

Mr. Speaker, Shan has long been an integral part of the Lockheed Martin team, holding various positions in Mississippi, West Virginia, Maryland, and Georgia. We welcome her to Cobb County, and look forward to her contributions to our community.

#### IN SUPPORT OF TITLE X FUNDING

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Lowey amendment which restores lifesaving medical services to millions of young and low-income women and men who receive their basic health care through the 4,400 clinics nationwide receiving Title X funds. Let's be very clear about what services Title X family planning programs do and do not provide. First off and very importantly, federal law prohibits any Title X money from being used for abortion care. Plain and simple.

Instead, these monies go toward breast and cervical cancer screenings, hypertension and blood pressure measurement, prenatal, postpartum and well-baby care, birth control and abstinence education.

The statistics speak for themselves: contraceptive services at Title X centers annually prevent 973,000 unintended pregnancies, which would result in 433,000 unplanned births, 406,000 abortions, and 134,000 miscarriages. Slashing this funding actually has the opposite effect of the so-called "pro-life" majority. Not only would the number of abortions rise by 40% if these funds are cut, defunding Title X jeopardizes the millions of women and their babies who benefit from these clinics.

Given the objective benefits of this program which include annual savings of \$3.4 billion, it is unclear how the anti-choice, Republican majority concludes that attacking and eliminating women's basic health care will improve our economy, erase our deficit, or create one single job. Once again, the message this majority is sending to women across this country is clear: They do not trust you to make your own decisions about your own body and will cut or eliminate programs that help you do so.

#### FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

### HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this continuing resolution, which endangers our fragile economic recovery by throwing more Americans out of jobs. Rather than focusing on the creation and retention of jobs, this bill gives the pink slip to hundreds of thousands of Americans. Who's getting the pink slip? Nurses, teachers, police officers, and firefighters, among others. At the same time, states and counties are having to lay off these essential personnel as they struggle to balance their budgets. How will putting more people in the unemployment line create jobs? These job cuts strike at the heart of the middle class in America.

At a recent press conference in Washington DC, Speaker JOHN BOEHNER's response to the job losses (later estimated at nearly 1 million jobs) caused by the bill was, "So be it," in apparent resignation or indifference to the pain these cuts will cause to individuals and communities across our country.

In addition to increasing the ranks of the unemployed, the Republican leadership is making the cuts on the backs of the most vulnerable among us. At the same time, they are damaging our nation's long-term economic prospects by cutting needed investments in education, innovation, and infrastructure.

No vulnerable group is safe from the Republican cuts. Head Start is slashed by \$1 billion and child care by \$39 million, ending at least 50,000 jobs nationwide and ending services to more than 200,000 children. In Hawaii, newly opened Head Start classrooms serving 700 children would need to close their doors, giving these children no place to go for quality early education to prepare for success in school and in life.

This bill cuts basic K-12 education services for all low-income schools by \$700 million nationwide and cuts after-school programs by \$100 million. This anti-education bill also bursts students' dreams of college success, reducing Pell grants by an average of \$700 for some 19,000 low-income college students in Hawaii, and Direct Loans to 30,000 Hawaii college students.

The Republicans' budget cuts would completely eliminate all Native Hawaiian Education programs. I joined with Representative DON YOUNG of Alaska to offer an amendment to reinstate funding eligibility for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian education programs. We worked hard to explain the importance of these programs to our colleagues, and the Young-Hirono Amendment passed 331 to 117.

In fact, this bill as introduced reflects a particular bias against Native Hawaiians in that it also eliminates funding for Native Hawaiian health care and Native Hawaiian housing programs.

The backbone of our health care system is dismantled by drastically cutting funding for community health centers. These centers, which serve the most vulnerable in our population, are cut by \$1.3 billion. In my rural district, spread over 7 inhabited islands, community health centers are used by everyone in the community due to the shortage of primary care physicians. In Hawaii our network of community health centers serve nearly 127,000 patients, one-third of whom are Medicaid eligible.

H.R. 1 threatens women's health by eliminating a safety net program that provides family planning services and lifesaving preventive care to 3 million Americans every year. By eliminating funding for the Title X Family Planning Program, the only dedicated sexual and reproductive health clinic on Hawaii Island may have to close its doors. The Planned Parenthood health centers on Oahu and Maui would be forced to reduce their clinic hours.

I hope seniors in our country are taking note. This bill dramatically cuts funding available to the Social Security Administration by \$1.7 billion below what they need to maintain promised service levels. Social Security already operates at very low cost. Overhead is less than 2 percent of the total budget for Social Security. The bill eliminates 3,500 jobs in the Social Security Administration and delays

payment of earned benefits for hundreds of thousands of retirees, survivors, and disabled workers.

I've heard Democrats and Republicans alike acknowledge their support for infrastructure spending. Yet this Republican bill cuts funding for transportation infrastructure and housing by 24 percent compared with the President's budget. These cuts to infrastructure are the largest cuts on a percentage basis in the bill—cuts to programs that we know create jobs and improve the quality of life in our communities. These short-sighted, short-term deficits cuts will lead to long-term continuing deterioration of our infrastructure, which will cost us more to fix down the road.

Under this bill, Hawaii would lose \$11 million in desperately needed funding to upgrade our sewers and wastewater treatment plants. Hawaii would also lose \$5 million for new energy-efficient circulator buses recently awarded by the Federal Transit Administration.

These deep cuts in infrastructure funding are opposed by groups as diverse as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO. The Republican majority hasn't brought a single measure to the floor this Congress that will help create jobs. Instead they are focused on cutting jobs. When you cut billions from programs, you are cutting jobs. No amount of rhetoric will cover up that fact.

We should be eliminating billions in tax breaks for the oil and gas industries. Instead, the Republican Majority has cut research in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. And because many on the other side of the aisle choose to ignore science that contradicts their preferred view of the world, the bill makes radical cuts to funding for entities such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate and ocean monitoring programs.

The bill also cuts funding for medical research and for small business and economic development assistance programs. These cuts will stifle innovation, limit job creation, and threaten our competitiveness in the global economy.

I've only cited a few of the short-sighted, anti-middle class, anti-senior, anti-woman, and anti-education provisions in the bill. I'll be voting no, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same. We need to focus on creating, not eliminating, jobs; on sparking, not depressing, innovation; and on investing, not disinvesting, in education for our next generation.

#### TRIBUTE TO SIDNEY FORD

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to continue recognizing African Americans from throughout Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have a major impact on their community. Today, I rise to recognize Sidney Ford—who hails from Rome, Georgia—for his work as the Senior Pastor of St. Luke's Ministries, located in Cedartown, Georgia. Pastor Ford is a great asset not only to St. Luke's but also to the greater community where he is a mentor and a person who embodies the sentiment of "giving back."