

voice but was a megaphone in her words. She was a rock of righteousness and boasted rock solid abs from her planks and exercised regimen. She also became a fashionista icon as she donned collar necklaces and black lace gloves.

As women members of Congress, our paths would have been even tougher had it not been for Justice Ginsburg's brilliant legal strategy that built a foundation for our equality in the law. She turned the personal sex discrimination she endured into a life's mission to overcome.

Imagine being told by the dean of the law school at Harvard that she was taking a man's seat! After serving on both Harvard and Columbia's law reviews and graduating first in her class, she couldn't get a clerkship or an associate job at a New York law firm. She went on to teach as a professor of law at Rutgers and discrimination struck again—she found out she was making less than a male colleague of equal standing. When she complained, she was told that he had a wife and two kids and she had a husband in a big law firm in New York City.

She was going to file an EEOC complaint until the law school relented. She argued 300 gender discrimination cases in her career later practicing law. She challenged bogus laws that claimed to protect women but in fact discriminated against them, stating, "The pedestal upon which women have been placed has all too often, upon closer inspection, been revealed as a cage." In her work on the bench she declared women should not be discriminated against, denied control of our bodies, and deserved equal pay for equal work.

The fact that we cannot honor this titan properly because Republicans refuse to honor her dying wish adds further insult to our collective injury. Their desire to destroy the ACA and rip away health care from 135 million Americans with preexisting conditions is greater than their sense of decency. Their thirst to pack the court with four Justices selected by Presidents who lost the popular vote is anything but just.

Her fervent wish, our fervent wish may be denied but no one can deny the notorious RBG her due, her greatness, her iconic presence in the Supreme Court hall of fame. Someday, her fervent wish of nine women Justices will be a reality.

And so, we rise up. We fight for RBG's legacy and the just world she envisioned. It's time for us all to be notorious.

SUPPORTING H.R. 8472

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of swift passage of H.R. 8472, the Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act, my legislation with Representative DUSTY JOHNSON to ensure school districts with high numbers of military-connected children are not further financially impacted by the coronavirus's devastation. This bipartisan, bicameral bill would allow school districts to use their last student headcount on upcoming applications for federal Impact Aid rather than conduct a student audit during this highly un-

usual and disruptive school year, and would eliminate the risk losing funding due to an undercount.

Impact Aid supports school districts that encompass large amounts of federal land such as military installations and tribal land, and ensures they have the resources they need that would otherwise come from local taxes. With this school year's unprecedented complexities, our bill would relieve these districts' already overburdened administrators and staff of one labor intensive requirement, and ensure that they receive the full amount of Impact Aid payments they need to support our military and tribal students.

In my district in Eastern Connecticut, the Ledyard and Groton school districts rely on Impact Aid as a key funding source. As schools are under immense pressure to keep kids learning in new formats this year, these funds are more crucial than ever, and this bill would ensure that schools can count on them.

I thank my counterparts in the Senate for their work to build on the original proposal by including the Migrant Education Program as well, which requires a similar student count. This addition ensures that children of migrant agricultural workers receive the full public education they are entitled to.

Many thanks as well to Chairman BOBBY SCOTT of the Education and Labor Committee for his support of this legislation. I urge the Senate to pass this bill without delay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make clear my position on H. Res. 1154 which condemns the QAnon movement and the disturbing conspiracy theories which it promotes. Regrettably, my vote on this important resolution was inadvertently not recorded. But let me be clear, I strongly support this resolution and I condemn the dangerous conspiracies that this organization traffics in and continues to spread across the internet every day. The QAnon conspiracy movement is a danger to our national security and I am glad to see that this body condemned the organization in a strong, bipartisan fashion. I join with my colleagues in supporting this resolution.

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am including in the RECORD under General Leave for the consideration of H.R. 6270, a letter from Global Witness and the Sentry, relating to arguments made by the Chamber of Congress and other opponents during consideration of that legislation. Their letter states, in part, quote "As part of the current debate surrounding H.R. 6270, the Uyghur Forced Labor Disclo-

sure Act of 2020, which uses a similar approach to the legislative effort our organizations have worked on and supported in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we have seen the same misinformation and dated analysis used to attack this bill as has been used to attempt to discredit efforts to address conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)." End quote.

