

they voted for me, I would be a fighter; and I don't intend to let them down.

If the new President comes for the Muslims, I will be a Muslim. If they come for Planned Parenthood, I will stand with Planned Parenthood. When they deny climate science, I will make my voice heard.

I will use whatever peaceful means available to make sure the words and the actions of our new President do not become the new mainstream and normal in America.

That, Mr. Speaker, is why I will not be here for Inauguration Day and why I will be marching with my wife and with a million women from across this country.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT—DO NO HARM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BERA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise not as a Member of Congress, but as a doctor. When I graduated medical school and took that oath, there are two core ethics that we take when we take that oath: to do good. And that is exactly what we tried to do when this body passed the Affordable Care Act. It was about doing good. It was about giving people basic access to health care. That is a good thing.

The Affordable Care Act is not perfect, but let's keep doing good. Let's fix it. Let's address the cost of health care. Let's make sure people can afford their medications. That is doing good.

Another core ethic that we take when we enter the profession of medicine as a physician is to do no harm. If this body repeals the Affordable Care Act, we are going to harm 20 million Americans that now have access to health care that didn't have it prior to the Affordable Care Act. We shouldn't do harm.

Let me put it into real context. I am a primary care internist. My wife is also a primary care internist. You can tell we have exciting conversations at our house. I was asking her the other day what the Affordable Care Act meant to her as a physician, and she was sharing a story of a patient that she had cared for for years.

This was a patient that had diabetes and hypertension, high blood pressure. We know these are silent killers. If you don't control your diabetes, if you don't control your blood pressure, it can have devastating consequences leading to heart attacks, leading to strokes. It is one of the leading causes of death in America. But if you control it, you can prevent all of these illnesses and people can live a normal, healthy life.

So my wife—she is a very good doctor—had her patient under good control. The patient stopped coming in to see her—maybe the patient moved away or something happened—for a couple of years. And then about 2 years ago, the patient came back in. Once

she came in, her blood sugars, her diabetes was out of control; her blood pressure was out of control.

My wife looked at this patient and just said: Well, what happened? How come you stopped taking your diabetes medicine? How come you stopped taking your blood pressure medicine?

She said: Well, Doc, in the recession, I lost my job. I lost my health insurance coverage. I couldn't get the medications.

And then she said: But you know what? With the Affordable Care Act with Covered California, I was able to get health insurance again. I was able to come in and see you.

It wasn't too late for this patient. My wife was able to get her back on her medications, get her back on her blood pressure medicine, get her blood pressure and diabetes under control, and, hopefully, there is no permanent damage.

But if we do harm and repeal the Affordable Care Act, we are going to do irreparable damage to 20 million and more Americans who are just like this patient, who need their health care covered, who need their access to medications. That is what this is about.

Mr. Speaker, let's do what we are trained to do as physicians and what this body should do. Let's do good by making sure people have better coverage, affordable coverage, and better access to health care. Let's definitely make sure we do not do any harm by repealing the Affordable Care Act. Let's make sure we fix it and make it better.

STATE SPONSORS OF TERROR REVIEW ENHANCEMENT ACT—115TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOHIO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. YOHIO. Mr. Speaker, today I will reintroduce my bill, the State Sponsors of Terrorism Review Enhancement Act. This legislation passed the full House last Congress unanimously. I hope this Chamber will once again take up this commonsense legislation and pass it as soon as possible.

The designation of a foreign government as a "State Sponsor of Terrorism" is one of the United States' most powerful statements that we can give on another statement.

Besides imposing sanctions, the stamp of "State Sponsor of Terrorism" labels a state untouchable to the international community.

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This pariah status is much deserved as these are states that support the killing of innocent people as a matter of policy.

Under current law, in order for a state to be delisted, the President of the United States only needs to certify that the country being considered for delisting has not engaged in supporting terrorism for a paltry 6 months. We are

talking 6 months to be delisted. Considering the heinous acts of violence these countries have supported in the past, we should not be allowing them to be delisted after only 6 months.

To address this, my legislation will—and, again, it passed last Congress unanimously—quadruple the time a designated country must refrain from sponsoring terrorism, before the President can remove it from the sponsor list, from 6 to 24 months; increase congressional oversight by doubling the time Congress has to review the President's proposed removal from 45 to 90 days; establish a uniform process through which Congress can disapprove of the President's decision to remove a country from that list; and require the administration to notify and brief Congress upon initiating a review of a designated country's potential removal from the list.

