

more than \$17 billion in goods and services across the border each year, supporting tens of thousands of jobs. Disrupting that trade through politically motivated tariffs puts those jobs at risk. That is not leadership. That is economic sabotage.

Pair that with this President's big, ugly bill that guts healthcare, slashes food assistance, and throws millions off their insurance, and what we have got is a vise grip on the American people and our economy.

We don't need chaos. We need common sense, and we need smart economic policy. We need stability and support for working families, not another round of trade retaliation disguised as strategy. We must reject this reckless approach and stand up for workers, small businesses, and families who are paying the price. In western New York and across this country, people are not pawns. Americans deserve better.

It is time to reject this billionaire's first agenda and fight for an economy that works for everyone.

#### HONORING MATERNITY DIRECTOR MARY ANN MURPHY

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Ms. Mary Ann Murphy, maternal care director at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, as she retires after an incredible 46 years of service to our community.

Throughout her career, Mary Ann helped deliver more than 90,000 babies. That is not just a number. It represents generations of families, lives she safely welcomed into this world, and moments she helped make unforgettable.

Mary Ann touched my own family's life. We delivered four beautiful babies at Mercy. While three were traditional deliveries, one was of our daughter, Brigid, who was not expected to survive. Mary Ann made sure we had compassionate, skilled nurses who understood our situation. She ensured our family could stay with us around the clock, arranged sleeping accommodations, and provided bereavement support, including a special memory box created in honor of our beautiful baby.

While this was very personal, it seemed like special care for our family. This was simply what Mary Ann did for all families. She showed love during their happiest moments and their hardest days.

Mary Ann's role went beyond the four walls of the hospital. Her compassion and leadership didn't just shape patient experiences or the maternity ward, she shaped our entire community.

As one colleague of hers put it: Mary set the standard for the quality and compassion that defines Mercy maternity to this day.

At her retirement, Mary Ann said: "It's the best job in the world; 46 years in the blink of an eye."

Let us thank Mary Ann Murphy not only for what she has done, but for who she is: a caregiver, a leader, an inspira-

tion, and a friend. Her legacy will continue in every nurse she has mentored and every family she touched, including my own.

Congratulations to Mary Ann. May she enjoy her well-earned retirement, and Godspeed.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DOUG SKAFF

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

Mr. MOORE of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true Mountaineer, former West Virginia delegate and minority leader in our house, Doug Skaff.

Doug tragically and unexpectedly passed away yesterday, leaving behind three beautiful children and his wife, Melisa.

Doug was a West Virginian through and through. From his time as student body president at West Virginia University to his time in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Doug loved our State, and he loved our people.

Years ago Doug and I actually coached our children's soccer team together in Kanawha City, and it was a wonderful experience for my children and his.

He was a wonderful father and a wonderful community leader. He was somebody who just loved life and could light up an entire room when he walked into it.

Doug loved politics. He just fed off of it. He loved the debate. He loved running for office. He was just great at it. He tragically left us far too young. He was 48 years old when he tragically left this Earth yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my fellow West Virginians to join my wife, Mina, and me to pray for them and their family in this tragic time period. He is going to be so missed in the State of West Virginia. We will never forget him and the indelible mark that he left on our people.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

God bless you, Doug, my friend.

#### RESCISSIONS PACKAGE: CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn the House GOP's rescission request that would take back \$9.4 billion in Federal funding Congress appropriated for foreign aid, the State Department, and public media.

We know how devastating the loss of this funding would be for people around the globe. Ending these investments will undoubtedly cost lives and diminish our standing in the world.

Taking back the almost \$1.1 billion in funding that Congress appropriated for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is ludicrous.

The Trump administration says they are cutting public broadcasting because it is partisan and biased.

What is the basis for that claim?

Maybe it is because the shows on PBS, like the very popular "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," teach children the importance of kindness, respect, empathy, and caring for others. These are all traits that are absent from this current administration.

The only partisan bias is from this administration itself as they seek to weaponize public broadcasting, which offers many benefits to everyone, including: alerting the public and sharing information about emergencies in times of crisis; teaching children reading and social and emotional development skills; and reaching areas that lack reliable and affordable access to broadband internet, particularly in rural areas.

The loss of PBS KIDS in particular would deprive millions of children and families of formative learning experiences from programs that are designed specifically for kids, not just "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," but also "Arthur," "Sid the Science Kid," and much more.

The Trump administration claims to be pro-family, but this request to rescind the funding is yet another antifamily example from this administration.

Further, the \$1.1 billion cost for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting represents 0.0001 percent of the entire Federal budget. PBS reaches every congressional district across the country and costs a mere \$1.60 per person each year.

What else provides so much value for less than \$2 per person?

The Trump administration is cutting pennies of valuable programming out of spite. Most Americans trust PBS because it is publicly funded. Just like public broadcasting should be objective, so should the funding decisions about it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this rescission package.

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#### IRA CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVES DEFENSE

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, in their big, ugly bill, Republicans are once again trying to rip away clean energy tax credits, one of the most effective job-creating tools we ever had.

Thousands of workers, many in rural and coastal counties in my home State of Oregon, but also across the country, will lose the jobs they just started. Jobs in solar, wind, battery storage, clean manufacturing, those are jobs with good wages and benefits that are supporting their families.

Ripping away these credits means that instead of finishing construction on clean power plants, Republicans will abandon billions in sunk costs, leave half-built equipment, and electricity bills will go up. Utility companies are expecting major rate hikes if these credits vanish because, without them,

they will be forced to rely on more expensive, unstable, and dirty fossil fuels.

Local economies will be devastated by shuttered worksites, canceled investments, and families will be uprooted.

