to remember these victims and their families in Bucha and across Ukraine, realizing that historically, in this 21st century, this is the test of our time, and the world is watching.

RUSSIA SANCTIONS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support Congress' bipartisan approval of harsher sanctions on Vladimir Putin and his vicious Russian enablers. We all support suspending normal trade relations and support destabilizing the Russian economy as the price of their savageness.

The nations of the free world and all freedom-loving people have an obligation to stand up resolutely against the tyranny and murder being unleashed against Ukraine.

Let liberty lovers continue arming Ukraine's brave defenders. Let free nations send them the lethal and defensive equipment they need. And let civil nations continue to isolate this rogue and criminal state from all that it needs to function.

The murder of innocent, men, women, and children simply cannot be tolerated.

WHAT DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS ARE DOING

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

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, today, we found out that weekly jobless claims are the lowest since 1968 and, in fact, if you look at this month, their unemployment claims are the lowest in recorded history.

President Joe Biden and Congressional Democrats have done an amazing job on job creation. For the last 14 months, 7.4 million jobs were created, the most in U.S. history; jobs are up, wages are up, growth is up, and unemployment is down.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know. But last month, two Republicans spoke at a white nationalist conference. And today, we learned that Republican Congressman PAUL GOSAR is going to attend a white nationalist bash to celebrate Hitler's birthday, and he is listed as a guest speaker on April 20 at this bash.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FAILURE TO ASSIST UKRAINE IN A TIMELY MANNER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, it has been 41 days since Putin's invasion of Ukraine in February. That means 2,685 civilian casualties, and more than 4 million fleeing Ukrainian refugees scrambling to the aid of the EU.

Twenty-five days after watching bloodshed, riots, and tears, the Biden administration finally came to their senses and released a statement to aid $1 billion in funding humanitarian assistance for the Ukrainian people, allowing the U.S. to accept 100,000 fleeing refugees; 25 days of watching; 25 days of letting other countries handle it; 25 days of fear. This is 1,081 Ukrainian citizens no longer breathing, lost in those 25 days.

Silence speaks louder than action. The Biden administration is responsible for this delayed deterrence.

After striking down a deal with Poland to aid the relocation of MiG–29 planes for Ukrainian use, the President also hesitated to provide military assistance to President Zelenskyy of Ukraine.

Two weeks of waiting into the invasion, President Biden delayed sanctions on Russian oil after much pressure from the House. Therefore, it ruined any chances of deterrence against Putin's aggression.

These actions have been shown on the world stage, and the U.S. now appears weaker than ever as a result of this hesitancy.

We need to bring aid hastily to the Ukrainian people; the help they deserve.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

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

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, I want you to imagine a world where the Republican Party praised the President of the United States for raising the price of oil by 24 percent. That sounds crazy, right?

Well, that is exactly what happened 2 years ago this month when Trump threatened to remove U.S. troops from Saudi Arabia unless they cut oil production.

Oil prices, of course, are not set by the President, but they are a function of global supply and demand. And when the President pressures another country to slash supply, the price at the pump and oil industry profits surge accordingly. That is exactly what happened in April of 2020.

The GOP praised Trump's approach. What's more, nearly 50 of my Republican House colleagues wrote a letter directly to the Saudi Crown Prince demanding that he cut crude output. They wanted higher oil company profits, so they forced a reduction in supply to make that happen.

Fast forward to today. Those same Republicans who pressured Saudi to cut oil supply and increase prices 2 years ago are now berating President Biden for using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to boost supply, and blocking every effort to invest in energy efficiency and renewables that would cut our fossil fuel demand.

Why would a party that fought to raise oil prices 2 years ago fight to raise them again? Because given a choice between your wallet and the fossil fuel industry, they will always take from you and subsidize them.

Americans deserve better.

WE CANNOT LEAVE WORKERS BEHIND

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Act which included an amendment that I worked on with my team and many of the folks that led this effort to prohibit the funds from going to businesses who have committed wage theft against their employees.

This simple change will make sure that our valuable Federal dollars are being used to support businesses who do right by their workers, not those who rip off their workers and steal their labor.

There is no doubt that a thriving restaurant industry is good for everyone, but it is the workers who really make the restaurants and businesses who they are today. And workers are the reason that so many of them made it through this awful and continued pandemic.

We cannot leave those workers behind, as I said, and with this bill and my amendment, we are making clear that if you cheat or exploit your employees, the Federal Government will not do business with you.

As I continue to work in Congress to end wage theft and expand the powers of our workers, I want to thank my colleagues, again, Chairwoman NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, as well as Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS, for their work in improving this bill and moving it forward. I urge the Senate to take this bill up as soon as possible.

RELIEF FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER HARD HIT SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK. Madam Speaker, restaurants are a driving force in South Florida's hospitality and tourism industry, but when the pandemic hit, their sales plummeted.

The $28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund helped over 100,000 restaurants, bars, and other small businesses in the food and beverage services sector keep their doors open and their staff employed.

Unfortunately, this program's limited funding failed to support roughly two-thirds of the eligible businesses that applied. Nearly 200,000 small businesses have been left behind, and now four out of five of these restaurants and bars are in danger of closing permanently.