

NAYS—15

Biggs (AZ)	Clyde	Harris (MD)
Boebert	Crane	Massie
Burchett	Gosar	Perry
Burlison	Grothman	Roy
Cloud	Harrigan	Self

NOT VOTING—18

Casar	Gray	Neal
Ciscomani	Hern (OK)	Rulli
Crawford	James	Sherrill
Edwards	Loudermilk	Tiffany
Fletcher	McCaul	Titus
Graves	Meeks	Womack

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Messrs. GROTHMAN, BURLISON, and BURCHETT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STRENGTHENING CYBER RESILIENCE AGAINST STATE-SPONSORED THREATS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2659) to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by Peoples Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 8, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 287]

YEAS—402

Adams	Biggs (SC)	Chu
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Cisneros
Aguilar	Bishop	Clark (MA)
Alford	Bonamici	Clarke (NY)
Allen	Bost	Cleaver
Amo	Boyle (PA)	Cline
Amodei (NV)	Brecheen	Cloud
Ansari	Bresnahan	Clyburn
Arrington	Brown	Clyde
Auchincloss	Brownley	Cohen
Babin	Buchanan	Cole
Bacon	Budzinski	Collins
Baird	Burchett	Comer
Balderson	Bynum	Conaway
Balint	Calvert	Correa
Barr	Cammack	Costa
Barragán	Carbajal	Courtney
Barrett	Carey	Craig
Baumgartner	Carson	Crank
Bean (FL)	Carter (GA)	Crenshaw
Beatty	Carter (LA)	Crockett
Begich	Carter (TX)	Crow
Bell	Case	Cuellar
Bentz	Casten	Davids (KS)
Bera	Castor (FL)	Davidson
Bergman	Castro (TX)	Davis (IL)
Beyer	Cherfilus	Davis (NC)
Bice	McCormick	De La Cruz

Dean (PA)	Jeffries	Obernoite
DeGette	Johnson (GA)	Ocasio-Cortez
DeLauro	Johnson (LA)	Ogles
DelBene	Johnson (SD)	Olszewski
Deluzio	Johnson (TX)	Omar
DeSaulnier	Jordan	Onder
DesJarlais	Joyce (OH)	Owens
Dexter	Joyce (PA)	Pallone
Diaz-Balart	Kamlager-Dove	Palmer
Dingell	Kaptur	Panetta
Doggett	Kean	Pappas
Donalds	Keating	Pelosi
Downing	Kelly (IL)	Perez
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (MS)	Perry
Elfreth	Kelly (PA)	Peters
Ellzey	Kennedy (NY)	Pettersen
Emmer	Khanna	Pfleger
Escobar	Kiggans (VA)	Pingree
Españolat	Kiley (CA)	Pocan
Estes	Kim	Pou
Evans (CO)	Knott	Pressley
Evans (PA)	Krishnamoorthi	Quigley
Ezell	Kustoff	Ramirez
Fallon	LaHood	Randall
Fedorchak	LaLota	Raskin
Feenstra	LaMalfa	Reschenthaler
Fields	Landsman	Riley (NY)
Figures	Langworthy	Rivas
Fine	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)
Finstad	Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)
Fischbach	Latimer	Rose
Fitzgerald	Latta	Ross
Fitzpatrick	Lawler	Rouzer
Fleischmann	Lee (FL)	Ruiz
Flood	Lee (NV)	Rutherford
Fong	Lee (PA)	Ryan
Foster	Letlow	Salazar
Foushee	Levin	Salinas
Fox	Liccardo	Sánchez
Frankel, Lois	Lieu	Scalise
Franklin, Scott	Lofgren	Scanlon
Friedman	Lucas	Schakowsky
Frost	Luna	Schmidt
Fry	Luttrell	Schneider
Fulcher	Lynch	Scholten
Garamendi	Mace	Schrier
Garbarino	Mackenzie	Schweikert
Garcia (CA)	Magaziner	Scott (VA)
Garcia (IL)	Malliotakis	Scott, Austin
Garcia (TX)	Maloy	Scott, David
Gill (TX)	Mann	Self
Gillen	Mannion	Sessions
Gimenez	Mast	Sewell
Golden (ME)	Matsui	Sherman
Goldman (NY)	McBath	Shreve
Goldman (TX)	McBride	Simon
Gomez	McClain	Simpson
Gonzales, Tony	McClain Delaney	Smith (MO)
Gonzalez, V.	McClellan	Smith (NE)
Gooden	McClintock	Smith (NJ)
Goodlander	McCollum	Smith (WA)
Gosar	McCormick	Smucker
Gottheimer	McDonald Rivet	Sorensen
Green, Al (TX)	McDowell	Soto
Greene (GA)	McGarvey	Spartz
Griffith	McGovern	Stansbury
Grijalva	McGuire	Stanton
Grothman	McIver	Staubert
Guest	Menendez	Stefanik
Guthrie	Meng	Steil
Hageman	Messmer	Steube
Hamadeh (AZ)	Meuser	Stevens
Harder (CA)	Mfume	Strickland
Haridopolos	Miller (IL)	Strong
Harrigan	Miller (OH)	Stutzman
Harris (MD)	Miller (WV)	Subramanyam
Harris (NC)	Miller-Meeks	Suozi
Harshbarger	Mills	Swalwell
Hayes	Min	Sykes
Higgins (LA)	Mooleenaar	Takano
Hill (AR)	Moore (AL)	Taylor
Himes	Moore (NC)	Tenney
Hinson	Moore (UT)	Thanedar
Horsford	Moore (WI)	Thompson (CA)
Houlihan	Moore (WV)	Thompson (MS)
Hoyer	Moran	Thompson (PA)
Hoyle (OR)	Morelle	Timmons
Hudson	Morrison	Tlaib
Huffman	Moskowitz	Tokuda
Huizenga	Moulton	Tonko
Hunt	Mrvan	Torres (CA)
Hurd (CO)	Mullin	Torres (NY)
Issa	Murphy	Trahan
Ivey	Nadler	Tran
Jack	Neguse	Turner (OH)
Jackson (IL)	Nehls	Underwood
Jackson (TX)	Newhouse	Valadao
Jacobs	Norcross	Van Drew
Jayapal	Nunn (IA)	Van Duyne

