

Republican cronies in Congress have clearly chosen to make hunger worse. We cannot stand idly by while hunger is made worse in this country, the richest country in the world.

Again, what is particularly galling is that Republicans champion tax cuts for multimillionaires and billionaires, while decimating an essential program to help put food on the table. What is wrong with these people.

Madam Speaker, we do not share the same values. We say no new farm bill without fixing the big, ugly bill's cuts to SNAP. We can and we should do more, a hell of a lot more, to end hunger now.

#### SUPPORTING THE STOP OF CHINESE FENTANYL

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last week I was proud to support the Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act, legislation that will put sanctions on any individual, including senior members of the Chinese Communist Party, who are responsible for the production, the distribution, the sale, or the financing of synthetic opioids.

It is no secret that China is the leading producer of the base chemicals, the ingredients, that are needed to make fentanyl and that the Chinese Communist Party is more than willing to work directly with Mexican drug cartels to ensure that this poison continues to reach America.

Unfortunately, drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death for Americans who are ages 18 to 45, with fentanyl causing nearly 70 percent of those deaths. With strong leadership under President Trump back in the White House, our southern border is finally becoming secure.

We here in the House must take every action possible to stop the flow of the poison that fentanyl is before it ever reaches our border.

#### STRENGTHENING OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week, my colleagues and I will take up H.R. 3486, the Stop Illegal Entry Act. This legislation will strengthen our immigration laws and deter criminal illegal aliens from crossing our southern border.

For 4 long years, President Biden and his administration were asleep at the switch, allowing our borders to be flooded with illegal immigrants, most of whom were simply released into our communities.

This legislation gives Federal officials more tools in their tool belt to prosecute illegal immigrants by requiring significant imprisonment for illegals who commit crimes.

President Trump has worked tirelessly to make our southern borders secure again. Now it is our job here in Congress to ensure Federal law enforcement and prosecutors have the tools that they need to deter further illegal immigration.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to supporting this strong, commonsense piece of legislation on the House floor this week as we continue to work to make our Nation once again safe for all Americans.

#### CELEBRATING CENTURY FARMS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the William and Richard Farabaugh and Joseph Burkhart farms in East Carroll Township of Cambria County for receiving the designation of Century Farm from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

A Century Farm is a farm that has been owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years, has a family member who still lives on that farm, and has at least 10 acres of the original farmland.

William Farabaugh purchased the family farm in September 1918. He and his wife had 10 children: 8 daughters and 2 sons. The Farabaugh family introduced the use of silos in the area. Fifty-eight of the original acres and the barn are still in use today.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I offer heartfelt congratulations to the Farabaugh and Burkhart families and express gratitude for their enduring commitment to one of Pennsylvania's most vital industries, and that is agriculture.

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#### HONORING PARTSCH FARM IN CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Partsch Farm in Conemaugh Township of Cambria County for receiving the designation of a Century Farm from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Cecilia Partsch's grandfather, Frank, purchased the farm in April 1924. Frank Partsch was a dairy farmer who supplied milk for processing at Sani Dairy in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The original barn and house are still in use today. Cecilia Partsch's father, Harold, took over the farm in 1972. Currently, the farm continues to produce both beef and hay.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I offer heartfelt congratulations to the Partsch family and express gratitude for the family's enduring commitment to agriculture, the number one industry in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District.

#### CONDEMNING BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

(Mr. POCAN of Wisconsin was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the genocide that is occurring in Gaza against the Palestinians.

I am not ignoring the outrageous attacks on October 7 that left at least

1,200 people dead and the dozens of hostages who remain. Nor am I ignoring the decades of isolation that Gaza has endured by the Israeli Government, essentially turning the small but densely populated region into an open-air prison from which few could easily come and go as they pleased.

However, it is simply outrageous what is occurring in Gaza right now, and not speaking out against the inhumanity could be considered complicity.

At least 64,000 people have been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023, including tens of thousands of mothers, children, and other innocent people. Sadly, it is likely that the actual death toll is even higher. The U.N. estimates that approximately 92 percent of residential buildings and 70 percent of all the buildings in Gaza have been destroyed.

Starvation is rampant, as is disease. Famine is no longer an imminent threat. It is happening now, and babies are dying. The killing of people in hospitals and those trying to get food aid, normally considered off-limits even in war, occurs regularly, with an official shrug when the Israeli Government is called out.

The definition of genocide by the New Oxford American Dictionary is "the deliberate killing of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group."

That is exactly what we are seeing in Gaza right now by the Israeli Government under Benjamin Netanyahu, an accused war criminal by the International Criminal Court.

This war isn't a targeted response against Hamas, guilty of the October 7 attacks and decades of violence. This is a wholesale attack on the people of Gaza.

Israeli groups like B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel have recently called what is happening genocide. International human rights groups like Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have as well.

Recently, the International Association of Genocide Scholars added their voices on the genocide. The United Nations' special committee said last November that Israel's war conduct in Gaza is "consistent with the characteristics of genocide," including mass civilian casualties and using starvation as a weapon.

No weapons should be sent from the United States to Israel that could be used against the people of Gaza. Instead of photo ops with Benjamin Netanyahu, it is time for condemnation. Help facilitate the serving of an arrest warrant from the ICC to him.

Let's make him the international pariah he should be. Let's use our leverage to pressure him not to commit genocide in Gaza. People of good conscience must join in this denunciation of what is happening in Gaza and the West Bank.

#### FUNDING MEALS ON WHEELS

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, the Republicans in the appropriations process

are leaving seniors to starve, underfunding the Meals on Wheels food assistance program by \$600 million, a move that is likely to cost 1.9 million needy people their access to food. This follows the big, ugly bill, which all but three Republicans voted for, making it the largest cut to food assistance in our Nation's history.

