

and enforcing rules, guidance, and federal laws which require equal employment and labor opportunities in federal contracting such as Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity). That E.O. requires agencies to include certain nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity provisions in federal contracts, including federally assisted construction contracts. Unfortunately, we are concerned that this Administration's weak record and blatant attempts to roll back important protections enshrined in federal contracting law and regulations will have a disparate impact on minority communities and contractors.

There is no reason why any package to invest in our infrastructure in order to foster a safe and modern transportation system should not also help small businesses like yours. These are not conflicting goals; it actually makes good and sound economic and transportation policy.

As Members of Congress who care deeply about ending unequal access to federal contracts and addressing our nation's glaring infrastructure needs, we hope you understand the need to make sure both goals are met in any infrastructure package and will work with us to achieve them.

Sincerely,

GWEN MOORE, Member of Congress; HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Member of Congress; GREGORY MEEKS, Member of Congress; AL LAWSON, JR., Member of Congress; JAN SCHA-KOWSKY, Member of Congress; ALCEE HASTINGS, Member of Congress; MARC VEASEY, Member of Congress; SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Member of Congress; BOBBY L. RUSH, Member of Congress; JAOQUIN CASTRO, Member of Congress.

KAREN BASS, Member of Congress; ADAM SMITH, Member of Congress; SUZANNE BONAMICI, Member of Congress; MARCIA L. FUDGE, Member of Congress; AYANNA PRESSLEY, Member of Congress; TERRI A. SEWELL, Member of Congress; BRENDA L. LAWRENCE, Member of Congress; REP. TONY CÁRDENAS, Member of Congress; DONALD PAYNE JR., Member of Congress; BETTY MCCOLLUM, Member of Congress.

YVETTE D. CLARKE, Member of Congress; COLLIN PETERSON, Member of Congress; EARL BLUMENAUER, Member of Congress; ILHAN OMAR, Member of Congress; NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ, Member of Congress; DEBBIE DINGELL, Member of Congress; RASHIDA TLAIB, Member of Congress; BENNIE THOMPSON, Member of Congress; ANDRÉ CARSON, Member of Congress; JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA, Member of Congress.

SANFORD D. BISHOP, Member of Congress; DAVID SCOTT, Member of Congress; BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, Member of Congress; ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, Member of Congress; JOYCE BEATY, Member of Congress; WILLIAM LACY CLAY, Member of Congress; MARK POCAN, Member of Congress; ANGIE CRAIG, Member of Congress; LAUREEN UNDERWOOD, Member of Congress; RUBEN GALLEGU, Member of Congress.

CEDRIC L. RICHMOND, Member of Congress; GRACE MENG, Member of Congress; JOHN LEWIS, Member of Congress; EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Member of Congress; ANTHONY BROWN, Member of Congress; ROBIN L. KELLY, Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF SHERRY ABELOVE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Sherry Ablove, who is retiring this week after 31 years of dedicated public service. Sherry is a licensed social worker, who has devoted her career to serving the people of Maryland and Montgomery County.

After receiving her master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis, Sherry went on to receive her certification as a Licensed Certified Social Worker—Clinical in the state of Maryland. In 1989, Sherry began work for the Developmental Disabilities Administration within Maryland's Department of Health. For 17 years, she served Maryland's developmentally disabled residents and their families.

In 2006, Sherry went to work for Aging and Disability within Montgomery County's Department of Health of Human Services, where she worked within Adult Protective Services to reduce the risk to senior citizens and those with disabilities. Sherry continued to dedicate her skills and experience to most vulnerable members of the community and state.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary career of Sherry Ablove and hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Sherry on a dedicated lifetime of service.

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT NSWC CRANE

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Change of Command at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.

On July 1, 2020, Captain Mark H. Oesterreich will move on from NSWC Crane after three years of faithful service, and Captain Duncan McKay assume command.

NSWC Crane is the world's third largest naval base and is home to a variety of research and testing projects that are critical to our national security ranging from hypersonics to Electronic Warfare is not only a key site for the Navy but also an important economic resource for the Indiana and the Eighth District. NSWC is the third largest employer in Southwest Indiana, and the Center provides nearly \$2 million to Indiana's economy each day. Excellent leadership at NSWC Crane is thus vital for both the Navy and the State of Indiana.

During his time at the helm of NSWC Crane, Captain Oesterreich oversaw important progress made in all three of its focus areas—electronic warfare, expeditionary warfare, and strategic missions. More importantly, Captain "O" successfully instilled trust and confidence in the sailors under his command. I am grateful for his leadership during the past three years, and I wish him fair winds and following seas as he moves on from this command.

Captain McKay comes to Southwest Indiana with tremendous experience that will make him an asset to NSWC Crane. After initial deployments to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Persian Gulf, he served as the Battlegroup Operations Officer for Commander Submarine Squadron Eleven (CSS-11) in San Diego. He then completed graduate studies at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology and served in important logistical and maintenance roles. In his most recent tour, Captain McKay served as the Operations Officer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I look forward to working with Captain McKay as NSWC Crane begins a new chapter under his leadership.

On behalf of all Eighth District Hoosiers, it is my pleasure to congratulate Captain Oesterreich and welcome Captain McKay to NSWC Crane.

LAREDO INTERNATIONAL RAIL BRIDGE

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight an issue on our southern border, at the Laredo International Rail Bridge, linking the United States to Mexico. This particular bridge is owned by the Kansas City Southern railroad. They are a crucial fixture of the greater Kansas City area economy, employing more than 7,000 people and operating thousands of miles of rail network between the United States and Mexico.

Trains that cross the Laredo International Rail Bridge in either direction are required to stop in the middle of the bridge and switch out the crews and perform various inspections before continuing. This often exacerbates the congestion at the busiest rail crossing on the southern border and leaves the sometimes miles-long trains blocking streets and highways on both sides of the border. Moreover, it limits the number of trains that can make this crossing daily. Many of those trains are carrying agricultural goods, some being shipped from Kansas.

I understand the difficult situation at this border and the importance of finding a solution. The current status of operations at the Laredo International Rail Bridge is inefficient, time-consuming, and a safety hazard. I am also concerned about alternate solutions that do not take our rail workers' labor rights into account. I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find a solution that will protect workers' rights and maintain safety, while also maximizing time and space so that our railroads can continue to be successful. Safety and efficiency are the watchwords in solving this problem and we need a reasonable and equitable solution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote in person due to a family commitment.