

I extend my deepest condolences to his siblings, stepdaughters, grandchildren, and the countless friends who knew him. May God bless his memory.

HONORING RICHARD J. CODEY

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

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former New Jersey Governor and longtime State Senator Richard Codey, known to all of us as Dick Codey, a public servant whose 50 years of public service remain unmatched in our State's rich history.

Dick Codey believed deeply in service, and he practiced it with heart. Dick was a champion for people living with mental illness long before it was widely acknowledged or understood. He was willing to go further than most, even going undercover in a psychiatric hospital to ensure dignity for those of us too often forgotten.

As Governor, he brought steadiness and integrity during a difficult moment for New Jersey, in return earning extraordinary trust from the public.

What defined Dick for me was his common touch. He returned constituents' calls himself. He conversed in diner booths late at night. He coached youth basketball. He never stopped being the same person, no matter the title he held.

I had the privilege of serving with Dick Codey in Trenton and of calling him my friend. He cared so deeply about the people he represented and the institution that he served.

New Jersey is better because of Dick Codey's life and work. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

EPIDEMIC OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the epidemic of waste, fraud, and abuse that is ripping off taxpayers with impunity.

Too often, Congress forgets that every dollar of government money collected comes from an American who worked hard for it. That is why waste, fraud, and abuse are not abstract problems. They are real problems that hurt real people.

When government programs pay twice for the same service, fund projects that never get built, or lose track of billions, taxpayers suffer and confidence in government weakens.

We need to honor hardworking families by pursuing the bad actors with a vengeance. Stewardship is our sacred responsibility.

We just found out about a case in my own district where an individual was collecting her dead mother's Social Security checks for 3 years. Her blatant

fraud was finally discovered, and she was sentenced and ordered to repay \$25,000 in restitution. This case is not isolated. The Government Accountability Office estimates that the Federal Government loses up to \$521 billion to fraud every single year.

The American people expect honesty, fiscal discipline, and respect for their sacrifice. I am proud of the Republican Conference for doing just that.

BROWN STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, today, students returned to class at Brown University to start a new semester after the mass shooting in December that took the lives of Ella Cook and Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov and injured nine other students.

My thoughts remain with the victims, their loved ones, and our whole community during what, I am sure, has been a difficult few days.

For the Brown students who returned to campus this week, I want them to know we have their backs, and we are all thinking of them. If anyone is struggling, they should reach out for help.

As Brown, Providence, and Rhode Island continue to heal, I join countless others in making sure our community, our city, and our State have all the support we need to recover. We are on a long journey, but I know we are on it together.

HONORING SETH NESMITH

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Seth NeSmith, a registered nurse at Atrium Health Navicent, who has been named one of the 2025 Hospital Heroes recipients by the Georgia Hospital Association.

This award recognizes the top three hospital employees or volunteers from GHA-member hospitals who dedicate their time to improving both their organization and the world around them.

Mr. NeSmith has impressively received a registered nurse degree, bachelor of science in nursing, stroke certified registered nurse credential, and critical care registered nurse certifications.

Mr. NeSmith was also awarded last year's Atrium Health Navicent's DAISY Award for noticing a vehicle stuck deep in a ditch, pulling the victim out, and providing immediate further care.

Mr. NeSmith's leadership is vital for shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals who will go on to serve communities across Georgia.

This recognition speaks to his extensive skills and expertise in nursing.

We appreciate Mr. NeSmith's commitment to hard work, compassion for everyone around him, and going above and beyond for his patients.

RECOGNIZING ASHLYN GWYNN

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

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Ashlyn Gwynn, who was recently involved in a near-death car accident.

Ashlyn was recruited to play soccer at Cal State Fullerton. This past September, on her way to another sporting event, she and her teammate Lauren were struck by a truck. Both were transported to the hospital, but Lauren tragically passed away after 6 weeks of intensive care. Her family's words were: "Lauren fell asleep in the Lord." Lauren's legacy of goodness and positivity will always be remembered.

After Ashlyn stabilized, doctors let her family know that there was a strong possibility that she may never regain consciousness. If she ever were to, it was possible that she would never walk or talk again.

Thankfully, Ashlyn has made significant signs of improvement. She was transferred to a step-down rehabilitation unit, and through the generosity of a close friend of her father, she has been transported back to Utah, where she continues to receive physical and speech therapy and close care from her parents.

