

eastern North Carolina, and I am so proud to share some mouthwatering news.

The BBQ Fest on the Neuse, held in Kinston, North Carolina, has set a new world record. The Guinness World Record for the number of barbecue sandwiches sold in an 8-hour period is now 4,775.

I was proud to attend this year's festival. The festival is more than just delicious food. It is a showcase of community, local businesses, music, and the proud spirit of eastern North Carolina. It highlights everything that makes Kinston and Lenoir County such a special place.

We take great pride in being home of such rich tradition.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better barbecue on Earth than eastern North Carolina.

#### SUPPORT FOR EDESIA

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the fourth time to call for funding for lifesaving food aid to be restored by the Trump administration.

Sudan is suffering its worst famine in four decades. Without immediate help, hundreds of thousands could die. Mothers are walking for days in search of food, and children collapsing into their arms from hunger.

For years, the United States has stepped up in the face of these tragedies. Edesia, an organization in my district in Rhode Island, produces ready-made, ready-to-use food therapeutics called Plumpy'Nut that has saved millions of lives in Sudan and more than 60 other countries.

The Trump administration has stopped submitting new orders, and now boxes of this lifesaving food intended for Sudan sits in warehouses in Rhode Island awaiting a transportation contract to be approved while children starve.

Trump administration officials continue to say that they intend to resume shipping this emergency food aid, but they have yet to do so.

Keep your promise. Restart the aid.

#### SKINNY BUDGET FOR 2026

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago Donald Trump unveiled his so-called skinny budget for fiscal year 2026. This budget is only skinny on the cuts that it would cut for the American people, \$163 billion for vital programs that serve our communities, Tribal programs, housing, healthcare, opioid reduction, and addiction recovery programs.

This is on top of the catastrophic attacks of DOGE on veterans, teachers,

Social Security, and vital programs, and on top of the attack the GOP and Trump's reconciliation tax plan would have on Medicaid and food assistance.

Why? To give permanent tax breaks to billionaires.

What is the GOP's response this week? They are going to try and pass a bill to rename the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America on the week that we recognize Cinco De Mayo.

This is the GOP's plan. This is the GOP's response, and this is Donald Trump's America.

#### TRUMP'S FIRST 100 DAYS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE of California was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor this Congressional Black Caucus Special Order hour, along with the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN), my distinguished colleague.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC have an opportunity to speak directly to the American people on the harmful policies of Donald Trump's first 100 days in his second term, an issue of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, to the Congress in general, to constituents that we represent across this country, and really to any living, breathing person on this planet.

The first 100 days of this administration have been about policies that are delusional, diabolical, destructive, and dangerous. These have been doozy policies and politics that are doing nothing but hurting America, and especially Black Americans.

We are also going to be talking about so many of these policies that seem uniquely targeted to focus on the place and the progress of Black Americans. Make no mistake, if you are trying to hurt Black Americans, you are inadvertently also going to hurt all other Americans because so many folks are dependent on Section 8 vouchers, on Social Security, on Medicaid, on Medicare, on an economy that is working, on not being tarified up the wazoo so that we can be able to purchase goods and services that we need to keep this economy growing.

The American people need a moment of peace and structure coming from this administration, not the chaos and the ringing of alarms every single moment.

This is not hyperbole, even though it might sound like it. This is not partisan spin. We have seen this when we have gone into our districts, when we have hosted townhalls, when we have talked to the American people. Everyone is saying the same thing. How can we protect our Constitution, protect our economy, protect our way of life, our freedoms, our liberties; not deport us? What is this administration doing to help us rather than to hurt and harm and divide us?

The power of this country is in the people. For the next 60 minutes, the Congressional Black Caucus is going to be speaking to the people in crystal clear ways, using crystal clear words about how we are on the brink, if not through the door, of a constitutional crisis, of an economic, of a political, of a moral crisis, and a crisis of the very identity of this country.

It is often said that when America has a cold, Black America has pneumonia. Let me tell you something. We are all up in urgent care and in the community clinics and in the hospitals because we are all sick right now.

We cannot afford another 100 days of the 100 days that we have just seen.

I have so much more that I want and that I will say, but I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN) to share some words before we allow members of the Congressional Black Caucus to also speak to the American people.

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California, (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE), my dear friend and colleague for leading our CBC Special Order hour this evening.

Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE's voice in Congress, from the way she fights for her constituents in Los Angeles, to her work on the Judiciary Committee. She is such a strong advocate.

On the Oversight Committee, we are doing similar work, trying to provide the American people with some amount of transparency and accountability because we have a President who doesn't think that the rules apply to him.

Here we are tonight to talk about Trump's first 100 days.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage people watching—shout out to my mom and dad. I know we have at least two viewers tonight. For the others, I encourage them to check out Congresswoman KAMLAGER-DOVE's social media series titled "Is This Stuff Legal?"

She is doing a great job breaking down how this has been a lawless White House from day one, and the truth is time and time again what this administration has been doing has not been legal.

