

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF LINDA C.
DAVIS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 3, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today out of great respect for a public servant who has since left us, Linda Davis of Ledyard, Connecticut. Linda passed at the age of 71 on December 12th, 2021, after a long-term battle with cancer. Having dedicated 40 years of her life to the town, earning Linda the appropriate nickname, "Mother Ledyard," the heartbreak that has resulted from her loss cannot be understated.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 4th, 1950, Linda grew up with an affinity for sports and her hometown teams, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Steelers. Upon graduating from high school, Linda continued on into higher education at the University of Pittsburgh where she was able to actively enjoy Steelers games. It was at one of these very hometown games, a playoff between the Steelers and the Navy, that Linda met a rival by the name of Earl Davis. Little did she know at the time that that game and the rival she had met would change the course of her life. It was not long after their first run in that Linda became Mrs. Linda Davis, marrying Earl in 1970 before making the choice of settling down in our neck of the woods, Ledyard, Connecticut.

By the early 1980's, Linda had moved to Ledyard with her new family and went right to bat for the town of Ledyard. First appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Economic Development Commission in the same year, Linda became a key figure in Ledyard's fight against the 1981 gypsy moth blight, which significantly impacted the State of Connecticut and even continues to invade our communities in spikes to this day. Linda led a part of a town-wide spraying campaign using a fungus which proved effective against the moths. This fungus earned Linda a spotlight on the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather as she was featured during a report detailing her experience, ultimately helping spread a message that led to the curbing of the 1980's outbreak of gypsy moths.

From those early days through to even her final moments, Linda's life force derived from her fierce advocacy on behalf of the town of Ledyard. Capping her several decades of service to the community, she most recently won a ninth term to the town council. Serving as Chairman of the town council since 2012, Linda used her position of influence on the Land Use, Planning, and Public Works Committee as well as the Information Technology Committee to make Ledyard more hospitable in a variety of ways. This includes her work to publish town works online, making local government more accessible and transparent for the general public. Her leadership on the town council, reflected by her ability to bring elected

representatives together, only exists of course as the tip of the iceberg when it comes to remembering her example.

The prosperity of Ledyard was always close to Linda's heart. Since the start of her official capacity with the town of Ledyard through her service on the Parks & Recreation Commission in 1981, Linda wore just about every hat one could in Ledyard, ranging from other governing bodies like the Economic Development Committee to her Chairmanship of the Board of Education in 2003. Her background in real estate made her a successful proponent of improving the town's image, including her work to move an anti-blight ordinance through Ledyard Town Council as well as her efficient stewardship of Ledyard's Beautification Committee. As a real estate agent, Linda personally helped move and welcome more than a thousand families into the eastern Connecticut area.

Resembling a true reflection of her character, however, Linda most notably fostered a loving responsibility for the local food pantry during her later years. As supervisor to the pantry, Linda put countless hours into maintaining and recruiting sources for the available supply, most recently overseeing its transfer into a new storage space and making more efficient the process by which donations go from storage to families in need. The town of Ledyard even renamed the pantry after Linda in honor of her dedication to the food pantry.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to know of and represent eastern Connecticut residents like Linda Davis, who has put in the work to not just better our community, but also acted as a magnate in attracting families into the neighborhood. Her leadership and passion were felt by all within the town. Though words cannot describe how deeply she will be missed, we can find consolation in the fact that there is an army out there that will ensure her legacy and example lives on. Included in that army, of course, is her surviving beloved husband Earl, her son Jeffrey, and sister Diane Delmer. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Linda's life through the Congressional record so that we all may better live up to the standard set by her.

JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE NO. 1757
TRANSCRIPT

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, on December 31, 2021 Joe Rogan hosted Dr. Robert Malone M.D. on his podcast to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and the Federal government's response. That podcast has been met with unbridled censorship by big tech. In accordance with House rules, I add the first five pages of the transcript to the RECORD, the remainder can be viewed at <https://>

nehls.house.gov/posts/joe-rogan-experience-1757-dr-robert-malone-md-full-transcript.

EXPERIENCE NO. 1757 TRANSCRIPT

(By Joe Rogan and Dr. Robert Malone)

Joe Rogan: So, first of all, thanks for coming and uh very nice tie.

Dr. Robert Malone: Thanks christmas present um actually ryan cole is the one that first got these and uh my wife has been jealous ever since so this is what I got for . . .