Van Orden	Walkinshaw	Wied
Vargas	Wasserman	Williams (GA)
Vasquez	Schultz	Williams (TX)
Veasey	Watson Coleman	Wilson (FL)
Velázquez	Weber (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Vindman	Webster (FL)	Yakym
Wagner	Westerman	Zinke
Walberg	Whitesides	

NAYS—8

Biggs (AZ)	Crane	Norman
Boebert	Kennedy (UT)	Roy
Burlison	Massie	

NOT VOTING—23

Casar	Houchin	Rulli
Ciscomani	James	Sherrill
Crawford	Leger Fernandez	Tiffany
Edwards	Loudermilk	Titus
Fletcher	McCaul	Waters
Graves	Meeks	Wittman
Gray	Neal	Womack
Hern (OK)	Patronis	

□ 1904

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. PEREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to raise a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 878

Whereas, on October 27, 2025, Representative Chuy García of Illinois filed nominating petitions to be on the Democratic primary ballot in March 2026;

Whereas, on November 5, 2025, on the last day of filing, Representative García's Chief of Staff, Patty García, submitted her own paperwork to enter the Democratic primary;

Whereas, on November 6, after the filing deadline, Representative García confirmed that he would not be seeking another term in 2026 and would be withdrawing his nominating petitions;

Whereas Representative García's Chief of Staff was the only Democrat who filed to run in the primary at the direction of Representative García, undermining the process of a free and fair election; and

Whereas Representative García's actions are beneath the dignity of his office and incompatible with the spirit of the United States Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives disapproves of the behavior of the Representative from Illinois Mr. García.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Clark of Massachusetts moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 206, nays 211, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 288]

YEAS—206

Adams	Goldman (NY)	Omar
Aguiar	Gomez	Pallone
Amo	Gonzalez, V.	Panetta
Ansari	Goodlander	Pappas
Auchincloss	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Balint	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
Barragan	Grijalva	Pettersen
Beatty	Harder (CA)	Pingree
Bell	Hayes	Pocan
Bera	Himes	Pou
Beyer	Horsford	Pressley
Bishop	Houlihan	Quigley
Bonamici	Hoyer	Ramirez
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Brownley	Huffman	Raskin
Budzinski	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Bynum	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Carbajal	Jacobs	Ross
Carson	Jayapal	Ruiz
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Ryan
Case	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Sánchez
Castor (FL)	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Cherfilus-	Keating	Schneider
McCormick	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Chu	Kennedy (NY)	Schrier
Cisneros	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Sewell
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Simon
Cohen	Latimer	Smith (WA)
Conaway	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Correa	Lee (PA)	Soto
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stansbury
Courtney	Levin	Stanton
Craig	Liccardo	Stevens
Crockett	Lieu	Strickland
Crow	Lofgren	Subramanyam
Cuellar	Lynch	Suozzi
Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Swalwell
Davis (IL)	Mannion	Sykes
Davis (NC)	Matsui	Takano
Dean (PA)	McBath	Thanedar
DeGette	McBride	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McClain Delaney	Thompson (MS)
DelBene	McClellan	Tlaib
Deluzio	McCollum	Tokuda
DeSaulnier	McDonald Rivet	Tonko
Dexter	McGarvey	Torres (CA)
Dingell	McGovern	Torres (NY)
Doggett	McIver	Trahan
Elfreth	Meeks	Tran
Escobar	Menendez	Underwood
Espaillet	Meng	Vargas
Evans (PA)	Mfume	Vasquez
Fields	Min	Veasey
Figures	Moore (WI)	Velázquez
Fletcher	Morelle	Vindman
Foster	Morrison	Walkinshaw
Foushee	Moskowitz	Wasserman
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Schultz
Friedman	Mrvan	Waters
Frost	Mullin	Watson Coleman
Garamendi	Nadler	Whitesides
Garcia (CA)	Neguse	Williams (GA)
Garcia (IL)	Norcross	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez	
Gillen	Olszewski	

NAYS—211

Aderholt	Bean (FL)	Buchanan
Alford	Begich	Burchett
Allen	Bentz	Burlison
Amodei (NV)	Bergman	Calvert
Arrington	Bice	Cammack
Babin	Biggs (AZ)	Carey
Bacon	Biggs (SC)	Carter (GA)
Baird	Bilirakis	Carter (TX)
Balderson	Boebert	Cline
Barr	Bost	Cloud
Barrett	Brecheen	Clyde
Baumgartner	Bresnahan	Cole