This legislation will assert congressional scrutiny and oversight and hopefully bring to an end politically motivated delistings. Successive administrations—both Republican and Democrat alike—delisted countries based on their presidency's legacy rather than the facts. This will stop absurd delistings like that of North Korea in 2008.

North Korea was delisted in exchange for their promises of dismantling their nuclear program. However, 9 years and 5 nuclear tests later, they remain off the list. This rescission from the list has enabled North Korea to engage in supporting terrorism abroad. By increasing the amount of time for a state to not be engaged in terrorism and increasing congressional oversight and scrutiny, my legislation will not allow mistakes such as this delisting of North Korea's to take place.

I want to remind people that this passed unanimously, and we hope that we will get the support again.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION NOMINEE BETSY DEVOS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to join my colleagues from the great State of Ohio. I come here because we have a statement that we want to make to voice to not only the citizens of Ohio but to this great country.

I am honored to join Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR and Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, two women who have been in the battle for our citizens, but, more importantly, for our students, for education, and for our teachers.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I demand that Betsy DeVos, President-elect Trump's nominee for Secretary of Education, repay the \$5.3 million—yes, Mr. Speaker, I am going to say that again—\$5.3 million in fines owed by her political action committee, All Children Matter, to my home State of Ohio.

The PAC's contempt for Ohio campaign finance laws by illegally funneling contributions from a nationwide PAC to an unregistered Ohio affiliate is troublesome. And its refusal to pay these fines to the State of Ohio is disgraceful as the debt is nearly a decade old.

Can you imagine what would happen if a student refused to pay something that they owed to a university or to the State? I don't have to answer that. We all know what would happen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: How can the public trust Ms. DeVos to ensure borrowers repay their student loans in a timely manner when the group she chaired failed to pay fines that were imposed nearly a decade ago? The fines owed to the State of Ohio—the \$5.3 million—belongs to the taxpayers of Ohio. And every time, Mr. Speaker, I say \$5.3 million, I am going to say it twice because she owes \$5.3 million that belongs to the taxpayers of Ohio. This is money that could be used to pay for more teachers and other initiatives to help educate Ohio's children.

We cannot let her skirt the system and cheat Ohio taxpayers. No, we cannot let her be nominated and confirmed to be over our educational system.

I urge her to repay the \$5.3 million in fines prior to her Senate confirmation hearing next week.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP'S CABINET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, in America, we expect no one to be above the law. But, what happens if someone is super rich and breaks the law?

Today, I rise to place on the Record a demand that the President-elect's Cabinet nominee for Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos of Michigan, immediately pay fines she owes to the State of Ohio.

These obligations total \$5.3 million, just as Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY stated in her opening statement, and also Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, who will speak subsequent to my own remarks. This is an enormous amount of money owed to the State of Ohio in unpaid fines and levied late penalties for Ms. DeVos' political organization for campaign finance violations in Ohio. They broke Ohio law. These are the largest fines ever levied in Ohio history, dating back to 2008. Essentially, the political organization Ms. DeVos led violated Ohio's election laws.

Betsy DeVos of Michigan was in charge of the political action committee known as All Children Matter, based in Virginia. During her chairmanship, she broke Ohio's election laws which impose spending donation limits of \$10,000 per candidate. She, in fact, violated those limits by funneling national PAC money, over \$870,000 of it, to Ohio's State can-

didates—incidentally, all Republican candidates.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD these names and the amounts of money they received.

OHIO CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BETSY DEVOS' FEDERAL PAC—ALL CHILDREN MATTER

Blackwell, J. Kenneth & Raga, Thomas, \$10,000; Husted, Jon A., \$10,000; Raussen, Jim, \$7,500; Bacon, Kevin, \$6,000; Harris, Bill, \$5,000; Montgomery, Betty, \$5,000; Taylor, Mary, \$5,000; Bubp, Danny, \$4,000; Coughlin, Kevin, \$4,000; Luther, Brant, \$4,000.

Patton, Thomas F., \$4,000; White, Dan, \$4,000; Adams, John W., \$3,000; Bowling, Marcus U., \$2,500; Buehrer, Stephen, \$2,500; McGregor, Jim, \$2,500; Brinkman, Thomas, \$2,000; Cousineau, Thomas, \$2,000; Fink, Deborah Owens, \$2,000; Mandel, Josh, \$2,000.

McLaurin, Donald K., \$2,000; Farmer, Kyle J., \$1,500; Goodman, David, \$1,500; Peterson, Jon M., \$1,500; Seitz, William J., \$1,500; Setzer, Arlene J., \$1,500; Batchelder III, William G., \$1,000; Dolan, Matthew J., \$1,000; Faber, Keith Lloyd, \$1,000; Hite, Cliff, \$1,000.

