

Act of 1938. In it, section 14(c) permitted people with disabilities to be paid less than Federal minimum wage with little hope of advancement.

Today, those employed under 14(c) waivers make an average of \$3.50 per hour. While originally well-intended, section 14(c) has not lived up to its promise, and it needs to change.

Two of my constituents recognized this injustice as it relates to their loved one, a high schooler, Ellie, who wants to be paid fairly.

Over 10 days, the father-son duo ran 260 miles from New York City to Washington, D.C., to raise awareness for the bill.

Their run raised national awareness, and it is now up to us to act. Together, we can support those workers by ensuring that they earn the fair pay that they deserve.

RECOGNIZING RYE HIGH SCHOOL GARNETS
FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the Rye High School Garnets football team as they head to Syracuse to compete in the New York State Athletic Championship for Class A under the JMA Wireless Dome, previously the Carrier Dome.

This Class A State championship game is much watched across the State of New York. Under the legendary 50-year leadership of Coach Dino Garr, Rye High School football teams have won four State championships and are now competing against Brighton for their fifth State championship.

This year's squad is led by quarterback Carson Miller; wide receiver Henry Shoemaker; running back Jagger Fenton; and the aptly named Charlie Garnet, Garnet being the school mascot.

Their strong offense mowed down all of the competitors in section 1 football and through five post-season games with huge margins, winning over Minisink Valley and Cornwall in the earlier games.

We salute the players and the coaches that have made the city of Rye proud. Go Garnets.

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RECOGNIZING BROTHER GARY
MOSES

(Mr. CLOUD of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor one of the most beloved sons of the Texas 27th Congressional District, Brother Gary Moses of Victoria, Texas.

For more than 50 years, Brother Gary has been the heartbeat of Victoria and the entire Crossroads region. As a long-time educator at Patti Welder Middle School, a legendary radio voice on Majic 95.9, and Victoria's undisputed ambassador of joy, he has touched countless lives with his infectious smile and genuine love for every person he meets.

Whether Brother Gary is emceeding the Gorgeous Grandma Pageant, cham-

ping the Marine Toys for Tots on television commercials, firing up the crowd at Riverside Stadium for the Victoria Generals, or leading the Christmas parade, Brother Gary shows up with enthusiasm that lifts the entire community.

At 73 years young, Brother Gary is always reminding us that, in Victoria, we are all family. His nickname, Brother Gary, is not just a radio handle. It is the truest description of how he treats everyone he encounters. Residents make sure he is invited to every celebration because they know an event simply isn't complete without Brother Gary's presence.

Mr. Speaker, Brother Gary Moses embodies the very best of the Texas spirit: faith, family, and hard work. On behalf of the people of the 27th Congressional District and the countless lives he has brightened, I am proud to recognize him today and thank him for reminding us all of how one person truly can make a difference and make a community feel like a home.

RECOGNIZING MYESHA WATKINS

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cuyahoga County's Myesha Watkins on her latest and well-earned recognition for serving the people of northeast Ohio.

Last month, Myesha received the Capstone Achievement Award from the University of Chicago's Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy. This distinction highlights her as a local and national leader when it comes to violence prevention.

As the executive director of the Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance and in her current role as the administrator of the Cuyahoga County Office of Violence Prevention, Myesha has dedicated herself to the hard work of public safety.

For years, she has been there for the people of Cleveland—in our schools, our community centers, our emergency rooms, and our most overlooked and underserved neighborhoods. She has been there taking direct action to mediate conflict, deescalate crises, and stop the cycle of violence.

This work isn't easy, but as Myesha often says, it is a calling, and it makes a difference.

That is why I was outraged earlier this year when the Trump administration rescinded Federal grants awarded to the Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance. Grants that had been awarded by the past administration were stripped away. It was a betrayal of northeast Ohio, but Myesha and our community have never stopped doing the work to make our neighborhoods safer because we know that community-oriented solutions work and are needed.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Myesha on her recognition from the University of Chicago. On behalf of a grateful district and a grateful nation, I thank her

for her service and commitment to making our Cleveland communities safer.

