

And we will never know how many lives were saved as a result of their and the other first responders' extraordinary bravery on that day.

Although their stories are unique, their bravery is repeated by the men and women of the FBI working each and every day around the country, and around the world.

Whether cracking down on public corruption or white collar crime that corrodes the public trust. Or capturing criminals who exploit children on the Internet, or commit violent crime, hate crime, organized crime, espionage, or terrorism.

Such bravery can be seen in the story of Jay Tabb, a member of our Hostage Rescue Team. Tabb received the FBI Star after being shot and seriously wounded during the arrest of a wanted fugitive.

Just months later, during a search of a terrorist safe-house in Iraq, he was injured again, this time by a suicide bomber. Despite his own injuries he rescued four wounded soldiers. After each incident his first question was, how soon can I get back to work with my team?

Bravery can be seen in the stories of our Task Force Officers like Port Authority Police Detective Tom McHale, who has served on our Newark Joint Terrorism Task Force since 1995.

The morning of September 11th, McHale was blocks away from the World Trade Center when he heard the first plane fly overhead. He raced to the scene to assist with evacuations and rescues. He was caught in both building collapses, and was injured.

And yet as a trained ironworker, McHale spent the next weeks in the rubble cutting through steel recovering bodies. He worked at Ground Zero for 12 hours a day, before reporting for duty on the Joint Terrorism Task Force to help with thousands of leads.

Bravery can be seen in the work of Jennifer Keenan, the first female Special Agent to be stationed in Pakistan and in Yemen, and who helped carry out dangerous missions in both of those countries.

Along with Tom McHale, Keenan was part of the FBI team in Pakistan who captured Al Qaeda suspect Abu Zubaidah.

Bravery can be seen in the story of Special Agent Bruce Bennett and three other Agents, who, as John mentioned, were seriously wounded just last March in a terrorist bombing, also in Pakistan.

And it can be seen in the story of Walter Walsh, our oldest retired Special Agent, who survived shootouts with gangsters in the 1930s.

And it so happens that several of these individuals are with us today. Would you all please stand so we can recognize you?

And yet there is no shortage of heroes in the FBI. I am certain there are also many unsung heroes with us here in the audience today—heroes whose stories may never be told.

And we honor them as well.

For the men and women of the FBI, bravery is reflected not only in the physical courage often necessary in the job. It can be seen in the courage of conviction, in the courage to act with wisdom in the face of fear, and in the courage it takes to admit mistakes and to move forward.

This brings us to the third quality that defines the Bureau, and that is integrity. It is the quality of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty, and sincerity.

For the men and women of the FBI, integrity is reflected in all that we say and we do—in honesty, in keeping promises, in fairness, in respect to others, and in compassion.

Integrity is, in some ways, the most important of the three words that make up our motto. Integrity is the fire by which fidelity and bravery are tested.

Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity set the expectations for behavior; they set the standard for our work.

More than just a motto, for the men and women of the FBI, Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity is a way of life.

And it has always been so. It has been said of FBI employees that they stand on the shoulders of their predecessors. Indeed, we do.

And while it is a time of change in the Bureau, our values will never change.

It is not enough to stop the terrorist—we must stop him while maintaining his civil liberties.

It is not enough to catch the criminal—we must catch him while respecting his civil rights.

It is not enough to prevent foreign countries from stealing our secrets—we must prevent that from happening while still upholding the rule of law.

The rule of law, civil liberties, and civil rights—these are not our burdens. They are what make us better. And they are what have made us better for the past 100 years.

The men and women of the FBI today are part of history in the making. We understand that we have been passed a legacy and that it remains our responsibility to both build on and to pass on that legacy to those who will succeed us.

John F. Kennedy once said, “. . . when at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us, . . . our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?”

The men and women of the FBI, here and around the world, past and present, can resoundingly answer yes to each of these questions. That is because they live our motto each and every day.

Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity remain the attributes of an organization with a proud, history of distinguished service to the nation. And each of us is indeed honored to be part of that.

With Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity defining every FBI employee, we stand fully ready to face the challenges of the next century.

Thank you all again for being here with us today and God bless.

CONQUER CHILDHOOD CANCER ACT

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am very pleased by the Senate's actions last night to pass bipartisan legislation that I introduced, the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act.

