

monument looking down on them. This administration seems to believe the key to making America great again is more bouillon and more branding, like King Midas. They don't seem to understand where true wealth comes from.

America's prosperity isn't measured in monuments; it is defined by dreams, dreams that are only made possible here in this country. Those dreams are what brought me to Colorado as a geologist 20 years ago—or I should take that back—45 years ago, and they are what inspired me to enter public service, so one day my sons and your daughters will inherit a country where everyone has an equal shot at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

But right now the American dream is slipping out of reach because the deck is stacked against working people. Whether your biggest worry is fuel or fertilizer or gas or groceries, whether you live in a mountain community or an inner city, whether you are surrounded by cows or concrete, this administration's misplaced priorities are making life harder for you. And I don't think it has to be this way.

First, we have got to stop the bleeding from this administration. We have got to end the illegal war, end the disastrous tariffs. We must curb ICE's lawlessness and repair our social safety net, reversing the administration's cuts to healthcare, to SNAP, to student aid. But then we have got to get back to making your life better once again.

We need to lower the cost of living. We need to create more and better jobs and protect our public lands. This work is not going to be easy as we mark America's 250th anniversary—our 250th anniversary. Many are questioning whether we are still capable of meeting the magnitude of this moment, a moment where a technological revolution promises unbelievable innovation at unprecedented speed like a runaway train.

It also leaves us more isolated and struggling to discern fact from fiction. A moment when the consequences of climate change are increasingly impossible to ignore with unprecedented wildfires, drought, destruction; a moment when wealth is flowing to the wealthiest Americans at an unprecedented rate. I am not immune to skepticism, frustration, despair, but a better and a brighter future requires that we work harder and harder and harder. It requires us to giddyap.

Progress is possible because we have seen it, we have done it. This week Congress passed the biggest housing reform bill in decades.

We worked with Senator WARREN to diminish Wall Street from buying single-family homes and to limit their influence in disturbing the housing markets. This matters to every Coloradan because home ownership is one of the single best paths to economic stability and upward mobility.

It is a reminder that our government works best when it works for working

people. When it does, good policy reflects our highest values; and the values that made this country have always been about opportunities for all, not wealth at all costs.

Earlier this morning right as the bill was about to be signed, President Trump decided to hold the legislation hostage. Instead of passing this commonsense bill, he wants to peddle a voter suppression bill that has literally nothing to do with housing.

This is a clear choice before us. Speaker JOHNSON and Senator GRASSLEY and Senator THUNE should sign this housing bill and send it to the White House, or they should not adjourn Congress for the July 4th recess; it is as simple as that.

This saga is exactly why so many Americans have lost so much faith in our President. He has had every opportunity to lower costs, but he chooses not to. The Coloradans I meet on the Front Range or the West Slope aren't looking for more attacks on mail-in voting; they aren't looking for more ballrooms, bombs, and billionaires. They are looking for help, all the while looking out and helping each other.

I see it across Colorado, people showing up for their neighbors, families sharing what they can: Meals, clothing, rides to school. America's wealth has never been found in monuments, reflecting pools, or arches. It is found in our families. It is found in our communities. It is found in you. Our charge has always been to help each other and to keep the American dream alive for the next generation. That is what it has always meant to be a Coloradan. That is what it has meant to be an American. And that is worth more than gold.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. President, I rise today to address the events that took place exactly 4 years ago today when the Supreme Court ruled on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, overturning *Roe v. Wade*, stripping away reproductive rights for women that we have relied upon for generations.

That decision sent shock waves through the country. Something that many of us, women of my age, relied upon for our entire lives were certainly and suddenly not available to our kids and our grandkids. And as States like Michigan were looking into the reality of a full abortion ban, we had to get to work.

In Michigan, we had a 1931 abortion ban which banned abortions even in the cases of rape and incest. It criminalized nurses and doctors who provided such care, and it was slated to become law again in the wake of the *Dobbs* decision.

