

some Members of Congress are voting to enrich themselves and wealthy special interests with farm subsidies while refusing benefits to millions of the neediest and most vulnerable Americans.

I issued a report earlier this year that detailed 14 Members of Congress who are collectively worth up to \$124 million, received at least \$7.2 million in farm subsidies, and yet voted to cut the nutrition allowance for 47 million working poor families and children.

Imagine that.

In honor of the Chair, let me just say, "And that's just the way it is."

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the House plan to hold a vote on a continuing resolution to fund the government and defund ObamaCare. This straightforward approach achieves two objectives: it keeps the lights on for the Federal Government while halting an unworkable law.

The list of problems with ObamaCare gets longer every day. This law was passed in 2010. But since just last week, I would like to share three examples that negatively impact my district and the State of Indiana.

Yesterday, just 12 days before the full implementation, the White House warned Americans of "massive fraud" triggered by ObamaCare, causing identity theft and cybersecurity leaks. Last week, Indiana University reported they're laying off 50 workers and sending them to a temp agency because of ObamaCare. This includes graduate students who are having their hours cut to stay under the 30-hour threshold. The Indy Star reported that over 200,000 Hoosiers are impacted by higher insurance rates under ObamaCare.

The list is getting longer, and the problems are getting worse.

The House plan is similar to legislation penned by my colleague, Mr. TOM GRAVES, which has already been co-sponsored by 79 Members of Congress. I'm confident the House will work its will to pass this legislation to reflect the wishes of the American people. Next it's time for the Senate to step up and do the same.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mr. BERA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn yet another manufactured crisis that House leadership has created. Americans are sick and tired of the fighting and of having their economic security put on the line repeatedly.

Instead of doing their jobs and serving the people, House leadership is holding the American people hostage

to partisan politics and taking us down a path to a government shutdown. That means our military serving overseas would have to work without pay while they're sacrificing for us. Their families are going to struggle. It means benefits to our veterans, who are already struggling to get benefits and enduring a backlog, are going to have to wait longer for those benefits. It means Americans who count on Social Security, a program that they paid into their whole life, may not be able to get their payments.

This is absolutely shameful, Mr. Speaker. The clock is ticking. We've got 11 days. Let's do what is right and begin to work on a real budget—a budget that creates jobs, that secures a strong middle class and starts to reduce our debt and the burden on the next generation.

Eleven days, Mr. Speaker.

A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we have an opportunity to win a victory for common sense. For decades, business as usual has fostered an unholy alliance between food stamps and farm policy. Year after year, Washington spent money that it never had. This summer, when the House considered a trillion-dollar welfare bill that was a farm bill in name only, taxpayers had seen enough.

The American people were able to defeat business as usual by insisting that both food stamps and farm policy be considered individually and on their own merits. It's just common sense. Finally, we passed a farm-only farm bill that ended direct payments. Today, we can continue that work by passing a food stamp bill that doubles the savings that the House originally considered.

Mr. Speaker, this bill eliminates loopholes, ensures work requirements, and puts us on a fiscally responsible path. In the real world, we measure success by results. It's time for Washington to measure success by how many families are lifted out of poverty and helped back on their feet, not by how much Washington bureaucrats spend year after year.

DRASTIC CUTS TO SNAP

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in opposition to the drastic cuts proposed to the supplemental nutrition program, better known as SNAP. The SNAP program helps millions of Americans in need, including 16 percent of the residents of my State, put food on the table, provide for their families, and get back on their feet.

This is a sad day because the House will soon vote to cut \$40 billion—an enormous amount—from the SNAP program. But this isn't about government programs. It's not even about dollars. It's about 6 million Americans. It's about dismantling a highly effective program that my home State has used to get people back to work.

In these tough economic times we should be helping folks get back on their feet. We shouldn't be asking the least fortunate among us to shoulder the burden for a Congress that can't get its act together and pass a budget.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once said:

Why should there be hunger and deprivation in any land, in any city, at any table, when man has the resources and the scientific know-how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life? There is no deficit in human resource. The deficit is in human will.

SNAP ONE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the majority leader and the Tea Party Caucus have been railing against providing sufficient SNAP funding that provides food to the hungry. This is certainly not something to be proud of. I have never understood making scapegoats out of the most vulnerable Americans.

The majority has been holding up passing bills to keep our country afloat in 2014 because they want to demonize ordinary Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. The Republican majority seems to enjoy the company of the very wealthy who are eating cake, while casting aside those who have really been scraping by economically. Some have lost their jobs due to outsourcing overseas, their homes to Wall Street greed, and for too many can barely maintain a foothold in the middle class.

So let me propose a deal. Let's transfer out three of the massive government buildings in Virginia that employ thousands of people in the majority leader's Seventh Congressional District of Virginia and let's move those jobs to Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. Culpeper's loss would be Cleveland's gain.

After we strike this deal, we in Ohio will enjoy the guaranteed jobs and income flows to which the Seventh District of Virginia has grown accustomed. We can cash in on the regular flow of funds to the majority leader's district that he takes for granted, including being the number one State for Federal procurement in the whole country. Let's harmonize Ohio's unemployment rate with Virginia's.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the majority leader's harsh let-them-eat-dirt proposal. He lives in an insulated economy. Ohio does not. We want responsible government that values every citizen. Let no one in America go hungry.