TRUMP'S ATTACKS ON BLACK AMERICA

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, there is a saying: When America catches a cold, Black America gets pneumonia.

Since January 20, make no mistake, this country has been running a fever, a moral sickness, one that begins at the very top, a twisted agenda that pardons the powerful, protects the predators, and punishes the people. Black Americans are paying the price.

Mr. Speaker, buried in the last jobs report was this number: The Black unemployment rate is now 7½ percent. That is a recession-level rate, the highest rate since the pandemic.

Do you think they care at Mar-a-Lago? I will tell you who does care: the people in the community I represent. They are watching as prices keep going up while funding for programs people need, like SNAP, Medicaid, and the ACA, keep going down.

It doesn't stop at the kitchen table. No, we are witnessing a whole-of-government effort to erase Black history, to diminish Black voices, and to stifle Black progress.

More than \$3 billion in Federal funding has been cut from HBCUs, Black communities, and Black entrepreneurs. Over 6,000 Federal research programs and datasets related to racial disparities have been deleted, putting us in the dark on everything from sickle cell anemia to maternal health.

We have seen Black authors pulled from school shelves and government websites quietly erase information on figures like Harriet Tubman and Jackie Robinson.

Just last month, we learned that memorials honoring the contributions of Black American soldiers during World War II were stripped from a military cemetery in the Netherlands.

This is not a coincidence. This is an all-out attack on our past, our present, and our future.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear. Black Americans will not be erased. We will not be silenced, and neither will the millions of people of all backgrounds who are being harmed by this White House.

It is time for us to take up their voice and carry on their fight before this sickness spreads further.

RESTORING SECOND AMENDMENT
RIGHTS

(Mr. CLYDE of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of restoring our Second Amendment rights.

Earlier this year, I worked diligently on and proudly voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which was signed into law by President Trump on July Fourth. Due to my hard-fought efforts, this monumental law delivers the most significant legislative win for our Second Amendment freedoms in almost a century.

Throughout the negotiations, I fought to restore our Second Amendment rights, ultimately securing a measure to zero out the \$200 tax on suppressors and short-barreled firearms under the draconian National Firearms Act. This tax had been on the books since 1934, representing both an unconstitutional and financial barrier to our Second Amendment rights. Thankfully, starting January 1, 2026, American citizens will no longer be subjected to this unnecessary and unconstitutional taxation.

However, the burdensome transfer and registration requirements linked to the zero tax have so far remained. Yet, it was Congress' clear intent to repeal the NFA registration by eliminating the NFA taxation. After all, the two are inseparably linked. Without the tax, the associated registration requirements no longer have a legal standing. In fact, had it not been for the radical, partisan Senate Parliamentarian, this intent would have been explicitly written in the bill text.

Apparently, what the Senate Parliamentarian didn't understand is the history and mechanisms of the National Firearms Act. Congress enacted the NFA in 1934, imposing an excise tax of \$200, equivalent to nearly \$5,000 today, on the manufacture and transfer of certain firearms.

Congress enacted the NFA pursuant to its taxing power under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. The Supreme Court, in *Sonzinsky v. United States*, 1937, upheld the constitutionality of the NFA's registration and transfer provisions as "supportable as in aid" of Congress' proper exercise of the taxing power. Furthermore, the Supreme Court, in *United States v. Constantine*, 1935, held that a tax that doesn't generate revenue cannot be justified as a tax.

Therefore, NFA registration serves as the mechanism by which ATF accounts for the tax paid on each firearm, identified by its serial number. The tax stamp affixed by the ATF on an NFA application reflects both the firearm's serial number and the amount of tax paid for the transfer.

Moreover, the NFA's criminal provisions pertain exclusively to the failure to pay or register the payment of the tax with the ATF. The registry is a tax registry, a registry of the tax paid on each firearm cataloged by the serial number of each firearm.

Again, NFA registration and taxation are inseparably linked. You cannot have a registration of the tax paid on a firearm when there is no tax.

Last month, on Veterans Day, I led 30 of my House Republican colleagues in sending a letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi to reaffirm congressional intent behind the zeroing out of the NFA tax provision in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, as well as to urge that the DOJ adopt this position in all litigation concerning this matter.

