in Nevada and one of the largest in the country.

Our work to train and place thousands of Nevadans in good union jobs taught me a lifelong lesson about the power of organized labor to uplift working people.

As a founding member and co-chair of the Congressional Labor Caucus, I am proud to support the PRO Act, which will return power to the hands of workers instead of Wall Street.

The PRO Act will ensure that workers have a seat at the table to advocate for higher wages, fair benefits, and security in employment and retirement.

Passing this legislation will protect the right to organize and provide basic labor protections to millions of workers who are not currently in a union.

Passing the PRO Act means undoing the damage of the Supreme Court's Janus decision, revitalizing the National Labor Relations Board, and rebalancing the scales between corporations and working people.

So I am proud to support the PRO Act because I know that when unions are strong, America is strong. I urge my colleagues to vote ''yes'' on the PRO Act.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO GERALDINE AMSTUTZ

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

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Geraldine Amstutz of Rochester, Minnesota, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 15.

Geraldine was born on March 15, 1921, in Grabill, Indiana, a small town founded and named after her grandfather.

After graduating high school at the top of her class, Geraldine went on to study music in college.

In 1943, Geraldine married Tillman Amstutz, with whom she would spend the next 63 years raising four children and eventually settling in Rochester.

Geraldine has always loved music, especially playing the piano, but her greatest passions involve people and art. For decades she has made personalized, homemade cards, sending thousands over the years to encourage, lift up, honor, and celebrate others. Approaching her centennial birthday, Geraldine continues making cards to bless others with her kindness and compassion.

Here is to 100 terrific years, Geraldine.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WILL BE LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY

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

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of the American Rescue Plan Act, ambitious and urgently needed legislation to end the COVID–19 epidemic and to facilitate our economic recovery.

The Federal Government has a responsibility to provide support to millions of families struggling because of lost work or grieving because they lost a loved one.

And this American Rescue Plan fulfills this responsibility, providing $1,400 relief checks to Americans that are hurting financially.

For the Americans who have lost their job during the pandemic, the bill extends critical unemployment benefits so they can get back on their feet.

For children and families who are approaching 1 year of remote schooling, this bill provides $125 billion to safely reopen our schools and protect teachers and students.

For small businesses that have been hit hard, this legislation could increase funding for the Paycheck Protection Program and other support loans and grants.

For over 25 million Americans who are struggling to put food on the table, this bill increases SNAP benefits so families do not go hungry.

For nearly 10 million Americans who are behind on rent and utilities, this bill provides funds to keep a roof over their head and the lights on.

And I am very pleased that this bill includes funding modeled after my legislation to ramp up and fund the manufacturing and distribution of the COVID–19 vaccine.

STUDENTS MUST GET BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, as the father of three school-age boys, the health and well-being of children and school kids across America is one of my top priorities.

As we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic, I have heard repeatedly from parents across the 18th District of Illinois about getting our kids back in the classroom and back on the athletic field.

Throughout this pandemic, we have heard from experts and now President Joe Biden about the importance of trusting the science. When it comes to schools, the science is clear: Students and teachers can go back to in-person learning safely. The CDC is also clear on this. Risk of transmission of COVID–19 in the classroom is extremely low.

Getting back in the classroom won't just help our kids achieve their academic goals, it will also help with their mental and physical health, areas that many students have struggled with during this pandemic.

Hospitals across the country have seen increases in child suicide attempts and mental health admissions. Nothing is zero risk, but the consequences of keeping our children out of the classroom far outweigh the risk.

Our kids are suffering mentally and academically. The science is clear. Let's put our children first and get students back in the classroom as soon as possible.

HELP FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

(Mr. AGUILAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Inland Empire of Southern California, the region that my family has called home for generations.

In my community and around this country people are hurting.

Businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. Families are wondering where their kids' next meal is going to come from, and our healthcare system is being pushed to the brink of failure.

Our communities are hurting, and they are wondering if people they sent to Washington to represent them are going to do anything about it. We need relief, and it can't come soon enough.

The American Rescue Plan represents real, tangible relief for our communities.

This bill will bring more than $600 million into my community of San Bernardino County to help protect first responders, teachers, and other essential workers.

It will give small businesses the access to funding they need to stay open and to put money in people's pockets to help them make ends meet.

It will help crush the virus by expanding vaccine distribution and access.

And it will give our schools the resources they need to safely reopen and put kids in the classroom.

This is a unique moment in American history, and this legislation provides bold solutions that this moment calls for.

AMERICAN DAIRY FARMERS NEED AN URGENT FIX

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

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, the Dairy H–2A Eligibility Act.

As I have traveled around my district and met with dairy farmers, their number one need has consistently been a reliable workforce.

Currently, dairy farms do not have access to the H–2A visa program because their work is not considered seasonal. My very simple one-page piece of legislation would simply make dairy workers eligible for these temporary work visas.

Farming is the largest economic driver in my district, and dairy farming is a critical part of the American economy and food supply.

We need to ensure that farmers have the resources and workforce they need