

wealthiest States, like California, which I am proud to represent, and in some of our wealthiest areas, like my district in San Diego, more than 40 percent of kids were in families experiencing poverty before the pandemic.

America's kids deserve better, and the good news is that we know what works. The expanded child tax credit showed how much progress we can make when families have the cash they need to make ends meet. Child poverty fell by nearly 30 percent, and families overwhelmingly used these funds to pay for food and other basic needs.

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of kids receiving vital health coverage has soared, and over 10 million more students have received free school lunches, saving families from completing complicated applications that can isolate children from their peers.

There is so much more to do to support children and their families, including expanding access to affordable, accessible childcare. I am proud to be leading a letter, alongside Representatives Bonamici, Castro, Houlahan, Himes, and McEachin, in support of including childcare in any future reconciliation package.

As a country, we also need a clear national goal to reduce child poverty, and we need data to inform our decisions and make sure no child is falling through the cracks. That is why I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Child Poverty Reduction Act and why I was proud to lead a letter, alongside Congresswoman DELBENE and Congresswoman JAYAPAL, calling for funding in the 2023 appropriations bill to improve our measures on child poverty and family material hardship.

Investing in children isn't just the right thing to do to give kids and families a strong start. It is also the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Child poverty costs our economy up to \$1.1 trillion a year in lost economic output, increased healthcare spending, and more. The investments we make in kids pay off across a lifetime.

A study from Harvard's Opportunity Insights found that the investments we make in kids consistently have the highest returns. For every \$1 we invest in high-quality early childhood education, we save \$6 down the road.

While some of my colleagues might say we can't afford to invest in kids, the fact of the matter is, we can't afford not to. The case for prioritizing kids is so strong, and I look forward to working with my colleagues not just this week but every week to improve outcomes for kids and build a better future.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. FOSTER).

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak as a father and a new and excited grandfather to advocate for a country that is dedicated to helping all of its children thrive.

As a scientist, I recognize that one of the most important issues our children

face is the fragility of children's brain development. Early brain development in children lays the foundation for their success in adulthood. During the first few years of life, millions of new neural connections are formed every second. It is during this time that the brain is the most flexible but also the most vulnerable to the environment around it.

Polluted environments, chronic stress, extreme poverty, or repeated abuse are toxic for brain development, and this has a lasting negative impact on a child's success in life.

It is important to continue research on the impact of children's environment on early brain development and then to take action to provide early intervention services for children whose brain development is at risk.

In fact, as Representative JACOBS mentioned, early childhood intervention has one of the highest returns on investment of any investment that our country can make.

Although my grandson is growing up in a supportive, loving, and hopefully chemically nontoxic environment, I recognize that many children in the United States are not. But I remain hopeful that we will continue to combat the challenges that all of our children face and continue to provide them with the best future possible.

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the gentleman on the birth of his grandchild.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, it is very meaningful that we are holding this special order today in honor of the First Focus Children's 4th Annual Children's Week.

I would like to thank Congresswoman Sara Jacobs for leading today's effort, which serves as a reminder that we must always be mindful of the needs of our nation's children in all our efforts.

As a mother and grandmother, I am intimately invested in First Focus Children's invaluable work to bring awareness and attention to the needs of our nation's children, and I applaud recognition provided by the 4th annual Children's Week.

This week, we celebrate the successes made in the fight to improve the lives of children across the country and lament the many heavy burdens still weighing on the shoulders of our youth.

I have been fighting on Capitol Hill for the rights and needs of children and families for over 25 years.

Why are we still fighting for so many of the same things we were fighting for in 1995?

Why in one of the richest countries in the world are children still going to bed hungry? Why are families begging for affordable childcare? Why are mothers and fathers choosing between making rent and keeping the lights on?

I speak to you today with a heart full of grief, anger, and still unrelenting hope.

Hope, because what are our children if not the promise of a better tomorrow—if we can only be watchful stewards of today?

Frederick Douglas once said that "it is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken men."

As the founding Chairperson of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I overwhelmingly urge Congress—let us work together in bipartisan action. Let us build strong children.

When passing the American Rescue Plan, Congress demonstrated its commitment to keeping children fed, cared for, and supported.

