

and started terrorizing communities across the country. In cities like Minneapolis, Chicago, Phoenix, and elsewhere, Federal agents have been running around with no identification, barging into homes without warrants, arresting people without due process, using force in ways that violate people's constitutional rights. On two occasions, American citizens were executed in broad daylight. No other police department in America—no city police, no sheriffs, no State police, or until recently, no Federal police—would tolerate this kind of unrestrained barbarity.

The American people are reacting. They are appalled. The data shows that, overwhelmingly, even Republicans—non-MAGA Republicans in particular—are really upset about these violations of rights. They look at the pictures on TV, and they say: This is not America. This is not America.

Well, Donald Trump is realizing that Americans are turning against him on this issue. And it is not an immigration issue; it is a public safety issue, and the Republicans are on the wrong side of public safety right now. In fact, they are defending using tax dollars to create chaos in our cities instead of using those dollars to reduce costs of healthcare.

Well, Donald Trump is getting it. He called me last week because he didn't want to have the six bills tied together. He knew Homeland Security was much more of a problem.

And yesterday, in an interview, Trump said: “[M]aybe we can use a little bit of a softer touch” when it comes to ICE's tactics.

Well, President Trump, if you want a softer touch, then the right answer is to lean on Republican leaders in Congress to pass the proposals Democrats have put together. Frankly, Republican leaders can't get it done without you, President Trump, because they are too scared and too gripped by the extreme right to do anything without your backing.

Their immediate rejection of the Democrats' reasonable, commonsense proposals was totally predictable because the Republican leaders don't want ICE to have any accountability—totally adverse to what Americans believe and want.

Passing legislation along the lines that Democrats have proposed is the right thing to do. Americans already support our ideas. They are not extreme. They mirror the same standards that law enforcement around the country already follows.

The change, of course, will require legislation or the public won't buy it, and legislation will require Donald Trump to push the Republicans into action.

Leader JEFFRIES and I are ready to negotiate. Yesterday, we formally shared our specific demands with Republican leadership about what must happen to rein in ICE and stop the violence.

And Democrats in the House and Senate are on the same exact page about what needs to be done to rein in ICE, end the violence. What must we do? We must see the end of roving patrols. People can't just be picked up on the street and thrown into some dark place with no explanation as to why with no warrant. You can't barge into someone's home without a warrant. That is what we are saying.

We need reasonable use-of-force policies like States do. Every State has good rules for their police, for their sheriffs. Why should ICE be the only exception? Why should they be allowed to continue to terrorize our cities?

And, of course, we must have no secret police with masks off and cameras on. Speaker JOHNSON—he says that is wrong.

Why? Explain it. Every local community—I am sure the communities down in Louisiana, the sheriffs and State police, have full identification of police officers.

Yes, there is a problem with doxing, and that can easily be dealt with in the rare moment it happens. That doesn't require all masks stay on. Everyone knows that. These are just excuses because they are afraid of the rightwing who believe in this horrible stuff.

We also make clear that certain places like schools and churches and election places should be off limits.

We make it clear that American citizens cannot be arrested and detained without due process.

Republicans, Leader THUNE, Leader JOHNSON, explain why you think it is OK for American citizens to be arrested and detained without any due process. Explain it.

Just like you have to explain why you want to keep the masks on. Just like you ought to explain why people can be arrested without warrants. Explain it: Why?

But, instead, just a quick, immediate dismissal because you are afraid to negotiate.

Our demands are not crazy demands. It is the kind of stuff that applies to police departments everywhere. We are not going out on a limb saying Federal officers should have identification.

We know what we are talking about when we say that the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable search and seizure, should be obeyed. This is middle school civics class stuff we are dealing with here.

So I am just astounded to hear Republicans like JOHNSON and Republican Senators, some of them, say our proposals are somehow political or non-starters.

Political? Republicans think it is political and nonstarters to say police should identify themselves? Explain that to America.

It is not political. It is the Constitution, and it is the moral and right thing to do in a democratic country. It is about people's basic rights. It is about people's safety.

