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DEMOCRATS HAVE A BETTER DEAL

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the President and our Republican colleagues are at it again, promoting economic policies that enrich the wealthy and the biggest corporations in our country. That will hurt middle class families. We saw it in the tax scam. We see it in the President's budget. And now we even see it in the infrastructure proposal.

President Trump proposes a \$200 billion infrastructure plan that will raise fees and tolls on commuters, burden cities and States and ask others to fill the funding gap, sells off infrastructure to Wall Street and private companies, and ends vital worker and environmental protections.

The Democrats have proposed a better deal: a \$1 trillion investment, five times the President's plan, to really rebuild America. It will create 6 million good-paying jobs. It will deliver lower prices and better choices for consumers. It safeguards clean air and clean water and worker protection. It builds more resilient infrastructure to withstand climate change and ensures products are built with American materials.

There is a real contrast here between what the President has proposed, which is basically to shift the burden to cities and States and for the Federal Government to abandon its responsibility to help rebuild our country.

The Democrats have a better deal than this raw deal. It is a deal to rebuild our country to create 16 million good-paying jobs to make sure the Federal Government remains a real partner in rebuilding America.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR COUNTY SHERIFFS OF AMERICA

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

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a man whose service to his community has resulted in greater safety, security, and justice in Polk County, Florida.

Sheriff Grady Judd, a stalwart of law enforcement in the 15th District and a dear friend, has been sworn into the role of president of the Major County Sheriffs of America, a position to which he will bring his knowledge, his skill, and his integrity to advocate for safer communities across our great Nation.

For centuries, the Anglo-American sheriff system has produced officers who secure the peace and prosperity of

the land, and even two American Presidents, Grover Cleveland and Teddy Roosevelt, served in such a capacity.

Sheriff Judd has long been an advocate for the rule of law, and we will all benefit as he rises to this position to fight to uphold the noble tradition of keeping the peace.

My deepest congratulations to Sheriff Judd and his family, and to the Major County Sheriffs of America, who do such important work to keep us all safe.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the long-awaited Trump infrastructure plan was finally released. What a disappointment, after coming here a year ago and promising a \$1 trillion plan. Then, in his State of the Union, saying it is going to be even bigger—huge—\$1.5 trillion. In the fine print, however, \$1.3 trillion of the \$1.5 trillion comes from communities like my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Now, let's be clear. If States and local communities had an extra \$1.3 trillion laying around, they would be servicing those roads and bridges. They would be rebuilding their water systems. They would be doing this work already.

If we are going to have a Federal infrastructure plan, we need to have a Federal infrastructure plan that is really investment and not just checking the box so that the President can say he submitted a big, bold infrastructure plan.

Well, it is not big and bold, from the Federal Government's point of view. The \$200 billion investment from the Federal Government, offset by a \$170 billion reduction, boils down to \$3 billion a year over 10 years.

That is not big. That is not bold. That won't fix the roads and bridges in this country.

NO MORE "STRATEGIC PATIENCE" WITH IRAN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, Iran has wrongfully seized another American hostage.

Morad Tahbaz, a dual American and Iranian citizen, was volunteering with the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation when he was maliciously arrested. This is in addition to the tragic news that Canadian Kavous Seyed Emami, who was arrested working with the Foundation, died last week under suspicious circumstances in an Iranian prison.

Morad Tahbaz is the CEO of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation and former president of Empire Resorts. He

attended Colgate University and Columbia Business School. He is an outstanding American citizen who does not deserve to be treated like a criminal, nor a political pawn, by a rogue regime as he promotes the extraordinary heritage of Persia.

The Obama administration caved to the dangerous ransom deals with Iran, but "strategic patience" only emboldened them to subjugate the brave citizens of Iran.

As the Iranian Government continues to undermine peace, free nations must work together to address this serious threat. I support Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in calling for the release of all American citizens unjustly detained in Iran.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

During this month, we raise awareness about the importance of oral health, especially for America's kids. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease—five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Oral health status is directly tied to academic achievement and school attendance.

One way we can fix this is by passing my Action for Dental Health Act, H.R. 2422, which was unanimously reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee on September 25. This bipartisan bill is cosponsored by 83 Members and supported by the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, and 39 other advocacy groups.

Once enacted, this bill will empower the CDC to deliver more and better healthcare to underserved populations, especially urban and rural communities, and increase education about the importance of oral health.

I am proud to be working with Congressman MIKE SIMPSON from Idaho on this bipartisan bill. I ask the Speaker to schedule a vote on the bill before the end of National Children's Dental Health Month.

Lastly, I would like to wish my colleagues and constituents a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mrs. ROBY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Senate is taking action to address