In the face of that, Michiganders went to work; that is what we do. We rally together. We got over 700,000 signatures in the better part of 10 weeks.

We organized getting on to our ballot a vote on reproductive freedom including abortion care for our State; and we did this so that women and girls that come after us were in control of their reproductive lives, not politicians and certainly not anyone in this body.

Now, the examples of who this affected are legion, but let me just focus on one woman Sarah from Byron Center, MI. Sarah had already had four miscarriages but was filled with so much hope for her fifth pregnancy. Unfortunately, after 19 weeks she received a devastating call from her doctor that she had a baby dying inside of her. Thankfully, Sarah was able to get the abortion care she needed from her doctor so she wouldn't be exposed to life-threatening bacteria and infections which could have killed her.

Right now in States across the country when other women face this same reality, they are told to wait. They are told to hope they don't get an infection, and they hope they are not left to die.

Even worse, mothers are dying of preventable deaths, leaving their children without a parent, all because of politics and reversing *Roe v. Wade* 4 years ago today. Now just because the story is 4 years old doesn't mean it is over. Women continue to face a two-front war to get access to abortion care, even in a State like Michigan. Access to care and the cost of care is still inhibiting who has access to reproductive care.

More than a dozen States across the country have a total ban on abortion, and the people in this Chamber and around this town continue to chip away at women's access everywhere they turn. Women are struggling to get access to healthcare via telehealth. Families are struggling to access contraception and plan for their futures. Doctors are being criminalized for doing their jobs. Cuts to healthcare, cuts to Planned Parenthood have forced organizations to shut their doors, and politicians who can't outlaw abortion nationwide are trying to outlaw abortion medication, which is how a full half of women get their abortions.

All of this comes with a cost, expensive bills, traveling long distances, and adds risk to people's health. The *Dobbs* decision was a cautionary tale. Even though the Supreme Court allowed abortion over 50 years ago, this body decided not to act. We never legislated a woman's right to choose.

Our grandparents should have taken action on this issue, and we would have reproductive freedom now across the country if we had done so. I think it is an important tale for what this body can and cannot do, what it should and should not do.

It certainly has incredible consequences. So I just wanted to recognize on the 4-year anniversary of the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* where we are and that the fight continues.

RECOGNIZING SHENANDOAH COUNTRY CLUB AND  
THE CHALDEAN COMMUNITY

Mr. President, I want to turn to one of my favorite things, honoring people back home in the State of Michigan. Michiganders deliver and show up for each other. We grow food for our families. We make the cars that power and drive America. We create products that brighten people's days. We achieve milestones that inspire our youngest minds. And when we see a problem or a neighbor in need, we step in to help.

So I want to focus today on a couple of stories from the State of Michigan that recognize the important contribution of some of our organizations and some of our companies.

Here on the Senate floor it is my honor to enter into the record these stories into the people's history of the United States. Today is officially our first "Michigan History Makers" in a series honoring Michiganders' contributions to our Nation. And by entering their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, their stories will be memorialized for good so that their great-grandchildren's great-grandchildren can see the contribution these organizations have made.

Today, I want to pay a tribute to Shenandoah Country Club. This is a country club owned and operated by the Chaldean community or Iraqi Christian community of Michigan. On March 12, it was a sunny, late winter day in Michigan at Temple Israel, a synagogue in West Bloomfield, MI. Young children were playing together and learning in a classroom painted orange and blue. A teacher had just placed babies as young as 15 months down for a nap and suddenly a gunman rammied his car through the temple.

His goal was to do massive harm on one of the largest synagogues in the country to target the youngest, most vulnerable of the Jewish community, innocent children. There were gunshots, crying babies, teachers running with children in their arms, and people fleeing for their lives.

The people of Temple Israel felt like they had nowhere to turn, but the Shenandoah Country Club is directly across the street, and that is where they went.

The staff and leadership at the country club did not hesitate to step up as a safe haven and open their doors as refuge for over 100 children and other Jewish community members.