If Republicans don't like our proposals, pouting is not going to make

the chaos in the streets go away. The Republicans need to explain why to the American people. Let me say it again: If Republicans don't like our proposals, pouting is not enough. They need to explain why to the American people—because they don't have a good explanation. They are just afraid of the rightwing, some of those crazies on the right who actually do want to rip up the Constitution.

The truth is Republicans cannot explain why our ideas are extreme because they know deep down that what ICE is doing is indefensible, so they are stuck.

If Republicans think it is political or extreme to say ICE agents ought to identify themselves, again, explain why to the American people.

JOHNSON, explain why it is OK to do it in Louisiana but it is not OK to do it here, to have police identify themselves.

If Republicans think it is political or extreme to say it is wrong for ICE agents to raid churches and schools and hospitals—oftentimes with no warrant and no cooperation with local police—they should explain why.

If Republicans think the status quo with ICE is OK, they should back it up and say so to the American people.

Now, most Americans, we Democrats, support law enforcement. We support our police. They have hard jobs. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. What Americans don't support are the kind of abuses ICE is committing with impunity across communities, and police officers don't like it either. It gives them a bad name.

ICE's behavior is not law enforcement; it is thuggery. ICE's behavior is not law enforcement; it is thuggery. It puts people in danger.

President Trump knows things have to change. He should lean on Republicans in Congress to work with Democrats and deliver. This is a gut-check moment for Congress. Americans expect nothing short of real, meaningful, commonsense legislation. Americans expect us to rein in ICE and end the violence, which we can do right here, if only the Republicans cooperate and do the right thing.

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

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

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Olson nomination.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, last night the minority leader came out

with a list—a new list—of demands designed to protect illegal immigrant criminals. We just heard him speak about it on the floor just a few minutes ago. The minority leader has said that he has 10 demands. Last week, he had three. Now, he says he has 10. I read the fine print. It looks to me that this ballooning list is now up to 23 demands. The minority leader just said Republicans are calling the demands political. I see them as radical and extreme. This is about funding the Department of Homeland Security for our Nation, keeping our Nation safe.

The minority leader said Republicans can't explain why their demands are extreme. I can tell you why they are extreme. They prioritize the safety of illegal immigrant criminals over the safety and security of the American people. I would think the majority of Americans would see that as extreme and dangerous.

Now, the minority leader might think that he has leverage to defund law enforcement. He is wrong. Border Patrol is funded. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is funded.

To me, what is reckless here, from this far-left wish list, is it is closing the Federal Emergency Management Agency—closing them down—the Coast Guard working without pay, TSA agents working without pay, making our Nation more vulnerable to cyber attacks. Those are all things that are funded by the Department of Homeland Security. So that is why I tell you that these demands are radical.

It is the demand to change the rules regarding immigration enforcement warrants. And that is a big part of what they are talking about. When Democrats say they want to "improve warrant procedures and standards," it sounds nice. I am not a lawyer. You study it, you look into it, because you hear the Democrats use that phrase a lot. What Democrats won't tell you is the people that benefit from that are criminals.

Here is what this Democrat demand actually does. I will tell you because Senator SCHUMER refuses to tell us what it does. It ends immigration enforcement—ends it. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is forced to use what are called judicial warrants. For each and every immigration arrest, America will become a sanctuary country, not just a bunch of sanctuary cities in different States—no, an entire sanctuary country. That is what they are pushing for, and that is their goal, and it is a destructive goal for our Nation.

Democrats want to abolish ICE. You have even the signs being carried in the streets. They want to abolish borders. They want to turn America into a sanctuary country for illegal immigrants and, specifically, for illegal immigrant criminals who Joe Biden let flush into this country all the way through 4 years—10,000 a day, illegal immigrants coming into the Nation. If Democrats had their way, removing il-

legal immigrants from our communities, from our streets would be nearly impossible.

Today, more than 1 million illegal immigrants have received, from the courts, a final court order for removal. Democrats want every single one of them to stay in our communities, to stay on our streets and in our neighborhoods, all across the country forever.