The letter includes a number of examples that show the positive impact Section 1502 has had in the DRC. The letter states, for example, quote, "In 2010, the year Section 1502 was passed, the U.N. Group of Experts stated that 'in the Kivu provinces, almost every mining deposit [was] controlled by a military group.' By 2015, just four years after the conflict minerals rule was implemented by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the International Peace Information Service (IPIS) found that over three-quarters (79 percent) of 3T miners surveyed in eastern Congo were working in mines where no armed group involvement had been reported . . . By the end of 2018, 465 tin, tantalum and tungsten and 106 gold mines have been validated green, which means that no signs of interference of armed groups or the Congolese army and no child labor have been found. These mines employ over 27,000 miners." End quote.

I realize that the notion of objective truth has taken a hit over the past few years, and that it may not hold as much sway in some circles. But I'm here to soundly reject the Chamber's denigration of a successful law that it has long opposed in an effort to persuade members to oppose a similar bill, H.R. 6270, which is before us. I urge members to reject this kind of cynicism and give their strong support to H.R. 6270.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: The Sentry and Global Witness support efforts to combat corruption and human rights abuses connected to supply chains. We believe that due diligence and transparency measures can be effective in shifting behavior and supporting supply chains that are less abusive.

As part of the current debate surrounding H.R. 6270, the "Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020, which uses a similar approach to the legislative effort our organizations have worked on and supported in Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we have seen the same misinformation and dated analysis used to attack this bill as has been used to attempt to discredit efforts to address conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The implementation of the 1502 Rule has not been without its challenges and it took time to set-up appropriate mechanisms in DRC but significant progress and an important foundation has been built.

In 2010, the year Section 1502 was passed, the U.N. Group of Experts stated that "in the Kivu provinces, almost every mining deposit [was] controlled by a military group." By 2015, just four years after the conflict minerals rule was implemented by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the International Peace Information Service (IPIS) found that over three-quarters (79 percent) of 3T miners surveyed in eastern Congo were working in mines where no armed group involvement had been reported. Since then, overall armed interference in 3T and gold mining sites visited by IPIS has decreased from 41% in 2015 to 26% in the period

2016-2018. By the end of 2018, 465 tin, tantalum and tungsten and 106 gold mines have been validated green, which means that no signs of interference of armed groups or the Congolese army and no child labor have been found. These mines employ over 27,000 miners. As of September 29, 2020, 73 percent of smelters and refiners worldwide (236 out of 323 total) for the four conflict minerals have passed independent, third-party audits by the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process. This contrasts to an operating environment before the passage of Section 1502 when no certification mechanism existed for distinguishing mines conflict controlled by armed groups or the Congolese army from conflict-free mines.

That is why Congolese civil society groups have been outspoken in their support. In 2017, over 100 Congolese civil society organizations signed letters in support of Section 1502. Recently, Isaac Wikirevolo Mumbere, Human Rights officer at the Network for the Conservation and the Rehabilitation of Forest Ecosystems, commented: "Dodd-Frank [1502] is a law worth its weight in gold because it has helped pull Congolese army commanders and militias out of the mines. Likewise, it has prevented Congolese officials who had taken the artisanal mining sector as their own property from continuing to do so."

Several companies, including Tiffany & Co., Apple, Richline, and Intel, have publicly emphasized the importance of supply chain due diligence. In 2017, 129 Investors, representing over \$4.8 trillion in assets stated in a letter to the SEC, that the due diligence disclosures required by Section 1502 provide valuable information about how companies manage supply chain risks. The U.S. conflict mineral law was the first of its kind and has spurred international action. Many other countries have since then passed similar laws holding companies responsible for the impact for supply chains.

Opponents of the conflict minerals rule continue to use outdated information including statistics from before or right after the rule's implementation. Now, ten years after the passage of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and eight years after the implementation of the conflict minerals rule, we can make more accurate determinations about its success. Compliance costs were far lower than feared, and while challenges remain, data demonstrates a substantial reduction in the presence of armed groups in the mines.

We hope you will use an accurate portrait of the impact of Dodd Frank 1502 as you consider other legislative approaches that draw on this framework.

Sincerely,

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*Director of Regional Policy
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PAUL DONOWITZ,
Team Leader, Global Witness.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR SANDY
SMITH OF MONROEVILLE

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks and appreciation to Mayor Sandy Smith for her years of service to the people of Monroeville and Monroe County. All the area's residents owe her a debt for her unwavering dedications over many years.

