

Mr. Wortham's tireless commitment and love for those he serves in the community is indeed a beacon of hope. He embodies what makes Oxford and the First Congressional District exceptional.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Wortham for his example and unwavering dedication and passion.

#### RECOGNIZING LYNCHBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, southwest Virginia, in Congressman Morgan Griffith's district, has been hit hard by storms over and over again in the past few months, including Hurricane Helene. I visited Damascus in October, where I cooked and served food for first responders with my team for the victims of Hurricane Helene.

My thoughts and prayers have been with southwest Virginia since then and certainly remain today as they deal with the consequences of continued flooding.

I rise today to recognize and commend the nine members of the Lynchburg Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team who recently deployed to southwest Virginia in anticipation of further flooding.

The Lynchburg search and rescue team represents what it means to be a proud Virginian. No matter where you are in the Commonwealth, when you are in need, a fellow Virginian gives you a hand.

Our first responders are critical to our safety, not just in disasters but every day. To all of those on the front lines, I thank them. May God and their training keep them safe.

#### RECOGNIZING JOANN WILLIAMS

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, I rise to recognize Joann Williams, a dedicated leader in Illinois' Fourth Congressional District and a pillar of the LeClaire-Hearst community on Chicago's southwest side.

Joann is a U.S. Army disabled veteran who has dedicated her life to service both in uniform and in her neighborhood. She has spent decades being a driving force of opportunity, making sure to uplift her community and ensure that other veterans receive the respect that they deserve.

As the founder of the Hearst Community Organization, she has fought for jobs and public spaces and to secure critical resources to help people lead better lives. Her dedication reflects the resilience we honor this month.

Mr. Speaker, Joann's unwavering service has left a lasting impact and

touched countless families. I thank her for her sacrifice to our country and her service to community.

#### PROVIDING SECURITY AND PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR DREAMERS

(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, I rise today for Dreamers, young people brought to this country as children through no fault of their own.

Dreamers grew up in our schools, played with our children, pledged allegiance to our flag, and made our country, every single day, strengthened in every way. They are doctors, teachers, lawyers, essential workers, and businessowners. They pay taxes.

They keep the American Dream alive, but they still live a life in limbo.

Imagine building a life here only to be told to leave for a country you don't even remember, much less sometimes even speak the language. Even the President agrees that it is not fair.

Congress must act. More than 70 percent of Americans agree Dreamers deserve citizenship.

That is why, yesterday, I reintroduced the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act to give Dreamers the security they deserve and a real path to citizenship.

Over 200 Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle joined me in doing that, along with over 100 organizations from across America representing all sectors of our economy.

Our message is clear to Dreamers: Their home is here. We will fight for them.

"Si, se puede"; "Yes, we can."

#### AMERICAN FAMILIES WILL PAY FOR REPUBLICAN TAX CUT

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because, just 2 days ago, my Republican colleagues jammed through a budget plan that puts the 0.1 percent above hardworking Americans.

The Republican budget would give \$4.5 trillion to CEOs and big corporations.

Who pays for the tax cuts? American families just trying to make ends meet.

The Republican budget cuts at least \$880 billion from Medicaid. It doesn't matter whether someone is a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or a nonvoter. Americans across the country will either lose healthcare or see their premiums increase.

All the Federal workers that Elon Musk and DOGE decided to fire for no justifiable reason will also lose their healthcare.

Republicans represent millions and millions of Americans who rely on Medicaid and CHIP, and none of them, not a single one, voted with these constituents in mind.

#### MEDICAID CUTS MEAN HOSPITAL CLOSURES

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget calls for a trillion dollars in Medicaid cuts to pay for tax breaks for the very wealthy.

Mr. Speaker, 83 percent of the tax breaks go to 1 percent of Americans. What do these Medicaid cuts mean? It means the closure of hospitals and seniors denied coverage in long-term care.

Elon Musk talks about reducing deficits, but this bill would add \$2.8 trillion to the deficit, taking it to \$24.9 trillion.

Here is what is going on in the Republican family: While Musk and DOGE scrounge around for change under the couch, Speaker Johnson is running the credit card, bankrupting our Nation.

They are taking away your Medicaid to line the pockets of the wealthiest Americans who are controlling our government.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO "ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM: ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR CONSUMER GAS-FIRED INSTANTANEOUS WATER HEATERS"

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 161, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 20) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 161, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 20

*Resolved e Senate and House of representatives of the ited ates America in Congress ssembled,* That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters" (89 Fed. Reg. 105188 (December 26, 2024)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTI).