Collins	Hunt	Nunn (IA)
Comer	Hurd (CO)	Obernolte
Crane	Issa	Ogles
Crank	Jack	Onder
Crenshaw	Jackson (TX)	Owens
Davidson	Johnson (LA)	Palmer
De La Cruz	Johnson (SD)	Patronis
DesJarlais	Jordan	Perez
Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)	Perry
Donalds	Joyce (PA)	Pfleger
Downing	Kean	Reschenthaler
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (AL)
Edwards	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (KY)
Ellzey	Kennedy (UT)	Rose
Emmer	Kiggans (VA)	Rouzer
Estes	Kiley (CA)	Roy
Evans (CO)	Kim	Rutherford
Ezell	Knott	Salazar
Fallon	Kustoff	Scalise
Fedorchak	LaHood	Schmidt
Feenstra	LaLota	Schweikert
Fine	LaMalfa	Scott, Austin
Finstad	Langworthy	Self
Fischbach	Latta	Sessions
Fitzgerald	Lawler	Shreve
Fitzpatrick	Lee (FL)	Simpson
Fleischmann	Letlow	Smith (MO)
Flood	Lucas	Smith (NE)
Fong	Luna	Smith (NJ)
Foxx	Luttrell	Smucker
Franklin, Scott	Mace	Spartz
Fry	Mackenzie	Staubert
Fulcher	Malliotakis	Stefanik
Garbarino	Maloy	Steil
Gill (TX)	Mann	Steube
Gimenez	Massie	Strong
Golden (ME)	Mast	Stutzman
Goldman (TX)	McClain	Taylor
Gooden	McClintock	Tenney
Gosar	McCormick	Thompson (PA)
Greene (GA)	McDowell	Timmons
Griffith	McGuire	Turner (OH)
Grothman	Messmer	Valadao
Guest	Meuser	Van Drew
Guthrie	Miller (IL)	Van Deyne
Hageman	Miller (OH)	Van Orden
Hamadeh (AZ)	Miller (WV)	Wagner
Haridopolos	Miller-Meeks	Walberg
Harrigan	Mills	Weber (TX)
Harris (MD)	Moolenaar	Webster (FL)
Harris (NC)	Moore (AL)	Westerman
Harshbarger	Moore (NC)	Wied
Hern (OK)	Moore (UT)	Williams (TX)
Higgins (LA)	Moore (WV)	Wilson (SC)
Hill (AR)	Moran	Wittman
Hinson	Murphy	Yakym
Houchin	Nehls	Zinke
Hudson	Newhouse	
Huizenga	Norman	

NOT VOTING—16

Boyle (PA)	Gray	Sherrill
Casar	James	Tiffany
Ciscomani	Loudermilk	Titus
Tlaib	McCaul	Womack
Gonzales, Tony	Neal	
Graves	Rulli	

□ 1915

So the motion to table was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor and missed roll call votes numbered 286 through 288.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 286, H.R. 1608—The Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025;

Yea on Roll Call No. 287, H.R. 2659—The Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act; and

Yea on Roll Call No. 288, Table H. Res. 878—Disapproving the behavior of Representative Jesús G. “Chuy” Garcia of Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I missed a series of votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 286, YEA on Roll Call No. 287, and NAY on Roll Call No. 288.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent and unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 286, YEA on Roll Call No. 287, and NAY on Roll Call No. 288.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule IX, the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. PEREZ) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. PEREZ).

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with humility, fear, and conviction, conviction that American citizens have a right to choose their elected Representatives, fear that my convictions will be dismissed as naive, and humility that I am as liable to deceive myself about my first duties, where my strength comes from, and to whom I owe my loyalty as anyone else on this floor today.

It is clear to me that my responsibility as an elected Representative to my community is to say loudly, consistently, humbly, and with love that no one has the right to subvert the right of the people to choose their elected Representatives.

I like CHUY GARCÍA. I think his reasons for retiring are noble. We are not here to adjudicate the character of CHUY GARCÍA. I am asking the body to consider a set of facts laid before us tonight about how he chose his successor and deprived Americans the right to choose their elected Representative.

Moral accusations and bitterness are not going to move this country in a stronger direction, but we can't keep bringing these same broken tools to the urgent struggle of preserving our inheritance as a nation.

With humility, I lay out the facts.

One week before the filing deadline, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA filed for reelection and submitted the necessary signatures for that petition, but 3 days before the filing deadline, he also began collecting signatures for his chief of staff, who shares his last name.

Just hours before the filing deadline, Representative GARCÍA's chief of staff submitted the paperwork to run with at least 2,500 signatures attached to it, and CHUY GARCÍA's signature was the very first one listed in the petition. He had at least 3 days of work that he has publicly acknowledged where he knew that his chief was going to be running against him, and he did not communicate his intention to retire.

□ 1920

He did not communicate his intention to retire. You don't get to have your cake and eat it, too. If you are not going to run, you don't get to choose your successor no matter how noble the work you have done beforehand.

The day after the filing deadline, once it was clear that there would be no Democratic alternative to his chief in a D+17 seat, he announced his retirement.

