

are still grieving for the family members who are no longer with us—for sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, and children we will never see again. We are still grieving for the survivors, whose lives will never be the same.

I don't believe perfect healing is possible, but I do believe we can learn to adjust to the searing pain of tragedy. We do it through remembrance.

Through remembrance, the people we love are never truly gone, as long as we are around to say their names or share a memory of them. Through remembrance, the people and families who are still healing from their wounds are shown the love and comfort of our community.

Today, in remembrance of that awful night 1 year ago, let's give thanks for the bravery and dedication of our first responders. Let's continue to do everything we can to support those who are still struggling to recover from the emotional and physical wounds they sustained on October 1.

Fifty-eight innocent lives ended on October 1, but thousands more were changed forever. We must keep the survivors in our minds and in our hearts as they heal from their injuries, both visible and invisible, and get back on their feet.

The Davis family lost their daughter Neysa on the night of the shooting. Neysa's dream was that her three sons would graduate from college. They decided that the best way to heal their family and their community was to start an organization dedicated to fulfilling Neysa's dream. I thank the Davis family for their resilience and their generosity.

We must follow the Davis family's example and continue to come together as a community. We must come together, not just in Las Vegas but all throughout Nevada to bring healing, peace, and hope to everyone who was affected.

Tonight, at 6:30 p.m., the city of Las Vegas will host a ceremony at the Las Vegas Community Healing Garden to dedicate a new remembrance wall. I encourage everyone back home to try to attend this event or simply take a moment to pause and reflect in honor of the victims and their families.

In a few moments, I will read the names of everyone who was killed so that their names will be reserved in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

May God bless the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and everyone affected by this tragedy.

Today, we remember Austin Cooper Meyer, 24 years of age from Sparks, NV; Brennan Lee Stewart, 30, North Las Vegas, NV; Cameron Lee Robinson, 28, Las Vegas, NV; Charleston Hartfield, Henderson, NV, 34 years of age; Eric Steven Silva, 21 years old, Las Vegas, NV; Laura Anne Shipp, 50, Las Vegas, NV; Neysa Christine Tonks, 46, Las Vegas, NV; Quinton Joe Robbins, 20, Henderson, NV; Adrian Allan Murfitt, 35, Anchorage, AK; Dorene An-

derson, 49, Anchorage, AK; Brett Erin Schwanbeck, 61, Bullhead City, AZ; Andrea Lee Anna Castilla, 28, Santa Ana, CA; Angela Christine Gomez, 20, Riverside, CA; Austin William Davis, 29, Riverside, CA; Bailey Dee Schweitzer, 20, Bakersfield, CA; Brian Scott Fraser, 39, La Palma, CA; Candice Ryan Bowers, 40, Garden Grove, CA; Carrie Rae Barnette, 34, Riverside, CA; Christiana Mae Duarte, 22, Redondo Beach, CA; Christopher Hazencomb, 44, Camarillo, CA; Christopher Louis Roybal, 28, Corona, CA; Dana Leann Gardner, 52, Grand Terrace, CA; Denise Marie Cohen, 58, Carpinteria, CA; Derrick Dean Taylor, 56, Bonita, CA; Hannah Ahlers, 34, Beaumont, CA; Jack Reginald Beaton, 54, Bakersfield, CA; Jennifer Marie Parks, 35, Lancaster, CA; Jennifer Topaz Irvine, 42, San Diego, CA; John Joseph Phippen, 56, Santa Clarita, CA; Jordyn Nicole Rivera, 21, La Verne, CA; Kelsey Breanne Meadows, 28, Taft, CA; Keri Lynn Galvan, 31, Thousand Oaks, CA; Kurt Allen Von Tillow, 55, Cameron Park, CA; Lisa Marie Patterson, 46, Lomita, CA; Melissa Ramirez, 26, Littlerock, CA; Michelle Vo, 32, Marina del Rey, CA; Patricia Mestas, 67, Riverside, CA; Rachael Kathleen Parker, 33, Long Beach, CA; Rocio Guillen, 40, Corona, CA; Sandra Lee Casey, 35, Torrance, CA; Stacey Ann Etcheber, 50, Novato, CA; Susan Marie Smith, 53, Simi Valley, CA; Teresa Kimura, 38, Placentia, CA; Thomas Allen Day, Jr., 54, Corona, CA; Victor Lloyd Link, 55, Aliso Viejo, CA; Calla-Marie Medig, 28, Edmonton Alberta, Canada; Jessica Lynn Klymchuk, 34, Valleyview, Alberta, Canada; Jordan Alan McIlDoon, 23, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada; Tara Ann Roe, 34, Okotuks, Alberta, Canada; Carly Anne Kreibbaum, 33, Sutherland, IA; Rhonda LeRocque, 42, Tewksbury, MA; Stephen Richard Berger, 44, Excelsior, MN; Lisa Romero-Muniz, 48, Gallup, NM; William Winfield Wolfe, Jr., 42, Newburg, PA; James Sonny Melton, 29, Big Sandy, TN; Heather Lorraine Alvarado, 35, Cedar City, UT; Carolyn Lee Parsons, 31, Seattle, WA; and Denise Brenna Burditt, 50, Martinsburg, WV.

