

living in States that were in rebellion against the Union were declared “forever free” and also allowed to join the military. The year before, Mr. Lincoln abetted the cause of freedom by forbidding Army officers from returning fugitive slaves and signed a law declaring the Federal Government would compensate slave owners who freed their slaves.

Frederick Douglass escaped slavery and became a leader of the abolitionist movement. He was a great orator and writer and after the war he was involved in Reconstruction efforts. His energies were devoted to helping America truly become a place where all citizens enjoyed liberty. Mr. Douglass once said, “I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.”

In observing Black History month, it would be impossible to author an exhaustive list of all influential African Americans. Yet one such individual in recent history stands out: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In January, we celebrated his achievement of peaceful protest in furthering civil rights for minorities. Dr. King’s accomplishments represent but a fraction of the positive impact African Americans have had on our society.

I also note the United Nations has proclaimed 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent. Their resolution calls for worldwide cooperation to further their full enjoyment of economic, cultural, social, civil and political rights, participation in political, economic, social and cultural aspects of society and promotion of a greater knowledge of and respect for their diverse heritage and culture.

I agree with these sentiments and urge Americans to continue to fulfill the potential of promise that our Nation offers everyone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am proud that my home State of Oregon has so many citizen soldiers and even prouder of the way we take care of them. In the world of veterans’ services, one real shining light is Clackamas Community College. I am delighted today to take this opportunity to recognize Clackamas Community College for being selected to receive the Patriotic Employer Award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, ESGR. Clackamas Community College sets an extraordinary example in its care of our nation’s veterans that I would hope every institution of higher learning could follow. Clackamas Community College doesn’t just stop at educating its students. It serves every member of its community, especially its veterans.

When servicemembers come back from the war zone, it takes some ad-

justing to get back to the routine of life they left behind when they went to serve. As anyone who has gone to college knows, just signing up for classes or applying for student aid can be a confusing experience let alone when you have been out of the university atmosphere for a while, fighting in battle. Clackamas Community College knows that. That is why it created a Veterans Education and Training—VET—Center to serve as a one-stop shop for students who are veterans. The VET Center’s staff knows the ins and outs of veterans’ education benefits, financial aid and every other veterans’ resource and program.

The VET Center is also there for student veterans who have a hard time adjusting to being back in school after they have been deployed. The center serves as a safe haven for the veterans to talk things out and get help with problems only another veteran can understand. A veterans’ club regularly meets at the VET Center to provide support and camaraderie for the folks they see as family—other vets.

Clackamas Community College also pays the VET Center staff to train college staff and faculty about issues that confront student veterans so they are ready when called upon to help. This helps create a tremendously supportive environment campuswide.

Through the VET Center, Clackamas Community College works to eliminate obstacles in the admissions process while making every effort to help veterans earn education credit for their military service and experience.

Clackamas Community College also recently joined with the Army Reserves to open an Army Strong Community Center—ASCC—on campus. This center, which connects military members and their families with support resources in the community, is the first ASCC west of the Mississippi River.

But Clackamas Community College does even more. As a leader in its community, it continues its veterans’ outreach outside the campus boundaries. When nearly 1,500 Oregon National Guard soldiers were deployed to Iraq, the college sponsored two Oregon National Guard family reunions to support the families of deployed 41st Brigade soldiers. The college also hosted two yellow-ribbon reintegration events that touched the lives of more than 3,800 soldiers and their families.

When the college hosted a veterans job fair last year, they went above and beyond the call of duty to host the largest single veterans’ job fair in the State. The college found room for 104 employers that were eager to hire veterans, 106 veterans’ services providers and more than 3,100 veterans. The logistics were incredible, and they handled them with ease, even providing lunch and entertainment for the veterans’ families while the veterans job-hunted.

In recognition of their ongoing efforts, Clackamas Community College

was one of 20 colleges and universities to receive a \$100,000 grant to serve military veterans from the Wal-Mart Foundation and the American Council on Education. Clackamas Community College used the funds to further their efforts to help veterans transition from military service to college.