It is easy to get caught up in the culture of D.C., of political complacency, or believing that your opponents are so broken that the ends justify the means, but you cannot win the right to represent people through subversion. All you do is engender distrust in the government and apathy in the citizens of this great country.

We don't have to say that a thing is perfect to say that it is worth fighting for. In fact, we can't truly fight for a thing if we don't acknowledge its shortcomings.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 878. While I respect the sponsor of this resolution and appreciate very much her work on behalf of her constituents in southwest Washington, I cannot support this measure.

My friend and classmate from the 116th Congress, Representative CHUY GARCÍA, embodies the highest ideals of the American Dream.

Born in Mexico, Representative GARCÍA moved to the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago in the 1960s and never left. After earning his citizenship in 1977, Representative GARCÍA graduated from college and began his career in public service with a community-based housing initiative.

Since his time as a member of the Chicago City Council, the Illinois State Senate, and Cook County Board of Commissioners, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA has served his community, the Congress, and our country with great distinction.

As it relates to the matter under consideration, in nearly every election he has been a candidate, Representative GARCÍA has faced opposition in both primary and general elections. Representative GARCÍA has proven himself unafraid to campaign. He has sought other offices and come up short.

During the filing period in Illinois, any qualified citizen and any qualified resident of the State could have filed to challenge Representative GARCÍA. In fact, Representative GARCÍA won a competitive primary just last cycle.

Throughout his career in public service, CHUY GARCÍA has demonstrated a broad and deep respect for his constituents. This includes his fierce advocacy for Chicago's immigrant communities, teachers, public employees, and the economically striving and struggling among us.

Representative GARCÍA is a dedicated public servant, and his record of accomplishment is worthy of celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on the resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are not here to adjudicate the character or quality of work of what has gone before in the career of Representative GARCÍA. That is not the question at hand.

No good work means that you are able to end your career with impunity in choosing your successor. This is not who we are as a country. People bled and died for the right to elect their own Representative.

To say that you can, at the last moment, submit at least 2,500 signatures, when your name is at the top of the list—and to the question of legality, this is not a question of whether or not what he did was legal. This body does not adjudicate State election law. That is not what we are trying to do here.

We do not choose the rules in Illinois' elections. We cannot imagine every illegal thing, every amoral thing, and make it illegal. Legality is smaller than morality, and the question at hand is: Do we condone a subversion of an election because it is playing by the rules?

That is not what we are here to do.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I once again remind the Members that any one of the citizens of this district could have filed petitions. In fact, Mr. GARCÍA has faced primaries before and general elections before.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA), my very good friend.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here, believe it or not, with a grateful heart. Over the last several days, many of my colleagues have reached out with kindness and understanding. I appreciate their concern for me and their desire to keep our Caucus united.

I wasn't expecting to stand here to debate my retirement, but before any of us are Members of Congress, we are husbands, we are grandfathers, we are sons, we are mothers, and we are sisters. We are regular people, but life reminds us that our jobs come second to the people waiting for us at home.

After nearly 40 years of public service, I decided not to seek a fifth term, and I am proud to have served with integrity and respect.

I turn 70 next spring, and I decided that it was time to dedicate more of my time to the people who have sacrificed the most so that I could serve: my wife of almost 50 years, my children, my grandchildren, and the family that steadied me through victories and through heartbreak.

When my daughter, Rosa, passed away in 2023 and left us four beautiful young children, it shook our entire world. Overnight, our house became a home for those kids. We did what every family does: We stepped up. We held them close, and we gave them love and stability.

Despite dealing with multiple sclerosis, my wife, Evelyn, carried the

heaviest load as their day-to-day caregiver. Because of my wife, I was able to keep meeting the responsibilities of my job here and in the district.

I filed to run for Congress because this work is more important than ever, and I wanted to deliver for my community and to be part, hopefully, of a new House majority next year.

I followed the rules of Illinois and its election law. When the ballot was open for anyone to file—as they had over the past 6 years and the four times that I stood for election—and contrary to claims that were made earlier today, I did not circulate any petitions that I was accused of circulating. I only circulated when I filed on the first day.

As I looked ahead, I had to be honest about what the next term would demand and what my family needed. I saw the big picture: supporting my wife as we manage her illness, taking better care of my own health, and being present for the grandson that we just adopted 2 weeks ago. It was a tough decision, but I made that choice as any husband, father, and grandfather would make at that moment. I stood by my family values, as we ask others to do.

Every one of us knows the pressures that come with serving here, but I hope that none of my colleagues ever face the circumstances that my family has faced in the last 3 years.

Meanwhile, my district and my community are under assault by our own government, and I ask my colleagues to listen. Members may have seen the reports, but pictures don't convey the screams of families being separated, U.S. citizens being arrested without cause, and the indiscriminate gassing of innocent families, including a 1-year-old just a week ago.

□ 1930

Families in my district are living with fear and trauma that no one should have to endure in our country.

Last week, we returned after 54 days with the House shuttered, including a 43-day shutdown. We returned hoping for Democratic unity. Therefore, I was shocked to be called out in a resolution on the House floor.

I think you would agree with me that voters don't want these arguments in Congress. The voters want us to be working to help them afford healthcare, rent, and childcare.

