

The American people were already struggling to pay the bills, thanks to Trump's self-declared trade wars. Now, we are forced to deal with the economic fallout, the personal fallout, and the loss of lives of this self-declared war.

The American people are paying for this war of choice with a price tag of \$1 billion a day. The families of the 13 servicemembers who were lost are paying for this. Meanwhile, the President stands to profit from this war.

Trump's sons are investing in drone companies with contracts with the Pentagon. This is a clear conflict of interest that calls into question the President's motives when sending our brave servicemembers into harm's way in the first place.

The President's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is gallivanting across the Middle East for his private firm while simultaneously serving as one of the United States' chief negotiators.

We have come to expect corrupt self-dealing from this President, the most corrupt President in our history, his family, and their cronies. However, now American lives are at stake.

Finally, this week, the President's Secretary of Defense said that we will "keep advancing, no quarter, no mercy." The Secretary of Defense is committing war crimes at a press conference.

Declaring that the United States will offer no quarter puts our own troops at greater risk. It represents an appalling lack of concern for the well-being of our troops, a direct violation of both U.S. and international law, and highlights his incompetence and his lack of soul.

Mr. President, if you have the ability to feel shame, you will end this war now.

If my colleagues in this Chamber have a shred of dignity left, they will immediately pass a War Powers Resolution and bring an end to this disaster before more lives are lost.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President. Members are also reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CONCEALING PRESIDENT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH EPSTEIN

(Mr. GOLDMAN of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss this administration's massive coverup of the Epstein files in order to conceal President Trump's involvement.

This coverup reached its apex last month when Attorney General Pam Bondi falsely testified under oath before the House Committee on the Judiciary. The Attorney General testified: "There is no evidence that Donald Trump has committed a crime. Everyone knows that."

This is a lie. In the 3 million or so documents that the DOJ has disclosed to Congress under the Epstein Files Transparency Act, there is credible evidence that Donald Trump committed a crime. That, of course, excludes the nearly 3 million pages that the DOJ is refusing to turn over.

Donald Trump is mentioned thousands of times in the Epstein files. There are multiple allegations that he sexually assaulted young girls, but I want to focus on one victim's allegations that the FBI unquestionably found to be credible.

The DOJ tried to hide reports of three of the four interviews that this victim gave to the FBI, but pressure from the media and Congress forced them to disclose them. Now we know why. She credibly accuses Donald Trump of sexually assaulting her when she was between 13 and 15. In each of her interviews, this victim recited the same account of her interaction with Donald Trump.

On August 7, 2019, she explained that she was between 13 and 15 when she was left alone with Donald Trump, who "mentioned something to the effect of, 'Let me teach you how little girls are supposed to be.' Trump unzipped his pants and put [her] head down, 'down to his penis. [The victim] bit the [s] out of it.' Trump struck [the victim] and said words to the effect of: 'Get this little [b] the hell out of here.' [The victim] advised she bit Trump's penis because he disgusted her."

She provided some additional details in the next interview 2 weeks later. Then, a month later, she met again with the FBI and asked "what the point would be of providing the information at this point in her life when there was a strong possibility nothing could be done about it."

She didn't speak to the FBI again, but the FBI certainly found her story credible. In a 21-page PowerPoint presentation that the FBI made to prosecutors, they included this victim's testimony. They would not have done so if they did not find the evidence credible, which means that Attorney General Bondi lied when she stated under oath that there is no evidence that Donald Trump committed a crime.

We are just scratching the surface because the Epstein files also reveal that Donald Trump has made false statements over the past quarter century about Jeffrey Epstein. We know, in 2002, he called him a terrific guy and said: "It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side."

In a birthday card in 2003 that Donald Trump gave to Jeffrey Epstein for his 50th birthday, Donald wrote for himself: "We have certain things in common, Jeffrey." "Enigmas never age, have you noticed that?" "A pal is a wonderful thing. Happy birthday—and may every day be another wonderful secret."

In that same year, Palm Beach County opened an investigation into Epstein

that eventually was turned over to the FBI. The investigation became public in 2006, and the Palm Beach County police chief received a call quickly after from Donald Trump, where Trump told him: "Thank goodness you're stopping him. Everyone has known he's been doing this." What innocent person calls the police chief about an investigation upon just learning about it?

The recent documents also show that Jeffrey Epstein e-mailed Ghislaine Maxwell and said: "I want you to realize that that dog that hasn't barked is Trump. [Redacted victim] spent hours at my house with him. He has never once been mentioned."

Trump also denied that he ever went on Epstein's plane, but, of course, the Southern District of New York said that he was on his plane eight times, often with young women.

The reason why this matters is because we don't have half of the Epstein files. If the Attorney General is covering this up in such a degree that she is redacting things from the public that she then shows to Congress, what else is she covering up?

I will just show that this document here was redacted to the public. It was unredacted to Congress, and it completely disputes everything that Donald Trump has said about Jeffrey Epstein, about what he knew about the allegations, about his disgusting behavior, about whether he had ever been to Jeffrey Epstein's house, saying: "I may have been there with my wife." Asked if any young girls were there, "No. May have been children of guests, but that's it."

Well, we know that is not the case. Now, why is this important? Because if the Attorney General is covering up this information that she then reveals to Congress, what else is she covering up about Donald Trump's involvement in the Epstein files?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded again to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

GUARDRAILS NEEDED FOR AI CHATBOTS

(Mr. MULLIN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the rapid rise of AI chatbots and the urgent need to put clear guardrails in place.

Artificial intelligence chatbots are becoming increasingly common in our daily lives. They are embedded in our phones, our classrooms, and our workplaces.

