

not packages. I stand with Governor Moore and Maryland's Democratic delegation to fight these plans, and I laud community leaders and those across the U.S. who are mobilizing to block these warehouses and other detention centers which are really private prisons.

A viral video surfaced showing ungodly conditions within ICE's Baltimore field office, a facility where my Sixth District constituents and other Marylanders are being detained.

For over 2 months, I sought to gain access to this facility to conduct a congressional oversight tour to see my constituents. Last Friday, after multiple unexplained cancellations by ICE, I finally gained access. What I found was truly disturbing. My team and I are still processing the horrendous conditions we saw in a holding site for temporary detention of 12 hours but which stretched for multiple days.

Detainees had precious little due process. They were forced to sleep on thin mats with foil blankets. They had a communal sink and toilet. I saw individuals behind thick walls signaling, rubbing their bellies, because they were hungry.

After pressing ICE, I also confirmed that the viral video was true. I asked to also speak with these detainees, but they would not allow me.

But I refuse to stay silent. In this Chamber, we have to unite around a shared principle. We all want our laws and immigration laws to be enforced but transparently, fairly, humanely, and in accordance with our values.

I want to make clear where I stand. I did not and will not vote on any bill that funds ICE until the American people and Congress have clear answers and meaningful change.

What we need is transparency and accountability, starting with the impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. Time and again, she has proved her incompetency.

I am also joining with my colleagues to cosponsor legislation, including banning ICE agents from wearing masks, requiring body cams for law enforcement agencies, and not deporting American citizens, as well as respecting constitutional laws and due process. These are commonsense measures we all should and must support.

In closing, this is not about values but who we are as a country. On my exit from the ICE Baltimore facility, a career DHS employee said: This is not who I am but what I do. I retorted: What we do is who we are.

Our country deserves transparency, humanity, and a respect for our constitutional laws and individual rights. I hope my Republican colleagues have the courage to stand up. Enough is enough.

#### TRUMP TAX CUTS FOR FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the April tax deadline approaches, I am grateful that millions of Americans will keep larger tax cuts thanks to President Donald Trump signing the Working Families Tax Cut Act into law.

Based on the great law, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, average tax refunds are projected to rise \$1,000 this year in tax savings, with families keeping their own money.

These savings come from no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, no tax on Social Security for most recipients, and a deduction for made-in-America auto loan interest.

With the leadership of President Donald Trump and with the leadership of Speaker MIKE JOHNSON and Senate Majority Leader JOHN THUNE, Republicans allow families, workers, and seniors to keep their own earnings.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies insulting Trump and mocking Trump as this is Ukraine Week across America and around the world, supporting Ukrainian patriots successfully succeeding as they keep and defend a sovereign Ukraine, defeating war criminal Putin from resurrecting the failed Soviet Union, as we also support the adoption and promotion of fair and free elections in the Republic of Georgia.

We rejoice for the people of Syria that the Assad dictatorship has been removed, and we thank President Donald Trump for his leadership to remove the dictatorship in Venezuela of Maduro. The people of Venezuela now have an opportunity for freedom and liberty. The people of Syria, because of Donald Trump, have been given a chance.

It is an exciting time in world history, as we have a President who stands up for freedom and democracy, for peace through strength.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

In all things, O Lord, we rejoice, for our joy is not found in anything we do

or any good fortune that comes our way. Our joy is found in Your abiding presence, which remains with us through both good times and bad, the successes and the challenges we face. We rejoice always, for the joy we find in You, O Lord, is our strength.

May our prayers prove as constant as Your promises. Not just in these sacred moments of devotion or during the all-too-occasional seasons of distress, but may we pray continually, acknowledging that You are the source of even the smallest blessings, the hope to be found in every moment.

In this certainty, may we have reason to give thanks in all circumstances, in every situation we encounter this day, in every opportunity we enjoy, and in every disappointment we endure, acknowledging that it is Your will, Your divine desire that we trust in Your provision for us and in Your presence with us in our everyday lives.

Believing in Your power and claiming the assurance that is ours when we call on Your name, we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORELLE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### RECOGNIZING AMERICAN HEART MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Heart Month, observed every February, to raise awareness about cardiovascular health.

The first CPR training occurred in the early 1960s. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed February American Heart Month to make heart disease and cardiac arrest prevention a national priority.

Since its formation, the American Heart Association has been helping

people recognize the signs of cardiac arrest and how to effectively respond to these critical signals.

More than 350,000 cardiac arrests happen each year away from medical facilities. The American Heart Association's goal is to ensure those lives are saved. Heart disease causes one in four deaths in the United States.

The American Heart Association provides resources on the many ways we can minimize our risk of a heart attack or cardiovascular disease.

