

an abundance of AI-powered services and task masters.

Some will choose to lean into this abundance. While it might result in greater efficiencies for some, it will also turbocharge the worst parts of how we use technology. Deep fakes, pornography, identity theft, placelessness, and social isolation are already rampant in our society and will only skyrocket in a world of mass-adopted generative AI.

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Others will keep their eyes wide open and adopt technology more carefully, particularly when it comes to their children.

I recently introduced the AI Children's Toy Safety Act, which draws upon industry-led research about the dangers of incorporating AI chatbots in children's toys and mandates an immediate ban on the manufacturing, sale, importation, or distribution of any toy product in the United States made with an AI chatbot.

Nearly every AI service provider, such as OpenAI, Google, Perplexity AI, xAI, and Anthropic, have terms of service that state their products should not be used by unsupervised children under the age of 13. Yet these companies have been more than willing to let their product be licensed by children's toy-makers anyway.

This poses serious data privacy challenges for children and risks locking them into addictive and unpredictable engagement patterns. It also risks exposing them to explicit content given that these chatbots have been trained on data generated by and for adults.

To be clear, I am as eager as any elected Republican to unleash the power of American innovation to win the AI race, cure cancer, and prevent the Chinese Communist Party from setting the standards for AI around the world. However, our approach needs to blend nations' security imperatives with a human-centric ethical framework, a framework that clearly states that more technological abundance is not always the same thing as more flourishing.

That is why I am also looking to introducing a House companion bill to Senator JOSH HAWLEY's GUARD Act, which bans AI companies from developing romantic companion chatbots for minors and mandates that AI companies disclose their nonhuman status to all users to prevent minors from being tricked by artificial displays of empathy or affection.

As commonsense conservatives, we must be honest with Big Tech when their search to improve the bottom line invites serious ethical questions about our children's development.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARLOS OLIN GODBY

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carlos Olin Godby.

Many of us here know him as the best IT administrator Capitol Hill has ever known, but much more than that,

he was a husband, father, and friend of those who knew him.

It didn't matter the issue or request. Carlos was there ready to lend a hand at a moment's notice. He was a calm and dependable problem solver, intelligent, and trustworthy. There was never a problem he couldn't fix, and if he wasn't sure right then, we knew he would figure it out. Always before he even told me, he was calling me back with a solution.

Carlos brought a special light into our offices. He didn't just fix our IT problems. He asked how we were doing. He asked about our families, and he showed that he cared personally about those he served professionally.

He spoke often about his wife, Angela, and his daughter, Adele. They were truly his pride and joy.

Carlos enjoyed spending time with friends at Mount Vernon Park, trying to perfect his lawn, listening to all kinds of music, creating delicious dishes with New Mexico green chile, and rooting for the New Mexico State Aggies and the Dallas Cowboys.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones now, especially Angela and Adele. I believe Carlos is watching over them now and is still cheering them on. He is proud of everything they are doing.

Carlos served on the Hill for over 30 years. It is impossible to accurately describe the kind of person he was in just a short speech. I speak on behalf of my staff, myself, and countless others who were fortunate enough to cross paths with him. His impact and generous spirit will outlive him, and we will miss him dearly.

CELEBRATING ERIC WHITE

(Ms. PRESSLEY of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my district director, Eric White, a scrappy kid from Rozzie, a 23 year old when he first came to work for my city council office. He is a history buff, a voracious reader, a decent hockey player, a proud graduate of our Boston public schools, and a dedicated advocate.

There can be no doubt that Eric's worldview and values were formidably shaped by his upbringing: two loving parents in John and Nina who modeled strong work ethics and even stronger bonds of love for one's family, neighbor, and community.

The stories that Eric's father, John, a union laborer, one of seven children raised by a single mom, I know impacted Eric. That clearly informed the fights that he took on for working families, for workers' rights, for fairness, and for justice. Between his two parents, given his proud Irish and Italian heritage, I know it informed the fights that he took on for immigrants and anyone else in pursuit of the American Dream.

