

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ROY "SWEDE"
BOREEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy "Swede" Boreen and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was an event that not only shaped the course of our country but the lives of many Americans, including Mr. Boreen. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, he was one of the many heroes who reported for duty on the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37). A shopkeeper with the United States Navy, Mr. Boreen was the only survivor from the battleship's pay office. For over two decades, he showed endless bravery and courage in his pursuit of peace across the globe.

After completing active duty, Mr. Boreen moved to Virginia with his wife, Cora Evans, and began a successful career in the electronics industry. They both enjoyed a round of golf and in 1982, settled in Pinehurst, North Carolina. As a couple they were seen regularly on the courses in and around our community and volunteered at the Sandhills Food Bank, Sandhills Little Theatre, and numerous golf tournaments.

Mr. Boreen was born on July 30, 1920 and represents the best our nation has to offer. I am proud to join our community today in honoring all that he has accomplished over the last 100 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in thanking Roy "Swede" Boreen for his service and wishing him a happy 100th birthday.

JOSEPH W. DEVINE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Washington Township, New Jersey resident Joseph W. Devine on his outstanding leadership.

Joseph Devine and his wife, Dina Devine, live in Washington Township, New Jersey and are proud parents to their two married daughters. Joseph attended La Salle University where he first obtained his Bachelor of Science and went on to earn his MBA from St. Joseph's University. From 2013–2020, Joe served as President and Chief Experience Officer for Jefferson Health of New Jersey. He also diligently served as Chair of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of South Jersey, Executive Club Chairman of the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and as a Commissioner of the South Jersey Transportation Authority where his responsibilities included ensuring safe public transportation and

transportation projects to support the economy of Southern New Jersey.

Formerly known as Kennedy Health Alliance, Jefferson Health New Jersey's Primary and Specialty Care network of medical practices grew significantly under Joe's leadership to more than 200 care providers based at over 40 South Jersey locations since 2013. As a former "Heart of Gold" recipient from the Wigs and Wishes Foundation in 2017, Joe strives to promote safe, high-quality patient care and a strong, caring, working community. During his time as President, Jefferson Health New Jersey was named "Top Workplace" by Philly.com five times between 2013 and 2018.

Jefferson Health has achieved countless systemwide achievements under Joe's leadership. In 2015, Jefferson received a \$1.4 million grant from the New Jersey Department of Health to facilitate a more veteran and military friendly network of integrated care within the state. Under his presidency in 2016, Jefferson Health was the only hospital nationwide to receive the Sepsis Hero National Award from the Sepsis Alliance. To grow and create opportunities for employees and community members, Jefferson Health in New Jersey became the first hospital system in the state to establish an internship-to-employment program, Project SEARCH, for young adults with disabilities.

Joe's outstanding leadership was also individually recognized for a wide variety of achievements throughout his career. Some of his many awards include Joe's "Corporate Diversity Award" from the Gloucester County NAACP in 2013, the Garden State Council Boy Scouts of America's "Distinguished Citizens Award" in 2014, and the "Signum Fidei Medal" in 2016 from Joe's alma mater, La Salle University. Joe's character and dedication to his community is well recognized and respected.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Joseph Devine for his unrelenting commitment to bettering his community and using his outstanding influence and leadership skills to make meaningful and lasting change for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of July 20–24, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139; NAY on Roll Call No. 140; NAY on Roll Call No. 141; NAY on Roll Call No. 142; YEA on Roll Call No. 143; NAY on Roll Call No. 144; NAY on Roll Call No. 145; NAY on Roll Call No. 146; NAY on Roll Call No. 147; NAY on Roll Call No. 148; NAY on Roll Call No. 149; NAY on Roll Call

No. 150; YEA on Roll Call No. 151; NAY on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; NAY on Roll Call No. 154; NAY on Roll Call No. 155; NAY on Roll Call No. 156; NAY on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; YEA on Roll Call No. 159; NAY on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
LEWIS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to John Robert Lewis and his remarkable life as we mourn his passing on July 17th.

John Lewis was my trusted friend and colleague and his passing leaves me, my colleagues, and our entire nation with an aching sadness. He was an icon, the tireless champion for justice, equality, civil rights, and human rights. He fought for the most vulnerable in our society and never stopped working to perfect our union.

