

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

prioritizing massive tax breaks for billionaires.

I stand with Monica.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, "I probably wouldn't be alive because I wouldn't have been able to afford [my] medicine." That is what Dominique from East Orange, New Jersey, said about Medicaid.

Dominique is one of the 100,000 Americans who lives with the sickle cell disease, and she is one of the millions of Americans who would be devastated by Republicans gutting Medicaid.

We need to understand that the suffering they are going to create has a face, and it is Dominique's.

When she was just 6 years old, Dominique was diagnosed with sickle cell disease. That is also when her aunt enrolled her in Medicaid.

Medicaid didn't mean that life was easy—Dominique spent much of her time in hospitals and visiting doctors—but it made life possible.

With Medicaid, she is able to see a hematologist regularly, receive the appropriate equipment and medications to make living at home possible, seek mental health care due to the toll of living with this disease, and receive treatment for any potential emergencies.

Dominique gets to live knowing the care she deserves is within her reach, in her own words, thanks to Medicaid.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, this Republican administration claims to care about babies and families, but I cannot hear the words they speak because I see the things that they do.

The birth of every baby should be a joyful transition defined by compassion and whatever healthcare is required for the baby and the mother.

America's broken for-profit healthcare system denies far too many this basic dignity, but Medicaid has been a lifeline.

Today, 42 percent of births in America are funded by Medicaid. Republicans who claim to be pro-family are coming for Medicaid with a sledgehammer.

What would this mean for families across America? It would mean even worse maternal health outcomes, States rescinding policies that improve access to reproductive care, and decimating access to prenatal care, contraception, and cancer screenings.

This big, shameful, unconscionable bill is unacceptable, but it is not inevitable.

I need just four Republicans, four people of conscience, to listen to their constituents, to look into the eyes of pregnant mothers praying for a safe delivery, and to show a shred of humanity and oppose this horrific bill.

If my colleagues aren't here to fight for the people who sent them, they should give up their damn seats.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, proponents of Donald Trump's so-called big, beautiful bill are lying to the American people. They claim it won't cut Medicaid, but it slashes \$715 billion, gutting care for seniors and children with disabilities.

They insist moms and kids won't lose food assistance, but this bill will cut SNAP benefits for over 7 million Americans, stripping food from families' tables.

They say new red tape will improve efficiency. Come on, we know better. New GOP paperwork hurdles will cause millions of eligible Americans to lose Medicaid and SNAP, not because they don't qualify, but because they missed a form or got stuck in the system.

We have seen it before in Arkansas, Georgia, and New Hampshire. Republicans tried this approach, and people suffered.

Why are they doing it? They are doing it to fund tax breaks for billionaire donors—who won't have to fill out a single form, by the way.

Are these your priorities, tax cuts for the rich paid for by taking healthcare and food assistance away from everyone else? Prove us wrong. Reject this bill, and stand up for working families.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, addiction is a public health crisis from which no community is immune. We saw the worst of it in 2021, when, in a 12-month span, more than 110,000 people died of overdose. That is 300 or more people a day, 365 days a year.

Here is a small light. In 2024, overdose deaths fell by 27 percent. We are finally seeing progress. That is a huge dent in this horrible tragedy.

What is the response of the Trump administration? Shuttering SAMHSA and shifting and shafting it into an illogical AHA—somebody tell me what that department is—organization and proposing a budget that kicks nearly 14 million people off Medicaid.

Nearly half of those struggling with opioid use disorder rely on Medicaid. In

Pennsylvania alone, that is 100,000 people who may now lose their only chance at life, at recovery, at treatment.

I know the desperate hope. I know the prayers for a loved one to find recovery. My son Harry is 12½ years in recovery from opioid addiction.

My family knows the struggle of way too many families, and we are among the lucky ones, though I don't like to call it lucky. Every family should be as lucky as I.

At this time, we must save more lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the President not cut Medicaid and SAMHSA.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, this week, Republicans are attempting to pass a budget that will gut Medicaid, all to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

These Medicaid cuts aren't just numbers on a page. They will hurt real people.

My constituent Rosemary wrote to me and shared her family's story. Rosemary has a child with disabilities. She says that if Congress were to cut Medicaid, their lives would be upended.

She wrote: "My child would no longer be able to receive therapies, and I would lose my ability to care for her and keep her safe. We have been stressed completely about our daughter's future without Medicaid. Please help our children by voting no on the cuts to Medicaid and other proposals that would take away these lifesaving services from people who need them, like my child."

I ask if my Republican colleagues, my friends, are listening and hear Rosemary and the millions of moms and dads across the country.

Giving a handout to the rich at the expense of families' access to care is shameful. It is just shameful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues to stand up and fight for their constituents, not for their billionaire buddies.

#### TRUTH TELLING WITH MATH AND FACTS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. SCHWEIKERT of Arizona was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY). Then, we are going to actually do some actual math and facts.

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Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my honorable friend from Arizona whose crusade against the debt is a