

initiatives are those who grow habits of engagement that lead to productive citizenship. All graduating seniors are required to have completed 50 hours of community service in local nonprofit organizations in the Ridgway community in an effort to instill in all students a sense of service above self.

Madam Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Ridgway Area High School on this outstanding achievement.

#### END THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN AND REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise to call on the President and Senate Republicans to reopen the government.

We are now on day 27 of the Trump shutdown, and more and more families are being harmed. 800,000 Federal workers have been furloughed or are working without pay—workers from the Forest Service, Coast Guard, Customs and Border Patrol, and TSA. These workers clock in every day to make sure the rest of us are safe, and they can't count on a paycheck.

Federal employees aren't the only ones impacted. I recently met with a small business in my district that works on Federal contracts supporting space exploration and research, a growing industry. Because of the shutdown, they haven't been paid for work they have already done, forcing this small business to lay off 20 percent of its workforce last week. It never had to happen.

Every day, this shutdown the President is so proud of hurts more families and businesses. It must end.

#### RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the young people from my home diocese in Springfield, Illinois, who traveled to Washington, D.C., for the 46th annual March for Life tomorrow.

Each year, nearly 200 students from throughout the Diocese of Springfield and the 13th District come to our Nation's Capital to show their support for choosing life. It is truly inspiring to see so many—especially young people—marching for life, and I am proud to stand with them in their defense for life.

Last year, I attended mass with these students to pray for all unborn children and for an end to abortion. Before mass, I learned that, when the students arrived in Washington, one of their classmates, Ayden O'Malley, from Nokomis, Illinois, suffered a serious medical episode. Ayden passed away 5

days later here in Washington. Although I never met her, I admire her convictions and willingness to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

This year, we remember Ayden as well as all unborn children whose lives were cut short.

#### SHUT DOWN THIS SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on day 27 of the Trump shutdown, to talk about the real-world impacts on those in my congressional district, ordinary Americans who hope and pray for an end to this manufactured crisis.

This week, I held a tele-townhall to hear personal stories from my constituents. I heard from an 80-year-old grandmother who is worried sick about what a long-term shutdown means to her Medicare.

I heard from a TSA officer who struggles to make ends meet on his \$23,000 salary and wonders how he will ever survive if he misses another paycheck.

I heard from folks who worry about their tax refunds and their SNAP benefits, their rental assistance and their home loans. And I heard from people who wonder how much longer will their children be able to get a warm meal when they get to school each day.

Madam Speaker, enough is enough. It is time to stop the partisan games. Most of all, it is time for the Senate and the President to do their job and shut down this shutdown.

#### FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS AT WINTERGREEN RESORT

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to speak about a pressing local safety concern in my home county of Nelson. Wintergreen Resort is facing major fire safety issues.

Last week, I spoke with the local fire chief, who pointed out that having only one exit from the Wintergreen Resort creates the potential for a major public safety crisis. In the case of an emergency, such as a fire blocking the main exit, there would be no way to leave the resort.

I have called the National Park Service and asked that they help me mitigate this situation by allowing a secondary exit that will allow people to go from the resort, through the national park, and to the Blue Ridge Parkway in the case of a fire or emergency. This simple step, 450 feet, would safeguard the community against a potential disaster.

Government, when necessary, should be here to assist, not interfere. Guidelines that don't make sense need to be changed so that common sense prevails.

#### GOOD PUBLIC POLICY DEPENDS ON ACCURATE DATA

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, good public policy depends on thorough and accurate data. That is why this week's ruling by District Judge Jesse Furman to block the administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census is so important to my district on the central coast and to our country.

The 2020 Census is more than just about where people live. It dictates how our many, many boundaries are drawn.

The Census is enshrined in our Constitution, and it is a bedrock responsibility of our government. But adding a citizenship question to the Census with this administration in charge may scare people from actually answering the questions, and that could result in inaccuracies that jeopardize the disbursement of over \$700 billion in funding for essential services in our communities like roads, schools, and even nutrition assistance programs.

This decision by the Federal judge is very good news, but we must continue to work to live up to our responsibilities under the American Constitution, and we can do that with a 2020 Census that depicts a precise population count through accurate data, adequate area offices, and appropriate and acceptable questions that everybody in all communities can answer.

#### BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I would like to discuss border security, not as viewed by Washington elites, but how it is viewed by average Americans.

Democratic leaders and the media will tell you that most Americans don't support President Trump's proposed southern border wall. They will tell you that a border wall is not needed; it is immoral; it won't fix the country's illegal immigration problem.

I currently represent Florida's Third Congressional District, and here I have a picture of my district's public creative space, the 34th Street graffiti wall that is well known in Gainesville. This wall is used by local organizations to express their thoughts on issues and display information for community events.

Recently, local residents painted their support of President Trump's proposed wall for all passersby to see. The wall reads: "Keep the government shutdown until the wall is funded. Call Congress. We the people demand Congress fund and build the wall now."

It is a great example of everyday Americans voicing their support for what matters most to them.