John Lewis shaped the course of history in America. Profoundly moved by the Montgomery bus boycott as a young man which he said "changed my life more than any other event before or since," he threw his mind and body into the civil rights movement to advocate for equal access to jobs, housing, education, health care, public accommodations, and voting rights.

John recognized at a young age the transformative power of knowledge and education to build a better life and a better world for himself and others. He loved school and vividly remembered the hope he felt after the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* requiring public schools to desegregate. He dreamed of attending Troy State University and first met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1958 when he attempted to desegregate the university. He would remain a fearless advocate of Dr. King's Beloved Community for the rest of his life.

John was a man of extraordinary faith . . . faith in God, faith in the country he loved and served with passion, and faith in the inherent goodness in all of us. He began preaching at a young age and after graduating high school he enrolled in the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville and was ordained a Baptist minister. While in Nashville, he was introduced to the concept of civil disobedience and "redemptive suffering" and helped organize sit-ins to desegregate public accommodations. His efforts served as a catalyst for Nashville to become the first southern city to integrate its lunch counters.

John went on to become a founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating

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Committee and once again demonstrated his courage by becoming one of the 13 original Freedom Riders, allowing himself to be beaten and jailed in pursuit of justice while remaining true to nonviolence. He was one of the 'Big Six' who helped organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 and pushed the Kennedy Administration to take up the cause of civil rights.

John Lewis revered the sanctity of the right to vote and he was willing to die for it. He was at the vanguard of the struggle for equal voting rights and made history during the Selma to Montgomery marches when he led activists across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and was savagely beaten during 'Bloody Sunday.' Eight days later, President Lyndon Johnson addressed a Joint Session of Congress to call for the passage of the Voting Rights Act which would be signed into law within five months.

John Lewis continued his fight for justice during his entire service of over 30 years in the House of Representatives where he championed equal education, affordable health care, gun control, economic opportunity and equal rights. I'm enormously proud and deeply grateful to have served with him and I will always treasure our time together as colleagues.

As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers, I will offer an amendment next week to increase funding for Pancreatic Cancer research, the disease that claimed John, in loving memory of him. John Lewis was the living embodiment of courage and conviction, and a hero to tens of millions of Americans. He was a humble and kind man who served the public with honesty and integrity. He was a holy man who worked every day to perfect our union and now he is perfecting heaven where he was welcomed by Dr. King. Future generations will be inspired by his faith, his courage, and his vision of equality for all God's children which has strengthened and bettered the nation he so loved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, due to a medical appointment, I was unable to vote on July 24, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; and NAY on Roll Call No. 166.

FY 2021 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

This year's NDAA provides our nation's service members with the resources they need to succeed and upholds the values and pro-

pects the interests of our nation with important investments in people, equipment and infrastructure.

In addition to paying our troops, getting them the gear they need, and "providing for the common defense," this year's NDAA goes above and beyond. It makes sure that we are preparing for future pandemics, it creates a more inclusive military by establishing a new Chief Diversity Officer, and it takes on climate change.

Two other important areas of investment are supporting veterans transitioning to civilian life and fighting domestic terror.

Importantly, I want to highlight two provisions that I appreciate are included in this bill.

The first is formally codifying the proven Boots to Business training program. Now more than ever, Boots to Business is invaluable for servicemembers transitioning into civilian life and a struggling economy. It's already trained more than 100,000 servicemembers on the essentials of entrepreneurship and business management. This Obama-era program would be codified into law through this amendment.

Now turning to my second amendment. For some time now, I have been working to enhance the federal government's efforts to combat domestic terrorism, specifically through my bill, the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020.

Domestic terrorism, and in particular far-right extremism, is a growing threat to our nation. Concerningly, and our military is not exempt from this problem.

The military has grappled with extremists, including White supremacist and neo-Nazi, infiltration of their ranks for some time.

We saw both active duty and former service members playing a prominent role in the disturbing violence at the White Supremacist Charlottesville rally.

And despite statements from military leaders at the time condemning these actions, recent events highlight the need to address this issue urgently.

Recent arrests of individuals with ties to the Boogaloo Movement—an extremist organization seeking a second Civil War—include Staff Sergeant Steven Carrillo.

Private First Class Shandon Simpson participated in neo-Nazi forums.

And Private Ethan Melzer is charged with sharing classified information to a neo-Nazi group in order to plan an attack on his own unit.

