

basic care. Ending child poverty is a policy choice. I introduced the End Child Poverty Act to provide a universal child benefit for every child in our country and cut child poverty by 60 percent.

Paid leave, affordable childcare, and universal school meals should be a guarantee, not a privilege.

I also introduced and helped cosponsor the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act to ensure that all mothers are safe, respected, and supported. We know that Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes.

This week, I am proud that the Congressional Mamas Caucus is launching Mamas for Medicaid, as we see, again, many folks in this Chamber cutting a lifeline for so many mothers and families across our country.

An \$880 billion cut to Medicaid would be devastating, so this Mother's Day, I am asking all of my colleagues to not only thank our mothers but do it with action as we recommit to fighting for the dignity and health of every mother in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the amazing mothers of the 12th Congressional District and wish a happy Mother's Day to all of our mamas. We see and honor them, and we must, again, be able to celebrate them with action.

STARVATION IN GAZA

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, using starvation as a weapon is a war crime.

For over 2 months, the Israeli Government has completely and deliberately blocked food, water, medical supplies, and fuel from entering Gaza and targeting local aid convoys.

At least 57 Palestinians, including children, have already starved to death. Over 9,000 children are already experiencing malnutrition.

Palestinians have been forced to eat grass, dirty flour, and animal feed just to survive, while thousands of trucks carrying food and lifesaving aid have sat blocked at the border because of the Israeli Government.

Palestinians deserve to live. Instead of agreeing to an offered cease-fire and the release of all hostages, war criminal Netanyahu announced his plans to forcibly expel and ethnically cleanse the entire Palestinian population and to flatten and annex Gaza.

This was always the plan, and I am waiting for my colleagues in this Chamber to call it out. Our country is an accomplice in this genocide, and the world is letting it happen. The only path to make it stop is an arms embargo. Americans overwhelmingly support it. We should listen to our residents and save lives now.

Silence here on starvation is supporting this war crime.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STUDENT RIGHTS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, from the university president to its board of regents, from the State attorney general to the White House, University of Michigan students and faculty exercising their rights to speak out against

genocide have been under attack from all sides.

From selective prosecutions to eight faculty members being fired for attending protests, the university has damaged its reputation while putting its full weight into suppressing speech and First Amendment rights.

Their courageous solidarity movement has been undaunted, and this past week has offered a ray of hope that the Constitution still applies on campus, Mr. Speaker. It doesn't end when you enter a campus.

First, the university president responsible for suppressing student rights, gutting DEI, and rolling over for the Trump administration resigned and fled to another State. Then, the attorney general in Michigan was forced to drop felony charges against campus protesters before a judge could rule on whether to remove her from the cases due to bias.

This coordinated smear campaign is especially outrageous and egregious as Michigan prides itself on being an incubator for protests and social justice movements, where students are inspired to hold the powerful accountable and make the world a better place, but there is an exception for Palestinians.

All across campus, historic divestment campaigns, from apartheid in South Africa to fossil fuels, are celebrated. Yet, there is an exception for Palestine when it comes to free speech, and it remains strong.

Whether intentionally or not, Mr. Speaker, its proponents are playing directly into the Trump administration's hands as they seek to destroy universities as we know them.

These governmental overreaches and power grabs are test cases, and their impacts won't be confined to college campuses. Mr. Speaker, you don't have to agree with their speech to understand what is at stake when their rights are being threatened.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

(Mr. MOYLAN of Guam was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate national teachers week and to express my deepest gratitude to the dedicated and hardworking educators who shape the minds and futures of our next generation.

Teachers are the heart of our schools and the soul of our communities. In Guam, like every other corner of America, we see that every day. Our educators in the Guam Department of Education wear many hats. They are not only teachers but mentors, counselors, coaches, and role models.

This past year, our teachers have faced enormous challenges such as recovering from the effects of typhoons and teaching in aging and damaged infrastructure. Despite this, our teachers have remained committed to our students and to the mission of education.

