

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LdF supervisor contends process is reckless and irresponsible with the appearance of extreme gullibility or extreme corruption

To the Editor:

Lac du Flambeau town government seems to be dedicated to the idea of enriching others at the expense of the citizens of Lac du Flambeau. The town board is a three-member board, and I am a supervisor on that board. We all agree on one point: We need a new firehouse. I do not dispute that point.

I have been constantly amazed by the process used by the others on the town board to waste money and enrich others at the expense of the citizens of the town.

First of all, before I was elected to the board, they decided to hire an architectural firm to renovate the existing firehouse. After spending \$85,000 on that plan, they decided to abandon the renovation idea, and build a new firehouse, first for a budget of \$5,100,000, then subsequently increased to \$5,500,000. They proposed using the same architectural firm. Upon doing a little checking, I found that the firm did not possess the required license from the state, which meant that the town had paid \$85,000 to a firm which was not allowed to practice, and was proposing to pay that same firm a percentage of \$5,500,000. My research prevented the town from creating a serious problem. However, the chair and his follower still support using that firm, as soon as the license can be renewed. I believe that the lapsed license raises a potential issue of competence, and I will not support that plan.

Setting a building budget without sufficient information simply ensures that the town will spend the budgeted amount, whether that amount is needed or not.

And then there is the matter of purchasing land for a building site. The chair chose a site, comprising 42 acres, with a fair market value of roughly \$70,000. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the land has not been perk-tested or evaluated for suitability for building. Despite the actual value of the land, and the unknowns, the chair is pursuing purchase of that land for the staggering sum of \$550,000. I do not understand why an elected public official would purchase land for nearly eight times its value,

when the town has the power to simply condemn the land and pay fair market value to the seller.

Additionally, paying that price may trigger a shock wave in property taxes throughout the town. People will likely pay higher taxes based on the sale of that parcel. Unfortunately, when they sell their property, they are unlikely to see any increase in selling price, because the purchase price of the land is artificially inflated. I do not understand the motivation behind this push to overspend.

In my opinion, this entire process is reckless and irresponsible, and raises the appearance of extreme gullibility or extreme corruption on the part of our town board.

In either case, the citizens of the town should not be required to pay for the misdeeds of their elected officials.

Bob Hanson

Lac du Flambeau supervisor

Reader advocates for four gun control measures

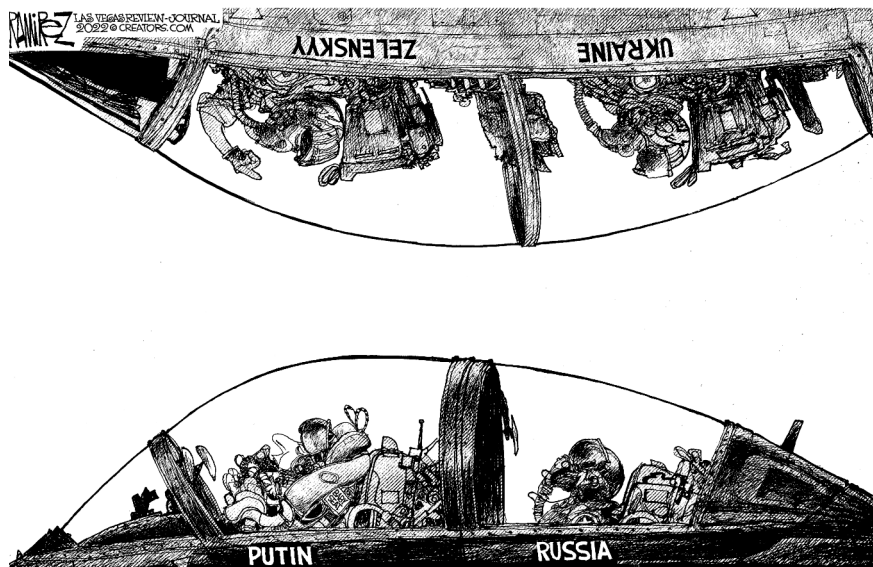
To the Editor:

My husband and son are hunters, I am not against gun ownership. But, an AR-15 is not a gun necessary for hunting. It comes with a magazine that holds 30 rounds, but can be purchased with up to 100.

There is no reason for hunters to use them. They are meant to kill people, and more and more often in this country they are used to kill children, to slaughter shoppers, to murder people in worship. We were shocked and angered when we heard about the school shootings in Columbine, Sandy Hook, Marjorie Stoneman, and on and on. What has been offered is hopes and prayers, they've changed nothing.