The bill provided direct housing assistance and nutrition assistance for 40 million Americans, expanded access to safe and reliable childcare and affordable health care, extended unemployment insurance so that 18 million American workers could pay their bills, and supported 27 million children with an expanded Child Tax Credit.

As a direct result of this legislation, 7.8 million children were prevented from falling into poverty.

Importantly, the American Rescue Plan made the provision of safe and affordable childcare a priority.

At the age of 5 most American children are ushered into schools where they and their families will be provided with community and supports.

And yet children under 5, who have as many if not more needs than their older counterparts, have no such universal resources available to them.

How is a caregiver expected to work to provide for their family if they have a young one at home?

Each of us, whether a parent or not, has a stake in the success of child care in this country.

High-quality, accessible, affordable childcare will allow our early learning system to provide opportunities for self-reliance, agency, and personal growth for millions of caregivers—ultimately leading to the success of our children and our national economy.

I had the pleasure of congratulating a class of exemplary high school graduates in Texas over the weekend.

Before receiving their accolades, regalia, and diplomas, these young scholars had to overcome many obstacles—obstacles that many of my fellow Congressmen did not face in our childhoods.

I implore us today to absorb the impact of the First Focus Children's 4th Annual Children's Week.

Let us remember the core of our responsibility to our nation, to create and preserve a future in which our country's children can flourish.

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THE PGA TOUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, it is always good to be here in a nice empty Chamber, the definition of debate here in the people's House. But such is the way of our current process of debate.

I always try to remind the American people that as they are no doubt all gathered around their living rooms watching C-SPAN, sitting around talking about the issues of the day that there are two Members of the House of Representatives here, and that this is somehow what debate looks like.

We just passed an inauspicious milestone last week in which we had the 6-year anniversary of not having offered an amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives in open debate. Not one Member of the House of Representatives for the last 6 years has been able to go down to the desk and offer an amendment to change a piece of legislation. That is not what the American people think we do. They think we actually sit down here and offer an amendment and we debate and go through stuff, but that never happens. I think that really is kind of endemic of the problem why people are so frustrated with this town, but I think there is something deeper going on in our country, something deeper that merits focus.

As the Marquis de Lafayette has famously said something along the lines of America is great because America is good. I believe that. But I am increasingly curious if all Americans do. We have a cultural problem in this country. We should be honest. We have been kind of fat and happy for a while. Robust economy, generally peaceful and secure communities over the last several decades, low interest rates, housing.

But now the chickens seem to be coming home to roost. Interest rates are rising. National debt is skyrocketing. Inflation is off the charts. Food prices are up. Home prices are up. Gas prices are at \$5 a gallon and rising. Crime is rising in our communities, big cities in particular but across the country. Fentanyl is pouring in. RECORD deaths. Opioid poisonings and overdoses. Wide open borders. The cartels have control of our borders. The price of goods and services are crushing American families. That is the reality of what we are facing right now.

And I talk about those things a lot, and there is something that has been on my mind this week. This week for a lot of fathers is Father's Day. This week for fans of college baseball is the week of the College World Series. I am a big fan of college baseball, as is my son. I brought him up here to see the University of Virginia play in 2014 and again in 2015. It is next week. We have got the University of Texas, my law school alma mater, Texas A&M University, and six other schools playing in the College World Series.

But my pure sports love is golf. I was a not very good walk-on at the University of Virginia. Had I been better, then I wouldn't be relegated to this Chamber. I would be out and about making money playing the tour. But alas, here I am as a Member of Congress, and I am going to use floor time on the House of Representatives to talk about the PGA Tour, something I never really thought that I would do. It never really seems to rise to the level of something you would talk about in the people's House.

But here is the problem: Today, we have a few American players on the PGA Tour that are bolting for enor-

mous, guaranteed checks by the Saudi Arabian bankrolled LIV Golf league. Now, that catches my attention because it gets to the heart of something that is wrong in this country. Those individuals are doing themselves, their reputations, their chosen sport, and the American communities in which they have previously allegedly invested, a very deep disservice in the process. The PGA Tour is absolutely right to sanction them for it.