As a member of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am committed

to ensuring our teachers get the support and resources to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank every teacher in Guam and across the country for going to work with dedication and love. I thank them for investing in the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

This month, we honor the cultures, histories, and contributions of AAPI communities across the United States, and especially in places like my district of Guam.

In Guam, we are surrounded by the heritage of Asian and Pacific Islander cultures every day. From our Chamoru traditions to our rich multicultural identity, many cultural aspects are woven into every part of island life. From language and family to service and resilience, Guam's people have answered our Nation's call in times of war and peace, contributed to our economy, enriched our culture, and stood as a strategic cornerstone in the Pacific.

As I stand here today representing the island of Guam, I am committed to ensuring that our voice on the national stage is seen, heard, and respected.

This AAPI Heritage Month, let us celebrate the differences that strengthen us and reaffirm our commitment to creating communities that bring people together here, across the Pacific, and in Guam.

OPPOSING ILLEGAL POWER GRABS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Trump administration's illegal power grabs.

Through executive orders, the Trump administration continues to circumvent Congress and violate the checks and balances of our three branches of government. He also continues to ignore court orders, including from the highest Court in the land, the U.S. Supreme Court, inching every day closer and closer to a constitutional crisis.

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Mr. Speaker, in addition, Senate and House Republicans have made it clear time and time again that they have no interest in holding the President accountable to the American people and the Constitution of the United States of America, leaving the judicial branches of government as our strongest tool, leaving the courts as our only hope.

Within hours of taking office, President Trump issued an executive order that would have unlawfully denied birthright citizenship, which is guaranteed to everyone born in America by the 14th Amendment. He did this although this principle has been affirmed

by the courts on numerous occasions. Currently, the courts have halted this executive order, citing how unconstitutional it is. More than 200 Democrats filed an amicus brief against this executive order when it was challenged in court. This attempt has been successfully halted.

In February, over a dozen religious organizations filed a lawsuit. These organizations sued the Department of Homeland Security after the administration rescinded guidance that would prevent immigration enforcement in sensitive locations, like schools, hospitals, and houses of worship.

Mr. Speaker, you could be praying at a church or in a synagogue or temple, and immigration enforcement could bust in to arrest somebody as they pray to their God. They tried to implement this aggressive practice, and yet people have gone to the courts for relief.

This echoes my own bill, H.R. 1061, Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which would codify the Biden-era guidance. More than 70 of my Democratic colleagues have joined to support this legislation. Democrats have been hard at work to support ongoing legal cases by joining our amicus briefs.

When the Trump administration tried to dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the agency that provides relief to consumers, 200 Democrats filed an amicus brief when it went to court. The amicus brief was cited by the judge in the decision, pausing the dismantling of this important bureau.

Mr. Speaker, after one of Trump's latest crackdowns on scientific research at universities, Harvard filed a lawsuit against the administration, arguing that its freezing of research funding is unconstitutional and flatly unlawful.

Though undocumented families and small businesses were explicitly encouraged for decades by government and legal counsel to come forward out of the darkness and pay their taxes through their ITIN number, the Trump administration is now trying to target this data to carry out his mass deportation plan.

This is not just an immigration issue; this is a privacy issue. Taxpayer privacy is key to our democracy. That is why, as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I led the CHC in an amicus brief on this legislation. More than 100 Democrats have signed on.

It is clear through his actions and his words that President Trump has no interest in upholding the Constitution and granting every American the due process that they are owed. There has been a longstanding tradition of under-represented communities resorting to the judicial system when all else has failed to hold larger, richer, and more powerful entities accountable.

We must continue the fight to uphold the right to due process. We must fight to continue to hold the Trump administration accountable. We must pre-

serve our system of checks and balances. Not to do so would damage the balance of power and permanently fracture our democracy.

