

likely explanation is that the President has a talent for bringing out the darker side of people, and this was another example of it.

What we witnessed will drive a deeper wedge between the police and the citizens whose mistrust of them has grown. It will cast doubt on legitimate uses of force.

What troubles me the most about the President's remarks, however, is the way they patronized police officers. He has never held a wounded child in his arms or had to decide whether to punch or shoot a man with a knife. He has never had to race to the scene of a police shooting and choke on his feelings as he hunts for a suspect with precision and restraint. His remarks failed to take police work and its hazards seriously.

When I later served as a precinct commander in the Bronx, a sergeant of mine was suspended because he stood there and did nothing as he watched an officer slam a handcuffed suspect's head into the street. A narcotics detective had been shot during a scuffle with a drug crew, the responding officers were blind with rage, and one exacted revenge. When a video surfaced, the emotions didn't convey. It just looked thuggish, like the cop was a criminal, too. By his own account, it seems the President would also have been inclined to stand there and do nothing. There are thousands of American police chiefs who know what these situations require. They want to protect their officers by leading them in the right direction. We don't need the President joking with them about giving in to their baser instincts.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY ALICE MCKENZIE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, it is a privilege for each of us to represent our constituents, and it is a great honor to be able to recognize the contributions many of them make to our communities at home. On this occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mary Alice McKenzie, a fixture in the Burlington, VT, community. Ms. McKenzie has served as the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington since 2007, and during her tenure at the club, she has had a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of Vermont children. The community is grateful for her service.

Ms. McKenzie comes from a business and legal background—a nontraditional path to her current position that provided her with a unique set of skills. Mary Alice began her work at the Boys & Girls Club after serving as the chief executive officer of McKenzie Meats from 1985 to 2000. She then spent several years in the Vermont State college system as general counsel and served with the law firm Paul Frank & Collins before taking over at the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington in 2007.

At the Boys & Girls Club, Mary Alice has focused her efforts on education. When she realized how few club kids were going on to higher education, she enacted the Early Promise program, which targets children at a young age who may need additional academic services and then provides college scholarships to older youth. As of today, the scholarship fund has investments totaling \$2.3 million from which to draw. In a short time, the club hopes to be able to help 60 Burlington chil-

dren achieve their academic goals in high school and beyond.

The Boys & Girls Club plays an important role in the lives of more than 1,000 Burlington children. Aside from the academic services, the club also works to ensure a safe and stable community for its young members. When Ms. McKenzie began hearing reports of suspected drug use occurring in a park across the street from the club, she assembled a task force of local law enforcement officials, social workers, and policymakers to work towards a solution that would ensure the safety of club kids. The Boys & Girls Club expanded activities in the park and eventually took over use of an old storage building which is now an academic center.

Ms. McKenzie has also focused her efforts on children who have experienced trauma. Under her leadership, the club has started a program to help children deal with the issues that stem from trauma at a young age. Their goal is to create stability for children whose home lives may be turbulent due to issues such as homelessness and addiction. These are profoundly difficult situations for youth to handle, and the efforts of the staff at the Boys & Girls Club are surely appreciated.

These efforts have not gone unnoticed. Not only is Ms. McKenzie beloved by members of the club who tell stories of her kindness and generosity, but in 2014, Ms. McKenzie was granted Champlain College's Distinguished Citizen Award for her years of service to the community. This award was well deserved; there are few people who dedicate themselves to service in the way that Mary Alice McKenzie has.

During her tenure at the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Mary Alice McKenzie has repeatedly identified significant issues within the community and worked to find creative and lasting solutions. As she concludes her years of service with the club, it is clear that her efforts have paid off. The Boys & Girls Club has more teens moving on to college than ever before, and the club continues to expand, providing an invaluable space for Burlington's youth to spend their free time. I am very grateful for Mary Alice's tireless dedication, and I look forward to seeing what the future of her career brings. Marcelle and I think of her as a dear friend.

#### CBO ESTIMATE OF H.R. 2430

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues, the Congressional Budget Office released its estimate of H.R. 2430, the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017, in July 2017. Information related to this House-passed bill can be found at the Congressional Budget Office's website with the following link: <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/costestimate/hr2430.pdf>

#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION USER FEE REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a copy of the commitment letters from the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives regarding reauthorization of the Biosimilar User Fee Act, Generic Drug User Fee Act, Prescription Drug User Fee Act, and Medical Device User Fee Amendments.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, January 4, 2017.

Hon. LAMAR ALEXANDER,  
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor and Pensions, U.S. Senate, Wash-  
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 (GDUFA) enacted as title III of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act [Pub. L. 112-144], expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2017. With this letter the Administration is providing our recommendations for the reauthorization of GDUFA for the Fiscal Years 2018–2022 (GDUFA II).

Under GDUFA, the revenues generated from fees paid by the generic pharmaceutical industry have been used to expedite the process for the review of generic drugs and to support and augment regulatory science and drug development. The expenditure of these funds is in accordance with the statute and provides resources to meet the performance goals and procedures that were developed by the Food and Drug Administration [FDA] in consultation with representatives of regulated industry. FDA estimates that the fees negotiated in GDUFA II will average approximately \$493.6 million per year, adjusted annually for inflation.

Throughout this process, the FDA has solicited input and worked with various stakeholders, including representatives from consumer, patient, academic research, and health provider groups, and negotiated with the regulated industry, to develop reauthorization recommendations for GDUFA that would build upon and enhance the success of the program. In addition, we have complied with the statutory requirements to solicit public comments on our recommendations, and the summary of public comments is posted on the agency web site.

Our recommendations build upon the successes of existing programs and performance goals with step-wise improvements allowing FDA the resources to establish a generic drug review program that can keep up with the ever-expanding generic drug industry. The recommendations will bring all Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) under a common review goals scheme which calls for faster review cycles of 10 months for standard ANDAs and eight months for priority ANDAs. Priority status will be reserved for drug shortages, first generics, sole source generics and other public health priorities. The negotiated recommendations provide that FDA will communicate deficiencies to industry throughout rather than at the end of a review cycle, increasing the chances for applicants to remedy deficiencies and obtain approval in fewer cycles. This will allow for improved predictability and transparency and enable industry advanced business planning.