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on H.J. Res. 20.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on December 26, while American families were enjoying the holidays, the Biden administration's Department of Energy issued a final rule once again, setting cost prohibitive energy conservation standards for gas-fired instantaneous water heaters.

Today, the House will consider the gentleman from Alabama's Sixth District's legislation, H.J. Res. 20, to overturn this egregious standard.

Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, EPCA, in order to promulgate new or amended energy efficiency standards, the DOE must find that the standard be cost-effective, technologically feasible, and result in a significant conservation of energy. This amended standard does not meet those criteria and should be repealed.

In this final rule, the DOE fails to adequately estimate the cost difference between condensing and noncondensing water heaters. This difference will result in a significant cost increase for consumers, especially low-income households and seniors, by removing more affordable options from the market.

In fact, the DOE itself estimated that the amended standard would increase the cost of new water heater models by \$231. However, the DOE failed to adequately estimate the cost difference between condensing and noncondensing models in this assessment.

On top of expensive installation costs, industry stakeholders estimate the actual cost increase for American consumers will range between \$450 to \$665 per unit. This staggering increase is not cost-effective, as stipulated by EPCA, and is unattainable for many families.

The Biden-Harris administration consistently ignored this stipulation in a number of rulemakings, and the gas heater rule is no different.

This amended standard will ban approximately 40 percent of the tankless gas water heaters currently available, forcing consumers to purchase significantly more expensive or less efficient models.

Not only do bans on gas appliances infringe on consumer choice, but it also increases strains on our Nation's grid, which cannot sustain such massive and rapid amounts of forced electrification without new, baseload generation coming online.

President Trump, understanding the serious concerns unjustified energy efficiency standards pose for consumers, issued an executive order on day one to unleash American energy. This EO stated that it is the policy of the United States to safeguard the American people's freedom to choose from a variety of goods and appliances.

Additionally, this administration has paused implementation of this final rule and issued a Statement of Administration Policy supporting H.J. Res. 20. Congress should pass H.J. Res. 20 to right the wrongs of the previous administration, execute President Trump's agenda, and protect our consumers.

I thank the gentleman from Alabama's Sixth District for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes," and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 20, the second Republican resolution in just 2 days that will raise energy prices on Americans. This harmful resolution guts a Department of Energy efficiency rule on gas instantaneous, or tankless, water heaters.

Energy efficiency standards, like the one Republicans are going after today, are a popular, commonsense tool to save Americans money on their energy bills. President Trump ran on a promise to cut energy costs in half his first year, but now Republicans and their billionaire friends are only making themselves richer while sending Americans' utility bills through the roof.

Unfortunately, I guess it should not come as a surprise considering that earlier this week Republicans moved forward with a budget that includes devastating cuts to Medicaid and food assistance for our kids, our seniors, and our veterans, all so Republicans can give tax breaks to their millionaire buddies.

Let me start off by dispelling a few myths about the water heater standards targeted by this resolution.

First, these standards do not ban water heaters. Regardless of what the rightwing media and fossil fuel groups say, DOE cannot ban appliances based on their fuel type.

Second, these standards do not remove consumer choice. American families can still walk into a store, pick out a gas tankless water heater, and have it installed in their homes. In fact, these standards preserve consumer choice. They ensure that all products on the market meet a certain level of energy efficiency so consumers can shop with confidence.

The standards impact less than 10 percent of the gas water heater market, and right now, 60 percent of all models on the market already meet these standards. This isn't an effort to pull products from shelves. Instead, it is an effort to raise the quality of the products on the shelves. That is what we are trying to do with the standards.

Third, and most importantly, these standards do not increase costs for consumers. They reduce total costs over the life of a water heater and save \$3.31 billion for consumers over 30 years. They are also projected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 32 million metric tons over 30 years.

To summarize, these standards allow gas tankless water heaters to stay on the market, they preserve consumer choice, they lower costs for Americans, and they reduce emissions. So it is no wonder that these efficiency standards are supported by consumer advocates and American manufacturers—I stress American manufacturers—who want to preserve the standards.

