

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 These organizations sued the Department of Homeland Security after the administration rescinded guidance that would prevent immigration enforcement in sensitive locations, like schools, hospitals, and houses of worship.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

has boxes of food stuck in warehouses, factory workers laid off, with children suffering from severe malnutrition and famine.

This is food that has already been paid for by the American taxpayers that could be used to feed starving children who are victims of war and famine, but instead, it sits in a warehouse benefitting no one.

We need the funding that this Congress provided to go through now because starving children can't wait. To make matters worse, the administration's fiscal year 2026 so-called skinny budget completely eliminates funding for the Food for Peace program, a bipartisan program that is the main source of funding for food assistance to combat hunger and malnutrition while also supporting America's farmers and agriculture industry. We must reject that plan and continue to fund Food for Peace.

In the meantime, though, this is urgent. For fiscal year 2025, the funding has already been appropriated. It has been approved. It has been signed by the President. We need the administration to put in the new orders to continue this flow of lifesaving aid to children.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JACOBS), a person who has been a real champion on the issue of hunger around the world, to hear her thoughts on the subject.

Ms. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman MAGAZINER for championing this issue and fighting to address the malnutrition of millions of children around the world.

Every year, about 45 million young children worldwide suffer from severe malnutrition. That is about one in every three children under 5 years old. Tragically, about 1 to 2 million of those children will die.

Nutrition during that time is incredibly important for long-term development. It is what powers kids to grow taller, get stronger, develop their brains, and have a stronger immune system. If kids don't get the nutrition they need during this time, it literally has generational consequences.

Thankfully, as Congressman MAGAZINER has highlighted, we have a proven treatment to save the lives of malnourished children: ready-to-use therapeutic food, or RUTF. RUTF is the go-to treatment for malnutrition in hard-to-reach areas and emergencies because it doesn't require refrigeration, preparation, or any training to deliver. It is nutrient rich, delivering essential nutrients and calories so people can recover from malnutrition quickly.

Mr. Speaker, I worked at UNICEF. I have seen firsthand the power of these lifesaving treatments. I have seen that they work. I have seen how fast kids can bounce back and recover. I have seen that U.S. funding and U.S. assistance makes a difference.

Unfortunately, President Trump has eliminated countless assistance pro-

grams that have kept children alive. His administration hasn't placed new orders for RUTF at Edesia Nutrition in Rhode Island, causing production to almost stop.

We already knew that the promises of waivers for emergency food assistance were lies, and now we have further proof. Starving children shouldn't be political pawns, and their futures shouldn't be toyed with.

Here is my message to the Trump administration: Do the right thing. Restore funding for emergency food assistance and help save the lives of children around the world.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. JACOBS for her long body of work championing children around the world, particularly on the issue of malnutrition. I will continue to stand in this Chamber every day we are in session and speak on this topic until funding for RUTF is restored.

ADVOCATING AGAINST MEDICAID CUTS

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate against the funding cuts to the Medicaid program that have been proposed for consideration during the budget reconciliation process.

Specifically, the Energy and Commerce Committee, of which I am a member, has been tasked with cutting \$880 billion of Federal spending across the healthcare programs it oversees, a vast majority of which supports Medicaid.

Cutting this program will be used in service of tax cuts for people who don't need tax cuts and will be devastating to children and families who do need the healthcare.

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Mr. Speaker, as we discuss cuts to this program, we must not forget the people behind these budgetary numbers. As such, I will highlight one Massachusetts family today. I will be reading a poem entitled, "The Mathematics of Mercy." It was written by Betsy Johnson. Betsy is an autism educator with the ARC of Massachusetts and a mother of two young adult children with autism and other intellectual disabilities. They rely on Medicaid.

She shared this poem with me to highlight the importance of Medicaid with her family and all families who care for their loved ones with disabilities. It speaks more powerfully than any amount of budgetary debate.

"The Mathematics of Mercy":
A direct care worker holds
Someone's universe for \$16 an hour,
Lifts world, bathes dignity back into being
Her hands trembling now
As she reads the letter
Saying her client's hours are cut,
Knowing some bodies can't survive
On spreadsheet logic.
They speak of cuts in marble rooms,

Voices that have never whispered,
"Your therapy is never medically necessary"
To a nonverbal child
Who just learned to make sounds
Like morning birds.
In living rooms turned sacred spaces,
Therapists pack up their tools of possibility—

Weighted vests, sensory brushes,
Piece of someone's future
Now deemed too expensive
By men who've never seen
How a body learns to trust itself
One careful touch at a time.
Listen to power chairs going still,
To screens falling dark in throats
That borrow them for voice,
To support workers saying goodbye
To people who stopped being clients
Somewhere between the first smile
And the last hug,
While offshore accounts grow fat
On the mathematics of suffering.
This is how a nation bleeds:
Not on battlefields but in group homes,
Not from enemy fire but from funding gaps,
Where independence becomes too expensive,
Where institution beds cost less
Than community care.
In the halls of power,
They call this fiscal responsibility
As if responsibility means
Telling a mother her daughter
Can no longer see the therapist
Who taught her how to speak,
As if America means
Pricing dignity like a luxury good.
Every denial letter bears
A signature of someone
Who has never watched a child
Take their first steps at 12,
Never seen the light in eyes
When words finally come,
Never felt the weight
Of a family's hopes
Balanced against
The coldness of cost.
Yet in these rooms where care persists,
Where love defies their calculations,
We piece together what they tear apart
Like a quilt of borrowed time,
With midnight shifts and morning prayers,
Hands that hold when budgets say let go.
Here, in this web of grace we weave,
Because what flows through us is stronger
Than their ledgers and our stubborn refusal
To let spreadsheets tell us what a life is worth.

Again, this comes from Betsy Johnson, an autism educator with the ARC of Massachusetts.

ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the Nation's number one antipoverty program for children.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I am talking about Social Security. More alarming, Mr. Speaker, is that it has been more than 50 years since Congress has enhanced Social Security for the citizens of this great country.

What does that mean? That means that more than 70 million Social Security recipients have not seen an enhancement to Social Security since Richard Nixon was President of the United States.