In fact, in Trump's first 100 days, more than 220 lawsuits were filed directly challenging his agenda. Federal judges have issued over 130 court orders blocking or pausing those actions. If we do the math, Trump is being sued more than twice a day, and he is losing in court more than once a day.

They have tried to fire Federal workers without cause, detain and deport people without due process, freeze and deny congressionally appropriated funds, and seize sensitive taxpayer information through the Treasury and Social Security.

This is why Trump's White House is now ignoring Federal courts and openly ignoring the Constitution. He doesn't have a mandate. He doesn't have the votes in Congress, and he doesn't have a legal agenda, so he wants to ignore the law.

We should not be surprised by this. Trump said he was going to be a dictator on day one. He told us this is what he was going to do. I personally don't know of any dictators who stop being a dictator on their own.

We have got to fight back, and we have got to fight back in Congress, in the courts, and in the community.

My constituents in Cleveland and people across the country are counting on us to stand up, fight back, and use every tool we have to oppose this agenda because this has been 100 days of chaos, cruelty, and cuts.

The Trump administration has broken the economy, broken the law, and broken our alliances.

In just 100 days, this White House has shrunk the economy, raised prices, and put us on track for a recession.

Now, President Biden handed him the strongest economy in the world, and Trump is running it into the ground, which really isn't surprising because this is a man who could not make money running a casino; not to mention the fact that he filed bankruptcy six times.

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The disastrous policies of this White House are hurting the entire country, absent a few of his billionaire buddies, of course, but it is the people that many of us represent that are the most at risk.

This is a White House that constantly diminishes and dismisses Black achievement; a White House that blames anything and everything on diversity, equity, and inclusion; a White House that is trying to defund our public safety programs and our police; a White House that is trying to defund our schools, and a White House that has rolled back Federal antidiscrimination policies that have been on the books since 1965—that is right—since 1965.

In his first week, President Trump revoked the "Equal Employment Opportunity" executive order that prohibited racial discrimination for Federal contractors.

Let's be clear: They aren't hiding this agenda to make discrimination legal again.

That is why I filed legislation to restore those policies, and I am proud to have had over 60 cosponsors in the House, including many of my colleagues here this evening.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a disastrous 100 days, but I feel the worst is yet to come.

This week, the Republican-led committees are working on Trump's Republican rip-off, a plan to take from our constituents so that they can give to the ultrawealthy and the very well-connected. We are talking about healthcare and taking away Medicaid coverage. We are talking about nutrition and taking away SNAP benefits from families and so much more, because the budget they voted for called for \$880 billion in cuts to Medicaid and \$230 billion in cuts to SNAP.

Here is the reality: 21 percent of my district is living below the poverty line and 30 percent of children are in poverty. I represent 280,000 people on Medicaid, 160,000 people on SNAP. These aren't just numbers; these are real people. Sadly, this White House isn't listening to them, so it is up to us to amplify their voices tonight, today, and every day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend, Congresswoman KAMLAGER-DOVE, for leading this Special Order hour.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman BROWN from Ohio for her remarks.

As you can see, Congresswoman BROWN was breaking it down, she was keeping it real, and she was bringing the receipts. That is what the Congressional Black Caucus does each and every day. We break it down for the American people, we keep it real for the American people, and we bring the receipts for the American people. The problem is there are so many receipts to share right now in just 100 days, we don't have enough tote bags for all the receipts.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Georgia, Congresswoman LUCY MCBATH, to share remarks.

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I thank so much my esteemed colleagues, Representative KAMLAGER-DOVE and Representative BROWN, for their leadership in tonight's CBC Special Order hour. It is the most opportune time for us to be able to talk directly to the American people about the truth of this White House and its administration.

Mr. Speaker, last week marked the first 100 days of the second Trump administration, and on behalf of my constituents in Georgia and an ever-growing number of American people, I am here tonight to continue speaking out against the chaos, the division, and the indefensible hatred that is being sown by this President and this administration.

Just over 100 days in and the American people are exceedingly worried and exhausted. They are exhausted by the uncertainty that has defined this Presidency. They are fatigued by the endless cascade of bad news from every corner of our Federal Government. They are bone weary by the fear of the impact these reckless actions continue to have on our working families.

For Black Americans, in particular, the Trump administration has made direct attacks on our communities and emboldened extreme hatred and big-

otry. The symbolism of using the Presidency to eliminate foundational programs cannot be understated. He has used the most powerful office to dismantle foundational policies and scapegoat the American citizens.

These attacks have material consequences: The uncertainty surrounding the future of longstanding Federal programs harms the most vulnerable populations that we serve.

Just last week, I toured a Head Start site in my home State of Georgia and heard directly from parents and educators about the vital role these childcare programs play in supporting the economic success of families with young children. Head Start affords working families the peace of mind that their children will be cared for and educated during the workday.

Recent White House budget documents show that the administration has backed down, for now, in some of their attacks on Head Start and the resources that are helping our families, but we can't stop our advocacy until these programs are absolutely protected.

The continued actions of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, DOGE, to dismantle the Federal workforce also have a devastatingly outsized impact on Black Americans. Federal Government work has long been a path to upward mobility for those seeking a career in public service and the elimination of tens of thousands of positions across our Federal workforce will continue to hurt families in our communities.

