

Today, as a result, over 600,000 Virginians now have health insurance who didn't before.

By giving them insurance, we were able to keep our rural hospitals open. We were able to keep costs from going up too much for everybody else because even the uninsured get sick. They don't seek care until they have to go to the emergency room.

Hundreds of thousands of Virginians now stand to lose their healthcare if this big, bad bill cuts Medicaid as it does now. Some Members of the Republican caucus want to go even further.

Gloria has struggled for a long time with her health. She was born with a heart murmur, blood pressure issues, and constant bronchitis. She was recently diagnosed with glaucoma and cataracts that are getting worse.

For years, Gloria had to rely on emergency care at the hospital because she was uninsured. Because she has Medicaid, she can have the surgery she needs and see again. Don't take Gloria's healthcare away.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on behalf of Minnesota families who will lose access to healthcare if the Republican budget passes. I want to tell you about Alicia and her daughter, one of them.

Alicia's oldest daughter is 11 years old. She is a happy, active, and confident fifth grader. She has also faced a lifetime of medical challenges including an immune disorder, a blood disorder, and a spinal condition.

Alicia and her family didn't ask for this. Nothing they did caused this. They work hard. They pay their taxes. They love their daughter fiercely. They simply cannot afford the care that she needs without Medicaid.

Medicaid is what allows Alicia's daughter to go to school, to regain her motor skills, and to run a 5K with her classmates, something unthinkable before her treatment. It is the reason she is not just surviving but she is thriving.

Republicans are going to gut the program that she and half of all American children get their healthcare coverage through. This isn't about politics. It is about our values. It is about protecting the health and future of our children. We must protect Medicaid. Our kids are watching, and they are counting on us.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Debra, has this to say

about Medicaid, and I agree. She says: It is absolutely essential.

She adopted two medically fragile children from foster care. Both have Medicaid as their primary and only health insurance. They both receive services through the Division of Specialized Care for Children in Illinois.

Her daughter has a Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent waiver. Together, they require 19 daily prescription medications. Her son requires a nightly injection that is \$4,000 a month. Her daughter requires multiple pieces of expensive medical equipment.

She would never have been able to adopt or afford to keep them without knowing they would receive Medicaid. She is so proud of them. Medicaid is a vital, lifesaving program for thousands of children like hers.

Mr. Speaker, I agree, and let's make it accessible to all who need it. I thank Debra, and I thank her children.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Leader JEFFRIES and Chair LEDGER FERNANDEZ for hosting this important discussion on the disastrous impact Republican cuts to Medicaid would have on women and children across the country.

In the middle of the night, Republicans on the Rules Committee will consider a bill that contains the largest cuts to Medicaid in our country's history. This outright assault on healthcare will result in 13.7 million Americans losing their health coverage, including many of the 370,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in my district.

This includes people like Yvette from Van Nuys who said that she wants to retire without spending a large portion of her pension on medical coverage.

I also heard from Joe from Panorama City who, without the help of Medicaid, would not be able to afford medical treatments for his children.

Cutting Medicaid will be a disaster for families across the country. I stand with my House Democratic Caucus colleagues in protecting it from Republicans' cruel and extreme budget.

GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with Leader JEFFRIES and my Democratic Women's Caucus colleagues to oppose harmful cuts to food and health assistance.

Today, I rise to share the story of Cheryl from Cleveland Heights, a constituent whose life could be upended by cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.

Cheryl is a retired small business owner who ran an advertising company with her husband for 25 years. They were forced to close that business due to their health issues.

Cheryl lives with chronic respiratory issues and arthritis. Her husband is disabled. She also takes care of her 90-year-old father who is disabled, too. None of them can work, and they depend on SNAP and Medicaid to survive. If Congress guts these programs, it will gut a lifeline for Cheryl and her family.

Mr. Speaker, we must remember who we are here to serve. These are real people with real lives, and we must stand up for them.

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SNAP AND MEDICAID

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Scripture calls us to help one another.

In the Gospel of Matthew it says: I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. . . . I was a stranger, and you invited me in.

However, Republicans never come here to talk about poverty or hunger or the sick. It is always about tax cuts, the rich, and the billionaires.

Tonight I rise for one of the Houston families they are attempting to hurt.

Luisa and Roberto are seniors in my district. They have worked their whole lives, and now they are afraid. They are afraid of what happens when Republicans slash the programs they paid into and now rely on to stay healthy.

It is not just them. We hear from moms with cancer, families with disabled children, or families with loved ones in nursing homes, and on and on. They are terrified of losing Medicaid and SNAP.

What Republicans are doing is un-American, un-Christian, and unacceptable.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker. The American people know the difference between leadership and cruelty, and they won't forget who chose cruelty.

MEDICAID AND SNAP

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, please let me share the story of two of my constituents who will be hurt by the cruel bonanza for billionaires budget bill.

Bonnie is 82 years of age. She is the primary caregiver for her 63-year-old nephew, Michael. He is deaf, neurodivergent, and lives with multiple chronic health conditions.

For years, Bonnie has been his primary support so he can live independently, manage complex health needs, and navigate programs like Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, and subsidized housing.

Bonnie handles most of Michael's communications with medical providers as he is unable to due to his ability to communicate by mouth or by ASL. Michael has relied on Medicaid for hearing aids, surgeries, dental work, housing, and more. If he loses his coverage, she believes Michael will become frustrated and either go to jail, self-harm, or die.