By flat-funding the vital Meals on Wheels program for seniors in the Health and Human Services appropriations bill, Republicans are ignoring the real increase in food costs that Americans are experiencing due to a lack of action by the administration to lower costs.

With all of this talk of Republicans making food access harder and harder for millions and millions of Americans, what did they do this weekend at the White House? They held an extravagant dinner in the newly paved area that once was the Rose Garden and had a three-course dinner and drinks, featuring Rose Garden salad—at least we know where the plants went that once were there—steak, and a fudge-filled, seven-layer cake, making their cuts to food assistance even more tone deaf than ever.

A fudge-filled, seven-layer cake? I guess the theme of the White House event was “let them eat cake.” How fitting.

#### CONGRATULATING AND HONORING ROSE MIMMS

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate and honor one of my constituents for her dedicated service to the pro-life movement across our State of Arkansas.

For decades, Rose Mimms has been a steadfast figure and advocate for the unborn and in support of their moms.

Earlier this year, Rose announced that she would be stepping down from her role as executive director of the Arkansas Right to Life, a position that she has held for over 30 years.

This, however, is not the end of Rose's service. She is refocusing her efforts on fostering and uplifting regional chapters of the Arkansas Right to Life across the State.

I thank Rose for her many years of dedication to the unborn and to the State of Arkansas. I wish her nothing but the best for the next chapter of her advocacy, and I look forward to continuing to watch her impact and perseverance in this important work.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID PETERSON

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Peterson for his outstanding service and dedication to keeping the Natural State natural.

Dr. Peterson was recently honored with the Neil Compton Award by the Ozark Society in recognition of his decades-long commitment to environmental stewardship.

Dr. Peterson's dedication to high standards for land, water, and wildlife habitat conservation in Arkansas reflects a commitment that I deeply value and commend.

Earlier this year, the Flatside Wilderness Act passed the House, enhancing this special corner of the Second Congressional District, creating new opportunities for Arkansans and visitors alike to enjoy the natural beauty of our State. Dr. Peterson's contributions are greatly appreciated throughout the effort to enhance Flatside Wilderness.

Dr. Peterson's service and dedication to conservation are a reminder of the lasting impact that one individual can have on protecting our shared natural heritage, and I thank Dr. Peterson for his service.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. ELIZABETH CLEVELAND

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Elizabeth Cleveland, cofounder of Fusion Center Network, a telehealth diagnostic clinic that will serve Arkansans and eventually all Americans.

Dr. Cleveland is a former professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Central Arkansas. Her focus is on fetal alcohol syndrome, which affects 1 in 20 babies, but less than 1 percent ever receive an accurate diagnosis.

By improving the diagnosis of fetal alcohol syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders, Dr. Cleveland and the Fusion Center Network will be able to help people have longer, healthier, and happier lives.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Cleveland and her colleagues on their new venture.

#### RECOGNIZING RPM GROUP

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise to recognize and celebrate a remarkable business milestone: 70 years of success, growth, and innovation at Rector Phillips Morse, the RPM Group.

RPM is an Arkansas-based real estate company specializing in commercial and investment real estate, along with professional property management, creating hundreds of jobs in central Arkansas.

Known for its client-focused approach, RPM works with businesses large and small to find the space they need, and it helps Arkansans find homes and apartments.

Founded in 1955 by Arkansas Business Hall of Fame inductee Billy F. Rector and his partners, Byron Morse and Fe Phillips, they have gone from hard, humble beginnings in central Arkansas to the top in the real estate industry.

Madam Speaker, 17 years ago, RPM partnered with Coldwell Banker to expand its residential business, combining national brand power with their local expertise to better serve communities in Arkansas.

The theme of RPM's 70-year anniversary is “Building Tomorrow,” which

demonstrates the leaders of central Arkansas' unwavering focus on future growth, innovation, and long-term community impact.

I thank RPM for their continuous contributions for the betterment of Arkansans.

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#### HALT WORK ORDERS

(Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on August 22, the Trump administration, with absolutely no warning, issued a halt work order to an offshore wind project off the coast of southern New England that has been in the works for 9 years.

The developers of this project have invested close to \$4 billion, employed thousands of workers, and installed 45 out of 65 wind turbines that the Federal Government permitted in 2023.

As of August 22, 80 percent of the project is complete, and 100 percent of the turbine foundations have been placed on the ocean floor.

When the turbines are turned on, 704 megawatts of power will be transmitted by cable to Rhode Island and Connecticut. That is enough electricity to power 350,000 homes—400 megawatts to Rhode Island and 304 megawatts to Connecticut.

The wind power contracts approved by both States at a guaranteed rate will over time save money for ratepayers, particularly during cold, winter months, and will add to the grid at a time we all know demand for electricity is going to increase.

Incredibly, the Department of Energy's halt order was one-page long and cited nonspecific, vague “national security concerns” as the reason to suddenly eliminate good jobs and a plentiful supply of affordable electricity.

Despite repeated requests from the operators, the two States, and the congressional delegations, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, BOEM, has provided absolutely no description or detail of what exactly are the national security concerns that at this late hour could possibly justify such a drastic action.

The closest thing to an explanation came in a CNN interview with the Secretary of the Interior a few days ago, who cited “radar interference” and possible swarm attacks from undersea drones at the wind farm as potential threats.

Madam Speaker, here is the thing: During the yearslong permitting process, BOEM meticulously investigated all national security concerns, and its 2023 Record of Decision approving the project specifically had a section on national security. It specifically addressed the issue of radars which was resolved to the satisfaction of the Department of Defense and NORAD.