Throughout the years, Eric has been at my side, crafting strategies for

transformative legislation like our liquor license reform efforts to support neighborhood restaurants, transformative investments, stewarding our community project funding, and crafting speeches that spoke to the heart, to the heart of the matter, and to the heart of man.

Eric has been by my side for long car rides, for late-night community meetings, marching in parades, or shoulder to shoulder at a union strike.

During my Boston City Council tenure, Eric worked his way up from neighborhood liaison to policy director to chief of staff. As he closes out this chapter as my district director in my congressional office and looks to new horizons for change and impact, it isn't lost on me that the student of history is today a maker and shaper of history.

Eric's impact on Boston politics, municipal, and Federal policy will endure, but I know his greatest legacy is still being written in the family he has grown and the beautiful life that he is building with his wife, Kelsey, whose nuptials I had the honor of officiating; their son, Cam; daughter, Maize; and one day soon a dog named Teddy, named after President Roosevelt, of course.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of Eric. I am proud of his contributions. I am proud of his legacy of kindness, compassion, and composure. I am so proud of the man he has become.

John and Nina have raised an exceptional human being. I have not forgotten about Jared. He played a role as a brother, as well.

I know that incredible chapters lie ahead for Eric personally and professionally. His mark on Massachusetts-07 is not deniable, and his impact in my life is indelible.

He has always been there. He has been there as an anchor. He was there when I said good-bye to my mother. He was there when I met my husband. The young man who started as an aide in my office is now a permanent member of my family. Lucky me. Lucky me.

I love Eric "E-Rock" White. I thank him for 13 years of dedicated service and innumerable personal sacrifices. I thank him for everything.

RECOGNIZING OUR INTERNS

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, as I have recognized the excellent staff members who are working with me in this, my freshman term, may I also recognize and thank the young people, college students and recent college grads, who have labored in the inglorious role of intern doing day-to-day grunt work necessary but often boring. They have given months of their young lives on my behalf, and I am grateful.

They include Pearl Vinard, Emma Balber, Annie O'Connell, Marion Karp, Jacob Niedzielski, Reese Chamberlain, Cheyenne Etemadi, Lauren Flum, and Zachary Couzens.

I trust this experience was a good one for each of them and that in the years to come they will achieve great professional and personal success.

PROJECT 2027

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, we have spent 1½ years watching this majority implement Project 2025. I think it is time for us to discuss Project 2027, the things that this House can and should do under new leadership.

Let me highlight a priority for 2027: Stop insider trading by Members of Congress, the Cabinet, the President and Vice President, and their families. We will never gain the faith of the American people proclaiming that we have their best common interest at heart when they see examples of elected and appointed officials putting their own personal economic interests at heart.

My hometown in New York's 16th Congressional District includes many of the most successful financial minds on Wall Street, but it also includes everyday, hardworking people who don't have any holdings on Wall Street. Let's make sure the playing field is fair, not stilted in favor of those who have access to information not available to all.

Let's prove we mean what we say. If this majority in 2026 won't act, then let a new majority act in 2027.

CANADA

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, permit me to jump forward and to provide unsolicited advice to a person I do not know. On January 22, 2027, that will be the third day of the Presidency of the 48th President of the United States.

I encourage that person to fire up Air Force One and fly to Ottawa; invite Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to meet them on the tarmac and give them a big public hug; motor together to the Canadian Parliament, address the collective legislature, and tell them: America, your friend, has come home; announce the end of Canadian tariffs and open up a dialogue on the issues between us.

In so doing, you will not only be sending a message to Canada, but you will be sending a message to England, to France, to Germany, and to Japan. We will begin to restore the respect that we have lost in the capitals of the free world.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MOURNS THE LOSS OF BELINDA BARRAGAN

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, the San Fernando Valley mourns the loss of Belinda Barragan.

