

For nearly seven years, John has led the Port of Virginia as the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. John assembled and cultivated a skilled and highly knowledgeable team, then provided impressive leadership and vision, to transform the Port of Virginia into a twenty-first century facility.

With a mantra of "Wider, Deeper & Safer," John steered the approval, funding and commencement of dredging the Norfolk Harbor and Channels to fifty-five feet depth. This will allow Hampton Roads to accommodate fully loaded Ultra-Large Container Vessels now and in the future. As Hampton Roads is also home to the world's largest naval base with six aircraft carriers, this widening will also enable safe, two-way traffic to prevent delays to commercial and military vessels.

Under John's supervision, the Port of Virginia constructed the new Virginia International Gateway. Hosting the largest ship-to-shore cranes in the Western Hemisphere, this state-of-the-art facility has some of the best cargo flow rates and vehicle turn-times in the nation.

While expanding the Port's capacity, John also successfully reduced emissions by transitioning away from diesel-driven container movement to an electric, safer and more space-conscious method of container handling and stacking. These electric gantry cranes dramatically reduce emissions, fuel consumption and noise.

With a vision for the future, John has planned and begun building the first infrastructure dedicated to our region's nascent offshore wind industry. Recognizing the Port of Virginia's natural benefits with a deep channel and no overhead obstructions, he has helped posture Hampton Roads to become a nucleus for our nation's growing carbon-free power generation industry.

The improvements John has made at the Port have benefited not only all Virginians but most Americans. The Port of Virginia's reach covers all commerce east of the Mississippi River and even extends to Kansas City, MO. Through the partnerships John helped build, the Port of Virginia achieved record-setting cargo volume for six consecutive years. The COVID-19 pandemic has proven American businesses and workers need efficient and reliable supply chains, and the Port has proven vital to this endeavor.

John's dedication to strengthening and improving Virginia's infrastructure and economy is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize his leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from his efforts.

HONORING THE CAREER OF GRANT JAQUITH

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of my good friend and former colleague, Grant Jaquith, who upon his appointment as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, has resigned from the Department of Justice after serving 31 years. I was proud to serve alongside Mr. Jaquith while working for the U.S. At-

torney's Office for the Northern District of New York and have always known him to be a dedicated public servant, staunch defender of the law, a stalwart advocate for victims and their families, and a genuinely good person.

After graduating with a Juris Doctor from University of Florida College of Law in 1982, Mr. Jaquith began his career as a Judge Advocate on active duty in the U.S. Army. He then went on to join the Department of Justice, where he served as a line prosecutor, supervisor, and eventually, as the 49th U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Jaquith prosecuted many high-profile cases that strengthened national security and helped combat violent crime, organized crime, the opioid crisis, and financial fraud. I had the privilege of working with Mr. Jaquith on a number of these cases and saw first-hand how his dogged determination and keen intellect spelled trouble for criminals. The impact he had on my career was profound and his guidance made me a better prosecutor and person. For his work, Mr. Jaquith earned a number of awards, including the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys Director's Award for Executive Achievement.

As a supervisor, Mr. Jaquith developed scores of young prosecutors, always stressing thoroughness, hard work, determination and above all ethical conduct. Through his efforts, the U.S. Attorney's office for the Northern District of New York became known as one of the premier offices in the country. As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Jaquith continued to take a leadership role in the many successes of the office. He also took a national leadership role by serving on several subcommittees of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, including Border and Immigration, Native American Issues, and Servicemembers and Veterans Rights. He also served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee's Healthcare Fraud Working Group. Outside of work, Mr. Jaquith is a dedicated husband to his wife Rosemarie. Together, they have six children, and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the highly distinguished career of Grant Jaquith. A dedicated public servant, I wish Grant the best as he enters the next phase of his career as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

PROTECTING PATIENTS TRANSPORTATION TO CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3935, the Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill out of my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

The Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act introduced by Representatives BUDDY CARTER and TONY CÁRDENAS requires states to offer a non-emergency medical transportation benefit. Our Committee also heard from Representative SANFORD BISHOP about

this legislation during our Members' Day panel.

Medicaid's coverage of transportation to health services is a lifeline for patients, especially those who live in rural or underserved areas.

Over half of Medicaid transportation services are used by patients with the highest burden of chronic diseases, including those diagnosed with cancer, HIV, mental illness, substance abuse, and end-stage renal disease.