The Republican resolution before us today completely nullifies these energy efficiency standards. It steals, essentially, \$3.1 billion in savings from Americans. Because it is a Congressional Review Act resolution, it goes one step further and prevents DOE from issuing substantially similar standards in the future.

Now, why are Republicans pursuing something that is bad for consumers?

It is because it is good for the gas industry. The American Gas Association and foreign manufacturers are on the side of this Republican resolution that will terminate the standards.

Why?

It is because inefficient appliances mean that gas companies sell more gas.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if you look at where the manufacturers stand on this, three out of four major water heater manufacturers are in favor of the standards and are opposed to this resolution. All three of the manufacturers that support the efficiency standards are American manufacturers, and they have factories in many Republican districts across the country.

Foreign manufacturers, however, are lobbying against these standards because they don't want to spend a comparatively small amount of money to retool their factories to produce more efficient water heaters.

I understand that companies are reluctant to spend money, but what I don't understand is why Republicans are willing to rob Americans of \$3.1 billion in savings, all to help multibillion dollar foreign companies save a few million dollars.

Republicans have made their choice. They have basically sided—and I guess that is not surprising—with their oil and gas friends, and they have sided also in this case with foreign manufacturers.

So, Mr. Speaker, for the sake of American families, American manufacturers, and our climate, I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER), who is the vice-chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce's Energy Subcommittee.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to hear made-up stories

on the other side of the aisle, the once upon a time stories, if you will.

Nonetheless, in the eleventh hour, Joe Biden, or more accurately, his handlers, pushed through yet another overreaching regulation that forces the Federal Government into Americans' homes, dictating what appliances Americans can use or cannot use.

News flash: This is America. The government has absolutely no business making these decisions for hardworking families. Consumers, not Washington bureaucrats, should decide what works best for their homes and for their families.

Yet, thanks to Biden's mandate on his way out the door, I might add, American families are now looking at a whopping \$235 million in additional costs every single year. That is real money coming out of real pockets of real Americans, all to appease the radical Green New Deal agenda.

Today that ends. House Republicans are taking action to stop this Federal overreach. H.J. Res. 20, introduced by my colleague, GARY PALMER, sends a clear message: We reject the Biden administration's radical energy mandates.

This resolution expresses congressional disapproval of the Department of Energy's rule that effectively bans certain natural gas water heaters which burdens families with higher costs while stripping them of consumer choice.

House Republicans will continue fighting to protect American families from Washington's overregulation and ensure that those same hardworking Americans, not government bureaucrats, decide what appliances belong in their homes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.J. Res. 20 and stand for consumer choice, affordability, and freedom.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) who is the ranking member of our subcommittee.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, here we are at the end of February, 2 months into the new congressional session, and House Republicans haven't offered one bill to lower the cost of living for our neighbors back home. Instead, they bring this silly bill to the floor, a bill to force to working families to spend more money, to use more energy, and to sell out American manufacturers.

Meanwhile, Republicans in Congress have stood idly by while there has been an illegal shutdown of grants and loans to our local communities and nonprofits that help people save money and help families.

Plus, House Republicans didn't raise any concern when the new President illegally fired Inspectors General and prosecutors who are charged with rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse, and

that includes in the Department of Energy.

It gets worse because Republicans now are barreling toward a massive tax giveaway to billionaires paid for on the backs of American families, children, our neighbors with disabilities, our older neighbors, and grandparents in nursing homes.

This is not business as usual. I know Republicans bring a bill here and they say: Okay. This is just like what we have always done.

This is not business as usual.

Where is the House Republicans' outrage that everything they have worked on congressionally mandated through appropriations is just illegally frozen?

It is not business as usual.

This resolution is the latest of a whole lot of nonsense. It is hard to explain, except when we realize that oil and gas companies often have their way here in Washington, D.C.

We wasted hours and hours over the past couple of years trying to demonize energy efficient appliances. These kinds of appliances are popular. There has been a law in place for decades that says that every few years we update these appliance standards. Manufacturers work on it, advocates work on it, and they come together and update it.

This actual residential water heater standard hasn't been updated since 2010. Here we are in 2025, and the standard we are discussing today effects less than 10 percent of all water heater sales and most, over 100, of these models already meet this standard.

Meanwhile, Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about cost savings, it was Democrats who put in place tax credits and rebates to help everyday Americans lower the cost of their energy bill on appliances.

This is one of the reasons why we are so angry.

