

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

serves on the boards of directors of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Methodist College, RADIUS, Health Center Association of Nebraska, Heartland Community Health Network, BRIDGE Family Resource Connector Network, and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid Advisory Committee.

It is crystal clear that Kenny is not just a professional of the highest caliber but a great community leader who exemplifies public service, vision, and unwavering commitment to making a difference in our communities.

Kenny's accomplishments include the University of Nebraska Omaha Young Alumni Achievement Award; University of Nebraska Omaha College of Public Affairs and Community Service Alumni Award of Excellence; National Association of Community Health Centers' Betsey K. Cooke Grassroots MVP Award; Urban League of Nebraska African American Leadership Award; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mid-Western Region Award for Excellence in Health and Wellness; and University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine Servant Leader Award. He has done it all.

The accolades Kenny received reflect his excellence through investing in public health, uplifting community development, and demonstrating to inspire innovative change in every role he has played while being a great husband and father, which I also admire.

Through dedication and perseverance in tackling healthcare inequities or inequalities, Kenny has encompassed a meaningful vision for disenfranchised populations. His role has laid a foundation for healthier, more equitable communities.

Kenny McMorris' contributions in Omaha exemplify nothing short of the values of Black History Month, which celebrates resilience, leadership, and a commitment to advancing public health and opportunity for all.

Omaha is a better place because of Kenny McMorris. His impact has been positively felt by thousands upon thousands.

OPPOSING CUTS TO NIH FUNDING FOR INDIRECT COSTS

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the illegal and unwise policy recently announced by the National Institutes of Health to limit their indirect cost recapture rate to 15 percent.

To start with, as we start with most Trump administration maneuvers these last 3 weeks, it is illegal. I know that my Republican colleagues don't think that it is possible for the President to answer to the rule of law, but it is critical, particularly with the biomedical enterprise that makes long-term, expensive investments, to have

confidence that when Congress or the President make a commitment, they stand by it over the course of years and even across decades. Undermining the rule of law undermines our ability to do the kinds of long-term, transformational science that changes lives.

In 2017, when the Trump administration first attempted to lower the indirect cost recapture rate to 10 percent, the Appropriations Committee, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote, rejected it and froze the IDC at its current level. That has been reauthorized every single year from 2017 through 2024.

I ask my Republican colleagues: You voted for this. They are breaking that law that you voted for. What are you going to do about it?

Now, the NIH might say: Well, we are referring to a different section of the code whereby we can, for a subset of grants with documentation, reduce the IDC.

That is not the NIH policy, though. The NIH did not do a subset of grants. They did it for every single grant and with zero documentation.

Wake up, Republicans. They are breaking your law.

The NIH might claim that what we are doing here is actually not cuts to the NIH because the same \$35 billion is going to go out to science, but now it is just going to be more of those direct experiments, the people, the reagents, and the travel, and less of that expensive overhead. While it is true that the same amount of dollars could go out the door, in reality, these institutions, whether universities or hospitals, are going to be decreasingly able to afford to accept them.

Of any given experiment, the overhead associated with that experiment is well more than 15 percent. Research facilities, energy bills, support personnel, and data and technology, these things are expensive. We are not in the era of beakers in somebody's backyard doing chemical experiments. We are in an era of cutting-edge genetic engineering, and the equipment costs money.

Fewer institutions and investigators are going to be able to accept these grants. What we are ultimately going to do is privatize research infrastructure, so we are going to get less of it. It is just as though the Department of Transportation told businesses to build their own bridges and sidewalks. We just wouldn't get as many of them.

The impact in Massachusetts is going to be profound. It is a \$2 billion attack on the research infrastructure that undergirds our eds and meds enterprise, an enterprise that creates billions of dollars in economic activity that supports hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs. Each of those jobs in biopharma, for example, can create five other jobs. That is a profound economic multiplier.

The work that we do in Massachusetts changes lives. There is progress on Alzheimer's, under which 15 million Americans will suffer by 2050 if we do

not come up with therapies. Gestational diabetes—and, just recently, a non-opiate painkiller was developed in Massachusetts with NIH basic research funds that will provide outlets for acute pain that do not expose people to this most addictive chemical that has caused so much pain.

My Republican colleagues might say, "Yeah, that is Massachusetts." That is the whole point, don't you see? "It is the blue State and those universities and hospitals who think they are so much better than everybody else." That is exactly the point.

Here is my challenge to my Republican colleagues: Go back to your districts, talk to your universities, and talk to your hospitals. See how they are feeling about this policy. What you are going to hear is that they can't afford to take these grants. The research, the development, and the commercialization that you brag about when you go home, the ribbons that you cut for new companies and for new projects, all rest upon this research infrastructure that is getting cut.

Go talk to these companies. Go talk to these institutions of higher education. Go talk to these hospitals. They don't want to see this policy go into effect, and they want to see you vote for it and explain it back home, not hide behind the NIH.

So, they are losing. Who is winning? China. There were two main themes in the recent J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference. One was artificial intelligence, which, by the way, requires a lot of research infrastructure. The second was how good China has gotten at biotech in the last few years.

The Chinese biotech enterprise is looking at the United States cutting our own research infrastructure at a time when they are investing tens of billions of dollars, and they cannot believe their luck.

My Republican colleagues need to wake up, stand up, and support basic science.

HONORING HOMETOWN CHAMPION NICK SIRIANNI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a man whose journey from Jamestown, New York, to the pinnacle of professional football is a testament to perseverance, grit, and the power of believing in yourself: Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach Nick Sirianni.

As a lifelong Buffalo Bills fan, I never thought I would be here on the House floor praising the coach of another NFL team, but some stories transcend football rivalries, and Nick's is one of them.

From a young age, Nick was a student of the game. He was immersed in football. He was brought up by two very loving parents who instilled a tremendous work ethic and value set in