

Our bill makes their lives easier, not harder, by leveling the playing field for these students and families while protecting the American Dream for every student, regardless of their parents' careers.

Our farmers were also deeply grateful for the commonsense provisions that ensure our tax incentives benefit American-grown products and American farmers, not foreign producers. By extending the 45Z tax credit and limiting eligibility to domestic feedstocks, this majority delivered long-term certainty for American agriculture.

Kansas farmers started the year needing a new farm bill that meets the needs of today and not 6 years ago. Last year, Congressional Democrats held farm country hostage and chose to play political games rather than work with congressional Republicans to pass a new 5-year farm bill.

In the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, our Republican majority answered rural America's call by updating reference prices, doubling investments into crucial trade promotion programs like MAP and FMD, and expanding crop insurance. These are all commonsense policies that allow our farmers to feed, fuel, and clothe the world without the fear of losing everything because of a bad crop year. This legislation was life-changing for the agricultural families in my district.

Mr. Speaker, our work is cut out for us in the weeks ahead. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act has shown what this majority can do for the country, and we ought to build on that momentum by passing policies that promote safety in American communities, continue to strengthen American agriculture, and steward American taxpayer dollars responsibly while cutting wasteful spending. I look forward to working with this majority to deliver on these promises. I am excited to see all that we can do in the next 4 months.

MASSIVE CUTS TO ENERGY AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to the fiscal year 2026 Energy and Water appropriations bill.

At a time when energy costs are skyrocketing for my constituents, Republicans are trying to make it even harder for them to keep their homes warm and keep the lights on. For example, this bill makes massive cuts to the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, including a nearly \$10 million cut to Ohio. That is a 44 percent cut.

Republican cuts to this office include cuts to the Weatherization Assistance Program, which reduces energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of homes. These cuts are compounded by the fact that ratepayers in Ohio are on the hook for a corrupt bill that adds hundreds to energy costs to bail out a coal plant in Indiana. Ohioans cannot

afford any more Republican malfeasance that literally costs Ohioans hundreds of dollars a year.

Even more, this bill does not adequately fund two authorities in my district that were created under the Water Resources Development Act of 2024. The bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2024 authorized projects across the United States for water and wastewater infrastructure that are critical to strengthening the flood protection and resiliency of our communities and to complete ecosystem restoration that maintains America's vital natural resources.

This legislation specifically authorized \$49 million in new authorities in Ohio's 13th Congressional District to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to contribute their expertise to the development of new and existing infrastructure projects that not only improve water and sewer infrastructure but also bolster our economic competitiveness.

I am proud to have advocated for these resources to ensure that they were included in last year's WRDA. These programs allow communities in my district to have access to the infrastructure they need to flourish.

Here is how: Under the Summit County new authority, \$25 million would have been authorized to fund projects such as Akron's water main and lead service line replacement project, Fairlawn's West Market Street waterline replacement, New Franklin's South Main Street stormwater replacement project, Barberton's Stratford Street waterline project, and Fairlawn's Rosemont Preserve project.

Additionally, under Stark County's new authority, \$24 million would have been authorized to fund projects such as Canton's Cromer Water Storage Reservoir replacement project, improvements to the Ohio & Erie Canalway Lock 4 Park, and North Lawrence's sanitary sewer project.

Funding these projects is crucial to ensure my constituents have access to clean water in their homes. In order to truly make a difference for these communities, we must fully fund the programs that we authorize. For me, this is about my constituents and lowering their costs and allowing our communities to thrive.

Because of aggressive gerrymandering in Ohio, people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District paid taxes that never made it back to our communities. These funds went to places like California, New York, and, God forbid, Michigan. Here is just another example of snatching hard-earned constituents' dollars that they expected to be reinvested in their community, only to be sent elsewhere to pay for billionaire tax cuts or something else nefarious and nothing that anyone asked for.

I came to Congress to do right by my community. As I said earlier, I am proud to have ensured that \$49 million in new infrastructure authorities were included to be funded in our community. However, this work cannot get

done if we do not appropriate the money to get the shovels in the ground.

For this reason and many others, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill because it does not lower costs. It harms our communities.

HONORING JOSHUA JARZAB, OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Twinsburg firefighter and local hero Joshua Jarzab as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

On August 17, Joshua and his team responded to a call for a basement fire. Joshua and his team acted swiftly, entering a burning home, fighting back flames, and clearing a path to the basement.

Once underground, amidst thick smoke and scorching flames, Joshua and his team conducted a methodical search and later found an 8-month-old baby in the basement.

Even though the flames were high and strong, they continued searching for this baby and ultimately rescued him. It took 12 minutes for Joshua and his team from the Twinsburg Fire Department to ensure that they got that baby out safe and sound.

I just say to Joshua and the entire Twinsburg fire safety services team: There are people who run away from fire, but you-all ran toward it. Not only did you run toward it in that situation, you run every day that you are on call. In this particular moment, you saved a life, and we are so grateful for you.

I thank Joshua, the Twinsburg Fire Department, and all of those who protect and serve our communities.

I congratulate Joshua for being Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

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CONGRATULATING PIERZ LAKERS

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Pierz Lakers in winning the Minnesota Baseball Association's amateur State championship.

The Lakers fought valiantly through the Class C tournament, defeating the Le Sueur Braves 11-1 to win their first-ever State championship.

It is great to see the tradition of town ball alive and well in Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pierz Lakers on their victory.

PROVIDING RECOVERY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I was proud of the community members who stood with us and partnered with me in creating the Fix Our Flooded Basements Act.

