

Air Force base which is in Tullahoma. In Millington, we have the naval air station. We also have our Army and Air National Guard facilities across our State.

To each and every one of these individuals that call Tennessee home, that raise their hand, take that oath, and serve, we say thank you.

It is an honor to represent so many servicemembers and veterans in our State. These veterans and servicemembers do represent the best of what this Nation has to offer. They are leaders, public servants, warriors who put their lives on the line every day. And the loss of any single one of them is deeply felt in their home communities and across our State.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 DUSTIN WRIGHT

Last June, we lost CW3 Dustin Wright. He was a pilot assigned to the 101st Airborne Combat Aviation Brigade, and he was lost during a helicopter training accident at Fort Campbell. His brigade commander said that he “cherished every opportunity to be outside and support ground troops . . . with strength and honor.”

He was a member of the Mosaic Church in Clarksville, TN, where he served on the security team.

His awards included the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with “C” Device, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He had many other awards also.

We must never forget his legacy and the legacy of each of these that have served across our State and have lost their lives in service to our Nation. We can never repay that sacrifice, but we must always honor their service.

VETERANS’ HEALTHCARE

For our Nation’s veterans, we must ensure they receive the benefits and the timely access they have earned so that they are getting the quality care they deserve.

On the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, we are working on several pieces of legislation to ensure that veterans’ needs are going to be met in a timely manner.

My Veterans Health Care Freedom Act would place veterans at the center of the community care referral process and empower them to seek care from providers right in their home communities. They wouldn’t have to rely solely on VA facilities. They could go there at home when it was convenient for them.

This is important to us in Tennessee because 78 of our 95 counties are considered rural, and many vets face challenges when they are trying to access care through the VA facilities.

As warfare becomes increasingly complex, the veteran population will require more sophisticated care than previous generations, and community care will be essential in meeting these needs.

Also, earlier this year, I introduced the Veterans’ Bill of Rights Act. This

would ensure veterans are clearly informed of their existing rights regarding their VA healthcare, benefits, and services. Too often, complex statutes, regulations, and internal policies can leave veterans unsure about the resources that are available to them, which they have earned through their services. This legislation would address it by requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to clearly inform our veterans of their existing benefits and services and healthcare and to make certain they know their rights.

In March, I also introduced the bipartisan Women Veterans Specialty Care Access Act to improve access to specialty care—including gynecology, obstetrics, maternity, and postpartum care—for our female veterans. What we do know is that female veterans are one of the fastest growing populations that are served by the VA, and we need to do everything in our power to ensure they receive the care they have earned in a timely manner.

To expand access to evidence-based mental health care for our veterans, my RECOVER Act would strengthen partnerships between the VA and community-based mental health care providers.

To cut redtape and improve care for our veterans and servicemembers, I am working on legislation that would require the Department of War and VA to establish a uniform credentialing service for medical providers. Right now, clinicians who transfer between Department of War and VA facilities can face monthslong approval delays before they are able to treat patients again. This makes absolutely no sense at all. Why would we delay the clinicians from being able to move from a hospital in the DOW system to a VA facility? So our legislation would help create a streamlined process so that providers can get where they are needed at the fastest possible moment and deliver the care for our vets and our servicemembers.

I hope this Memorial Day provides an opportunity for each and every American to reflect on the service of our fallen heroes and to commit ourselves to ensuring that our servicemembers and our veterans receive the care, honor, and respect they have earned.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Nevada.

RECONCILIATION

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I am here on the floor of the Senate today because I want to talk about what is happening this week with the reconciliation package that Republicans are attempting to move this week.

For many that might be watching—or maybe it is just my family who is watching. Who knows? But for many that are out there, let me just say that what is happening right now is that our Republican leaders in Congress in essence are trying to give billions of dollars more in funding to out-of-control Federal immigration enforcement Agencies that are brutalizing our communities.

I want to be clear about something. We all agree that we need strong border security and that criminals need to face justice. I am going to say that again. We need strong border security. Criminals must face justice.

