

why California has declined as a State, why our quality of life has declined as a State, why we pay the highest gas taxes yet drive over the deepest potholes, why we spend tens of billions of dollars on a high-speed train and yet absolutely nothing gets built, and why we spend more and more and more money on education every year yet we have the highest illiteracy rate in the State.

The fundamental issue is not Democrat versus Republican even. It is the people of our State versus this entrenched and corrupt political class.

So I do believe that in order to get our State back on track, we need to reform the way politics and government are done in California. I believe we are actually on our way to starting to do that, not only with examples of people being held accountable as of this indictment, but also with The Coalition for Common Sense that you see forming across California, Mr. Speaker. This is the same coalition, for example, that came together last year to defeat our political establishment and pass Proposition 36 to make crime illegal again in California by an overwhelming margin, 68 percent of the vote, in that election.

So I do believe that there is a coalition of people who care about California, who want to reform our State, and who want to restore sanity and good government and common sense. Hopefully, this latest truly troubling and horrifying example will help to speed that process along in a very healthy way.

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EXPANDING REFINERIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted for and the House passed the REFINER Act.

This is an important piece of legislation that is designed to identify obstacles to expanding refining capacity in the United States, and it is designed to promote energy independence.

Before we go through exactly what the bill does, I wanted to make clear why this is so important for those of us in California. California is seeing the closure of two of its refineries, Phillips 66 and Valero, which represent a significant chunk of our State's overall refining capacity.

Now, we already pay the highest gas prices of any State in the country. We also have electricity prices that have gone up by 34 percent over the last several years. The New York Times just reported, far more than any other State. We pay the highest gas prices out of all 50 States, substantially more than the national average, higher even than Hawaii, which is an island State.

The causes of that are well understood, and it is those very causes that are now causing these refineries to close in a way that is going to make the problem even worse by further constraining supply.

The reason, of course, the cause, is the taxes, the regulations, the par-

ticular fuel blend that is required, and the continually changing environmental mandates that cause the cost of doing business to continually grow and that require these refineries to continually update their equipment in a way that makes doing business just no longer viable.

All of these things together led researchers at USC to determine that, by the end of next year, Californians could be paying an average of \$8 a gallon for gasoline.

The bill we passed today here in Congress, in the House of Representatives, will help with this because, in addition to the data collection that it requires and the aspects of it that seek to support an agenda designed to promote energy independence through getting rid of needless regulations, it also is looking at State actions that are contributing to our decline in refining capacity.

California, I am sure, will be the State where the most such actions are identified. I am looking forward to the results of this and then being able to act to use whatever leverage we have here at the Federal level to try to spare Californians from the continually rising cost of gasoline and to restore a little dose of common sense to our State's energy policy.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, California's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office revealed that the State has an \$18 billion deficit—an \$18 billion deficit. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office noted that this is the fourth straight year that the State has had budget problems, even though revenue has been increasing.

The LAO, the Legislative Analyst's Office, also noted in their report on the State budget that the State's economy is not in good shape. Indeed, job growth this year has amounted to zero, nothing. There has literally been no job growth in the State of California.

In addition, consumers in California are increasingly pessimistic about our State's economy, so these problems have all been building and building and have, in particular, accelerated during the governorship of Gavin Newsom.

In his first year as Governor, our State budget was \$208 billion. Now, the budget is \$322 billion. It has increased by more than 50 percent. Can Californians say they are getting 50 percent more for their tax dollars? Of course not.

The problems in our State have continued to grow. We continue to lead the Nation in homelessness, unemployment, taxes, regulations, and poverty.

I would hope that this latest report from the Legislative Analyst's Office will be a wake-up call for the politicians in Sacramento that we need to start doing things differently. We need to have less of a tax and regulatory burden. We need to support small businesses and workers. We need to get the budget under control, so we don't con-

tinue to spend more and more as we get less and less.

PROPOSITION 50

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, this is the first opportunity I have had to address the House since the passage of Prop 50 in California to re-gerrymander our State and to return us to the era of political gerrymandering.

