

Madam Speaker, the tentative deal does nothing to address Iran's sponsorship of terrorist organizations, like Hezbollah, nor does it deal with their overt persecution of religious minorities in Iran or their vast human rights abuses. As Prime Minister Netanyahu stated, "This is a very, very bad deal."

The administration needs to stop negotiating bad deals and cease their efforts to block a new round of sanctions.

TRIBUTE TO LEONEL J. CASTILLO: EDUCATOR, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, AND HOUSTON'S FIRST HISPANIC ELECTED

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, over this last weekend, we celebrated the life of Leonel J. Castillo: educator, civil rights activist, and Houston's first Hispanic elected official, but—a truly—wonderful and deserving and outstanding American.

I rise today to pay tribute to Leonel J. Castillo, a legendary pioneer figure in the history of Houston and, as I said, the first Hispanic elected to public office in Houston. He died on November 4, 2013.

But this weekend, we had a chance to be with his family and to celebrate his life, to name a neighborhood center after him, to hear the testimonies regarding his passion and his love of bringing people together, and to hear about his love for his family.

He was inspired by President John F. Kennedy and joined the Peace Corps, where he met his wonderful, beautiful wife, Evelyn, and had two children: a daughter, Avalyn, and a son, Efrem. He met his wife in the Philippines. And we know today that we are praying for all of them in the Philippines.

Leonel, of course, in 1967, moved his family back to Houston. We are so delighted. He served as the director of SER-Jobs for Progress. In 1971, he was elected comptroller of the city of Houston. When nominated for INS Commissioner President Carter said:

"He is a man who has the highest possible reputation. He is a public administrator, and I think I can tell you that he is going to take on one of the most difficult jobs in government."

Mr. Castillo, a great American succeeded in that job and all that he did.

We thank you, Leonel Castillo, as you served the United States Government and all of America well. May you rest in peace.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN

(Mr. JOYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE. Madam Speaker, despite promises that, if you liked your current health plan, you could keep it, millions of Americans have already received cancellation notices regarding

current coverage. No matter how you feel about the Affordable Care Act, Ohioans that like their health care coverage should be able to keep it.

I have received countless emails and letters from Ohioans losing their coverage or being forced to pay more. One Ohioan who reached out to me because he was concerned about how higher costs could affect his family was Karl from Newbury, Ohio. Karl and his wife have six kids, recently bought a house, and stay busy because, not only is Karl a full-time employee, he is a full-time student.

Karl and his wife recently received a notice that their family would have to pay 30 to 40 percent more for their health care coverage next year. Now Karl and his wife are worried because they won't be able to afford the mortgage on their new home because of the increased health care costs.

Madam Speaker, Ohioans shouldn't be forced to pay more for health care because of a law coming out of Washington. That is why, this week, the House will vote for the Keep Your Health Plan Act, which will allow plans available on the individual market today to continue to be offered next year. It is a commonsense bill that will protect Americans from losing or paying more for their coverage, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

(Mr. BARROW of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW of Georgia. Madam Speaker, when the Affordable Care Act was first enacted, the American people were promised that, if they liked their coverage, they could keep it. Despite those assurances, millions of Americans who are happy with their insurance coverage are finding out they won't get to keep their coverage.

I am proud to cosponsor legislation, offered by my Republican colleague from Michigan, committee Chairman FRED UPTON, that gives the folks in my district in Georgia the opportunity to keep their current health insurance plan. I hope we will pass that legislation this week.

Many Americans don't feel well served by the limited health insurance options available in the exchanges, and people resent being misled by their elected officials about their options. It is important for us to give the American people the option to choose which plans work best for them, and this bill will help.

KEEP THE PLAN YOU LIKE

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the thousands of Pennsylvanians from my district who

are going to lose their health care coverage because of the rules and regulations of ObamaCare. I invited a number of them into my office, and their stories were both revealing and heart-breaking.

A small business woman from Newtown Square shared her story of shopping for a new plan after her policy was canceled. She must now pay more each month for a plan she doesn't like and coverage she does not want. Yet another is losing her doctor after more than 20 years because she was forced to switch insurance companies. Her long-term doctor isn't covered under the new, more expensive plan. And one constituent received this letter from her insurance company, informing her that she would have to pay as much as \$3,500 more. It has higher deductibles and higher copays.

Madam Speaker, Americans are already struggling in this economy. Tomorrow the House will vote to ensure that the families that like their plans can keep them. President Obama and Senate Democrats should keep their promise to the American people and do the same.

THE BORDER PATROL PAY REFORM ACT

(Mr. O'ROURKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'ROURKE. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing more than 2,500 Border Patrol agents in El Paso, Texas. They are a big reason why our border with Mexico is as secure as it has ever been, and they help keep El Paso the safest city in the United States; it was this year, the year before, and the year before that.

Now, despite their successful track record, their vigilance at our borders with Mexico and Canada, and the tough conditions under which they work, they are working with an antiquated, unfair, and inflexible pay system. That is why I am happy to work across the aisle with the gentleman from Utah, Representative CHAFFETZ, to introduce H.R. 3463, the Border Patrol Pay Reform Act. This provides a fair, flexible, and fiscally responsible way to compensate our Border Patrol agents. It allows management to deploy resources where they are most needed; it gives our agents some predictability in their work schedule; and it saves the American taxpayer over \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

During a time of sequester and tight budgets, we need to use existing resources as judiciously as we can. I think this bill accomplishes that while supporting our Border Patrol agents. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

CANCELED HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

(Mr. ROGERS of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, America is over 6 weeks into the ObamaCare rollout, and things are just a mess. Folks are still having problems signing up. But even more painful are the letters people are receiving, canceling their health insurance plans. Families and individuals are being forced into different and, oftentimes, more expensive plans.