HONORING DEVYN MARTIN AND COACH TOMMY EGGLESTON

(Mr. BURCHETT of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Devyn Martin and his coach, Tommy Eggleston. Both Devyn and Coach Eggleston have left an incredible, lasting mark, not only on West High School basketball but also on the entire community.

Devyn is a heck of a ballplayer, Mr. Speaker, and this year he earned the title of Player of the Year for District 4-4A, averaging a double-double, while being a key leader in the locker room.

As Devyn heads off to college to continue his career, Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing him good luck.

Coach Tommy Eggleston joined West High School's faculty and coaching staff in 2011 and has always been a role model and tremendous leader for students at West High School. I have seen it firsthand, Mr. Speaker.

This past year he was promoted to be the head coach of the basketball team. In his first season, Mr. Speaker, he led his young men to a 21-4 record, finishing second in the district.

On behalf of all the Members in this Chamber, I offer congratulations to Devyn and Coach Egg, and I wish them the best of luck in the future. I can't wait to see what each of them achieve.

HONORING MARY FRANCES TUCKER

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Frances Tucker for her service to the community with the Emerald Youth Foundation.

Emerald Youth Foundation is a Christian ministry that has served young people in Knoxville for over 30 years, offering ministry, mentorship, and fellowship. The organization under Ms. Tucker's board leadership serves over 3,000 young people each year in urban Knoxville.

Mary Frances Tucker has dedicated her life to Christ and serving the least amongst us. Her devotion to serving children in Knoxville started with raising four amazing children along with her late husband, Guy Tucker. I know her daughter very well. She is quite a lady.

Mrs. Tucker has spent countless days selflessly volunteering to make sure that inner-city children and young adults have access to resources that are so vital to their success.

Prioritizing education, healthy habits, and helping young people in their walk with Christ has allowed Mrs. Tucker to have a profound impact on countless generations of east Tennesseans. I have no doubt that every person who has been and continues to be touched by Mary Frances Tucker will go on to achieve great things and, most importantly, be good stewards of Jesus.

I had the time of my life the other morning having breakfast with her when they were honoring her, and it was quite a deal. She is quite a lady. I am proud to know her.

HONORING MILES MENCER ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to change sides here real quick. I rise today to honor a good friend of mine, a great Tennessean, my buddy Miles Mencer, who is finally retiring after five decades of hard work in east Tennessee. I am sure he will continue to be a thorn in my side, Mr. Speaker.

Miles has worked his tail off for 54 years. He started working for his father when he was only 9 years old for Mencer's Tree Service in Knoxville, Tennessee. Miles eventually took over his father's beloved business, turning it into one of the most successful tree services in east Tennessee.

If you know anything about Miles, you know the impact that he has on a room when he walks in. He is one of the most fun-loving, outgoing, and dadgummit, he is just hilarious, Mr. Speaker. He is also a little bit too loud for my taste, but that will go for some other time. He is just an incredible person.

I always remember in junior high school, me and a friend of mine, who has since passed away, I was always the designated driver for obvious reasons, and we were going to a place out a ways, and Miles walked out disgusted. My friend remarked that we needed to turn around because Miles Mencer just got carded. He has been quite a friend of mine since then.

Please join me in congratulating Miles on 54 years of hard work and dedication to his community in east Tennessee. I know Miles will enjoy having more time to spend with his amazing children and grandchildren. I am sure he will continue to be a thorn in my side. I am proud to call him a friend.

FUNDING FOOD AID FOR MALNUTRITION

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the sixth time to call for the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

It has been 2 months since Congress passed and President Trump signed a funding bill for fiscal year 2025. It included money that can be used to continue purchasing ready-to-use therapeutic food, a miracle peanut paste that saves the lives of starving children and is produced by, among others, Edesia Nutrition in my district in Rhode Island with ingredients sourced from States all across our country.

Here we are in May, and since the Trump administration came into office in January, not a single dollar of that money has gone to buying this promised lifesaving food aid. Instead, Edesia