

This milestone is a testament to Reyna Montoya's extraordinary leadership. Her courage, vision, and unwavering commitment have inspired a movement rooted in dignity, healing, and justice. Through Aliento, she has cultivated a generation of young leaders who are not only advocating for change, but embodying it.

It is my honor to recognize Aliento on its 10th anniversary and commend Reyna Montoya for her profound contributions. May their work continue to uplift, empower, and inspire for many years to come.

COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 1320, MODERN WORKER SECURITY ACT

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 1320, Modern Worker Security Act, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which was not made available to the Committee on Education and Workforce at the time of the filing of the legislative report.

H.R. 1320, MODERN WORKER SECURITY ACT, AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2026	2026–2031	2026–2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	**

* = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? *

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 1320 would prohibit considering whether a person receives portable benefits to determine if they are an employee for the purposes of any federal law. Portable benefits include those commonly provided to full-time employees, such as workers' compensation, professional development, paid leave, health insurance coverage, and retirement savings. Some of those benefits receive preferential tax treatment. Whether a worker is classified as an employee depends on many other factors, and the provision of tax-preferred benefits, such as health insurance, is subject to other laws and rules not modified by H.R. 1320.

CBO expects that, if the bill were enacted, some employers would offer nonemployees the option of participating in group health benefits. As a result, some nonemployees would participate in employer-subsidized group coverage rather than purchasing individual coverage. CBO and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that such a shift in coverage would reduce federal tax revenues by less than \$500,000 over the 2026–2036 period.

Enacting H.R. 1320 also would decrease collections of civil monetary penalties that the Department of Labor (DOL) is authorized to impose on employers that violate the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Those penalties are recorded in the federal budget as revenues, and a portion may be spent without further appropriation. Under current law, DOL typically collects less than \$20 million each year in such penalties for FLSA violations, according to agency enforcement statistics.

Because worker classification depends on several factors, and H.R. 1320 would only restrict one of those factors, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would change the determination of employee status for a small number of cases and reduce collections of civil monetary penalties by less than \$500,000. That reduction would decrease revenues and direct spending and result in a net increase in the deficit of less than \$500,000 over the 2026–2036 period.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1320 would not significantly affect the operating costs of DOL or the National Labor Relations Board over the 2026–2031 period; any change in related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Maggie Applebaum Rufe. The estimate was reviewed by Christina Hawley Anthony, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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RECOGNIZING EVELYN LUNA AVALOS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Evelyn Luna Avalos for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Evelyn has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Evelyn, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Evelyn's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Junior/Senior High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Evelyn Luna Avalos on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING NATALIE HELLMANN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Natalie Hellmann for her service to the House of Representatives.

A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Natalie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Rollins College. After serving in multiple internships for Majority Whip STEVE SCALISE, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and Senator Marco Rubio, her career on

Capitol Hill has taken her to the offices of Representatives DAVID P. JOYCE (OH–14), SCOTT FRANKLIN (FL–15), and EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER (GA–01). Shortly after I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Natalie joined my staff serving as a Professional Staff Member on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. In this role she quickly became a trusted advisor on issues related to Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) legislation, collegiate and professional sports policy, and semiconductor manufacturing policy, among others.

Natalie will soon depart the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to move to the West Coast. I wish her the best in her future endeavors and thank Natalie for her service to the United States House of Representatives, the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the American people.

HONORING TRUE LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor True Light Baptist Church, a congregation whose faith and perseverance have carried it through 85 years of ministry. As Matthew 16:18 declares, “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” This scripture has proven true in the story of True Light Baptist Church, which began with a handful of believers and grew, by faith, into a lasting pillar of its community.

In 1941, a few Christian believers, led by the Spirit of God, came together to organize a church in the name of Jesus Christ, and the name True Light Baptist Church was decided upon. A young and dynamic minister, Minister Chester Arthur Forrest, was asked to lead the congregation and assist in its organization. In January of 1941, the church held prayer meetings and nightly services in what had once been an old macaroni factory on North 40th Street, with a total membership of just seven.

On April 14, 1941, the first communion was served by Rev. J. E. Lee, as Minister Forrest had not yet been ordained; the first offering and dues collected that day totaled \$3.35, of which \$1.50 was given to Rev. Lee for his services. On May 7, 1941, Minister Forrest was ordained, and on May 11, 1941, Rev. C. A. Forrest served his first communion, with offerings and dues netting \$18.75. A revival service on May 12, 1941, brought six souls to salvation, and on the second Sunday in June 1941, the congregation held its first baptismal service at an outdoor pond known as Little Misery. Three more souls were saved in July 1941, and by May 1942, the congregation had grown to 27 members.

Between 1941 and 1943, True Light Baptist Church relocated from the old macaroni factory to North 39th and Zion Street, continuing to grow in membership and in faith. In April 1955, the congregation constructed a new church building to accommodate its growth. As the church continued to flourish, that building, too, became too small for its congregation. In 1975, property on North Street was purchased, a groundbreaking ceremony followed

in 1976, and on May 22, 1977, the church's present building was dedicated.