We cannot let this insidious contamination continue. This year's NDAA will include my amendment to strengthen reporting on extremist activity in the military. We need to fully understand the problem to effectively combat it and root out extremism in the military.

While I will continue to seek passage of my Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020, I am pleased we are taking steps forward with this NDAA with respect to combating extremism in the military and ensuring the safety of all Americans.

I have been working hard on these priorities to take care of our service members returning home and to root out extremism and hate. So I'm pleased that these initiatives have been included in this essential piece of legislation.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TERRY SLOAN

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Terry Sloan for thirty-two years of federal service, including five years as the National Records Center Director within the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Prior to joining USCIS in 2008, Ms. Sloan held various legal and leadership positions within the Department of Defense and the Department of Commerce. Recognized as an outstanding public servant throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Sloan's long list of accomplishments have been celebrated with several prestigious awards, including the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal. Once named the USCIS Manager of the Year, Ms. Sloan was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2015, making her a civil-service equivalent to a general officer within the United States military. Having served the US, federal government for over three decades, including a half-decade at the helm of the USCIS National Records Center, Ms. Sloan's example of leadership and public service is well-worth reflecting upon.

Lee's Summit, Missouri became home to the USCIS National Records Center in 1999, when the country's most extensive collection of immigrant records was moved to a limestone cave sixty feet below ground. Currently holding nearly sixty-million immigrant files, another one-and-a-half million records are added each year to the countless shelves within this four-hundred-and-fifty-thousand square foot repository. Among these, the National Records Center houses the immigration files belonging to highly acclaimed cultural icons who immigrated to the United States, including John Lennon, Salvador Dali, and Elizabeth Taylor. Receiving over six hundred FOIA requests each day, the USCIS National Records Center documents contain our country's immigration history through the eyes of individual immigrants who journeyed across the globe before stepping foot on American shores. As new files arrive at the National Records Center by the truckload, the eight hundred employees and contractors employed within the vast facility work around the clock to retrieve documents needed to determine immigrant status for granting government benefits.

As the Director of the USCIS National Records Center, Ms. Sloan had the profound responsibility of managing this immense, ever-growing repository to ensure that the history of immigration to the United States is properly archived, made accessible to the public, and preserved for future generations. In 2016, while serving as the National Records Center's Director, Ms. Sloan oversaw efforts to locate photographs of five immigrants who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. For fifteen years, it had proved impossible to find images of these five individuals. However, when Ms. Sloan and the team she oversaw was put to the task, portraits of all five victims were quickly discovered and then shipped to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum for public display—a

striking testament to the record center's archival excellence. Ms. Sloan has promoted innovation and efficiency through strategic initiatives such as document digitization, the proactive disclosure of records, and the use of modern case-processing technology. Ms. Sloan championed the Freedom of Information Act Immigration Records System, otherwise known as FIRST—the only government-used, end-to-end, automated, electronic FOIA system that allows users to submit and track FOIA requests and receive their documents digitally.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating thirty-two years of public service from Ms. Terry Sloan. At the base of the Statue of Liberty, a poem written by Emma Lazarus welcomes people from all lands with the promise of the United States. "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore," the poem reads. Thanks to the service of Ms. Terry Sloan, the millions of people who embraced those words as they made way to America will have their history preserved for future generations of scholars, authors, genealogists, and curious descendants.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN
OPERATIONS, AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of correspondence between myself, House Appropriations Committee Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee Chair BETTY MCCOLLUM, and Ranking Member DAVID JOYCE.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 23, 2020.

Chair BETTY MCCOLLUM,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, Washington, DC.

Ranking Member DAVE JOYCE,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR MCCOLLUM AND RANKING MEMBER JOYCE: I want to thank you for your work on the Fiscal Year 2021 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, particularly your inclusion of language that transitions the 105(l) Lease Program to an indefinite appropriation for such sums that are necessary. Funding the 105(l) Lease Program in this manner will uphold the federal government's trust responsibility to Alaska Natives and American Indians and support village clinics in Alaska that rely greatly on the program.

I write today about a provision in the bill that would limit the federal compensation for leases under the program to portions of tribal facilities that are "necessary for the operation of the Federal programs under the lease." Many tribal clinics and hospitals in Alaska provide health care services to non-Natives in addition to Native beneficiaries. This is a vital service because often the tribal clinic is the only health care provider in

a village, and most villages are not connected to the road system. By providing service to non-Natives, these clinics are improving the health outcomes for Natives both by preventing the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses and by affording the clinics a broader financial base.

