

critical mission EOD forces play in defending American interests, both at home and abroad. Staff Sergeant Bowden was a patriot who was willing to put himself in the line of fire to defend our country's way of life, and I am proud to have met him.

In September, Staff Sergeant Bowden was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. It is important that we regularly take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by our Nation's servicemen and -women and the veterans who preceded them.

I am honored to have met Staff Sergeant Joshua Bowden, and my thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.

DELAY THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE

(Mr. BARROW of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, since October 1, millions of Americans have attempted to access Healthcare.gov to try to learn about the health insurance coverage they are required to buy; and every day, we are learning more and more about the problems they are facing. Folks are frustrated, and rightfully so.

I am proud to be part of a bipartisan effort to reform the law by repealing the mandate that employers provide coverage they can't afford and the mandate that individuals buy insurance on their own.

Earlier this year, the administration delayed the employer mandate because businesses across the country just weren't ready, but not the individual mandate. At the very least, our constituents deserve the same relief that the businesses got.

This isn't about pointing fingers. This is about providing some relief to the folks we represent who are facing serious uncertainty because they are being forced to buy something that is just not ready.

I urge my colleagues and the administration to delay the individual mandate. It is not only the right thing to do, it is the only practical thing to do.

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS SPENT ON HEALTHCARE.GOV

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a great concern over the lack of accountability and transparency we continue to see from the President and his administration as they scramble to fix the problems in the health care exchange and their Web site platform.

Mr. Speaker, we have walked through the tragedy of Benghazi, the abuse of the IRS, the lack of real commitment from the Attorney General. Mr. Speaker, this isn't right. We need a govern-

ment that is transparent, that is willing to tell the truth to the American people.

Three weeks after the rollout of these exchanges, the administration finally has come to Capitol Hill, but they are coming, Mr. Speaker, only to speak to House Democrats. Now figure that out. Where is the transparency there?

The American people deserve to know the truth of what happened with the \$400 million that was spent on a Web site to try to enlist people to join this health care exchange. The American people are being left on the hook for a Web site that cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and they deserve better.

ROLLING ALONG

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is always good to have a number of good news stories for my colleagues and the American people, and I am delighted to have a good news story, which is that the Affordable Care Act is rolling along. I recognize that the most important aspect of this law is that Americans, like Kendall Brown in Oklahoma City, are having their lives changed in front of their eyes.

She writes to the President that she has Crohn's disease and she has already benefited from the Affordable Care Act by being able to stay on her parents' insurance, but now she is able to enroll. And she wrote in this letter that as individuals are debating to delay the individual mandate—she said:

Mr. President, if they do it, then this is the last letter that you will receive from me because I will be dead by the time I am 27 years old.

So the good news is, my friends, enroll. You can use 1-800-318-2596—30,000 calls and only 20 seconds in wait time. You can use the navigators. You can use the outreach efforts. You can even get on the Web and be educated. 1-800-318-2596.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BENISHEK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the fact that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In my home State of Michigan, breast cancer is currently the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women, and it is the most frequently diagnosed cancer for women in Michigan.

I served as a doctor for 30 years in northern Michigan. I am all too familiar with how devastating breast cancer is for patients and their friends and their loved ones. Thankfully, early de-

tection rates have increased and mortality rates have decreased nationwide.

This is partially due to the hard work of the doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who are involved in diagnosing and treating this illness and in coming up with innovative new treatment options. This improvement is also due to the fundraising, outreach, and public awareness efforts of the groups like the Michigan Breast Cancer Coalition and the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

However, there is still much work left to be done. I urge all of my colleagues and all of my constituents to raise awareness of breast cancer and to take the steps necessary in order to detect this terrible disease. I encourage all women to be sure they are up to date on their mammograms.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, Congress must act without delay to provide certainty to employers, keep families together, and ensure that all children raised here in America have access to affordable higher education.

Less than a decade ago, it might have been impossible to imagine that so many businesses, farmworkers, labor leaders, educators, and even politicians would come together to support comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system, a system that no longer reflects our values or national interests.

The American public has reached consensus, as has the United States Senate. It is time for Members of the House to put aside their differences and pass a bill that grows the economy, creates a modernized immigration system, enhances our security, and creates an achievable path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

I encourage the leadership to bring comprehensive, commonsense, and compassionate immigration reform legislation to the House floor this fall. Mr. Speaker, the time to act is now.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today's much-anticipated and greatly needed water resources bill will allow our Nation to develop and maintain our economically vital ports and waterways and will support flood protection and environmental restoration efforts.

As a water-centered State, Florida is uniquely impacted by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. We have 16 seaports which contributed \$96.6 billion to the economy last year, and our maritime cargo industry supports more than 680,000 jobs.