Mr. Speaker, none of us wants to spend the next year trading divisive disapproval resolutions.

The Speaker pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Our voters do not want this either. We should not be distracted by political ploys when our constituents want us to stay focused and to deliver for them.

I am going to finish my term with the same love and commitment that I brought to my first day of Congress here. When I arrived in this country as

a 10-year-old, I never dreamed I would be here. I hope that we can all agree on this: When a colleague chooses his family, that shouldn't be a moment for division. It should be a moment for understanding and unity. One day you might be the one making that choice, and you shouldn't have to debate it on the House floor.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, true love persists in a confidence, not in your supremacy in making a choice for your voters, but in your service and humility that they have the right to choose. When we start making choices for people without their consent, we have walked away from the fundamentals of democracy.

I feel deeply for the sacrifice that it has taken him to serve his community. That does not legitimize the way in which he left his seat and choosing a successor and refusing to be forthright with his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, to the question of primary challenges, in both the 2020 and the 2022 election, as I have seen in reporting, CHUY GARCÍA carried 100 percent of the primary. That does not sound like a whole lot of a primary challenge when you are carrying 100 percent of the votes in the primary. That doesn't mean that he was not chosen in that, but you can't walk away from a commitment to allowing voters a choice and a clarity on what you are going to be doing.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT), my friend.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, since 2019, I have been proud to call the gentleman from Illinois both a colleague and a trusted friend.

During the build back better negotiations, we stood shoulder to shoulder to defend immigrant communities when it mattered the most. That is who CHUY GARCÍA is. He leads with conviction, courage, and integrity, even when he stands alone.

CHUY GARCÍA came up during the era of the late and great Harold Washington in Chicago who took down the political machine. It was CHUY GARCÍA who stood next to our other colleague, Luis Gutierrez, when his home was firebombed by two young men. His home was firebombed, and CHUY GARCÍA was the person standing next to former Congressman Luis Gutierrez.

An immigrant from Mexico and the son of a bracero, CHUY GARCÍA has spent 45 years as an organizer, public servant, and a coalition builder who never loses sight of the people he serves. He has been a steadfast champion for dignity, equity, and justice across Chicago.

He stepped out of this race for one reason and one reason only: his family. We often hear in these hallowed Halls of Congress the words "family values,"

and it is often used with hypocrisy. Here we have a person that is really standing up for his grandchild.

The Speaker pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Here we have someone who is standing up for his grandchild, for his ill wife, for his community. He is standing up for family values, and yet he has to stand here and defend himself. His decision to step down is very personal and his decades of service speak for themselves.

We are grateful for his unwavering commitment to public service. At a moment where some are working overtime to protect the wealthy and gut healthcare for working families, we should stand together united to defend affordable healthcare. That is the issue that we should be talking about here tonight.

We should be standing together to talk about how we are going to lift the least among us and make it easier for them. That is what we should be talking about here tonight.

Nearly 20 million people are at risk of losing coverage and that should be our priority. CHUY, myself, and LUIS CORREA, we call ourselves the three amigos because we have so much in common, although I am from New York, he is from Illinois, and LUIS is from California.

The word "amigo" means friend. It has been lost in the journey. The meaning of that word has been lost, and I may add maybe mutilated, but I am here to call CHUY tonight "my great friend"; "mi gran amigo."

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Vermont (Ms. BALINT).

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my colleague, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA, who is my seatmate on the Judiciary Committee.

CHUY is someone who is always looking out for the working people of this country. CHUY is always the one in committee who is thinking: How is this going to affect the people back home in my neighborhood.

For 45 years, this man has worked relentlessly for the communities that he serves. His steadfast dedication to community has been on full display this year in the midst of the barbaric assaults that they have endured in Chicago. As Border Patrol Commander Gregory Bovino has indiscriminately launched chemical agents in residential neighborhoods and kidnapped people off the streets, the people of Illinois' Fourth District have had a strong champion in CHUY GARCÍA, standing alongside them every step of the way to demand justice.

That is how he fights for not just everyone in his district but for people across this country. He is a man of principle and a man of morals, and it is

so disheartening to see his name dragged through the mud today.

When Federal agents kidnapped staffers of a local elected official off the streets, CHUY and his team were there demanding their release. He goes where he needs to go to stand up for his people. Isn't that what we all want from our elected officials?

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Now, I acknowledge that yes, indeed, our democracy is corrupted and rigged against working people, but it is not because of CHUY GARCÍA.

CHUY has fought for working people his entire life, and he has been fearless in voting to stand up to mega corporations that are screwing us over and the big banks that don't give a damn about us.

I urge my colleagues to keep all of these things in mind.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Vermont.

Ms. BALINT. I want my colleagues to think about the totality of this man's life and what he has done in service not just to Illinois but to the people of this country. I urge my colleagues to keep this in mind.

This is not a game. It is a man's life. Please consider that as we think about this resolution.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is certainly not a game. This is certainly not a short strategy. It is long work to remain committed to the primacy of Americans' right to choose their elected representatives. Nothing validates the choice to subvert an election, not the trespasses of an administration, not the long and noble work of a public servant, not the valid and unknowable bitterness of a family's suffering, not fidelity to identity politics. Nothing validates subverting an election.