Mr. Speaker, as a former healthcare professional, it is important for Americans to know that they are the first responders in the case of an emergency. Americans who learn CPR can be ready to help save a life.

Happy American Heart Month.

#### VIOLATING CORE TENETS OF OUR UNITED STATES

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble."

I read these words today, the very first of the Articles of our Bill of Rights, the First Amendment, because 250 years later, our President does not seem to recognize them.

We were born from assembly. We live by free speech and a free press. These are the core tenets of our United States. Yet, the President floods American cities with lawless, thuggish ICE agents.

Their grotesque operations have killed two Americans in Minneapolis. It is hard to articulate the sheer brutality and the bone-chilling horror of the Renee Good and Alex Pretti murders, citizens shot dead while exercising their First Amendment rights.

Two journalists have been arrested. Children have been taken from their homes. U.S. citizens have been unjustly detained. At this point, more than 35 people have died in ICE custody, and 15 have been shot.

If we allow this to continue, then what does that say about our Nation?

#### CONGRATULATING WISCONSIN'S SEVENTH DISTRICT PARALYMPIC ATHLETES

(Mr. TIFFANY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Paralympic athletes from Wisconsin's Seventh District on earning the prestigious honor of competing as part of Team USA in the upcoming Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games starting this Friday, February 6.

Liam Cunningham of River Falls is competing in sled hockey. Dan Rose of

Tomah and Matt Thums of Ogema are both competing in wheelchair curling. They overcame tremendous obstacles and hardships to earn their position with Team USA. They are role models to young athletes everywhere, proving that with resilience and determination, Mr. Speaker, you can achieve any goal you set your mind to.

Keep up the hard work and good luck. Make Wisconsin proud.

#### SMALL BUSINESSES BEAR BRUNT OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ABUSES

(Mr. LATIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, every day I hear from small business owners about the challenges of operating in this economy. In the past year, small businesses have faced unrelenting attacks from this administration on everything from tariffs to immigration enforcement.

According to a recent survey from the Small Business Majority, 47 percent of small business owners say that increased Federal immigration enforcement has had a negative impact on their business. Many small businesses have lost revenue or had to modify their operations because employees and customers are afraid to come to work or to patronize their business.

When masked ICE agents in full tactical gear inflict violence against American citizens and then show up at businesses without identifying themselves, small businesses pay the price.

Most businessowners support commonsense immigration reform to modernize the legal immigration system to make it easier for qualified workers to come into the U.S. legally, but in Minnesota, following the tragic shootings, more than 60 Minneapolis-based business leaders called for cooperation to de-escalate tensions and achieve durable immigration reforms.

It is important for this body to hold Federal immigration officials accountable and ensure that small businesses do not bear the brunt of this administration's immigration enforcement abuses.

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#### HAITI TPS EXPIRATION

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this week, a Federal judge paused the administration's plan to end temporary protective status for Haitians. While this ruling provides temporary relief, we must stay engaged.

Now is not the time to end these protections. Haiti faces the Western Hemisphere's worst humanitarian crisis. There have been 3,000 civilians killed

by gangs, millions displaced, widespread hunger, and Hurricane Melissa's devastation.

Mr. Speaker, 350,000 Haitian TPS recipients applied, passed background checks, contribute \$4.4 billion annually to our economy, and pay over \$1 billion in Federal taxes. Now is not the time to abandon our brothers and sisters in Haiti. We must stand up for protections and, indeed, pathways to citizenship, which have long been enshrined in the laws of this Nation.

I call on this administration to extend temporary protections and urge my colleagues to join us in that fight.

#### REINING IN ICE AGENTS

(Mr. GOLDMAN of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the out-of-control, untrained, secret ICE paramilitary that is beating and killing Americans all around the country.

Under this administration, rogue, lawless immigration agents are sowing chaos, causing terror and fear, and inciting violence on our streets. They are doing it with impunity because there is no accountability from the FBI.

This is not the America we know and love. This is not the democracy that freed itself from a king.

This is fascism, pure and simple. If the administration will not hold these rogue agents accountable, then we must do it.

That is why we must pass my ICE OUT Act to end the current qualified immunity standard for ICE and CBP agents and ensure victims of this excessive force can seek justice and accountability.

I will keep pushing Congress to do everything in its power to rein in this authoritarian immigration dragnet and get ICE out of our communities.

#### NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of the Older Americans Act nutrition programs.

Providing nutrition assistance to seniors is one of the most fiscally responsible actions Congress can take, and it is also the right thing to do. An entire year of meals costs about the same as a single day in the hospital.

Unfortunately, one in four Meals on Wheels programs around the country have wait lists. Many older Americans wait months or even years to access program benefits. It is not just about the food. Nutrition programs also promote socialization, wellness, and safety checks. Food delivery or community meals might be the only social contact older Americans have during the day.