As an Oregonian and as their Senator, I could not be more proud of Clackamas Community College, its president, Joanne Truesdell, and the heroes they serve. Our citizen soldiers answer the call of our country every day, and Clackamas Community College returns the favor when they come home. It is my honor to thank them for their support of Oregon’s veterans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and referred as indicated:

S. 248. A bill to allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-449. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sodium and Potassium salts of N-alkyl (C8-C18)-beta-iminodipropionic acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 8861-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-450. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions” (FRL No. 8859-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-451. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "n-Octyl alcohol and n-Decyl alcohol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8860-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-452. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "(S,S)-Ethylenediamine Disuccinic Acid Trisodium Salt; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8860-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-453. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8860-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isobutane; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8860-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-455. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bispyribac-sodium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8860-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-456. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Servicing; Farm Loan Programs" (RIN0560-AI05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-457. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shareholder Approval of Executive Compensation and Golden Parachute Compensation" (RIN3235-AK68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-458. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XA084) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-459. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2011 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Atka Mack-

rel Total Allowable Catch Amount" (RIN0648-XA129) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-460. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XY51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-461. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standards for Full-Size Baby Cribs and Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs; Final Rule" (16 CFR Parts 1219, 1220, and 1500) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-462. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Model Falcon 10 Airplanes; Model FAN JET FALCON, FAN JET FALCON SERIES C,D,E,F, and G Airplanes; Model MYSTERE-FALCON 200 Airplanes; Model MYSTERE-FALCON 20-C5, 20-D5, 20-E5, and 20-F5 Airplanes; Model FALCON 2000 and FALCON 2000EX Airplanes; and Model MYSTERE-FALCON 50 and MYSTERE-FALCON 900 Airplanes, and FALCON 900EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0864)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-463. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Models DA 40 and DA 40F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0845)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-464. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Farmington, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0769)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-465. A communication from the Attorney Advisor of the Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements" (FCC 10-176) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-466. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2010 report to Congress on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-467. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Funda-

mental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts—III"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-468. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 110(k)(6) Correction and Technical Correction Related to Prior Designation, and Decisions Related to the 1997 Air Quality Designations and Classifications for the Annual Fine Particles National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9261-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-469. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for PM10; Columbia Falls and Libby Nonattainment Areas, Montana" (FRL No. 9260-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-470. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2011" (Rev. Proc. 2011-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-471. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2010; Excise Tax" (Rev. Proc. 2011-10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-472. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration during Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Interim Final Rule" (RIN0625-AA66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-473. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Border Carrier Initiative Program" (RIN1651-AA68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-474. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty Revised Loan Modification Procedures" (RIN2900-AN78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-475. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory,

Reasonable Further Progress Plan, Contingency Measures, Reasonably Available Control Measures, and Transportation Conformity Budgets for the Pennsylvania Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City 1997 8-Hour Moderate Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9262-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-476. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9261-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-477. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9262-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-478. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority and Tailoring Rule Revision" (FRL No. 9257-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-479. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Revision to Definitions; Construction Permit Program; Regulation 3" (FRL No. 9251-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-480. A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Trust Management Reform—Implementation of Statutory Changes" (RIN1076-AF07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-481. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Update of Regulatory References to Technical Standards" (RIN2137-AD68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-482. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Integrity Management Program Modifications and Clarifications" (RIN2137-AE07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4,

2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-483. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation" (Docket No. NHTSA-2006-25686) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-484. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise; Potential Program Improvements" (RIN2105-AD75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-485. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities; Adoption of New Accessibility Standards" (RIN2105-AC86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-486. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Canadian Charter Air Taxis—Technical Changes" (RIN2105-AD58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-487. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) Requirements" (RIN2105-AD46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-488. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Petition of the National Air Carrier Association for Rulemaking" (RIN2105-AD38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-489. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Review of Data Filed by Certificated or Commuter Air Carriers to Support Continuing Fitness Determinations Involving Citizenship Issues" (RIN2105-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-490. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Procedures for Non-Evidential Alcohol Screening Devices" (RIN2105-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-491. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule

entitled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: State Laws Requiring Drug and Alcohol Rule Violation Information" (RIN2105-AD67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 293. A bill to modify the authority to use Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for proliferation threat reduction projects and activities outside the states of the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 294. A bill to enhance early care and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 295. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 296. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 297. A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 298. A bill to drive American innovation and advanced vehicle manufacturing, to reduce costs for consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WICKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LEE, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 299. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to repeal the job-killing tax on medical devices to ensure continued access to life-saving medical devices for patients and maintain the