To the hundreds injured that night, those still recovering from the scars, visible and invisible, we stand with you. We have not forgotten.

Thank you.

I yield the floor.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the standing rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 302, an act to provide protections for certain sports medicine pro-

fessionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

Mitch McConnell, Marco Rubio, Johnny Isakson, Orrin G. Hatch, Lamar Alexander, John Boozman, Jerry Moran, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Todd Young, John Thune, Tim Scott, Deb Fischer, John Barrasso, Roy Blunt, Cory Gardner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 302, an act to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 90, nays 7, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Leg.]

#### YEAS—90

Alexander	Fischer	Murphy
Baldwin	Gardner	Murray
Bennet	Gillibrand	Perdue
Blumenthal	Graham	Peters
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Booker	Harris	Reed
Boozman	Hassan	Risch
Brown	Hatch	Roberts
Burr	Heinrich	Rounds
Cantwell	Heitkamp	Rubio
Capito	Hirono	Sanders
Cardin	Hoeven	Sasse
Carper	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Casey	Inhofe	Schumer
Cassidy	Isakson	Scott
Collins	Johnson	Shaheen
Coons	Jones	Shelby
Corker	Kaine	Smith
Cornyn	Kennedy	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	King	Sullivan
Cotton	Klobuchar	Tester
Crapo	Kyl	Thune
Cruz	Lankford	Tillis
Daines	Leahy	Udall
Donnelly	Manchin	Van Hollen
Duckworth	McCaskill	Warner
Durbin	McConnell	Warren
Enzi	Menendez	Whitehouse
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Feinstein	Murkowski	Young

#### NAYS—7

Barrasso	Merkley	Wyden
Lee	Paul	
Markey	Toomey	

#### NOT VOTING—3

Flake	Heller	Nelson
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 90, the nays are 7. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Cloture having been invoked, the motion to refer and the pending amendments thereto fall.

The Senator from Ohio.

## CINCINNATI SHOOTING

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, last month, we were reminded again of the important work journalists do in our communities, bringing Ohioans, Oklahomans, people from Kansas, or wherever the information they need in an unfolding crisis.

In September, we got one of the worst news alerts any of us can imagine. There was an active shooter in Cincinnati. We hugged our loved ones a little tighter that night as we prayed for everyone affected by the latest senseless shooting that took the lives of three innocent Ohioans.

We thank the first responders who rushed to the scene. We thank the law enforcement officers who have spent the week investigating. We thank everyone caring for the injured. We also thank the local reporters who rushed to the scene, doing their job to keep our community informed in a crisis.

Reporters gave Ohioans real-time information online and on TV, immediately getting the word out to warn people to avoid the area where the shooter was active. They talked to law enforcement, and they talked to witnesses on the scene. From firsthand accounts, they established the first shots were heard just before 9:11 a.m.

One reporter talked to a witness who told of the heroism of the Cincinnati police officer, saying he saw a lady down. A Cincinnati police officer dragged her out of the bank. She was talking. She was bleeding. Her shirt was red.

It is yet another horrific scene among far too many we have endured in this country. At every one of these tragedies—every single one—courageous journalists and citizens of our country, not enemies of the people, are among the first on the scene. They tell us the stories behind the victims, and they help us honor the memories of those we have lost.

After the incident is over, after the immediate danger has passed, reporters keep working, interviewing loved ones, giving us a full picture of what yet another shooting has cost our country. They reported that Cincinnati lost a father, a grandfather, and a son. They brought us stories of a young programmer just getting started in his career whose life was cut short, of a father of two teenagers who will forever have to live with the scars of losing a parent, and of a grandfather of eight who helped build the Queen City as a construction supervisor.

