

come. Americans who use digital communication in texts, emails, and social media are being governed by a 1986 law, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, which was written long before the Internet, as we understand it today, existed.

Americans overwhelmingly agree that our email should have the same Fourth Amendment protections as our paper documents. We should require a warrant to read the content of Americans' emails, and we should pass the Email Privacy Act, H.R. 699.

With 300 cosponsors and growing, it is time to act. It is time to show the American people that Congress will protect them and defend the Constitution.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO AVOID A DEFAULT

(Mr. GALLEG0 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in full support of President Obama's announcement on Friday that he will not negotiate with the Republican Congress over raising the debt limit.

This is the right decision because there is nothing to negotiate. There is only one simple path forward: to pass a clean debt limit extension that protects our Nation's full faith and credit.

Unfortunately, last week the majority leader and the presumptive next Speaker of the House went on national television and committed to fight to the end to defund the ACA and the President's immigration executive actions while trying to stop the debt limit increase. I fear—as we all should—what this might mean.

Are he and the House Republicans going to threaten to shut down the government to pursue this extreme agenda? Are they going to hold our Nation's full faith and credit hostage?

Mr. Speaker, for 5 years now, House Republicans have hurtled the Congress and the country from one manufactured crisis to another. This must stop and must stop now. With only 30 days left before we hit the debt limit, the Republican Congress should act immediately to take the prospect of a catastrophic default off the table.

OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS BROKEN

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness for the more than 11 million Americans who suffer from severe mental health illness.

As we recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week, we have the opportunity to discuss this complex issue and the impact it has on both families and society. We must continue to identify ways we can help those who are suffering.

Our mental health system is broken. Many are going without treatment, and families often struggle to find appropriate care for their loved ones. As vice chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I know this is an issue especially important to our veterans, our true heroes.

My COVER Act, which was approved by the House earlier this year, helps provide alternative therapies for our veterans dealing with mental health issues.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce's Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, actually sponsored by Representative MURPHY from Pennsylvania, further works to address the shortage of treatment options, lack of access to mental health services, and the lack of communication within the system.

We must continue our efforts to improve mental health care and remove the stigma associated with mental illness.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD HELPS THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

(Mr. KENNEDY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, early detection of breast cancer can be the difference between a life saved and a life lost, but too often women are forced to forgo critical screenings because of lack of access to affordable preventative care. By opening their doors to so many medically underserved communities, Planned Parenthood is working to address those gaps.

As this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we should be applauding the doctors and nurses who work tirelessly to detect breast cancer at its earliest stages. We should be thanking them for providing 500,000 breast exams every single year, helping to identify cancer and other serious illness in nearly 90,000 women.

We should be replicating their efforts to educate women on the warning signs and symptoms of breast cancer. But, instead, my Republican colleagues are focused on creating a politically motivated select committee with the ultimate goal of defunding the organization.

It is time to move past these partisan attacks and focus on working together to expand the access to preventative care that will help treat breast cancer.

OCTOBER IS AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as American Pharmacists Month. This month it is important to recognize those who wake up every morning to ensure that Americans have access to

important and possible lifesaving medications.

I know the passion and dedication of a pharmacist because I am one. Pharmacists work every day to ensure that patients' prescription drugs are accurate, safe, and effective. We provide education to customers on possible treatments, and we are trusted and knowledgeable healthcare providers in our communities. In fact, pharmacists are in the top three most trusted professions by Americans, and I am proud to be one.

As pharmacists, we all have the common goal to assist in providing quality and affordable health care. We ensure that pain is managed, headaches are relieved, and hearts stay healthy.

This month I would like to acknowledge all pharmacists who continue to provide their service in support to Americans across the country. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

SUPPORT THE WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY

(Mr. LOEBSACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the wind energy industry, the workers that it employs, and the clean energy it produces.

My home State of Iowa leads the Nation in the amount of electricity consumers get from wind, with around 30 percent of our electric power coming from wind. It also supports some 80,000 jobs across the country and over 6,000 in Iowa alone.

My district is a manufacturing powerhouse, with several major manufacturing facilities, including Siemens, TPI Composites and Trinity Structural Towers. I was happy today to be able to meet with representatives from these companies to discuss the need for Federal policy stability, specifically an extension of the production tax credit.

It is my hope that this body will take up a tax extenders bill soon which includes an extension of the renewable energy production tax credit. Please join me in supporting these American manufacturing companies and all the hard-working Americans that they employ.

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this October marks the 10th annual National Bullying Prevention Month, and with it comes an opportunity to bring visibility to an issue that negatively impacts thousands of students in our schools and communities every day.

Instead of being a safe haven for learning and growth, some classrooms can become places of torment, of despair, of exclusion, for those suffering