We need legislators who will act on regulating firearms use. Robin Vos suggests we arm teachers. As a former teacher that suggestion is not only ridiculous, it's dangerous. We regulate who can drive, why not regulate gun ownership? Add a 48-hour waiting period, background checks, and eliminate semi-automatic rifles and large magazines. We won't end mass shootings, but these four measures will mean that there will be far fewer children left bleeding and dying on their classroom floor.

Linda Pils
Land O'Lakes



Reader addresses ATVs and compromise

To the Editor:

While attending the ATV Subcommittee meeting in Winchester on May 23 as a member of the audience, I heard many statements that I would like to address. In the interest of brevity, I'll respond to only one.

First and foremost, those who oppose allowing ATVs in the last Vilas County towns where they are not allowed were advised that we are telling our ATving friends and neighbors that "there is no room for compromise and that they should move."

1. Yes, I consider everyone in the area my neighbor and although I don't know most ATV proponents well enough to call them my friends, I try to respect everyone. They just have different values than I do. I did talk briefly after the meeting with Rich Hajt to tell him that I admire the effort he is putting into his cause. I also told him that I hope he fails and why I feel that way.

2. ATV riding has never been allowed on public property in the towns in question (unless you are disabled), so if a person wants the new privilege of being able to ride their ATV from their front door, they will have to move.

Contrast that with the many people who have moved to these towns specifically because ATVs are not allowed here. You are telling those friends and neighbors that they will have to move in order to allow that new privilege to a minority of town residents (as shown by the surveys). Then tell me where they can move

where ATVs are not allowed.

3. No one who wants to ride their ATV to Iron or Gogebic County is prevented from doing so. All they have to do if they live in one of the subject towns is to put their ATV on a trailer and drive a short distance to an existing ATV route or trail. In fact, if the objectives of the subcommittee are met, virtually all ATvers will still have to do this since one of the stated objectives is to have only one path for ATVs going north and one going west, and that those would avoid going past homes.

4. The 2004 referendum said, by a 2-1 margin, that the Vilas County electors were opposed to allowing ATVs on any county property. The pro serenity majority then compromised by allowing ATVs if the town board made such a request. One by one town boards voted in favor of ATVs under intense pressure from the pro ATV crowd (and often against the wishes of the majority of town residents). Today there are only a few towns left which, as desired by their majorities, have not asked to allow ATV use.

Those towns are being asked to compromise once again by allowing "just 2 paths" through their territories. If that is to happen, what are the odds that they will be asked to just be reasonable and make (another) compromise? Subcommittee member Lee Hoffmann has submitted maps which show ATV trails and routes all over the town of Boulder Junction. When asked, he replied that he would be satisfied for now with less, but the maps showed the result he would expect ultimately.

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Boulder Junction

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Out of formula

Parents still struggle to find baby formula.

The left and most media (sorry, same thing?) blame "corporate power run amok."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says, "There might be a need for indictment!"

They blame Abbott Laboratories, because it shut down a Similac plant. The Food and Drug Administration says

unsanitary conditions led to deaths of two infants, but Abbott denies that its formula recall had anything to do with those deaths.

In any case, one factory closure doesn't normally cause massive shortages.

My new video gives the real reason for the formula shortage.

First: bans on imports. There's plenty of formula on

supermarket shelves in Mexico and Europe. Normally, American companies would just buy that and ship it here.

But they can't, because of several destructive government policies.

"The dairy industry in the United States has a really long history of lobbying the government and achieving protection," explains Cato Institute trade policy specialist Scott Lincicome.

That "protection" includes fat tariffs on formula from overseas and outright bans by the FDA.

There was a gray market where people were getting around these rules. "American parents enlisted third-party sellers to obtain European infant formula," says Lincicome.

Boxes of formula arrived, but customs won't let American parents have it. They've "been seizing European baby formula shipments at the border, much like a drug seizure," says Lincicome.

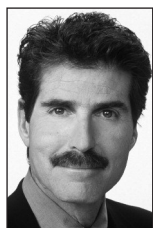
Why are imports banned? For safety, says the government, but formula is often banned for stupid bureau-

cratic reasons.

"If you have the wrong scooper, banned!" says Lincicome. "If you don't list a certain ingredient that the FDA demands, you're banned!" If ingredients are listed in the "wrong" order or aren't listed in English, the food is banned "even if a third-party retailer provides you with the English translation."

I say to Lincicome, "I would think that government now would suspend those rules."