Imagine if we could generate our own power right here in America with the safest, most advanced technologies in the world. Now consider that we can deploy cheap, clean energy, but the Republicans won't let us. Are they afraid of offending big oil companies?

These credits are working. They sparked more than \$300 billion in private sector investment. They have launched a manufacturing comeback in communities that have waited decades for it.

Repealing them, that would be economic self-sabotage. Here is the thing: Republicans are pushing this repeal, and they are also backing Donald Trump's declaration of a so-called energy emergency. If we are in an energy emergency, why would we gut the industries that are expanding supplies, cutting costs, and creating stability? We wouldn't. We don't solve a so-called emergency by kneecapping every solution except oil.

It is not about ideology. Many, if not most, of these projects that will lose out are in parts of the country represented by my Republican colleagues. It is about whether we keep building the future or tear it down before it has had a chance.

We should be competing with China. We should be making energy cheaper, not more expensive. We should be backing the American workers who are finally getting the chance to accelerate our energy leadership. Instead, the Republicans' big, ugly bill says to pack it up and go home.

I won't stand for that, and neither should anyone who claims to care about jobs, economic growth, or energy security.

#### HONORING MARK PETERSON

(Mr. YAKYM of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the remarkable career of Mark Peterson, a distinguished journalist who has served my community with unwavering dedication and integrity for decades.

On June 24, 1985, Mark began his tenure at WNDU, embarking on a journey that would see him become one of the most respected reporters in our region.

Throughout his 40-year career at WNDU, Mark has been lauded for his ability to quickly grasp complex issues and report them with great clarity and composure. His commitment to factual reporting and his calm demeanor under pressure have made him a trusted voice in our community.

As someone who grew up in South Bend, I have vivid memories of watching Mark deliver the news with professionalism and poise. His reporting was

not just informative, it was a fixture in our home.

To now have had the privilege of working alongside him during my tenure in public service has been not only an honor but also a full-circle moment.

Mark's dedication extended beyond the newsroom. He viewed his colleagues at WNDU as family and approached his work with both seriousness and a sense of comradery. His passion for journalism and commitment to the community left an indelible mark on our region.

As Mark embarks on his well-deserved retirement, I extend my deepest gratitude for his four decades of service. His contributions have not only informed but inspired countless individuals in my community. I wish Mark and his wife, Sue, all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring Mark Peterson for his outstanding career and his unwavering commitment to journalistic excellence.

#### RECOGNIZING MILFORD, DELAWARE

(Ms. MCBRIDE of Delaware was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the momentum and pride on full display in Milford, Delaware, a small town with a big story to tell.

Delaware is the small town State, and Milford reminds us why that is something to be proud of. I had the pleasure of touring downtown Milford with local leaders recently. Despite a torrential downpour, we met with small business owners, local artists, and community members who are working every day to turn vision into progress.

What I saw in Milford is what is possible when communities believe in themselves. Whether it is the thriving downtown storefronts, the Riverwalk's beauty, or the vibrant art scene, including Gallery 37, Milford is a town that is honoring its history while investing boldly in its future. Make no mistake, that future is being built by and for Milford's residents.

We talked about infrastructure needs, economic development, and the importance of expanding access to housing and opportunity. Over the past decade, Milford has become a model for what small town revitalization should look like, driven by public-private collaboration and a clear focus on inclusive growth.

Milford's motto: Art Town, River Town, Home Town, is more than a slogan. It is a reflection of a community that is rooted in creativity and care for one another.

I am proud to represent Milford in Congress, and I will keep fighting for the investments, partnerships, and policies that empower towns like Milford to thrive. When small towns succeed, our whole State grows stronger.

#### CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF DELAWARE

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Delaware from the tyrannical yolk of Pennsylvania and the British Crown.

In June of 1776, Delawareans laid the groundwork for the single longest running tradition in our State's history: the Separation Day. Separation Day serves as a reminder of the fierce commitment at the heart of the greatest State in the Union. It marks the moment when Delaware said: "We can govern ourselves. We can shape our own future."

That commitment to dignity, democracy, to self-determination is the essence of who we are as Delawareans.

Each June, my neighbors gather in Old New Castle, one of the most historic towns in America, to honor our legacy with joy and pride.

Separation Day isn't just about the past. It is a reminder that democracy isn't something we inherit. It is something we practice, because that bold act in 1776 wasn't made by kings or generals. It was made by ordinary people who believed that a better future was worth the risk. They understood something we should all remember to this day: There are no kings in a democracy.

This year, as we celebrate our independence from one empire and one governor across the State line, let us also reject any attempt to crown a new monarch, whether with a golden crown or a gilded office, because in this country no one is above the law.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy Separation Day to Delaware.

#### RECOGNIZING GABRIELLA BOURANTAS

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two extraordinary young leaders from Delaware, Gabriella Bourantas of Wilmington Christian School and Emily Geldreich of Kendall Academy, who have earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

Through over 400 hours of public service, personal development, exploration, and physical rigor, Gabriella and Emily have set and achieved ambitious goals through perseverance and commitment.

Gabriella served the Blackfeet Nation in Montana, honed her field hockey and Greek dance skills, and helped her family explore our national parks.

Meanwhile, Emily taught American Sign Language, distributed food, and became a stronger swimmer and martial artist, all while deepening her understanding of deaf culture and global history.

Their achievements remind us that the Congressional Award isn't just about logging hours. It is about building character. In their dedication and drive, Emily and Gabriella reflect the heart of Delaware, where young people lead with purpose and pride.

Mr. Speaker, Delaware is proud of Gabriella and Emily and their hard work. They represent the best of the