

that much rain between now and the target date of April 1 when they stop the so-called conservation of space for flood control.

We all get it. Flood control needs to be provided for behind these dams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that is their charge. It seems like their hair trigger is to dump water instead of also trying to conserve it. This is really based not just on the ideal of flood control but also fish passage and fish water because we are receding down in the delta. They are limited in the Bay Delta to being able to only move about 6,000 cubic feet per second via the lift pumps into San Luis Reservoir and other places where they could be stashing this water.

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We have a capacity of doing 15,000 cubic feet per second, which over 24 hours means 30,000 acre-feet of saved water. We are not going to have that opportunity soon once this rainy season is over with. Yet, we have a number of somewhere around 180,000 to 200,000 cubic feet per second flowing out through the delta that isn't being trapped and isn't being captured.

Do you think we would miss 9,000 more cubic feet per second out of the delta going into water storage for California than what is happening now out of 180,000 to 200,000, when you have got 60,000 flowing out of Shasta Dam flooding down areas and we have got huge amounts coming out of Oroville and other projects around the State?

We are not capturing the water. We are doing harm to ourselves. No wonder the people of southern California are actually getting really angry about what is happening as their eyes are being opened to how our State is being run and what is being done by government overreach by these last-minute regulations, these last-minute things that come in that declare yet another national monument. In my district, that means nearly a quarter million acres are now off limits for fire management on the forested lands or for other public uses.

The ideal for forest service land used to be—you would see the signs, "land of many uses." Now, this boils down to land only being cut off from the people and from wise management of our forests.

If you enjoy million-acre fires, that is going to continue to be the prescription because of last-minute, eleventh-hour pronouncements such as these national monuments that the Biden administration did on the way out the door.

We have the power in Congress, under what is called the Congressional Review Act, to review regulations that are made by the stroke of a pen. The legislative process is supposed to have all of us here in the light of day, on TV, in committee, where the people can watch us do what we do instead of so much power being vested in the executive, such as under the Antiquities

Act, which is where part of the abuses come from, all at the last minute, all at the stroke of a pen.

PROTECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, any day now, President Trump is gearing up to shut down the Department of Education. This is the latest power grab, an assault on our kids, an assault on our teachers, and an assault on our families in our district that rely on public education.

The Department of Education is a lifeline for many low-income residents and students. When the President says he wants to abolish it, he is coming after communities like Detroit, Southfield, Dearborn, and Livonia.

The Department's title I funding ensures all children, regardless of which ZIP Code they were born in, can access public education, quality education.

Here we go. The President is attacking public school students. More than half of our Nation's public schools educate low-income kids but also students with special needs. They are going after the different programs that help children living with autism, children having learning disabilities, needing that special care. I know that it is the public education system that takes them in and takes care of them and ensures that they have access to quality education.

We also know that States across the country want to whitewash Black history. They are already going after it, as if Black history is not American history.

We also know they want to erase the existence of LGBTQI+ students and discriminate against our children.

I know without the Department of Education, no one will be left to ensure civil rights laws are enforced in our schools. We know that community college students in my district alone will particularly suffer, because 50 percent of Henry Ford College in my district receives Pell grants that are going and administered through the Department of Education.

I know folks are thinking it is never going to happen. It already has started.

If my colleagues support abolishing the Department of Education, then they should publicly do it. Vote on it on this House floor. Don't allow the little minion billionaire to do it. If they want to do it, then their residents, the American people, deserve to see how they will vote. Will they leave our children behind or not?

It is important, critically important, that we do this in a transparent way, because I know my residents want me on record voting against abolishing public education.

ABOLISHING THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, here we go. Elon Musk, the richest man on the

planet, and Russ Vought, the guy who wrote Project 2025, want to shut down the 911 agency for fraud and consumer protection that many of us call the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

This is where my residents call for mortgage fraud, to fight against different scams that they fall victim to because we haven't done a good job preventing folks from out of the country and others targeting our seniors and so many others.

Financial predators like Wall Street and CEOs despise the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. I wonder why. That is because it is the only agency whose sole mission is to protect working people from getting ripped off.

I still remember the success we had in going after loan servicers for student loans, getting back millions of dollars to people who were directly impacted by those scams.

Shutting down the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau lets financial predators run wild, and working-class families will pay the price.

Since it was created, we know it forced big banks and powerful corporations to give \$21 billion back to our families that were cheated, but here we go. President Trump's minion, Elon Musk, wants to steal hard-earned money from the working class to reward their billionaire donors and CEOs, to protect them, not us.

I know that the CFPB has had a huge impact on the lives of my residents, doing things like capping credit card late fees, holding companies who break the law accountable, targeting junk fees, and eliminating \$49 billion in medical debt from people's credit reports.

Think about that. No one plans to get sick. We have sick care in our country, not healthcare. No one should have to file bankruptcy because they got sick, and they couldn't afford to take care of themselves.

They helped also protect 15 million Americans that have medical debt on their credit report. It was supposed to be implemented in March to remove medical debt from people's credit report. It doesn't belong there.

I know that doesn't matter to these billionaires, but it makes a world of difference for our families who are just trying to make ends meet. They want to make sure that our government is about people, that we have their back. I know the 911 call they make to this agency to protect them has made a difference, but they want to eliminate that.

If they want to get rid of this agency, do it publicly. Vote on it. I have no idea why they are handing their duties and responsibilities and the oath of this office over to a billionaire that never took the oath.

HONORING J.D. ROTTWEILER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my good friend J.D. Rottweiler for a remarkable 15 years of service as Cochise College's president and to wish him the best on his well-deserved retirement.