Part of the illegal freeze on government initiatives also impacts the money that should be going into the pockets of our neighbors back home. This includes the home energy rebates. Those are the rebates that help consumers save money on select home improvement projects that can lower energy bills by providing up to \$14,000 a year for homeowners as they update their homes.

Mr. Speaker, you had better believe this is important to my neighbors in Florida recovering from hurricanes Helene and Milton. They would love to be able to get these funds to help them repair their homes. Right now, frozen in Florida is \$346 million that could be helping everyday Floridians recover from the storms as they repair their homes.

That is not the only one. Weatherization assistance, very smart, has often been bipartisan in the past. Elon Musk and this new administration have frozen it. They have frozen billions of dollars that go to working-class households to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. In Florida alone, \$94 million that should be flowing to my

neighbors to help them weatherize their homes and save money is frozen.

So what Republicans are doing by freezing this and by trying to roll back energy appliance standards is contributing to the rising cost of energy for families and businesses. It is a dereliction of duty. They are turning a blind eye to the peoples' pocketbook. Democrats are going to fight for the peoples' pocketbook.

Meanwhile, an unelected billionaire who has made his vast fortune on government contracts should not be able to unilaterally stop and take money out of the pockets of American families, of the Americans who need it most.

Here is the warning, because this major tax giveaway that House Republicans are hammering out says to our committee: Find \$880 billion.

Republicans say: Oh, okay. Maybe there is enough waste, fraud, and abuse—even though they have taken the Inspectors General off the playing field to root out waste, fraud, and abuse. There is no way that you can say improper payments total up to \$880 billion.

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Republicans shouldn't gaslight us and Americans if the majority is concerned about a major tax giveaway so that billionaires can have more money and Americans are going to have less healthcare for their grandparents and their children. It is not right, and we are not going to stand for it.

Mr. Speaker, who really benefits here on these tankless gas water heaters? Let me pull the curtain back. As they build homes, big corporate housing developers often install a slightly cheaper, less-efficient model, and they pass on the costs of higher energy bills to that new homeowner for the next 20 years.

Foreign manufacturers are going to benefit here. The American manufacturers who have participated in these energy efficiency standards aren't going to benefit. It is the foreign manufacturers who will get to sell their inferior, less-efficient appliances and take away sales from U.S. manufacturers.

It is the American Gas Association who will get to sell more polluting fossil gas to power inefficient appliances and pass the costs on to working families.

Once my colleagues take a closer look, Members will see this resolution really doesn't hold water. It does nothing to lower costs for working families. It does nothing to support American companies. It does nothing to address the real challenges facing our families back home.

It is a warning. It is a warning shot across the bow that this is not business as usual. It is a hold-on-to-your-wallet moment because the unelected billionaires who are calling the shots, who are reaching into citizens' wallets, and who are going to take away our healthcare want to rule the day.

House Democrats are not going to stand for it. We are going to continue to hold Republicans accountable. We are going to hold this administration accountable. We are going to fight for our constituents' wallets and pocketbooks, and we are going to make sure that Republicans are not going to be able to say that this kind of ridiculous stuff is business as usual here in the House of Representatives.

It is not. We believe in checks and balances. We believe in the hardworking Americans. We do not countenance unfairness and trying to steal from our kids, loading them up with massive debt and saying that their health doesn't matter in this country. It does.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on this resolution. It is not business as usual, and people need to know it.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from the Sixth District of Alabama (Mr. PALMER), the sponsor of the resolution.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, it is amazing to me to listen to my Democratic colleagues talk about the cost of living going up.

Mr. Speaker, during the first week of the Biden administration, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle shut down the Keystone XL Pipeline. My Democratic colleagues implemented energy policies that have immediately caused energy prices to go up, causing massive suffering and massive inflation. The inflation hit 9 percent.

It is amazing to me that the minority came in here and made these statements, and the American people figured it out. That is why my Democratic colleagues are in the minority. The American people were tired of being told what to do, what they could buy, what they could wear, and what they could use. Here we are, and my colleagues are hearing the same cold rhetoric that leads to cold homes and cold water.

I introduced this resolution because we are determined to restore a quality of life in this country that we enjoyed before the Democratic Party took over the White House and the House and the Senate.

We believe that we can help the American people be able to afford their groceries, afford an automobile, and afford education. That is why we are doing what we are doing.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 20. The Congressional Review Act is in response to the Biden-Harris administration's last-minute, overreaching attempt to ban natural gas water heaters.

