

Justices on the Supreme Court who focus on interpreting the law and the Constitution, instead of creating new constitutional law out of thin air, as the Justices did in Roe.

It is fitting that the Dobbs decision occurs close to our Nation's birthday, July 4, the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. As we prepare to celebrate the 250th birthday of the declaration—the 250th birthday of our country—the proximity of these two anniversaries has been on my mind.

The declaration lays out the fundamental principles underlying our system of government, and no lines are more important than these:

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

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“Unalienable rights”—rights given by God, rights that come before government and that government is required to protect.

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As our country knows, to its sorrow, we haven't always lived up to the principles of the declaration, and the sad truth is that, when it comes to unborn Americans, we are failing to live up to those principles today because, in State after State around this country, it is legal to kill unborn human beings—unborn Americans—in some cases, up until the point of birth—up until the point of birth.

These babies—these human beings—will never have a chance to enjoy the rest of their unalienable rights because they are denied their most fundamental right while they are still in their infancy.

This is not, of course, something you will hear from my Democrat colleagues when they attempt to defend abortion. You won't hear about the baby whose rights are at stake.

In fact, my Democrat colleagues do everything they can to obscure the baby in this debate. They mention women and “healthcare” and “reproductive freedom,” as if killing an innocent person could ever, ever be something we are free to do.

And they never mention the other person in question, which is the unborn human being who was sacrificed in every abortion—probably because they know, at some level, that supporting the killing of an innocent human being is indefensible and completely incompatible with our Nation's creed.

And let's be very clear here. When we talk about abortion, we are talking about the killing of a human being. Everyone knows this. Even my Democratic colleagues know this, although they might like to gloss over the fact.

You don't even need to have seen a baby kicking her feet and sucking her thumb on an ultrasound to know that

she is human because human moms and human dads have other human beings. That is Biology 101.

No, the question isn't whether the unborn baby is a human being. The question is whether we value that human being, whether we really believe our American creed.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all [—all—] Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life. . . .

Do we really believe that, or do we believe that it is OK to say that some human beings are more important than others, that some human beings can be sacrificed for others?

I would hope history has taught us it is a very dangerous thing to say that some groups of human beings are not worthy of protection.

I am proud to be from a State that has extended the full protection of the law to unborn human beings, that has recognized that unborn Americans are also created equal and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights.

I am proud to have supported, sponsored, and cosponsored pro-life legislation here in Congress.

The overturning of Roe has opened the door to substantive pro-life legislation, and Republicans in Congress are going to keep up the fight for real protections for unborn Americans.

I am very proud that with the Working Families Tax Cut, Congress enacted the first pro-life law in decades. Thanks to Republicans' landmark legislation this year, some of the Nation's largest abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, were prohibited from receiving Federal Medicaid funding.

Organizations that have turned the killing of babies into a business were cut off from this source of taxpayer dollars.

The Dobbs decision was a landmark decision because it opened the door for full protection of the unalienable rights of unborn Americans, but there is a lot more work to be done.

The Democrat Party fights tooth and nail to ensure that even the most commonsense measures—like measures to protect babies who survive abortions or to ensure that pregnant college students are aware that they have alternatives to abortion—do not make it through Congress.

And, currently, mail-order abortion drugs are flooding into States in defiance of the law—thanks to the Biden administration's decision to loosen restrictions on these drugs—despite the fact that they pose a danger to women, as well as obviously to the babies.

So as I said, the fight to protect the right to life for all Americans continues, and I and my Republican colleagues will continue to do everything we can here in Congress to support moms and to protect babies.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all—[all]—men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with cer-

tain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

May the day soon come when we fully live up to that creed.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, with their dreadful, horrific Dobbs decision 4 years ago today, six far-right wing MAGA Justices broke nearly 50 years of precedent to rip the right to choose away from millions—millions—of American women.

You can sum up both the dreadful Dobbs decision and the whole far-right philosophy the same way: less freedom in your life; more government interference in your personal decisions. That is the MAGA way.

Dobbs will go down as one of the most damaging, legally dubious, and deeply out-of-touch Supreme Court decisions in American history. It is a disgrace that the Supreme Court did it. It is a disgrace on the Supreme Court itself.

Trump may not like talking about his crusade against women's reproductive rights, but he cannot hide from the pain he has inflicted on women across America. Mr. President, 20 States—20—have enacted total or near-total abortion bans, which means that nearly 40 percent of women of reproductive age live in a State with an abortion ban.

The human cost of the Republican assault on women's reproductive freedom is sickening. I have heard so many women share their stories of the horrors they have experienced in Trump's post-Roe America.

Republicans are letting women die by restricting necessary care. Some women have to travel hundreds of miles—even thousands—to get the treatment they need and deserve and are entitled to. Parents, patients, and doctors have been punished like violent criminals for lifesaving procedures that were legal just a few years ago and had been for decades before that.

The GOP is treating mifepristone like it is poison and Planned Parenthood like it is an enemy of the State. It is despicable.

Even before the Justices behind Dobbs were confirmed, anyone could see they wanted to overturn Roe. Every Republican Senator, who voted to confirm these radical Justices who stripped away these fundamental rights to choose that women have had for so long, will have to answer to the American people.

We will not—we Democrats—will not let Republicans brush their radical efforts to ban abortion under the rug. The American people know it, and we are going to keep showing the difference between the two parties on this issue when the American people are strongly on our side.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. President, now Trump's visit to the Capitol. Seeing Trump come to the Capitol today to meet Senate Republicans is like watching the clown car pull up to the circus, made even more so by Trump's canceling of the bill signing, which I will talk more about in a minute.