I am concerned that the limiting provision could potentially negatively impact the operation of 105(l) leases in my state. I also note that there is pending litigation regarding this topic.

Given our strong working relationship, I respectfully request your help in addressing this issue in final Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations legislation.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Congressman for all Alaska.

JULY 23, 2020.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN YOUNG: Thank you for your letter regarding Tribal leases in Section 433 of the State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 7608). Like you, we remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Tribes' right to enter into facility lease agreements pursuant to section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended (P.L. 93-638). We appreciate you bringing this issue to our attention, and we would be happy to continue discussions with you on this provision as the bill moves through the process to enactment.

Sincerely,

BETTY MCCOLLUM,
Chair, Subcommittee
on Interior, Environment,
and Related
Agencies.

DAVID P. JOYCE,
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

HONORING LARRY HYDE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Larry Hyde, the 2020 Napa Valley Grower of the Year.

After attending the University of California at Berkeley for political science and the University of California at Davis for chemistry, Mr. Hyde began his career in the wine community as a vineyard crew supervisor at Ridge Vineyard. Over the next decade, he worked for several prestigious vineyards, including Gallo, Cuvaision, Stag's Leap, Robert Mondavi, and Joseph Phelps Vineyards. In 1979, he established Hyde Vineyards in Napa. Originally 72 acres, Hyde Vineyards has grown to nearly 200 acres and produces more than 15 vineyard designated wines.

Mr. Hyde's contributions to the wine community extends beyond the confines of his vineyard. His leadership within the industry is exemplary, having served as a director of the Napa County Farm Bureau, a founding director of the Carneros Quality Alliance, and a

board member of the Napa Valley Grap growers. He has also worked with the County of Napa to implement plans to eradicate invasive pests that threaten vineyards across the region.

Perhaps the best testament to Mr. Hyde's dedication to his fellow viticulturists is his extensive work with the University of California at Davis' Foundation Plant Services. For years, he has helped the FPS map plant material from historic California vineyards and gather plant material from his own vineyard to be classified. Because of his efforts, more than 45 different clones of grapes have been preserved by FPS, many of which would have been lost without him.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Hyde is a community member we should all strive to be. His passion for viticulture and dedication to his fellow viticulturalists makes him deserving of the title of Napa Valley Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Larry Hyde here today.

ENGELBERT A. ANDL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Maple Shade, New Jersey resident Engelbert A. Andl.

Engelbert A. Andl was born in Bakowjako, Hungary on October 26, 1935. He immigrated to the United States of America where he has been a lifelong resident of Maple Shade, New Jersey ever since.

At the age of 26, Engelbert Andl proudly served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1965. After his service, he became the co-owner of Edsamm Machine Shop in Maple Shade. Bert was very active in his community and served as president of the German Men's Club and was a member of The Hansa Club. In addition, he and his wife were also members of the congregation of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. In his free time, he loved to play cards and enjoyed traveling.

Engelbert A. Andl was the devoted husband to the late Mary Andl. He is survived by his two sons Joseph and Steven (MariJean) Andl, and his four grandchildren Michelle, Christyanna, Victoria, and Joshua. He was a beloved brother to Francis (Imre) Markus, Maria (the late Paul) Olshanski, John (Denise) Andl, and Stephen Andl and will be missed as the beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Mr. Engelbert A. Andl, of Maple Shade, New Jersey, a dedicated veteran and celebrated member of the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 163 on H.R.

7608, I mistakenly recorded my vote as Nay when I should have voted Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, due to a medical appointment, I was unable to vote on July 23, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 159, NAY on Roll Call No. 160, and YEA on Roll Call No. 161.

HONORING CARMEN CASTELLANO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Carmen Castellano to educational, philanthropic, and artistic pursuits in our San Jose community. Carmen has passed away at the age of 81 and is survived by her husband, Al, and their three children, Maria, Armando, and Carmela. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Carmen was born in Watsonville and graduated from Moreland Notre Dame High School, later completing the Executive Secretary program at Heald Business College. She worked as an Executive Secretary at Cabrillo College. I first met her when she worked as an administrative secretary and office manager at San Jose City College which she did for 33 years. During her time at City College, she was president of the classified employees' senate and co-founded the Latino Education Association. For her support of San Jose City College, the school named its arts center after her in 2012.