I grew up in the heart of the civil rights movement. As a child, I saw my father and my mother take a stand against those who legislated against our freedoms and our rights as Americans. Mr. Speaker, 60 years later, those same forces are animating the actions of this administration. We cannot afford to go back in time. Though I know so many across the country are dealing with the feelings of exhaustion and hopelessness, we cannot grow complacent. We cannot succumb to the forces of fear, hatred, and bigotry.

The work the Congressional Black Caucus and House Democrats are taking up just reinforces our resistance to the division that we are living and seeing at this very moment. Together, we are using every legislative tool at our disposal to fight back against these reckless actions.

Mr. Speaker, I, once again, want America to know that the Democrats and the Congressional Black Caucus and all of the other tri-caucuses are fighting every single day for you. We are using our voices to speak up and sound the alarm on the harm this administration is causing communities all across this country and we are doing so with unflappable energy and determination.

As Democrats, we know that our light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it. Just as I sang as a little girl during the civil

rights movement: "Deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday."

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honorable LUCY MCBATH from the great State of Georgia for her remarks, and I am grateful that she talked about DOGE because the reality is that DOGE has not found any substantive evidentiary fraud in all of their work these past 100 days.

If they had, they would be blasting it across every social media platform and every network. They probably would be making stamps and stamping your head with all of the fraud that they have found, but that is not the case.

What they have been doing, however, is harassing and intimidating and disrespecting our workers, creating a hostile environment for our Federal workers, intimidating them to resign or to leave, mostly because of ideology, not because of the work they are doing.

We have to continue to tell the truth, which is that government is people. Government works because of people. When you have a healthcare claim, when you are trying to get your insurance, when you are trying to apply for FEMA, when you are trying to get your Social Security payment, when you are trying to get access to your Medicaid or your Medicare benefits, when you are trying to find a nursing home facility, when you are trying to get a passport, when you are trying to call in to the government to get the help that you deserve from the government that we have all pledged to provide for you, there ain't going to be nobody to answer the phone when you call because DOGE and this administration are actually working overtime to make sure that you don't have access to government.

The policies of this administration are working overtime to try to make sure that there will be no government and they are painting it all under the auspices of Black folks because somehow they think that Black America is responsible for so many of the ills that they are trying to cure.

Once again, as Representative BROWN shared, the diversity, the equity, and the inclusion, and when last I checked, this country was founded on all of those things. It has been made great because of all of those things.

When we talk about DOGE, I know one thing for sure is that these folks working for DOGE are actually squatting in the departments where they have worked to terminate Federal workers, and they are bringing in washers and dryers and mattresses and all their kids, living rent-free in departments that are actually designed and structured to answer the call and to take care of the needs that you have as a citizen, as a constituent, as an American. We have to talk about that. That is the fraud.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas, the Honorable JASMINE CROCKETT, and you know that she is going to bring receipts. I know she has a trunk full of them.

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank so much my amazing colleague from the great State of California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a simple but clear message. First of all, I just have to clear up a few things. Instead of the President cosplaying as the next Pope, he may want to try to cosplay as an actual President of these United States. That means that he may have to do a little bit of research and decide that he wants to understand that he swore an oath, and this oath was to protect and defend the Constitution. That is the oath that he was supposedly taking on January 20.

We may want as well that the President look into what the Declaration of Independence was about. We may want him to understand that there was a foundational document as relates to self-determination of those who had recently gained their independence from Great Britain.

I hoped that he would maybe spend a few of these days in his first 100 days doing that. It is sad to say it is his second term, and he doesn't understand that the Declaration of Independence is about this idea that we are entitled to the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that is for all of us that are here.

Let's go through some of the things that he did manage to do and some of the havoc that he has managed to wreak.

In the first 100 days of the Trump administration, we have had to, unfortunately, endure a lot of pain. This administration clearly is not ready to lead. They are only here to tear down.

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In just 100 days, we have witnessed an administration hell-bent on dismantling the very systems designed to protect the most vulnerable amongst us. For Black Americans, those of us who have always carried the weight of a broken system and bad policies, the danger is real, it is tangible, and it is urgent.

Let me be clear: The last 100 days have not been an accident or a fluke. He has done exactly what he said he was going to do. He gave us the blueprint in Project 2025. Some tried to warn us of the dangers and, well, here we are.

Let's talk about education. Within weeks of taking office, the Department of Education quietly rescinded guidance encouraging schools to teach honest, inclusive Black history. Instead, they are attempting to whitewash history and have begun promoting so-called patriotic education, a sanitized version of history that skips over slavery, Jim Crow, redlining, and systemic racism.

He signed an executive order reinstating "commonsense discipline practices in school," rolling back previous administrations' attempts to address racial disparities in school discipline practices. Make no mistake: These de-

cisions have a direct impact on Black children, children who deserve a fair shot to learn in safe and supportive environments.

