

Waupaca County Sheriff's Office. Given his leadership, he was promoted to patrol sergeant in 2007, where he also served as a training coordinator.

In 2018, he was elected to serve as the sheriff of Waupaca County due to his wide-ranging skill set, ample knowledge, and unwavering service to the people of Waupaca County.

I had the privilege of getting to know Sheriff Wilz personally over the last year, and I know that he is a man of integrity who is committed to upholding the rule of law and protecting the people of Waupaca County.

On behalf of the people of Waupaca County and Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District, I thank Sheriff Wilz for his decades of honorable service.

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GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. There are a lot of Representatives here today because the Democratic Women's Caucus and my Democratic colleagues are here to stand against Republicans' bad bill and their budget.

My Democrat colleagues are here to tell the stories of how the Republicans' slashing of Medicaid and SNAP will betray American families, women, and cause immense suffering.

Vanessa's 6-year-old son, Alex, has hemophilia. The littlest cut could cost him his life. Imagine worrying about your child bleeding to death just for playing in the schoolyard.

Alex can live an almost normal life with medicine, but it costs \$700,000 a year.

Vanessa works at the Taos schools, but in her words, without Medicaid, we would not be able to afford this medicine. Alex's mom is terrified to lose Medicaid because she is worried it means she will lose her son.

Republicans, we need four of you, just four of you, to stand up against the billionaires and to stand with Alex and working moms like Vanessa.

Who will join us to save Alex's life?

RECOGNIZING LUKE JENNINGS

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Luke Jennings.

Luke is from Felicity, Ohio, and was elected to serve as the national secretary of the Future Farmers of America.

Farming is in Luke's blood, as he has raised livestock, shown pigs and cattle, and his family owns and operates Windy Ridge Acres, a beef cow operation. As the Representative of an agri-

culture-focused district, I understand how important family farms are. It is my honor to advocate on their behalf in Congress.

The FFA plays a critical role in equipping our young people with the tools they need to successfully lead the next generation of American farming. Farmers across the United States and my district have benefited from the FFA's commitment to advancing agriculture education through their comprehensive learning model.

Luke earned his national secretary position after serving as the Felicity-Franklin chapter officer and Ohio State officer for 2 years.

In addition to his service in the FFA, Luke is currently pursuing a degree in agriscience education at the Ohio State University.

I would also like to recognize Luke's mom, Holly, who is a longtime FFA adviser.

Luke, the whole Jennings family, and the farmers across America represent the best of this country. I congratulate and thank Luke for all he does.

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

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Mr. Speaker, Medicaid and SNAP are lifelines for hundreds of thousands of people in mid-Michigan.

There are 148,000 people in my district who rely on SNAP to put food on the table.

Over 224,000 in my district get healthcare through Medicaid, including over 87,000 children and 19,000 seniors.

Every one of these individuals is now at risk of losing their lifeline because of these cuts.

Rhonda from Genesee County has a 28-year-old son with Angelman syndrome whose intensive care is heavily funded by Medicaid. Rhonda had to quit her job to care for him and receives money through a Medicaid-funded program for caregivers.

There are thousands of stories just like Rhonda's in my district and millions more across this country. This budget will be devastating for the very people we swore to serve.

That is why I am offering an amendment to address how these cuts will hurt maternal health outcomes in this country.

Slashing SNAP, eliminating access to prenatal care, and kicking expecting mothers off their insurance will only worsen the maternal health crisis in this country and lead to more suffering.

Working families, children, mothers, and seniors deserve a budget that works for them, not the ultrawealthy.

RECOGNIZING BLUFFDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Mr. OWENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OWENS. One of the Merit Caucus' core missions is to spotlight exceptional educators, and Utah is blessed with so many. My team recently visited Bluffdale Elementary, a dual language immersion school where students start learning Portuguese in the first grade and stick to it throughout high school.

Two inspiring classrooms were taught by Ms. Jessica Bell-Aver's first grade class and Edson Habelo's sixth grade class. Both teachers spoke exclusively in Portuguese, and the students rose to meet the challenge. First graders eagerly answered questions about the calendar and weather in Portuguese. Sixth graders tackled science concepts like ecosystems in fluent Portuguese.

This is what happens when we set a high bar. Bluffdale's students are thriving because dedicated teachers believe in their potential and push them to reach them. That is merit in action.

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to attempts by Republicans to slash healthcare that millions rely on just to benefit Elon Musk and the friends of the President.

Almost 14 million Americans will lose healthcare coverage if this plan is successful. This is life or death.

In my home State of Georgia, these Republican cuts impact 2 million people, real people. A single mother in Atlanta working two jobs is now facing losing her Medicaid. A veteran in rural Georgia now has to face red tape just to get the benefits he earned serving our country. This isn't about accountability. It is about taking food and healthcare from people who need it most.

People have seen how these policies fail. In Georgia, red tape and paperwork errors have already kicked thousands off their healthcare coverage, even when they are eligible.

This isn't reform. This is cruelty. My colleagues need to protect healthcare for working families, not strip away their lifeline.