Recently, through the leadership of Representative PRYCE, the House passed its version of this legislation by an overwhelming vote of 416-0. The bill was renamed after Representative PRYCE's daughter, Caroline Pryce Walker, who died of neuroblastoma at a young age.

Ben Haight of Rhode Island also died of neuroblastoma. But Caroline and Ben shared more than this terrible disease. They inspired their families to turn tragedy into hope. They and others also inspired many of us in Congress to work on this legislation.

The bill invests \$30 million a year to expand pediatric cancer research. It also creates a national childhood can-

cer registry to track pediatric cancer. Researchers would be able to contact patients within weeks, enroll them in research studies, and follow up with them over time. In Europe, similar registries are already yielding results to research questions.

Again, I am pleased that our many efforts to overcome objections to the bill have finally succeeded, and that the bill is on its way to the President's desk to be signed into law.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering over 1,000, are heartbreaking and touching. To respect their efforts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through energy_prices@crapo.senate.gov to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEAR SENATOR CRAPO: You asked that I send a paragraph or two about how I or my family are impacted by the constantly rising gas prices. At first, I thought that I had nothing to share, other than the usual issues you mention: no choice, I have to drive that far. Then I realized that I do indeed have a story to share.

I am an amateur radio operator, and I love helping my community by volunteering my services at various events. However, with the rising cost of fuel, I am being slowly forced to pick and choose what events I am willing to help with. That means that many local and distant events that rely on amateur radio operators (hams) to provide them with communications are finding it not only more and more expensive to put on the events, but also finding that it is not as easy to get enough communication volunteers. Without enough hams there, the people putting on the events have to space what resources they do have further and further apart. This provides an extra risk for the event participants in some cases. With hams spaced increasingly further apart, there are areas of, for example, parades, fairs, bike races and tours, long distance runs, and other outdoor events that have no safety net in case something goes wrong.

Sometimes we are partially reimbursed for our fuel, other times we aren't. For some hams who may be retired, this can be the only way they are able to afford to volunteer. Others of us, myself included, will attempt to cut something else to still volunteer but even so there are so many events and only so many fuel dollars that I can volunteer. For those of us that function as brooms and sweeps at races and tours we still drive more miles than the gas we are reimbursed for.

As long as we can, we'll volunteer for these events, but even so there comes a time when we simply cannot afford it, much as we'd like to volunteer.

Respectfully,

BILL.

SENATOR CRAPO: The ever-increasing fuel prices have forced me and my family to make significant changes in our lifestyle. My wife is a stay-at-home mother, taking care of our two boys; so, consequently, we live on a fixed income like most Americans. To keep our fuel costs at our budgeted amount, we've been forced to purchase a motorcycle for commuting to and from work. This decision comes with a certain level of risk, but it is a choice we have made in order for my wife to continue to stay at home and raise our boys. Should fuel prices continue to increase, we may be forced to have my wife return to the workforce, which, I hope you would agree, is not what this country needs. With fuel prices soaring, it is very aggravating to hear that China and India are 50 miles off the coast of Florida, slant drilling for oil in the continental shelf but yet it is illegal for us to do the same. It is aggravating to hear that the last refinery was built in this country over thirty years ago! I understand this is because of all the regulatory legislation. It is aggravating to hear politicians complaining about big oil profits when their profit margins are only around 8%! It is aggravating to hear politician's discussing windfall profit taxes when it is profits that have built this country! I hope you would agree that it is profits that drive innovation and technology! If the politicians were working on the country's business and not discussing the use of performance enhancing drugs in baseball, cheating in football, writing letters to Rush Limbaugh, etc. . . . the energy crisis in this country would most likely have been solved years ago!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my thoughts on energy prices and how it has impacted our family as well as allowing me to vent my frustration with some of the leadership of this country. I applaud you on your recent fight on the "climate change legislation." I believe the climate change and global warming is a huge myth, and I pray we never implement cap and trade; which, I believe will be the beginning of the end. Keep up the good fight & God Bless!

Respectfully yours,

SCOTT.

Like many others, I am concerned about the rise in energy costs—for me it has a great deal to do with my health. I was diagnosed with MS a few years ago. One of the most difficult times for me is the summer. MS makes the heat pretty much unbearable, so the air-conditioner runs most of the time—especially through May to October. I also must use the air-conditioner in my car when I drive. When the heat strikes, I become fatigued so much so that I cannot move. This makes it hard to be with friends and family, especially my 13 year old son—who is very active. I do hope that we can find some alternatives to gas and oil, and look forward to hearing how you can help.

