it touches every race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Millions of domes-
tic violence incidents are reported each year, and many more go unre-
ported. Too often, domestic violence remains within the confines of the
household, as many victims do not con-
tact law enforcement or go public, often out of fear.

When it was first observed 26 years ago, Domestic Violence Awareness
Month sought to shine a light on this tragic reality by educating the public,
empowering the victims, and punishing the offenders. And in the 26 years since,
we have made great progress, partly
due to the Violence Against Women Act, which provides critical support to
programs for victims and their fami-
ilies, as well as resources for law en-
forcement and community organiza-
tions.

With a 51 percent increase in report-
ing by women and a 37 percent increase in reporting by men, the results have been
nothing short of incredible. Domes-
tic violence is wrong, and no victim
should be hesitant to report it. I en-
courage every American who feels threatened or who knows someone in a
dangerous situation to contact law en-
forcement or a community organiza-
tion. Together, we can strive to end do-
mes tic violence abuse in our commu-
nities.

I yield back to the gentleman.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I do so for your indulgence.
You have been liberal with the time.

And I want to remind persons that
while we do this on an annual basis
in the month of October, we do want to
make domestic violence awareness an
everyday activity.

I yield back the balance of my time.

HEALTH CARE AND VOTER
REGISTRATION ENROLLMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under
the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-
uary 3, 2013, the Chair recognizes the
gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMER T) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMER T. Mr. Speaker, this
has been an interesting week for a
number of reasons. I would like to call
to attention a letter that was written
by Chairman DARRELL ISSA, my friend from California, to Secretary Kathleen
Sebelius at the U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services this week.

The first paragraph, after saying,
"Dear Madam Secretary" says:

The Committee on Oversight and Gov-
ernment Reform is investigating the insurance ex-
change application, online at www.healthcare.gov, estab-
lished by the De-
partment of Health and Human Services. As
part of this investigation, we are writing to request information related to voter reg-
istration data collected during the applica-
tion process.

On further down, the letter says:

While HHS and its contractors continue to struggle with the task of processing applica-
tions and enrolling people in coverage, the agency uses the Web site to collect voter reg-
istration information. Once an applicant

completes the online application for health care coverage, a dialogue box appears ask-
ing, "Would you like to register to vote?" In light of the National Voter Registration Act
of 1993, also known as the Voter Gaya
which requires any agency that provides
public assistance to provide individuals with an
opportunity to register to vote, the De-
partment of Health and Human Services
expects to collect voter reg-
istration information on the health care applica-
tion. The inclusion of this voter registration
may give applicants the impression that reg-
istering to vote is somehow tied to receiving
health care benefits, such as insurance sub-
sidies.

Given the well-documented flaws with the
health care application process, the public
lacks confidence that HHS has the ability to
safeguard applicants' voter information.
Documents reviewed by the committee show
that applicants may submit personal infor-
mation over the Internet during the applica-
tion process without encryption, potentially
exposing personally identifiable information to
interception and abuse.

Further down it says:

Further, it is unclear how HHS uses the
voting information it collects once a user
submits this data on the Web site. Appli-
cants and state election officials will have access to their informa-
tion. Voter registration contains important personal details that are valuable to various individuals and organizations.

Toward the end, Chairman ISSA says:

These facts raise questions as to what hap-
pens when the same individual expresses the
desire to register to vote multiple times. HHS does not appear to have the capacity to
differentiate between duplicates and first-
time applicants.

In short, it is unclear what happens to
voter registration data. HHS receives
it. Applicants have an expectation
that the Federal Government is not trans-
mitting private information to third parties, knowingly or unknowingly.

But interesting questions were raised by
my friend Chairman ISSA. It should
also be noted that the chairman of the
Subcommittee on National Security,
my friend from Utah, JASON CHAFFETZ,
also signed that letter. So that has cer-
tainly captured my office
to find out what this was about.

And then we find information about
www.demos.org. They have a report by
Lisa J. Danetz called "Building a
Healthy Democracy: Registering 68
Million People To Vote Through
Health Benefit Exchanges."

Well, that is interesting. It makes
you wonder what they are up to. They
are involved in this
www.healthcare.gov, apparently. And
their own information from demos shows
says they are going to use the health
benefit exchanges, apparently, to try
to register 68 million people to vote.