Since his tenure began, J.D. has been a transformative leader known for his hyper-local initiatives and incredible work uplifting the college and its students.

Under his leadership, Cochise College expanded access to education by adding student housing at the Sierra Vista campus and launching the First Responders Academy to train and equip students with the tools necessary to keep all of their communities safe.

He oversaw the remodeling and revitalization of Sierra Vista's former hospital into an innovative downtown center that houses nursing, cybersecurity, culinary, and lifelong learning programs.

Moreover, he played a pivotal role ensuring his students had access to high-speed fiber internet at the Douglas campus by enhancing connectivity and accessibility for students and staff.

As a proud product of community college myself, I know firsthand the crucial role these programs play in the lives of our students.

My friend J.D. has truly left a lasting legacy not only for our students but for our entire community. May he enjoy his well-deserved retirement. He has accomplished a lot, and I look forward to seeing him around the district soon.

HONORING BRUCE BIGELOW

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a patriot of the highest order, Vietnam war veteran Bruce Bigelow.

Mr. Bigelow is a true hero who exemplifies the highest ideals of service and sacrifice. It was my profound honor to present him with the Purple Heart medal for his heroic service when I visited him in Sierra Vista last fall.

The Purple Heart is a distinguished award given to those who have been wounded or killed in action while serving our Nation, and it symbolizes the immense sacrifices they made to preserve our freedoms and way of life.

Mr. Bigelow served two tours in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam from 1966 to 1971. In the course of his service, Mr. Bigelow was awarded numerous recognitions and honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Marksman badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and certainly, not least of these, the Purple Heart.

His courage is a testament to the bravery and resilience of those who have answered duty's call to wear the uniform as a member of our Armed Forces.

I had the privilege of pinning this Purple Heart on him and thanking him for his service to our Nation in front of his family and his friends.

He told me he was honored, but truth be told, the honor was all mine.

On behalf of a grateful community and Nation, I say again thank you to Mr. Bigelow for his courage, sacrifice, and enduring commitment to service.

ATTACK ON THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I have been listening to my Republican colleagues, waiting for the moment when they are going to fight for the American people, the constituents they have that are not Elon Musk. So far, the silence is deafening.

If they are not cheering it on, they are standing aside silently as cancer research labs are shut down, as the veterans administration is targeted, as the healthcare for millions of Americans is threatened, and eggs—oh, those eggs—have hit an all-time high of \$8 a dozen. This silence is a betrayal of all Americans, of their very voters.

Let's just take a closer look at one example. Now, they are letting Elon Musk dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Most people haven't heard of the CFPB, but Americans know the corporate greed that they have gone after on their behalf for more than a decade: the predatory loan sharks and the abusive debt collectors. When Republicans are silent, they are siding with the scam artists.

Let me give you one example. Before the CFPB stepped in, a marine stationed in Texas who needs a loan to repair his truck would be charged the average payday interest rate in Texas. Do you know what that is? That is 664 percent. If he took out a \$2,000 loan, he would pay \$1,100 in interest.

I do hope my Republican colleagues remember the days when they supported the rule of law. When the CFPB enforces the law that limits interest rates for U.S. servicemembers, they reduced that interest on that loan to \$60.

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Altogether, the CFPB put \$360 million back into the pockets of our servicemembers and veterans. That is what they do. They save Americans money. They went after bogus overdraft fees. That is \$5 billion back in the pockets of working families every year, over \$200 per family. They banned outrageous late fees on credit cards. That is \$10 billion every year going back to consumers.

What is the problem with this agency? Apparently, Republicans in Congress would rather have that money go into the pockets of CEOs and spend that money cutting billionaires' taxes instead of fighting fraud and corporate abuse.

The American people did not vote for more scams and more corporate greed. They didn't vote to have our servicemembers go into more debt. They voted for people to fight for them, for

lower costs, and for their part in the American Dream.

Let's wake up, GOP. Stand up for the American people.

HONORING KENNY MCMORRIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as we celebrate Black History Month and honor the incredible achievements of Kenny McMorris, a visionary leader, champion for community well-being, and constituent in our Second District of our great State of Nebraska.

Mr. McMorris is a veteran healthcare executive, innovator, influencer, and strategist with an extensive leadership, policy, community, and public health background. His wife, Makayla, is the founder and owner of Moxie16. They are the proud parents of two children, Kenny Jr. and Makenli.

As the CEO of Charles Drew Health Center, Inc., Kenny oversees the health center's business, community, and primary care operations. The center has a \$24 million operating budget, over 200 employees, 13,000 patients, and nearly 40,000 outpatient service visits annually.

Under his leadership, Charles Drew Health Center has expanded its service locations from 4 to 16, including primary medical, dental, pharmacy, and behavioral health services. It emphasizes the disenfranchised and addresses the social drivers of health.

Over the course of his decade-long career at CDHC, Kenny has contributed to transforming healthcare delivery and equity through his innovative strategies and disciplined commitment to serving disenfranchised communities.

As a North Omaha native, Kenny attended the University of Nebraska Omaha, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and management in 2002. In 2004, he earned an MPA in public management and healthcare administration.

After his education, he brought his expertise to the Omaha community as the first executive director of the 100 Black Men of Omaha and director of marketing and development for the Urban League of Nebraska.

Kenny has shown himself to be active in both the professional and larger communities. In his advocating career, Kenny is board-certified in healthcare management and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Community Health Centers Executives Fellow. He holds memberships with the National Medical Association, the National Association of Health Services Executives, the American Public Health Association, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

These demonstrations showcase his engagement in advancing professional standards, networking, and mentoring. Furthermore, Kenny McMorris also