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I want to join in thanking Senator MORAN's staff. Our staffs worked together with the teamwork that I think can also provide a model for this body.

Finally, this act is profoundly important to the future of Olympic athletes and sports generally in our country. In effect, it says that trainers and coaches, the organizations that represent them—the organizations that are supposed to care for athletes should do their jobs and keep their trust for these athletes; protect them, not betray them; put them ahead of whatever the other tangible signs of success may be, medals or money. It would depend on protective, strong enforcement and on deterrence.

My hope is that we will look back on this day and say that it transformed this athletic endeavor; that it was a transformative moment; that it changed the culture, not just the rule; that it changed the way sports in the United States are played; and that it embodied the best values of competition and athletics in our great country.

Thank you.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the efforts of Senator COLLINS, the Senator from Maine, her substantive and persistent endeavors throughout our process to see that a just and right result occurs.

I yield to the Senator from Maine.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, let me begin by thanking my two colleagues, Senator MORAN and Senator BLUMENTHAL, for their tremendous leadership on the Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletics Act. I am very proud to be a cosponsor of their bill. This shows what the Senate can do when we work together to accomplish such a critical goal. I salute both of them.

This bill takes effective action to end the negligent behavior by some members of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the amateur athletic organizations that oversee Olympic sports that have, on far too many occasions, failed to protect young athletes from truly horrific instances of abuse.

Right after the Larry Nassar scandal broke, Senator FEINSTEIN and I introduced the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Assault and Abuse Act. Members of the USA Gymnastics team gave powerful and compelling testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee about the abuses they had suffered and endured. We learned more about the horrific acts, the crimes committed by Larry Nassar against the members of the USA Gymnastics team.

Our bill, which became law in 2018, required prompt reporting of every allegation of sexual abuse to the proper

authorities, and it is helping survivors obtain justice and protect our young athletes.

Senator MORAN and Senator BLUMENTHAL then launched an 18-month bipartisan investigation into the failures of the U.S. Olympic organization. They found that these governing bodies also failed to protect their athletes from acts of abuse committed by coaches and other powerful individuals within their organization. I am delighted that they have led the way and that Congress has continued to focus on this issue to protect the courageous young athletes across the country who have come forward to tell their horrific stories.

This bill strengthens legal liability against the Olympic and amateur sports governing bodies for the sexual abuses perpetrated by coaches and employees, and it gives the athletes greater representation on these governing boards. It will also ensure that Congress conducts more systemic oversight. It will strengthen reporting mandates for adults with knowledge of abuse allegations. These young athletes who train to represent our country at the top levels of competition and, indeed, those at all levels of competition and those who aspire to compete should never have to fear victimization by trusted coaches and sports officials.

I, too, commend the young athletes with whom DIANNE FEINSTEIN and I met and who have worked so closely with Senators MORAN and BLUMENTHAL for coming forward. These survivors have told their stories. We are now going to make a difference for them and for future athletes.

I hope this legislation will be enacted and signed into law very soon.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator WYDEN and I be able to complete our remarks prior to the recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, 5 days ago, I stood before you and this body and urged our fellow Senators to reach across the aisle and find agreement on how we can best help millions of Americans who have lost their livelihoods through no fault of their own due to this once-in-a-century pandemic. I made a simple request for Senators to be pragmatic, to meet in the middle, and to expand the unemployment benefits through Friday—for 7 days—while Congress continues to work through our differences and comes up with a solution.

I asked: Who could possibly be against this? Well, it turns out the minority leader came to the floor personally in order to object. The Senator from New York decided to play politi-

cal theater and thought it was more important than assisting Americans who have been struggling to make ends meet. Once again, he led the way and used hard-working Arizonans and Americans as pawns in a political game.

For the many Arizonans who are out of work right now, this is not a game. So here I am again, asking for a simple extension through the end of this week so that Arizonans don't see an interruption to these benefits as we work through our differences. Again, I ask: Who could possibly be against this?

While some States continue expanded checks after they expired on Friday for a few weeks, Arizonans got their last one. These Arizonans live in my neighborhood. They live on my street. They worked paycheck to paycheck before this pandemic hit, and then they couldn't work.

These Arizonans are people we know, like the single mom of two from Phoenix who for the first time in her life had to rely on unemployment to survive. She is the owner of a catering business. She has seen her income drop drastically, as weddings and large events continue to be canceled. The \$840 she collected a week on unemployment is helping her get through, keeping her afloat, keeping her business and her family afloat to care for her two sons, one of whom is autistic and requires significant support.

I am pleading with my fellow Senators: As we work through our differences, let's extend her benefit for 1 week. Who could possibly be against her?

Last week I heard from another single mother of three who lives in Tucson. She told me she is terrified of falling into poverty because she is forced to live on \$240 a week. The extra that we provided during this once-in-a-century pandemic helped her pay her bills and make ends meet.

I am imploring my fellow Senators to extend her benefits, to keep her afloat for 1 week while we work through our differences, to address what we need to do to fight this pandemic, to defeat this virus, which we will, and provide the economic support and the recovery we need, because America will emerge stronger from this. We need to work through those differences. Let's just extend this for a week. Who could possibly be against her?

Arizona seniors are also suffering. A 70-year-old man in Arizona drove for Uber and Lyft before the pandemic hit. He can no longer safely drive strangers throughout Phoenix given his high-risk status. He, too, benefited from the extended unemployment. That additional week will really make a difference for him. Again, I ask my fellow Senators: Who could possibly be against his getting those benefits for another week?