If this rule is not stopped, a substantial number of Americans would be forced to purchase more expensive and less-efficient models of water heaters. In fact, 40 percent of consumers who will be directly impacted by this rule would face a significant cost increase. It will be particularly hard on senior citizens and low-income families.

Additionally, this rule mandate of fuel switching would set a dangerous precedent for natural gas appliances. We know my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have already tried to ban natural gas stovetops.

This would allow future Democratic administrations to restart their party's regulatory attack on our home appliances. I know that when the government steps in to pick winners and losers there are manufacturers of competing products that would profit.

It is amazing to me that my Democratic colleagues claim that a United States-based company based in Georgia is foreign manufacturing. What do Democratic Members say about Toyota, Honda, Mercedes, Kia, and the other foreign-owned companies that are based in this country, creating American jobs and providing incomes for American families?

We should let consumers decide what products succeed in the marketplace, not a bureaucrat implementing a regulation pushed out in the final hours of the Biden-Harris Presidency.

Earlier this week, the Trump administration issued a statement of administration policy agreeing that this egregious rule implemented by the previous administration must be repealed. While making a speech last week, the Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright, even mentioned how absurd this rule is.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, H.J. Res. 20 is essential for prioritizing consumer choice, protecting natural gas appliances, keeping prices affordable, and undoing the damage inflicted on the American people by the Biden-Harris administration for the past 4 years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

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

Mr. Speaker, I listened to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER), who I greatly respect. When he talks about prices, since President Trump was inaugurated, prices have gone through the roof. Grocery prices, egg prices, meat prices, fish prices, and poultry prices are all up even more than ever. Electricity costs are way up, along with housing prices.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman mentions American jobs. As I mentioned earlier, I think it needs to be reiterated that American manufacturers support these water heater standards. Three out of four major water heater manufacturers are against today's resolution, and all three are American companies.

The manufacturers that are in favor of this resolution and against the standards are foreign manufacturers.

If this resolution is successful, Republicans are giving foreign manufacturers an advantage over domestic manufacturers. Foreign manufacturers are against the standards because they don't want to spend a bit of money on retrofits to their factories in order to switch their production over to products that meet the standards.

Republicans have decided that it is more important to save foreign manufacturers some money than it is to save \$3.1 billion for American families. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have decided to listen to the lobbying efforts of foreign companies over domestic companies, many of whom have factories in Republican districts.

Madam Speaker, it just doesn't make any sense to me. The Trump administration is all about America first, but the words are meaningless when it comes down to it. Republicans aren't here to stand up for American families and American companies. It is very much the opposite. My colleagues are here to attack regulations and help out their Big Oil and Gas friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand with American companies and families and to vote against this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from the Third District of Georgia (Mr. JACK).

Mr. JACK. Madam Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER) for his leadership on this resolution, and I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 20.

Madam Speaker, H.J. Res. 20 is a resolution authorized by the Congressional Review Act that will enable our Congress to repeal a job-killing regulation that would ban and eliminate noncondensing tankless water heaters, an American product made by blue-collar American workers in the heart of my congressional district in Georgia.

This regulation was imposed on December 26, 2024, in the midnight hour of the Biden administration and the day after Christmas, putting in peril the livelihoods of hundreds of my constituents during the holiday season.

Madam Speaker, I should also note that the timing of this regulation was 7 weeks after Americans overwhelmingly rejected the Biden-Harris regulatory regime.

To my colleagues who support the free market, this job-killing regulation eliminates consumer choice by effectively enabling nameless and faceless bureaucrats to choose which companies may operate and which companies may not operate in the marketplace for household appliances.

Ultimately, under this regulation, the American consumer would suffer, and hundreds of hardworking Georgians in my congressional district would be without a job. That is why I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this critical legislation.

To put everything that we have heard today into perspective, noncondensing tankless water heaters account for 40 percent of our country's tankless water heater market. A majority of those water heaters are manufactured in my congressional district, in the heart of Georgia, by an incredible company called Rinnai America Corporation.

These appliances are the most advanced and efficient noncondensing

tankless water heaters on the market. Perhaps most importantly, which I would encourage the other side to research, Rinnai America is the only company that builds noncondensing tankless water heaters on American soil.