Of course, I was against the proposition because I am against gerrymandering everywhere. I am against it in California. I am against it in Texas. I am against it in every State, Republican or Democrat.

My district, the currently drawn Third Congressional District, did indeed vote against Prop 50, and if it had its way, it would remain one contiguous district.

Unfortunately, this was not decided on a district-by-district basis, so it must be acknowledged that the people of California have spoken. Even though there is an ongoing Federal challenge to the new map, I am proceeding under the assumption that the new map will govern the elections in 2026.

I did want to point to one particular provision in Prop 50 that I actually support. Indeed, I think a good part of the reason why it passed is because they actually put this provision, this sentence, right there in the description that people saw on the ballot when they voted, which is the proposition that established a State policy of supporting independent redistricting nationwide. While it, on the one hand, brings back gerrymandering in California, on the other hand, it calls upon Congress to establish independent redistricting commissions in every State in the country.

I am going to answer that call to action from the voters of our State. I am currently working on legislation to do precisely what the initiative calls for, to establish independent redistricting in every State in the country. It will be modeled on the independent redistricting commission that Prop 50 just pushed aside in California.

If we can get this passed here in Congress and signed into law, then by the time of the next Census in 2030, when States are actually supposed to be redrawing district lines, the horrible scourge of gerrymandering, this scourge on our democracy, will finally be put to an end in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC ANDREW FARMER

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. TORRES of New York was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a Bronx giant, Eric Andrew "E Boogie" Farmer. His passing on October 8 leaves a profound void in Forest Houses and in the heart of our borough.

Eric Farmer was born and raised in the Bronx, and for more than 50 years, he embodied the very best of our community. A gifted athlete whose dreams were interrupted by tragedy, Eric transformed personal loss into public purpose. In 2012, he became the tenant association president of Forest Houses, a role he carried out with honesty, compassion, and relentless effectiveness. When Eric called a meeting, the room was full of people because people trusted him. They knew he listened, and they knew he delivered.

Eric forged partnerships with NYPD PSA 7, community organizations, and city officials to bring real resources into Forest Houses. He invested deeply in young people by offering mentorship, securing grants, creating summer programs, and opening doors for anyone seeking a second chance. His community events, like book bag giveaways, turkey distributions, and Christmas gifts for every child, were not just traditions. They were often lifelines.

Eric's leadership extended far beyond the Bronx. His work on the Gramsci Monument brought international attention and investment to Forest Houses, employing more than 150 residents and showcasing the cultural brilliance of our community.

Eric never sought recognition. His mission was the people. He was the heartbeat of Forest Houses, a mentor, connector, unifier, and friend.

May his memory be a blessing, and may his legacy continue to guide the Bronx for generations to come.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROZA
GJONAJ

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roza Gjonaj, a woman whose story embodies the very best of the American immigrant experience.

Born in 1948 in Montenegro, Roza grew up grounded in compassion, community, and faith. In 1966, she married her beloved husband, Zef. Just 2 years later, they embarked on a courageous journey to the United States to build a better life, and what a life she built.

As a devoted mother to Mark, Elza, and Paul, and as "Nana Roza" to seven grandchildren, Roza created a family rooted in love, generosity, and unwavering support. Her nurturing spirit and deep care for her family were evident in everything she did.

Roza's commitment extended far beyond her home. She was a dedicated friend, a pillar of her community, and a passionate supporter of civic engagement. This was never more evident than in her tireless advocacy during her son Mark's political endeavors.

As a woman of deep Catholic faith, Roza carried and shared that faith everywhere she went, often literally by gifting rosaries to others. Her spirituality was not only personal; it was a beacon of hope and a reminder of the power of prayer.

Roza Gjonaj's life was defined by love, faith, and service. Her legacy lives on in the community she strengthened and the family she so fiercely cherished. May her memory be a blessing, and may we honor her by striving to live with the same grace that she exemplified every day.

RECOGNIZING DOMONIC SMITH

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, Domonic Smith is a testament to perseverance, purpose, and the power of second chances.