Michael's mother passed away when he was 19. With no other family to step in, Bonnie worries about what will happen to her nephew after she is gone. This is just one of many examples of who will be harmed by unreliable and onerous work requirements.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is absolutely morally wrong that millionaires and billionaires will be given \$4 billion plus \$4 trillion.

What is being done for families like this?

Cruelty is not an answer.

MEDICAID

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this is not about America first. This is about billionaires first and corporations first.

I will take a moment to bring part of my district into this Chamber. I will read a letter from Angeline from Redford Township.

She said: "I am terrified about what the Trump administration is doing to those of us living in poverty with these cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.

"My family and I could not survive without these programs. It is bad enough we are struggling to purchase the basic essentials and have been heavily leaning on food pantries not only for extra food but also for toilet paper and soap."

That is with having the benefits that they have now.

"I am waiting for my Social Security case to go on appeal. I currently have no income. I am unable to work due to spinal injuries. With less people working at the Social Security office, it has taken longer than it should to review my case.

"I am barely surviving as it is, and I couldn't see any of my doctors without Medicaid. My grandchildren couldn't be able to see doctors. My single daughter and myself both rely on SNAP to eat and Medicaid to see our doctors.

"It is very clear those voting for these cuts have never experienced the traumatic effects of living in poverty and the threat of taking the only help we have away. Please don't let them do this."

TRUMP'S ONE BIG, UGLY BILL

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to Trump's one big,

ugly bill which would cut Medicaid by \$715 billion and devastate access to healthcare for millions of Americans, like Victoria. She is a young graduate student in the Imperial Valley, a rural and impoverished region.

She says: "Medi-Cal is the only way I can access essential healthcare. It protects me from financial hardship and ensures I can get the care I need to live and thrive."

Victoria isn't alone. She speaks for millions who rely on Medicaid for basic services like birth control and cancer screenings. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office warns that this bill would cause at least 13.7 million people to lose coverage.

Mr. Speaker, 42 percent of my constituents depend on Medicaid, and 60 percent of children in the district depend on Medicaid. Republicans are choosing to strip healthcare from those who need it most to provide tax cuts to billionaires.

Mr. Speaker, I choose to protect healthcare for working-class families, and I urge my colleagues to stand with Victoria and protect Medicaid.

SNAP AND MEDICAID CUTS

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a 28-year-old single mother of five in my district. She is doing everything right. She is working hard, raising her babies, and trying to keep them fed and healthy.

She was receiving \$1,000 a month in SNAP benefits. Then one day it was suddenly cut to \$500. She picked up more hours because that is what moms do.

In this bill they talk about people being lazy. I just want to say that the only thing that is lazy about this bill is their lies. That is because when we think about their lies and their lying, it relates to those who are going to be subjected to the work requirements.

There are lies about cutting almost 14 million people off their healthcare. Frankly, they lie about this being fiscally responsible. You don't have to believe me, Mr. Speaker. Just Google members of the Freedom Caucus and their objections. They hate the fact that after all of this, we are going to have death, malnutrition, and the shuttering of hospitals both in rural and urban America. Yet still, they are going to drive us into further debt.

When we talk about cutting SNAP, she was only going to get \$15 a day or \$2.50 per person.

Mr. Speaker, we need to make sure that we don't choose cruelty over competency, callousness over compassion, and cons over constituents.

Mr. Speaker, tell Republicans where they can cram this crap.

SANDRA'S STORY: WHY MEDICAID MATTERS

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, tonight is about the millions of lives Republicans are destroying.

I rise for a single mother in my district caring full-time for her 16-year-old daughter, Naomi, who has chronic health conditions.

I want Americans to know the face of this family. Sandra Black is one of the millions whose family could lose their healthcare.

Sandra left her job as a veterinarian to care for her daughter. She would tell you tonight, Mr. Speaker: "Without Medicaid, literally, our lives would be at stake."

Republicans want to slash Medicaid and bankroll billionaires. Let me say that again. Republicans want to slash Medicaid and bankroll billionaires.

Mr. Speaker, today is about billions over hardworking Americans like Sandra Black's family.

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, you will hear story after story. Tonight you will hear Democrats standing up for the American people and staying here tonight for however long it takes. That is because we want America to know that we are standing up for Medicaid.

I will not be silent. I will fight for lives like Sandra's and Naomi's.

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GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituent Monica.

Monica has lupus, kidney disease, and congestive heart failure. Constant hospital stays make it tough for her to make ends meet.

Monica told me that her last hospital stay brought dialysis, blood transfusions, and one complication after another. It also brought a loss of her job.

Monica was hospitalized, fighting for her life, when she learned that her \$31 a week in SNAP benefits were being cut. Still, with the rising cost of food, she told me that just those \$31 in benefits made it possible for her to eat the foods that were healthy to keep her thriving and manage her health.

Monica wrote: "Any cuts to these programs would be devastating for people like me. This isn't just about politics. This is about survival."

I agree with Monica. This is about survival. This is about the millions of people who will lose access to food under the GOP tax scam.

Mr. Speaker, we demand better. It is time for House Republicans to stand up and join us in protecting the basic needs of the people instead of