I don't know Ashlyn, but I know her parents, and Matt and Shelly Gwynn are the best people I have ever known. I am so fortunate to have gotten to know them in this role. He is a police chief back home as well as a State legislator, and they are giving her the best possible chance of success.

I wish Ashlyn the best.

HIGHLIGHTING REPUBLICAN SUCCESSES IN 2025

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be joined by my colleagues in this Conference Special Order. To start us off, I would like to yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, America is back, and so is common sense.

This last year has reminded us of what is possible when America has a competent and respected leader who understands the unique role that our great Nation should fill on the world stage.

I am grateful to have President Donald J. Trump back in the White House with the strength and vision needed to be the leader of the free world. One of the things I have admired most about the President is that he is the same man behind closed doors as he is in front of the camera. Whether you like him or not, you know what he stands for exactly, and he will act on that.

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It is the type of leadership that has delivered real results for the American people. We have seen real results on our southern border as illegal crossings and the flow of illicit drugs has dropped significantly.

Families are feeling real relief at the gas pump and grocery store as their wages are going up and opportunities are increasing. In our schools and military, the emphasis is, once again, on merit instead of discriminatory DEI standards. In America, success should be earned and not engineered by woke bureaucrats. It is called common sense.

Every day of this last year, the President and House Republicans have worked to ensure that you keep more of your own money and remove the red tape so you can thrive. We are blessed to live in the greatest country in the history of mankind every single day. America's brightest days are ahead of us, and I am grateful to have a Commander in Chief who believes in the spirit and promise of America. He is a leader who is working to make sure this beautiful country remains the land of freedom and opportunity for all who are willing to work hard, take responsibility, and dream big.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from the greatest State in the Union, Mr. OWENS, for his remarks. I am biased, of course.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. MOORE so much for the time. I appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, it is a new year and with every new year, I like to reflect on where am I going. What am I doing? What do I want to accomplish this year? What did I accomplish the year before? That is a great time to do it with America. Where are we?

It reminds me, Mr. Speaker, at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin famously looked at the chair behind the presiding officer that was carved with a Sun and he asked a question that still echoes throughout history: Was the Sun rising or was the Sun setting?

In that moment, a fledgling Nation hung in the balance, and even the Founding Fathers did not know whether liberty would prevail.

For far too long, Mr. Speaker, the American people have felt the same un-

certainty, years of what many viewed as America last policies that left families struggling, dreams deferred, and our Nation asking itself: Are we on the rise or decline?

To answer that question, we need to look at where we have been for the last year. We need to look at the results that this President, President Trump, and where the House Republican leadership has taken this country over the last year.

Together, we have accomplished real results. It starts with tax relief for American families with the working families tax cut. Mr. Speaker, do I need to remind you, it is only the largest tax cut in U.S. history. Workers can keep more of what they earn with no tax on tips and no tax on overtime. To our seniors, I have good news for you, too. With the new deduction, you are not going to pay any tax on Social Security benefits.

But wait, there is more, Mr. Speaker. We have unleashed American energy, restored our independence, and brought down costs at the pump.

Do you know why we don't hear why eggs cost so much anymore, Mr. Speaker? Because they don't. Thank you, President Trump.

We have restored law and order and brought accountability by securing the border, supporting law enforcement, strengthening the rule of law, shrinking the Federal bureaucracy, cutting wasteful spending, and demanding accountability for every taxpayer dollar. We are seeing it in real time. Finally, things are happening.

We have rebuilt American strength at home and abroad, revitalizing our military, advancing peace through strength, standing firm with allies, and deterring adversaries. We have put veterans first by expanding access to care and ensuring the benefits that they have earned. Our country has made that promise to them. We are honoring promises, Mr. Speaker.

Finally, we have brought transparency and common sense back to our institutions, dismantling DEI mandates, and restoring fairness, merit, and basic common sense. We have begun to make America healthy again by examining finally what is in our food supply, empowering patients, expanding health savings accounts, and improving access and accountability across our healthcare system.

We ran on these promises. We delivered on these promises.

Mr. Speaker, we are just getting started. Is the Sun rising or setting? I can say with absolute certainty, the Sun is rising under the leadership of President Trump, Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, and House Republicans.

Make no mistake, more is to come.

As the Sun rises, we are ushering in America's golden age: a time of renewed strength, prosperity, and opportunity for every citizen in every community across this great land. The best days of our Nation are still ahead, and together, we will make America

stronger, safer, and greater than ever before. It is, once again, Mr. Speaker, morning in America.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for his remarks. I feel ready to go out for the second half now, so the Sun is rising. I wish there was a second half to play.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Mr. BARR).