Let's talk about housing. HUD announced plans to gut fair housing rules meant to fight discrimination. Those are the same ones that he violated back when he was a landlord so many years ago. Yeah, those same rules that were supposed to fight discrimination in lending and zoning. This means there will be even more roadblocks for Black families trying to buy a home and yet another generation locked out of building wealth.

Let's talk about public safety. While they are cutting afterschool programs and community violence prevention, they are pouring millions of dollars into militarizing police departments. They are criminalizing our communities while stripping away the very resources that keep us safe.

Finally, money talks, so let's talk money. This administration slashed funding of seven government agencies that provide Black communities with educational materials and economic opportunities, including the Minority Business Development Agency, the only Federal agency dedicated to uplifting minority businesses. This agency helped entrepreneurs all across the country, including in my own district, keep their doors open and their workers employed. Now, it is under attack.

While all of this is happening, they are dismantling environmental protections in environmental justice, slashing funding for HBCUs, and rolling back civil rights enforcement across Federal agencies. Let me repeat what that means. To roll back civil rights enforcement across Federal agencies, this is the so-called DEI attacks that we continue to endure in this country. This is their way of trying to roll back the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that so many died and bled for.

Mr. Speaker, this is not just about policy disagreement. This is about direct attacks on Black futures, Black prosperity, and Black freedom. This is about right versus wrong, point blank. But here is what they don't understand. We have seen this playbook, and every time they have attempted to silence us, erase us, and hold us down, we have resisted and we have pushed this country closer to the ideals it claims to hold.

They are trying to bury us, but what they don't realize is that we are seeds and still we rise. I stand here a proud Black woman and a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and I refuse to stand by while this administration tries to turn back the hands of time. We will resist. We will continue speaking truth to power, and we will keep organizing until everybody is free because, in the words of Fannie Lou Hamer, nobody is free until everybody is free.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honorable JASMINE CROCKETT for her remarks and for always keeping it real. I will reiterate

some of the things that she said, which is that this administration has been targeting Black Americans, possibly because they are so afraid of our shine. This administration and its policies have certainly been laser focused on trying to tear down Black women. You don't have to connect too many dots to understand why that is.

I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. IVEY) to break it down for us and share some of his receipts.

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California, my colleague from Ohio, and the previous speakers. It is an honor to be here, not just as a Member of Congress, but to be here as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, especially at a time like this.

I rise today not just with concern, but with alarm. In his first 100 days back in the White House, Donald Trump has unleashed a full-blown assault on America, on our institutions, on our workers, on the rule of law, and on democracy itself. This is not leadership. This is a broken promise.

I will talk a little bit as we go forward about the promises that now President Trump made during the campaign, especially with respect to the economy. He said he was going to put money back in people's pockets, but as we have seen dramatically in the first 100 days, it has been quite the opposite.

I had one friend tell me that his 401(k) had turned into a 101(K) after Trump put his destructive tariffs in place. It has been damaging not just for people who own stocks, not just for people who are small business owners, but for every American across the country. Unfortunately, it looks like it is going to get worse in short order.

I will start first with government workers. The President promised to tackle government waste, but it has been anything but that, as we have seen his administration systematically targeted the Federal workforce, gutting critical agencies, sidelining career professionals, and pushing out civil servants not for failing to do their jobs, but for doing them too well.

I will talk about the waste piece for just a moment here, too. I know they said he is out here trying to cut waste, fraud, and abuse, but we know that is not right because one of the first things he did was fire the investigators who were in charge of ferreting out waste, fraud, and abuse. They are called inspectors general. He fired 18 of them all at once almost on his first day in office, so you know he is not trying to cut back on waste, fraud, and abuse.

What he is trying to do actually is eliminate nonpolitical Federal workers, people who have gotten their positions based on merit, people who are distinguished in their careers, have outstanding experience, great credentials, but he is trying to force them out so he can replace them with people who are politically loyal to him.

I just want to chat a little bit about the firing of these people because I

know a lot of folks across the country are not in love with government workers. They think maybe it is a good thing to get rid of government workers, but I am asking people to keep in mind the dire consequences of these terminations.

For example, he terminated people who were running clinical trials at NIH, clinical trials on things like Alzheimer's, cancer, and measles. Take the measles one, for example. I ran into a woman at a church I was attending a few weeks ago. She had a Ph.D., and she was working on a clinical trial in measles. The idea was to figure out how to address the measles outbreak that has just been happening.

On that front, think about this: Basically, measles had been eradicated in the United States. At this point, though, last I heard a few days ago, we have 2,000 people in the United States who are now suffering from measles, and we have actually had two people die—one of them a child—from measles, something that has been eradicated, and we have been addressing for decades now, but it is catching its steam again and starting to kill more people.

The Alzheimer's piece is especially of concern to me. My father died from Alzheimer's, and watching that happen is like ripping your heart out. They had clinical trials going on Alzheimer's which were shut down based on the terminations of the Trump administration.

The thing about clinical trials that you need to remember is it is not like a light switch. You don't just switch it right back on again. When you shut down a clinical trial, some of which have been running for years and have cost thousands, potentially even millions of dollars, you can't just start it right back up again. You have to start over with those. The decision he made to shut down these clinical trials will push back the ability to have cures for some of the most debilitating and dangerous diseases facing humanity today.