President Trump said his administration would be going after the worst of the worst, but what really is happening is that masked and unidentifiable agents are roaming around, arresting and even killing American citizens, racially profiling people, including Latinos, and deporting Dreamers.

I am here to tell my colleagues that if you are not paying attention to the American public when you are listening to them—because if you are, you are hearing that they are saying: Enough. They want safe communities but not lawlessness and fearmongering.

That is why my Democratic colleagues and I have been clear since February: You will not get our votes on new funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol unless it includes commonsense guardrails to rein in these Agencies’ abuses. But over the last several months, unfortunately, President Trump and Republican leadership have showed us, time and time again, that they are simply not interested in doing the right thing here, even the popular thing.

Now, I want people to keep in mind that Republicans have already given these two Agencies \$150 billion in their so-called Big Beautiful Bill. They did that with another reconciliation package. They have plenty of money. ICE and CPB have plenty of money to operate for years to come—because their annual budget is only around \$8 to \$10 billion. They have \$150 billion.

But now, what is happening this week is that, at the request of Donald Trump, Republicans now want to add another \$70 billion to these Agencies, on top of the \$150 billion they have. That multibillion-dollar check isn’t for lowering the price of groceries for Americans. It is not lowering the cost of energy for Americans or healthcare or even helping them put more gas in their tanks at a lower cost. That is not what this is. It is not bringing back the manufacturing jobs this administration has lost us. And it definitely is not making our communities any safer.

We know that because we are seeing what Federal immigration enforcement has been doing with the \$150 billion they already got for their mass deportation efforts. Let me tell you, they are not spending it on going after the worst of the worst. They are not doing

that. I have seen that in Nevada, and we have seen that across the country.

In March of this year, I stood right here, and I told 10 stories of Dreamers who have been detained or deported by Federal immigration enforcement. Dreamers and DACA recipients—they are our neighbors, they are our friends, they are community leaders, they are teachers, they are doctors, they are small business owners in my State and other States, and they are not criminals. In fact, they have had to follow the law to the letter in order to maintain their DACA status. And yet I have heard story after story of DACA recipients being detained or deported by ICE and Border Patrol. And I want to tell you some of those stories about how Federal immigration enforcement under Donald Trump is choosing to spend the taxpayers' dollars.

I heard directly from Maria, who had active DACA status but was detained by Federal immigration enforcement anyway. She said it was one of the most traumatic experiences of her life, and I believe it. Now, because of this administration's delays in DACA renewals, Maria is afraid her renewal—her renewal—won't come in time for her to heal and rebuild her life.

I also heard from Stephanie, a U.S. citizen who spoke to me on behalf of her husband Juan, who is a DACA recipient. Juan did everything he was supposed to do. He got an education, started a family, and always followed the law. Just days after Stephanie gave birth to their youngest daughter, Juan was on his way to the NICU unit to deliver milk for his new baby and for his wife when he was approached by ICE agents. And even though he had active DACA status and work authorization, the ICE agents told him it didn't matter, and they arrested and detained him.

Juan applied for the DACA renewal 5 months before the deadline, and it still wasn't enough. His DACA status expired while he was sitting in detention. Stephanie told me:

Trump said DACA recipients would be safe, but that's not true.

Thankfully, just a few days ago, after 3 months in detention, Juan was finally, finally released back to his family and his newborn daughter.

I also heard from Brenda, whose husband Jahasiel is another DACA recipient detained for no reason whatsoever. He had just dropped his kids off at school when ICE detained him, even though he had done nothing wrong. A judge finally ordered ICE to release him because there was no basis to hold him in the first place.

Maria, Juan, and Jahasiel are the kinds of people that President Trump and Republican leadership want to spend billions of dollars going after. These, to them, somehow, are the worst of the worst, when they have not committed a crime and they have followed the rules that we have set. They have followed the rules that Congress has passed, that the President signed, and they are following those rules.

How does that make sense?