Rinnai America is headquartered in my hometown of Peachtree City, Georgia, and it opened a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility 3 years ago in Griffin, Georgia, two cities I proudly represent in this Congress.

Over 500 of my constituents are working to manufacture and market these water heaters the Biden administration attempted to outlaw. The job-killing regulation we seek to repeal today is another painful example of the radical left's never-ending war on hydrocarbons and American energy production.

The sinister purpose of this regulation was to try to single out and eliminate an American manufacturer of water heaters to benefit their competitors.

Madam Speaker, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have spent an enormous amount of time in the past few weeks arguing that my Democratic colleagues are the party of blue-collar American workers. In the spirit of bipartisanship, I encourage my Democratic colleagues to join me in support of this resolution to protect and champion hundreds of blue-collar American jobs in the heart of our country.

To my Republican colleagues, let's join together as a team and end this war on American energy production now.

As the distinguished gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER) noted, President Trump's White House has explicitly endorsed this resolution. I urge all of my Republican colleagues to join me and vote for this critical legislation to empower consumer choice, champion American manufacturing, and save blue-collar jobs in the heart of our country.

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

Madam Speaker, I respect the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JACK) for looking out for his district, but this plant that he is talking about in his district is the Japanese company. This is the one non-American manufacturing company.

All of the other companies that manufacture these products are American, and they are the ones that support these energy efficiencies because they have made the investments and created more jobs when they retrofitted their companies for this product.

Madam Speaker, this company is a multibillion-dollar Japanese company in Georgia. It is estimated that it would cost them about \$10 million to retrofit their plant so that they could produce more efficient tanks, and they don't want to do it. They don't want to make that investment, which would create more jobs.

Madam Speaker, I understand where my friend, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JACK), is coming from, but we have to look at this as the total picture.

Most of these tanks are manufactured in the United States by American companies, and they are in a lot of the red States. They are in Tennessee, for example. They are saying: This is fine. We want the more efficient standards. We want to save Americans money. We are the good actors, not the bad actors.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. MCCLELLAN), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 20, which will undo a commonsense energy conservation standard and raise costs for consumers, all to benefit the gas industry.

My friends on the other side of the aisle talk a lot about how we need to lower costs, we need to lower costs, we need to lower costs.

The best way, the fastest way, and the most efficient way to lower energy costs and to lower utility bill costs that every American pays is to reduce energy demand.

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We have seen that time and time again. This standard is a way to help lower energy demand needed for water heaters. Energy efficiency standards are popular, and it is a commonsense tool and, again, the fastest way to save taxpayers and American people money on their energy bills.

This resolution targets these standards, not realizing that these standards will save consumers \$3.1 billion and are good for the environment because they cut 32 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions over 30 years.

All major manufacturers already sell models that meet these standards, which is why they widely support the standards. Consumer groups, efficiency advocates, and consumers widely support the standards.

Again, the only manufacturers that oppose them are the foreign manufacturers and industry CEOs who make more money when water heaters are less efficient and use more gas.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this resolution and live up to the promise of lowering costs for the American people by lowering their energy bills.

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I will call out some of the problems that I see on the Republican side in terms of their arguments that we have heard this morning.

Over the last 2 years, Republicans have claimed that they care about energy costs. On the campaign trail, they repeatedly promised to lower costs and lower inflation, but, again, none of their actions line up with their promises.

If you are paying attention to energy load growth in this country, you know that, in addition to increasing generation, we have to incorporate ways of reducing energy demand. Energy conservation standards are one of the tools that help lower costs and help reduce demand.

The previous administration's efficiency standards are estimated to save consumers \$1 trillion over 30 years. That is a trillion dollars. The water heater standards alone would save \$3.1 billion—that is, if Republicans don't kill the standards right here today, which is what they are doing.

Republicans don't want Americans to realize those savings. They want Americans to be stuck with older, energy-guzzling appliances that cost more money every time you turn them on. I think that is ridiculous and so should everyone else in this Chamber.

Republicans claim they are concerned about the higher upfront costs of these appliances, but 2½ years ago, when we voted on the Inflation Reduction Act, which contained \$9 billion in rebates and other investments in lowering the costs of energy-efficient appliances, Republicans all voted no.