A graduate of the college of New Rochelle with a bachelor's degree in psychology, he continued to elevate his expertise by becoming a certified substance abuse counselor. His journey has been anything but linear, from exploring the music industry as an aspiring writer and artist to becoming a respected leader in youth development.

For more than 18 years, Mr. Smith has dedicated his life to uplifting youth and families across New York City. His work has connected him with parents, teens, educators, elected officials, and community members who share his belief that every young person deserves guidance, opportunity, and hope.

As a preventive manager at the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, where he has proudly served for over 12 years, he oversees transformative programs, including drug prevention and restorative justice. Through his leadership, these programs reach more than 700 youth and families every year.

Mr. Smith's impact also extends to his time as the program director at MMCC's Edenwald Community Center. There, he launched essential support systems, such as Narcotics Anonymous meetings, a mentorship program for high-risk youth, and a men's support group, spaces that continue to change lives and restore hope to those who participate.

Beyond titles and positions, Mr. Smith is a youth advocate at heart. He is a motivational speaker, mentor, and guide for young people who are navigating some of life's toughest challenges. As the CEO and founder of Your2ndChance, he leads a powerful youth leadership initiative that supports high-risk students, alternative school populations, justice-involved youth, and individuals returning home from incarceration.

Mr. Smith's story is a reminder that, with resilience, vision, and commitment to serving others, one person can inspire change that ripples across families, communities, and endures for generations.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND REGINALD E. PARIS
AND UNITED CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader and a cornerstone of faith in the Bronx, Reverend Reginald E. Paris of the United Christian Baptist Church.

Since its founding on May 16, 1960, by the late Reverend Elias Miner, United Christian Baptist Church has stood as

a steadfast pillar of hope, service, and spiritual resilience. What began as a small gathering of believers has grown into a thriving ministry that has produced reverends, deacons, evangelists, and generations of community leaders, all committed to winning the world for Christ.

The church's journey from its humble beginnings on Amsterdam Avenue to its permanent home on East 222nd Street reflects a legacy of perseverance and divine purpose. With more than 22 ministries and partnerships with over 20 interdenominational churches, United Christian has fed the hungry, empowered families, supported youth, and uplifted the Bronx for more than six decades.

At the heart of this extraordinary institution stands Reverend Reginald E. Paris. Reverend Paris is a proud son of the Bronx, whose own path to ministry began as a Sunday school teacher, then deacon, and now just celebrated his eighth pastoral anniversary in the church. His leadership is rooted in humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to service.

Through initiatives like Cripple to Crowned, youth mentorship, antigun violence advocacy, and daily acts of care, Reverend Paris lives the gospel, not only in word but in deed. Under his guidance, United Christian Baptist Church is a sanctuary where people are lifted, restored, and empowered, and it remains a beacon of faith for the Bronx community.

I thank Reverend Paris and the entire United Christian family for their enduring service. May their work continue to bless the Bronx and beyond.

RECOGNIZING TANYA PEDLER

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Tanya Pedler, a passionate community leader, disability advocate, and the current president of the Morrisania Air Rights Houses Tenant Association in the south Bronx.

A dedicated mother and tireless organizer, Tanya has become a leading voice for families living in NYCHA developments, especially those raising children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Since her son Glen's autism diagnosis in 2018, Tanya has worked to address the lack of services, programs, and inclusive spaces for children and families with special needs in the Bronx. She has made it her mission to ensure that the New York City Housing Authority, NYCHA, residents are not left behind in the fight for access, equity, and opportunity.

Due to Tanya's dedication and activism, she was instrumental in securing \$750,000 in Federal funding for the first sensory garden and sensory playground at the Morrisania Air Rights Houses. These groundbreaking spaces are designed to provide safe, inclusive environments for children of all abilities to play, explore, and thrive, transforming public housing into communities where families feel seen, supported, and valued.