JR: Where does one get a Covid tie?

RM: I don't know she looked it up on Amazon or some place and and found it

JR: you gotta love how industrious some of these folks are they're just you know they find a niche like I know what I wanna sell: Covid ties and there you go.

RM: I gotta I gotta have a tux for an event that's coming up in texas in a couple of months and so my wife is writing to the guy that does the ties and to see if he can make a bow tie that's got the virus on it

JR: are you uh I nian are you tired of this . . .

RM: tired

JR: . . . dealing with this do you feel a duty to talk about this like we should just say uh because uh historically we should just state what's happening here so today is the 20 no the 30th of december and yesterday you were kicked off twitter correct

RM: true

JR: Um, we scheduled this in advance. It's just coincidentally that you were kicked off twitter. What what were you kicked out first of all before we even do this please tell everybody what your history is and what your what your degrees are and what you do?

RM: okay so I'm going to do the short version okay um some you know this can last for an hour um if we go into the whole history of mrna vaccines and all that kind of stuff uh my history I I am uh I was originally a carpenter and a farmhand uh in the central coast of california and decided that I wanted to go back to school and uh did two years of computer science and then decided that I didn't want to spend the rest of my life looking at a computer monitor in abasement bad decision and decided that I wanted to try to become an MD which was a hard thing to try to do in the in the late 70s so that was a real stretch objective. Went to uc davis after two years of undergrad at san barbara city college and uh and wanted to work on this new tech space called molecular biology in particular on cancer my mother was deathly afraid of breast cancer and so I looked around and found laboratory at uc davis with a guy named bob cardiff and another guy named murray gardner that were working with retroviruses and their links to breast cancer and it just happened that while I was in there this is circa 83 84. um this whole thing cut loose in san francisco with the immunodeficiency syndrome in men and uh the lab ended up right at the forefront of that you know davis is just down the street basically from san francisco and at the davis primate center they had discovered that there were monkeys that had immune deficiency and so I was there in the lab as an undergraduate as a total bench rat m when preston marks and murray gardner and others made the first discovery of a retrovirus basis for emitter deficiency in primates and uh then murray went to the pastor brought back the virus literally in his pocket um he

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went with there with bob gallo met with a guy named Luc Montagnier that you may know and uh that kind of kicked off the whole vaccine effort for aids so I that's kind of what I cut my teeth on uh and so I came out of that I you know I was uh it was it was really bold to think that I could get into medical school um and I kind of overshot the mark I got an MD PhD scholarship at northwestern university in chicago and uh so I went from having grown up in santa barbara with my wife, we were high school sweethearts, to chicago and that was kind of an abrupt uh transition so um we decided I would do my graduate work at san diego and i'd been accepted into a program at uc san diego that had two of the top gene therapy specialists I really wanted to do gene therapy with retroviruses that was what I thought was going to be my life and so we moved down to san diego and I started working in the laboratory of indoor verma which is in the molecular biology and virology labs at the salk institute and this is a place where graduate students normally aren't allowed to go it was there was seven nobel laureates at the time plus Jonas a really intense competitive environment carved out a little niche that I was going to work on for my graduate work which was asking questions about how retrovirus RNA is packaged and from that I had to develop a series of technologies to manufacture RNA and structure it and eventually put it into cells and that through a cascade of events being at the right place the right time asking the right questions surrounded by geniuses led to the series of discoveries that now performs the basis of the RNA technology platform that gives rise to these vaccines and 10 issued patents from they were all filed in '89. So, that's kind of my origin story that it relates to this virus and vaccine and this but since then went on finished my md did two fellowships at uc davis top pathology for years set up a gene therapy lab had many other discoveries came out to the east coast created the technology platform that is now the basis of the company called inovio we actually originally founded inovio in the United States this is uh pulsed electrical fields they have one of the DNA vaccines for Covid then the planes hit the towers the investors pulled back and I went to work for a company called dynport vaccine company that had the prime systems contract as government speak for all the biodefense products for the department of defense for advanced development which is to say clinical trials through licensure and that's my kind of transition from being an academic to focusing on actually making things that work in people and the big epiphany there was that the world is full of these academic thought leaders that publish in big journals and stuff but that doesn't really lead to products and I really wanted to make products that would help people and so since then for the last I guess about 20 years I've been focused on actually doing stuff regulatory affairs, clinical development, getting necessary training, etc. completed a fellowship at harvard university medical school in uh global as a global clinical scholar to round out my cv and I've uh run you know over 100 clinical trials mostly in the vaccine space but also in drug repurposing I've been involved in every major outbreak since aids this is kind of what I do um I've won literally billions of dollars in federal grants and contracts I'm often brought in by nih to serve as a study section chair for awarding you know 80 to 120 million dollar contracts in vaccines and biodefense I've spent countless hours at the CDC at the AC ACIP meetings um I have multiple friends at the CDC I work closely with defense threat reduction agency which is a and it's one of my favorite uh clients

