

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."

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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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GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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."

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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?

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(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.

Mariah is the voice and advocate for her daughter, who lives with spina bifida, a condition that occurs when the spine and spinal cord don't form properly.

For Mariah and her daughter, Medicaid is a crucial resource without which they would not be able to afford the proper care that her daughter requires for her condition.

In her message to my office, Mariah said: "I am asking for the budget to not touch Medicaid funding. My daughter is 2 years old and is just starting to walk on her own. This is all with the support she receives at physical therapy and the Help Me Grow [program]. I would be lost without all of these resources for her."

Mariah's story is one of heroism, but not different than many of my other constituents', a mother working hard to provide for her daughter who was born and lives with a condition that requires the care that Medicaid provides.

Mariah is fighting to make sure that her daughter is able to keep receiving that care alongside the 200,000 people in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

What makes this even more infuriating is that this bill is robbing the working poor to pay for tax cuts to buy a yacht or a second home.

Mariah's story is inspiring, and she is not alone. Thousands of constituents from Ohio's 13th Congressional District have called and written to my offices in Akron, Canton, and here in D.C., imploring me to save Medicaid.

That is exactly what I am going to do. I am going to fight for Mariah and Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a mother from Delaware whose daughter lives with a condition that means she cannot eat food without getting sick. Her daughter relies on Medicaid to pay for the formula that keeps her alive.

Without it, she won't just struggle. As her mother wrote plainly to me: "If she loses Medicaid, she will die."

Mr. Speaker, we must not gut Medicaid to give tax breaks to billionaires while moms are begging for their children to survive. This mom's story is not an outlier. This is a daily reality for thousands of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues: Protect Medicaid and protect this child. This is a lifeline.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the extreme cuts

to Medicaid and SNAP being pushed by extreme Washington Republicans.

Last month, I spoke with Shannon, a mother whose son relies on Medicaid for lifesaving care. I also spoke with Eugene, a fifth-generation farmer in Culpeper who grows produce that goes straight to food banks, schools, and churches. Both Shannon and Eugene are facing uncertain futures because of these cuts.

More than 56,000 kids in Virginia's Seventh Congressional District rely on Medicaid or SNAP. These cuts would take food away from children as young as 8 years old. I guess we will just have to give our 8-year-old kids little, tiny boots with little, tiny bootstraps so they can pull themselves up.

These aren't just budget choices. They are moral ones. They are the wrong ones. We should support families and the farmers who feed them, not punish them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject these cruel cuts and stand with families and farmers like Shannon and Eugene.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, the Republican cuts to Medicaid jeopardize the lives of women and families across our country, women like Kristen from my district.

Kristen suffers from Williams syndrome, which causes cardiovascular issues and developmental delays. She receives care because of Medi-Cal. Every 4 months, she must drive 2 hours to San Diego to run lab tests and functions on her vital organs.

Despite these health concerns, Kristen works, volunteers in our community, and dreams of owning a bakery, thanks to Medicaid. All of that is endangered by this reconciliation bill.

I ask my Republican colleagues: Who are they to decide who gets the care that people like Kristen need and depend on to survive? All of these cuts are for what? So that billionaires and big corporations can get even more handouts?

Let's stand with people like Kristen. Protect Medicaid and the families who rely on Medicaid and got us to Congress.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, when I first met Atalina, she was on the front lines of the pandemic, keeping families housed and fed. When fires ravaged Maui, she was there for the victims.

Atalina is a pillar of her community and her church. She gives everything

she has to others, but even angels need help.

Atalina is the mother of five, soon to be six. Her husband, who is battling cancer and now severe back injuries, can't work consistently. Atalina still works full time and still serves her neighbors and community.

"If I put my entire family on my employer insurance," she told me, "it would cost more than half my paycheck."

Medicaid gave her family access to lifesaving care. SNAP made sure her kids didn't go to bed hungry. These programs aren't "handouts," she says. "They are lifelines."

Now, because her income barely crossed the threshold, she has lost SNAP. "It doesn't mean we can suddenly afford groceries," she says. "It just means we sacrifice even more."

If we cut Medicaid and SNAP, we are not trimming fat. We are cutting hope.

Let's be clear about the false choice we are being asked to make. Do we feed the greed of billionaires, or do we feed and care for families like Atalina's? We know who Republicans are choosing.

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

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Medicaid and nutrition assistance. I would like to tell you about Arica from Indianapolis' Eastside, a single mother of five, including one child with special needs. She says that if Medicaid is cut, she and her five children will not be able to survive.

There is Carol Ann from Indianapolis' Northside. Her Meals on Wheels have already been reduced. She told me simply: We need food to live.

Bethany from Center Township says that without Medicaid, she would be dead. If Trump cuts Medicaid, she will probably die.

These are the stakes. Every corner of my district, every corner of the great Hoosier State, and every corner of our country will be impacted by these very cruel budget cuts.

Under this budget, 14 million people will lose healthcare. Millions will lose SNAP benefits. Those aren't just numbers. These are people like Arica, Carol Ann, and Bethany.

I implore my colleagues to remember our shared humanity and vote "no" on this heartless bill.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was in the Virginia State Senate when Virginia finally expanded Medicaid.