

spending and debt and a failure—a failure—to restrain this type of massive misspending of American money. It is our treasure. Our treasure is being spent, not for the things that Americans are concerned about but for doubling down on the expansion of Trump's secret police.

This vision of families lose and billionaires win began with Trump's inaugural speech. He didn't line up the champions for families behind him. There was no healthcare champion. There was no housing champion. There was no education champion. There was no champion for infrastructure in America. But there was a line of billionaires standing right behind the President. That is what this administration has been about: families lose and billionaires win.

Well, there is a better vision for our Nation, and that better vision is families thrive and billionaires pay their fair share. That is a vision—in a government by and for the people—that all 100 Senators should be supporting: Families thrive, and the rich and well-off pay their fair share.

Let's work toward that vision—not just in this year or in the year to come but for the next generation and the generation that follows.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

#### COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND INTEGRITY IN LICENSING AND DOCUMENTATION ACT OF 2025

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 128, S. 1528.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1528) to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1528) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 1528

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Comprehensive Health and Integrity in Licensing and

Documentation Act of 2025" or the "CHILD Act of 2025".

#### SEC. 2. DEFINING "COVERED INDIVIDUAL" FOR PURPOSES OF BACKGROUND CHECKS UNDER THE NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 1993.

Section 5(9)(B) of the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (34 U.S.C. 40104(9)(B)) is amended—

- (1) in clause (i)—
  - (A) by inserting " , contracts with," after "is employed by";
  - (B) by inserting " , contract with," after "be employed by"; and
  - (C) by striking "or" at the end;
- (2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);
- (3) by inserting after clause (i) the following:
  - "(ii) is employed by or volunteers with, or seeks to be employed by or volunteer with, an entity that is under contract with a qualified entity;";
  - (4) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by adding "or" at the end; and
  - (5) by adding at the end the following:
    - "(iv) is licensed or certified, or seeks to be licensed or certified, by a qualified entity;".

#### CONFLICT-FREE LEAVING EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS PATH ACT

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 305, S. 2132.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2132) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and mitigate the potential for conflicts of interest following government service, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act" or the "CLEAR Path Act".*

#### SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- It is the sense of Congress that—*
- (1) Congress and the executive branch have recognized the importance of preventing and mitigating the potential for conflicts of interest following Government service, including with respect to senior United States officials working on behalf of foreign governments; and
  - (2) Congress and the executive branch should jointly evaluate the status and scope of post-employment restrictions.

#### SEC. 3. POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS ON OFFICIALS IN POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(m) EXTENDED POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR OFFICIALS IN POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.—

- "(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:
- "(A) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term 'country of concern' has the meaning given the term in section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)), except that it does not include the country described in paragraph (1)(A)(vi) of that section, as in effect on the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act.

"(B) FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term 'foreign governmental entity' has the meaning given the term in section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)).

"(C) REPRESENT.—The term 'represent' does not include representation by an attorney, who is duly licensed and authorized to provide legal advice in a United States jurisdiction, of a person or entity in a legal capacity or for the purposes of rendering legal advice.

"(D) SENATE-CONFIRMED POSITION.—The term 'Senate-confirmed position' means a position in a department or agency of the executive branch of the United States for which appointment is required to be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

"(2) AGENCY HEADS, DEPUTY HEADS, AND OTHER POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.—Any person who serves in a position requiring appointment by the President as head or deputy head of, or serves in any other Senate-confirmed position in, a department or agency of the executive branch of the United States, and who, at any time after the termination of the person's service in that position, knowingly represents, aids, or advises a foreign governmental entity of a country of concern before an officer or employee of the executive or legislative branch of the United States with the intent to influence a decision of the officer or employee in carrying out his or her official duties shall be punished as provided in section 216.

"(3) NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS.—Any person subject to the restrictions under this subsection shall be provided notice of these restrictions by the relevant department or agency—

- "(A) upon appointment by the President; and
- "(B) upon termination of service with the relevant department or agency.

"(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the restrictions under this subsection shall apply only to persons who are appointed by the President to the positions referenced in this subsection on or after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act.

"(B) GRACE PERIOD FOR ADDED COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.—If the definition of the term 'country of concern' under subsection (m) of section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is modified in accordance with paragraph (7) of that subsection by adding a country to the list of countries described in paragraph (1)(A) of that subsection, in the case of any person who is appointed by the President to a position referenced in this subsection on or after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act and who knowingly represents, aids, or advises a foreign governmental entity of a country added to the list of countries described in paragraph (1)(A) of such subsection (m), the restrictions under this subsection shall apply to such person on and after the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of a relevant joint resolution of approval as described in paragraph (7)(C) of such subsection (m) adding that country to the list of countries described in paragraph (1)(A) of such subsection (m).

"(5) SUNSET.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act, the restrictions under paragraph (2) shall not apply to any person appointed by the President, on or after such date of enactment, to a position referenced in this subsection, without regard to the date on which the service of such person in such position terminates.