partners teaming partners and I work with the chem biodefense group there's other branches um including the other this is not the branch that funded the wuhan labs that's another branch of DTRA um I've got many friends in the intelligence community so I'm I'm kind of a pretty deep insider in terms of the government I know Tony Fauci personally I've dealt with him my whole career and then and then we had this particular outbreak and um I was uh tip of the spear on bringing the ebola vaccine forward that we now call the merc ebola vaccine I'm the one that got Merk involved.

JR: now when the pandemic broke out previous to that I mean you're you're kind of thought of as a heretic now in some strange way . . .

RM: Pariah.

JR: yeah it's probably a better word and the fact that you've been banned from twitter is it's it's very confusing because I've been following your tweets and I've been reading all the things you've written and I don't understand how it justifies a ban and I don't know what was the partic particular tweet did they tell you what the particular tweet was or what the offense was that

RM: they never tell you

JR: they never told you

RM: well they never tell anybody

JR: they removed you for not going along with whatever the tech narrative is because tech clearly has a censorship agenda when it comes to COVID in terms of treatment in terms of the whether or not you're promoting what they would call vaccine hesitancy they can ban you for that they can ban you for in their eyes what they think is a justifiable offense and they're doing this and I don't know who these people are that are doing this but they're doing these this one of the most important things about you reading out your history like that is to one of the most qualified people in the world to talk about vaccines

RM: well thank you for that I I think that that's so one way that some people put it is and of course since this has happened I've been contacted by multiple lawyers that are looking at filing a suit just like alex berenson has one against twitter um and the point is made just with what you just made uh um if so the point that I I think is kind of succinct on this is um if my voice if if there's no merit to my voice being in the conversation whether I it's true or not whether I'm factually correct or hot let's park that just for a minute whether or not I'm right in everything I say and I freely admit no one's perfect I'm not perfect it's one of my core points is people should think for themselves and I try really hard to give people the information and help them to think not to tell them what to think okay um but the point is if I'm not if it's not okay for me to be part of the conversation even though I'm pointing out scientific facts that may be inconvenient then who is who can be and whether you're in the camp that says I'm a liar and I didn't invent this technology despite the patents when there's a whole cohort of that no one can debate that dispute that I played a major role in the creation of this tech and virtually all other voices that have that background have conflicts of interest financial conflicts of interest I think I'm the only one that doesn't I'm not getting any money out of this so i think that it starts to touch on some fundamental constitutional principles about rights of free speech I suspect that's kind of where you're going on that

JR: well most certainly but also how disturbing it is for someone who's not an academic like myself to watch people like you get silenced and silenced in this platform of social media where people are exchanging in-

formation they're posting up studies and you're discussing different parts of this pandemic that are in the news and what the issues may lie in and where your background and your expertise allows you to explain this in a way that maybe it's not being explained because of the narrative that's being discussed in the mainstream news and to watch you get silenced first of all to watch you get ostracized I've seen that I've seen people distance themselves from you I've seen people call you a crazy person and criticize you but with no specific thing to point to it became like a tag they put on you like oh that guy like I brought you up to someone and he goes oh that guy's crazy I go how so there was no answer

RM: yes so

JR: okay so this is a thing you're gonna just say someone's crazy when they say something that's inconvenient or say something that makes you uncomfortable because you've decided to accept a certain narrative. Did twitter warn you?

RM: no.

JR: Was there any tweets where they said that this is misleading or anything?

RM: no no they never do.

JR: do you have any idea what the final tweet was or what the context was?