There is no question that this is an innovative technology with the potential to democratize access to information, reduce costs, and expand opportunity. As promising as this technology is, we must also be clear about its limits.

AI chatbots are not and should not be treated as substitutes for licensed professionals, like doctors, therapists, lawyers, and financial advisers.

We have seen this most clearly in the mental health space. Users, including children and other vulnerable individuals, are increasingly turning to chatbots for therapy.

Tragically, we have seen too many cases in which the children took their own lives after interacting with chatbots that failed to recognize a person in crisis and even encouraged their harmful thoughts.

These limitations extend beyond mental health, too. People are turning to unqualified so-called robo-lawyers for legal advice and AI financial advisers for guidance on investing their hard-earned retirement savings.

These are high-stakes interactions that can have devastating consequences without proper oversight, which is why every State regulates the licensing of these professionals according to rigorous standards.

Many chatbot providers have added disclaimers, saying their products are not licensed professionals, but, Mr. Speaker, disclosures are not enough.

For example, here, in just a few messages with my staff, this chatbot readily claimed that it was a licensed healthcare professional and even invented a fake license number. For a vulnerable user, that claim can be all it takes to place complete trust in a system that is incapable of consistently providing clinical care or sound professional guidance.

In another example, a seemingly benign bot, marketed as offering legal guidance, quickly claimed to be a licensed attorney.

Clear rules are needed now to protect consumers, promote trust in responsible innovation, and ensure a level playing field for companies that are doing the right thing.

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That is why I am introducing the CHATBOT Act. This legislation would prohibit companies from claiming or implying that a chatbot is a licensed professional through marketing or the bot's output.

This is a narrow, commonsense consumer protection bill. I am proud that it has been endorsed by a broad coalition of healthcare, legal, financial, and trade organizations as well as consumer protection and technology policy organizations.

We must come together to ensure this new technology is developed safely and responsibly.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support the CHATBOT Act.

SALUTING MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the outstanding presence in the city of Mount Vernon of Macedonia Baptist Church. Founded 113 years ago, Macedonia has been a bedrock of faith

and community service in the African-American community on the south side of Mount Vernon, where I grew up.

The church is led by Pastor Rev. Dr. Darren Morton, also a local Mount Vernon boy, who holds a degree in business administration and a doctorate in education and is a graduate of the Tabernacle Bible Institute and the Manhattan Bible Institute.

The Macedonia family holds weekly Sunday services, Sunday school for young people, Wednesday Bible study every week at 7 p.m., and midweek Lunch with Jesus fellowship discussion over lunch.

As they approach the solemn Christian season of Good Friday and Easter, Macedonia provides a daily 40 Day Lenten Journey series.

Macedonia's outreach into the community as well—feeding those in need, clothing those in need, providing positive outlets for young people, and attention and care for our seniors—helps put their Christian values on display every day to the people of Mount Vernon.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute Macedonia Baptist Church, its lay leaders, and its spiritual leaders for its vibrant presence in Mount Vernon.

HASTINGS FARMERS' MARKET

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, along the Hudson River in Westchester County, there is a place to go on a Saturday morning where you can find farm-fresh produce and goods from the Hudson Valley, the Hastings Farmers' Market.

The market supports regional agriculture by bringing these products close to home on alternate Saturday mornings in the winter season and every Saturday throughout the spring and summer seasons, in the winter season from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Hastings Farmers' Market opened the summer of 1998. Now, under the leadership of Ms. Pascale Le Draoulec, it features dozens of vendors with a wide variety of offerings in the strategic location across from the Hastings-on-Hudson Metro-North Railroad station.

The market, along with its sister market in Irvington, the Irvington Farmers Market, which is on Sundays, is convenient to all the Rivertowns residents and the city of Yonkers residents.

The market's mission also includes educating and inspiring the market community about the benefits of local farming and sustainable practices. They invite charitable nonprofits and organizations to participate in the farmers' market, groups from the Girl Scouts of Hastings to the local volunteer fire department.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute the Hastings Farmers' Market as a valuable and estimable community asset.

SALUTING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER JOHN M. GRADY COUNCIL 503

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute the leadership and the

membership of the Knights of Columbus Father John M. Grady Council 503 located in Port Chester, New York, for their service to the community.

The Knights, an organization of Catholic men nationwide, are organized into local councils and draw their membership in Council 503 from the parishes of St. John Bosco and the churches within the parish, including Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary, and formerly named Our Lady of Mercy.

The Knights of Council 503, led by Grand Knight Mark Scocchera and Deputy Grand Knight Phil Dorazio, have an active program that works to support the parish with local dinners and fundraising events, programs for the seniors and the veterans of the Port Chester community and the Rye Brook community, and programs for young people, especially through the Scouting troop programs.

They maintain an active Knights of Columbus hall that hosts their events and other events in the village with the ever-present chef, past Grand Knight Charlie Sacco, and his wife, the head of the Ladies Auxiliary, Toni Sacco, in charge. You can join them for Pasta Fridays every Friday night during Lent. It is very affordable.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute the Knights of Columbus Father John M. Grady Council 503 for their service to Catholic values and their service to the local Port Chester and Rye Brook communities.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 49 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 pro tempore (Mr. FONG) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

God of peace, grant that Your spirit of peace would descend upon us in this day. You have granted us this unique and daunting opportunity to work with those who represent every corner of our United States, on behalf of every citizen of this Nation, and we pray Your spirit lead us.

Show us how to respect those who labor with us, to acknowledge the gifts and graces You have bestowed on them, and to treat our differences with dignity and not disdain. Give us both the opportunity and the inclination to esteem them highly with the same love