Belinda was a proud, lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley, graduating from St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City. For over 30 years, she was at the forefront of public service, advocating for working families and Latinos, ensuring that they had all

the opportunities and support to thrive.

Belinda uplifted thousands of women and community members with her uniquely warm, funny, and love-centered leadership. Her career in public service has often been behind the scenes, and she has taught us the definition of steadfast leadership.

Through her work with HOPE Leadership Institute, Belinda empowered hundreds of Latina professionals and created opportunities for these women to strengthen their confidence and grow as leaders.

Her integrity and compassionate leadership helped build the careers of grassroots community leaders as well as those in the public and private sectors. She supported many Latino elected officials when they first started in politics, including former Congressman Tony Cárdenas and Senator ALEX PADILLA.

Congressman Cárdenas said that Belinda always helped everyone around her to be their best. Her intensity was infectious. Belinda's caring and loving personality matched her tough, "let's get the job done" attitude. He called her a force for good and positive change.

Senator PADILLA called Belinda Barragan the nicest person you would ever meet and that she had a special ability to keep you on task and on deadline when there was work to be done.

Senator PADILLA asked Belinda to be his campaign manager when he first ran for city council. He said that seeing Belinda at HOPE events over the years always brought him back to his early days in politics. Belinda will be remembered for her unwavering integrity, empathetic leadership, and her lifelong residency in the San Fernando Valley.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in honor of Belinda.

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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS EMBOLDENED

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, let's talk about naked, open, brazen corruption. The Trump administration is guided and shaped by it, emboldened by what they can get away with while the American taxpayer watches their own hard-earned paycheck siphoned away by ever-growing gas prices, groceries, rent, and healthcare. All the while, Donald Trump flaunts his White House ballroom and D.C. arch, with displays of nauseating corruption for his billionaire buddies in broad daylight.

Take Jared Kushner, Donald Trump's son-in-law, a man with no meaningful political, diplomatic, or civil service experience, who was handed sweeping

authority during the first Trump administration over Middle East policy and was sent across the world to represent the United States. At the same time, his family's real estate empire in New York was in trouble after years of mismanagement and actively seeking foreign investment. He sure found it.

Kushner was shaping U.S. foreign policy while simultaneously building relationships with foreign leaders that would later become financially valuable to him personally. He was acting as a diplomat for himself at the expense of America's interests abroad and our national security.

Kushner communicated directly with wealthy, high-ranking officials like Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, using unsecured and unauthorized channels like WhatsApp, with limited or no transparency and record-keeping regarding these official and ethically dubious conversations.

Nothing has changed since the first Trump administration. In fact, it has only gotten worse. They no longer even pretend to hide it.

While Kushner and Trump ally and billionaire friend Steve Witkoff meet with Gulf countries about matters pertaining to U.S. national security, they are also directly involved with selling massive billion-dollar deals to friends and family of the President. It is the largest corruption scandal ever seen in the United States, leading back directly to Donald Trump, members of his family, and top administration officials.

Kushner is a private citizen. He is not subject to the rules and regulations of actual public servants, including background checks and requirements for security clearance. He is negotiating America's foreign policy and matters of literal war and peace between the United States and Iran—some of the most consequential negotiations of the 21st century.

Meanwhile, new reporting from The New York Times shows that Kushner is simultaneously soliciting \$5 billion in new investment from the very same foreign governments with a direct stake in these negotiations.

It would be too outlandish for a movie script. Yet, this is the reality in America today: an elite ruling class that makes policy decisions based on how it will affect their personal bottom line and using taxpayer-funded government to get rich at our expense.

I mean, Trump is literally suing the IRS, which he controls, for \$10 billion—money straight from the taxpayers into his own pocket.

There is hope. All across the world, people are organizing and uniting against corrupt leaders who view government as a tool to enrich themselves and their friends. In Hungary, after 16 years of democratic backsliding in a state molded into a piggy bank for the elite, a broad coalition defeated Viktor Orban, despite him doing literally everything he could to rig the system in his own favor.