I've never been a big fan of the California lottery, but it was wonderful and exciting when Carmen and Al won hundreds of millions in the lottery. It couldn't have happened to a nicer couple. When I knew Carmen and Al before the lottery win, I knew them as a team that was constantly volunteering for the community. I have very fond memories of the hours they dedicated to raising college scholarship money with the American GI Forum. It wasn't a surprise to me, then, that they took the lottery winnings and used them for good in our community.

Almost immediately after their win, Carmen and Al formed the Castellano Family Foundation and started directing grants in support of Santa Clara County causes. They focused their Foundation on the Arts and Latino organizations, and it served to amplify artistic voices in our community. Through the Foundation, they helped fund a black-box theater at the MACLA gallery in downtown San Jose, the Castellano Playhouse, and, among many others, provided support to Cinequest, Teatro Vision, San Jose Jazz, and Los Lupeños de San Jose. The City of San Jose honored Carmen and Al for their work with the creative community with the Cornerstone of the Arts Award in 2015.

In addition to the Castellano Family Foundation, Carmen was active on several Boards

throughout the years, including the Board of the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture and the Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley, as well as the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Artspiration initiative steering committee. Admirably, Carmen pushed every organization that she worked with toward diversity and inclusion—toward equity. For many, she has been a role model and a beacon. Her legacy helps fuel the work that is still cut out for all of us in San Jose.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Carmen Castellano for her unwavering commitment to the vibrancy of our community. We miss her greatly.

CRITICAL NEED FOR DIRECT, FLEXIBLE, LOCALITY ASSISTANCE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to shine a light on the critical need for equitable, direct, and flexible locality assistance in upcoming COVID relief legislation in the face of the dire COVID-19 economic and public health crisis. Locality revenues have fallen precipitously, forcing communities to make overwhelmingly difficult decisions, including to furlough emergency first responders who are needed now more than ever.

Due to Republican provisions that diverted CARES Act locality assistance largely to state capitals, hardworking communities under 500,000 across the nation and Northern Ohio were severely shortchanged. These provisions largely favored financial power and capital centers leaving Main Street communities behind. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Welcome to the Trump Swamp.

I include in the RECORD an OPED I wrote to shine a light on these concerning provisions.

In response, the Democratic House took action and passed the HEROES Act to provide direct assistance to every locality. Every municipality would receive assistance for two fiscal years based on a modified CDBG formula, and all counties would receive a population-based allocation.

While this critical legislation passed the House of Representatives in May, it continues to languish in the Senate still awaiting action. I call on our Republican colleagues in the Senate and the Trump Administration to take action now. Too much is at stake for more handwringing.

THE CARES CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND—A ROBIN HOOD PLAN FOR THE RICH (By Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur)

In this important Presidential election year, let me define a key difference between Republicans and Democrats. Democrats fight for all people. Republicans don't. That is why Democrats created Social Security and Medicare for every American. That is why Democrats are fighting to pass the HEROES Act (H.R. 6800) to help all people in communities impacted by the COVID-19 recession. Republicans are not. Every American can gauge the fairness or unfairness of the Republican-drafted CARES Act (H.R. 748) vs. the Democratic-drafted HEROES bill by their return of your tax dollars to help your community.

Despite the proportionally higher COVID-19 infection rates in the time of greatest

human need, the majority of northern Ohio communities I represent like Cleveland, Lorain, Sandusky, and Toledo got nothing that can be described as fair or proportionate from the CARES Act. How can this be as Donald Trump kicked off his 2020 campaign in northern Ohio in Toledo on January 9, 2020? He made countless promises to help the City and its people. He promised his audience steel jobs were back at nearby Lorain mills, which was an outright falsehood.

Let's do a bit of simple math. If \$150 billion of the CARES State/Local Coronavirus Relief Fund were divided equally per capita based on U.S. population in each jurisdiction, every community in our nation would be receiving close to \$454.50 per person times the population of that community. In a fair allocation formula, that amount of funding would be multiplied by the population of the jurisdiction (based on the most recent Census data) to obtain a fair share of federal CARES support to your community. If your community, for example, has a population of 100 people, your community would get back \$45,450 to help preserve your emergency coverage or pay your community's part time doctor.

