

Worse. Iran's nuclear ambitions? Worse. American credibility? Worse.

Everything—everything—has been made worse by Donald Trump's war of choice. Donald Trump promised "total and complete victory." Instead, he delivered total and complete chaos. That is not victory; that is failure.

Donald Trump hasn't even clearly articulated what victory would look like, let alone achieved it. Instead, he has lurched from one reckless idea to the next, with no strategy, no endgame, no coalition of allies, and the consequences, unfortunately, are piling up.

Russia's oil revenues are surging, buoyed by Donald Trump's decision to ease pressure and destabilize global markets. An adversary that is fueling the war in Ukraine is now benefiting from this chaos.

And at home, Americans are paying a very high price. Inflation is rising again, driven, in part, by the spike in energy costs. So Americans are paying the price there. Mortgage rates are climbing. Consumer confidence has hit record lows.

Donald Trump is leading our troops into a literal minefield abroad and leading American families into an economic minefield here at home.

So let's call Trump's Iran policy for what it is, not Operation Epic Fury, "Operation Epic Failure." "Operation Epic Failure" is a much more appropriate name for Trump's war of choice.

And 45 days into this war, Congress has been sidelined because our Republican colleagues refuse to take a strong stand against this war and duck it completely because they are afraid of Trump.

No hearings, no oversight—no serious oversight—no accountability, not one. I say to my Republican friends: This is not how democracy conducts a war. That is not what the Constitution allows. So if Republicans refuse to do their job, Senate Democrats will force the issue.

Under the War Powers Act, we will bring a resolution to the floor this week, led by Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a combat veteran who understands the true cost of war far more than Donald Trump ever has.

And we will not stop there. If Republicans block it, we will vote again and again and again, every single week, until "Operation Epic Failure" ends or Congress does its job and authorizes it—which I know it won't, given how bad this war is—because our troops deserve a mission, not a mess. They deserve a strategy, not chaos. And they deserve leaders who understand that sending Americans into harm's way is the most serious decision a nation can make.

Our Republican colleagues face a simple choice: Stand with Americans or stand with Trump's failed war. Stand with our troops or keep them in harm's way without a plan. Stand with the American people or keep asking them to pay more for gas, more for groceries, and more for a war that has made everything worse.

We will keep forcing that choice. We will keep forcing that choice, my Republican colleagues. You won't be able to keep ducking it.

I would like to thank Senator KAINE for his tremendous leadership on this issue. I would like to thank Senator BOOKER and the Members of our caucus for working with me to ensure we have these votes week after week, unrelenting, until Republicans are ready to stand up, listen to the pleas of Americans, and do their job.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. President, now on the Department of Homeland Security and reconciliation, like Trump's disasters abroad, Republicans are ignoring their disasters domestically as well. Instead of ending Trump's disastrous war in Iran and addressing the affordability crisis that is crushing working families across the country, Republicans continue to sow chaos here at home by keeping the Department of Homeland Security in a state of shutdown.

Democrats put forward commonsense, bipartisan reforms to rein in ICE and Border Patrol's lawless activity; reforms, I might add, that most Americans support and that local police departments across the country practice every single day.

To be clear, Republicans could open DHS if they wanted to. We also passed twice a bill that would easily fund all of DHS, aside from ICE and CBP. But, no, House Republicans would rather bog down the Senate in a partisan clown show with their reconciliation proposal. Why? To placate Stephen Miller, an unelected ideologue that has built a career rooted in cruelty.

So let's be clear what Republicans have chosen: not a clean funding bill with commonsense reforms, not bipartisan solutions because they can't support these things. Instead, they fight them because Trump and Stephen Miller force them to be opposed to the commonsense proposals we have made that most Americans support.

The Republicans here in the Senate and the House have chosen chaos. They are dragging the Senate through a painful, arduous, and partisan reconciliation process, not because it is the best path but because they cannot and will not rein in ICE and Border Patrol or stop the violence.