So while people in America—and I
have talked to many who are just scared because they have gotten someone
sick in their family. They have lost
their insurance that the President
promised they could keep. They are
scared about the superhigh deductibles
they have gotten. They are scared that
under ObamaCare they have been sen-
tenced to part-time work. They have to
work the part-time, which means, as I have
heard from some, that, gee, that means
we have now had to go on public assist-
ance because I never wanted welfare,
didn't need welfare until the so-called
Affordable Care Act forced us into it.

So people are concerned all over
America. The majority want
ObamaCare gone. The Web site is not
working. When we find out that, actually,
the Web site seems to be as concerned
about getting people registered to vote
and getting their invaluable voter infor-
mation as they are about dealing with
the crisis in American lives in-
vesting their health care and their
health insurance.

You have got people with ulterior
motives. They are apparently not just
signing people up from the goodness of
their hearts because Demos makes
clear in their own information, We are
going to use the health benefit ex-
changes to register voters.

Well, now, who would they be reg-
istering to vote? Because we are all in
favor of people eligible to vote voting.
And now we know we know that the Attorney
General has sued States like Texas,
even though the Supreme Court has
made clear that Indiana's law requiring a
photo ID, the Attorney General's rules that require a photo ID to get in
voting the National Democratic National
Committee requiring photo IDs to get
into their convention, having to have a
photo ID to get alcohol or cigarettes or
basically to get on a plane or get on most any conveyance in interstate
commerce you have got to have a
photo ID. And so like Texas have
said. If you can't afford it, then just
fill out the oath, and we will take care of
it for you.

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So, on the one hand, we have an At-
torney General and Department of
Justice doing everything they possibly
can, even in the face of a Supreme
Court decision saying photo ID require-
ments are okay. They still are going
after States, which I would humbly
submit, Mr. Speaker, disenfranchises
legitimate voters when the Attorney
General of the United States takes ac-
tion to prevent States from preventing
fraudulent votes.

I was shocked when people called out
for international observers to come
watch our own election process. This is
America. We don't need international
observers to watch our process, so I
thought. And yet international observ-
ners watched our process of voting and
were absolutely shocked that we were
so cavalier about who got to vote.

No identification requirements.

Clearly, people were in a position to
vote more than once if they wanted to.
People were in a position to vote who
were not U.S. citizens, and people could
vote multiple times.

I know in Iraq, I was over there right
after their first election, and those people
had to dip their fingers in perma-
ning cement, and they still were around
for weeks until it finally wore off. But it
made sure that, even in Iraq, they were
protecting the integrity of their voting
system further than what we are doing here.

Well, this demos.org, they are going to register, they say, 68 million to vote through health benefit exchanges. So the thing to do, it seemed to me, was to get their annual report.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is what I got—Demos’ annual 2012 report—to see who these people are that are going to register voters. I am sure they would be fair and register voters from all walks of life.

And then here we see the president is Miles Rapoport. Being the president, he has got a nice Letter from the President, the board chair.

So then you look up a little background. Well, who is this Miles Rapoport? An article from keywiki said Miles S. Rapoport is the leftist president and CEO of New York-based think tank Demos.

It goes on to say:

While studying at Harvard in the late 1960s, Miles Rapoport was active in the radical Students for Democratic Society, SDS.

Mr. Speaker, it seems like I have in the back and SDS evolved into something called—some of them did—the Weather Underground that Bill Ayers would know a great deal about, being that he held the first fundraiser for the man who is now our President. But the article goes on to say:

Harvard SDS campaigned against U.S. military involvement in Vietnam—obviously, a lot of people did.

—and the presence of Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, ROTC, on campus. In April 7, 1969, letter to the Harvard Crimson opposing Harvard President Pusey’s support for the ROTC, Miles Rapoport and fellow SDSers Naomi Schapiro, Carlin Meyer. Rick Brown wrote, “to conclude, President Pusey, they support the U.S. military and the policies it carries out. We feel that ROTC must go because it supports the policies of the United States and we oppose the military that perpetuates them. The lines are clearly drawn. The time to take sides is now.”

Well, that was Miles Rapoport, the president, that is going to register 68 million people through health benefit exchanges that most of us thought were actually just going to be trying to help people get health insurance. They are going to gather their most personal information and allegedly get them registered to vote. And you can’t help but wonder what people like former SDS leader Miles Rapoport want to do with people’s personal identification information.