Thank you,

KIM, Boise.

It may seem as though it will take a holy cow to get our legislature to think "oil independence," but as I am sure you realize, we have over 100 years of oil independence at our fingertips; that's right here at home in Utah, Montana, and the Dakotas, this is not counting the offshore oil available off both coasts, OR do we need to help China find our oil. It is about time for a wake-up call. I do

support your logical and commonsense approach to the energy crisis we have at hand and support your direction.

Keep up the good fight; let us stop sending our dollars overseas. Oil independence—that is the ticket! Thanks for listening.

JOHN.

MR. CRAPO: Perhaps you should read the Idaho State Journal, the "Your Letters" in the first section of the paper dated June 16, 2008. Side with big oil, as it clearly looks as you did, and then expect your constituents to write in to you and give heartbreaking stories seems a bit ludicrous. Opening up wilderness for drilling is a 10+ year detour as that is the estimate as to when we would actually see any of that oil in the system.

If you want to help:

1. Find ways to help the average home owner to install solar panels on rooftops or in backyards to help offset the rising electrical rates. This needs to be through low interest easy to obtain loans and even grants for low income homeowners, not tax breaks, as the initial investment is large and out of range for home owners such as myself. This would result in lower electrical bills and maybe even a money-generating opportunity for the homeowner as they can sell excess back to Idaho Power.

2. Help establish more wind farms and make sure that the end product stays in Idaho, not transmitted out of state. The out-landish approval hearings and appeals need to be stopped.

3. Nuclear was never and is never the answer; the end product of such is a disaster waiting to happen.

4. It is time to come to grips with the fact that oil prices will never come down. We have created this dragon, and now it has come to burn our villages. Do we really need Hummers, large SUVs, NASCAR? I think not. The automobile makers in this country need to be held to higher standards and take the lead on producing vehicles that actually make respectable gas mileage. This country put men on the moon, but we cannot produce a vehicle that actually makes a respectable MPG, and I am not talking 30 MPG but 50MPG+.

5. Yes, it is time to crack down on big oil. The profits that these companies have been posting are insane. The arguments that production costs have risen, etc., are a slap in the face to anyone listening to these numbers. These are profits, not gross income.

Best Wishes,

MATTHEW.

My wife and I are in our mid-sixties, my wife on Social Security. The spiraling fuel prices are beginning to wreak havoc on our conservative budget. I am on the verge of riding a bicycle to work, nine miles each way. I know that we, as a country, have the ability to produce all the energy we need for generations, but [no solutions are forthcoming]!

I hate to think I have worked my entire adult life just to have prohibitive fuel prices keep us from doing many of the things we have looked forward to.

For a change we can believe in, do something about it! Let us start by tapping the massive resources we have available to us here at home. Americans like myself will not be quiet forever.

ALAN, Meridian.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. I have many friends who are retired from the military and police. [Most,] like me, are conservatives.

As we e-mail each other, the same theme and thoughts continue to be repeated. Why [does it seem there are no answers from our

Congress regarding energy prices? There have been plenty of hearings on issues like baseball, impeaching the President and grilling oil executives, but nothing that actually fixes the problem.]

The lesson of history [appears to be lost by many people]. The oil embargo was the first shot fired in this global war. The Saudis are not our friends, and the entire Middle East is [a consistently unstable area], yet we have done nothing for over 30 years!!!

Why would or should our President seek additional production [from that area] when this country has known reserves that could be effectively used to deflate the cost of oil, gas and diesel. I am not a lawyer, but even I, as well as most commonsense thinking people, have figured this out.

The very removal of the current restrictions on drilling of our currently known resources would drive the costs down almost overnight. This would take courage and leadership.

This is not considered to be a long-term plan for energy independence. However, if used as a bridge, it would allow for the needed technical expertise to develop higher efficiency engines and alternate transportation choices. This would serve this country better than the current so-called energy policies currently in place.

With China drilling for oil just off the coast of Florida, how can you guarantee that they will not use current technology to "poach" our oil reserves in this area?

Given the track record of [action so far], I do not have much confidence in anything getting done.

RONALD, Council.

