the impact on energy prices of these proposals as a measure of their impact on the average household. Concern about the cost impacts on middle and low income families needs to be focused on making sure allowance or tax revenue is used to offset cost impacts on these households rather than as an excuse for not proceeding with measures that would help avert dangerous climate change.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. REILLY

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JIM SAXTON’S CAREER

HON. JOHN H. ADLER
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, my predecessor, former Congressman Jim Saxton faithfully represented the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey for 24 years. His lifelong dedication to public service and integrity made him one of the most respected Members of the House of Representatives.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Armed Services, Congressman Saxton was able to save 17,000 jobs and create 1,500 new ones by pushing through legislation to create the country’s first Army-Air Force-Navy megabase by combining Fort Dix, McGuire AFB and Lakehurst Naval Air Station. Congressman Saxton also left a lasting environmental legacy for New Jersey and for the United States. As a high ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee and co-founder of the bipartisan Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus, the Congressman was dedicated to preserving the county’s natural treasures and safeguarding the environment for future generations.

Congressman Jim Saxton’s career is a shining example of bipartisanship and public service. I am humbled to represent the district that elected such a worthy and honorable man for over two decades.

In honor of Congressman Saxton’s service to the residents of New Jersey’s 3rd Congressional District I have sponsored legislation, H.R. 986, which would name the post office in Mount Holly, New Jersey after him. I hope my colleagues will cosponsor this legislation to honor their former colleague.

STOP MARKETING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO KIDS

HON. MARY JO KILROY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, for far too long, there has been a lack of oversight and regulation of a product that causes more than 392,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Our constituents, I’d contend, would be shocked to know what little oversight actually exists over tobacco products—the fuel driving the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Today I want to tell you about a new, despicable product being sold in 3 cities around the country, including my hometown of Columbus, Ohio. Reynolds America is currently using my constituents in Columbus as guinea pigs and testing a smokeless tobacco product that looks like a mint. How is a child supposed to tell the difference between a mint that freshens your breath and one that gives you cancer?

According to an article in a suburban Columbus newspaper, many high school students are using smokeless tobacco during school hours. The American Lung Association has confirmed with school janitors that they are finding smokeless tobacco pouches in the trash—confirming that kids are using smokeless tobacco in class. These new forms of tobacco will only make it easier for children to get access to tobacco products and become lifelong addicts. They won’t even have to dispose of the evidence.

What we need is for Congress to finally pass into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. This legislation would finally give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate deadly tobacco products. Among other items in this bill, the FDA would be granted authority to regulate these appalling new smokeless, dissolvable tobacco products that are now hitting the market in Columbus.

Chairman WAXMAN stated the other day that he intends to move this legislation “very, very soon.” I thank him for his leadership and urge this chamber to do just that so we can reduce the addiction, disease, and death caused by these products.