We are not here to adjudicate, as I have said, the measure of CHUY GARCÍA's work or his character. The question is: Do you have the right to choose your successor?

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 15 minutes remaining.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of CHUY GARCÍA and against this resolution. I am, in fact, appalled at the hubris behind all of this.

If this is not a question of legality, if this is not a question of State law, then what is it a question of?

I was in Chicago with Congressman CHUY GARCÍA when hearings were held about the inhumane and barbaric

treatment of Chicagoans across his district and other districts by this administration and ICE. I saw his conviction, his commitment, his love for not just his district but the city in which he was raised and lives.

This is a man who is a legend. He is a legend to his district, and he is a legend in this Congress. I don't understand why we are having to debate him. This is character assassination.

My question is this: Is this the most significant subversion that has happened this year? We have an administration that is starving poor children. We have an administration that is involved in unauthorized strikes in countries around the globe. We are in the midst of fighting for survivors by getting the Epstein files released. We are in the fight of our lives to make sure that Americans can afford the healthcare that they deserve. That is what we should be debating. Those are issues that are far more pressing and critical to Americans.

I was home in my district this weekend. Not one person asked me about CHUY GARCÍA, not one person in my district or in my State. We have to worry about our own districts. Isn't that what people say, "What is happening in your district?" Worry about your own district.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. I would just ask that we get back to that.

I am going to have to say this Democratic intraparty fighting is not what any of us want, and it is not what the American people deserve. I would hope that we would get back to focusing on the issues that are most critical. If any of us have an issue with what is going on in somebody else's district, we should have the decency and respect to go to them and ask them about what is going on in their district before we do all of this kind of character assassination on this House floor.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, there is a famous saying in Baptist circles: "If you don't kill your sin, your sin will kill you." Nobody wants to see anybody get hurt, but there are natural consequences, and the consequences of subverting an election and choosing your successor are a slide toward a very ugly future for our country.

There is an argument that has been made that they don't know about it so it is not wrong. That is not true. That is not true. We know about it. We know about it, and that can place on us an accountability, not just when it is politically convenient to condemn someone but when it is in your own family. That is the point.

That is the point, that when there is a spade, you call it a spade, whether it hurts or not. You have to have confidence that Americans will make the

choice for themselves. That is the whole point of this experiment in democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. SALINAS).

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my friend and colleague, Congressman GARCÍA.

Over the past 3-plus years, I have had the pleasure of working with CHUY GARCÍA. I have known him to be a dedicated public servant committed to serving his community and his country. Day in and day out, he has shown up for his constituents and for the American people.

I contrast this with Speaker JOHNSON, who, for the last month and a half, kept the House out of session, stopped this body from working on behalf of the people who sent us here, and manufactured a healthcare crisis.

We just ended the Republicans' government shutdown, and this is our first order of business? We need to get back to work to address the issues impacting the American people. We should be united in addressing the Republicans' looming healthcare crisis and the rising cost of living.

This debate does nothing to lower costs for people in Oregon or across this country. This is a debate that should be held by Congressman GARCÍA's constituents, not by Members of Congress who do not represent them.

We have more important work to do than to express displeasure at a Member of Congress who has spent his entire life serving the people of Illinois and people across this country.

Now, please, let's get back to the real work on behalf of the American people. I urge my colleagues to reject this rep-  
rimand.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The point is well made that Americans are suffering. A nonpayment of utility bills, people having their cars repossessed, people losing their businesses, people going without meals, that is in my community, and that is real. We do not dutifully serve the long work of building a self-determining country by turning our constituents into petitioners who would only demand free things from us, a relief from this pressure of the consolidation of corporate power. No, we also have to stand before them with honor, confidence, and respect in their ability to choose their elected representatives for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am so proud to stand here today to talk about one of the most important

leaders in the city of Chicago for many, many years, helping person after person, making sure that his community and our communities have been safe, to stand up and fight for the people of the city of Chicago, a city that my colleague does not really understand the kind of faith that they have in CHUY GARCÍA all of these years.

For someone who doesn't know about the city of Chicago and the role that he has played and to find some outside idea that he has somehow cheated the city of Chicago or the people of the city of Chicago—are you kidding?

There has not been one single person that has stood up in Chicago and said that there should be some sort of punishment for our great friend. I mean, he has been there every day of the year helping people, every day of the most recent years helping people because we know that people have been in Chicago trying to take away people's lives, taking them out of the country, people who are fine, wonderful people in the city of Chicago.

I say: Shame on you for deciding that this is the issue that you, who have no idea about the role that CHUY GARCÍA has played in the city of Chicago and continues to play in the city of Chicago, will take on. This should be diminished right now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, there are claims that this is not the work that we were sent here to do. Then what gives us the right to be here if not being sent here? There is a premise here. We have to be endowed with trust, and that has to be reciprocal with our voters.

I would argue that there is a very loud demand, a fervent, clear call by Americans right now for accountability and transparency, and it is not just about the Epstein files. It is all of it. They want us to stop this fight and be honest, deliberate, and respectful, to humbly serve.

That is what real leadership is. It is humility and service, not choosing for them what would be best for them.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), my good friend.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong defense of the great character of a loving friend, father, husband, and brother, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA.

My friends, there are moments in the Nation's history when a single life stands up and declares without arrogance and without apology that freedom must mean something for everybody or it means nothing at all.

