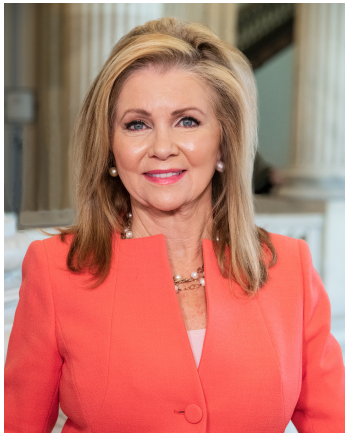


Military, Law, and more ...

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“How much longer will Democrats endanger our homeland security?” asks Sen. Marsha Blackburn



By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17, 2026 - For 31 days, Democrats have kept the Department of Homeland Security unfunded, marking one of the longest government shutdowns in U.S. history. The American people are suffering the consequences.

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missed paychecks, hurting the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our highest elected officials, including President

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Trump.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has faced staff shortages, increasing our vulnerability to cyberattacks from foreign adversaries. That includes the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has launched cyberattacks on U.S. companies in retaliation over Operation Epic Fury.

As communities across the country recover from winter storms

and prepare for tornado season, operations at the Federal Emergency Management Agency have been suspended, depriving our states of crucial resources.

Core operations of the U.S. Coast Guard have similarly been disrupted, including maritime search and rescue, port security, and patrols to stop drug traffickers.

All of this is happening because Democrats have voted repeatedly to keep DHS shut down, jeopardizing our nation's security at a time of heightened terror threats.

On Thursday [March 12], a man from Lebanon plowed a truck strapped with explosives into a synagogue in Michigan. That same day, an immigrant from Sierra Leone opened fire on an ROTC class at Old Dominion University in Virginia, killing one person and injuring two others. The suspect was previously convicted of providing material support to ISIS, but was released early in 2024 under the Biden administration. And on Monday, the Justice Department charged two men for allegedly igniting homemade bombs outside the mayor's residence in New York City in an act of ISIS-

inspired terrorism.

While law enforcement investigate the suspects' potential terror ties, federal authorities are warning that Iran could activate sleeper cells to target Americans. The same day Operation Epic Fury started, an immigrant from Senegal—wearing a shirt displaying the Iranian flag—opened fire on a bar in Austin, Texas, killing three and injuring more than a dozen. Just days before, a federal trial started against a Pakistani national who was allegedly recruited by Iran to kill a U.S. politician ahead of the 2024 election. President Trump was a potential target.

These are not one-off incidents. During his administration, Joe Biden allowed at least 18,000 known or suspected terrorists into our country. The Trump administration has been working day and night to track these individuals down. But the agency leading these efforts, Homeland Security Investigations, is operating at limited capacity thanks to the Democrats' shutdown.

Tennesseans are probably wondering: With such grave risks for our national security, why would Democrats keep DHS shut

down? The reason is simple: They are prioritizing illegal aliens over American citizens. As a condition for reopening the agency, they are demanding measures that would make it more difficult for Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers to do their jobs, including bans on masks and roving patrols.

It's important to note that ICE is funded through fiscal year 2029 thanks to Republicans' Working Families Tax Cuts. While Democrats try to make the shutdown about immigration enforcement, they are really punishing Secret Service agents, TSA officers, Coast Guardsmen, and our cybersecurity professionals.

Facing pressure over the shutdown, some Democrats are now trying to save face by saying they want to fund TSA, FEMA, the Coast Guard, and CISA after they've blocked funding for these agencies for more than a month. If that's the case, then they need to join Republicans in passing our Homeland Security appropriations bill. The longer they wait, the clearer it becomes that they are more concerned with defending illegal aliens than protecting American citizens.

Katrina Demerle delivers 583 at NCAA Rifle Championships

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 13, 2026 – Memphis rifle's Katrina Demerle represented the Tigers on the national stage Friday, finishing 26th in the smallbore competition at the NCAA Rifle Championships.

Demerle posted a 583 in the event, highlighted by a strong finish in the standing position where she fired 97 and 99 in her final two series. Her performance included consistent shooting throughout the match with scores of 96, 95, 97, 99, 97 and 99.

Competing against a field of the nation's top shooters, Demerle's score placed her among a tightly packed leaderboard in the middle of the standings at the national championship event.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Rifle, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook.

A Report from the Memphis Safe Task Force

Luck runs out for sex offender captured by U.S. Marshals in homeless camp

JACKSON, TN – On March 16, 2026, U.S. Marshals Service captured wanted sex offender, Isiah Nathaniel Shubert, 25, of Savannah, TN, in a homeless camp in Jackson, TN.

On October 1, 2025, a warrant was issued in Hardin County, Tennessee General Sessions Court for Isiah Shubert's arrest for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry after he failed to register following his release from the Gibson County Jail in 2024 as required by law.

After Shubert was determined to be an absconder, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) was requested to locate and apprehend him. Members of the USMS Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force in Jackson tracked Shubert to a homeless camp where he was taken into custody.

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“Gun-Free zones make us less safe,” says SAF Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack on topic

By Bill Sack, SAF Director of Legal Operations

As a young Jewish boy growing up in the suburbs of Philadelphia not too long ago, that could have been me or my friends attending pre-school at our local Jewish school. Like millions of others around the country, I still have many people close to me who actively participate in their community

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churches and synagogues, whose children are there for learning, development and community. No one who chooses to exercise their First Amendment rights should fear for their lives because they are defenseless in their house of worship. Unfortunately, the growing trend that a minority of states have adopted is to prohibit the lawful carry of firearms in so-called “sensitive places.”



These laws don't make us safer, and they violate the Constitution. The attacks in Michigan and Virginia remind us of this very fact. Absolutely nothing about the blessings our communities and loved ones receive from their attendance at houses of worship are enhanced by the government forcing worshippers to be vulnerable, helpless and unable to protect their families. If not for the armed temple security on premises yesterday the loss of innocent life would have almost certainly been exponentially worse.

Nor is there anything about the pursuit of higher learning that should require peaceable adult

students from choosing between their education and their God-given - and constitutionally guaranteed - right to self-defense. Disarming responsible people only feels smart until the catastrophic moment that evil criminal violence appears.

Laws banning the lawful carry of firearms at houses of worship and on college campuses are immoral, unethical, and flatly unconstitutional. Just as with exercising your right to protest, so too does your right to worship coexist simultaneously with your right to keep and bear arms. Americans need not choose which right to enjoy one at a time, and they needn't check

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their Second Amendment rights at the door of their temple or university. The events in Michigan and Virginia this week highlight precisely why this issue is of critical national importance. The Second Amendment Foundation fights unconstitutional gun control in the courts all over the country. We challenged a house of worship carry ban in New York on behalf of two pastors who wished to go armed to

protect their flocks, and had the law struck down. We continue to fight all over the country, challenging so-called “sensitive places” carry location restriction laws where overzealous anti-gun lawmakers have invented new categories of locations in which they demand you be unable to protect yourself and your family. These laws don't make us safer, something the Founders understood when they ratified the Second Amendment and guaranteed our right to bear arms in public. Bill Sack is the Director of Legal Operations at Second Amendment Foundation, and is a practicing attorney and graduate of The George Washington University and Widener Law School. As Director of Legal Operations, Bill is responsible for oversight of SAF's legal program to include litigation inception and management, tracking active cases, educating the public and cultivating SAF's attorney referral network.

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