

I am proud to represent a district with families like the Agredanos whose hard work, generosity, and commitment strengthen the communities they call home.

RECOGNIZING GRAND VALLEY POWER

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grand Valley Power as it celebrates 90 years of keeping the lights on in Colorado's Third Congressional District.

In 1936, a small group of farmers in the Grand Valley could not get electricity. The costs were too high, and the power lines simply didn't reach that far. So, they did what western Coloradans do: They came together to solve the problem themselves.

Neighbor by neighbor, they built what became Colorado's first, and today its oldest, rural electric cooperative. Within a year, electricity reached 250 homes and farms for the very first time. What many Coloradans already took for granted transformed lives across Mesa County.

Today, Grand Valley Power serves more than 18,000 members across the county. It remains not for profit, member owned, and rooted in the same cooperative spirit that inspired its founders nine decades ago.

Ninety years is a testament not only to a successful electric cooperative but to the enduring power of neighbors working together to strengthen their communities.

I am proud to recognize Grand Valley Power and everyone who carried that mission forward.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS WEBB

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Webb, who is retiring after nearly 20 years of covering the environment and natural resources for the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

Out West, public lands are not an abstraction. They shape how people work, ranch, hunt, and live. Dennis helped the people of the Western Slope understand the policies that shaped those lands, from water rights to grazing to wildfires and wildlife management.

His reporting earned the respect not only of readers across western Colorado but of legislators and officials in Denver as well as here in Washington, D.C.

Good journalism doesn't tell people what to think. It helps them understand the issues well enough to think for themselves. Dennis did that with clarity, fairness, and a deep understanding of the West.

Thoughtful local journalism is increasingly rare, and western Colorado is better because Dennis Webb devoted his career to getting the story right.

I wish Dennis a well-earned retirement, and I thank him for his service to readers on the Western Slope.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK MORRISSEY

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patrick Morrissey, a Colorado Hall of Fame wrestler whose great achievement came long after the wrestling mat.

Patrick was a Colorado State champion and an All-American, but in 2019, at just 48 years old, he was diagnosed with early-onset Parkinson's disease. Rather than retreat, he leaned into the same determination that defined him as an athlete.

In June 2024, Patrick joined a four-man crew to row 2,800 miles across the Pacific Ocean, from California to Hawaii. For 41 days, he battled towering waves, relentless winds, and the daily challenges of Parkinson's before reaching the shores of Kauai.

Patrick became the first person with Parkinson's to row the mid-Pacific. Along the way, he and his teammates raised more than \$41 million for Parkinson's research.

Patrick's story reminds us that courage is not measured by the obstacles that we face but by our determination to keep moving forward.

I am proud to represent Patrick Morrissey and his family, whose example has inspired countless others.

NO DATA CENTERS

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Michiganders are clear: No data centers. I am introducing a new bill, the No AI Data Centers on Federal Lands Act.

Our bill would permanently ban large data centers on Federal lands, including military bases. It would also remove any existing qualifying AI data center and mandate site remediation to protect our health and our environment.

Our Congress needs to act quickly because we all know that the Trump administration is selling our land to Big Tech right now. We know that the Department of Defense has already requested \$30 billion to build hyperscale data centers. They want untested software to make life-or-death decisions in our U.S. military.

These data centers will be built without Clean Air Act permits. Imagine all of this under the Trump administration's new rule that revokes environmental protections.

The administration is also working for Big Tech right now, not us. We should be making it more difficult for the Trump administration to outsource military decisions to the Big Tech companies. We all know they put profit before our lives.

We should protect our public lands from data center destruction. Everywhere I go in my district, all throughout Michigan, our residents are telling us data centers are not welcome. AI data centers bring noise, light, air, and water pollution. Already we know they increase energy costs by as much as 267 percent. Think about that.

Our residents are choking on smog right now from wildfires. This past weekend, we know neighborhoods surrounding Detroit had the worst air

quality in the world, and they want to make the climate change crisis even worse.

