

This is the government, State and local government, that is closest to the people. This is the government that funds first responders and healthcare workers in local hospitals. This is the government that funds the workers who pick up your garbage twice a week. This is the government running on fumes.

So are the American people who need another cash payment, an additional \$1,200 per family member, up to \$6,000 per household, and other essentials like unemployment benefits and housing benefits, a 15 percent increase in nutrition programs. People have got to eat during this crisis.

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I also have been able to get included in the HEROES Act a trifecta of provisions that the District must have, beginning with the \$755 million in retroactive funding Republicans in the Senate removed from the CARES Act by treating the District for the first time in American history as a territory, when we have always been treated for what we are, a State for funding purposes, and, of course, the D.C. statehood bill has enough cosponsors to pass this very year.

We have always received State-level funding because we pay the highest Federal taxes per capita in the United States. The HEROES Act also includes money for State, county, and city funding, the first time the District has ever had to break down its funding. The District is a unique jurisdiction in the United States because it operates at all three levels.

The HEROES Act also authorizes the District to participate in the municipal liquidity facilities funding of the Federal Reserve, if that should become necessary. The \$3 trillion HEROES Act sent to the Senate last week is a marker. It will probably not be enough, as large as it is, to contain this virus. But, at a minimum, it should get us started on sensible negotiations.

Time, Mr. Speaker, is not on the side of the virus. Let's beat it with the HEROES Act.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTIONS COSTS FOR SENIORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend President Trump and the administration for taking decisive action to lower drug costs for America's seniors.

Currently, 34.2 million people in the U.S. have diabetes. One in every three seniors on Medicare has diabetes, and over 3.3 million beneficiaries use at least one type of insulin.

Thanks to President Trump, the out-of-pocket cost for insulin has been cut. Participating plans will cap costs at just \$35 a month per type of insulin. This is tremendous news.

For far too long, seniors have been subjected to escalating insulin prices. Now, Americans will save an average of \$446 on insulin costs in just a year.

I thank President Trump for continuing to put the American people first.

ADMINISTRATION AIDING NORTH CAROLINA

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there is no substitute for swift and decisive action. Since the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in China, President Trump and the administration have worked tirelessly to protect the American people.

First, President Trump closed our borders and enacted a travel ban to protect the American people. This was a necessary precaution that undoubtedly saved lives. In response, the mainstream media's political pundits cried foul and claimed this was an ill-advised tactic intended to score political points. That could not be farther from the truth.

Sadly, my colleagues across the aisle and those in the media would rather search for the newest outrage du jour instead of focusing on the efforts of the President and the administration to combat COVID-19.

It is time to correct the record and cast aside the falsehoods that Democrats and the mainstream media are pushing against President Trump and the administration.

For example, let's look at what is being done to help North Carolinians during this pandemic. Under the direction of President Trump, FEMA has obligated almost \$30 million for COVID-19 response efforts in North Carolina.

From the Strategic National Stockpile, North Carolina received to date: Over 250,000 N95 masks; over 580,000 surgical masks; over 100,000 medical gowns; over 115,000 face shields; and over 425,000 pairs of gloves.

In addition, President Trump approved Governor Roy Cooper's Major Disaster Declaration, and then directed FEMA to fund 100 percent of the emergency assistance activities provided by the North Carolina National Guard.

President Trump and the administration are deeply committed to protecting not only North Carolinians, but also Americans across our country.

If my colleagues across the aisle shared the same sentiment of being "in it together," they would work with us to deliver for the American people and set aside their relentless impeachment crusade.

It is time to get our country back on its feet, and I am proud that President Trump and the administration are working day in and day out to do so. We will win this fight, and I am certain we will emerge stronger and more resilient.

THE NAVAJO NATION AND THE CORONAVIRUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues in Washington—and all watching at home—the dire situation COVID-19 has created in the Navajo Nation and across our Nation.

But first, standing in this Chamber today, I want to recognize the nearly 100,000 lives lost thus far to the coronavirus, a staggering number that has affected families, communities, economy, frontline first responders, and many others.

Though some Americans may feel they have reached a new normal, hot spots across our Nation are still in the thick of this pandemic, and the fear for what might come in the fall and winter is at the forefront of our thoughts.

One of those hot spots is the Navajo Nation. Per capita, the Navajo Nation has more confirmed coronavirus cases than any U.S. State. Under the CARES Act, signed into law March 27, my colleagues and I fought to include \$8 billion for Tribal governments to use for expenses incurred during the pandemic.

The first round of that funding did not reach the Navajo Nation until May 5. Much of the delay was because officials within the Department of the Interior were considering allocating a portion of this \$8 billion to the Alaska Natives Corporation, a group of for-profit entities that generate billions of dollars in revenue each year, and answer to individual stakeholders.

I immediately joined the voices of Tribes across our Nation in demanding that these funds reach established Tribal governments, not corporations.

On April 27, a U.S. district judge announced that the Treasury Department could begin distributing money to federally-recognized Tribes, and not to this corporate group. Delayed funding is not the only issue here. While Tribes wait for the rest of the CARES Act money they were promised, politics in Washington continue to complicate already acute public health concerns on Navajo.

Recent reports indicate that respirator masks sent to Navajo Nation hospitals through a Federal contract with a former White House staffer may be faulty. I have serious concerns about the lack of oversight and accountability in this contract-awarding process, considering that this \$3 million deal was awarded to a friend of the administration with no prior Federal contracting experience, who had only been in business for 11 days.

It is unacceptable for government to be delivering anything other than what is needed to any community, much less a hard-hit community like Navajo.

I have asked my colleagues here to help me launch an immediate investigation into the potentially faulty PPE, and to make sure that the entire contracting process receives more oversight.

While Tribes deal with the fallout politics has caused, they endure other