Cuts to hospitals is another one. Now, closures of rural and urban hospitals in many instances are going to be a result of the Medicaid cuts that they are talking about making right now, and that is not just President Trump, that is some of my House Republican colleagues here, too.

Make no mistake: That is going to lead to hospitals closing in the places where they are needed most. I just read an op-ed over the weekend about a doctor who was working in a rural area, and his hospital was dead center between hospitals that are 200 miles apart, so if his hospital has to shut down, you would have to drive 100 miles each way to get to another hospital. He talked about the emergency surgery that they had performed once when there was an accident near where his hospital was located. If they hadn't had the hospital there and been able to provide the emergency treatment that they provided, those people would have

died. He is talking about closing these hospitals down.

Make sure you understand, too, for many areas, this is the only access to medical care that those communities have. Not only that, those hospitals are economic engines for those communities because for many of them, those are the jobs in those communities that the people turn to and need the most.

Schools. Terminating title I funding or cutting it back to the extent they have talked about I have been told could lead to the shutdown of a number of schools, not just in urban areas, but in rural areas, as well because the title I funding goes to teachers who are teaching at low-income schools, based on the formulas that they use to make those determinations.

You are going to have teachers being lost, teachers who were terminated in the schools and districts where they are the most needed. In many of these areas, those are the schools that are still trying to catch up from the losses that were caused during the COVID outbreak. We shouldn't be shutting these down. We should be expanding the resources that they have, but those title I schools are at risk.

Firing veterans. When they fire these government workers, one thing they don't seem to remember is that 30 percent of all government workers across the country are veterans. Keep in mind, too, these aren't just people in the D.C. metropolitan area. Eighty percent of government workers live outside of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. There are jurisdictions and States and communities across the country, providing services that those communities need. They won't miss the water until the well runs dry.

Mr. Speaker, I will stop with this one, just on the government cuts piece. There have been cuts for victims of crime. There are VOCA cuts and VAWA cuts. VOCA stands for Victims of Crime Act, VAWA stands for Violence Against Women Act. These are the type of funds, grants that have been making a difference in law enforcement across the country and in fights against things like domestic violence and sexual abuse, and he is making the cuts there, too.

It is not just there. I will chat a little bit about the rule of law issue here, too. The President promised to uphold the law, as he must do. All of us take an oath when we are sworn in—the President, all of us in Congress, I even took one when I was elevated to become a Federal prosecutor. He is not following that oath, though.

As a matter of fact, we have seen this administration illegally deny due process rights despite a Supreme Court order to return my constituent, Kilmar Abrego Garcia, back to the United States.

Just a moment on that. Kilmar was deported from the United States even though a judge had given an order saying that he could not be sent to El Salvador until another determination was

made. Not only did they send him to El Salvador in violation of that order, they sent him to one of the worst jails in the world, which houses MS-13, which is the exact group that that judge said he was supposed to be kept away from. That is where they sent him.

The Supreme Court said: You need to facilitate his return. The Trump administration has made no efforts whatsoever to do that. As a matter of fact, President Trump was sitting in the Oval Office with President Bukele, the President of El Salvador, and they were joking about it.

Last week, when President Trump did an interview, he said, yeah, he could just pick up the phone and have him brought back, but he is not going to do it, despite the Supreme Court order. There have been other orders, too, that they are ignoring and not following.

This isn't just a problem for Mr. Garcia. Think about that 4-year-old child who was deported last week, the one with stage IV cancer who was sent out of the United States with no medicine, no chance to talk to his doctor. Is that what America has become? Apparently that is what Donald Trump thinks the people want.

I have to tell you, that is absolutely the wrong path for this Nation to be taking. I know we want to deal with the immigration issue, but we can't do it at the expense of children, and we can't do it at the expense of violating basic due process rights.

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Guess what, Mr. Speaker? The judges who have told him that are not just the Supreme Court but sometimes conservative Republican judges like Judge Wilkinson in the Fourth Circuit based in Richmond. He is one of the most conservative judges in the country and a Reagan appointee. He chastised the Trump administration for violating basic due process. Basically, he said it could not be more obvious than this, that a person should have a chance to have his day in court before something as drastic as deportation happens to him.

Not only did Trump ignore that but he talked about deporting American citizens when he was sitting there with the President of El Salvador. I raised concerns about that. I had Republican friends who got on me about it. Guess what? The House Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Homeland Security had votes. The Democrats proposed amendments that said let's make it illegal, let's make a ban on deporting American citizens. Every Republican on both committees voted against that ban. That is where we are right now.

Let me talk a little bit about tariffs. The President promised to make our lives more affordable. He said America was too expensive. Yet, his tariffs have sent the Nation into a tailspin. Mr. Speaker, I guess you could say there

are times when tariffs might make sense, but he did it the exact worst way possible that it could be done. He did tariffs on all countries and on all products at the exact same time.

There is no way that can work, and there is no reason to do it because sometimes tariffs are placed on things that we don't even make in the United States. We don't grow bananas. We don't grow coffee. We don't grow chocolate. Why is he imposing tariffs on those items?