In 2023, Tanya founded The Sensory Exploration Center, Incorporated, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing sensory play, therapy, and inclusive programming to the Morrisania Air Rights community and beyond.

Tanya has also expanded her advocacy beyond local infrastructure. In 2025, she organized and led a groundbreaking trip for over 220 children and families with autism, providing them with a day of joy and connection in honor of Autism Awareness and Disability Pride Month.

Under Tanya's leadership, Morrisania Air Rights has become a hub for inclusive programming, sensory-friendly initiatives, and strong community engagement. Her vision and persistence have reshaped the way NYCHA communities embrace children and families with disabilities, setting a precedent—a powerful precedent—for public housing developments within the Bronx and across New York City.

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HONORING ROSETTA KIRKLAND

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dear friend and constituent, Rosetta Kirkland.

A dedicated Bronx community member, SEU 1199 union member, and current president of the board of directors of Concourse Village of the Bronx, I am grateful for her immense community contributions, social justice advocacy, and her ongoing fight to improve the lives of working people in the Bronx.

Rosetta consistently strives to improve the lives of all working people, as well as the lives of those she lives with in her community in Concourse Village.

She has worked alongside local groups and elected officials, including myself, putting on powerful community events such as family days, turkey giveaways, and Halloween events. Through her tireless work, Rosetta has become a powerful force for good in her community.

In addition to her Bronx community leadership, Rosetta is a leader in her faith community. She has taken part in different functions at Greater Universal Baptist Church, New Season Church, and the Pastor's Aide League of Greater New York & Vicinity, as a choir member, the president of the Pastor Aide Committee, and much more. Her commitment to her faith is an integral part of her identity and an inspiration to those around her.

Rosetta spent 21 years within the MTAs president's office aiding the largest public transportation system in the country. While at the MTA, Rosetta joined the powerful 1199 SEU union and has been a proud member since 2011. She was hired as part of the administrative staff at Kings Harbor Multicare Center where her peers elected her as their union delegate.

In that capacity, she persistently and effectively represented the members in grievance procedures and ensured their rights were always protected. She en-

gages members in union campaigns to preserve sufficient funding for healthcare and organizes Member-to-Member electoral campaigns.

As a delegate, Rosetta went on to become a union activist where she demonstrated her drive to make a positive difference for social and human justice. She is now part of the 1199 candidate screening team, which is a committee of 1199 staffers who the union relies upon to be responsible for choosing the next political candidate they support with an endorsement for their run for office.

It is with immense respect and admiration that I honor Rosetta Kirkland for her dedicated service to her community, her advocacy for workers' rights, and her ongoing commitment to improving the lives of those around her. Her leadership, compassion, and tireless work on behalf of others exemplify the values of our great borough.

HONORING MELISSA SIGMOND

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a New Yorker whose leadership embodies the best of our city's spirit, a spirit of service, inclusivity, and relentless dedication to community: Melissa Sigmond.

Melissa is a transformational leader and currently the CEO of the Riverdale Y. I can state from personal experience that partnering with Melissa means partnering with someone who understands impact not in the abstract but in the everyday lives of real people.

As the CEO of the Riverdale Y, Melissa has taken an already important institution and elevated it to new heights. Under her leadership, the Riverdale Y has not simply been a community center but a community anchor. It supports New Yorkers of every age, background, and identity. It is a place where children learn, where seniors find companionship, where families gather, and where every person who walks through the doors feels seen, valued, and welcomed.

In addition to her work at the Riverdale Y, her career spans Fortune 500 firms, financial institutions, and some of the most mission-driven philanthropic organizations in our Nation.

Whether working with education nonprofits, technology innovators, or faith-based institutions, Melissa has brought the same steady hallmark of excellence: a commitment to strengthening community connections and lifting people up. She understands something essential about public life. Solutions are strongest when government, nonprofit leaders, and industry work hand in hand.

Today, we honor her achievements, her compassion, and her unwavering dedication to the people of New York.

Mr. Speaker, we thank her for her service, her vision, and her enduring belief in what a community can be when we choose to build it together.