I am a single parent. I work hard and also go to school as a full-time student. It is a 30-mile drive to my school one-way, and 77 miles to work one-way. The cost of gas is not my idea of fun. Thankfully my primary vehicle gets 40 miles to the gallon, which helps to take the sting out of it a bit, but not much. I am having to curtail a lot of the activities that I do with my children that include taking them swimming and such, due to the fact that I need to get to work or school and cannot afford much else. I have been watching the prices go up, oil companies and their executives [receiving record] profits and no relief in site. Most Americans are suffering while [a small group] are building bigger bank accounts. I believe in capitalism completely, but not [at the expense of] the common American. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out who is behind all of this, and that there are most likely a few traders out there and maybe even others driving the price of fuel up too to further pad their pockets. I never understood why some wanted to cut off the supply to the strategic reserve as that is such a small drop in the bucket that it will never do any good in the long run. Food costs are going up due to rising fuel costs, which means now I do not get some of the things my kids used to enjoy as often. We do not even go out to dinner or even a movie as that small amount of fuel could make the difference in getting to work or class for me. And trust me in saying, [my family relationships have suffered] because I cannot afford things we used to do that they want to do. When the time comes that they say the cost of satellite TV needs to go up due to fuel costs I will have had it. I am watching way too many companies use that excuse to raise prices when fuel has nothing to do with their goods and or services. This has got to stop, and the oil companies get reigned in and severely penalized for what they are doing. Open the Alaskan and Gulf reserves and slap major government regulation on the oil companies like was done to

Ma Bell in the 70's. That will teach them and smash their monopolies.

ED.

SENATOR CRAPO: I have a serious concern about energy prices. I live in Blackfoot, and work in Pocatello and Idaho Falls (ISU). At this rate, I may have to find a job in Blackfoot. Gas prices are affecting us more than in most states due to our rural status. I think you should continue to represent our concerns about high gas prices. Can we get the corporate officers from Chevron, Exxon, etc., to testify in Congress as to why our prices are so high? Can we convince the Middle Eastern oil barons to bring their prices down? I have supported you on many issues. I was especially thankful for your support of the Dia del Nino program at the Sixth Grade School in Blackfoot when your office donated hundreds of books to the kids. Please continue to support us on our concerns about the exorbitant energy prices, especially the high cost of gasoline at the pump. Somebody has to be held accountable for these skyrocketing prices. Thanks for all you do!

AMANDO.

DEAR SENATOR: Thanks for asking, but there is no real point in more words and stories and talking. [The auto industry has received special treatment for many years, including avoiding] significant increases in fleet mileage standards. Congressional-supported research for alternative energy sources was removed from the most recent energy bill. [Oil company executives are making exorbitant salaries, and many other rumors and concerns have surfaced about job losses and energy research]. I like Senator McCain's ideas for instituting an entire new green energy industry in the U.S. That would support your ideas for alternatives. Heaven—and Mother Nature—knows that Idaho, with geothermal and biomass and hydro and enough solar and wind, is conveniently at the crossroads and on the power grid to score big time on this. But that takes a federal government commitment toward schools [similar to what] the Sputnik shock created. I am afraid the libertarian/conservative "get government out of our lives" mentality will end that.

Is not \$4 gas really America's best energy policy? That this is what it will take to change thinking on mass transit, improved mileage vehicle design and purchases, ride-sharing, central city dwelling, buy local and regional food?

So, our stories? Well, trip-chaining to reduce shopping trips, [supporting efforts to improve community transit systems which will also improve inversion and air quality concerns.] Staying home rather than flying or driving on vacation.

This exercise of providing anecdotes is a waste of time. The issue and solutions have been [around for many years, but not implemented. Too often, we, the people, feel ignored by those who simply talk about solving the problems, but do not take any substantive action. We are all working for the American Dream, but there are so many issues that are ignored—roads and bridges deteriorating, borders and ports unsecured, financiers unregulated, food and drug operations poorly monitored, military qualities diminishing, public school standards disappearing.

On this one issue, [everyone is affected—] getting to work, emergency vehicles, cross country 18-wheelers, sales trips, plane trips and freight, school buses.

Thanks for your attention.

RICHARD, Boise.

Being 18, maybe I do not have the full perspective on issues, but the correct energy

policy seems too simple to be wrong. As an American, what I demand is action! Something needs to be done already! Nothing has been done for 30+ years, so there has been plenty of time to talk and argue. Now is the time when action is needed. Congress needs to just listen to the men and woman in energy-related fields for the solution. Do not listen to those who do not know what they are talking about. I have grown up in the 'hub' city for the Idaho National Lab and have full faith that if you let the men and women who work there, and similar places throughout the country, "attack" the energy problems that they can and will solve the problems promptly and efficiently; they have the ability, so please just give them the funding, initiative, and faith to get the job done!

