

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to reject those devastating cuts and stand up for the well-being of the American people.

TAX CUTS AND CREDITS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are on the final couple of weeks, the home stretch, with regard to our big, beautiful bill. There are going to be a lot of debates as to what we should do. Some people actually want to expand programs which, in our current crisis, is unbelievable for a Republican to do.

However, I am going to address which tax cuts we have. Different tax cuts do different things. We have tax credits to encourage manufacturing. We have tax credits to encourage more work. We have tax credits to encourage more research. We have tax cuts to encourage more children.

However, there are some people who want tax cuts to encourage State and local governments to spend more money and raise taxes.

When I was home over the weekend, I talked to one of my county executives. He said: GLENN, don't let it happen.

He is a conservative county executive, and he is trying to hold down the spending on the county level, and here the people in Washington are talking about encouraging more State and local taxes.

Please, Mr. Speaker, stand up and fight. Do not encourage our State and local governments to raise taxes.

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KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MEDICAID

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, don't believe the lies. House Republicans are trying to pass a budget that kicks people off healthcare.

Today, the Congressional Budget Office released an analysis that Republicans' proposals that they are considering would slash Medicaid spending that would lead to millions of people losing healthcare coverage.

Behind every Medicaid recipient is a person whose life depends on it.

Brian Gutierrez, a constituent from South Gate, California, lives with spina bifida, a lifelong disability. He says: For many of us, these cuts are not abstract numbers. They are the difference between stability and crisis, between life and death. I am healthy today because Medicaid stood by me. I am thriving because I have had consistent, reliable access to the care I need.

Medicaid makes independence possible. It makes survival possible. It makes dignity possible. Any threat to Medicaid is a threat to our lives.

The Republican budget is a threat to millions of lives. That is why House

Democrats are fighting to protect Medicaid.

Please, keep your hands off Medicaid.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 7, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 7, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., said to contain a message from the President on the Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-48)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2025.

The situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic, which has been marked by a breakdown of law and order; intersectorian tension; widespread violence and atrocities; and the pervasive, often forced recruitment and use of child soldiers, including widespread violence and atrocities committed by Kremlin-linked entities such as the Wagner Group, threatens the peace, security, or stability of the Central African Republic and neighboring states, and continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign pol-

icy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13667.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2025.

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Syria's lack of structure and limited governance capability with respect to chemical weapons and combatting terrorist organizations continue to pose

an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338.

The United States will consider changes in policies and actions of Syria in determining whether to continue or terminate this national emergency in the future.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2025.

BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

MR. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

MR. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be joined by my colleagues this evening to talk about our progress on the reconciliation bill, as well as the importance of supporting our Main Street businesses during National Small Business Week.

I understand some of my colleagues have commitments, and I want to be respectful of their time. So I will have them start us off before I provide some of my own comments.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK), a much improved Representative from the previous individual of the great State of North Dakota.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative MOORE for yielding. I never get tired of that joke.

Mr. Speaker, as we consider the critical reforms in the reconciliation process, I rise today to make the case for why we must eliminate the generous Federal subsidies for wind and solar energy paid for by taxpayers.

By continuing to incentivize these intermittent energy sources with generous tax credits, we are distorting energy markets, sending the absolute wrong signal to investors, and spending hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer money.

We must stop providing generous incentives that run contrary to the types of energy resources we need, and tonight I want to highlight 10 reasons why. Yes, you heard me right. There are 10 good reasons to eliminate these incentives.

First, the cost to taxpayers is enormous. Over the next decade, these subsidies are projected to cost up to \$900 billion.

Second, these subsidies are driving instability in our power grid. Right

now two-thirds of the country is at risk of not having enough power to meet demand. That is not a few years from now. That is not a near, long-term problem. That is today. Keep in mind, the power needed for AI is also growing exponentially, further creating a more difficult problem for us.

Third, grid operators are asking for dispatchable resources, such as coal, natural gas, and nuclear. Yet, we continue to incentivize the opposite.

These reliable resources are being prematurely retired, and we are not replacing them with the technologies we can count on around the clock.

This is not a political statement. It is simply a matter of physics. We don't need to imagine the consequences of retiring these baseload energy resources. Spain, just a few weeks ago, experienced nationwide blackouts, and their economy came to a grinding halt.

Spain relied on wind and solar for 80 percent of its power, which is ultimately what jeopardized their grid. This should be a wake-up call for policymakers everywhere.

That brings me to reason number four. Despite the warning signs and the cries from grid operators, 95 percent of the projects waiting to connect to our grid in the U.S. are wind and solar; 95 percent.

That is not because of market demand for wind and solar. It is because of the very generous subsidies that this body and the rest of Washington continues to provide for these resources. This artificial growth is making it harder for reliable baseload generation to connect to the grid.

Number five, the incentives. These same incentives are distorting the market. Eliminating these subsidies would allow private investment to go toward other technologies that are more in line with what our grid actually needs.

As I mentioned earlier, with the rise of AI, we are going to need a lot more power. We should be sending the right market signals to bring the power on that will actually meet the demand that we need for the future.

Number six, wind and solar are no longer emerging technologies. They are mature. They are widely developed. Wind and solar now account for 17 percent of our electric generation.

The cost of these technologies has also dropped dramatically, and this is the seventh reason to phase them out. Wind and solar technologies have less overhead, longer lifespans, and higher profits than they did when these credits were introduced nearly 30 years ago in the 1990s.

For example, the cost of solar has decreased more than 80 percent since 2010. Truly, the market is more than capable of supporting continued growth without subsidies.

As if that isn't compelling enough, there are yet more reasons to phase out these subsidies.

Number eight, their efficiency has increased substantially. Today's wind turbines and solar panels are far more

productive than they were even a decade ago.

When I first started permitting these projects 12 years ago, the capacity factor for wind was around 25 percent. Today that average capacity factor is up to 40 percent and in some places even 50 percent. Clearly, these are proven technologies.

Number nine, the true cost of installing wind and solar is often misrepresented. Advocates routinely leave out the cost of the massive transmission infrastructure needed to connect remote wind and solar projects to population centers.

They also ignore the cost of backup generation needed to keep the lights on at night or when the wind isn't blowing. The low-cost claims don't account for these expenses, but, rest assured, utility customers still pay for them.

And last, but not least, eliminating these subsidies is fully consistent with an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

I believe in competition. Wind and solar are viable, market proven, widely available technologies. Mr. Speaker, it is time to let them compete and succeed without the help of Federal taxpayers.

Phasing out these tax credits will save taxpayers billions of dollars, help restore reliability to our power grid, and help deliver on the promise of one big, beautiful bill to make America stronger, safer, and more competitive.

Let's retire these subsidies permanently.

MR. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Dakota for her remarks.

I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. STUTZMAN).

MR. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to talk on such an important issue that faces our country.

Our country has been ailing since 2020, but, thankfully, President Trump is back, along with Republicans in both the House and the Senate, and we are ready to govern responsibly.

The prescription that will help heal our country and get us back on track is the beautiful reconciliation bill that Republicans have been working on diligently to get to President Trump's desk. It cannot be overstated. Our debt crisis is out of control.

When I was first sworn into office in 2010, our Federal Government had \$9 trillion of debt. When I left temporarily in 2017, despite our efforts to curb spending, it had doubled to \$18 trillion of debt, and now today in 2025, we are staring down the barrel of \$36 trillion of debt.

This is only going to hurt our children, grandchildren, and, frankly, it is going to hurt us today.

Republicans' big, beautiful bill was passed out of our Budget Committee just under 3 months ago and is already well on its way to being approved by this body by Memorial Day.

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The legislation that committees are marking up this week and next is going