

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. TLAIB. 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

the Department of Homeland Security. I urge my colleagues, Democrat and Republican alike, to join us.

A woman has been murdered. Silence is no longer neutrality. It is complicity. We must rein in ICE. We must demand accountability. We must protect our communities from this abuse of power.

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

HOLDING ICE ACCOUNTABLE

(Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation witnessed the killing of a fellow American in broad daylight, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her name was Renee Nicole Good. She was a concerned citizen and a mother. The loss of her life was entirely preventable.

This tragic loss of life comes the same week that we remember what occurred here 5 years ago on January 6. On that day, violent insurrectionists attacked police officers, many of whom sustained serious injuries and five of whom have passed away since the attack, including Brian Sicknick, a New Jersey native and a proud Capitol Police officer.

Instead of remembering and healing from the events of that day, President Trump pardoned close to 1,600 seditious and violent insurrectionists who were convicted of criminal charges. The President and House Republicans have tried to vanish the events of that day from our collective memory, but we will not let them.

Last year, alongside my colleagues Congresswomen WATSON COLEMAN and McIVER, I witnessed firsthand outside Delaney Hall how far this administration will go to silence dissent and opposition when more than 20 armed ICE and HSI officers physically prevented us from doing our job.

What I said then and what I would say today is that all of this should be completely unacceptable to all Americans and should shake every American to their core. I have said time and time again that no one is safe in Trump's America. Mothers, Capitol Police officers, our neighbors, Members of Congress, no one, not a single person should feel safe with him as our President.

This administration's extreme agenda does not reflect the best of who we are as a country but, instead, seeks to turn us against each other. We cannot allow that to happen.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Immortal and invisible God, speak to us this day Your inimitable words of truth. While Your wisdom has often seemed a mystery hidden from us, You have freely offered it by Your spirit, that we may receive and understand Your gracious and generous gift.

Reveal to us then what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human mind conceived, that we may comprehend the things You have prepared for those who love You.

Show us what our limited perspective keeps us from seeing, that You, who created all things, have designed a future for us that will grant us reason to hope in what we cannot see.

Declare to us in words louder than the soundtrack of our culture that it will not have the final word.

Remind us that as much as we think we know the way, the wisdom of the world will amount to nothing, for it is You who ultimately orders our steps.

You have made clear, O God, that these promises are for those who love You. Search our hearts, O Lord, we pray, and find within us a thirst for Your Word and a desire of our love for You.

To You, the only wise God, in whose name we pray, we give thanks.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRUMP LEADERSHIP CAPTURES DICTATOR MADURO

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Americans are grateful that last week, under the courageous leadership of President Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Pete Hegseth, General Dan Caine, Pam Bondi, and John Ratcliffe, that our professional military completed an inspiring, legal operation to arrest Venezuela dictator Maduro and his wife.

Dictator Maduro rigged elections and also operated a murderous, drug-dealing regime. Drug cartels, which killed hundreds of thousands of young Americans, have now been damaged.

The murderous axis of evil of war criminal Putin, Iranian and Cuban regimes, and the Chinese Communist Party are unraveling, exposing dictators with rule of gun which invade democracies with rule of law.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump, with ghost Russian tankers financing the Maduro murderous dictatorship.

Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Dr. JIM BAIRD and his wife, Danise.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNUAL CRUCIAN-RICAN TRAMP AND BIG BREAKFAST

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to share the unbreakable ties between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, demonstrated this week through the Annual Crucian-Rican Tramp and Big Breakfast, a powerful reminder that Virgin Islands culture is inseparable from our Latin Caribbean heritage.

Puerto Rican immigrants began coming to the Virgin Islands by the thousands in the late 1800s, cutting cane alongside Crucians, whose ancestors endured the same cane fields. Families planted roots, building communities throughout the island and on St. Thomas. They established social clubs and created businesses.

Spanish became our second language. Our children grew bilingual. Our families intertwined. Our kitchens became sacred ground, where callaloo met asopao, fungi sat beside mofongo, and johnnycakes shared the table with bacalaitos.

Yet, before the migration to St. Croix were the boats of enslaved Crucians, who were fleeing slavery by making the dangerous trip to Vieques and Culebra. This isn't fusion. It is family, Caribbean people who refused to let colonial borders divide us, who