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Joe Biden is the worst president ever ... so far

The calamities that, taken together, form the infrastructure of Joe Biden's presidency have become so massive and monumental that they threaten to become the very essence of the presidential enterprise, not calamity due to misguided or mistaken policies but calamity as policy itself.

It is hard to conceive of a president making so many blunders, but we have been alive to give witness to them: the Afghanistan withdrawal catastrophe, the debacle ongoing at the open southern border, historic inflation, the shutdown of domestic energy production, his appeasement of the Iranian regime, well, we could keep going, but we don't have enough space.

Then there are the gaffes. The latest this week was his insistence that one of the most popular handguns in the United States, the 9 mm, is a high-caliber weapon that should be banned. Doing so would ban about half, if not more, of all the handguns in America. He also said people couldn't buy a cannon when the Second Amendment was passed. Both of his statements are patently false, and the White House walked the whole handgun commentary back.

He called Vladimir Putin a war criminal and said he could not remain in power, retracting that in an op-ed this past week obviously written by whoever is the real president. Just 10 days ago he said the U.S. would intervene militarily to defend Taiwan —

a departure from long-standing U.S. foreign policy and, once again, the White House walked it back.

We could keep going here, too, but there is no need: The American people have noticed. Indeed, as research from the analytical group 538 shows, Joe Biden is the least popular president in U.S. history at this point in his term, with his approval rating even lower than Jimmy Carter's. One could argue the point, we suppose — he's in a neck-and-neck race with Gerald Ford for dead last.

Part of the reason for the unpopularity is the incompetence, and part of it is due to the obvious cognitive decline. But a major reason Americans don't like Biden is because we know all too well that the economic pain the administration is inflicting on us is by design. It is the policy agenda fashioned by the far-left.

Americans know this, and they reject it.

Take gas prices, to cite just one policy area. Gas prices this past holiday weekend were the highest ever recorded — using AAA data, the national average price for a gallon of regular gas popped to \$4.62 — and many industry analysts now fear that the average price could soar past \$5 by Independence Day.

In addition to the economic toll, what's sad about this fuel inflation is that it's by design, as columnist Marc Thiessen pointed out in a Washington Post column this week. The

Biden administration wants high gas prices to force Americans away from fossil fuels and to electric vehicles, and it wants it not gradually but immediately.

Speaking in Tokyo on May 23, Biden appeared to make another of his trademark gaffes when he embraced exorbitant fuel prices: "And when it comes to the gas prices, we're going through an incredible transition that is taking place that, God willing, when it's over, we'll be stronger and the world will be stronger and less reliant on fossil fuels when this is over."

Only this time it was no gaffe but an actual policy statement, Thiessen pointed out in his column. No doubt the administration didn't want him to say it out loud, but it was no gaffe, which Thiessen demonstrated by pointing to congressional testimony on May 19 by Interior secretary Deb Haaland, who refused to say that gas prices were too high, despite repeated and direct questioning from Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming).

So Biden's gaffes are a big problem, but when the gaffes turn out not to be gaffes at all, they are also a big problem.

And they are a disaster for average Americans. As Thiessen also pointed out, the administration may be trying to force Americans to buy more expensive electric cars, just as taxes on tobacco compelled Americans to quit smoking, but most Americans can't afford the vehicles and, even if they could, there's no infrastructure for them — there are

fewer than 46,000 EV public charging sites when a million would be needed, and there's long-range funding for only about half of that capacity.

What Thiessen didn't mention is the large-scale and environmentally dangerous mining that it takes to produce electric vehicles. There is a cut-throat race to mine the nickel needed in lithium vehicle batteries. In the Philippines, to cite just one example, a giant nickel mine is plowing right into an ancient rainforest, having won a rezoned to expand its footprint from four square miles to 14 in the delicate ecosystem.

Open-pit and sulfide mining is pushing into sensitive areas around the developing world, driven by the demands of climate change activists, and it is accelerating — the demand for nickel is expected to mushroom by a factor of 10 in the next eight years alone.

All of which is why Joe Biden is the worst president ever, so far. He is the only president to have fully embraced a far-left agenda of this magnitude. He single-handedly has shut down domestic oil production — in his presidency we have gone from being a net energy exporter to begging Venezuela and Saudi Arabia for oil — impaling middle America on the sword of inflation, many now unable to cope, all without any plan for replacement infrastructure, without any care for the world's environment, and without any compassion for average

Americans.

It's an "incredible transition," after all. Americans should be happy to pay the price.