We already are paying too much for utility bills right now, yet the Pentagon wants to place heavier costs on the shoulders of hardworking Americans by choosing, again, Big Tech instead of us.

Our corrupt, AI-addicted President cannot be allowed to sacrifice our Federal lands so that Big Tech billionaires can get richer.

I will continue to push back against harmful data centers alongside our residents to protect our public lands, health, and environment. Together, we can safeguard our public lands and also prevent higher utility bills. We can tell this President that AI shouldn't be making military decisions and AI shouldn't trump our public health and our environmental laws.

RESTORING FAIR CREDIT

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the FAIR Credit Act to restore the credit reports of victims of predatory lending, fraud, and financial abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I want you to know that this is not a Republican or Democratic or Independent issue. This is an American issue.

The FAIR Credit Act would address inaccuracies in credit reports found by over a third of consumers. These are our residents. Imagine a third of our residents right now are hurt by credit reports that aren't even accurate.

This is an economic justice bill. Credit records are riddled with errors that prevent people from obtaining jobs, housing, cars, and loans, loans to help them thrive.

Our neighbors are constantly targeted by predatory lenders and scams, especially our senior citizens. For my seniors, my bill would establish the right to free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. They shouldn't have poor credit because they fell victim to scams.

Medical debt should also be prohibited from being on a credit report. It is not their fault they got sick. It shouldn't bring them down and be able to put them in survivor mode because they got sick and couldn't afford the health costs. Oftentimes, we know that patients need lifesaving medical procedures and aren't even aware of the cost in advance.

Adverse credit reports should not drag people down when they are already drowning in medical debt. People who have survived domestic and financial abuse also shouldn't have negative information on their credit reports that they are not even responsible for.

Instead, our bill offers a pathway for them to remove negative information so they can start a healthy financial life.

The FAIR Credit Act removes negative information after 4 years, down from 7 years, because we know economists and others have said 7 years is not even a good indicator.

Our neighbors across the country should not be denied economic opportunities that we know will get them out of survivor mode and help them be able to thrive. A lot of this is because we have a flawed credit report process in our country.

Our residents deserve the FAIR Credit Act. Our residents deserve these changes. This one should be an easy one for many of my colleagues here in this Chamber.

RECOGNIZING FINAL FLIGHT OF A-10 AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the last official A-10 flight at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

On July 29, the 357th Fighter Squadron commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ryan "Clutch" Rutter, and the 355th Operations Group commander, Lieutenant Colonel Rodney Dwyer, will mark the end of a phenomenal 50-year chapter of A-10 operations in Tucson.

This spring, Davis-Monthan also celebrated the graduation of the final class of the A-10C Thunderbolt II student pilots from the 357th Training Squadron, marking the end of A-10 training at the base.

These milestones bear historical significance and represent a longtime connection between the A-10, Davis-Monthan, and the Tucson community.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, nicknamed the Warthog, has great military significance not just in Tucson but across the Nation. Designed during the Cold War to combat Soviet tanks in Europe, this aircraft is the Air Force's only one built exclusively for close air support, or CAS.

The A-10 has served the U.S. military for decades. While it will no longer be in use at Davis-Monthan, this aircraft will continue to be an essential asset of our Nation's military.

I thank Lieutenant Colonels Rutter and Dwyer, for their outstanding leadership at Davis-Monthan. I congratulate both lieutenant colonels, the 357th Fighter Squadron, and everyone at Davis-Monthan on an extraordinary 50 years of A-10 operations.

The last official A-10 flight on July 29 will be remembered as a significant milestone at Davis-Monthan, and our community will proudly remember this incredible 50-year chapter in our city's history.

HONORING LIFE OF LINDA BARBER

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a dear friend, Linda Barber, who tragically passed in June. She was surrounded by her family and was certainly welcomed home by her husband, Jim, whom she missed dearly and spoke of often.