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Utah for organizing this Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate a year of success, of restoring the American Dream, and of making America great again.

One year ago, Mr. Speaker, President Donald Trump returned to office with a clear mandate from the American people: secure the border, rebuild the economy, tame inflation, restore American strength, and put American workers first again.

In just 1 year, he has delivered. Let's just start at the southern border. President Trump restored order by ending catch and release, reinstating proven enforcement policies, and deploying the resources necessary to defend our homeland. The results were immediate and historic.

Illegal crossings collapsed to their lowest levels since the 1970s. Net migration turned negative for the first time in 50 years. Fentanyl trafficking at the southern border was cut by more than half, saving American lives and criminal cartels designated as terrorist organizations were stopped and the rule of law was reinstated.

Thanks to President Trump and his administration, this country removed more than 2.6 million illegal aliens from the United States through deportations and voluntary self-departures. More than 400,000 criminal illegal aliens charged with or convicted of crimes were deported and over 2 million self-deportations, ending Biden-era release incentives and restoring credible consequences.

This administration proved what Washington refused to admit for years: that border security works when the law is enforced. President Biden used to say that Congress needed to pass bipartisan legislation. No, actually, as it turns out, Mr. Speaker, all we needed was a President with a backbone to secure our border; and that President is Donald Trump.

At the same time, President Trump rebuilt an economy that works for all Americans. Congress passed the largest tax cut in American history, delivering relief directly to families and workers. No taxes on tips, overtime, and Social Security, but in my district, I will share two perfect examples of why this legislation really helps people.

The made in America tax provision in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the working families tax cut bill, resulted in immediate investment. A \$2.5 billion investment in Harrodsburg, in Mercer

County, Kentucky, in my district where Apple—making the iPhone—decided to move jobs out of China to Kentucky. Now, as a result of the President's leadership and this Republican Congress and the working families tax cut bill, all the Gorilla Glass, as they call it, will be made for the iPhone and Apple watches at the Corning plant in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. That is a \$2.5 billion investment specifically because of this bill in my district.

In addition, we are known as the horse capital of the world in Lexington, Kentucky, and at Keeneland Sales, a world-famous, world-class horse sale, yearling sale, every September, it has a \$6.5 billion economic impact to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We are very proud of that, but because of the restoration of the 100 percent bonus depreciation, they set a record this past September, \$531 million of yearling horses sold. That means jobs for working Kentuckians.

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Mr. Speaker, that means more economic activity for working families in Kentucky. That means all the ancillary businesses all the way down to the farriers and the grooms and the restaurants. All of that money gets recirculated into the central Kentucky economy.

There were over 50 yearlings that were sold for over \$1 million each. The results were phenomenal. It was a record sale. People around the country may not know about the horse industry, but that is just one industry that was benefited by restoration of full bonus depreciation. All the buyers at our auction said it was bonus depreciation that resulted in this uptick in sales and economic activity.

Inflation, which crushed households under the previous administration, is falling sharply. Wages are rising, and the American people are going back to work. Mr. Speaker, 2.4 percent is where inflation is now—near the Fed's target for price stability—down 70 percent from the height of Biden's inflation crisis. We also have the lowest mortgage rates in 3 years.

This is where I really think the administration's economic record is something to behold. We have seen the largest and fastest blue-collar wage growth in 60 years. It is not just that prices are coming down. It is that real wages, inflation-adjusted wages, are going up for the American people.

This wasn't an accident. It was the result of pro-growth policy. It was not just the tax cuts but deregulation. It decreased the cost of business so those businesses could afford to retain those workers through higher wages and faster wage growth.

Confidence is returning to the American economy, and President Trump has taken us from energy desperate under the previous administration to energy dominant again.

He declared a national energy emergency. He unleashed record oil and nat-

ural gas production. He reopened millions of acres for responsible energy development, and he rolled back radical regulations that were driving up costs.

President Trump, in Kentucky, thank you. Thank you for putting Kentucky coal miners back to work and putting Kentucky coal back in our bloodstream. We don't have a choice anymore. Under the last 16 years, we prematurely retired 290 coal-fired power plants, while China is building two new coal plants a week. They are committed to winning the AI race.

We took over 120 gigawatts of power offline. The energy demands of our country are skyrocketing because of the technologies of the future, because of digital asset innovation, because of quantum computing and, yes, because of artificial intelligence.