As for how energy prices affect Idahoans differently than the majority of the country is that everything here is so spread out. A trip to the next town can be 60 miles, and the only way to travel is by vehicle. Also, in our area, many people drive trucks, but, unlike other areas, the people who drive those type of vehicles here do so because they have to, meaning it is central to their business, which maybe hard to imagine for those who are used to riding in taxis and subways but is absolutely true.

Thank you, Senator Crapo; out of all of our politicians, I feel like you are actually trying to do good for the country!

BOBBY, Idaho Falls.

SENATOR: In all of your e-mails on this subject of energy, I have yet to read about any active support for the trillion or so recoverable BBIs of oil that are locked up in shale in the Green River area. It was approved for some exploration, and then it disappeared off of the energy screen.

Why are we not doing anything or very little in the way of federal support for the source? I believe that one of the oil companies developed a method for extraction in situ which gets rid of the problem of shale exploding like popcorn when it is mined and retorted. This source was explored in the seventies and was found to have been economical to produce until oil went back to 10-15 a barrel after the last crisis.

KEN, Sandpoint.

DEAR SENATOR CRAPO: As an answer about how the price of gas affects here in Oldtown, you might say we are in the center of being anywhere. Any major shopping that my wife and I want to do, we must travel a minimum of 50 miles, to either Spokane, Washington, or to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Using my wife's car for those trips is no great hardship, but still I am out at least 20 dollars for fuel. If it is something I need to haul and drive my pickup, I can figure, about \$50 for the round trip. All well and good about getting a more fuel-efficient vehicle, but being retired and living on my SS, puts a crimp on any major purchases.

ROSS, Oldtown.

RECOGNIZING NELSON MANDELA

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to recognize a man whose work has touched so many people in Africa and beyond, and whose life has demonstrated the power of transformation. Tomorrow, former South African President Nelson Mandela will celebrate his 90th birthday and I would like to send him my very best wishes.

As I have traveled across Africa, I have witnessed the respect Mandela

commands and the pride he evokes in all Africans, across borders and boundaries. It is nearly unmatched. He is a symbol of the enduring truth that even the most intractable systems of repression and violence can be overcome with courage and persistence.

The lessons of Mandela's leadership are made that much more remarkable when juxtaposed with another African liberation leader, Robert Mugabe. Upon being released from jail after 27 years, Mandela chose to pursue a path of reconciliation rather than retaliation. When he became President in 1994, he continued that approach and worked to unite the country around his vision of a "rainbow nation." After one term, he stepped aside as President, realizing that institutions must take precedence over individuals in building a stable democracy. Though South Africa certainly had its share of problems since—including a skyrocketing rate of HIV, increasing political turmoil and a recent wave of xenophobic attacks against immigrants—Mandela continues to be a voice for peace and stability, a voice of and for all people of South Africa. The contrast with the continued bloodshed and repression in neighboring, Zimbabwe is stark.

President Mandela's vision for South Africa not only sought peace within its borders, but also beyond them. In 1993, he famously said that human rights would be "the light that guides our foreign affairs." After leaving office, Mandela continued to embody that vision in South Africa and across the continent as he focused on building support for this critical principle—whether with civil society groups or government officials. He has been actively involved in peace processes around the world and a leading advocate for global action to address HIV/AIDS. His willingness to speak out against injustice wherever it festers has inspired and challenged all of us.

I am gravely concerned that the current South African leadership is moving away from this vision. Its unwillingness to publicly criticize recent abuses in Zimbabwe or allow for an expanded mediation is undermining pressure on the Mugabe regime to accept a transitional government. In addition, the announcement by the South African Government that it will oppose the International Criminal Court's indictment of Sudanese President Al-Bashir is deeply disappointing. I have deep respect for the leadership South Africa demonstrates on the continent and that is precisely why I challenge its leaders to play a more active and constructive role in efforts to promote peace, security, and democracy.

Mandela's legacy challenges not only South Africa, but all of us who care about the future of Africa. There is a tendency to look for easy answers or quick fixes to the challenges facing the continent today. Mandela's life is testament to the reality that sustainable peace and democracy require continued investment and long-term vision. They