My wife, Laura, and I are incredibly saddened by this loss to our community.

Linda was deeply loved and involved in Pima County politics for several decades. From serving as a precinct committeeman since 1972, being a legislative district chairman, president of several entities, chairman of the Pima County party, a vice chair of the State party, and office manager of the Arizona Governor's Office, she dedicated her life to making a difference in Arizona.

Linda truly cared about our community and the people around her. She was always there for us. She was a great friend to our family and a big supporter of all of us, as well as many in our community.

I am beyond grateful for Linda's leadership, her friendship, and the example she set for those who knew her.

Laura and I are keeping the Barber family and their loved ones in our prayers. As we all grieve this devastating loss, we always remember her smile and kind heart.

Linda gave so much to those around her. She will be greatly missed, and her legacy will live on through all of those she impacted, which are many.

May my dear friend Linda rest in peace.

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CONGRESS MUST RESPOND

(Ms. MEJIA of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with urgency. Weeks ago, President Trump fired every remaining Commissioner of the Federal agency charged with protecting the integrity of our elections. This Chamber has not reckoned with that fully, and it should.

The Election Assistance Commission exists to help carry out free and fair elections in this country. It was structured by law with four bipartisan members precisely so that no single administration could control how our elections are run. That structure is the point.

For over a year, this administration pressed that very Commission to require a passport or original birth certificate as a condition for voter registration. Millions of Americans do not have ready access to either document.

The Commission would not act on this demand, and the courts agreed. Both checks held.

Then, days after the Supreme Court granted the President new authority to remove the heads of independent agencies in a case that had nothing to do with elections, the President used that very authority in order to eliminate every Commissioner.

This was not incidental. It was the removal of the officials standing between this President and a policy his own Commission and the courts have rejected.

Last Thursday night, he took his case to national television. In a prime-time address from the White House, the

President declassified documents he claimed proved foreign interference and widespread fraud in the election he lost over 5 years ago.

He alleged a foreign government has compromised the voter data of 220 million Americans and that 278,000 non-citizens were registered to vote. Independent fact checkers, who reviewed those very documents, found that they did not support the claim made about them.

He presented no evidence of a single fraudulent vote because 5 years and 64 court cases have never produced even one.

This Chamber has now watched the same pattern twice: raise unproven claims of fraud, then use them to justify removing the very safeguards standing in the way; first the Commissioners and now a prime-time address built to manufacture support for legislation his own party could not pass on its merits, the SAVE Act.

House Republicans have pushed it through, and Senate Republicans have tried repeatedly to force it through as a reconciliation amendment, needing only a simple majority, only to see it blocked each and every time.

Under this bill, a driver's license does not satisfy the registration requirement. Only a passport, an original birth certificate, or naturalization papers would.

Consider what that means: 146 million Americans do not hold a valid passport, and roughly 69 million married women hold birth certificates that no longer match their legal names. When Kansas tried a version of this requirement, 31,000 eligible citizens, 12 percent of all applicants, were blocked from registering—not noncitizens, citizens.

Mr. Speaker, this has never been a matter of election integrity. It is a matter of who holds power in this country and who is permitted to participate in choosing it.

When a party grows uncertain it could win on the merits, the next move is rarely to accept that outcome. It is to lay the groundwork in advance so any unfavorable results can be dismissed before a single vote is counted.

This Chamber should be prepared to say clearly every time that surfaces that this is not a defense of democracy. It is a preview of what happens if this administration does not like what voters decide.

Congress has an obligation to respond. We must enact durable, statutory protections for the administration of Federal elections so that no single official can dismantle them by executive action.

We must pursue meaningful reform of the Supreme Court, including term limits and enforceable ethical standards because a Court that keeps expanding this President's authority is not exercising oversight. It is, in fact, removing it.

Each of these actions taken individually may appear isolated. Taken together, however, they constitute a sustained effort to narrow the American