All of this parrots the globalists who hailed the original "incredible transition" in trade began under Bill Clinton, a transition that resulted in transnational corporations shuttering U.S. factories, killing jobs, and decimating the U.S. heartland so they could move to the developing world, where they could maximize profits without worrying about labor laws or even mediocre wages or environmental regulations.

Biden's agenda might be called the Incredible Transition 2.0.

Only this transition — not limited to energy policy — is even worse because it is wrapped in the worldview of a woke elite that increasingly desires unprecedented power. The original Incredible Transition was acutely about economics; Biden's Incredible Transition is about economic and absolute political power, about the destruction of national sovereignty itself. The medical tyranny of the pandemic was just the beginning; Biden's back-room deals to hand over American sovereignty to the World Health Organization, as we detail in this edition, is part of that ongoing effort, as is Justin Trudeau's attempt to ban all handguns in Canada.

The suppression of liberty across the western world is full-blown, as elites in every country boast that it is time to vi-

olate basic rights so they can "protect us."

As all elite totalitarian ideologies are, Biden's agenda is baked in hypocrisy. We are supposed to forego our gas-fueled cars and reduce our standard of living by downsizing our carbon footprints, while elite climate-change activists fly around the world in their private jets, which by themselves annually produce more carbon than the entire nation of Denmark.

We are supposed to give up our guns while the elite parade around with fleets of armed guards. We are supposed to give up the 9 mm guns we keep to keep our families safe, but the Secret Service, which uses the 9mm to protect the president, would be able to keep theirs. The servants who wait on the elites at their extravagant galas must wear masks, but the elites are free to show their beautiful faces.

Today's globalist elite is all about rules for thee but not for me. It is decadent and rotten morally, and that is what is worst about Joe Biden's presidency. The Biden agenda is not just re-gutting the American heartland economically, it is imprisoning us in a moral fabric woven by the wealthy woke for the wealthy woke and that must be worn as a yoke by the rest of us. It seeks the outright transfer of political power.

That Biden's administration has succumbed to this political cancer, far more so than any other president, makes him the worst president ever, at least so far.

How Washington created the infant formula crisis

At first glance, "Operation Fly Formula" is a commendable example of swift government action to help ordinary people. Faced with a terrifying shortage of infant formula, the Biden administration acted to bring in supplies from Germany.

First lady Jill Biden was at Dulles International Airport Wednesday to welcome the arrival of 60 tons of formula and promise that the administration "won't stop until all parents can get the formula all their children need."

From this heartening spectacle, you would not realize that the problem being addressed is one this same government did much to create. Companies all over the world

produce baby formula. But almost none of it is consumed by American babies, because our trade policy is ingeniously designed to keep it out.

The chief method is putting tariffs ranging from 14.9% to 17.5% on imported formula, which are meant to price foreign companies out of the U.S. market. But if imports exceed various specified levels, they are subject to even more duties. The average effective tariff, according to the Congressional Research Service, is a punishing 25.1%.

This is a wonderful system if your goal is to limit consumer options, constrain supplies, prop up prices and

shield American corporations from competition. If your goal is to ensure parents and caregivers reliable, affordable access to a type of nutrition most infants need, it's something short of wonderful.

Joe Biden deserves a smidgen of credit for recognizing that this emergency warrants easing the rules that helped create it. But we don't give an arsonist a medal for putting out a fire he set. The president has been involved in making federal policy long enough that he can't very well escape a share of blame for this one.

The shortage emerged in April, after the Food and Drug Administration found a deadly bacteria in formula made in an Abbott Laboratories factory in Michigan. The ensuing shutdown of the plant, which produced about

a quarter of the nation's supply, led to empty store shelves and desperate parents.

Inevitably, some Democrats fingered profit-seeking capitalists. "The shortage was caused in large part by corporate greed and consolidation," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn. Four companies account for 90% of U.S. sales.

In a letter to Abbott's CEO, Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Cory Booker, D-N.J., charged, "This corporate concentration, combined with decades of inactivity by regulators, allowed your company to skate by with subpar safety protocols, knowing that consumers did not have the option to easily switch to a competitor."

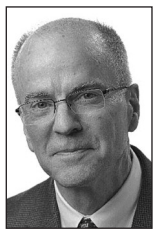
Shed no tears for Abbott. In a House hearing Tuesday,

FDA director Robert Califf said the agency found "shocking" and "egregiously unsanitary" conditions at the Michigan plant.

