

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.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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.

Her life depends on insulin and a constant stream of medical supplies to keep her alive.

Her mother is a single mom and a nurse. She takes care of others for a living. Even though she has her own insurance, it doesn't come close to covering all of her daughter's needs.

That is where Medicaid comes in. She is doing everything right and this family is still holding their breath. If Medicaid disappears, Charlene's granddaughter faces the possibility of going without the medicine that keeps her alive.

Who are we as a nation? Why are we talking about this right now, and all for what? It is so that Republicans can continue massive tax cuts for billionaires and corporations. We can afford the healthcare that we need and deserve in this country if we are willing to stand up to the ultrawealthy.

I will never stop fighting for Charlene's granddaughter and every family like hers in west Michigan and across the country.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the GOP tax scam, which would gut the programs that families rely on, like Medicaid and SNAP, just to give trillions in tax breaks to the wealthy.

In my district, more than 208,000 people rely on Medicaid, and 75,000 people rely on SNAP. They include women like Nancy from Pasadena, California.

Nancy has stage V kidney failure. She relies on Medicaid, SNAP, and Social Security to keep a roof over her head, food on her table, and continue her treatment. She is scared to death about losing these.

Nancy asked me to tell my Republican colleagues that one day, they or their loved one might need the resources that they are fighting so hard to slash.

Do not take food literally out of the mouths of babies just so Elon Musk can buy another yacht. Nancy deserves better. All of our constituents deserve better, and House Democrats are here to fight back against this cruelty.

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GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, Medicaid is a critical and important safety net and a provider of affordable, accessible, appropriate healthcare, especially in the rural communities I represent.

Today, I will share a story of Florence from North Bend, Oregon. She is a mother, a caregiver, and a fighter. She lives with a rare neuromuscular disease, myasthenia gravis, a rare form of angioedema.

For her, Medicaid isn't just a safety net, it is a lifeline. It covers the critical treatment and specialist care that keep her out of the ER and out of the ICU. Beyond that, it allows her to be there for the people who count on her most. Because Medicaid helps her manage her health, Florence is able to raise her 10-year-old daughter and care for her elderly parents. Her mother who has heart failure and COPD, and her father, who has serious health challenges of his own, were able to age in their homes.

Without Medicaid, this entire support system would collapse. Taxpayers would pay more to support all of them, and their family would be broken. This is what is at stake.

Mr. Speaker, Medicaid isn't just about individual coverage. It is the backbone of family stability across the country; for Florence, for her daughter, for her parents, and for millions of families like theirs. We must protect and strengthen Medicaid. Lives and futures depend on it.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join our Democratic leader and Democratic Women's Caucus colleagues in highlighting stories of women and children who would be harmed by the House Republican agenda.

Republicans are slashing \$300 billion—that is b, billion dollars—from SNAP, in addition to cutting \$700 billion from Medicaid. That is \$1 trillion in cruel cuts from our Nation's children in order to give tax cuts to billionaires.

SNAP is our Nation's most effective antihunger initiative. The devastating Republican cuts threaten children and families in California and across America who are scared and crying out for help.

One single mom, Melissa, from California who lives in a district represented by one of our Republican colleagues shared that if not for SNAP, her family of three children every month would be running out of money for food. She would have zero dollars for food. She attends school full time and says that without SNAP they would be forced to rely on food giveaways or starve.

Republicans shamelessly call this reform, but let's be clear: It is a sinful betrayal of the Gospel of Matthew: "When I was hungry, you fed me."

Mr. Speaker, Democrats will never stop fighting to ensure no child is left

behind. Hands off our Medicaid, and hands off our SNAP.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

There are 25 million Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the U.S., representing the fastest growing racial group in the country. We have made invaluable contributions to our country and play a vital role in shaping America for the better.

However, at a time when we should be celebrating, our communities are anxious and afraid. This celebration of our heritage, culture, and stories is dampened by the Republican scheme to strip away benefits from those that need them most.

This big, bad billionaire bill would impact nearly 200,000 Asian-American constituents, many of them senior citizens in my district alone, not to mention the nearly 1 in 10 Asian Americans across our country that rely on food assistance through SNAP and the 1 in 6 NHPs living in poverty.

Meanwhile, the top 20 percent of income earners will get nearly 70 percent of the benefits of this bill.

There are hungry grandmas, sick children, and veterans who were promised care after serving our country. What a way to celebrate and uplift our diverse AANHPI communities.

Our communities deserve not just to survive but to thrive.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to read the letter that the Governor of Michigan and I received from Marie Adkins.

"I'm a mom to a son with special needs. I'm also a nurse in primary care settings. My story is from the front lines. . . . If you cut Medicaid, Americans will die. People will get sick. They'll lose jobs. Some won't survive. It's not an exaggeration. It's reality.

"This bill doesn't cut waste. It cuts the heart out of programs that help Americans meet their basic needs: healthcare, nutrition, essential services. There's nothing excessive about needing insulin or a wheelchair or therapy. This isn't luxury. It's survival. My son is on the autism spectrum.

"And let's be real about who this hits the hardest: children, people with disabilities, and low-income seniors. These are Americans who rely on Medicaid to live with dignity, to have food