This week is the week of the United States Open Championship. It is at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. That is particularly noteworthy for golf fans because it is the site of an epic story of a young, American man, Francis Ouimet, who was able to win the United States Open unexpectedly back in, I think, 1913—I'm pulling that from my memory—over a century ago. It was the site of the epic comeback of the American Ryder Cup team in 1999 when University of Texas Longhorn, Justin Leonard, sunk a 40-foot putt on the 17th hole. It is a historic venue right outside of Boston, a historic American city deeply rooted in our history.

And yet, there is a cloud hanging over the United States Open this week. And that cloud is the greed and the absurd self-absorbed nature of a handful of the PGA Tour's elites who are willing to sell their athletic soul, their professional soul to a Saudi Arabian league for their shekels. And it is absolutely an abomination.

Thankfully, most of the best players in the world are proudly and loudly holding firm, players like Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, to name a few. But this issue is bigger than just a few players or a mere competition within the game of golf that some want to dismiss it as.

The LIV Golf league, as I said, is beholden to the Saudis and helping them whitewash their global reputation and history of human rights abuses and supporting terrorists, the very terrorists that attacked America 21 years ago.

The Saudi golf league is bad for professional golf for a host of reasons, from the Saudi's human rights abuses to the gouging of Americans on gas. The Saudis are not our friends. LIV is ignoring Saudi Arabia's connections to the national tragedy of 9/11 or the many other grave human rights abuses that the country has faced over the years, and it is disappointing to witness.

Handing tens of millions of dollars to professional golfers like Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson, and Phil Mickelson who can look the other way, ignore the questions all for their personal enrichment. What does that say about who we are?

Let's talk about the PGA Tour for a second. Total charitable dollars from the PGA Tour and its tournaments have totaled \$3.37 billion for thousands of charities across this country in most States across the Union. \$3.37 billion.

Let me stop for a second for those who don't follow golf and say, Why are you talking about golf on the floor of the House?

There are dozens of PGA Tour events across this country. There is one in the district I represent in central Texas, the Valero Texas Open. The Valero Texas Open is the sixth oldest professional golf tournament worldwide, including the majors, the third oldest on the PGA Tour not counting the majors, and the longest tournament held in the same city, the hundredth year in 2022.

Their charitable giving is one of the leaders in the clubhouse on the PGA Tour with \$209 million in total and a record \$22 million from the 2022 tournament. That is 209 million charitable dollars flowing in through the Valero Texas Open into the communities I represent. So many good things come out of that.

Now, let's talk a little bit about the guys that are bolting for the deep pockets of the Saudi Arabians. Phil Mickelson, famously six-time major winner. \$133,772,000 in career earnings on the PGA Tour. Dustin Johnson, \$107.5 million. Sergio Garcia, \$66 million. Bryson DeChambeau, \$35 million. Tiger Woods, \$186 million.

Now, let me stop. Tiger said no. Tiger was offered, I have heard, upwards of a billion dollars, certainly something like \$750 million to attach his brand and go join this so-called LIV Golf league, and he said no so far. That is the right thing to do. How many of us would have turned down \$750 million or a billion dollars? How many of us would have turned that down? So far Tiger has turned that down, and he should be thanked for that.

Rory McIlroy has had \$106 million of earnings on the tour. Jordan Spieth has had \$75.8 million of winnings on the tour. They have all said no. But not Phil, not Dustin, not Sergio, not Bryson, not a handful of others who have all said, I am going to go sell my soul for \$200 million. In the case of Phil Mickelson, \$200 million of guaranteed money that came from the Saudi Arabians.

How can we condone a league funded by the same people who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks, murdered journalists, promote anti-Semitism, and stage mass executions?

I had family who had to work in Saudi Arabia; one in the State Department, one in oil and gas. They had to be careful about whether they had a Bible with them. They had to be careful about what they said, how they acted. My female family members had to be careful about where they were, what they were wearing, what they were doing.

And now you have the 9/11 Families United that have spoken out against this LIV Golf league due to Saudi Arabia's role in training and financing the 9/11 hijackers, 15 of whom were citizens of Saudi Arabia. It feels like a betrayal, the national chair of the 9/11 Families United said. My husband, who

died in the 9/11 attacks, was a scratch golfer. He was a Phil Mickelson fan. He even tried to be a pro before he worked on Wall Street. My youngest is the captain of his golf team. Our family understands the integrity that the sport requires, but these guys are not interested in any of that. And that is the story.