Unfortunately, the DOJ's recent brief in a lawsuit involving NFA registra-

tion defends the draconian NFA firearm registration and ignores congressional intent.

First and foremost, the legal argument to defend and keep the NFA registration simply isn't there, plain and simple. When the One Big Beautiful Bill Act eliminated the tax on a broad class of firearms regulated under the NFA, the constitutional foundation for applying the NFA's transfer and registration requirements to those zero-tax firearms no longer exists. These requirements now improperly operate without any corresponding exercise of Congress' taxing power.

As the Supreme Court upheld the NFA's provisions only as "in aid" of that taxing power, and since the relevant excise taxes have been repealed, the transfer and registration requirements must likewise be understood as repealed with respect to the firearms now subject to the zero tax.

The Department's recent filing ignores this reality and instead offers a theory that would convert the NFA from a tax statute into a freestanding gun registry, an outcome Congress has never authorized and has repeatedly rejected. Even the 1986 Firearm Owners' Protection Act prohibited a Federal registration scheme: ". . . nor that any system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or dispositions be established."

In addition, when Congress reduced the ObamaCare penalty to zero during President Trump's first term, the Department of Justice refused to defend the underlying flawed law. Clearly, the DOJ is fully empowered to decline to defend statutory provisions that no longer rest on a valid constitutional basis. It has exercised that authority before and must do so again here, this time in defense of Americans' Second Amendment rights.

When I came to Congress, I promised my constituents that one of my top priorities would be to not only fight to protect our Second Amendment rights but to restore what we have lost. The National Firearms Act of 1934 is an unconstitutional relic that has infringed on these liberties for far too long. We must take this historic opportunity to ensure both taxation and registration on suppressors and short barrels are gone for good.

RECOGNIZING SARAH DULLY, RHODE ISLAND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Dully, Rhode Island's 2026 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Dully began her work as an educator in 2012. She joined Narragansett High School as an English language arts teacher in 2020, where she is admired and respected by her fellow teachers, students, and administrators alike. At Narragansett, she also serves

as the National Honor Society adviser and the Class of 2025's adviser.

When asked about Ms. Dully, one of her students said: "My favorite thing about [her] is just how active and excited she is every class."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Dully on this honor. I have no doubt that she will represent our State well in the National Teacher of the Year award program.

RECOGNIZING DAVE CHENEVERT

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dave Chenevert, who is retiring after 14 years as executive director of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association and 41 years in the manufacturing industry.

Dave built RIMA into a powerful advocacy organization for the manufacturing industry, championing workforce development and education, and working with State leaders to bring more people into the profession. In his role, Dave built on Rhode Island's manufacturing legacy so that it will endure for future generations.

On his retirement, Dave said: "When I first joined RIMA, my goal was to strengthen our voice, expand our reach, and build a solid foundation for the future." He has certainly done that, stabilizing the industry after years of decline, with more than 1,500 manufacturing companies in Rhode Island now employing over 41,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dave for his many years of service to Rhode Island. His impact will long endure, and I wish him a very happy retirement.

CONCERNS OVER HIGH COST OF HEALTHCARE

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, while Donald Trump and congressional Republicans spend time building a billion-dollar ballroom, bailing out Argentina, and lavishing tax cuts on billionaires, Rhode Islanders and Americans continue to struggle with the high cost of healthcare.

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I wish that our colleagues would spend as much time worrying about how they are going to lower healthcare costs as they seem to spend building up Donald Trump's ballroom, sending billions of dollars to Argentina, and sucking up to their billionaire donors.

All across the country, people are getting letters like this from their insurance companies telling them how much more they are going to have to pay next year because of Republican inaction in extending the Affordable Care Act tax credits, letters like this one received by Susan from South Kingstown. She, her husband, and her college-aged son are going to see an increase of \$1,700 a month, \$20,000 a year more that they are going to pay for their health insurance for three people if Republicans don't do the right thing and extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits.

Kim, from East Greenwich, runs a small business with her husband, an appraisal company. She has a family of four with two teenage daughters. The