

due to a Census that has historically undercounted Native American populations.

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In the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau estimates that American Indians and Alaska Natives were undercounted by approximately 4.9 percent, more than double the undercount rate of the next closest population group.

The negative consequences of undercounting cannot be quickly corrected. The Census occurs only once every 10 years, and as a result, undercounting Tribal nations can significantly reduce Federal funding levels for important programs for an entire decade.

Over 300 Federal programs rely on data derived from the Census, and Tribal nations rely on many of them. They include Native American schools and education programs; Native American workforce programs; Tribal health programs; Tribal housing programs; water and sewage projects; and transit, infrastructure, and economic development programs.

We must ensure Native voices are heard and counted. The Census is an opportunity, not a threat.

Responses to the 2020 Census are confidential, protected by law. Personal information is never shared by the Census Bureau with any other government agencies or law enforcement, and responses cannot be used against individuals by government agencies or in court in any way.

All households will receive official Census mail by April 1, and individuals and families can respond online, by mail, by phone, or in person.

It is critically important that all Oklahomans participate in this Census.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues from the Native American Caucus, including co-chairs Congressman TOM COLE from Oklahoma and Congresswoman DEB HAALAND from New Mexico, who have helped to highlight the importance of getting a full Census count among Tribal nations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and communities to work together as partners with Tribal nations to encourage participation in the 2020 Census and to inform the public that the 2020 Census is safe, easy, and important.

FRACKING BAN WOULD LEAD TO SOCIALISM

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, one of the most absurd and destructive plans being touted by out-of-touch socialists is a ban on fracking, also known as hydraulic fracturing, for natural gas and oil.

At home in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, a region that on any given day produces up to 10 percent of our Nation's natural gas, it is easy to see how the energy economy

has benefited everyone. From high-paying jobs to lower energy costs, natural gas has been an economic win for the American people.

Even more, thanks to the natural gas boom, America is now energy independent. That means great things for our national security, as we are no longer beholden to energy-producing nations that hate us.

Unbelievably, these great benefits are under attack by radical socialists who seek to ban fracking and cripple America's energy economy.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the plan to end fracking would cost more than 600,000 jobs and \$261 billion in GDP by 2025, and that is just in Pennsylvania.

This is why I invited the socialists in this Congress and those running for President who want to ban fracking to come to Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District to face the families they wish to leave destitute, to face the families who have finally found success, and tell them why they want to take it away.

For these folks, a ban on fracking would lead to more government dependence, lower wages, fewer jobs, and skyrocketing energy prices.

In other words, banning fracking would pave the road for America to become a socialist country. There should be nothing scarier or more sickening than that.

CONGRATULATING BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a little bit of time today to congratulate Bucknell University on achieving a great recognition this week.

According to the United States Peace Corps, Bucknell University, located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, produces the fourth most Peace Corps volunteers of all small colleges and universities nationwide.

In their 2020 report, the Peace Corps noted Bucknell produced 13 volunteers for the Peace Corps, an amazing feat for an institution whose student body is just over 3,600 students.

According to its mission statement, "Bucknell educates students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity, and imagination."

By forming students in that mission, it is no wonder why so many Bucknell students find themselves seeking greater service to humanity through the Peace Corps.

In noting the type of schools that make up the list of robust Peace Corps volunteers, Peace Corps Director Jody Olsen said: "These schools are institutions that emphasize . . . service-minded students."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Bucknell University and President Bravman on this great recognition and on creating service-minded students.

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CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address three issues of critical importance to my constituents.

The first is the urgent need to prepare for the coronavirus.

Mr. Speaker, public health officials are now reporting the first presumed positive test in my home State of New Hampshire.

As Members of Congress, our foremost responsibility is to keep our communities safe. That is why, yesterday, I joined Governor Sununu and my colleagues in the New Hampshire congressional delegation to receive an update from public health officials on our State's ongoing efforts to combat this epidemic.

The State of New Hampshire is currently ramping up testing capabilities, investigating potential cases, communicating with Federal partners, and working with individual communities on containment and mitigation.

Here in Washington, we must ensure that the emergency coronavirus spending package is responsive to the urgent needs of State and local public health officials who are on the front lines of this situation.

We can only succeed in containing the virus if States like New Hampshire can depend on the full support of the Federal Government for costs associated with the response effort.

Mr. Speaker, if there were ever a moment for a renewed spirit of bipartisanship in Congress, this is it, as our country focuses on the deadly virus outbreak.

We must communicate health information clearly. We must develop effective and affordable vaccines that are made available to all who need them. And we must ensure that State and local governments, as well as medical facilities, can sustain the arduous task of containing this outbreak in the weeks and months ahead.

The American people are looking to us for levelheaded leadership that rises above politics, and we can't let them down.

Let's pass a robust coronavirus package as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to encourage all of my constituents to follow the CDC safety guidelines and to visit the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services website for updated health information.

PROGRESS NEEDED ON CARE FOR VETERANS

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today in support of veterans who are seeking services in the community and the providers who care for them.

For too long, hospitals and providers in New Hampshire have been owed millions of dollars in unpaid claims for the care they provide to veterans.

The community care providers impacted include large hospital networks,