As the longtime Executive Director of the Monroeville/Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, Sandy was tireless in pursuing jobs and economic development opportunities for all the county's citizens.

Once elevated to mayor, Sandy's advocacy for Monroeville continued with the same professionalism, positivity, kindness, and inclusiveness everyone who knows Sandy would expect.

Throughout the years, Sandy has been instrumental in promoting Monroeville as the home of its native daughter, the beloved author Harper Lee, and making Monroeville the tourism center it is today. Truly, her heart is with Monroeville.

I wish Sandy, Rayford, their children, and their growing family all the best. I know God will continue to bless them all.

IN MEMORY OF EMILIO
GUGLIELMELLI, JR.

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Emilio Guglielmelli, Jr. A valiant World War II veteran who was a deeply treasured member of the Walla Walla, Washington community.

Emilio was born and raised in Walla Walla, where he learned the values of hard work and the American dream on his family farm. After graduating from St. Vincent's Academy, he took the brave call to serve our country during one of the world's darkest times. After just 10 weeks of basic training in the United States Army infantry, Emilio was sent to the Philippine Islands. After the liberation, Emilio continued his service in Japan until 1946 when he was welcomed home to the family farm.

For the 50th Anniversary of the liberation, Emilio traveled back to the Philippines. He valued this trip to be one of the highlights of his life. Emilio was proud to be a WWII veteran. Like so many of his brothers and sisters of the Greatest Generation, he would have never called himself a hero but he was. Emilio lived a full life of courage, honor, and love of country.

Emilio and his wife Pauline S. Andreas raised a family full of several children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Emilio was a well-known and active community member, serving on several community leadership boards and clubs. His Walla Walla sweet onions became a token best seller around town. Emilio was a talented drum player. He shared his love for music wherever he went.

Emilio's faith guided him in all that he did. His dedication to the Catholic Church was constant. Emilio frequently served as a lecture and volunteer for many St. Patrick Catholic Church masses and events. Because he shared his time and talents, he made the world around him a better place.

On behalf of a grateful nation and the United States House of Representatives, I rise to remember Emilio and his remarkable legacy of service to our nation. I pray for comfort and peace to all who mourn his passing. May we honor Emilio's legacy of service and sacrifice by continuing to honor him and all the members of the Greatest Generation. We must

never forget their sacrifices for keeping our freedom and the Promise of America alive.

EMPOWERING OLYMPIC,
PARALYMPIC, AND AMATEUR
ATHLETES ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that today the House is considering S. 2330, the Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act, the Senate companion to legislation I introduced in the House along with Representatives JOHN CURTIS, DIANA DEGETTE, and SUSAN BROOKS. I am incredibly thankful for the courageous survivors who stepped forward and whose advocacy made this legislation possible, and to Senators JERRY MORAN and RICHARD BLUMENTHAL who authored this legislation.

In 2016, I was shocked and angered when more than 300 brave gymnasts, including some from my congressional district, began to come forward with claims of sexual abuse against Larry Nassar, who had been the USA Gymnastics team doctor and a Michigan State University faculty member.

I was similarly upset when only two years later, the Daily Breeze, a newspaper in my district, released the results of its investigation into USA Swimming. That investigation revealed, "a culture within American swimming where the sexual abuse of underage swimmers by their coaches and others in positions of power within the sport was commonplace and even accepted by top officials and coaches."

The widespread and longstanding nature of the abuse as well as the knowledge that many allegations of abuse were brushed under the table have laid bare the deep systemic failures of the organizations charged with protecting athletes. The exposure of these abuses has necessitated immediate and aggressive reform of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the National Governing Bodies.

That is why I was proud to introduce H.R. 7881, the Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act. This bipartisan legislation helped build broad support for the reforms in S. 2330 and ultimately usher them through the House of Representatives and onto the President's desk to become law.

Our legislation seeks to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in numerous ways. To strengthen accountability, it imposes legal liability for the USOPC and the NGBs when coaches or employees sexually abuse athletes. In addition, it establishes mechanisms to allow Congress to dissolve the entities if necessary. To empower athletes, the bill requires the establishment of clear procedures and reporting requirements, imposes clear responsibilities to protect athletes, and bolsters the Office of the Ombuds to give athletes an independent resource if they have been abused or assaulted. Finally, the bill strengthens and provides a steady funding stream for the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which provides abuse prevention education and training and investigates allegations of sexual abuse.