These are just three of the countless stories I have heard from Arizonians. They are pleading with Congress to put the bickering and the dysfunction aside and work together.

When I got back home last weekend, people were asking: Why did they object? It was for 7 days while you guys work through your differences. Why can't you guys get your act together? Why can't you just do your jobs and, in the meantime, just give us 7 more days?

That is a reasonable request. That is why I am here again to offer a simple, commonsense solution—to extend the expanded \$600 for unemployed Americans through the week while we continue to work through our differences here to provide economic support, relief, and economic recovery for America. Who could possibly be against this? Who could possibly be against this?

Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of my bill at the desk. I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered and read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WYDEN. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator for Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President and colleagues, the only thing worse than what the Republicans have done here—cutting off desperately needed unemployment insurance to millions of American families and communities—would be to allow a bill to pass that promises money without actually delivering it. Even if this short-term extension were to pass, State agencies—the experts in this field—have told us and the ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee in very clear terms that States don't have enough time to reprogram their systems and avoid a lapse in benefits.

The State unemployment systems are not equipped to flip these unemployment benefits on and off. Short-term extensions don't work and will not work from an administrative standpoint.

No Senator has to take my word for it. The National Association of State Workforce Agencies has said what I have just said: A short-term extension isn't enough for the hard-working Americans relying on this lifeline who don't have jobs to go back to. What about next week and the week after that?

The only responsible route is to agree to the extension with triggers that will lower the payments only when it is appropriate to do so, and that means when the economy is in recovery, not when the economy is in freefall like it still is now.

Republicans wish to cover for the fact that they refused to come to the negotiating table for months. I looked at the record. Literally, for months—as the author of the \$600 more each month and the expansion to cover gig workers and others—we asked Senate Republicans to join us in negotiations. The

Democratic leader, Senator SCHUMER, and the Speaker, NANCY PELOSI, all made that request again and again, and Republicans were unwilling to do that. So Republicans are trying to cover for the fact that they refused to come to the negotiating table for months.

Our country needs a long-term solution that ensures the extra \$600 remains available for as long as this four-alarm economic crisis continues.

I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Arizona.

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, I am just picturing, if you are one of my neighbors or one of the people I mentioned who are watching TV right now—this is Washington. These are bureaucratic reasons why we can't just simply do what I am asking, which is extend for 1 week what we all agreed upon in the past while we continue to work together to try and solve problems on behalf of Arizonans. That is all I am asking.

Bureaucratic reasons or posturing or finger-pointing—people are so tired of it. I am tired of it. That is why I first ran to come into this deployed zone and fight in a different way than when I did in uniform but with the same exact oath. We are here to solve problems. We are here to represent the people we represent.

And, while we work through our differences, there is political theater happening. Arizonans. There is political theater. There is unserious negotiations, unfortunately, happening because some people, like the minority leader, think that this is the path to power. Somehow, Arizonans can be hurt, and others can be hurt. Somehow, that is going to work in their favor. I am disgusted by that. I am simply asking for us to do our job.

Maybe I need to offer another bill that all Members of Congress have their pay held until we sit down and solve this. I did that before when the CARES Act was being delayed for political reasons.

This is frustrating. It is disappointing. It is simply a 7-day extension while we work through our differences.

Once again, friends on the other side of the aisle have let Arizonans and Americans down, but we need to keep working to solve this issue and support the people we represent. This is a commonsense request, and it is very disappointing that they are not letting it through.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. 4143

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to offer a proposal that really is going to help working families and those who are trying to make rent, trying to pay for groceries, who every sin-

gle day walk an economic tightrope balancing their food bill against their fuel bill.

We just heard a little bit about how we really need to solve the problem. This does that because, under our bill, S. 4143, the American Workforce Rescue Act of 2020, what we wish to do on our side is tie these unemployment benefits to the actual conditions of the American economy on the ground.

We have had this proposal for months now because, to some extent—and I see my good friend from South Dakota. He made an important point in this discussion. He is a member of the Finance Committee, and I saw an article in which he stated, you know, it is important for people who are really hurting in a tough economy—it is important for them to get benefits that let them pay the rent and buy groceries. Then my good friend from South Dakota made a point I agree with. He said: You know, when the economy gets better and unemployment goes down, then—in the words of the Senator from South Dakota—the benefits can taper off to reflect that.

That is essentially what S. 4143, the American Workforce Rescue Act that I have authored with the Democratic leader, Senator SCHUMER, does is it ensures that we are not going to have millions of workers every month or every few months live in fear that Donald Trump and MITCH MCCONNELL are going to pull the rug out from under them.

We would have a benefit that would reflect economic conditions on the ground, and it would deal with this economic challenge for all the months until the economy recovers. That is what Senator SCHUMER and I put forward some time ago. The \$600 would gradually phase down based on the State's average unemployment rate over 3 months. This would provide certainty for families and ensure the broader economy continues to receive the support it needs.

And, especially, it doesn't set up artificial timelines. That is what the Senate ought to be avoiding, to just set arbitrary dates. What we need to do is make sure that politicians—and, certainly, Donald Trump and MITCH MCCONNELL have been willing to pull the rug out from under the unemployed. We need to make sure that there is a plan going forward.

That is what S. 4143 does, the American Workforce Rescue Act. It will provide certainty for families and ensure the broader economic recovery will be our focus, and there will be support until we see that kind of recovery.

So I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 4143, the American Workforce Rescue Act; that the bill be considered read a third time and passed; and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?