

Then yesterday, on the Oversight Committee, my Republican colleagues voted “no” on a simple subpoena so we can get information, documents relating to the murder of a U.S. citizen by a Federal agent. Then my colleagues broke into this righteous debate: Let the process play out, let DHS do their investigation, the agent gets due process.

Yes, all persons in the United States are entitled to due process. Renee Nicole Good didn’t get that due process because the agent was the judge, jury, and executioner in the middle of a residential neighborhood. There was no process or due process before the administration that runs our Nation labeled her as a domestic terrorist just minutes after this happened.

We won’t allow this President to gaslight us, and we won’t allow this administration to lie to us about what we have seen before our very eyes.

Not only am I going to vote “no” on any funding bills that gives this agency more resources to do this type of thing and terrorize our communities from the State of Florida to across this entire Nation, but I am going to continue to show up physically at bases of operation, field offices, detention centers, and the so-called Alligator Alcatraz to conduct oversight and work with our communities to keep our people safe.

Renee Nicole Good was the mother of three, had a daughter and a son aged 15 and 12, and a 6-year-old with her husband who tragically died in 2023. She was a devout Christian who participated in youth mission trips to Northern Ireland when she was younger. According to multiple reports, she was a poet, a writer, a wife, and a mother.

She had lived most of her life in Colorado and briefly moved to Kansas to stay with her parents after her second husband, a military veteran who suffered from PTSD, died in 2023.

We will honor her life with action, of course fighting to end gun violence because what happened yesterday was gun violence, but also to fight to end ICE’s campaign of terror on our communities and our people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GOVERNOR JAMES BAXTER HUNT, JR.

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Governor James Baxter Hunt, Jr.’s story is inseparable from North Carolina’s.

From humble beginnings growing up in Wilson County, North Carolina, to his historic service as our Lieutenant Governor, he was first elected as Governor at 38 years old. He served four terms as our 69th and 71st Governor.

North Carolina’s longest serving Governor was a farmer and loved North Carolina State University—a die-hard fan—although he later completed law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Governor Hunt believed that public service should lift people up and create opportunities for everyone. His unwavering dedication to education changed the lives of countless children and families.

Through heartfelt initiatives such as Smart Start, early childhood education, teacher support, and school accountability, he helped generations of children have a stronger foundation and a brighter future.

Beyond policy and politics, Governor Hunt led with honesty, with humility, gentleness, and genuine care for others. He believed that the government, guided by fairness and compassion, could be a force of good.

His leadership modernized North Carolina’s economy, strengthened its institutions, and elevated the State as a national leader in education and innovation.

Throughout decades, bridging party lines and his unmatched energy, his influence defined an era.

Governor Hunt was not only a dedicated public servant but also a mentor, inspiring many elected and appointed officials. He was my constituent who didn’t mind sharing his thoughts and, above all, sharing his support and encouragement.

He was devoted to his family. His legacy of love and service lives on through his family that he cherished and those he inspired.

Governor Hunt was admired, respected, and loved deeply by the people of North Carolina. His reach went beyond our State and made America stronger. Through his leadership, our Nation saw the best of eastern North Carolina. His vision, humble leadership, and faith that came from his days at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church and later at First Presbyterian Church of Wilson, drove him.

He passed away at 88 years old on December 18 on his farm in Rock Ridge, where he grew up and lived with his beloved wife, Carolyn Joyce Leonard Hunt, for 67 years.

Our Governor and First Lady shared a deep, deep partnership built on love and friendship. He took great pride in his children’s accomplishments, especially seeing his daughter Rachel follow in his footsteps as our Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts are with Carolyn, Rebecca, Baxter, Rachel, and Elizabeth. North Carolina will miss one of its greatest public servants. His family will miss a beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather. I will personally miss a dear friend.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER PEGGY NOBLE

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I will take a moment to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Mother Peggy Noble. She was an inspirational leader and a champion for economic justice and for working families.