Congressman CHUY GARCÍA is such a man. He is, in every profound and dangerous sense, a freedom fighter. Not in the fashion of myth or marble, but the kind born of neighborhoods where

dreams have been bruised and people still need to rise. Yet, people still rise because of a Congressman like CHUY GARCÍA, the kind who understands that the struggle for human dignity is never finished and never optional.

CHUY GARCÍA's life is stitched together with the same thread that carried our greatest fighters forward, the belief that one does not have to accept the world as it is, but he glimpses into what the world ought to be. That is leadership.

Leadership is not a performance. It is not a posture. It is a way of standing with the vulnerable, a way of insisting that compassion is not weakness, that justice is not a luxury, and that democracy is not a spectator sport but a life-long calling.

Beside me is a picture that warmed my heart from childhood. This is Congressman CHUY GARCÍA then campaigning with the great Harold Washington, the former Congressman from the First Congressional District.

CHUY brought the African American and Mexican communities together. There was a time—before the word Hispanic was created—we knew CHUY as a Mexican American. CHUY walked hand in hand with us in Chicago. In 1997, while he was the State senator serving alongside then Senator Barack Obama, CHUY GARCÍA was the chair of the Black Caucus of the Illinois State Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. He has walked arm in arm with the African-American community, not as a visitor, not as a distant ally, but as a brother in the same long struggle for liberation. He understands that the battles of the South Side echo the battles of Little Village, that the pain of displacement, disenfranchisement, and dismissal does not respect ethnic boundaries, and that our triumphs, when we dare to claim them together, can shake the foundation of this Nation. He has marched with us, organized with us, fought alongside us because he knows that our destinies are intertwined.

Today, let us honor the courage of a man who has refused to be cowed, refused to bow to power, or be silenced by cynicism; a man who reminds us that to lead is not simply to occupy an office but to carry a people; a man who teaches us that loyalty to the truth, to the community, to the least among us is the highest form of patriotism.

Let CHUY GARCÍA's examples lead us out of our complacency and to a greater level of integrity and to a higher calling. Let this unyielding spirit remind us that America becomes America only when ordinary people dare to demand the extraordinary.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to start by clarifying something that was said on the RECORD. The sponsor of the resolution is stating that CHUY GARCÍA has won his primaries with 100 percent of the vote. All you have to do is go to the board of elections or BallotReady and recognize that in 2024, in his last election, his opponent got 30 percent of the vote. I want to make sure that facts matter here, and when there is misinformation, I wanted to clarify that.

Let me go ahead and say at a moment when so many Members of Congress have conceded their power to Donald Trump, voting rights are on the line, super-PACs continue to buy congressional seats, and the representation of Black and Brown working families is threatened, this resolution is nothing more than a cheap political stunt pulled from the playbook of some of my Republican colleagues.

Do you want proof? Some of the ones that have been suppressing the most votes have been clapping every time she speaks. It is a do-nothing resolution that targets a leader who has been holding the line in defense of democracy, someone who is not beholden to super-PACs, like foreign lobbies or Big Oil, like the American Petroleum Institute. He is someone who has voted against bills like the SAVE Act, which endangers the voting rights of women in our country. He is someone who voted against the Laken Riley Act, which allows the persecution and racial profiling of Latinos by ICE agents. He is someone who voted against the recent Republican continuing resolution, which did not protect affordable healthcare and provided a slush fund for Senators investigated for their role in the insurrection.

CHUY GARCÍA has stood his ground for working families and our democracy in moments when others have not, including the sponsor of this resolution of disapproval, who has opened the doors to authoritarianism by the way she votes.

You don't have to agree with how the events of his decision to step down unfolded to recognize that this resolution is misguided and disingenuous.

Disapproving of his actions while you allow big money in politics, outside spending in elections, and rampant corruption to go unchallenged or uninterrupted is the height of hypocrisy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 4 minutes remaining.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, while we need to hold each other to high standards—we do—we also need to reform a system that too often makes it nearly impossible to ensure working people like CHUY GARCÍA, like me, and

so many others here, are well represented in the face of moneyed interests set on their destruction.

I invite you today to vote “no” on this performative, bad-intentioned resolution, and join me in getting dark money out of politics, protecting and expanding voting rights in America, and fighting for authentic representation of all our communities. Vote “no.”

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Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, while there are many ways to litigate many of the votes, the question at hand is: What gives my colleague the right to represent a community? It is the choice of his voters. Nothing gives him the right to choose his successor.

We cannot walk down this path. When we stand and say that everything around us is bad, it risks us conforming to that wrongness and orienting our policy around it.

This is a false choice to say that I can either attack here or I can attack here. We can pursue wherever we disagree. We also have to call a spade a spade, and that is what this is about. This is about accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned earlier in the debate, I deeply respect the sponsor of this resolution. We are fellow appropriators, and I observe firsthand the energy and commitment she brings to serving the people of southwest Washington.

This resolution is wrong. It shouldn't be before us. The House has so much work we need to do. We need to address the affordability crisis in America, save healthcare, and fight the cost of the actual corruption happening on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Let's get back to work.

