

to get convictions. But it was now clear those were never going to be pursued because the people who were in position, supposedly career, some political appointments, they were not going to let that happen.

Now, people like Andrew McCabe and Peter Strzok—the guy is the head of FBI counterintelligence, and he has no problem lying over and over and over again. Then he has the gall to come in and basically say, as his deposition testimony ended, oh, he always tells the truth.

Any good lawyer knows you don't ever say, "I always tell the truth," because you make mistakes. But he did, and that was a lie. He just couldn't help lying.

There were stories after the shock to the Obama administration in having Donald Trump win, the arrogance that existed in the Democratic Party that, gee, there is no way Donald Trump could win, even though it certainly appeared to be funny at the time when President Obama—I think it may have been on Letterman where he read something about a comment that Obama would go down as the worst President, and he said: Yeah, at least I will go down as having been President.

Everybody laughed because, gee, how could he ever get elected President? Well, he did.

So there were articles written and word spread that in the remaining days of the Obama administration after Donald Trump was elected President, there was a flurry of activity in November, December, and early January to move people from political appointment positions into career positions in all these different government departments and agencies, including the Department of Justice.

If you look at the person who answered to Rod Rosenstein, Tashina Gauhar—she was the liaison between the National Security Council and the Attorney General, but she answered directly to Rod Rosenstein. That was a change I understood that occurred in the organizational chart for DOJ some time back.

I tried to tell Jeff and persuade him: You need to reorganize. You need to have critical positions answering directly to you.

He didn't know why he kept getting such late notices to NSC meetings. Everybody else got them timely. What I heard was Tashina Gauhar was getting them timely like everybody else but delaying Jeff Sessions getting them, so he would either develop a conflict or he would not have time to properly prepare. He would go into the meetings looking bad before the National Security Council, because he wasn't as prepared as others were because he didn't get his notices timely as he should have because a person who was more—or certainly appeared to be much more—devoted to Sally Yates and her obstruction of the Trump administration was the one who was supposed to pass on those notices to Jeff Sessions.

As we are seeing, there were people who have been forced to leave the DOJ and leave the FBI in scandal for lying. I understand Andrew McCabe supposedly is currently being investigated for criminal violations. This is a guy right there close to the top, nearly the top, and he had become a political hack and a political operative.

Others would look at somebody like him or Peter Strzok and say these are career people, so we can trust them, without realizing, oh, no, they are politically motivated, and they are going to use their job for political purposes to try to keep one party from winning the Presidency and try to help another to win the Presidency.

It is shocking what is going on. I believe that if the roles had been reversed and that was a Republican FBI, Republican DOJ—it shouldn't be political at all, but it has been. But if that had been them, and they were the doing to a Democrat President what has been done to this one, I just feel sure I would have objected.

This is wrong. I don't care what the party is, you don't abuse a justice system for political purposes. I think I would—I really believe it is one of the things that makes some in my party so mad at me sometimes when they are not doing the right thing, and they are not keeping their word.

It is still my hope and prayer, literally, that we will come together to recognize what John Dingell did.

We work better when we work together. Apparently, at times, he called Republicans in. He was so skilled at negotiating, but making clear: We are going to get this bill passed, but we want your buy-in. We want you involved. We want you to have things in it that you are proud of. So what do you got? What do you need? What can we work out?

That kind of diplomacy is going to be sorely missed here. But one comfort is I see so many of those traits in DEBBIE DINGELL. John Dingell will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 30 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend, the Honorable Congressman John D. Dingell, whom we lovingly call in Michigan "The Dean."

Congressman Dingell will truly be missed. For 59 years, he served our great State of Michigan and our country. He believed in the power of this institution, the power it had to transform hate to love, to elevate the most vulnerable and to uplift our servicemen and -women.

Dean Dingell's legacy will live on with his memorable work on the his-

toric Civil Rights Act, the Clean Air Act, and the need for universal healthcare.

I still remember to this day as a State legislator in Michigan when I had an environmental injustice issue going on in my district and he got me a United States Coast Guard hearing, a public hearing, in southwest Detroit. He called me, and he said: Kid, this is your last chance to fight the injustice.

I still remember coming in to serve on a panel with him at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor campus on immigrant rights and the need for immigration reform. I sat next to him, very frustrated after a long day in Lansing fighting for scrap metal reform, and saying to him: How can you do it so long? The special interest groups are so tough, and they are so tainting the process when it comes to issues that matter for our people.

He taught me and spoke to me about the power of stillness.

Congressman Dingell's strength and humanity will truly be missed. I thank the gentleman for his wicked sense of humor. Even more importantly, I am grateful he was always so warm and kind to us younger activists and for never trying to reduce my voice or others' voices.

His drive for a better world will live on with his lovely DEBORAH, as he calls her, his best friend and my current sister in Congress, Congresswoman DEBBIE DINGELL.

Some of the last things he was saying, of course, was the incredible humor that he had on Twitter, but I still remember the specific thing that he said: "I signed up to fight Nazis 73 years ago, and I'll do it again if I have to. Hatred, bigotry, and fascism should have no place in this country."

As a Muslim girl growing up in America today, I am grateful to Congressman Dingell for his courage and his love.

Rest in peace, my friend. Thank you so much.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, without objection, the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of House Resolution 6, 116th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, and notwithstanding the requirement of section 201(b)(2)(A) of such resolution, of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:

Mr. GRAVES, Georgia  
Mr. WOODALL, Georgia  
Mrs. BROOKS, Indiana  
Mr. RODNEY DAVIS, Illinois  
Mr. NEWHOUSE, Washington  
Mr. TIMMONS, South Carolina  
There was no objection.