For those that are watching this or this clip, if you are watching this, if you are a golf fan, you have lived and breathed watching these majors over the last several decades. Phil Mickelson is about my age. When he was playing golf out in Arizona I was at the University of Virginia. We overlapped a couple years. He was good. I was terrible. Here I am. But I have been watching him his whole career as a fan. I have some friends who have been on tour. I have friends that are in the golf industry. But I am watching Phil Mickelson. We all cheered when he finally won the Masters in 2004. We cheered again when he won again in 2006, and again when he won in, I think, 2010. Then when he won the PGA Championship last year we thought, Oh my gosh, he won this over the age of 50. That is extraordinary. He is going to be able to sail off into the sunset and go out and get the adulation he deserves and carry golf forward.

Then over the last year he and all these others say, You know what, no, that is not good enough. The whole purpose of the PGA Tour is a meritocracy. You go out and earn it. Nobody gives you anything. It is a great American sport because no one gives you anything.

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You walk out on the course, you tee it up, and you better your peers, and for that you win the purse. It is what draws people to the sport. An individual alone standing on the course, standing on a green with thousands of people watching, millions on TV, with a club in their hand and one ball and they have to execute.

What does Mickelson do? What does Sergio do? What does Bryson do? They sell their reputations. They sell their soul for Saudi blood money, the very money, the same wealth funds that are being used to challenge our national security and our well-being.

This isn't competition, as some say. What are you afraid of? This is another tour competing with the PGA tour. Okay. Then go prove an economic model and go out and compete, but don't go sell your soul to someone buying it.

The Saudi Golf League is exhibition golf. As many say, the PGA tour is for people who want to earn their success in the game of golf and compete against the best. Importantly, as I said—there is an old adage: Dance with the one who brung ya.

The PGA tour goes back a century. The game of golf is moving from the aristocracy of the gentlemen's amateur ranks to the world of the mid-20th cen-

tury with Ben Hogan, a Texan; Byron Nelson, a Texan; and Sam Snead from Virginia, and they built a tour.

They literally followed the sun: tournaments in California, tournaments in Florida, Texas, the South, they move up and they play up the East Coast. They follow the sun—it is a tour—and they made peanuts. They did it for the love of the game. They did it building a league. They came out in the sixties—Arnie's Army—Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, and they built this tour up to what I just said, \$3.37 billion in charitable giving.

In communities across the country—the Valero Texas Open, which I represent. All of the great spots around this country: Pebble Beach, Riviera, Colonial in Fort Worth. These are integral in our communities. These guys just walk away. Whatever. I don't care about building up the next generation. I don't care about what this sport means. I don't care about the fact that the PGA tour has to compete against the NFL, the Major League Baseball, the NBA, NHL, all the other forms of entertainment, college football, college basketball.

No. No. I want to look out for me. I want to look out for myself. I am going to go take \$200 million in guaranteed money—or \$120 million in guaranteed money, if you are Dustin Johnson, \$20 to \$30 million for Ian Poulter, and \$100 million if you are Bryson DeChambeau.

Getting guaranteed money so you can go play golf with not the best—with money that came from Saudi Arabia, the purpose of which is to target and disrupt the PGA tour, and nothing more. It is an absolute embarrassment.

As I said before, as I sit here on the floor of the House, why am I spending time on this? First of all, I have great passion for it as a personal matter. I have devoted a lot of my life to this sport. I love it. I teach my kid this sport. It is a sport based on honor. It is a sport based on integrity.

That is why things like The First Tee program are valuable. You learn the rules. You follow the rules. It is a meritocracy. You win by going to the course and beating the course. You treat each other with respect. It is a great sport. Now these guys are just throwing that away. Throwing the honor of your commitment to an entity, an organization, that made you wealthy for playing a game; you throw that away to go kiss the ring of Saudi royalty and get your check. Go cash your check.

Is that what life is all about? Is that where we are? I started this talking about America is great because America is good. Well, what is good about that? I am all for competition. I am all for people prospering and succeeding based on their skills and their talents: starting a business, playing a sport, whatever they are, artists. Go forward and sell your product.