Jordan, Kris, \$1,000; Niehaus, Tom, \$1,000; Schindel, Carol-Ann, \$1,000; Wagoner, Mark, \$1,000; Adams, Richard N., \$500; Jones, Shannon, \$500; Ohio House Republican Campaign Cmte, \$500; Rankin, Tim, \$500; Whiston, Tom, \$500; Young, Tom, \$500.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch and FollowtheMoney.org

Ms. KAPTUR. All these candidates pledged to advocate for privatizing public school education through vouchers once elected into office.

The Ohio Election Commission, comprised of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats, swiftly and unanimously levied a record fine against her organization in 2008. Their decision was subsequently vetted and upheld by a Republican judge in a State court.

Yet, now nearly a decade later, neither Betsy DeVos nor All Children Matter has paid their penalty of \$5.3 million to the citizens of Ohio.

Indeed, the State of Ohio prior to her violations had even informed Ms. DeVos by issuing a legal opinion that such contributions from her national PAC would be illegal to State candidates, and she willfully ignored them and that opinion. No one, no matter how wealthy, should be above the law.

And who exactly were the State candidates that received a direct campaign contribution from Betsy DeVos' political action committee All Children Matter? You will notice a few candidates still serving in Ohio office, including Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, Secretary of State Jon Husted, State Treasurer Josh Mandel, and Ohio Senate President Keith Faber. Former Ohio gubernatorial candidate J. Kenneth Blackwell also received a direct contribution. Mr. Blackwell now leads the President-elect's domestic policy transition team.

In addition, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, Betsy DeVos gave direct contributions to at least 20 current Members of the United States Senate. These are the same Senators who will now confirm her for her Secretary of Education position.

Talk about pay to play and a real need to drain the swamp, the Presi-

dent-elect ought to start in his own backyard.

The \$5.3 million fine that Betsy DeVos' political organization owes to Ohio could pay for better education for Ohio's children. It is outrageous that a candidate for Secretary of Education holds herself above the law and fails to make good on outstanding fines imposed nearly 10 years ago. Public records indicate she personally has a net worth of over \$5.1 billion.

The New York Times today has a front page story by Noam Scheiber that includes a quote from a writer and scholar who observes about the life of Ms. DeVos.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD this article as well.

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BETSY DEVOS, TRUMP'S EDUCATION PICK, PLAYS HARDBALL WITH HER WEALTH

(By Noam Scheiber)

After Tom Casperson, a Republican state senator from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, began running for Congress in 2016, he assumed the family of Betsy DeVos, President-elect Donald J. Trump's nominee to be education secretary, would not oppose him.

The DeVoses, a dominant force in Michigan politics for decades with a fortune in the billions, had contributed to one of Mr. Casperson's earlier campaigns. But a week before his primary, family members sent \$24,000 to one of his opponents, then poured \$125,000 into a "super PAC," Concerned Taxpayers of America, that ran ads attacking him.

The reason, an intermediary told Mr. Casperson: his support from organized labor. "Deceitful, dishonest and cowardly," was how Mr. Casperson's campaign described the ads, complaining that the groups running them "won't say who they are or where their money is coming from." On Primary Day, Mr. Casperson went down to defeat.

In announcing his intention to nominate Ms. DeVos, Mr. Trump described her as "a brilliant and passionate education advocate." Even critics characterized her as a dedicated, if misguided, activist for school reform. But that description understates both the breadth of Ms. DeVos's political interests and the influence she wields as part of her powerful family. More than anyone else who has joined the incoming Trump administration, she represents the combination of wealth, free-market ideology and political hardball associated with a better-known family of billionaires: Charles and David Koch.

"They have this moralized sense of the free market that leads to this total program to turn back the ideas of the New Deal, the welfare state," Kim Phillips-Fein, a historian who has written extensively about the conservative movement, said, describing the DeVoses.

Ms. DeVos declined to be interviewed for this article.

Like the Kochs, the DeVoses are generous supporters of think tanks that evangelize for unrestrained capitalism, like Michigan's Acton Institute, and that rail against unions and back privatizing public services, like the Mackinac Center.

They have also funded national groups dedicated to cutting back the role of government, including the National Center for Policy Analysis (which has pushed for Social Security privatization and against environmental regulation) and the Institute for Justice (which challenges regulations in court and defends school vouchers). Both organizations have also received money from the Koch family.