HONORING GENE EDWARDS

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true Bronxite, Mr. Gene Edwards. His story

is inseparable from the story of our borough, our city, and our country.

Gene grew up in the very heart of the Bronx, attended New York City public schools, raised in public housing, and from those humble beginnings, he charted a path defined by courage and service.

After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served for 10 years with distinction. Over three combat tours in Iraq, Gene demonstrated extraordinary bravery and valor. His acts of service earned him decorations and the deep gratitude of our Nation. In 2024, he was rightfully inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame.

When Gene returned home, he did what true public servants do: continued to serve. For the past 15 years, he has worked in the Bronx District Attorney's Office, fighting for justice on behalf of victims of crime and standing up for the safety and dignity of our communities.

Gene's service extends far beyond the walls of any institution. He is a senior leader of the youth literacy initiative, Ms. Ann's World, which has placed thousands of free books into the hands of low-income children to nurture the minds and imaginations of the next generation.

For his military service and his work as a district leader, Gene serves as a Vice State Commander of the National Association of Black Veterans, advocating at the State level to ensure that veterans receive the support and services they have earned. As district leader of the 79th Assembly District, Gene has championed voter education, civic engagement, and political empowerment, always ensuring that the people of south Bronx know their rights and know their power.

Mr. Speaker, Gene has fought for this country. He has fought for the Bronx, and he continues to fight every day for the people. His life is a testament to what it means to rise from the Bronx and serve the Bronx with unwavering devotion. It is my honor to recognize him today.

HONORING SHERMAN BROWNE

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sherman Browne, an extraordinary community leader and the CEO of the AIMHigh Empowerment Institute.

Raised in the U.S. Virgin Islands and now a proud member of the Bronx community, Sherman brings a lifetime of resilience, public service, and dedication to empowering young people.

His background in public administration and youth development gives him a deep understanding of the challenges facing the young men he serves. Through the AIMHigh Empowerment Institute, Mr. Browne leads a transformative program that provides weekly in-school empowerment sessions, personalized coaching, leadership training, and academic and career support.

He works to ensure that students are surrounded by mentors who believe in

their potential and he helps them build confidence, discipline, and purpose. Reaching young adults early, ensuring they understand and reach their potential, is critical work to prepare the next generation of leaders in the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Browne for his unwavering commitment to our youth and for helping build stronger, brighter futures across our community. He represents the best qualities in what it truly means to be a mentor by inspiring, listening, and instilling confidence in the youth of the Bronx.

HONORING MIGUEL PETERSON

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has dedicated his life to the Bronx and his community, Miguel Peterson, president of the Teller Avenue Resident Association.

For more than four decades, Mr. Peterson has lived in the same neighborhood, building a life rooted in family and community. He and his wife, Maria, have been married for 43 years and together have raised nine children.

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Mr. Peterson's family is a testament to generosity, responsibility, and the values that have long strengthened the Bronx.

Mr. Peterson dedicated his professional career to helping others, working as an orthotics and prosthetics technician before joining NYCHA, where he rose to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Peterson's commitment to public service extends even further. He served honorably in the U.S. Army Reserves, earning the rank of staff sergeant, and volunteered as a police officer for more than 2 years, leaving the police force with the rank of sergeant.

For nearly 20 years, Mr. Peterson has served as the president of the Teller Avenue Resident Association. For the past 8 years, he has been elected vice chair of the Bronx South District Council of Presidents, where he advocates tirelessly for safer housing, stronger services, and a better quality of life for his neighbors.

A graduate of Bronx Community College, a father to a Bronx family, and a superintendent of Bronx housing, Mr. Peterson embodies the very best of civic duty and community leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize his extraordinary contributions to our borough and thank him for a lifetime of service.

CONGRESS IS BACK

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ROY of Texas was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to say to the American people: Well, Congress is back.

Congress is back because we were finally able to do our job after 43 days of our colleagues on the other side of the

aisle, our Democrat colleagues, parading around the country, acting like they were fighting for you when, in fact, they were preventing us from being able to do the work we were sent here to do.

