

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

did not get an avalanche of condemnation.

There lies the problem. It usually starts with a joke, a slur, a comparison. It starts with what might be called casual acts of anti-Semitism that can be just easy to brush off. If left unchecked, this rhetoric can manifest into overt acts, like the vandalism of Jewish institutions and houses of worship, threats and verbal abuse meant to intimidate Jewish communities, and so on and so on and so on.

If those acts are left unchecked, the next and final step is physical violence: beating up Jewish college students, arson and destruction of Jewish institutions, and, horrifically, the murder of Jewish individuals.

These are patterns that are starting to emerge once again. Over the last decade, anti-Semitism has been on the rise. Year after year, we are seeing record numbers of anti-Semitic incidences, especially after the October 7 terrorist attack in Israel.

According to an ADL report released a few weeks ago, 2025 was the third highest year for anti-Semitic incidents since the ADL began collecting data, and physical assaults against Jews were higher in 2025 than ever before.

Just think about that. Physical assaults against Jews were at the highest since ADL began tracking this data nearly 50 years ago.

We are fortunate we live in a country that values and protects our freedom to express our beliefs, with our words, through our acts of peaceful protest, and at the ballot box. But it does not protect or condone acts of violence or incitement of violence. Surely, we can all recognize that political and ideological disagreements and differences never—never ever—justify hatred or violence. And we all must agree that the intimidation, discrimination, violence, and even murder of Jews is just plain wrong and unacceptable.

As one of only a few Jewish women to ever serve in the U.S. Senate and as the first and only former synagogue president in the Senate, for me, this distinction is deeply personal. This work is not abstract. As a Jewish American, I, too, have faced instances of hate where I was targeted simply because I was Jewish.

When I was just a little girl—about 2 years old—my family took a trip to Florida. My mom had me in the hotel pool, and, out of nowhere, a lifeguard told my mom to get me out of the pool because I was “dirty.”

My mom was confused. She was kind of taken aback. She looked at the lifeguard. She said: I just gave her a bath. She is clean.

She was clearly confused by what the lifeguard had told her.

Then the lifeguard told my mom what he really meant. I was dirty because I was Jewish. Get that dirty little Jewish girl out of the pool.

My mom didn't say another word. She scooped me up. She packed up her stuff. We left. I know she never brought

me back to this pool. In fact, my parents switched to another hotel.

I know this story so well because my mother told it over and over and over again as a life-changing moment for her, as I heard my parents recall the pain throughout my entire life. It stayed with them, the hurt, the humiliation, the shame. As I got older, and now my parents are gone, that story stays with me too.

And if you think becoming a U.S. Senator puts a stop to those attacks, well, I am going to tell you that you are sadly mistaken. A few years ago, a man called my office, said some very vile things. He threatened my life. And among other things, he promised to—and I guess I will quote here, sadly, “finish what Hitler started.”

Thanks to the swift work of law enforcement—I am grateful for law enforcement—this man is now behind bars. But if he thought that he would intimidate me and force me to be quiet, the effect was quite the opposite because here I am. Here I am. And it fueled my passion to continue working across party lines in the U.S. Senate to raise awareness and fight back against anti-Jewish bigotry.

That is why I have been working for the better part of a year with my friend JAMES LANKFORD on our bipartisan Jewish American Security Act, which we introduced yesterday, to take sweeping action to combat anti-Semitism at the Federal level.

This comprehensive bill will help keep Jewish students safe, help secure community institutions, and help fight anti-Semitism online.

It will protect Jewish students by establishing a new position, an anti-Semitism coordinator at the Department of Education to lead efforts to combat anti-Semitism. It will create a comprehensive title VI infrastructure on college campuses, and it will make sure that campus hate crime—that hate crime data actually shows all of us who is being attacked and who is being threatened.

This bill will protect Jewish communal institutions, houses of worship, community centers by making a historic investment of \$1 billion toward the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and will keep our houses of worship safe.

This bill will also make a series of long overdue reforms to this program to make sure that it actually works for at-risk institutions. And this bill will combat rising anti-Semitism online by requiring transparency from social media companies, well, about how they really treat anti-Semitic content, including instances of such content, how much anti-Semitic content was promoted, recommended by their platform, and whether such content was leaked to an inauthentic account, and consider it an FTC violation if they fail to provide us with this information.

I know the road ahead for this legislation will be long, but I am hopeful that my colleagues on both sides of the

aisle will provide their support because at the end of the day, we can all agree that Jewish Americans deserve to be treated—and to be safe—treated with respect, meant to be safe, well, the same as every other American.

But at its core, this is more than just about policy. It is about people. It is about dignity. It is about ensuring that no child, no family, no little girl like I was at a public swimming pool had to experience what I did and my family did or even worse.

You know, I often think back to that little girl in the pool. She is still there. That little child is in all of us, and I think about the world that I want for her, a world where she is not told that she is less than for being Jewish, a world where she is not excluded from activities because of her faith, and a world where she is safe, respected, and proud of who she is.

I have a daughter. That is the world I am creating and hoping for her and for all the other children in this world as well. This bill will go a long way in helping to make a difference in making that world a reality.

**THE PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Senator from Virginia.

**MR. WARNER.** Mr. President, I want to commend my friend the Senator from Nevada for her powerful comments and the fact that she knows that I and many other Senators will stand totally united with her in fighting back against any rise in anti-Semitism—further rise, because we have seen amazingly outrageous things happen. Thank you for your story.

#### GERALD E. CONNOLLY ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS ACT OF 2025

**MR. WARNER.** Mr. President, I rise today to ask unanimous consent to complete a unanimous consent request.

Tomorrow, it will be 1 year since we lost Congressman Gerry Connolly. I first met Gerry Connolly when he was a rising supervisor on the Fairfax County Board in the late eighties. Jerry took great pains to never forget his Irishness, the famous St. Patrick's Day party.

He was a fighter. He was kind and funny; but boy, you did not want to get on the wrong side of Gerry Connolly because sometimes that fighting spirit would show itself in his relentless—relentless—efforts. Getting in an argument with Gerry was not something anybody ever looked forward to.

So it was a great loss that we lost him. Literally tomorrow will be a year. But beyond the personal loss to his family and to folks like me and my friend from Virginia as well TIM KAINE, both considered him a longtime friend. And frankly to communities in Northern Virginia and beyond, Federal employees lost a leader who never, ever stopped fighting for them, never stopped fighting for their rights, never stopped fighting for their due process, and never stopped making the case to