"(B) NO EFFECT ON CONDUCT BEFORE SUNSET.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to limit the applicability of paragraph (2) with respect to any conduct by a person appointed by the President to a position referenced in this subsection that occurred before the date

that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) RELATION TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE RESTRICTIONS.—This subsection shall not apply to a person by reason of the person’s service in a position referenced in this subsection if the person is subject to the restrictions under section 207(m) of title 18, United States Code, by reason of the same service.”.

**SEC. 4. MECHANISM TO AMEND DEFINITION OF “COUNTRY OF CONCERN”.**

Section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (6), as added by section 3(b), the following:

“(7) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF ‘COUNTRY OF CONCERN’.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may, in consultation with the Attorney General, propose the addition or deletion of countries described in paragraph (1)(A).

“(B) SUBMISSION.—Any proposal described in subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) be submitted to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives; and

“(ii) become effective upon enactment of a joint resolution of approval as described in subparagraph (C).

“(C) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)(ii), the term ‘joint resolution of approval’ means only a joint resolution—

“(I) that does not have a preamble;

“(II) that includes in the matter after the resolving clause the following: ‘That Congress approves the modification of the definition of ‘country of concern’ under section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as submitted by the Secretary of State on \_\_\_\_\_; and section 1(m)(1)(A) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)(A)) is amended by \_\_\_\_\_’, the blank spaces being appropriately filled in with the appropriate date and the amendatory language required to modify the list of countries in paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection by adding or deleting 1 or more countries; and

“(III) the title of which is as follows: ‘Joint resolution approving modifications to definition of ‘country of concern’ under section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.’.

“(ii) REFERRAL.—

“(I) SENATE.—A resolution described in clause (i) that is introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

“(II) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A resolution described in clause (i) that is introduced in the House of Representatives shall be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.”.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to and the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the bill, as amended?

Hearing none, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 2132), as amended, was passed.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LAQUITA NORRIS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and recognize LaQuita Norris of Benton on being named the 2026 Arkansas Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

As the founder and CEO of Gateway Family Therapy and Wellness, Norris has distinguished herself as an entrepreneur and community leader. For more than 13 years, she has built a thriving career while positively impacting thousands of individuals and families across Arkansas. As a certified social worker, clinical trauma professional, and grief educator, she brings both expertise and compassion to her professional mission of helping heal others.

Recognizing a critical need for accessible trauma treatment resources, Norris founded Gateway Family Therapy and Wellness in 2014. Guided by her vision of a whole-person approach to care, she established a practice that serves adults, children, couples and families navigating trauma, post-traumatic stress disorders, grief, and other mental and behavioral health challenges.

To bring this vision to life, Norris partnered with the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center, which assisted her in developing a comprehensive business plan. With this support, she secured a Small Business Administration line of credit that allowed her to expand from a 400-square-foot office into a 10,000-square-foot multidisciplinary wellness facility. Today, her practice offers a wide range of services—including therapy, massage, yoga, and life coaching—allowing her team to reach more clients and provide holistic, integrated care.

Beyond her clinical work, Norris continues to extend her impact as a speaker, author, and consultant, further advancing awareness and understanding of trauma-informed care. Her leadership and commitment exemplify the vital role small businesses play in strengthening our communities.

This recognition is a testament to Norris’ unwavering dedication to im-

proving the well-being of others and to the positive difference she has made in the lives of so many Arkansans. On behalf of all Arkansans, I congratulate LaQuita Norris on this well-deserved honor and wish her continued success in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING JAMES MICHAEL “MIKE” CLAMPITT

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life, service, and legacy of Representative James Michael “Mike” Clampitt of Bryson City, NC—a devoted public servant, firefighter, and advocate for the people of western North Carolina.

Representative Clampitt passed away on March 18, 2026, at the age of 71, following a long and courageous battle with bone marrow cancer. Throughout his illness, he carried himself with strength, resilience, and an unwavering faith that defined his life.

Mike Clampitt dedicated his life to service. Prior to his election to public office, he served as a fire captain, and that frontline experience shaped his perspective and guided his work in government, particularly his commitment to supporting first responders across North Carolina.

First elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2016 and taking office in 2017, Representative Clampitt served the 119th District, representing the mountain communities of Swain, Jackson, and Transylvania Counties. He quickly became known as a strong and consistent advocate for rural western North Carolina.

During his time in the general assembly, Representative Clampitt worked to advance policies that supported public safety, strengthened local infrastructure, and ensured that rural communities of western North Carolina were not overlooked. He was heavily engaged in efforts to increase resources for first responders and to secure meaningful support for communities in western North Carolina recovering from Hurricane Helene.

Those who served alongside him knew him as a man of conviction and individuality. Those who met Mike would never forget him. He brought a distinct personality to the legislature, often recognized for his colorful wardrobe, silvery beard and mustache, and the wooden coins he would distribute as his “business card.” Representative Clampitt will be most remembered for his willingness to stand firmly for the people and principles he believed in.

North Carolina Speaker of the House Destin Hall described him as “a true patriot” who viewed public service as both a calling and a duty. That sense of purpose was evident in the way Representative Clampitt approached his work and in the relationships he built with constituents.

He remained committed to his district until the very end, having recently secured victory in his party’s primary election, a reflection of the