Mother Peggy has dedicated her life to her College Park neighborhood where she lived. She was a community organizer, supporting her neighbors, advocating for children, and bringing people together. She believed deeply that real change is built through relationships and advocacy and showing up for our communities. Year after year, that is what she did.

Peggy was a fierce advocate for our families from standing up for her neighborhood to fighting for fairness in our broken auto insurance system. Detroit is stronger because of her voice, her leadership, and her unwavering belief in people. We carry her spirit forward in how we organize, how we protect one another, and how we show up for our neighbors.

My thoughts are with her loved ones, Rochelle, Eugene, Kimberly, Jaimi, Asante, and all of Peggy’s loved ones, during this difficult time. May she rest in power and in love.

ACA TAX CREDITS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we always seem to have money for war, to bomb countries, but we never have money for healthcare for our families.

On January 1, Republicans ended the Affordable Care Act tax credits and raised healthcare premiums for millions of Americans, our neighbors throughout the Nation. This comes, of course, after Trump’s big budget betrayal ripped healthcare away from 17 million Americans and cut Medicaid by nearly \$1 trillion.

Last year, Congress did approve over \$1 trillion for the Pentagon budget, which just failed its eighth audit in a row. I want folks to think about that. They are cutting money for healthcare and spending it on bombs and death.

The ACA tax credits are what help keep insurance affordable for many of our neighbors across the country. They are the difference between my neighbors having insurance or going without healthcare. It is heartbreaking to read the emails and messages I get from so many families that are putting off seeing a doctor and filling their prescriptions and now rationing their medication.

No parent, Mr. Speaker, should have to choose whether to take their child to the doctor because healthcare is too expensive. Our healthcare system is already broken, and it is inhumane.

My residents always tell me: Don’t call it healthcare. Call it sick care. Because we know right now the for-profit schemes within our healthcare system are making it so unaffordable for our families. Why have we not passed the tax credits for the Affordable Care Act?

Again, we are so grateful for the leadership of HAKEEM JEFFRIES as we push forward a force vote for a 3-year ACA tax credit extension today.

Again, instead of extreme cuts, we should be expanding access to care and guaranteeing healthcare as a fundamental human right in our country. We must pass this tax credit extension today and put pressure on the Senate to take it up immediately.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues to help fix this mess they have made by restoring the extreme Medicaid cuts and joining us in extending the Affordable Care Act tax credits.

HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Ms. TLAIIB. Mr. Speaker, housing is a human right, but as everyone knows, we are facing a housing crisis right now.

On any given night right now, more than three-quarters of a million people are unhoused nationwide. The last time the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour was increased was in 2009.

Since then, average rental costs have increased 76 percent. That is just completely wild.

We need action at every level of government. I know that many of our local elected officials are desperate to reduce housing costs and need the Federal Government's partnership. We know often here in this Chamber there are officials that will not promote affordable housing or address the unique barriers that our communities are facing.

That is why I introduced the Housing Our Communities Act, and it is meant to address it immediately. This is part of a legislative package that passed out of the Financial Services Committee this past year.

My bill directs the HUD Secretary to establish a competitive grant program to support a wide array of affordable housing planning and implementation activities.

For example, grants, Mr. Speaker, can support officials in crafting their own housing plans, updating zoning codes, and increasing the capacity to conduct housing inspections so that developments are completed faster, reducing project costs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Housing for the 21st Century Act and provide policymakers and our local governments with the resources they need to make affordable housing a reality.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FIRE CHIEF DAVID HAVERDINK

(Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. I have some prepared remarks, but I will also be speaking from my heart as well because, unfortunately, today I am here to honor the life and legacy of my friend, former sheriff and Fire Chief Dave Haverdink.

Dave was a staple in Allegan County who dedicated his life to serving his community until the moment tragedy struck in the line of duty on December

23. Dave passed away on December 25, Christmas Day.

He was there serving others as there had been an incident on a roadway and, unfortunately, he was struck and killed.