But if corporate concentration is to blame for the shortage or the safety lapses, Congress should ask how that concentration came about. One big factor is that the federal government has long blocked purchases from abroad, insulating U.S. companies from competition.

The pandemic has raised doubts about our reliance on products whose supply chains run through China. But in the case of infant formula, it's not just our enemies we fear; it's also our friends.

Outside the U.S., the biggest companies in the business are based in west-



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Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin endorses Evers for re-election

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin has endorsed Gov. Tony Evers for re-election.

"During his first term in office, Gov. Evers has shown the people of Wisconsin exactly who he is: a champion for women's health and a leader who will fight to ensure that everyone has access to the health care they need, when they need it," the group said in a statement. "The stakes in this year's elections couldn't be higher for Wisconsin, with the U.S. Supreme Court poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and the possibility that Wisconsin's criminal abortion ban could go into effect."

Not only has Evers championed the repeal of Wisconsin's criminal abortion ban, the group stated, he has also actively protected access to abortion and other reproductive health care by vetoing nine bills that would have restricted access to reproductive health care.

"Gov. Evers is the only candidate for governor who believes everyone should have the freedom and power to control their own bodies and lives," the group stated.

Evers's leadership has been essential to promoting the health and well-being of the patients and communities served by Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, and during his time in office, he has led to champion investments in women's health, the group added, saying Evers's "Healthy Women, Healthy Babies" budget proposals were historic proposed investments to improve women's access to preventative care such as cancer screenings, support healthier pregnancies and births, and address racial disparities in maternal and child health.

"Gov. Evers's reelection will be a crucial step for protecting reproductive freedom and women's health in Wisconsin," the group stated.

"Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin is grateful for the governor's ongoing leadership and we look forward to working with him during his second term."

Wisconsin Family Action offers reward for arson information

Wisconsin Family Action (WFA), Inc. is offering a reward up to \$1,500 payable to the person or persons who furnishes information leading to the



arrest and conviction of individual(s) responsible for the arson which occurred on May 8, 2022, in the early morning hours at the Wisconsin Family Action office in Madison.

"On Tuesday morning, May 11, a group called Jane's Revenge took credit for the fire bombing and warned that more attacks to pro-life organizations throughout the country will occur unless their demand of 'disbanding all anti-choice establishments, fake clinics and violent anti-choice groups within the next 30 days,'" the group stated.

The FBI is working with local Madison law enforcement to investigate this matter, and after three weeks and despite the admission of Jane's Revenge, there been no arrests made or any indication of progress identifying a person(s) of interest, the group stated.

WFA also said Sen. Ron Johnson sent a letter to US attorney general Merrick Garland, FBI director Christopher Wray and Homeland Security secretary Alejandro Mayorkas railing against the agencies' lack of action on what Johnson called "domestic terrorism" and requested answers to his questions about these agencies' plans to stop Jane's Revenge from delivering on their threats.

Additionally, WFA stated, Wisconsin Reps. Fitzgerald, Tiffany, Grothman, Steil and Gallagher have

co-authored a letter to Garland asking for the US Department of Justice to provide assistance with the investigation of this attack.

"It's perplexing that Jane's Revenge has not only taken credit for the fire bombing of our headquarters, but they have also threatened our personal safety and promised to continue this extreme violence to other pro-life organizations across the nation, and three weeks later not even a single person of interest has been named," said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. "Both Madison police chief Shon Barnes and Gov. Tony Evers fell extremely short of showing any interest in bringing those responsible to justice and instead exhibited empathy with pro-abortion activists and their emotional reaction to overturning *Roe*. Therefore, we believe it necessary to offer this reward to help move this investigation along."

Dairy Coalition seeks answers on pricing changes, hearing criteria

The Wisconsin American Dairy Coalition (ADC) sent a letter this week to U.S. Agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack seeking answers, dairy farmer representation, working group formation, and action on a national federal milk pricing hearing.

The letter also addresses the industry discussion of 'make allowance' adjustments.

"Farmers experience the same areas of input cost increases as processors," the ADC board states in its letter. "We believe any move to increase the make allowance credits for processors should be linked to achieving adequate, transparent milk pricing for farmers. The linkage helps ensure farmer representation."

During a Wisconsin dairy farm visit in December 2021, the secretary said the dairy industry must reach a consensus before USDA will consider a national hearing on federal milk pricing changes.

"We ask you to provide us with the specific requirements that will meet your expectations," the ADC letter requests, noting there is an industry-wide consensus that the Class I milk pricing change made in the 2018 Farm Bill needs amending, though there are differences in how this should be accomplished.