DELIVERING ON THE MANDATE

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in anticipation to deliver on the mandate that the American people gave my conservative colleagues and I last year. The mandate was clear: We must deliver safety, prosperity, and stability.

This one, big, beautiful bill does this and more. It extends the Trump tax

cuts, bolsters our national defense, and helps secure our southern border.

Don't believe the demagoguery of those who, for political purposes, mislead the American people and scare them. Holding out for personal agendas holds back the President's America First policies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in making America strong, secure, and to deliver on the promises made to the citizens of our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PAUL REDMAN

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Redman, the visionary leader behind the world-renowned Longwood Gardens, which is a fixture of my community in the Philadelphia area.

Since 2006, Paul's masterful leadership has helped Longwood navigate modernization, a global pandemic, and even an escaped convict hiding on the grounds. Under his direction, Longwood has grown physically and programmatically, becoming a go-to destination for events, employing hundreds across southeastern Pennsylvania, and bringing 1.6 million people to our community last year.

I have been proud to honor hosts like the Japanese Ambassador to Longwood Gardens, and I am always grateful for Paul's graciousness and hospitality.

This week, for his steadfast dedication to our community and to Longwood, Paul is being inducted into the Chester County Economic Development Council Hall of Fame. He has made innumerable contributions to our region, and this honor is beyond well-deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Paul. I am so proud to have an extraordinary leader such as him in our community and at the head of our Longwood Gardens.

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REINING IN CALIFORNIA'S LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, once again, the California Air Resources Board is trying to jam through a gas price hike under the cover of its so-called low carbon fuel standard. After the rule was blocked earlier this year for being unclear and poorly written, CARB is now racing to make it effective by July 1, just months after quietly approving it right after the election and in time for summer travel for people on vacation, et cetera.

Even their own staff at CARB admitted it will raise gas prices. Californians

already pay the highest gas prices in the country. This will just make it worse.

This is set to add at least 65 cents per gallon by this move. Combined with a couple of closed refineries in California, by the time that kicks into place, a USC study indicates it could be \$8.40 per gallon. Let that settle.

That is exactly why I acted at the Federal level and led the charge to rein in California's Clean Air Act waiver authority, the same waiver CARB uses to push these costly, unchecked regulations onto the rest of the country. No agency should have this much power to raise costs without public input or accountability. This is bureaucratic overreach.

We voted here to contain CARB on forcing electric cars and trucks under these waivers. We should give them no more waivers and allow that or other radical policies that raise costs for families and everybody else.

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, of all of the titles I hold, the most important is "mom." Like fierce, fighting mothers across this country, we want a better future and a safer future for our children, like Tiffany George. She is a courageous mother in Hood River who has two beautiful children, Wylie and June.

Wylie, her youngest, was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder at 18 months. Very quickly, Tiffany and her husband were overwhelmed with medical bills, doctor visits, therapies, medical equipment, and hospital visits.

Mr. Speaker, 10 hospital visits almost put them into bankruptcy. Medicaid was a lifeline. Without Medicaid, Wylie's lifesaving medications would cost \$9,000 a month. That is \$9,000.

Democrats are united against this cruel Republican budget because we are willing to fight for families, for their future, and for their health.

Without food stamps and healthcare, children like Wylie will suffer. Families will be pushed to the brink. I am here fighting every day for Tiffany, for Wylie, and every other mother and American family who deserves that stability.

We must fight this awful Republican budget bill.

NEW TAX CUTS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I feel I must address one of the key issues that we are going to be dealing with in the next 2 days, and that is: What type of new tax cuts are we going to put into the Internal Revenue Code?

Some people think that if I had my choice, I would bring back the personal exemption and put \$1,000, or \$2,000, or \$3,000 per child on that return because there is no time in life in which you need money more than when you are just starting out with children and have a big mortgage. We should look out for the average guy at a time when they are most desperate.

Some people would say my second pick would be to reduce the marginal tax rate on the most technical manufactured goods because we want those goods to be made here in America, and it would be great to have those manufactured in America.

Some people, however, think the most important thing is to encourage States to increase their taxes and have higher property taxes from the local units of government and higher income taxes for the State government. They want to increase the exemption for those to encourage State governments and local governments to spend more money.

No, we should be helping out the young people with children just starting out.

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

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the impacts of Republicans' big, bad bill.

I don't want us to forget that healthcare is a matter of life and death, and the proposed Medicaid cuts are a death sentence for people like Jessica, who lives in my district.

Jessica fled an abusive relationship when she was 25. Then she found out she was pregnant. Only through Medicaid, Jessica was able to access prenatal care.

Then, late in her pregnancy, her doctor discovered a knotted umbilical cord. She was rushed into surgery. Thankfully, Jessica gave birth to a healthy baby.

Without Medicaid, Jessica might not be a mom today. She and her daughter might not have survived. These massive cuts will force hospitals and birthing facilities to close. That means that no one has a safe place to give birth.

The result is a tragic domino effect for moms and kids.

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a story from Charlene, a grandmother in Michigan, who wrote me with a real, honest fear about Medicaid cuts.

Her granddaughter is just 11 years old, and she lives with type 1 diabetes.