RM: I think I do and there's no way to confirm it until the lawyers you know do their lawyering um now I did have in the case of when I was banned from LinkedIn remember this happened um

RM: I wasn't aware of that

JR: yeah I was de-platformed from linkedin many months ago and uh it was uh there was actually two events of de-platforming in linkedin and in both cases I was able to get an explanation for what the specific crimes were the thought crimes and in the first I one it was a tweet a linkedin posting in which I pointed out that the chairman of the board of Thomson Reuters also sits on the board of pfizer and and I simply wrote um is does this look like a conflict of interest to you okay and this gets to your core question about tech it's not tech it's it's the horizontal integration across all major industries now under the control of common funds all of these industries the harmonization of the tech censorship the interests of pharma um big media etc and governments all being harmonized in their messaging globally I mean I travel a lot okay I see the same and I have physicians coming to me all the time about what they're experiencing the same playbook is going on every continent okay but getting back to linkedin so this is this is the first event and steve kirsch intervened called up a vice president of linkedin and steve kirsh is a tech guy right yeah yes he's a silicon valley entrepreneur um who you may or may not recall that I was on the brett weinstein dark horse podcast with steve that kind of lit this whole fire up months and months that's right okay that's where I first saw him yeah so so he he has great network connections in silicon valley he invented the optical mouse um and so he he called this vice president linkedin the guy looked into it meanwhile um people started dropping off of linkedin in protest and there was major press articles all over the world and then they reinstated me and I actually got a very kind letter this is unprecedented personal letter from this vice president apologizing and saying and saying specifically that they didn't have the talent to fact check me and uh then therefore they were gonna let me go now then subsequently I got dropped again and a phone call was made and they got put on. In that case, the sin was that some one of their fact checkers because remember this is microsoft one of their fact checkers had identified the atlantic monthly article attack article was written about me and concluded that I was an

anti-vaxxer and therefore I should not be allowed on linkedin now the context for that that's fascinating is that atlantic monthly attack article that is often cited by my detractors and it's a fascinating read um we could go down that rabbit hole but no reason um it was written a few days after peter navarro and I came out with an op-ed in the washington times in which we criticized biden policy on vaccines and said that they should be reserved for those that need the most and not used universally and we said some other things about the need of of testing and um tools so that people can assess their true risk it was a political retaliation intended to take me off the map as I was starting to interact more of a public policy sphere now with this this twitter event my wife and I have racked our brains about what was the what is likely to have been the tweet that triggered this and you know you never know the last two that I can think of that went out was one that was on our sub stack in which we um referred to a fantastic video that has been put out by the canadian COVID care alliance group that summarizes all the malfeasance and data manipulation misinterpretation associated with the pfizer vaccines and their clinical trials it's a super video and um of course that's I guess that is uh interpreted as something that would cause people to become vaccine hesitant that's the sin in general is saying things that cause people to become vaccine hesitant the other thing that I put out immediately before that was a post a link to a website for the world economic forum that lays out their entire strategy for how they manage media how they're managing COVID-19 and all of their core messaging it's a fascinating website with links those are the only two things I can think of that would meet the criteria. So, you know my position all the way through this comes off of the platform of bioethics and the importance of informed consent so my position is that people should have the freedom of choice particularly for their children um and that in order to con to appropriately choose to participate in a medical experiment they have to be fully informed of the risks as well as the benefits and so I've tried really hard to make sure that people have access to the information about those risks and potential benefits the true unfiltered academic papers and raw data etc. and the policy that's being implemented is one in which no discussion of the risks are allowed because by definition they will elicit vaccine hesitance so it can't be discussed but that's the fundamental background that's the backbone of informed consent so informed consent is not only not happening it's being actively blocked that makes sense.

JR: it does make sense and it's unprecedented I mean I can't recall a time ever where people weren't able to discuss the side effects of medication whether or not the studies are accurate whether or not people should universally take these things or whether it should be done on a person-by-person basis this is a it's a very strange time and so when someone who's an expert like yourself has a dissenting opinion and you see that dissenting opinion immediately silenced or si- or at least immediately criticized and then these attempts at silencing it just signifies how confusing and how troubled the times were in are when Covid first hit when the lockdown started happening in march of 2020 what was your position on all this.