Recently, I asked folks to let me know how their premiums were being affected. One person contacted me that their premiums went up \$200 a month. Another family contacted me that their policy was canceled, and their premium is going up \$740 per month.

The President promised, from the beginning, if you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan, period. But that has turned out not to be the case, and he knew it all along.

ObamaCare has many flaws, but forcing people off their plans when they were promised they could keep them is really starting to hit home now. That is why I strongly support H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act. The legislation would allow health care plans on the individual market to remain available so people could have the option to keep their current health insurance if they want to.

I still believe the best path forward is to get rid of ObamaCare, but for now, we should support this bill to help hardworking Americans keep their health insurance.

SUPER TYPHOON HAIYAN

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my condolences to the thousands of families both in the Philippines and here in the United States who have lost loved ones due to Super Typhoon Haiyan, the deadliest natural disaster in the history of this region.

I proudly represent the largest population of Filipino Americans in the continental United States, and many of them are in anguish right now wanting to know whether or not their loved ones are still alive. The question that some may ask is, Well, why should we help?

Well, there are the obvious humanitarian reasons, but more importantly, we must never forget that in World War II, President Roosevelt sought to have Filipinos take arms and fight for us—some 250,000 of them—during World War II. We must help.

We have sent the USS *George Washington*, which has arrived today. Seven other ships are on their way. There are C-130s and Ospreys that have also been put in operation.

The gentleman from California, Congressman HONDA, and I have introduced a resolution, and I hope the House will

take it up swiftly, seeking support for the Filipino people and providing the aid they need.

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THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE LAW

(Mr. BENISHEK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENISHEK. Madam Speaker, I am holding a copy of a letter that one of my constituents received informing him that his current health care plan—a plan that he was satisfied with and that he was able to afford—is being canceled, thanks to regulations imposed by the President's health care law.

Thousands of letters like this one have gone out to hardworking citizens in northern Michigan.

I asked my constituents to reach out to me about their experiences so I could hear firsthand about the impact of this disastrous overhaul. I received over 200 responses in a matter of days.

Patrick from Cheboygan will see his annual health insurance bill rise by over \$6,000 on January 1, 2014. Russell from Amasa was finally able to log onto the President's Web site after 14 straight days of trying, only to discover that the closest equivalent option for his plan will be far too expensive for him to afford.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in order to repeal this disastrous health care law and work together in order to promote affordable, patient-centered reforms.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. HUFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to once again speak about the issue of climate change that is affecting every country, but as the World Bank has found, the impacts are not distributed equally. It is likely that the poorest nations on Earth will be the hardest hit.

The U.N. ranks the Philippines as the country that is third most vulnerable to the effects of climate change because of its geography, its poverty, and the state of its infrastructure.

As all of my colleagues know, one of the most powerful storms on record tore through Asia this past week—and the Philippines in particular. In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, many thousands are dead and hundreds of thousands more are homeless and desperate for help.

As we learn more about the devastation, I ask my colleagues to pay careful attention to the words of Yeb Sano, head of the Philippines delegation to the U.N. climate talks:

What my country is going through as a result of this extreme climate event is mad-

ness . . . Typhoons such as Haiyan and its impacts represent a sobering reminder to the international community that we cannot afford to procrastinate on climate action.

He is right.

The Philippines tragedy is the latest wake-up call on climate change. So let's wake up.

OBAMACARE CANCELATIONS

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, how many times did we hear the President promise the American people that if they liked their health care plan, they could keep their health care plan?

It doesn't matter how many times, Madam Speaker, you say something if it simply isn't true.

The fact is that Americans all across this country are getting letters from their insurance companies telling them their plans have been canceled. These are moms, dads, students, seniors, people who work diligently and who should be able to count on their health insurance when they need it.

What does ObamaCare offer them? Maybe they lose their plan altogether. Maybe their rates are going up. Maybe they can't visit the doctors and hospitals they have been using for years.

Madam Speaker, this has happened.

I urge victims to speak out. Go to the House Republican Web site at gop.gov and share your story.

VALLEY'S FIRST HONOR FLIGHT

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of our valley's first Honor Flight.

Recently, my colleagues, Representatives VALADAO and NUNES, and I honored the service of San Joaquin Valley veterans—as Tom Brokaw noted, perhaps America's Greatest Generation. These 69 men took off from Fresno and landed here in our Nation's Capital to see the monuments to their service to our country, most of them for the first time. In their youth, these men bravely but humbly answered their Nation's call.

Decades later, our first San Joaquin Valley Honor Flight came to Washington, where they witnessed the changing of the guard and remembered those of their fellow soldiers who did not make it home.

I also want to thank Congressmen HALL and DINGELL, who shared stories with them.

This forever grateful Nation is better for the men's sacrifices and the lives they led when they returned home to their farms, their storefronts, and their practices throughout the Valley to build a better life for themselves and our Nation.