

Act, the amount of funding needed to repair and modernize school facilities for the safe reopening has grown. My colleagues and I are now fighting for \$300 billion to safely reopen our schools and maintain services for students.

Today, I am calling on the Senate to act immediately and pass a comprehensive relief package that provides significant resources to safely reopen our schools and protect students, staff, and families.

We must guarantee the academic achievement and basic development needs of our youth. However, we must also care for the safety and the mental and physical health of our students, educators, staff, and families.

At every level of government, we must do more for our teachers, our school administrators, and the families who depend on critical services provided by our public school system. That is why the Senate needs to stop obstructing and pass meaningful legislation for our Nation's families.

#### PROMOTING FARM AND AGRICULTURAL WORKER SAFETY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. HAGEDORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of bipartisan legislation, the Farm and Agricultural Worker Safety Education Act, which I am proud to introduce with my friend from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR).

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need to ensure that we have a safe and reliable workforce to maintain our food supply. In order to win the battle with COVID-19, we must guarantee that the most up-to-date and science-based information is readily available and accessible for community leaders, educators, and rural businesses.

Our legislation will help guarantee that timely, relevant health and safety guidelines are reaching our rural workforce and communities by allowing higher learning institutions to apply for grants to distribute best practices and safety guidance to help farms, ag workers, and others who conduct business during this pandemic.

When we think about best practices and safety in the rural areas, we often think about tractor accidents and how to stop the farmers from being hurt in grain bin incidents and things of that nature.

We haven't really delved into this idea that we have to look at the health of our employees, the workers who are in the packing plants, the folks driving the trucks, the people at the distribution plants, and the people on the farms.

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We have learned during this pandemic that when our health workers and when our workers on the farms and everything are in trouble, we are in

trouble. We had shortages in our grocery stores of meat products, and that was not due to any problems having a supply of hogs, for instance. We had excess supply. But the folks who did the work at the packing plants were down, and we had disruptions, which led to those types of shortages.

So to make sure that we ensure our food supply and that we have everyone in as safe a condition as possible, we want to have these grants and best practices moving forward.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this important initiative that will help ensure the safety of our farmers in rural communities as we work to keep rebuilding our economy.

#### RECOGNIZING OFFICER BLAKE CRULL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sixth District hero Greenfield Police Officer Blake Crull.

Officer Crull was on a routine patrol when he saw a flipped car on fire. He sprang into action and ran toward the danger. With no regard for his personal safety, Officer Crull saved a woman from the burning car, which exploded mere moments later.

Brave acts such as Officer Crull's are the very reason I will always back the blue and never defund the police. I thank Officer Crull for his courageous and brave service to our community.

#### FIGHTING FOR CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as Indiana's Sixth District Representative, it is my duty to fight for the conservative Hoosier principles on which my constituents sent me to Washington.

My Republican colleagues and I are committed to the American people. We will renew the American Dream. We achieve this by making sure students can attend a great school, no matter their ZIP Code, by honoring the service of our veterans with good healthcare and job opportunities, and by supporting technical education.

We will restore our way of life. We achieve this by defeating COVID-19, by defending our police and not defunding them, and by upholding our constitutional rights.

We will rebuild the greatest economy our Nation has ever seen. We achieve this by getting Americans back to work, by ending our dependence on China, and by upgrading America's infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, America is worth fighting for. This is our commitment to America.

#### AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Soybean Association centennial celebration.

One hundred years ago, the American Soybean Association was started in my home State of Indiana at Soyland

Farms in Camden. Today, the association advocates for our great soybean farmers while promoting the growth of the U.S. soybean industry, a thriving Hoosier asset and industry.

Congratulations to the association on its 100th year. As a supporter of the ag industry, I wish them the best of luck in the next 100 years.

#### RECOGNIZING FUTURE OF WORK

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Future of Work initiative in Muncie, Indiana, for its leadership in the 21st century workforce development.

The Future of Work organization includes Innovation Connector, Ivy Tech Community College, Ball State University, Purdue Polytechnic, Muncie-Delaware County Economic Development, Muncie Community Schools, Eastern Indiana Works, Ball Brothers Foundation, and East Central Indiana Regional Partnership.

It is paving the way for students and jobseekers to prepare for careers in technology, engineering, and manufacturing. I thank Future of Work for helping young Americans develop skills to join the 21st century workforce.

#### SUPPORTING SECOND AMENDMENT

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my proud support of the Second Amendment.

The Constitution affords the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and that shall not be infringed.

As a lifetime member of the NRA, I understand what it is like to have your constitutional rights attacked. We take a look at the riots, looting, and danger right here on our own front doorsteps, and we see that the ability to protect our families and ourselves has never been more important.

As the Representative from Indiana's Sixth District, I promise to uphold the Constitution.

#### APPLAUDING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF FARMERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Trump administration's commitment to our great American farmers.

This week, the USDA announced \$14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs due to COVID-19.

President Trump made a promise to put American farmers first, and he is doing just that. This commitment to farmers has helped the hardworking Sixth District Hoosier farmers who have been impacted by this pandemic. Our ag community feeds this Nation, and I applaud the Trump administration's unwavering support.

#### SUPPORTING PPP FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JACOBS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, of the many excellent provisions in the