Mr. Speaker, it is predicted and projected that by 2030 power demands resulting from datacenter construction will triple just at a time when we have been taking all of this power supply off of our grid and out of our system.

We now have a President who is reversing those disastrous choices and putting our coal miners back to work so that we can revitalize this signature industry for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and power the technologies of the future to win the race for AI dominance.

President Trump ended the war on coal. He expanded coal leasing, rolled back Biden-era rules targeting coal-fired power plants, and restored commonsense permitting.

Coal remains critical for grid reliability, baseload power, and national energy security. I am proud to fight side by side with President Trump to ensure that our miners can go back to work, our lights can stay on, and our energy stays American so that we can compete and win against China.

It is no surprise that gas prices fell to their lowest levels in years, lowering costs for families, farmers, and manufacturers across our country.

Let's not forget about all the accomplishments on the world stage. President Trump restored American leadership and American strength. He got rid of DEI woke ideology at the Pentagon. He focused on rebuilding American military readiness and lethality and prioritizing the strength of the American military over liberal leftwing politics. The result was clear. He restored American leadership.

He destroyed Iran's nuclear weapons capability. He reimposed maximum pressure on rogue regimes. He restored peace to our key ally Israel, returning the hostages. He dismantled and degraded the capabilities of Hamas and Gaza. He worked with our allies in the IDF.

He dismantled the narcoterrorist dictatorship of Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela. He negotiated peace agreements on four different continents, proving that strength deters conflict and leadership produces peace.

Our allies stepped up. Our adversaries stepped back. America, once again, led

from a position of strength and confidence. The results speak for themselves.

We have a stronger economy, lower inflation, higher wages, lower energy costs, a secure border, energy dominance, and economic resurgence. We have a restoration of the American Dream and a restoration of common sense.

There are no biological men in the private spaces of our daughters. There are no biological men competing against girls in their sports.

Thank goodness we have common sense in this country once again. Thank goodness we have a President who looks to the future and who wants to position the United States to be the leader, the crypto capital of the world.

He signed into law the GENIUS Act—legislation, Mr. Speaker, that you and I worked on together—and put in motion an AI action plan to ensure that we can be the dominant leader in artificial intelligence. AI has applications across financial services, education, medicine, pharmaceutical development, and manufacturing efficiency and productivity. We have only begun to see all its potential. AI will help us deter our adversaries through the applications that AI presents by strengthening the capabilities of our military.

Mr. Speaker, as President Trump would say, the golden age is here. We must continue to support our President as he leads this Nation forward. I am proud to work with him to make America great again.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from the Commonwealth for his comments.

It is common among Members of Congress, both the House and the Senate, to be strong on policy. Also, many Members are strong communicators. It is very rare, however, to get somebody who is so good at both. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is extremely lucky to have ANDY BARR representing that amazing State. I thank him for his shared words.

Yes, we know the horses. We get it. There are horses. It is a big thing down there.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank my colleagues for being here to share their perspectives as we look back on some of the significant wins that we have experienced over the course of the last year. I wanted to briefly share a little bit about stuff that doesn't get as much attention.

As a proud father of four boys, we know that family is everything. Family is at the center of Utah values, and I have dedicated a lot of effort during my time in Congress to advance pro-family legislation.

I worked on legislation to permanently increase the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000; indexing the CTC—child tax credit—to inflation; and provide an additional \$500 for families through 2028.

We worked to make the adoption tax credit partially refundable up to

\$5,000—indexed for inflation—beginning in 2025.

One of the most unique things that we accomplished were the Invest America accounts, the Trump Accounts. These investment accounts demonstrate to American youth the power of capitalism and compounding interest. There is so much more, but that last piece is going to get a kickoff here next week.

There will be \$1,000 seeded to each child born to this country over the next 4 years. That child will be able to track their investment account. Usually a person doesn't even start investing until they are 30 years old.

The best estimates are you graduate college. You have a little bit of student debt. You start a new job. You don't really start contributing to an IRA until you are 30, maybe even older. A 401(k) starts sometimes with your first job.

We now have a whole new generation of kids who are starting to invest in their IRA at age zero. That is 30 extra years of potential compounding growth that will be an absolute game changer.

Plus, this has garnered an enormous amount of attention from the philanthropic space where Michael and Susan Dell have announced a commitment of over \$6 billion that will help children ages 1 through 10 in areas that aren't as economically advantaged. That will help those kids take advantage of this program and also create those accounts to watch those grow over time. It is a game changer and something we are really excited about.