Madam Speaker, let's review. They don't want to make positive economic investments because they are concerned about the upfront costs, but then they also refuse to take action to lower those costs. If you brought that mentality to the private sector, you would be fired in a heartbeat, but that is the orthodoxy in today's Trump-Musk Republican Party.

Lowering energy costs for consumers via efficiency gains used to be a bipartisan issue. We made real progress on this in 1992 and again in 2005, but somewhere along the way, Republicans decided to become the party of higher energy costs rather than the ones fighting for the American homeowner. That is a real shame.

For that reason, Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, we have heard from various speakers today, but I think it is really important to point out that, once again, because of the Biden-Harris administration's gas heater rule, we are going to ban approximately 40 percent of the tankless gas water heaters currently available, forcing consumers to have to pay more and get less efficient models.

This doesn't make sense. Not only does this rule go on to ban these gas appliances and infringe on consumer choice, but it also increases strains on the Nation's grid, which cannot sustain

such massive and rapid amounts of forced electrification without new baseload generation coming online.

When we talk about this loss of consumer choice, the DOE underestimated the cost by \$231 because when you look at the actual costs out there, industry stakeholders are estimating it is going to bring the cost up between \$450 to \$665 per unit.

I think it is also important to note that, in the last Congress, in the Energy and Commerce Committee's Energy Subcommittee, I asked everybody who came before us the same question when we had these testimonies: Do we have to have more energy in this country or less? Everybody said the exact same thing. We have to produce more energy in this country, but we also have to make sure we are producing the energy to make that energy in this country.

Republicans have led that way starting back in 2008 with our all-of-the-above energy policy, which said we weren't going to pick winners and losers. We were going to let the consumer decide and let the market decide, and that is important.

If we are going to make sure we become energy independent in this country, we have to start thinking about those things. It is important.

Madam Speaker, I urge the passage of H.J. Res. 20, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 161, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 198, answered "present" 2, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 53]

YEAS—221

Aderholt	Biggs (AZ)	Ciscomani
Allen	Biggs (SC)	Cline
Amodoi (NV)	Bilirakis	Cloud
Arrington	Boebert	Clyde
Babin	Bost	Cole
Bacon	Brecheen	Collins
Baird	Bresnahan	Comer
Balderson	Buchanan	Crane
Barr	Burchett	Crank
Barrett	Burlison	Crawford
Baumgartner	Bynum	Crenshaw
Bean (FL)	Calvert	Cuellar
Begich	Cammack	Davidson
Bentz	Carey	Davis (NC)
Bergman	Carter (GA)	De La Cruz
Bice	Carter (TX)	DesJarlais

Diaz-Balart	James	Obernolte
Downing	Johnson (LA)	Ogles
Dunn (FL)	Johnson (SD)	Onder
Edwards	Jordan	Owens
Ellzey	Joyce (OH)	Palmer
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Perez
Estes	Kean	Perry
Evans (CO)	Kelly (MS)	Pfluger
Ezell	Kelly (PA)	Reschenthaler
Fallon	Kennedy (UT)	Rogers (AL)
Fedorchak	Kiggans (VA)	Rogers (KY)
Feenstra	Kiley (CA)	Rose
Finstad	Kim	Rouzer
Fischbach	Knott	Roy
Fitzgerald	Kustoff	Rulli
Fitzpatrick	LaHood	Rutherford
Fleischmann	LaLota	Salazar
Flood	LaMalfa	Scalise
Fong	Langworthy	Schmidt
Fox	Latta	Schweikert
Franklin, Scott	Lawler	Self
Fulcher	Lee (FL)	Sessions
Garbarino	Letlow	Shreve
Gill (TX)	Loudermilk	Simpson
Gillen	Lucas	Smith (MO)
Gimenez	Luna	Smith (NE)
Golden (ME)	Luttrell	Smith (NJ)
Goldman (TX)	Mace	Smucker
Gonzales, Tony	Mackenzie	Spartz
Gonzalez, V.	Malliotakis	Staubert
Gooden	Maloy	Steil
Gosar	Mann	Steube
Graves	Massie	Strong
Gray	Mast	Stutzman
Green (TN)	McCaul	Suozi
Greene (GA)	McClain	Taylor
Griffith	McClintock	Tenney
Grothman	McCormick	Thompson (PA)
Guest	McDowell	Tiffany
Guthrie	McGuire	Timmons
Hageman	Messmer	Turner (OH)
Hamadeh (AZ)	Meuser	Valadao
Haridopolos	Miller (IL)	Van Drew
Harrigan	Miller (OH)	Van Duyne
Harris (MD)	Miller (WV)	Vindman
Harris (NC)	Miller-WEEKS	Wagner
Harshbarger	Mills	Walberg
Hern (OK)	Moolenaar	Weber (TX)
Higgins (LA)	Moore (AL)	Webster (FL)
Hill (AR)	Moore (NC)	Westerman
Hinson	Moore (UT)	Wied
Houchin	Moore (WV)	Williams (TX)
Hudson	Moran	Wilson (SC)
Huizenga	Moskowitz	Wittman
Hurd (CO)	Murphy	Womack
Issa	Newhouse	Yakym
Jack	Norman	Zinke
Jackson (TX)	Nunn (IA)	

