

This is a slippery slope we don't have to go down. We have to stop it now. We cannot give them the first bite of the apple by saying that we cannot use lead on government property.

I can promise you that I will do all I can to stop this from happening and ensure that this administration can try to do nothing similar to this.

I encourage all American hunting and fishing clubs, whether you are a shooter, a hunter, a fisherman of any type, to do something. Speak out. Talk to your legislators. Reach out to the President. Make some phone calls. Let your voice be heard today.

Don't wait until after something gets passed because this proposal will kill our sport as we know it, and we have to fight back.

MALIGN CCP INFLUENCE

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

Mr. SANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Department of Energy and the FBI have affirmed that the COVID pandemic most likely originated from a leak of the SARS-CoV-2 from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The deadly COVID virus was unleashed on American soil in 2020, yet it took 3 years and a new majority in Congress to finally start investigating the malign influence of the barbaric Chinese Communist Party.

COVID was not the CCP's only flagrant and unsparing attempt to infiltrate American sovereignty. Earlier this year, spy balloons floated along the United States and gathered intelligence from sensitive U.S. military sites.

Just last month, two CCP spies were arrested, and 36 CCP police officers were charged with operating an illegal and secret police station in New York City—the two alleged CCP spies only to be quickly granted bail and released from custody.

In 2020, leaked CCP member data confirmed that U.S. companies such as Boeing, Qualcomm, and Pfizer had employed dozens of CCP members in their Chinese facilities.

Rightfully so, Americans are infuriated, blaming ivory towers in Washington, D.C., and Wall Street for being slow to the punch and handing over its fragile dominion over to globalists.

We ought to do better. We ought to protect Americans, and we ought to preserve democracy.

This is why I am unapologetically pushing back on the CCP and calling on the House Judiciary Committee, the DOJ, and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government to investigate CCP infiltration into the U.S. Government and do all they can to free Miles Guo.

In 2017, the CCP's most prominent critic, Miles Guo, claimed political asylum in the United States, alleging persecution by the CCP. He has been here for about 6 years. Just last month,

Guo was arrested and denied bail for being pronounced a flight risk.

In this case, the charges against Miles Guo are simply a part of an organized campaign of political persecution brought against him by the CCP.

As a matter of fact, in November 2018, George Higginbotham, a senior official at the DOJ, pleaded guilty to his active role in this illegal campaign. He admitted to accepting \$41 million from the CCP and meeting with the Vice Minister of Public Security of China to advance the removal of Guo from the United States.

It is with great dismay but complete confidence that I say that the weaponization of the United States' prosecutorial system is spinning further out of control, and it is time we take a stand.

It shows when we have a national crime crisis falling by the wayside because politically motivated campaigns designed for nothing other than retribution on political agitators keep getting in the way of our leading law enforcement officials who refuse to prioritize the American people.

With each passing year, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the CCP is accomplishing its goal of insidiously infiltrating the United States.

All the while, perpetrators, the real threat to the American people, are let out on the streets, and harmless political targets remain behind bars with justice denied.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for every American when I say we are done tucking our tails and being at the losing end of every tradeoff with the CCP.

They take our jobs, use our technology, and steal our intellectual property. In turn, we got robbed, spied on, and deadly viruses.

Enough is enough. Free Miles Guo.

□ 1045

AM RADIO IS ESSENTIAL

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I grew up on AM radio: listening to the news; listening to Dr. Demento; the "CBS Radio Mystery Theater," falling asleep at night in my bed while listening to that on the weekends; and Rush Limbaugh, who not too long ago sat right up there in that gallery recognized by President Trump. I even interned for the late Larry King. I love AM radio.

I rise today to address an urgent concern that is impacting our Nation's heartland and America in general: the decision by some car and truck manufacturers to eliminate, do away with, AM radio from their systems, including the F-150, the Ford F-150 that is made in Claycomo, near Kansas City, not too far from my district.

You see, AM radio is an essential platform for conservative voices like Pete Mundo and Chris Stigall and listeners who rely on the truth that they

hear from AM stations, like KCMO, KRMS, KMMO, KOKO, KDRO, KWTO, and KSGF.

AM radio is the lifeblood of information for our farmers and ranchers in particular, providing crucial updates on weather patterns, market shifts, and agricultural news. It is also a vital platform for emergency information. Under the Communications Act of 1934, AM radio is there for a reason. It is there to operate in the public interest, and that is exactly what it does.

Mr. Speaker, farmers are the backbone of our Nation's food security, yet they operate in some of the most isolated regions, often lacking access to modern high-speed internet or digital services.

Did you know, Mr. Speaker, that there are more than 4,000 AM radio stations in the United States, with more than a third dedicated to agricultural programming? That is one-third of the stations. That is a big number.

This is not a dying medium, Mr. Speaker. It is a vibrant network that connects diverse communities across our Nation. We must remind our car manufacturers to consider the wider impact of their decisions.

Let's make sure that conservative voices are protected. Let's make sure that emergency communications are protected, as well, for our farmers and ranchers in particular. Let's make sure our rural communities, our farmers and ranchers, the unsung heroes of our Nation, remain connected, remain informed, and remain respected.

Mr. Speaker, in the 1980s, I remember when MTV first came on and the little jingle, "I want my MTV."

Mr. Speaker, it is 2023, and I want my AM radio.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You, O Lord, are our strength and our shield. In You do we find trust and find our refuge. In protecting us against threats of harm, defending us in the face of danger, You have set among us brave men and women who have taken up the shield of service. This National Police Week, hear our prayers of gratitude for their