When Trump comes to the Hill today, he will find the MAGA Senate majority in meltdown. They are one big, hot mess—that is what the Republican Senate is right now. Republicans are wringing each other's necks. They can't govern their own conference of 53 people, let alone a country of hundreds of millions.

After being doublecrossed, blindsided, and embarrassed by Trump, Senate Republicans can either keep bending the knee to the President or start demanding answers on behalf of the American people.

The reason that Republicans are such a hot mess is obvious. Trump's views are totally out of touch with the American people's views, and Republicans are afraid to tell him he is wrong.

Speak up. Stand up to Trump. Tell him what you think, Republicans. That might do your party some good. It might even do Trump some good if he would ever listen.

Americans want to know what Republicans are doing to bring down costs. Americans want to know how Trump plans to end his disastrous war with Iran. Americans want to know whether the GOP will continue going along with Trump's all-out assault on voting rights with legislation like the SAVE Act.

If my colleagues across the aisle have any sense at all, they ought to grill Trump on affordability, on his failed war with Iran, on his effort to hold American national security hostage, and all his other policies that are hurting the American people.

When they emerge from their meeting, will Republicans have told Trump the truth? Will they speak truth to power? Will they do their job? Or will they just bend in obedience to him and get more frustrated, more angry, and more ineffective than they have ever been?

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. President, on the Iran War Powers Resolution, the successful passage of our War Powers Resolution yesterday reasserts what the American people have been saying for months: Trump's reckless war with Iran must end.

For the first time, this resolution has passed both Chambers of Congress and does not require the President's signature. The message from the only

branch of government with the power to declare war, the Congress, could not be more clear: The Trump administration must withdraw United States forces from hostilities in Iran. Both Houses have now spoken and said just that. Every day that Trump refuses to get our troops out of harm's way, the pressure mounts on him and the Senate Republicans who continue to go along with this failed war.

Trump said our War Powers Resolution to end his war is "meaningless." Trump thinks Americans' frustrations with his historic blunder are meaningless too. Trump complained that our resolution "just made my job more difficult."

Donald Trump, our job is not to make your job less difficult. Our job is to make the American people's lives less difficult, especially after all you have done to make them more difficult.

We don't care about making Trump's life easier. We care about making Americans' lives easier by ending this disastrous, costly war. Trump still has no idea of how much more difficult this war has made life for the American people with 13 lost servicemembers and hundreds getting hurt. Everyone is paying hundreds of dollars more for extra gasoline. Everyone is enduring increasing inflation and costs going up. And now, he is asking the American people to foot the \$100 billion bill for his war? Americans don't even know if they will get anything in return because Trump refuses to reveal his deal with Iran.

What we do know is that Iran took Trump to the cleaners. Everything is worse off: gas prices, the deficit, America's prestige in the world. Iran gets hundreds of billions of dollars for reconstruction, they get sanctions relief, they get tighter control over the Strait of Hormuz and much more. The Congress and the American people have spoken after yesterday. Trump needs to end this disaster of a war immediately.

21ST CENTURY ROAD TO HOUSING ACT

Now, Mr. President, on the housing bill, Trump's clown car gets more and more laughable and ridiculous. Here is what he just did: He canceled his bill signing on the housing bill. It is utterly amazing. Trump is running away from one of the very few accomplishments that could actually help the American people. Any time there is an opportunity for Trump to help the American people, he runs the other way. He comes up with some idiot thing in his head that this may hurt this one or help this one in his pettiness with his enemies, and he throws up roadblocks.

The bipartisan housing bill is an accomplishment that the American people want, are proud of, and need. Trump runs away from it. He is not going to sign it. He is petulant, he is angry, and he looks ridiculous in canceling it just 2 hours before he is supposed to sign it, saying we should do the SAVE Act instead.

How does the SAVE Act lower Americans' housing costs? It doesn't. How does the SAVE Act do anything good? It doesn't. It is a vicious, nasty piece of material, and probably, in Trump's ridiculous mind, he thinks: Oh, I don't want to sign the housing bill because it might detract from the SAVE Act.

The SAVE Act, not the SAVE bill—the SAVE Act will not pass, Donald Trump. Get on board with this housing bill. Don't veto it, because it is so important to the American people. The passage of our bipartisan housing bill—it was bipartisan—ought to remind the Nation how government can deliver when we put aside the partisan chaos we see coming out of the White House every day.

Listen to me, Trump. Sign this thing. Get something good done for the American people for once. The American people are counting on us to make life more affordable, and lowering housing costs is absolutely essential to that effort.

The ROAD to Housing puts our country on the right track towards fixing the housing shortage that drives up costs for the American people. Our bill streamlines local zoning and permitting. It provides new flexible funding to expand supply. It supports manufactured and modular housing. It helps convert old office buildings into new housing, and it stops institutional investors from crowding Americans out of the housing market.

Our legislation is going to help build more, faster, better, cheaper housing and build everywhere so we can get more homes on the market.

What is wrong with that, Donald Trump? Why do you run away from signing it when it will be so beneficial to the American people? Trump, the housing crisis in America is too severe to let partisanship get in the way of commonsense solutions.

The ROAD to Housing is an important step toward ending the affordability crisis, and it must not be the last. We will keep at it, particularly if we regain the majority. But now, for once, Trump should sign it and stop running away from it and stop making such a fool of himself.

I thank Senator WARREN for her leadership on this bill, as well as all of the members of the Banking Committee and everyone else who helped to make the ROAD to Housing a success. It looks like, even if Trump were to try to veto it, there will be probably enough votes in both Houses to override that veto.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

RURAL HEALTHCARE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, as a physician, I want Americans to get the care they need from doctors they choose at prices they can afford. That is what I thought in my entire time of practicing medicine in Wyoming and now as a U.S. Senator; and where a person lives should not determine whether