity.

This week, we are voting on a rescission package sent by President Trump to eliminate \$9.4 billion in reckless spending. That includes \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda, and millions more for climate projects in Southeast Asia and Latin America, as well as taxpayer dollars that have been flowing to radical gender ideology programs around the world. That is not the role of the Federal Government, and that is not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars of American citizens.

Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund woke projects overseas or bloated government programs at home. They should be funding efforts that protect our border, defend our Nation, and serve the American people.

House Republicans promised to root out waste, fraud, and abuse. H.R. 4 keeps that promise and takes a critical step forward toward a leaner, more accountable government. I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, in this simple act of prayer, help us to realize that we unleash a power far greater than we can possibly imagine. You alone have the authority to move mountains, bringing every hill low and lifting up every valley. It is You who levels uneven ground and smooths the rough paths.

Such power is too wonderful for us to conceive and yet You listen carefully to our feeble voices. Your might is unfathomable and yet You give us access to it that we can wield it when we but ask.

Temper our desire to use this privilege for our personal gain. But enlighten us to the needs of those who are powerless over their present circumstance.

Guide us to discern, in response to local and global challenges, how and

when to act. And direct us in the use of the wealth of resources You have made available to us to steward.

Humbled before You and honored to serve You, may we yield ourselves to You, that You would use us as instruments of your powerful love and abounding mercy.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING ROCKINGHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Rockingham County government and Kevin Berger, chairman of the Rockingham County Commissioners Board, in the planning and implementation of the Rockingham County Veterans Treatment Court.

In October of last year, the Rockingham County government received a \$900,000 grant to help fund this novel endeavor. It was one out of five counties within the United States to receive this level of funding for such programs.

This money will go on to make a real difference in the lives of veterans by offering evidence-based treatment for substance abuse and mental health.

The process of obtaining this grant was very competitive, and I am immensely pleased that Rockingham County has this opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our Nation's heroes.

END HUNGER NOW—SNAP SKIMMING

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