ADC points out that this change was made legislatively without a vetted hearing process.

"Our voice was pre-empted in the last Farm Bill... and our dairy farmer members paid the price for that. We do not want to see this happen again," the letter states. "Dairy farmers share a strong consensus that 'righting this wrong' is a great place to start in opening an FMMO hearing."

ADC explained how the organization has met virtually with dairy farmers across the country over the past 20 months, conducted surveys, spoke with industry experts and conducted two well-attended Future of Federal Milk Pricing Forums in 2022.

"It is necessary to return to the previous Class I mover formula now, while the industry continues building consensus about what milk pricing might look like in the future," the letter states.

Cowles applauds new sexual assault kit tracking database

State Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) has high praise after the announcement that the sexual assault kit tracking database, known as Track-Kit, is now active in the state.

"Years' worth of advocacy by Sen. (Alberta) Darling and I have finally delivered Wisconsin to this point," Cowles said. "Act 117, authored by Sen. Darling and Rep. Thiesfeldt, was a huge piece of the Legislature's efforts to deliver accountability and justice to survivors of sexual assault and accompanies my effort from this session, Act 116, which established the timelines and protocols for the handling of these kits."

Track-Kit, established under Act 117, will ensure that new standards in Act 116 are followed and provide that certainty to survivors of these crimes, Cowles said.

"These were efforts that stretched more than two legislative sessions and two attorneys general, with a myriad of supporters sticking by us throughout this process, including helping to push us towards unanimous passage in the full Senate twice," he said. "Thankfully, those efforts were successful in the end, and Wednesday's announcement is just the latest in a line of bipartisan-led, nonpartisan-drafted survivor support efforts in Wisconsin."

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ern Europe. Canada could also sell us formula, if the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement — Donald Trump's lame substitute for NAFTA — didn't block the way.

Gabriella Beaumont-Smith, a policy analyst at the liber-

tarian Cato Institute, writes that the U.S. insisted on rules "to restrict imports of formula from Canada, supposedly because China was investing in a baby food plant in Ontario, and this new production might eventually enter the U.S. market (heaven forbid!)"

When the shortage materialized, Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., demanded to know why

Canada, among other countries, has "plenty of baby formula" and we don't. Scott, it should not surprise you to learn, voted for the USMCA.

Last year, thanks in part to this accord, we imported no formula from our neighbor to the north. Zero. How's that for an achievement?

The trade deal also worked to shore up the U.S. dairy industry, which provides milk

for baby formula. When it was reached in 2019, the USMCA won praise from Tom Vilsack, president of the U.S. Dairy Export Council. He's now Biden's secretary of Agriculture.

At times like this, politicians shouldn't be stepping forward to place blame. They should be lining up to claim their share.

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"It certainly should," he replies. "But the dairy industry lobbied very hard for these rules that provided them essentially a captive market. They're not going to give that up easily."

Because of the shortage, our government has now approved imports from one British company. They also launched "Operation Fly Formula," which flies formula here in military planes.

But these responses are

pathetic. They pick up only the few bottles made in FDA-approved facilities, and then they waste time re-inspecting it on arrival.

"They want make sure the formula is safe," I say to Lincicome.

"A legitimate concern if it were infant formula from China," he replies. "But the largest producer of formula is in Europe."

Maybe the European product isn't as safe.

"It is!" says Lincicome. "It's exported all over the world." But we can't have it because "the FDA is extremely jealous of its regulatory authority."

Another reason for the shortage is government limits on competition.

America's food stamp-like program, WIC, grants exclusive licenses in each state to just one company. Like all welfare programs, WIC (it stands for women, infants and children) has grown. It now buys half of all baby formula in America.

Abbott Nutrition grabbed most of that market by offering government the lowest price. Good for them. But after Abbott's recall, there were few alternatives for parents to turn to.

"It's going to take weeks

for Abbott to get manufacturing up and running again because they're going to need FDA clearance," says Lincicome. "The time for fixing this was months before the crisis hit, because now we have a highly concentrated domestic market (and) a tariff and regulatory wall around the country."

Much of what government does involves trying to fix things government messed up in the first place.

But politicians rarely admit that. They blame business.

On the floor of Congress, big government lovers like Connecticut's Rep. Rosa De-

Lauro complain about "corporate greed" and demand the FDA be given more money." The usual suspects blame capitalism and greedy corporations," says Lincicome. "Clearly it's government policy that's causing the biggest problems."

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