In Lorain, with a population of 64,000, this would equal \$29 million. Instead, Lorain gets \$0. In Cleveland, with a population of 384,000, this would equal \$174 million. Instead Cleveland gets \$0.

Mind you, our communities were not the only ones completely shortchanged. In Flint, Michigan with a population of 96,000, a fair allocation would return \$44 million. Instead, Flint gets \$0. In Pittsburgh, PA with a population of 301,048, a fair return would be \$137 million. Instead, Pittsburgh gets \$0. Gary, IN with a population of 75,000, should have received \$34 million. Instead, Gary gets \$0. Duluth, MN has a population of 86,000, and should have received \$39 million. Instead, Duluth gets \$0. Des Moines, IA has a population of 217,000, and should have received \$99 million. Instead, it gets \$0. Little Rock, AR, with a population of 198,000, should have received \$90 million. Instead, it gets \$0. Jackson, MS has a population of 164,422. Its fair share would have been \$75 million, yet it got \$0. The list of losers across the Heartland and South is long: Peoria, St. Louis, Kenosha, Charleston, Des Moines, New Orleans, Selma, Birmingham, St. Paul, Grand Rapids, Nashville, and many others.

Senate Republicans drafted a Robin Hood bill for the rich. Their numbers-juggling took from struggling communities and transferred funds to the richest. The Trump formula tilts heavily against Main Street America. It diverts critical funds to financial power and capital city centers, and essentially metropolises with over 500,000 persons. For example, New York City received \$1.45 billion. San Francisco \$154 million, and Chicago \$469 million. Based on an equitable, per capita distribution of CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds, each Congressional District should have received close to \$345 million. Instead, while districts with the highest median income were taken care of, those with the lowest median incomes clearly lost out. In fact, the urban district I represent ranks 403 out of 435 congressional districts in median income per household, and received nothing that could be considered fair. Of the top 30 wealthiest Congressional Districts, all but two received a handsome allocation. Yet, for the bottom 86 Districts, only 20 received something close to equitable. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Welcome to the Trump swamp.

Further, due to provisions included in the CARES Act by Republican Senators and the White House, over \$87.5 billion in CARES funding is slated directly to a majority of

Republican controlled State capitals to distribute. To be exact, 59% of all State legislatures controlled by Republicans will redistribute your tax dollars. As a result, state governments will determine through a lopsided political process, which communities do and don't receive federal relief dollars.

For example, a recent Ohio Senate Bill (S.B. 310) proposes to distribute only 7.7% of its \$4.533 billion federal allocation to localities, which translates to \$29.90 per capita vs. a fair allocation of \$454.50 per capita from the CARES Act. At a time of such national stress, how repugnant is this Republican un-

equal distribution. In effect, communities across Northern Ohio are being shortchanged and losing millions of dollars: Cleveland (–\$163 million), Toledo (–\$117 million), Lorain (–\$27 million), Lakewood (–\$22 million), and Parma (–\$33.4 million).

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO COMMUNITIES, CARES VS. HEROES ACT

Locality	CARES Locality Allocations	CARES Equal Per Capita Allocations (Theoretical)	Estimated Ohio Allocations (S.B. 310 Pending)	FY20 Estimated HEROES Allocations	FY21 Estimated HEROES Allocations
Toledo	\$0	\$124,976,138	\$10,078,625	\$362,033,245	\$181,016,622
Sandusky	\$0	\$11,232,513	\$509,672	\$35,551,881	\$17,775,940
Lorain	\$0	\$29,100,726	\$3,305,501	\$58,997,836	\$29,498,918
Parma	\$0	\$35,792,330	\$2,388,115	\$46,518,935	\$23,259,467
Lakewood	\$0	\$23,508,558	\$2,352,577	\$96,486,908	\$48,243,454
Cleveland	\$0	\$174,433,919	\$31,665,995	\$1,038,682,671	\$519,341,336
Cincinnati	\$0	\$137,533,974	\$15,659,518	\$559,404,059	\$279,702,030
Dayton	\$0	\$63,920,880	\$8,095,038	\$282,218,173	\$141,109,087
Youngstown	\$0	\$29,523,411	\$1,967,717	\$170,034,169	\$85,017,085
Akron	\$0	\$89,993,727	\$8,012,136	\$294,247,102	\$147,123,551

In the CARES Act, Republican rural, and small states were also guaranteed \$1.5 billion regardless of their population, or COVID infection rates. When topline CARES states/locality funding is analyzed and the allocation divided evenly by population, Ohio received an average \$388 per capita. Yet, Republican states like South Dakota received \$1,413 per capita, Alaska received \$1,709, Wyoming \$2,160, and North Dakota \$1,640. How is a hard-working Ohioan from a community that has already suffered deindustrialization and outsourcing worth less than other Americans?

