

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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(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.

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(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.

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(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

on the table, to get to doctor's appointments, to afford medication.

"Every day at our clinic, I hear it: 'I'm scared. I feel hopeless. I don't know how much longer I can hang on.'"

"This is the health crisis we're living in and this bill would make it worse."

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

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, for months, Members of Congress and the American people have been told by our Republican colleagues that we are being alarmist about this budget proposal.

We aren't being alarmist. House Republicans' cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other essential programs are alarming. These are real people who are depending on us to make sure they still have healthcare and are able to feed their families.

These are real people who come to my townhalls, who write to us, and who call my office. They are real people like Aneliese, a single mother, who called our office urging us through tears to protect SNAP, saying: I will have no way to feed my child. I am extremely stressed out, and if they cut food stamps, I don't know what I will do.

They are real people like Christy, whose daughter has autism and epilepsy. She said: Losing Medicaid would be absolutely devastating to my family. I won't be able to keep my daughter healthy or get her the medications she needs.

They are real people like Veronica, whose grandmother's last few days in long-term care were only possible because of Medicaid.

Taking healthcare and food away from people isn't bringing down prices for families. It is telling people that your health and your lives aren't worth as much as billionaires' bank accounts.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, in just a few hours, the Rules Committee will be making the final touches to America's worst budget ever. They are doing it in the middle of the night to hide the fact that this bill will make Americans sicker and poorer.

Take SNAP, the most effective anti-poverty tool we have. This bill is the deepest cut to food assistance in history, making it harder to put food on the table for seniors, families, and veterans, including 74,000 people in my district.

Vivian, in New Rochelle, said: I have been delivering food to seniors and peo-

ple in need since 2009. I do this every day because I know what it is like to be in need myself. I had to stop working when I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and now I rely on SNAP, and it is still not enough. If those benefits are cut, it would be devastating.

Republicans are taking food assistance and healthcare away from those who need it the most to give tax breaks to those who need them the least.

Try to spin it any way you want. Everyday Americans will suffer.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the big, bad billionaire bill, especially the cuts to Medicaid.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this bill will result in more than 13 million people across the country losing health insurance coverage, and people with disabilities will be the hardest hit.

Medicaid is the primary program for comprehensive health and long-term care coverage to one in three people with disabilities.

My colleagues across the aisle are so focused on giving tax cuts to billionaires, I think they have lost sight of the everyday people who will be harmed by their reckless decisions.

One of my constituents, Rachael, is a caretaker for her adult son with Down syndrome. Payments from Medicaid allow Rachael's son to survive. Rachael told me that without these payments her son could die.

Republicans have claimed that vulnerable populations who need Medicaid will not be harmed by provisions in this legislation, but we saw this play out before.

In 2011, when States had to cut spending to comply with Federal requirements, many people with disabilities were hit hard and fast by the loss of services.

I implore every one of my colleagues: Do not be complicit in destabilizing the lives of millions of people, including Rachael's son who will have their healthcare ripped away.

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

Mr. SORESENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues today to call out the House GOP's big billionaire bailout at the expense of my neighbors back home in Illinois-17.

Their bill would take away food from hungry families and kick people off their health insurance, all so the richest people who walk the face of the Earth get a bigger tax break.

The other side claims to be fiscally responsible, but they are blowing a \$5 trillion hole in our national debt to do it.

What am I supposed to say to Mary Anne from Morrison, Illinois, who says she can't feed her kids without SNAP, or a veteran like Mike, who stopped in for his one meal a day at the veteran drop-in center in Rockford?

Republicans in committee voted unanimously against our amendment that would protect veterans from cuts.

They are saying this is about waste, fraud, and abuse? Give me a break. This bill is a disaster for anyone who is struggling to make ends meet, and it will be a disaster for our country, all so the filthy rich get richer. Vote "no."

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of welcoming the Corkern family to the Capitol. They traveled all the way from Louisiana to join me for the Energy and Commerce Committee's budget reconciliation markup because they, like so many Americans, are proof that Medicaid saves lives.

Connor Corkern was born 18 years ago with a congenital brain malfunction. At 6 weeks old, Connor's parents were told that his brain malfunction was so significant that he would need one-on-one care for all aspects of his life.

After nearly a decade of being on a waiting list for home- and community-based disability waivers, Connor was given an emergency New Opportunities Waiver, or NOW, in 2015. It changed their lives.

Medicaid funding and waivers like the New Opportunities Waiver, NOW, have been and continue to be the lifeline for the Corkerns. His Medicaid waiver is the reason he is able to live today.

When Republicans attack Medicaid, they attack families like the Corkerns. Cutting Medicaid means that a little boy born today with Connor's medical needs might not make it to his high school graduation. Connor and so many others need this service to live.

Mr. Speaker, if the Republicans like their big, beautiful bill so much, I beg this question: Why are they displaying it at 1 o'clock in the morning?

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to uplift the story of a hero from Ohio's 13th Congressional District, Mariah Stacy Frederick.