So going further back in the Dems Annual 2012 Report, see what kind of fundraisers they have had. Well, they had a “2012 Transforming America Awards and Gala Celebration.” So we look down and who were the honorary chairs?

There is Bertha Lewis. Some may remember she was head of something called ACORN. So the former head of ACORN is honorary chairman, helping Demos that is going to register 68 million people through the health benefits exchanges.

There is Richard Trumka, the president of the AFL-CIO. Oh, and here are our friends at Service Employees International Union, SEIU, and, of course, the international union UAW.

So that gives us a little feel about what Demos is doing, but it caused a little further examination as to who is going to register 68 million. There is information that...”

Number 1. Open Borders Groups. These groups exist in part or in whole to secure greater Federal benefits for illegal immigrants. As such, all are obvious risks to fraudulently register illegals for subsidized insurance.

Number 2. Politically Biased Organizations. The ObamaCare navigator/assister program registered white voters. I am sure they would be fair and register voters from all walks of life.

So who is it that is actually gathering this information to help Demos in their efforts?

There is an article here from PJ Media by David Steinberg, “Draining the Swamp: Top 40 Troubling Listings from the ObamaCare Navigator/Assister Security Nightmare:” The article said:

Last week, we reported that the honor system is being used to confirm the identity and certification of navigators/assistants. The local ‘help’ feature on healthcare.gov refers consumers to potential predators.

We have since reviewed, State by State, every single navigator/assister that healthcare.gov currently displays to the public via “find local help.”

This search revealed two additional dangers of the navigator system. It is not just a defunct or a problematic Web site. There is a problem with who is doing this, who is gathering information, who is this nightmare and train wreck of a Web site sending people to.

This says:

Number 1. The consumer is vulnerable, but so is the taxpayer. The program is rife with organizations that have advocated for “open borders,” have helped illegal immigrants dodge apprehension, and have attempted to fraudulently register illegal immigrants for subsidized health insurance.

Such organizations are obvious risks to the fraudulently register illegals for subsidized health insurance and, as such, have no business being included in the government-funded navigator/assister program.

Number 2. Regulations require navigators/assistants to be “unbiased.” However, many organizations that were founded by or are affiliated with political organizations—including causes such as “universal health care,” “single-payer,” and ObamaCare itself—are nonetheless part of the program.

Many of these groups already receive government funding, which further raises the obvious conflict of interest issues. As many will be paid according to the number of consumers successfully registered for an ObamaCare plan, such groups have several incentives to steer consumers away from free-market plans that may be superior options.

Outside of the below list, only a handful of suspicious “open borders” or politically biased organizations have been exposed nationally. Below, a list of 40 to spur the much-needed discussion.

This list is divided into three categories. Some listings may fit more than one category, but all are listed only according to the primary concern regarding each.

Number 3 is the Center for Pan Asian Community Services. This organization has expressed its support of just about every attempt to legalize the U.S. illegal population.
and has additionally expressed displeasure with the Voter ID law. They rallied against the Supreme Court decision in Shelby v. Holder, inviting members to participate in a "voter ID solution telethon". They approved of the Associated Press' decision to remove "illegal immigrant" from their style guide. They frequently and enthusiastically endorsed their support for the passage of ObamaCare.

In 2007, when the idea of a $10,000 fine instead of deportation for illegal immigrants was floated in Washington, D.C., CPACS Executive Director Chaiwim Kim gave the following statement:

"People who are in the country illegally tend to be among the poorest clients at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, said Chaiwim Kim, executive director of the Doraville nonprofit. So she doubts they could pay a fine beyond a couple thousand dollars. "Most of the undocumented, they are really underpaid," she said. "In a way, they've already paid society."

Number 4, another group, is the Puerto Rican Cultural Center. The first thing that appears on the Web site (as of last week) is a statement from the organization Centro Sin Fronteras.

Centro Sin Fronteras is involved in the struggle to stop deportations and having a moratorium. We march and fight for the rights of deportees. We march to stop the deportations and separations of our families. We are asking Obama to stop the deportations now, but instead, while the Senate is debating to pass an immigration reform, they are deporting and separating even more families than before.