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Mr. Speaker, we are voting on legislation this week to support families and pregnant women. We just passed the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act, ensuring that young families have access to prenatal vitamins, formula, and diapers. It also ensures that TANF dollars can be used to support pregnancy resource centers.

The Pregnant Students' Rights Act provides guidance and resources to pregnant students so that no student feels forced to choose between her education and her child.

Last week, I also introduced the SAFE KIDS Act to prevent foreign adversarial nations from abusing the American surrogacy industry to obtain U.S. citizenship for their children and traffic infants abroad. Most of the developed world has already banned international commercial surrogacy due to the trafficking risks, and this bill is a strong step in the right direction to prevent bad-faith actors from taking advantage of U.S. surrogate mothers and the children they bear.

I am proud to champion legislation that directly benefits Utahns and families across the country. We have strong families. We have strong communities, and these bills reflect our dedication to supporting them.

RECOGNIZING STEVE HIATT

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Hiatt, the re-

ipient of the Hill Air Force Base 2025 Community Wingman Award.

Hill Air Force Base is one of the most important contributors to northern Utah's economy and livelihood, employing over 23,000 military and civilian employees. Every year since 2007, they have given one individual the Community Wingman Award in recognition of their support for the base and its personnel. This gives the base an opportunity to recognize the impact that Utahns in the surrounding communities have on the success of the base.

Few people have supported Hill Air Force Base more than Steve Hiatt. For nearly a decade, he served the city of Kaysville, Utah, as a city councilman and a mayor. This is an adjacent community to Hill Air Force Base. During this time, he ensured that the community fostered a strong relationship with the base.

After serving in elected office, Steve remained highly integrated in the Hill community by serving as the vice president of the Utah Defense Alliance, as air combat command civic leader, and three terms as honorary commander. In each of these positions, Steve worked directly with servicemembers and leadership stationed at Hill to better understand and assist their mission. His work has ensured that Hill will continue to be a successful and important contributor to our national defense for years to come.

I am proud to recognize Steve's strong example of service, and I congratulate him for this well-earned award. I thank him for his support of Hill Air Force Base and his many contributions to our State as a councilman, mayor, and community member.

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

RESTORING ELECTION INTEGRITY

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, today marks 16 years since the Supreme Court's disastrous decision in Citizens United.

The decision overturned critically important limits on political spending by corporations and billionaires. We said it at the time, and it has come true: The decision has unleashed unprecedented spending by dark money groups on our elections. Now cam-

paigns are often defined not by a candidate's record or their ideas but, rather, by their access to dark money.

The wealthiest individuals and corporations can now help skew elections singlehandedly by giving millions to their preferred candidate. They can block progress that they don't want to see. In fact, the world's richest man spent more than \$250 million to help President Trump get elected in 2024. Let's talk about that 2024 cycle.

Super-PACs spent \$4.5 billion. That is up from \$2.3 billion in 2022, almost double in 2 years. That is more money than the GDP of Greenland.

In the 2024 Presidential election, the biggest super-PACs supporting majority party nominees raked in \$865 million from donors who contributed \$5 million or more alone. Each year, our elections are increasingly defined not by big spenders but by the biggest spenders. Between 2010 and 2024, the percentage of Federal election spending by the top 100 individual donors has jumped from 2 percent to almost 15 percent. That is eight times as much.

This has resulted in Americans losing faith in the integrity of our elections and the integrity of our democracy because our democracy is predicated on the idea that every voice matters, regardless of how much money you have. When the wealthy few can drown out the many, we lose sight of who we are supposed to serve. Policymaking gets overshadowed by these special interests.

Yet, after Citizens United, it is too often small groups of corporations and billionaires tipping the scales based on who serves their business interests. This can and must end. The American people have a voice, and if the majority supports a candidate or a reform, that should win the day alone.

We must limit super-PACs, dark money, and excessive campaign spending. We must restore trust in the political process. We must restore democracy to the way our Founders intended, centered on equal access to government, and we must overturn Citizens United. We have that power.

I thank my colleagues for joining me today and for Assistant Leader NEGUSE for organizing today. I look forward to hearing from my many colleagues in the next hour about how we can tackle this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. GRIJALVA).

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the single greatest force that continues to distort our democracy: the role of money in our politics.

Mr. Speaker, 16 years ago today, the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate and billionaire spending in our elections, drowning out the voices of working people. The decision overturned longstanding precedent rooted on independent political spending by corporations and billionaires.