They want less accountability, not more, because Donald Trump and Stephen Miller told them so. That is disgraceful, dysfunctional, and a disservice to the American people. Americans want ICE and Border Patrol reined in. They do not want to see the Senate give ICE and CBP a blank check so that these rogue Agencies can continue to act with impunity, unleashing violence and disorder on our streets.

They do not want to see an extremist like Stephen Miller calling the shots on American immigration policy. Instead of listening to Americans, Republicans in the House and Senate are obeying their orders from Trump and Stephen Miller.

SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. President, on the SAVE Act and election interference, perhaps it is unsurprising that an administration and a party that are so out of touch with the American electorate and so fearful of a November washout would go to such great lengths to rig the rules in their favor, but that is exactly what Donald Trump and the GOP are doing.

Yesterday, the Brennan Center reported that more than half of local elected officials are concerned that political leaders will interfere in their work.

We all go to the polls. We see these election workers. They are dedicated. It is an act of patriotism when they sit by the polls, count the votes, and administer the election fairly. But Donald Trump and the GOP threaten them. I would be worried, too, based on what we are seeing from Donald Trump's party, if I were an election official.

Apparently, the GOP has given up on trying to win over the electorate by delivering results, so they are instead trying to change the electorate with their SAVE Act. It would kill online, mail, and motor registration, forcing Americans to drive sometime hours to register in person. That is hard and costly in the best of times but especially when gas is \$4 a gallon. It would purge millions of Americans from the voter rolls. It would make it harder for married women to vote. It would reject the most common form of IDs Americans use to register.

The only thing Republicans are trying to save with this legislation is their own skin in the next election. The only thing they are trying to save is their own skin because they know they are going down in defeat electorally.

If the GOP spent the same time and energy trying to deliver for working families as it does trying to rig the rules, maybe Republicans would have a chance. But that is not what they are doing, and we are going to do everything we can to stop this evil act from ever becoming law.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Wolfe nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to tell you, to tell the body, and to tell the country that Republicans are going to fully fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as Border Patrol, and we are going to do it through the end of President Trump's term in the White House, all the way through—not just to the end of this year, this fiscal year, the calendar year—all the way to the end of the time that President Trump

is in the White House. And we can do it without a single Democrat vote, and we are going to move forward without them.

The Democrats want to defund law enforcement in America. It is disgraceful. It is shameful. But that is who that party has become. They want to end immigration enforcement in the United States. Republicans will never let that happen.

Senator SCHUMER and the Democrats engineered this dangerous, reckless shutdown that we are currently living in. It is a shutdown of American security and American law enforcement. Now, they have done it for one reason: They would rather protect illegal immigrant criminals than protect law-abiding American citizens.

For the last 2 months, Democrats have fought to turn America into what some would call a sanctuary country and what I would call a country that harbors and protects illegal immigrants. That is what they are trying to do. Those are their beliefs. They rally around the country to proclaim it.

They voted to defund ICE, and they voted to defund Border Patrol—the very men and women who are hired to keep our Nation safe and secure. They tried to ban masks on ICE agents. That would allow the gangs of radical thugs who travel the streets at some of these rallies to threaten agents in their own homes, to terrorize their families.

Those were the demands the Democrats made in the negotiations. They all have one thing in common: They make our Nation less safe. Clear and simple, they make America less safe. That is who the Democrats are, and that is why Republicans have rejected all of the things they have been demanding.

Thanks to Republicans, immigration enforcement and border security will be fully funded, and they will be funded without conceding a single radical Democrat demand.

Democrats have spent the last 2 months trying to handcuff ICE and Border Patrol agents. Republicans are going to make sure that ICE and Border Patrol are fully funded as long as President Trump is in the White House.

So here is what comes next. I met with President Trump at the White House on Friday afternoon. Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, who is chairman of the Budget Committee, and I met, sat, and visited with the President. We shared with him that Senate Republicans are not slowing down. We are united around a targeted, focused reconciliation bill, and we are moving immediately and quickly to fully fund and strengthen ICE and Border Patrol. We are going to do it with a simple majority right here in the U.S. Senate, and we are going to do it for the long term—no more hostage-taking by the radical Democrats. The safety and security of the American people are much too important for that. Senate Republicans intend to meet President Trump's June 1 deadline.