In 2010, PRCC Executive Director Jose E. Lopez awarded the prestigious 2010 Health Award from the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. The Health and Medicine Policy Research Group is an independent nonprofit promoting access to economic, social, and health care equality for the past 29 years—and I just feel like there ought to be a drum roll—"in Chicago."

Now, it is important to understand that we welcome immigration, and we need immigration in this country—it is fresher water flowing into this country—but it has got to be pursuant to the rule of law, and it has got to be legal. Even 60-plus percent of Hispanic adults agree we need to secure the border before we do anything else in the way of reform.

It is also worth noting that, if a group like this had its way, we would never be able to deport terrorists. We had some who overstayed their visas and should have been deported. This group would be against that, which means they would be allowed to stay in the country and carry out the 9/11 attacks, which they did. Some of us have been calling for the law be followed and that, if people overstayed their visas, then legal action will be taken, and people will be deported, and it would be properly followed up.

This administration has not and even the previous administration had not been doing that or the Clinton administration, but it is something that needs to be done if we are going to be a Nation of laws. Yet these are the very people who are out there assisting people with their healthcare.org filings and getting their personal voter information.

Gee, after the IRS was weaponized and began targeting, wouldn't it be nice if conservative groups were allowed to register people for healthcare.org and to gather all of this personal information. I am being face-tious, Mr. Speaker, because, under the law, to be a navigator or assister, you are supposed to be unbiased, and there is nothing but bias that we are seeing so far.

Number 5. Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County: This group operates a Victim's Assistance program—that is great—which helps crime victims concerned about pursuing justice due to their illegal status.

Oh, we are back to that.

Our bilingual Victim's Assistance program began in 1997 with funding from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission. This program has been successful due to the trust we have developed with the Latino population and our collaborative relationship with community agencies. Several factors limit Latinos' access to law enforcement and emergency services, including fear of the unknown, fear of documentation checks, and a lack of awareness that victims do not have to pay for an attorney.

Number 6. NBC Relief Chicago: This organization's position on illegal immigration appears clear: they are currently assisting "children of illegal immigrants in delaying their deportation through the DACA program." Their Twitter account links to an article, titled, "Undocumented Migrants in U.S. Gaining Improved Access to Higher Education."

Number 7. Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment: From their site's Civic Reflection page:

A recently formed Chicago advocacy group for immigrant rights, the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment, supports comprehensive immigration reform and more just treatment of undocumented immigrants. Since late last year, APIFIRE has been using conversation about readings by Pablo Neruda, Franz Kafka, Toni Cade Bambara, and others to develop its organizational structure and mission.

So it is interesting. We have got so many groups, and they are trying to help people who are illegally in the country. They are helping people illegally in the United States. We have got to do something about it.

The New York Daily News, "One of the reasons Demos is part of this, and their stated goal is to get 68 million new voters registered. This goes on and on, Mr. Speaker."

We have got 40 organizations like Planned Parenthood. They are in here and are registering voters as, apparently, part of the navigators or assisters. I guess they were helping with Demos. We need to know about these things.

A lot of these are politically active; the Arab American Action Network, the Arab American Family Services, the Campaign for Better Health Care, the CFL Workers Assistance Committee, Southern United Neighborhoods. It just goes on and on: In-Affordable Housing, Inc., Chatman, Inc., Chatman, LLC, The Health Care Foundation, Canaide, Inc., 2Hurt2Cry, Cutting Edge Health Options, Home-bound Services, New Beginnings Medical Services, Village Communicator, Metro-east Area Communities for Empowerment.

We have got a bunch of folks who are supposed to be assisting in navigating for people who aren't able to get through the healthcare.org. They have political motivation. Their goal is to register 68 million new voters. No wonder this Web site is failing. If that is the case that it was being used for political purposes, what a disaster. People are scared about their health care, and these people just want to further their own political interests.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we worried about Americans and were against fraudulent voting and got America back on track to survive for years to come and flourish.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, THE HONORABLE CANDICE S. MILLER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Karen Czernel, District Director, The Honorable Candice S. Miller, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC.

Hon. John A. Boehner, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for testimony in a criminal case. After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

Karen Czernel, District Director.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113–70)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States: which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within the 90-day period prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2013.

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of October 30, 2013

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