



Immigration & Civil Liberties

Goldman, Cortez Masto, Crow, Padilla Slam Trump Administration's Nonpayment for Legal Services for Unaccompanied Minors

Dan and Representative Jason Crow (D-CO) and U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) and Alex Padilla (D-CA) are leading 70 lawmakers in demanding that the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) reimburse providers for work performed under their contract to furnish legal services to unaccompanied children. ORR has not issued reimbursements for services rendered since December 2025, despite Congress having appropriated funds for this purpose. The agency's ongoing refusal to issue payments contravenes the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA) requirements, appropriations directives, and the federal government's contractual obligations.

Dan expressed that ORR's plain breach of contract threatens the viability of the nationwide network of nonprofit legal service providers that serve vulnerable unaccompanied children. These providers deliver critical legal representation, legal screenings, and Know Your Rights presentations to thousands of children across the country. He emphasized that the lawyers' work is essential to ensuring that children are protected from trafficking, exploitation, and other harms, and that they appear for and are able to meaningfully participate in their immigration proceedings. Dan warns that nonprofit providers do not have the reserves necessary to absorb prolonged nonpayment at this scale. As a result, organizations may be forced to lay off staff, stop accepting new cases, or cease operations altogether. These outcomes would jeopardize thousands of children's access to legal representation mid-case.

Goldman Holds Press Conference Following Oversight of 'Mega Master' Immigration Hearings

Dan, along with local immigration leaders and advocates such as Father Fabian Aras, the New York Immigration Coalition, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association, held a press conference following his oversight of the new 'mega master' immigration hearings. One year after ICE began snatching people outside immigration court at 26 Federal Plaza, Pres. Trump's administration is accelerating its lawless deportation agenda with 'mega masters' designed to fast-track removals and eliminate due process. But in this past year, Dan built a strong coalition of advocates, faith leaders, lawyers, and community members that has fought back with lawsuits, surprise oversight visits, and legislation to win important battles along the way.

Dan, at the press conference, commits to not backing down: "We will continue in every possible way, from legislation to litigation, to cross-examinations and committee hearings, and to advocacy work on the ground to fight back against what is truly the civil rights issue of our era." He is proud to have introduced legislation to unmask ICE agents, led a landmark lawsuit to ensure members of Congress could perform oversight on immigration detention centers, which he has continued to do every week, and operate a triage center out of his district office that has assisted in releasing 44 people. Dan is proud to stand side-by-side with these fierce local advocates as they fight back against the President's immigration dragnet.

In The District

Goldman Introduces New Legislation to Install AEDs in NYCHA Housing, Other Public Housing Projects

Dan introduced new legislation to help install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), lifesaving devices that help immediately treat cardiac arrests by restoring a heartbeat, in federally-assisted multifamily residential buildings, including NYCHA. The Residential AED and CPR Preparedness Act of 2026 would authorize a \$25 million annual grant program for five years to eligible entities to support access to AEDs and CPR. Funding could be used to support AED and CPR training for residents and building staff; purchase and maintain AEDs for use in multifamily buildings; and establish cardiac emergency response plans. This bill could support the placement of an estimated 75,000 AEDs in multifamily buildings. An estimated 350,000 people in the United States experience sudden cardiac arrest outside of the hospital each year, but only 40% of people who experience a cardiac arrest get the immediate help they need before emergency responders arrive.

Dan emphasized that easily accessible AEDs save lives. Just like we have made it a priority to ensure that public housing is equipped with fire extinguishers, we now have to ensure that every NYCHA development provides AEDs on site. Every second counts in a cardiac emergency, and this legislation will help ensure that those who need immediate intervention can get it.

Combatting Hate

Goldman, Lawler Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Strengthen Federal Efforts to Combat Antisemitism

Dan, along with Representative Mike Lawler (NY-17) led a bipartisan group of 28 members to introduce the Jewish American Security Act (H.R. 9211), which would strengthen federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States and protect the Jewish community. In the wake of several high profile antisemitic attacks across the country, including the fire bombing in Colorado, the shooting of two staffers in Washington, D.C, and the arson in Pennsylvania, there is a clear need to address the scourge of antisemitism. This legislation uses a Six-Point Security Plan to protect Jewish-Americans and Jewish institutions. Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and James Lankford (R-OK) lead companion legislation in the Senate.

Dan emphasized the importance of this bill by saying “The shocking and continuing rise of antisemitism in the last few years requires immediate and decisive action.” He is proud to introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Jewish American Security Act, which puts into motion a course of action that will greatly improve the safety of Jewish Americans and Jewish institutions. Dan and his partners will continue to lead the fight for Jewish Americans' right to attend school, worship together, and go online without facing hate and violence.

Civil Rights

Goldman, Chu, Tokuda, Gillibrand Introduce Military Hazing Reform Bill in Honor of Harry Lew and Danny Chen

Dan, in partnership with Rep. Judy Chu (CA-28), Rep. Jill Tokuda (HI-02), and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) introduced the Harry Lew and Danny Chen Military Justice Reform Act, which would initiate the process of criminalizing military hazing in the Military Code of Justice. The Act is named after Lance Corporal Harry Lew, Rep. Chu's nephew, and Private Danny Chen, a NY-10 Chinatown native, who both endured abuse and racist hazing from military superiors during their deployments to Afghanistan and died by suicide following their attacks. The bill would require the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC) to conduct an analysis and subsequent report to Congress on whether the Military Code of Justice should contain a standalone crime for hazing.

As an Executive Board Member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Dan is honored to co-lead this act aimed at protecting service members and the AANHPI community. He emphasizes that we have a responsibility to learn from the failures that led to Danny's death and to end the culture of abuse that made it possible. Passing this legislation will help protect our servicemembers and prevent tragedies like the deaths of Danny Chen and Harry Lew from ever happening again.

Health

Goldman, Moore Introduce Legislation to Launch Federal Investigation into Impact of Widespread Sports Betting

Dan and Blake Moore (UT-01) introduced the bipartisan Gambling Disorder Health Study Act, new legislation that would direct the federal government to conduct a comprehensive, multi-year investigation into the causes, development, and long-term effects of gambling disorder and to evaluate prevention, treatment, and intervention strategies. Despite a skyrocketing percentage of Americans engaging in online gambling following the overturn of the federal ban on sports betting, no federal agency is currently designated or funded to lead national research in this area. This legislation would appropriate 10% of the federal excise tax revenue on state-authorized wagers to fund this study for up to three fiscal years. It would also require the HHS Secretary to provide annual reporting to Congress on the study's progress and provide policy recommendations to Congress.

Dan has warned that gambling addiction is a growing public health crisis, especially for young men, and the federal government needs to start treating it as such. This bipartisan legislation is a commonsense first step to help us understand the full implications of the apps and sites that have made gambling readily accessible 24/7; to identify those most at risk of addiction; and to develop strategies to intervene and treat them, just as we do with other forms of addiction.