Then, the tariffs he imposed on some of our best allies, like Canada, disrupted the automobile market. They are still struggling to try to get their way. He backed off of the giant tariffs that he put in, but he left 10 percent tariffs in place.

We are still in the middle of one of the worst trade wars we have ever seen in human history based on—what is it?—140 percent now with China. At some point, it is going to be zillions, I suppose, with those sorts of tariffs.

The bottom line is it is going to take the country into a recession, and we know it.

I hope that we get a sense of how to pull this back together. I saw the President making comments, and he doubled down on them the other day. This is the one about maybe kids will have to get just two dolls instead of 30 dolls or something. Maybe it will cost a little bit more. I guess that was his best “bah, humbug” imitation to sort of make light of the fact that these tariffs that he has put in place are going to make things more expensive for the American people.

That is in contrast and the exact opposite of what he promised to do when he ran for office and was elected. That is not right.

President Trump, Elon Musk, and their billionaire buddies have pushed a budget that is nothing short of a war on working families. While Trump and House Republicans push for new hand-outs for the wealthy, we have massive cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and SNAP. The same man who claims to champion the forgotten American is cutting healthcare for the disabled, for children, and for seniors.

This is an administration that rules not with hope but with fear, and it is using the machinery of government not to serve the people but to punish the President's perceived enemies, including those who brought January 6 rioters to justice. I will take just a moment on that.

He actually forced out the Department of Justice prosecutors who did nothing but handle cases that they were supposed to handle. I guess he is going to say that they were mishandled in some way. Guess what? The prosecution of the January 6 rioters resulted in more than 1,000 convictions. My recollection is there might have been two or three acquittals during that period, but everything else was a conviction.

Let's say even more people have been acquitted. That doesn't mean these

prosecutors did anything wrong. It certainly doesn't mean that they should be forced out of their positions.

It is the same thing with the FBI agents. They sent over a list of 5,000 FBI agents to the Department of Justice. Guess what the common denominator was? They had all worked on January 6 investigations. Instead of our FBI agents focusing on terrorism or organized crime, they have to look over their shoulders because they know the President is coming after them.

He has the Department of Justice weaponized not to go after the criminals but to go after career FBI agents who have done nothing but serve the public and fight crime for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear. As we move past 100 days, I will never stop fighting for those I represent against the abuses of this administration. We are not just battling over budgets. We are battling over the future of the country we wish to have—not a government for the wealthy and well-connected but a government that works for all people.

This is not business as usual. House Democrats are standing up and fighting back.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleagues for tonight and for pulling this together and doing such an outstanding job in moving this forward. I am thankful for the people out there, the people in communities across the country who have come to rallies. Some are Democrats; some aren't. Some are Republicans; some aren't. They are coming out to express their concerns about the direction this Nation is taking.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them for doing that and for making sure they remember that they have the ultimate power. They are the ones who determine what happens with this democracy, and now is the time for them to stand up and for us to stand with them.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honorable GLENN IVEY for his very sobering remarks.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). The gentlewoman from California has 16 minutes remaining.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I again want to add my thanks to Representative GLENN IVEY for talking about healthcare and the fact that this administration has been cutting grants to the National Institutes of Health and cutting clinical trials.

Over the weekend, I was at an event. We had doctors and advocates who talked about cancer, about breast cancer. This country is actually on the precipice of discovering a vaccination for breast cancer, a cure for breast cancer. We have amazing scientists in this country who have been researching this, and they are at the point of clinical trials.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know if you know anyone in your family who is a

survivor of breast cancer or any other kind of cancer. Oftentimes, when you go in and the surgeon puts you under to take it out, they don't know if they have gotten all of it out. They hope that they have, but for some odd reason, we have not advanced the technology to get all of it out. We are now on the precipice of being able to do so.

Mr. Speaker, do you know what this administration did? Instead of accelerating those clinical trials, instead of offering funding for that research to continue, instead of wanting to be a champion of the cure for cancer, this administration cut that research, cut that funding, and cut those clinical trials. They cut funding to educational institutions, to colleges, and to universities that are doing that kind of research. They essentially cut off our future scientists, innovators, and problem-solvers.

Our kids, who are investing their time, their money, our money, and their sweat to go to school and get an education and learn enough to help this country move forward and progress, are getting the short end of the stick. They are actually being beaten on the head with a stick that is held by this administration.

Representative IVEY talked about what is happening with the judiciary. In fact, this President actually said he didn't know if he even had to uphold the Constitution. Then, this administration is going to sue Justice Roberts. We have moved from three branches of government to one branch of government.

Republicans are silent tonight, just like they have been silent at all the markups and all the hearings we have had this month. They are silent, afraid, and unwilling to stand up for their constituents.

Mr. Speaker, they are only willing to defend this administration. They are going to be tasked hard when they continue to have to go into their districts and sell the fertilizer that they have to feed their constituents, voters, Americans, the fertilizer coming out of this administration designed to harm everyone that hasn't bent the knee.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I yield to the gentleman from the great State of Rhode Island (Mr. AMO).