I commend my dear friend, Representative GARCÍA, for his long and distinguished tenure in public life and as a devoted public servant. I wish him and his family the very best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this ill-conceived resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, we are not called to do anything more than walk with humility, to love justice, and to work diligently. CHUY has worked diligently. Nothing in that legitimizes the choice to choose a successor or to support gathering over 2,500 signatures. It does not legitimize waiting for days when he knew that he was not going to run for reelection and ensuring that his chief of staff would be his successor.

That is not the path our country can stand on. A country that refuses to acknowledge wrongdoing when it happens has got bad things in store for it. I humbly ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIGAN). The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### POLITICAL CONTEMPT FOR THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

(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 would like to comment on that last debate for a second. We are in danger in this country. One of the ways we are in danger is that there are certain politicians who are becoming more and more prominent and who have a contempt for the average American.

Sadly, I have seen this happen more and more over time in the Democratic Party. We have seen it in their higher offices where Kamala Harris was hand-picked by the billionaires. We saw it where everybody else had to clear the decks for Joe Biden to become President after these offices were determined and nominees were determined for many years in primaries. The same thing happened in Wisconsin in a U.S. Senate seat.

We now see it happening in Congress where a sitting U.S. Congressman handpicks his successor. Of all successors, he picks a staffer. There is such contempt for the average people. I am sure these are people who have worked for years in the Democratic Party or years in various, different local elections. They are being shoved aside so that an insider can grab the slot.

Mr. Speaker, in any event, I thank my colleague from Washington for bringing this forward.

#### WORKING PEOPLE PAY THE PRICE

(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, how do we know if this President is working for us? He is working for us if we make over \$4 million and are about to pocket a new tax cut of \$300,000.

He is working for us if we attend Great Gatsby parties at his club or plan to sip cocktails in his new White House ballroom.

He is working for us if we bankroll his crypto schemes or pony up for Presidential pardons.

He is working for us if we are wealthy, well-connected, and don't want the Epstein files to see the light of day.

Mr. Speaker, if we are struggling to afford rent or groceries, if premiums are breaking our budget, he is not working for us. No, he is driving up our costs by imposing reckless tariffs and cutting SNAP, Medicaid, and ACA subsidies. This President works for the wealthy, and working people are paying the price.

#### SUPPORTING EPA AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

(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, today the announcement from the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers is a very long overdue course correction. This has to do with the definition of the Waters of the United States, which had been defined most recently in the Biden administration and Obama administration to have Federal regulators claim jurisdiction over mud puddles and temporary ponds that are dry within a few hours after a rainstorm.

Mr. Speaker, they want to control everything, and this happens on private land. With the reversal of this decision, the farmers, ranchers, and landowners don't have to worry about Federal regulators coming in and jumping on them for a temporary mud puddle after rain.

The Supreme Court made clear in the decision of Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency that was never what Congress intended. No, it was not. This new proposal finally moves us back to a commonsense reading of the actual law. It reins in Federal overreach, and it restores the rights of States and private landowners. Importantly, it keeps clean water protections in place.

By narrowing the jurisdictions of the waters that truly meet the standard and by removing ditches, groundwater, or other things that really shouldn't be in there, the EPA is bringing clarity and predictability back to those who work the land every day.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the EPA and Army Corps for this course correction.

#### REOPENING THE GOVERNMENT AND LOWERING PREMIUMS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many in eastern North Carolina and throughout the Nation who purchased healthcare through the ACA marketplace are deeply worried about rising premiums.

As open enrollment is underway, constituents remain uncertain and are in a holding pattern, waiting to see if Con-

gress will fix it. Many are experiencing emotional distress, including a mother who even broke down in tears. Some are considering changing their coverage or foregoing it altogether. Some are considering taking on multiple jobs or even tapping into lines of home equity to fill the gap if Congress fails to act.

I have signed on to a discharge petition, calling to extend ACA premium tax credits. I have also signed on to a bipartisan letter to Senators in support of a real solution.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to the people of eastern North Carolina and our Nation. Members of Congress who have health insurance should not deny coverage to hardworking families.

#### RAISING AWARENESS OF PRETERM BIRTH RATES

(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, the United States has one of the highest preterm birth rates in the world, which is a leading cause of infant mortality.

Today, the March of Dimes released its 2025 report card on the state of maternal and infant health. The United States received a D-plus for preterm birthrate for the fourth consecutive year in a row.

In 2024, 380,000 babies were born prematurely. That is 10.4 percent of all babies born. The worst rates are in the southern region of the United States.

These statistics are personal for me. My daughter was born 9 weeks early when my placenta ruptured. We both nearly died. She spent the next 6 weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit. We were among the lucky ones. Far too many mothers and babies don't have that same outcome.

Mr. Speaker, today I join Representatives JENNIFER KIGGANS and ROBIN KELLY to introduce a bipartisan resolution to designate November 2025 as Pre-maturity Awareness Month, and I join my colleagues to do more to prevent preterm births.

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#### MEDICARE FOR ALL

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, the healthcare system that we have today doesn't work for anyone except if you are an insurance company. I hear it from Vermonters all the time: Our healthcare system is on the brink, and every choice Republicans make leads us further into collapse.

Republicans have no plan for healthcare, and they never have. For the last 15 years, all they have done is try to repeal, defund, deauthorize, and dismantle the Affordable Care Act with no alternative ever presented.