Without this help, patients cannot access the chemotherapy, dialysis, and other services that allow them to remain at home and out of the hospital.

Medicaid transportation has been a mandatory Medicaid benefit by regulation since the Medicaid program's inception in 1966. This bill codifies and protects the benefit.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to pre-scheduled travel with the President, I was absent from voting on September 22, 2020. As such, I was unable to vote on the Continuing Resolution, which will keep the government funded into December and provide critical funding for the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

To ensure USDA meets its farm bill obligations and temporary assistance to rural America continues during these difficult times, replenishing the CCC was a major priority and I strongly support its inclusion in this CR.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, although I was present, my vote inadvertently was not recorded on H.R. 451. My vote should have been recorded as Yea.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, yesterday, our Nation marked National Voter Registration Day. But it was also a day of reckoning and milestone as our Nation surpassed 200,000 COVID-19 deaths. Unfortunately, by erecting barriers to voting, we are sending the wrong signal to our citizens. We can do better as voting is the lifeblood of our Democracy.

Our nation must take common sense steps like passing the HEROES Act with its \$3.6 billion for state election grants and reigning in the President's politization of the USPS.

The State of Ohio can also do better. Ohio must add more drop boxes for voting, provide universal prepaid postage, and simplify the ballot request process.

While Republican leaders in Columbus and in Washington have wrapped themselves in knots, yesterday, I led an Ohio delegation letter urging Ohio higher educational institutions proactively educate students, faculty, and staff about how to ensure their voice is heard at the ballot box.

I include in the RECORD our September 22, 2020, letter.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, September 22, 2020.

DEAR OHIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS: As our State continues to grapple with the challenges presented by COVID-19, our nation is relying on Ohio's colleges and universities to take a leadership role in ensuring access to the ballot box. This duty is particularly important as we commemorate national voter registration day on September 22, 2020. Your institutions play a key role in ensuring that students understand how to access and exercise their constitutionally enshrined right to vote. Under normal circumstances, students face barriers to voting, and in these difficult times, those barriers have multiplied. We ask that each of you to take steps to ensure your institution commits to easing barriers for your faculty, students and staff to vote.

As we know, the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA) helped increase access to higher education for low-income and first-generation college students. In 1998, recognizing the importance of involving younger generations in the democratic process, Congress expanded the scope of the act to include provisions on student voting. Section 487(a)(23) of the HEA as reauthorized in 1998 specified that institutions must make a good faith effort to facilitate student voter registration. This reinforced vital role institutions of higher education play in educating and encouraging students to vote.

Your institutions have the opportunity to play an essential role in ensuring that young Americans participate in our democracy by taking simple steps such as designating places where students can complete voter registration forms or absentee ballot requests. Colleges can text students where these one-stop election stations are located and can e-mail students a voter registration link.

Institutions should share broad voter education information about how to vote, including the following:

- Communicate to your students to ensure they are registered to vote and that their registration information is up to date.

- Explain Ohio's voter ID requirements directly to students and staff with emails, posters or mailers. Students driver's license may be expired this year, but the Ohio legislature authorized individuals to vote with an expired license, which students, faculty and staff may not know.

- Clarify that if a student's current address varies from where they registered when they go to vote, they can vote absentee, with the mailer sent to another address, or they can vote provisionally if they can prove their address.

- Be prepared to educate students on how to vote by mail or vote provisionally in the event that campuses close due to the pandemic.

- Make clear to students that where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants, Perkins or Stafford loans, or your dependency status for FAFSA; being registered to vote at a different address from your parents does not prevent them from claiming you as a dependent on their taxes; and being deemed out-of-state for tuition purposes does not prevent you from choosing to register to vote in your campus community.

- Provide faculty, staff, and students with information about how to volunteer as poll workers.

Students, faculty and staff at your institutions need the type of nonpartisan voter information described in this letter. In a time where voter disinformation is rampant, your colleges and universities have not only a legal obligation, but also a moral obligation to make your campuses an example of democratic participation. Thank you for your leadership and for taking every step possible to ease the barriers of voting for eligible voters on your campuses.

Sincerely,

MARCY KAPTUR,
Member of Congress.

MARCIA L. FUDGE,
Member of Congress.

JOYCE BEATTY,
Member of Congress.

SHERROD BROWN,
United States Senator.

TIM RYAN,
Member of Congress.

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 Thursday, September 24, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine NASA missions and programs, focusing on update and future plans.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation.

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9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine supply chain integrity.

SD-G50