The men and women of ICE and Border Patrol are American heroes. They protect our Nation from murderers, from drug traffickers, from rapists. They protect our Nation from repeat illegal immigrant criminals. These are the individuals who should not have been let into the country in the first place, but Joe Biden and the Democrats let 10 million illegal immigrants flood into our Nation during those 4 years.

When Democrats obstruct this critical work, innocent Americans pay the price.

Remember Sheridan Gorman. She was 18 years old, just 18 years old and a student in Chicago. Last month in Chicago, she was shot and killed in cold blood by an illegal immigrant criminal.

Sheridan's killer entered our Nation in 2023. The Biden administration let him in. He was one of 10 million illegal immigrants allowed to enter the country. And, of course, Chicago's sanctuary city laws that they are proud of there shielded him from deportation. The city of Chicago and their mayor protected him. He turns out to be a murderer.

And don't forget Richard Williams. He was that 83-year-old U.S. Air Force veteran. Last month, in New York City—the minority leader's hometown—he was shoved onto the subway tracks by an illegal immigrant criminal. He died of his injuries.

His killer had a lengthy criminal record, but the sanctuary city laws of New York protected him. So he kept doing criminal deeds and acts against American people and their property.

Sheridan Gorman deserved better. Richard Williams deserved better. Every American citizen and every American community deserve better than what the Democrats are trying to hoist upon all of us.

This is what Republicans are fighting for. That is why we are here. From day one, President Trump and Republicans have fought alone to secure the border and to enforce the laws. Democrats responded with opposition, with obstruction, with extremism. Republicans will do what is necessary to fully fund our national security, and we will protect law-abiding citizens, not illegal immigrant criminals.

The American people have long demanded secure borders and safe communities. President Trump and Republican leadership are going to continue to deliver. Senator SCHUMER and the Democrats may scream. They are not going to stop us.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CREDIT SUISSE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for several Congresses, I and others in this body have been trying to bring attention to Swiss banks trying to hide assets that they accumulated during World War II and joining my colleagues in efforts to make sure that justice is done for the wealth and other private property that was taken from Jewish people who died in the Holocaust. So once again, I am back to give a report and an update on that effort.

In February of this year, I chaired a bipartisan hearing on my ongoing Credit Suisse Nazi accounts investigation. That hearing was supposed to, in part, highlight the collaborative and cooperative work of the bank UBS, which bought Credit Suisse, along with Neil Barofsky, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and the Senate Judiciary Committee, and what we had achieved up to that point.

UBS had committed to fully exposing the wrongs committed by Credit Suisse. After all, the information about Nazi evils belongs to humanity. But when UBS was informed that my committee may potentially hold a hearing, the previous cooperation that we got from UBS was scaled back.

Mr. Barofsky testified this to the committee:

Shortly after I told UBS that this committee was considering holding this hearing, UBS informed me that it would for the first time conduct a privileged review and withhold certain relevant privileged material from me and my team.

This is from Mr. Barofsky, the chief investigator of the information that we are trying to get from UBS.

According to Mr. Barofsky, UBS leadership provided misleading information to the committee even after being warned that they were misleading the Judiciary Committee.

For example, at the hearing, UBS testified that it had withheld fewer than 150 documents from Mr. Barofsky.

But Mr. Barofsky said his team emailed UBS before our hearing, "expressing concern that using the word 'document' was misleading."

Mr. Barofsky said, in this instance, the word "document" actually meant "hundreds or even thousands of pages of many different documents together."

Following the hearing, Mr. Barofsky told the committee that he urged UBS to "correct any misimpression it may have made upon the Committee when it referenced the number of withheld and redacted documents as being only 150." And according to Barofsky, these documents are "relevant to the question of whether a Nazi had an account or didn't have an account with Credit Suisse."

To date, UBS hasn't provided a true account of the amount of pages at issue. However, Mr. Barofsky informed the committee that, as of March 11, 2026, approximately 23,000 pages of materials had been redacted or withheld from him.