If you have a final removal order, you have already gone before an immigration judge. You presented your case. You received due process. You exhausted every possible appeal. After a fair and thorough process, a judge has affirmed you may not stay in this country any longer—finished. It is time for you to go. It is the law.

Federal immigration officials have used administrative warrants for decades. Federal law provides for them. The Supreme Court upheld their constitutionality in 1960. We are talking 65 years ago. Federal circuit courts have reaffirmed their use in decade after decade after decade. Senate Democrats want to overturn long-term constitutional precedent. Why? Because Democrats seek to dismantle immigration enforcement completely.

The Democrat demand is not a minor adjustment. If Democrats have their way, it will lead to fewer arrests, fewer removals, and lead to more illegal immigrant criminals released onto the streets in our communities and our neighborhoods. That is what this is about.

The Senate should be very clear-eyed about the Democrats' goals and the dangerous consequences of the demands that are being made by Senator SCHUMER and the Democrats just to fund the Department of Homeland Security, something that we had agreed to do in the weeks prior to their decision, a week ago, to just say no. They said: No, we are done.

Joe Biden and the Democrats spent 4 years ignoring our Nation's immigration laws. They are the party of wide-open borders. They have been. They have proven it. They brought back catch-and-release. They abused parole powers, and they demonized law enforcement. They demonize the very men and women who devote their lives and commit their careers to keeping our Nation safe. As a result, 10 million illegal immigrants flooded into the country, and our communities became less safe because Democrats refused to enforce the law.

In Georgia, Laken Riley, a 22-year-old nursing student, was murdered by an illegal immigrant. Her killer crossed into this country illegally in 2022. The Biden administration released that killer into our country instead of removing him. Before he killed Laken Riley, he was arrested in New York City for child endangerment—somebody arrested in New York City for endangering a child. Despite his crime, what happens in New York City? He was released. Why? Because New York

City is a sanctuary city. Now, the Governor there wants to make it a sanctuary State.

Had her killer been in custody, Laken Riley would still be alive today. She would have finished her nursing training and be taking care of patients in her community.

In North Carolina, two teenagers were killed by an illegal immigrant in a deadly car crash. The killer was driving drunk. His criminal record before the incident was lengthy—a lengthy criminal record. Yet before the crash, his other charges were dismissed by sanctuary cities.

North Carolina's legislature passed multiple bills to require local police to get illegal immigrant criminals off the streets. So what happened? Well, North Carolina's pro-crime Democrat Governor, named Roy Cooper, vetoed them all. So criminals are back on the streets thanks to a North Carolina pro-crime Democrat Governor named Roy Cooper—three vetoes by Roy Cooper, Democrat Governor of North Carolina, allowing illegal immigrant criminals to roam freely. And because of Governor Cooper's reckless vetoes, parents had to bury their teenage children.

Tragedies like this remind us that we all pay the price when liberal politicians favor illegal immigrant criminals over the safety of American citizens. That is exactly why Republicans passed the Laken Riley Act. Because of that law, the Department of Homeland Security has detained an additional 20,000 illegal immigrants who otherwise would have been released back into our communities.

When it comes to public safety, Democrats continue to fail the American people. Senate Republicans will not accept changes that make our communities less safe. When I read Senator SCHUMER's list of the 23 demands—he may call it 10; it started as 3—these are things that will make our communities less safe. Republicans are going to continue to stand on the side of safer and more secure communities.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Mr. President, on a separate matter, tomorrow, in Milan, Italy, the 2026 Winter Olympics officially begins.

Wyoming is once again helping to lead Team USA to the top of the mountain, literally. Three extraordinary Wyoming women are competing on the world's biggest stage. They are Jaelin Kauf, Breezy Johnson, and Anna Gibson.

Jaelin Kauf is from Alta, WY, and is competing in her third Olympic Games. Skiing runs in her family. Both of her parents were professional mogul skiers. Wyoming was thrilled, but not at all surprised, when she took home the silver medal at the 2022 Games. This year, she is going for gold, and she is competing in the single and dual moguls, which is a new Olympic sport, making its debut this year.

Breezy Johnson of Jackson Hole, WY, is competing in her second Winter Olympics. The 2026 Olympics mark