

with no immigrants in them. Consistent with that data, the Congressional Budget Office determined that the Democrats' Dream Act that gives amnesty to illegal aliens and that Democrats recently shut down the government over costs Federal taxpayers \$26 billion. And that \$26 billion net tax loss to Federal taxpayers does not include even larger State and local tax losses.

By any measure, any amnesty, including amnesty for DACA illegal aliens, makes the illegal alien problem worse and, over the long haul, costs American taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars America does not have, has to borrow to get, and cannot afford to pay back. Of course, the leftist mainstream media rarely shares these facts with Americans because it undermines their fake news narrative that Dreamer amnesty pays for itself.

Mr. Speaker, the executive branch must do its job. The executive branch must catch and evict illegal aliens. It is that simple. Further, the executive branch must enforce section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which states that no person may seek admission to the United States or become a permanent resident if the individual, "at the time of application for admission or adjustment of status, is likely at any time to become a public charge."

If the executive branch will simply enforce America's immigration laws, there will be no illegal alien problem and taxpayers will, over the long haul, save hundreds of billions of dollars that could be better spent on debt reduction or American citizens. Unfortunately, instead of insisting that the executive branch enforce the law, Washington's "Surrender Caucus" wants to give up and grant amnesty to illegal aliens, thereby, again, naively rewarding illegal conduct at great cost to American taxpayers.

In so doing, Washington's "Surrender Caucus" betrays American families and taxpayers who must foot the bill for yet another bad mistake by Washington that is motivated by election-year politics, not America's best interests.

#### DEFENDING FREEDOM OF SPEECH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EMMER). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am always honored to stand in the well of the House.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise as a liberated Democrat, a liberated Democrat who will not only speak truth to power but who will also speak truth about power.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend freedom of speech. I rise to defend the freedom of speech of The Hill newspaper. I defend the freedom of speech of The Hill newspaper when it printed these words: "'Morning Joe' host"—I

won't mention his name—"said on Sunday that the Democratic Party should take away funding from Democratic candidates who talk about impeaching President Trump on the campaign trail."

I am such a candidate. I have talked about impeaching the President, and I will continue to talk about impeaching the President.

I am defending The Hill for printing this, by the way. The Hill goes on to say: "Any Democrat mentioning the word 'impeachment' on the campaign trail should have their campaign funds pulled by the Democratic Party."

This is what was tweeted by the host of "Morning Joe":

"I defend The Hill's right to print it, and I defend the right of 'Morning Joe' host to say what he said, and I hope people will defend and respect my right to say what I'm about to say.

"I will not be intimidated. I want the host to know that, if those who have threatened my life couldn't intimidate me, he will not. I want the host to know that I spoke about impeachment just this weekend that passed."

And I am looking to future engagements to speak about impeachment. And I will bring Articles of Impeachment to the floor of the House of Representatives again if conditions require it. I am not afraid. I have no fear of these people who would have me abrogate my constitutional rights. I will stand and defend them, and I will exercise my rights.

The truth is this: We all have a duty to speak up and speak out and stand up. That is what I will do.

God bless you. Happy Valentine's Day.

#### RECOGNIZING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF BUCKS COUNTY

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County, which has served tens of thousands of kids in our community since its founding in 1963.

The Bucks County chapter is unique. Since 2015, they have piloted an expansion of their mentorship program, which pairs elementary schools with high school mentors to include children with autism spectrum disorder. This tailored program caters to the students' unique needs, providing these children with two specially trained high school mentors rather than one to ensure a greater level of stability.

The program has been so successful that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County is now looking to expand it. Their community mentorship program matches at-risk youth ages 6 to 16 with volunteer mentors. This program provides caring adult role models who consistently spend time with their "littles" to help them make good

choices so that they may become productive, responsible, and engaged young adults.

I want to highlight the story of John Wilson, the board president and an individual who himself benefited from Big Brothers Big Sisters. John's father passed away when he was 5. He was matched with a big brother when he was 12 at a point when, in his own words, he was at a significant risk of heading in the wrong direction. He credits his mentor with having a profound impact on his life, without whom his life could have turned out very differently, in John's words.

John graduated from college, enjoyed a successful career, and now gives back as president of the board. John is still in contact with his big brother and working hard to pay back the investment made in him years ago. To all those involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters, including John, we thank you for your work in helping our youth in Bucks County.

#### SAVE STONE MEADOWS FARM

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, growing up in Middletown Township in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and as a current Middletown Township resident now representing my hometown in Congress, I have seen my community change throughout the years. The one constant, however, has always been the presence of Stone Meadows Farm, one of the last remaining active agricultural lands in our township. The 168-acre farm has a rich history that connects the present to the past; and, as development continues throughout our region, Stone Meadows Farm reminds residents why we chose to live in beautiful Middletown Township, Pennsylvania. I firmly believe that this is something worth preserving.

In Bucks County, we are fortunate that our local and county leaders continue to make concerted efforts to preserve our open spaces, and here in Congress I am working to support preservation and land conservation efforts nationwide. I stand ready to work with any government official and our citizens, like members of the Save Stone Meadow Farm movement, who share this goal to preserve our quality of life and the character of our community.

Whether in our hometown or across our great Nation, we must stand ready to preserve and protect our open spaces from overdevelopment.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning, I had the opportunity to attend part of Fulton Bank's 39th annual Agriculture Seminar, which is a day-long informational event that draws individuals from all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The event is free and