

capabilities for new business development or expansion at little to no cost.

I recently participated in a roundtable discussion with the university presidents, and I am very excited to see this collaborative effort take root in Erie County. This network was made possible thanks to the Ignite Erie Industry and Business Acceleration Collaborative, the Erie County Gaming Authority, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

This truly is a collaborative effort, and it is my hope that the beehive will soon be abuzz with good ideas throughout Erie County. This is an excellent partnership that will give innovators and students hands-on, real-world experience to test their ideas and make their dreams become reality.

Madam Speaker, I am glad to see Erie County leveraging the strengths of these four universities for the betterment of its community. It is an exciting time in Erie County. I look forward to seeing what this brings to the region.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, the so-called Republican tax plan will increase taxes on the middle class, explode the deficit, and undermine Medicare and Medicaid. It will saddle your children and grandchildren with more than \$1 trillion in debt, simply to provide millionaires and billionaires with a massive tax cut.

Now, House Republicans will argue that trickle-down economics, supply-side economics, and dynamic scoring will somehow magically save the day. But the notion that massive tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires will somehow result in strong economic growth is a phony, fraudulent, and fake argument. It has no basis in reality. There is no evidence to support this fantasy.

When Ronald Reagan cut taxes on millionaires and billionaires, it didn't result in strong economic growth. It led to a massive deficit.

When George W. Bush cut taxes on millionaires and billionaires, it didn't result in strong economic growth. It led to the Great Recession.

When the Republican Governor of Kansas cut taxes on millionaires and billionaires, it didn't result in strong economic growth. It led to prison riots, overcrowded schools, and crumbling infrastructure.

We cannot allow this scheme to happen to the United States of America. The American people deserve a better deal.

VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, our veterans represent one of the most highly skilled workforces in American history—the product of rigorous training, an ironclad commitment to teamwork, and the remarkable ability to succeed where others might fail. It is no wonder that veterans are 45 percent more likely to be self-employed than nonveterans. In total, veteran-owned businesses make up nearly 10 percent of all businesses in the United States and account for more than \$1 trillion in business receipts every year.

One of those businesses is Navmar Applied Sciences Corporation, based in Warrington. Owned by Air Force veteran Tom Fenerty, Navmar engineers technology to make sure that our military has the best tools possible to complete any mission. Tom has also committed to employing veterans in the community. I am privileged to represent Tom and others like him in Congress.

In honor of their service—both in uniform and as part of our economy—I am proud to recognize the importance of veteran-owned small businesses in our community by introducing and supporting H. Res. 588, which recognizes National Veterans Small Business Week this week, from October 30 to November 3.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues—and all Americans—to join me in supporting the veteran-owned small businesses in our community.

NATIONAL OBESITY CARE WEEK

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Obesity Care Week and the over 90 million adult Americans living with obesity. National Obesity Care Week is recognized during the first week of November, when individuals and organizations from across the country raise awareness about the serious chronic disease of obesity.

Leading medical organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Obesity Society, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, and the World Obesity Federation, all recognize obesity as a disease and the belief that it should be treated as such.

National Obesity Care Week aims to advance an evidence-based understanding of obesity and widespread access to respectful, comprehensive, and appropriate care. Obesity is a complex disease, linked to over 50 disorders, including type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. Over \$1.4 trillion is spent in the U.S. on direct and indirect costs for health-related conditions related to obesity each year.

This must change, Madam Speaker. It is time for action, and I commit to being part of the solution to improve care for obesity. I urge my fellow Members to join me in recognizing obesity as a serious, chronic disease and working towards improving access to evidence-based tools for chronic weight management.

DREAMERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, DREAMers are young people who are fighting to give back to the only country they have ever known as home. They are not political bargaining chips, and they didn't ask to be at the center of this immigration debate. They were brought here before they were old enough to know the difference. They grew up as our neighbors, our kids' classmates, and our friends. They are also taxpayers, teachers, medical students, and they are young people who are signing up to serve in our military.

Let me tell you about some of the DREAMers I have met in my district.

Richard Kim is a student at Tufts University. He was brought here by his parents from Korea when he was just 2 years old. His parents sacrificed a great deal in America—even becoming homeless and living in a car for a while—for the chance that Richard would have a better life than they had.

Their son worked hard, got good grades, and, ultimately, was admitted into one of the best schools in the country. Now he is a freshman at Tufts University, studying international relations. One day, he wants to work here in Congress. Richard calls himself 100 percent American. In his words, he says: I grew up here just like everyone else. I want to make a difference in America because this is the place I call home.

Let me tell you also about Mario Delgado.

In Mario's words, he says: I know what it is like to live like a shadow in a room full of light, keeping my head down to make sure that I don't get sent back to a country that I know nothing of.

So Mario kept his head down. He studied, worked through high school to help pay the bills, and saved up money for the future. Mario expects to graduate from college next year. He wants to work in the renewable energy industry. He says he intends to help America with the advancement of fusion energy.

And then there is Marla, who started attending school in Framingham, Massachusetts, when she was in the first grade. She describes learning American history, listening to popular music, and watching the Disney channel like the rest of her friends, but something was different.

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Unlike her friends, she realized she couldn't get a driver's license. As a teenager, she suffered the crushing fear that every knock on the door could mean that she would never see her loved ones again. She feared that applying for college would mean exposing her family, a cruel reality for someone who was the valedictorian of her graduating class.

When DACA was enacted, a life of fear became a life of possibility. Marla could now drive. She could earn and save money. She could go to college and contribute to her community.

Marla not only went to college, she graduated at the top of her class. She bought a home and is now contributing her talents to the Commonwealth's innovation economy.