It immediately became the reunification site where worried parents could hug their children again, and it became a place where everyone could sigh a breath of relief that no children or teachers were harmed.

The club provided shelter, blankets, and food for the families and then the next day transformed their ballroom to host a Shabbat gathering of over 1,000 Jewish worshippers, which I participated in.

What struck me most was the positivity in what was otherwise a very dark moment. The Chaldean commu-

nity didn't ask whether the families arriving at their doors looked like them, prayed like them, or came from the same background; they saw their neighbors in need, and they answered the call. Their kindness and hospitality were the silver lining in an otherwise terrible attack.

With profound gratitude for their extraordinary contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize the Shenandoah Country Club and the Chaldean community here in the Senate of the United States.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL  
VOLUNTEERS

Mr. President, today, I pay tribute to the National Cherry Festival volunteers. Michigan is proud to be the "Cherry Capital of the World," and Traverse City is home to most of our cherry industry.

Every year, the city puts on the National Cherry Festival, which attracts visitors from across the country and celebrates Michigan's cherry growers, processors, and retailers.

This year, the National Cherry Festival celebrates 100 years, and I want to recognize the more than 2,800 volunteers who bring that festival to life.

Early next month, more than half a million people are going to descend on Traverse City for the festival. They will sing along with concerts. They will watch the "Cherries Got Talent" competition, where performers show off their talents. They will watch Michiganders race one another in creatively decorated beds on wheels. There will be a dog-jumping competition. They will watch teams launch handcrafted boats—built entirely from recycled milk cartons—into West Grand Traverse Bay. And they will, of course, have a parade and name their National Cherry Queen. And that is not the end of it.

All of this is possible because of the hard-working, committed volunteers that put this thing on. Because of their service, Northern Michigan's economy will be boosted by more than \$40 million—money in the pockets of hard-working families. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will go to local charities that are working to build a better community for their neighbors.

With profound gratitude for the volunteers' extraordinary contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize their hard work here in the Senate of the United States.

RECOGNIZING VERNORS

Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to Vernors ginger ale. In other States, you may know Coke or Pepsi, but in Michigan, we know the answer is only a Vernors when we want to celebrate.

Vernors is an iconic ginger ale that Michiganders have enjoyed for generations. Created by pharmacist James Vernor in the 1860s, it is the oldest ginger ale brand in the United States. It is a proud Michigan original that was produced for more than 100 years in the city of Detroit.

Every Michigan family has a Vernors story. Some remember drinking it on a

hot summer afternoon. Others—myself included—remember being handed a glass of Vernors when they had a stomachache or were home sick from school. My dad actually, in his one break from working in the meat industry, worked for Vernors and traveled every day down from Holly, MI, to downtown Detroit. We were so proud that he worked for such an important Michigan brand.

To me and to all Michigan families, Vernors is a reminder of the generations of Michiganders who put in the work and built the brands that keep our State on the map. And this year, Vernors celebrated 160 years as a Michigan staple. Here is to 160 more.

With profound gratitude for its contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize Vernors in the Senate of the United States.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. HENDERSHOT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Michael Hendershot to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Mr. Hendershot's record reflects his partisanship. In the Ohio Attorney General's Office, he defended the State's laws restricting abortion access. He continued to defend the State even after Ohio voters enshrined reproductive rights in the Ohio Constitution in 2023.

He also represented Ohio officials against challenges to the State's gerrymandered State legislative and congressional maps as they were struck down five times by the Ohio Supreme Court for violating the Ohio Constitution.

Finally, Mr. Hendershot is yet another Trump judicial nominee who is an election denier. In November 2020, he joined an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court asking the Court to grant cert and reverse the underlying decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that allowed for the counting of absentee ballots received after election day.

I oppose Mr. Hendershot's nomination and ask my colleagues to join me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote scheduled for 5:30 be allowed to begin immediately.

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

VOTE ON HENDERSHOT NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hendershot nomination?

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the