RM: so you're kind of asking my origin story with Covid

JR: yes I mean were you initially um have you taken the COVID vaccine

RM: so the answer is yes I've also been infected twice

JR: after you took it um

RM: once before I was infected at the end of February because I was attending a MIT

conference on drug discovery and artificial intelligence so this is pre-lockdown February 20. you but it goes back further than that um there's a CIA agent that I've co-published with in the past named Michael Callahan he was in Wuhan in the fourth quarter of 2019 he called me from Wuhan on January 4th I was currently managing a team that was focusing on drug discovery for organophosphate poisoning ergo nerve agents for DTRA, defense threat reduction agency, involving high-performing computing and biorobot screening um high-end stuff and he told me Robert you got to get your team spun up because we got a problem with this new virus I worked with him through prior outbreaks and so it was then that I turned my attention to this started modeling um a key protein a protease inhibitor of this virus when the sequence was released on January 11th as the Wuhan seafood market virus and I've been pretty much going non-stop ever since to that point with with drug repurposing so I'm the one that originally discovered famotidine as an agent um because I was self-treating myself after I got infected with agents that we'd identified through the computer modeling.

SUPPORTING H.R. 5314, THE PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5314, the Protecting our Democracy Act, a bill I am proud to have cosponsored.

The work of ensuring that our Republic remains committed to our founding democratic principles is something all of us in Congress should fully support. Each generation of elected officials and Americans is entrusted with protecting our incredible and fragile form of government.

Today, we look to respond to that responsibility and confront the systemic crisis of confidence facing our Nation's government through the Protecting our Democracy Act. This bill seeks to bolster the checks and balances between the branches of our government, ensure public officials are held accountable, confront corruption head on and provide more transparency for the American people. This much-needed legislation responds to attempts to undermine our democratic institutions. It will make sure our government works for the people and rebuild trust in the lawmakers and public servants working on the pressing issues facing our Nation and the world.

Lastly, as a Legislative Branch appropriator and member of the Blue Dog Coalition, I want to thank the Rules Committee for making the amendment submitted by Congressman CORREA, Chair of the Blue Dog Task Force on Jobs and Economic Growth, in order. His amendment will ensure Congressionally mandated reports from the executive branch are transmitted to Congress in machine readable format, easing public access to these reports.

As Congress works to strengthen and protect our democracy for future generations, the reforms in this bill will help ensure that we can keep our cherished republic. I urge support for this measure.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MATTHEW HARMON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Lieutenant Commander Matthew Harmon, United States Navy, during his service as a legislative fellow in my Washington, D.C., office last year. Throughout 2021, Matt has played a critical role in supporting my work on the House Armed Services Committee and representing the proud Navy community in eastern Connecticut.

As Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, I have the high honor of overseeing much of our Nation's Navy, Marine Corps, and various Air Force programs. The Navy's legislative fellowship program is an invaluable effort that benefits members of the House and Senate as we craft annual improvements to our nation's military apparatus with the insight of junior officers who, like Matt, bring real-world experience from military duty. This year, as our subcommittee considered how best to fund critical shipbuilding programs, bolster shipbuilding supply chains, and prioritize Navy and Marine Corps readiness across the INDOPACOM through the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, Matt provided critical insight and guidance into how our subcommittee could best provide the resources and platforms that our sailors and marines need to achieve mission success.

Matt has also seized initiative in a variety of areas beyond naval affairs. He worked tirelessly to scrub the Navy's budget request and used his Navy experience to identify funding gaps in the shipbuilding and conversion and research, development, test, and evaluation accounts. After identifying areas in which we could improve the Navy's posture and readiness through Congressional authorization, he was able to recommend substantive changes that resulted in the Seapower subcommittee's inclusion of top Navy priorities in the FY22 NDAA. He has also served as the staff lead for the Friends of Australia Caucus, of which I serve as co-chair, ensuring that the ties between our countries remain as strong as ever—particularly as our two nations begin a new era of partnership under AUKUS. At a time when America's and our allies' national security priorities are refocusing rapidly towards the maritime domain in the Pacific, Matt's work to facilitate communications with the executive branch of government and our Australian counterparts to recognize new opportunities in light of the enhanced relationship afforded by AUKUS will have a direct impact on the security of our Nation.

From his very first days with my office, Matt has been an adaptable and effective advocate for the needs of the second district of Connecticut. Starting his fellowship in a year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, he adjusted quickly to more than unusual circumstances, becoming my office's first legislative fellow to initially onboard under fully remote circumstances while also joining my office's team in the same week of the January 6th riot. He has since acted as an invaluable, resilient asset on behalf of my office.