You want to go start a rival league, a Canadian football league that competes with the NFL. We had the USFL

for a while. Way back in the day we had the NBA and the ABA. We had the NFL and then we had the AFL, then they merged. We got the NFL with an NFC and AFC. I get that. Time changed.

But you are going to go sell your soul to the Saudis? Have some self-respect. Actually stand up for the sport that you said you love, and you want to share with the world. Stand alongside the tour, the sports franchise, that actually is building up the game, creating development leagues like the Korn Ferry Tour, which was built out of the Hogan tour, helping our communities across the country.

One last point of all this. I have heard the former President, President Trump, endorsing the LIV Golf League. Could that possibly be because Trump National Doral or Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey will host tournaments? I suspect so. Sure as heck not because it is an advocacy for what is good for the sport. It is not an advocacy for the tour that has allowed those individuals to be elevated and compete against the sports that get, frankly, greater notoriety.

Here is what is interesting about what the tour has done. These are the highest paid athletes of all time, as reported by Sportico: Number two, Tiger Woods, \$2.1 billion—this is all in, endorsements and dollars earned; Arnold Palmer at \$1.5 billion at number 3; Jack Nicklaus at number 4 with \$1.38 billion; Phil Mickelson, \$1 billion; Greg Norman, \$815 million. These guys are all in the top 15.

The tour has made these guys wealthy, and they turn around and they stab the tour in the back to go chase their 30 shekels. It is absolutely unconscionable.

I stand with the tour. I stand with the players that I mentioned before, the Jordan Spieths, the Justin Thomases, the Rory McIlroys, the guys that are standing up and saying: No thanks, I am going to stick with the tour. I am going to dance with the one who brung ya.

I stand up for the tour events throughout this country that are raising millions of dollars for charity, providing jobs, providing economic growth and activity. And, importantly, standing up for this great sport, this great institution. As we sit here in U.S. Open week, what I believe is the greatest golf tournament in the world because it is open to anyone who can compete.

If you can go string together seven rounds of golf, you can be the United States Open champion. In the spirit of the country club right outside of Brookline, and the story of Francis Ouimet—made into a movie, by the way—that is the spirit of what you can do in America if you just set out to go do it.

The Good Book in Luke 12:48 says: To whom much is given, much is expected, much is demanded—depending on your translation.

These guys have made hundreds of millions of dollars playing a game.

They owe the respect to the tour and to the guys they play alongside. They owe to the communities that have enriched them and rallied around them, their courtesy of defending and standing up for the sport and the league and the PGA tour in this country that has enabled them to prosper and has helped grow this game into one of the great economic engines and sport franchises in the world.

Shame on them for walking away from the PGA tour. God bless the PGA tour for pushing back and saying: You don't get to do that. God bless the members of the tour that are standing strong, standing alongside the community members, standing alongside all of the sponsors and the people that have made that work and have built such a great institution.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) for 30 minutes.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be here this evening with you and to talk about—during this time of the COVID pandemic—something that is near and dear to the hearts of the people impacted the most by this pandemic.

Madam Speaker, as you know, more than a million people now have perished because of the COVID pandemic, and 750,000 of them are American citizens over the age of 65. In addition, because of the war in Ukraine, because of this pandemic, and because of this inflation, who is the group in America that is most impacted by the pandemic and the ensuing inflation? It is the senior citizens of our country, and it is people over the age of 65. They are people who are on fixed income.

These individuals need the help of the United States Congress. I commend Chairman RICH NEAL, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and a Social Security recipient himself, who knows and understands the necessity and the absolute dependence that so many of our fellow Americans have on the Nation's number one insurance program.

The insurance program that keeps our seniors off of poverty. It also happens to be the number one insurance plan for children. Madam Speaker, it is the number one plan for veterans who rely more on Social Security Disability than they do the VA.

For more than half of our fellow citizens who are on Social Security, it is the only benefit that they have. That benefit, on average, is \$16,000 per individual. Nobody gets wealthy on Social Security. Yet, it is our number one anti-poverty program for the elderly. It is the number one anti-poverty program for children. It has incredible benefits for people on disability, like our veterans.