CARES ACT STATE PER CAPITA ALLOCATIONS

State	Per Capita CARES Act Funding Allocation
Ohio	\$388
Alaska	\$1,709
North Dakota	\$1,640
South Dakota	\$1,413
Idaho	\$699
Nebraska	\$646
Wyoming	\$2,160
Delaware	\$1,284
Montana	\$1,170
Kansas	\$429
Maine	\$930
West Virginia	\$697
Mississippi	\$420

To address these grievous injustices, I led an effort to request Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to certify “Locality” assistance of northern Ohio’s two economic regions whose population does exceed 500,000 persons—the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency’s (NOACA) and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments’ (TMACOG). Secretary Mnuchin dismissed the requests out of hand stating, “Treasury relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.” Our regions should qualify by any reasonable measure of economic performance, COVID-19, and population distribution.

In effect, the CARES Act authorizes the disbursement of an enormous sum of money back to only some communities, but not all. The bill picks winners and losers. It does not give equal amounts based on population and certainly not need. It is very lopsided. By contrast, the HEROES Act leaves no community out. This bill would provide a fairer allocation to municipalities for two fiscal years based on a modified Community Development Block Grant formula. All counties would receive direct funding based on population. While this legislation has passed the House of Representatives, it is sitting in the Senate and awaiting action.

Democratic Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal best summed up Democratic dismay: “Remember, Democrats control only one half of one third of the government of

the United States.” The American people now must keep their eyes peeled on the Republican Senate and their state legislatures. Otherwise, millions of Americans are going to face their municipalities declaring bankruptcy with the massive furloughing of police officers, firefighters, emergency service personnel, and other first responders. Bankruptcy of America’s communities may be Senator Mitch McConnell’s solution. That is barbarian. We owe a fair shake to the American people in all our communities. Let’s fix the skewed formula in the CARES Act. Ensure population-based, fair allocations of federal coronavirus relief funding in future legislation. Democrats must lead with equity. Shortchange no region. Restore fairness to the American people.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
JULY 29

9 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Natalie E. Brown, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Joseph Manso, of New York, for the rank of Amba-

sador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and Henry T. Wooster, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, all of the Department of State, Jason Myung-Ik Chung, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Associate Administrator, both of the United States Agency for International Development.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s semi-annual report to Congress.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine building a stronger and more resilient seafood sector.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine lessons learned from remote working during COVID-19, focusing on if the government can maximize use of leased space.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas,

and Michael Jay Newman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine human rights at home, focusing on values made visible.

WEBCAST

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine WTO reform, focusing on making global rules work for global challenges.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1161, to support the education of Indian children, S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, S. 2610, to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, S. 2891, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish Tribal Wildlife Corridors, S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 3019, to protect access to water for all Montanans, S. 3044, to amend the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, S. 3099, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, S. 3100, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 3650, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public

Health Service for certain purposes, and S. 3948, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine how to safely reopen Bureau of Indian Education schools, focusing on preparing to head back to class.

SD-628

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine VA telehealth during and beyond COVID-19, focusing on challenges and opportunities in rural America.

SD-G50

JULY 30

8:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-106

8:45 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of State.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony J. Tata, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine protecting the reliability of the United States medical supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Security

To hold hearings to examine the China challenge, focusing on realignment of United States economic policies to build resiliency and competitiveness.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 4212, to amend title 28, United States Code, to strip foreign sovereign immunity of certain foreign states to secure justice for victims of novel coronavirus in the United States, and the nominations of David W. Dugan, and Stephen P. McGlynn, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Hala Y. Jarbou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Iain D. Johnston, and Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Roderick C. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

SD-325

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

SD-106

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence.

SD-562