Many people might not know this, but FEMA will provide financial help toward getting a new furnace and water heater, but they will not help in mitigating the toxins and the mold that can be created if they don't get rid of the water in order to clean out the basement.

In southeastern Michigan, we have seen that firsthand. We had two national emergency declarations.

Water damage, as you know, can lead to long-term issues created by toxic mold, which impacts the health of the family in the home.

Again, too many of our families were denied FEMA assistance because the current rules do not cover repairs to most basements where floods are often the most destructive. Again, it can lead to toxic mold if not mitigated.

Mr. Speaker, as flooding becomes more frequent due to the climate crisis, it is crucial that we take action to require FEMA to provide flood victims with the full resources that they need to rebuild their lives.

I still remember the senior in Inkster, Michigan. She was in her seventies, Mr. Speaker. After the first declaration, her basement was flooded. She did not have the means, nor the capabilities to be able to get rid of the water that was in her basement.

When I came by to visit her again, the water froze in her basement due to the weather. Years later, she is now dealing with toxic mold.

Mr. Speaker, we need to have a legislative fix that will help to mitigate those issues to make sure that our families are not living in unsafe conditions by being exposed to serious health risks from mold, mildew, and moisture damage.

Mr. Speaker, these are people who are recovering from a disaster. To have FEMA say: No, we cannot help in this regard, even though they were exchanging the water heater, helping with the furnace, the fact that they will not mitigate the basement, again, leaves many of our families out.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of my colleagues who have signed on to support this bill have realized for the first time that FEMA did not do this, and maybe it was created because it was for the coastal communities, but we know communities like Michigan are now impacted in the Midwest.

The Fix Our Flooded Basements Act will make sure that Federal disaster assistance finally covers all of the mitigation needs for basement water damage. The bill would expand the coverage for Federal assistance to cover the cost of repairing property and flood damage to basements after a major disaster.

Mr. Speaker, our residents must be able to live safely and fully rebuild their lives after disaster strikes. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation. It is critically important for our families.

ENDING CORPORATE GREED THROUGH PRICE GOUGING

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, families in our communities are facing an afford-

ability crisis. We hear it at our town-halls. We hear it on every corner of our communities. Families are struggling with rising grocery costs. The cost of groceries has gone up 28 percent, and the majority of Americans say that grocery prices are the major source of stress for their families.

Corporations are now using new technology to raise prices in new ways and without the knowledge of the consumer. Electronic shelf labels allow stores to change prices in seconds. The industry is not shy about it. They admit to raising the price of water and ice cream if it is hot outside. Even worse, corporations are tracking consumers and using their own personal, private information against them.

We all know that companies collect and purchase a tremendous amount of our private data and personal information. These custom, personal profiles on many of our families and residents allow companies to charge different people different prices for the same exact item by using things like mobile apps, online shopping, and facial recognition technology.

This is called surveillance pricing, and all of us need to wake up and see that this technology is fixing prices and increasing costs for our families.

Target, for example, charged higher prices to consumers who were using their app when they were inside their stores, assuming that the consumer either wouldn't notice or was unlikely to go anywhere else.

Mr. Speaker, this is outrageous and wrong. Companies should not be able to use consumers' online history, past purchases, the color of their skin, their income, where they work, or their ZIP Code to charge them a higher price.

Surveillance pricing will lead to increased costs for food and basic goods. It will harm working families who are already struggling to make ends meet. This is not just about discriminatory technology. It is about corporate greed in our country, and CEOs are getting richer while working people struggle.

I introduced the Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act to ban personalized price gouging by grocery stores, and I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LISA K. COLON

(Mr. SMUCKER of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lisa K. Colon of Lancaster City, who passed away on August 21, 2025, at the age of 51.

Lisa will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially her family. She was a devoted wife to Reali Colon; loving mother to Isreali, Victoria, and Realina; and proud grandmother to three granddaughters. She was also a faithful sister and daughter.

Lisa represented, in many ways, what makes our community so great: a

dedication to public service; a spirit of volunteering; a strong work ethic; and a deep love for God, family, and country.

Born in Asheville, North Carolina, Lisa moved to Lancaster County in 1987 along with her family when her father transferred to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

In the 2000s, Lisa furthered her education, graduating from Harrisburg Area Community College and then Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

She worked as a records officer at Lancaster County Prison, and then she moved to the controller's office as senior accountant and assistant manager before being elected by the voters of Lancaster County to serve as county controller in 2021, a position she held until her passing.

Lisa was the first woman elected controller in Lancaster County, but her impact as a trailblazer and her contributions to her community extends far beyond her service as a public official.

Lisa had a heart for giving back to the community, volunteering for the Lancaster City Parks Department, Adopt-a-Block, and homeless shelters in the city. She was president of the local Blue Star Mothers of America chapter, which assists Active-Duty military personnel, their families, and veterans.

Lisa also served as chair of the Lancaster City Republican Committee and the assistant treasurer for the Republican Committee of Lancaster County.

For her many professional and community achievements, Lisa was honored as a Woman of Influence by the Central Penn Business Journal just last year. It was a fitting recognition for the positive impact that Lisa has made on our community.

Even while battling cancer, Lisa Colon continued her duties as controller and did missionary work in Cambodia, as well. Lisa left behind an incredible impact on both the community and those who she met, and I am glad to have known her and to have called her a friend for many years.

As we mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Lisa Colon, we offer our prayers of comfort to her family and to those who grieve. May they have peace, and may Lisa's memory and her lasting impact on our community continue to inspire others.

RESTORING LIFESAVING FOOD AID FOR MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the 35th time today to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

As a reminder, back in January, Elon Musk and Donald Trump halted shipments of lifesaving food aid to children