Yet, here today, and just last Thursday, and before that, we learn of new plans from the Republican Study Committee and from Senator SCOTT—these are plans that will end Social Security. These are plans that say in 5 years these benefits will disappear.

The Ways and Means Committee has a bill to say: No, this is not the time to end Social Security, this is the time to enhance the benefits in Social Security. This is the time when our fellow seniors, who need this money to sustain themselves at base levels, are crying out for help from their country.

This is not the time, Senator SCOTT, for us to kill Social Security. It is not the time, I say to the Republican Study Committee, for us to end Social Security, cutting its benefits. For every year you call upon someone to raise the age of Social Security, that is a 7 percent cut.

How in God's name, in the face of this pandemic and with people living longer, do they need lesser benefits?

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Madam Speaker, if you listen to the logic that people are living longer so we have to hike the age, how does that possibly benefit someone struggling to make ends meet? Those are the same people who are putting food back on the shelves or can't afford their prescription drugs.

How does that allow them to subsist by cutting their benefits because they are living longer?

Democrats have a plan, and basically that is what Congress should be all about: the vitality of ideas and placing those ideas side by side.

While the Republican Study Committee has said that, yes, they have a plan, it is former Congressman Sam Johnson's plan to make sure that Social Security is solvent. I served with Sam Johnson. There is no more honorable person who served in this body. His bill was never allowed to be brought forward by the Republican leadership. There was never a vote on that. The reason there was never a vote on it was because it cut benefits. It made Social Security solvent by cutting benefits. That is not the way to fix Social Security.

Social Security does not need to be cut. The benefits need to be enhanced.

More than 3 million of our fellow Americans receive below-poverty-level checks from Social Security after they have paid into Social Security for a lifetime, Madam Speaker. That is flat-out wrong.

The COLA for Social Security has been so ineffective that it is long overdue to have a change that embraces a COLA based on the actual expenses that seniors incur, whether that is heating and cooling their home or paying for home heating oil or just simply paying for their pharmaceuticals. It is long overdue that Congress enhances the benefits of Social Security so that people can subsist and survive.

Nobody is getting wealthy on Social Security or reserving a condo in Flor-

ida with the money they receive from this. These are people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Congressman NEAL's committee on social equity most recently pointed out, as well, that the equity and the difference between what people of color and specifically women of color receive in terms of benefits is appalling. They receive below-poverty-level checks after contributing to the program their entire life.

Poverty level is \$12,600.

How would you subsist on less than that, Madam Speaker?

Americans need to rise up. They need to understand that what we need now during this pandemic and during this time of inflation is to assist people so that they get the money that they need to make the payments they richly deserve.

That is why the proposal before the Ways and Means Committee enhances benefits. It provides a 2 percent across-the-board increase. It makes sure that nobody can retire into poverty, and it makes the new floor for Social Security 125 percent of what the poverty level is. It makes sure that a new COLA is instituted, and, yes, it also makes sure, as President Biden has called for, the repeal of WEP and GPO.

Where is the Republican plan?

Their committee says that they are following Sam Johnson, and yet the subcommittee has never received a bill in the last 4 years that would indicate what their plan of action is—though it is detailed here, as Mr. SCOTT has outlined, to end Social Security in 5 years. Ending Social Security—killing Social Security—is not any way to help out those citizens—those fellow Americans—who need this assistance the most.

It is long overdue in this Chamber and also in the Senate. And even though MITCH MCCONNELL may stand up and deny that they are going to take forward Senator SCOTT's proposal, he very smugly says when asked what his agenda is that they don't have an agenda. They will tell the American voters what their agenda is after they win.

America can take it to the bank, Madam Speaker: just like they did under the Biden administration, they are coming for your Social Security and Medicare. They outline it in no uncertain terms, both in Senator SCOTT's proposal and also in the Republican Study Group's proposal as well.

They are coming after your Social Security at a time when Americans need it most.

There is a difference. Democrats are here to recognize that it has been 51 years since Congress has enhanced Social Security. It has been 51 years since Congress has done anything to enhance the number one insurance program for our elderly and the number one insurance plan for our children.

It also is the Nation's most effective program. I hail from a part of the country that is an insurance center, and