They were fighting to make worse a broken healthcare system that they have been holding you, the American people, hostage to, as they were also holding our government funding hostage. They were fighting to protect a broken healthcare system on behalf of insurance companies and regulators and to fund healthcare for illegal aliens, transgender surgeries, and abortions.

Republicans said enough. We fought back, and we held the line. We funded the government through January with three appropriations bills because that is what we told you we would do. The President and the Speaker of the House deserve credit because we were able to deliver.

Throughout all the headlines that this place gets, House Republicans, Senate Republicans, and the President have done a lot this year to deliver tangible results and wins for the American people. Let's just take a look at a few.

On day one of his return to office, President Trump addressed many of the issues upon which he campaigned. He fought the powers of globalists, defunding UNRWA, the dollars that were going to Hamas against Israel and against our national security interests. He defunded the United Nations Human Rights Council. He defunded the World Health Organization.

Each one of these were things that I had introduced legislation on and many of my Republican colleagues had introduced legislation on, but our Democrat colleagues wouldn't allow us to move. The President came in and executed on those important items to get us removed from these world bureaucrats.

The President also signed a declaration declaring cartels as foreign terrorist organizations—again, a bill I introduced 5 years ago that the Democrats were blocking. The President was able to deliver. We should codify it, but we have to beat Democrats to do that.

The FACE Act: The President stopped the abuses of the FACE Act against pro-life Americans and people who have the Department of Justice abusing them for carrying out their faith, and then he pardoned the pro-life activists who had been targeted and given jail time for praying and standing in defense of life. I introduced a bill to get rid of this pernicious abuse of law. The President came in, and he executed.

January 6: Alongside pro-life observers, Americans who were charged and jailed, often unfairly targeted, were pardoned after the Federal Government conducted a massive sweep to openly punish thousands of Americans, including some of my constituents. Some of us had to go down to the jail to force

them to release people who the President pardoned.

Gender sanity: In return to normalcy, the administration removed the Gender X designation on U.S. passports, a piece of legislation I was proud to introduce that JD Vance carried in the Senate when he was there.

Laken Riley Act: In March, the Laken Riley Act would ensure Federal immigration officials detain illegal aliens that commit crimes and would allow States to sue the Feds. I was proud to introduce, along with my colleague from North Carolina, Dan Bishop, the SUE for Immigration Enforcement Act, which was included in the Laken Riley Act. It will allow us to sue the government in the future when they fail to secure the border, a monumental change in allowing States to defend themselves against the abuses that we saw under Biden and Mayorkas.

Speaking of the border, perhaps the most comprehensive and consequential policy achievement under President Trump has been securing our border. With the leadership of Tom Homan, Secretary Noem, Stephen Miller, the President himself, Border Patrol, ICE, all of these great law enforcement officials, despite the criticisms of leftists and Marxist mayors and cities that refused to work with them, they have brought down the flow across our border to basically zero, a 92 percent reduction from the massive flow across our border that was endangering Americans, endangering the people.

Energy independence: Trump signed an executive order ending American dependence on unreliable energy sources and slashed \$3 billion in bogus abuse of emergency spending that wasn't even being used for emergencies.

ICE officials were given access to data for the Nation's 79 million Medicaid enrollees to be able to look at it and go find illegal aliens that were using Medicaid.

The Interior Department announced today that all agency decisions related to wind and solar energy must undergo strict reviews.

The Treasury Department announced today that they are taking action to ensure no tax benefits will go to illegal aliens.

This year, we advanced a responsible budget, along with President Trump, to reflect our well-established goal to return to pre-COVID spending.

Let's look at more. This Congress, working with the President, has held spending flat for the last 2 years, and now it is flat through January. If we honor our commitments, it will be flat through next September. By holding government spending flat and growing our economy, we are reducing the size and scope of bureaucracy. We are reducing debt as a percentage of our GDP and honoring the commitment that we gave to reduce inflation and to take our country back from the grasp of debt.