

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. TLAIK. 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 Real 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

around the world who need it to survive.

This is Plumpy'Nut, a peanut paste that is made specifically to treat children who are starving to death. When children are starving, their organs shut down. Even if food is provided to them, they cannot process traditional food. They need this. This is their only chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, Congress appropriated, on a bipartisan basis with Democrats and Republicans, over \$1 billion to get lifesaving food aid and other aid to children around the world.

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This was produced in American factories with supplies that came from American farmers. The money was already approved. The money was already spent.

Thousands of boxes of this lifesaving food aid is now sitting in warehouses, including in my district in Rhode Island, because Donald Trump and Elon Musk stopped the program. It is already paid for. It is already produced. There are children starving around the world waiting for this lifesaving aid, and it is sitting in warehouses while children starve.

Congress came back and appropriated more funding for fiscal year '25, \$200 million plus. The Trump administration sat on that funding, as well. Why? Interestingly, the administration for the last 8 months has insisted that they intend to restart this program. They have said, yes, it is coming back. They started saying that within the first few weeks. Elon Musk tweeted about it. Marco Rubio swore under oath that they were going to restart this program, but it has been 9 months. Where is the urgency?

Finally, a few weeks ago, Edesia Nutrition, the organization in my district that produces this food aid, received new orders from the State Department after 9 months. That is welcomed news, but the days and weeks are continuing to tick by, and they still have not been told where to ship this food aid to.

There is a lesson here. It is very easy for any idiot, any billionaire, who has never worked in government to go in and destroy a program, but then it is hard to rebuild it afterwards. In the meantime, children are starving to death, needlessly.

My message to the administration, once again, is to act with purpose, to act with urgency, to follow your own word, and to honor your commitment. The administration has said they were going to restart this program. They have awarded new contracts. Literally, all they have to do is hit a button and restart the shipments. That is all they have to do.

It has been 9 months. These kids cannot wait a day longer. Let's restart the aid, disburse the funds, ship the food, and save the children. I will speak on this floor every day until you do.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE
FRANK CAPRIO

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a

true Rhode Island original and hero, Judge Frank Caprio.

Born to Italian immigrants in 1936, Frank was raised in the proud neighborhood of Federal Hill in Providence, Rhode Island. His family, like so many in Rhode Island and across the country, valued hard work and service.

Frank served on the Providence City Council and had a distinguished legal career before being appointed to the Providence Municipal Court as a judge in 1985, a career on the bench that would span nearly four decades.

During this time, Judge Caprio became renowned for his sense of compassion and fairness in the courtroom, which eventually made him an international television star and a beloved example of compassionate leadership across the world.

I will tell you, I still have friends and family from all over the country, people I meet when they hear I am from Rhode Island, they ask about that judge.

In 2000, Judge Caprio launched his show "Caught in Providence" on WLNE-TV in Rhode Island so that Rhode Islanders could see how the nicest judge in the world works up close and personal.

In 2018, the show gained national syndication reaching audiences across the entire United States and the world. Judge Caprio's show was nominated for four Emmys, and clips from "Caught in Providence," showcasing his humanity, garnered billions of views on social media.

Through his work on the bench, Judge Caprio has inspired countless people to treat others with kindness and empathy. My thoughts are with his family, his loving wife, his five children, his grandchildren, and everyone whose life has been touched by his work.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. JOSEPH CASTRO

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and the legacy of Dr. Joseph Castro, an exceptional leader who broke the glass ceiling as the first Latino to lead the California State University System, the largest university system in the Nation with 23 State campuses and over 500,000 students.

A grandson of immigrants, his story is the American story. He was raised by a single mother in Hanford, California. He was the first in his family to graduate from college. He never forgot the struggles his family faced, and he carried those lessons with him throughout his life as a role model. His journey reflected the hopes and the dreams of so many families in our valley and throughout our Nation who work hard every day to achieve a better life.

That is why Joe made it his mission to open doors for others. From his time

as a professor to his service as president of Fresno State, and ultimately as chancellor to the university system, he dedicated his career to lift up students who, like him, came from very humble beginnings. That was Joe. That is who he was. That is why we honor him.

He believed that every young person deserved a chance to succeed no matter what their background may be.

I had the privilege of working with Joe on a wide range of initiatives from protecting our Dreamers and ensuring that they have a chance to achieve their full potential, to expanding global opportunities for students at Fresno State through new study abroad partnerships with the University of the Azores and the Punjab Agricultural University.

This was just Joe. He would always reach out not only throughout our valley but throughout California.

These efforts didn't just expand educational pathways, but they built bridges between our valley and the world. Joe understood that educating our children provided a foundation for future success. It is not rocket science. When our young people in this country get a complete education, a university education, they succeed. When they succeed as part of America's future, America succeeds.

That is why he dedicated his life to education. To me, Joe was more than just a colleague. He was a dear friend. I will remember him not only for his many accomplishments but for his kindness, his generosity, and that big heart that Joe had. He was a true son of the valley who never forgot where he came from and never stopped giving back. His legacy lives on for thousands and thousands of students whose lives he changed in higher education.

My thoughts and prayers go to Joe's wife, Mary, a true partner—they achieved so much together—to his kids, Isaac and Lauren and Jess, as well as the countless people whose lives Joe touched. It was really remarkable. He left a mark on all of us that will never ever fade and that we should carry on in turn.

I was honored to call him my friend, and I will miss him, like so many, deeply. He always challenged us at Fresno State to be bold. For me, Joe, my friend, I will always think of him as chancellor emeritus. Go Fresno State Bulldogs. God bless Joe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his service to a grateful nation. We will always remember.

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HONORING SERGEANT KENNETH SALAS

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of Spokane County Sheriff's Sergeant Kenneth Salas, who