It is despicable that Congress refuses to pass commonsense gun safety laws to protect Americans from yet more gun violence. As these tragedies keep happening, we keep pressing for change. We will keep thanking law enforcement and our medical professionals who deal with the unthinkable of a mass shooting. We will keep thanking the reporters who are just doing their jobs—newspaper, radio, television, online—to bring us the facts and who deserve our respect no matter

the comments of some people in elected office.

## CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, last week we learned from investigative reporting that a senior political appointee—a political appointee at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Eric Blankenstein, has written hateful, bigoted blog posts.

This is a man handpicked for the job—and paid very well from tax dollars—by Mick Mulvaney, the head of the CFPB, the sort of part-time head of the CFPB. He is tasked with enforcing laws to protect consumers, laws protecting Americans from discrimination and lending.

The Consumer Protection Bureau is supposed to be on the frontlines, fighting for families getting ripped off by shady payday lenders and big banks.

The person with Blankenstein's job should be fighting and preventing the very real financial discrimination that everybody in this body knows happens all too often today in Ohio and Oklahoma and across this country.

Instead, now, because of news reports, we know the person tasked with this job has written that most hate crimes “are hoaxes.” These blog posts are filled with disgusting, bigoted language that I will not repeat on the Senate floor because we have a better decorum than that and this language is so offensive.

But this is the man Mick Mulvaney wants going after big banks that discriminate. How is it that the Director of Management and Budget failed to look into the background of such a senior, well-paid political appointee? Placing Blankenstein in charge of fair lending was a moral mistake, a managerial failure, and he should be fired immediately. It has been a week now since reporters found those hateful writings. The fact that he is still in the job is a disgrace. The President should act; the CFPB head should act.

We have seen no contrition from Blankenstein—no contrition from him, no apology for the hateful posts, no acknowledgement that these are totally inappropriate and immoral views for someone whose job it is at the agency to root out discrimination.

How can you expect to lead a staff dedicated to that mission after these revelations, after this attitude, after expressing these kinds of views? There should be no place in the Consumer Protection Bureau for people who don't believe discrimination is real or don't believe discrimination is a serious problem.

Too many Americans are turned down for loans or charged higher rates based on the color of their skin. We know that. That is proven. That is documented.

A report this year from the Center for Investigative Reporting analyzed tens of millions of mortgage records.

They found that across the country, people of color are far more likely to be turned down for a loan, even when you take into account factors like their income and the size of the loan. Someone who is African American or Latino with the same income, the same size of loan, the same financial information—the person of color is more likely to be turned down than the person who looks like me.

In the runup to the 2008 crisis, faulty mortgages were often targeted—we know this—to people of color. Even African-American and Hispanic borrowers with higher incomes than other borrowers found themselves in subprime products, and then they had to pay for it later. These practices of discrimination stripped—stripped—a generation's worth of equity from communities that had fought hard for equal access to home ownership.

Borrowers with these higher cost loans were foreclosed on at almost triple the rate of borrowers with standard 30-year fixed rates—almost triple the rate.

It is important, when you talk about statistics and you think about these foreclosures, to think about the family that is foreclosed on, to think about the conversations at the kitchen table, to think about the discussion with sons or daughters who are teenagers about what is going to happen to them in school, changes in the school that they are going to go to, the different neighborhood, the different sets of friends. All of these are about foreclosures. All of these are about evictions, and that is just in the housing market.

We know discrimination is a serious problem in all sorts of lending markets. It is why we created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to look after bank customers, to root out discrimination.

But under Mick Mulvaney, the agency has been doing the opposite. Rather than policing shady corporations trying to get away with ripping off and discriminating against consumers, Mulvaney gutted the office of the CFPB that was supposed to stop discrimination in lending. He disbanded the team that protected student loan borrowers. He canceled an investigation into the payday lending industry that preys on consumers and traps them in a downward spiral of debt. He exhorted a group of bank lobbyists saying: You have to lobby harder. You have to go to people; you have to give campaign money so that they will listen to you.

He has hired a bunch of political cronies, people like Eric Blankenstein, and has given them enormous salaries to run the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the ground, and we now know specifically of one. The abuses look pretty common, but we know of one—again, Eric Blankenstein—who has a history of spewing disgusting, bigoted views. He is still collecting a \$260,000 paycheck from taxpayers. That is unacceptable.