NAYS—198

Adams	Craig	Hoyle (OR)
Aguilar	Crockett	Huffman
Amo	Crow	Ivey
Ansari	Davids (KS)	Jackson (IL)
Auchincloss	Davis (IL)	Jacobs
Balint	Dean (PA)	Jayapal
Barragán	DeGette	Jeffries
Beatty	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)
Bell	DelBene	Johnson (TX)
Bera	Deluzio	Kamlager-Dove
Beyer	DeSaulnier	Kaptur
Bishop	Dexter	Keating
Bonamicci	Dingell	Kelly (IL)
Boyle (PA)	Doggett	Kennedy (NY)
Brown	Elfireh	Khanna
Brownley	Escobar	Krishnamoorthi
Budzinski	Espaillet	Landsman
Carbajal	Evans (PA)	Larsen (WA)
Carson	Fields	Larson (CT)
Carter (LA)	Figures	Latimer
Casar	Fletcher	Lee (NV)
Case	Foster	Lee (PA)
Casten	Foushee	Leger Fernandez
Castor (FL)	Friedman	Levin
Castro (TX)	Frost	Liccardo
Cherfilus-	Garamendi	Lieu
McCormick	Garcia (CA)	Lofgren
Chu	Garcia (IL)	Lynch
Cisneros	Garcia (TX)	Magaziner
Clark (MA)	Goldman (NY)	Mannion
Clarke (NY)	Gomez	Matsui
Cleaver	Goodlander	McBath
Clyburn	Green, Al (TX)	McBride
Cohen	Harder (CA)	McClain Delaney
Conaway	Hayes	McClellan
Connolly	Himes	McCollum
Correa	Horsford	McDonald Rivet
Costa	Houlahan	McGarvey
Courtney	Hoyer	McGovern

McIver	Randall	Swalwell
Meeks	Raskin	Sykes
Menendez	Riley (NY)	Takano
Meng	Rivas	Thanedar
Mfume	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Min	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Moore (WI)	Ryan	Titus
Morelle	Salinas	Tlaib
Morrison	Sánchez	Tokuda
Moulton	Scanlon	Tonko
Mrvan	Schakowsky	Torres (CA)
Nadler	Schneider	Torres (NY)
Neal	Scholten	Trahan
Neguse	Schrier	Tran
Norcross	Scott (VA)	Turner (TX)
Ocasio-Cortez	Scott, David	Underwood
Olsweski	Sewell	Vargas
Pallone	Sherman	Vasquez
Panetta	Sherrill	Veasey
Pappas	Simon	Velázquez
Pelosi	Smith (WA)	Wasserman
Peters	Sorensen	Schultz
Pingree	Soto	Waters
Pocan	Stansbury	Watson Coleman
Pou	Stanton	Whitesides
Pressley	Stevens	Williams (GA)
Quigley	Strickland	Wilson (FL)
Ramirez	Subramanyam	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Fry Van Orden

NOT VOTING—12

Alford	Grijalva	Omar
Donalds	Hunt	Petteresen
Frankel, Lois	Mullin	Scott, Austin
Gottheimer	Nehls	Stefanik

□ 1026

Mr. LANDSMAN changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. BYNUM, and GILLEN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. CLEAVER changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

Mr. VAN ORDEN changed his vote from "nay" to "present."

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I'm not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 53.

Stated against:

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 53.

Ms. PETERSEN. Madam Speaker, I missed votes due to recently giving birth. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 53.

□ 1030

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025, TO MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

Mr. JACK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. KIM). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia.

There was no objection.