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, as many of my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus have laid out, Donald Trump has failed the American people. That is why I am grateful to my colleagues, Representatives KAMLAGER-DOVE and BROWN, for leading this Special Order hour.

Let's focus on these failures. In countless ways, Donald Trump has failed the American people. He has failed to bring down prices for families. He has failed to keep Americans safe. He has failed to heal or even attempt or pretend to address the deep divides that plague this country. In fact, he is making them worse.

Worse still, he has refused any kind of accountability for the countless mis-

takes that he, Elon, and the crew have made over the past 100 days. When the stock market is up, that is because of him. When the stock market tanks, that is Joe Biden's fault. If it doesn't get better, that is Joe Biden's fault, too.

Mr. Speaker, no parent would accept this behavior from their child, so why do we accept it from the President? No company would accept this temperament from an employee, so why do we see this behavior normalized by Republicans when we see this bad behavior in our Commander in Chief?

Mr. Speaker, surely, we can still tell the difference between right and wrong. Certainly, we can do that right here in this Chamber. Surely, when we see cancer research funding eliminated, when 2-year-old citizens are deported, when the budget resolution calls for the largest proposed cut to Medicaid ever, surely, we can say these things are wrong, no?

The American people are calling for leadership. They are calling for solutions to help them afford basic necessities. They want to be able to tell their loved ones it is going to be okay, but they are not getting that right now, especially in the Black community.

Instead, they are getting political theater about renaming the Gulf of Mexico and military parades. They are getting authoritarian threats about ignoring the Constitution and running for a third term.

It is unserious. It is unbecoming. It is wrong. Let's call it what it is. It is dangerous.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, history will judge how all of us respond to this moment. I think I know what side I want to be on. I want to be on the side of the Congressional Black Caucus, the side of the conscience of the Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump has been a failure. Where he fails, we are here. We will fight. We will fight for fairness, justice, and the promise that has been denied far too many Americans for far too long.

May we continue down this righteous road today to fight and to march on for all the battles that lie ahead.

□ 2015

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Rhode Island for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 8 minutes remaining.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful to be a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and I want to just share some of my own stories coming from my district and also my experience.

I was in that Judiciary Committee where we had the hearing on immigration, and I was in that Committee when Republicans voted to deport and detain Americans, where they voted to

allow for cavity searches on children, where they voted to allow ICE to go into domestic violence shelters, where they voted to allow January 6ers—those who wreaked havoc on this Capitol, assaulted Capitol Police, and terrorized everyone in this building—where they voted to allow them to work for the Federal Government, including the Department of Homeland Security.

I ask: How can you deport an American? Where are you going to deport an American to?

I don't understand.

I have yet to see anything from the Republicans or even from this administration, can we get a poster, can we get a picture of what a safe American looks like, what a nondeportable American looks like?

That is because I want to know. I want to be able to share that picture and that photo with my constituents to say: So if you look like this, if you are maybe this shape, if you have this degree of melanin, if this is the color of your hair, or this is the color of your eyes, or this is what you say, or if this is what kind of accent you have or not, then you might be safe.

I think the American people need to know which one of them will be deported next. I think the American people deserve to know which of their Representatives is going to stand up for them. That is because I know when the question was asked: Will you stand up for Americans and prevent them from being deported? Raise your hand. Only Democrats raised their hand.

I also have to ask when our loved ones and when our friends and family members go overseas and they get snatched, are Republicans going to pick up the phone and ask to have their constituents brought back?

Are they going to fight for them?

That is because in that Committee, they said that they were not going to. They have said that they are not going to fight for their healthcare, for Medicaid, for Medicare, and for Social Security.

I represent Los Angeles. People think it is flossy and glossy, I like to say. However, I have the third highest Medicaid enrollee district in the country. Mr. Speaker, 7 of the 10 highest Medicaid enrollee districts in this country are in California, and some of them are Republican districts.

I think we all want to know, Black Americans, White Americans, Asian Americans, and Latino Americans, all Americans want to know: Are you going to cut their Medicaid? Are you going to cut their Social Security?

Mr. Speaker, 140,000 children under the age of 19 and 40,000 seniors over the age of 65 in my district are at risk because of the policies coming from this administration. Nearly 8 million Americans get healthcare through Medicaid and through CHIP, which is on the chopping block.

This President wants to cut \$5.6 billion from the Department of Education. The House Republicans' budget



includes \$330 billion in cuts. Pell grants, school lunches, Head Start, and everything are on the chopping block.

In my district, we have L.A. Unified School District. For many of the kids who go to school, their only meal is when they go to school.

I am trying to figure out when folks say that they are Christian, what kind of Bible are they using? That is because the Bible that I have, Mr. Speaker, doesn't say that you starve children, that you cut off their healthcare, and that you cut off the healthcare for their grandparents.

Mr. Speaker, if your Bible says that, then I submit that maybe you change your Bible. That is because that is unchristianlike to kill seniors and children.