Even the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces, those who have sacrificed so much for our country, are having their lives torn apart by Federal immigration enforcement.

I recently saw the story of SFC Jose Serrano, whose wife Deisy was arrested by ICE during a routine immigration appointment. She showed up for her appointment like she was required to do. Deisy has lived in this country over 10 years, and she was granted legal protection in 2019. But on April 14, despite being the wife of a soldier, she was arrested during a routine appointment with immigration services. Over a month later, Deisy was finally released from custody, thanks in part to public pressure, as well as advocacy from my colleague Senator DUCKWORTH.

I also saw the story of SSG Matthew Blank and his wife Annie Ramos. Annie is a Dreamer who has called the United States home since she was 2 years old. They were newlyweds checking in on base to get Annie her military ID and activate her military spouse benefits. Instead, Annie was detained and threatened with deportation. Again, after advocacy from my Senate colleagues, she has been released, but ICE is still trying to deport her.

Now, think about this. You know about this because these stories have been public, but there are many others. There are many others that are not public. There are many others who have done nothing wrong, who are sitting in detention right now, and the public has no idea. And it is time—it is time—that, as Americans, we understand this and we stand up to an administration that thinks it is OK to deport people who have done nothing but lived in this country, tried to abide by the laws, tried to pay taxes, tried to have a good job.

I do not think it is controversial to say this is not what immigration enforcement should be spending their time on and this is not what we should be funding. That is why my Democratic colleagues and I have been blocking funding for ICE. It is because of the abuses of power that we are seeing, and it has to stop.

We are asking for reforms that are easy to implement, and we have said: Listen, if you want more funding, if you think that you need more funding—which is just so abusive as it is—then you have to comply with commonsense requirements that local law enforcement in my State and across the country comply with, that our State law enforcement in my State and across the country comply with.

And this is what Democrats were asking of this administration and our Republican leadership—common sense: Reform ICE.

And here are some of the reforms: Immigration enforcement can't detain and deport U.S. citizens, especially not based on the way they look. Federal agents can't go into someone's home without a judicial warrant. Federal

agents can't wear masks. And they must clearly show their badge numbers, and they must wear body cameras.

By the way, Nevada law enforcement have been wearing body cameras, I want to say, since 2016, 2017.

Federal agents must also undergo de-escalation training, just like State and local law enforcement, who patrol our communities every single day, do.

Nevadans in my State are asking for this. Americans across the country, in all States, are asking for this. Local and State law enforcement already abide by these guidelines, and they are the ones who are keeping our neighborhoods safe every day. Federal law enforcement should be held to the same standards. It is not controversial.

This is an issue my Republican colleagues could have solved months ago. We shouldn't even be here today. It has been 4 months of Democrats asking for commonsense, popular reforms to rein in the President's clearly out-of-control Federal immigration enforcement.

And, all the while, Senate Republican leadership has done nothing to help families. This administration has done nothing to address Americans' prices that are skyrocketing. And it is time that we actually listen to the people and listen to Americans and solve their problems, not create the problems that we think need to be solved.

I would say to my colleagues and to this administration: The American people, they deserve better.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

#### ANTI-SEMITISM

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I am compelled to start my remarks today by highlighting absolutely horrible things that were posted by someone who wants to serve as a Member of Congress and who is allegedly a member of the Democratic Party. Running for a House seat in Texas, she said she wanted to turn an "ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists."

Yes, you heard that right.

And while this is clear and direct anti-Semitism that everyone, on both sides, has rightfully called out, it is not the first time that she has shown herself to be an anti-Semite. Earlier this month, it was reported that she posted a video where she talked about the "Jews who own Hollywood" as members of the "synagogue of Satan."

I called it out right away. But perhaps this was not as overt as calling for putting Jews in internment camps. It did not get the same overwhelming condemnation as her more recent comments.

Similarly, there was a Republican Member of Congress in Kentucky who lost his primary election just last night and made a joke in his concession speech that his opponent was "in Tel-Aviv," simply because he is a strong supporter of Israel. It similarly