Following the death of Rev. Forrest, Rev. John Earthly served the congregation untingly as pastor for almost two years. On December 5, 1989, Rev. Dennis R. Hebert was elected as the church's new pastor, a position in which he continues to serve faithfully and diligently, honoring the legacy left by the church's founders. Under Pastor Hebert's leadership, several ministries have been combined to strengthen their work and improve their service to both the congregation and the surrounding community. To this day, under his guidance, True Light Baptist Church continues pointing men, women, boys, and girls to Christ, which remains its members' only hope for salvation.

True Light Baptist Church is, and has always been, a church where Jesus Christ is Lord, led by ministers with a vision of hope, and sustained by a people filled with the Spirit of Christ. In honoring this congregation, we also acknowledge the trailblazers who, like Nehemiah upon the wall, had no desire to come down until their work was done: Brother Charlie Dawson, Sr., Brother Kemp Thomas, Sr., Sister Luvenia Thomas, Brother Morgan Christinary, Brother Andrew Williams, Sister Rachel Hawkins, Sister Selena Williams, Sister Elsie Williams, and Sister Geneva Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring True Light Baptist Church, Pastor Dennis R. Herbert, and the congregation's faithful trailblazers for 85 years of unwavering faith and devoted service. May True Light Baptist Church continue to shine as a beacon of hope for generations yet to come.

RECOGNIZING JENA HANSON

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1st District's own Jena Hanson, the newly crowned 73rd Princess Kay of the Milky Way.

Princess Kay of the Milky Way serves as the goodwill ambassador for our Minnesota dairy farmers. Selected through a three-phase process, candidates compete throughout the year with hopes of being selected as a finalist prior to the Minnesota State Fair.

Jena, from Owatonna and representing Steele County, was announced as the 2026 winner and will spend this next year helping connect dairy farmers with consumers across the state. She even had her likeness carved into a 90-pound block of butter displayed at the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The crowning of Princess Kay is a special tradition for the Finstad family, as my niece was the 61st Princess Kay and my wife served Watonwan County Dairy Princess.

I congratulate Jena. I know she will represent both the 1st District and our dairy farmers well in this special role. Southern Minnesota and I are proud of her accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ALMA MORENO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alma Moreno for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Alma has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Alma, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Alma's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Junior/Senior High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Alma Moreno on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE BIG FLATS FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Big Flats Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. For a century, the department has stood as a pillar of service, dedication, and commitment to the Big Flats community.

Since its founding in 1926, the Big Flats Fire Department has played an essential role in protecting the lives and property of residents throughout the Southern Tier. Generations of firefighters have answered the call, responding to emergencies and providing critical assistance to their neighbors in times of need.

The department's century of service reflects the courage and selflessness of its members, both past and present. Their willingness to volunteer their time and put the safety of others first represents the very best of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing the Big Flats Fire Department on its 100th anniversary and in extending our sincere gratitude to its members, past and present, for their century of dedicated service. Their commitment to protecting the Big Flats community is worthy of our highest appreciation.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HEROS CORRIGAN AND CANNON CAMP

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heros, Corrigan and Cannon Camp, 9-year-old twins

from Fort Worth, who reminded all of us what it means to lead with compassion and action. After devastating floods hit Central Texas and damaged Camp Mystic, where Corrigan had just spent time this summer, they felt called to help.

With determined spirits, the siblings set up a lemonade and cookie stand in their neighborhood. By the end of the day they had raised over \$5,000, donating every cent to Camp Mystic to support recovery efforts and honor the lives lost. They even sold "Tweety Cookies," a special Camp Mystic tradition, in tribute to owner and Executive Director Dick Eastland, who lost his life saving campers during the flood.

I thank Corrigan and Cannon for showing Texas-24 what it means to serve others with faith, kindness, and courage. Their generosity shines brightly.

HONORING OFFICER ANDREW DILBECK AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 STATE OF TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT'S PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Andrew Dilbeck of the Fort Worth Police Department upon his receipt of the 2026 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Professional Achievement, presented by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

This prestigious recognition honors Officer Dilbeck's exceptional dedication to public service, outstanding professional performance, and unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Fort Worth and communities throughout North Texas. His service reflects the highest ideals of the law enforcement profession.

As a member of the Fort Worth Police Department's Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Unit (S.O.R.T.), Officer Dilbeck has strengthened partnerships with community organizations, enhancing the department's ability to locate and monitor registered sex offenders experiencing homelessness within a rapidly growing metropolitan area.

During the first eight months of 2025, Officer Dilbeck assisted in apprehending of 182 felony fugitives wanted on S.O.R.T. warrants. His outstanding performance earned him selection as a Task Force Officer with the United States Marshals Service, where he also serves on the North Texas Fugitive Task Force Echo Team, working alongside federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to apprehend dangerous fugitives across more than 100 counties.

Despite these demanding responsibilities, Officer Dilbeck remains committed to monitoring registered sex offenders throughout the region. His investigative efforts and testimony in both state and federal courts have helped secure lengthy prison sentences for numerous offenders, strengthening public safety across Texas.

Officer Dilbeck's professionalism, integrity, and dedication to justice have distinguished him as an exceptional public servant and