I first got to know Dave while he was serving as a county commissioner and was running for sheriff of Allegan County. While Dave excelled in both of those roles—in fact, he did 8 years, two terms, as the sheriff—his service didn't stop there.

Perhaps what Dave will be most remembered for was his astounding 51 years of service with the Hamilton Fire Department, including 40 of those years when he served as chief of the department.

Prior to coming out to Washington, D.C., I had a chance to go and be with his family at a visitation. I was touched and moved when his wife said to me that she and Dave pray for me and everybody in Washington every single day. It just speaks to the character of this family. At a time when the focus should be on them and supporting them, they still were thinking of others, including me and all of our colleagues here.

While Dave undoubtedly had a tremendous impact on Hamilton and all of Allegan County, his legacy, though, is going to be one as a husband and a father and a grandfather who loved his family deeply. My heart and prayers go out to his wife, Judy; sons, Jeff and Tim; and the entire Haverdink family during this tragic time.

This is a true loss. It is a loss not just for a particular community. It really is a loss for humanity. He is one of the good guys. He is one of those that put service to others above self. He is someone that focused on making sure that others were okay at every turn and didn't think about himself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the memory, life, and legacy of Hamilton Fire Chief Dave Haverdink with a moment of silence.

May my friend rest well. Job well done.

REMEMBERING RENEE NICOLE GOOD

(Ms. ANSARI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with outrage and with grief.

Yesterday, not even a full week into the new year, ICE murdered a U.S. citizen, Renee Nicole Good, after shooting her multiple times as she was seemingly attempting to drive away, blocking her from medical care, and letting her die, while a doctor stood by offering to help.

The video of this tragedy is damning. I encourage every American to watch it and make their own judgment.

A woman is dead. A child has been left without a parent. A community is shattered. The American people are left, once again, demanding answers

from an agency that has shown time and time again that it operates without accountability.

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Mr. Speaker, what happened to Renee Good in Minneapolis demands a full, independent, and immediate investigation.

I represent Arizona's Third Congressional District, a diverse and rich community of immigrants. For over a year now, ICE has been terrorizing my constituents. No agency is above the law. Yet ICE is now the most well-funded law enforcement agency in the United States, receiving more funding than most militaries around the world, while operating with virtually no meaningful checks and balances.

In the immediate aftermath of Renee Good's death, the Trump administration did what it does best. It lied. Kristi Noem and Stephen Miller rushed to smear a dead woman as a "domestic terrorist," while Donald Trump took to Truth Social to gaslight the American people, asking them to deny their own eyes and accept his version of events instead.

This is what authoritarianism looks like. This is what happens when the leader of a nation turns a Federal agency into his personal paramilitary force against the civilian population of the United States.

Donald Trump has weaponized ICE, not to keep communities safe but to terrorize them. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey has called for ICE to vacate his city, and I echo that call. People in our communities don't feel safe because they are not safe.

In my district on Christmas Eve, a woman named Flor, a DACA recipient, was detained while Christmas shopping. Why is ICE spending resources to detain a DACA recipient on Christmas Eve? They claim they are going after "real criminals." That, too, is a lie.

Just days ago, ICE detained two day laborers outside a Home Depot in Phoenix, briefly detaining a U.S. citizen in the process. These people are not criminals. This isn't law enforcement. This is a Federal agency operating outside of its mandate, using fear as a tactic to spread fear and chaos in our neighborhoods.

It is no coincidence because Stephen Miller is rapidly hiring tens of thousands of new ICE agents. Many are poorly trained. Many have troubling backgrounds. This is all to meet this reckless mass deportation agenda that he has set out.

We have been sounding the alarm for well over a year, and now the worst has happened. An American woman has died. That is why I am introducing legislation to rein in ICE, demand transparency, and stop the unchecked funding that enables these abuses.

I am also joining as an original co-sponsor in an effort led by my colleague Congresswoman ROBIN KELLY to introduce Articles of Impeachment against Kristi Noem, the Secretary of