Let's talk about rolling back bedrock civil rights-era policies that are designed to actually allow everyone the opportunity to compete and participate in this marketplace. It is not about giving handouts. It is about creating opportunity. It is about creating access to competition.

Mr. Speaker, why would you be afraid of that unless you are mediocre, less than average, and need extra help because you can't compete?

Well, don't come for Black America. Fix yourself.

Let's talk about the workers who are the backbone of our economy, the workers who run this government. I am always surprised when folks are talking about unelected bureaucrats. Elon Musk is an unelected bureaucrat. Keep it real. All the staff who help us do our jobs and help our constituents are unelected bureaucrats, and the majority are actually Republicans. The administration wants to cut the salaries that allow folks to answer the phones for our constituents.

California has the second highest number of Federal workers.

Why are the Republicans going to cut that?

Mr. Speaker, might I remind you that we have the Olympics coming, we have the FIFA World Cup coming, we have the All-Star Game, and Super Bowl coming, and we are still producing movies and TV. We are helping people with their passports and their visas. If Republicans want all these games to be successful, then they have to resource the departments that process the visas and applications that allow people to come here. So let's keep it real.

Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about housing, this administration is proposing to terminate section 8, cutting rental aid and evicting 32,000 families from their homes. This President even refused to come to Altadena after the urban fires. That is how little this administration thinks about Black communities.

This administration is not interested in Black America, even though this administration wanted to thank Black America.

What kind of thanks is that when they cut funding to HBCUs, when they

cut Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, and when they cut Meals on Wheels and SNAP?

We are going to make America hungry again. We are going to make America sick again. I have a binder full of actions from this administration that have come out of this administration in just the last 100 days. They are terrifying. Not only are they terrifying for Black America, but they are terrifying for all America.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to happily close out this CBC Special Order hour and remind America that we will be back again next week with more information, more receipts, and more truth.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my co-lead, Congresswoman SHONTEL BROWN from the great State of Ohio, and all the members of the Congressional Black Caucus who spoke tonight, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### REPUBLICAN TAX CUTS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. THOMPSON of California was recognized for 30 minutes.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to start today with some good news. I think it is fantastic that the Golden State Warriors played an incredible basketball game last night and brought them to victory over the Rockets out of Texas and are going to advance onto the next round of the basketball playoffs. So I congratulate the Dubs.

Sadly, that is where the good news ends. What we are going to talk about for the rest of this evening is some bad news, bad for the American people.

The Republican plan to extend the Trump tax cuts for billionaire donors like Elon Musk is a bad deal for the American people.

During this Special Order, we are going to lay out exactly how reckless this Republican plan is to extend the Republican Trump tax cuts. An extension of the Republican Trump tax cuts would disproportionately benefit those who need it the least, would recklessly increase our Nation's deficits, and it fails to prioritize hardworking Americans' contributions.

Republican tax cuts get our priorities exactly backwards. When Democrats passed tax cuts, we focused on who needed the help the most. The tax cuts that Democrats passed and that Presi-

dent Biden signed into law were some of the most significant middle-class tax cuts we have seen in a generation.

In 2021, our expanded child tax credit nearly cut child poverty in our country in half. We also made historic expansions to both the earned income tax credit and the dependent care credit which dramatically cut child poverty. In other words, when Democrats do tax cuts, we focus those tax cuts on those who need it the most.

The Republicans on the other hand are looking to extend tax cuts that are overwhelmingly tilted to benefit those who need it the least.

Under the Republican tax bill, a taxpayer who makes \$1 million or more saw an average tax cut of \$79,000, where a taxpayer making \$50,000 only saw about \$270 in tax cuts. Putting this another way, for every dollar they are giving to the average working person, they are handing \$288 to a person making over \$1 million every year.

Let me be clear about that statistic. I am not talking about a millionaire, not someone who is sitting on a house and a 401(k) that they have worked for and saved for for 30 years to hit \$1 million. This is what they are giving to someone who makes \$1 million every year.

Now, I don't know how you feel, Mr. Speaker, but I don't think people who are making \$1 million a year are the ones who need a helping hand in this economy.

Now, suffice it to say, we have made this point once or twice before, and every time we do we get the same response from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. They say: People who make over \$1 million pay a lot in taxes, so, of course, they get a bigger tax cut.

However, that argument is full of prunes. Let's be clear. Congress is perfectly capable of cutting taxes for working people without also cutting taxes for those at the top.

That is right. Believe it or not, Mr. Speaker, you can lower the tax rates at the bottom without also lowering the tax rates at the top.

In fact, last year, the Treasury Department did a study. They looked at how much it would cost to extend the Republican Trump tax cuts so that everyone making under \$400,000 a year was held harmless. There was no impact on the bottom 98 percent of the income distribution.

How much did it cost?

They said it would cost \$1.8 trillion. Now, that is not pocket change. We all know that, but it is a heck of a lot less than the recent Joint Committee on Taxation estimate of \$4.6 trillion that it will cost to extend the Republican Trump tax cuts that favor those who don't need any help.

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The thing is, if Republicans would be willing to abandon their goal of cutting taxes for the most fortunate, if they would genuinely focus on the middle