Last week, Marla bravely came to me as a DREAMer, in front of her coworkers, because she wanted to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, DREAMers are bright, young people who are American in their hearts and in their minds. They are American in every way but on paper, and their dream for a better future is unmistakably American.

Their families have often endured poverty, violence, and persecution, but despite it all, they have excelled and charted their own path to success. Though they know no other country, they grew up with the threat of deportation and that their families could be torn apart at any given moment.

The DACA program showed them a way to come out of the shadows, to lift their heads and reach for their dreams, and give back to a country they call home. Through DACA, 800,000 young people have been able to contribute to our workforce and our Armed Forces.

As Marla put it, 800,000 is not just a number; it is birthdays, school events, graduations, homes, and memories.

Reversing DACA would mean sending these talented young people to a country they don't even know, where they could potentially be our competitors in our workforce.

We have all the tools we need to prevent that from happening and keep DREAMers like Richard, Mario, and Marla in our communities, where they can help us build successful futures. All we need is for leadership to allow us a vote.

What these young people deserve is no different than what we want for our own children. If we fail to pass the Dream Act, we not only fail them, we fail to meet our potential as a country. Let's do what the vast majority of Americans are asking us to do. Let's give our DREAMers and the Dream Act a vote.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT PROGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Mrs. ROBY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I would like to start by saying I am heartbroken and shocked by the terror attack in New York this week. This atrocious act of hatred and violence has no place in this country, and we must make it clear that we will not stand for it.

I offer my sincere condolences to every single person who has been impacted by this senseless tragedy. My family and I will be in prayer for every-

one who has been hurt by this act, whether physically or emotionally.

I also want to thank law enforcement officers who responded so quickly, who saved lives and apprehended the suspect. As scary as this incident was, we can all be reassured by the courage and professionalism of our law enforcement, the military, and the intelligence community that work together to keep our country safe.

Madam Speaker, it has been a busy 10 months here in the House of Representatives. We have passed more than 360 bills this year alone in a unified effort to deliver on our promises to the American people. Of course, many of those bills are aimed at rolling back the Big Government policies of the Obama era. So I would like to say we are doing a lot to make sure that the Federal Government does less.

As a limited government conservative, I am especially glad that we have taken action to return some of Washington's bureaucratic power to the American people. The last 7 years saw the emergence of a regulatory state that never stopped in its mission to grab power and impose its will at the expense of everyday Americans. This town is overrun with Federal agencies and departments where bureaucrats sit around every day concocting rules and regulations that might sound like a good idea but, in reality, end up weighing down businesses, destroying jobs, and limiting freedom.

In his 8 years, President Obama added 18,000 pages to the Federal Register, amounting to 6 pages added every day that he held office. This habit costs American households roughly \$15,000 per year, each.

While President Obama is no longer in office, his regulatory state is alive and well, but not for long. Madam Speaker, the people of Alabama elected me to help put an end to that, and I am proud to report that is exactly what we are doing. The House is changing the game because the American people deserve better than to pay for unnecessary Big Government mandates. We have utilized the Congressional Review Act to strike 15 Federal regulations that were imposed by executive action.

What kind of regulations?

One extended intrusive, overreaching, and punitive environmental penalties on energy companies, costing tens of thousands of jobs, but not anymore.

One attempted to force State and local schools to use Washington's preferred teacher preparation programs, undermining local control—not anymore.

One restricted States' ability to enforce existing laws stopping otherwise able-bodied drug abusers from receiving unemployment benefits—not anymore.

One attempted to take away the Second Amendment rights of millions of Americans without due process by arbitrarily restricting Social Security disability beneficiaries from purchasing firearms—not anymore.

Finally, one attempted to force States to steer millions in Title X funding to abortion provider Planned Parenthood, even over the State's objections—not anymore, thank God.

These rules no longer exist because this Congress, working together with the Trump administration, struck them one by one. In all, 15 bills rolling back these Big Government policies have been passed and signed into law.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of the work the House of Representatives has done, and I hope it can give us momentum for tackling more pressing issues like tax reform and infrastructure.

KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, we had the holiday of Halloween, and a character came to my house with paint all over their face, and I thought they were the musical group KISS. Well, they weren't.

They were the Trump administration, disguised as the Trump administration is, and with the simple logo of KISS: Keep it simple, stupid. That is what the Trump administration's attempts are to the American people.

The previous speaker made some comments about regulations and said that the Obama administration wanted to stop Second Amendment advocates from getting guns, arbitrarily, for Social Security recipients. Well, that sounds good. It is simple. Keep it simple.

Well, they weren't Social Security recipients. They were Social Security recipients who had been declared incompetent to manage their own affairs. That is who they said shouldn't get guns, not Social Security recipients.

The previous speaker said something about abortion provider Planned Parenthood getting their funds cut off. Planned Parenthood does most of their work outside of the arena of abortion. Mostly, they do women's basic health services, and by cutting that off, they are hurting women, particularly in my community and other communities where poor people often get their healthcare, their women's care, from Planned Parenthood, and they are depriving them of that healthcare.

Just yesterday, in the subcommittee of which I am the ranking member, we had a hearing on changing Roe v. Wade. They called it the Heartbeat bill. In reality, it is destruction of women's right to choose, a fundamental right established in Roe v. Wade, and an unconstitutional bill that could limit the right of a woman to have an abortion as early as 6 weeks, while right now it is 20 to 24 weeks, the period of viability.

They brought a sonogram in and showed a sonogram on the monitor. What they didn't do when they talked about their "culture of death" was bring in any lifesaving equipment that