

that cost Americans money and jobs. In critical ways, our Tax Code gives explicit economic advantage to our foreign competitors. That changes with this bill.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act puts the American taxpayer and the American economy first. The bill cuts taxes for individuals and families in every tax bracket.

By lowering rates, doubling the standard deduction, and increasing the child tax credit, hardworking American families can keep more money in their paychecks. The average family of four earning \$55,000 will see a tax cut of over \$1,000.

This bill will supercharge our economy by making everyone play by the same rules. It substantially reduces taxes on small businesses and manufacturers. This means more jobs, more money, and more opportunity for American workers.

Tax reform is the single best thing we can do for our economy. I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

REPUBLICAN TAX SCAM

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, just calling this tax bill a middle class tax bill does not make it so. You actually have to read the bill. And if you do, you will find that the vast majority of the benefit goes to the people at the very top: the wealthiest Americans, multinational corporations. They are the beneficiaries of this Republican tax scam.

Saying it benefits the middle class does not make it so, and, in fact, many in the middle class, tens of millions of people in the middle class, will pay more taxes so that we can do what? Give huge tax breaks to the people at the very top.

And how do they pay for that? They borrow money.

All these deficit hawks, all these people over here who have said over and over again that it is immoral to pass debt on to our children and grandchildren will walk to the floor of this House and they will vote to send \$1.5 trillion in debt to their kids and grandkids to give corporations and the wealthiest Americans a tax break.

It is immoral. It is immoral.

RECOGNIZING THE FREEDOM 5K FOR PTSD

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an exciting event at Penn State that raises awareness about veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Freedom 5K for PTSD is the brainchild of some of Penn State's ca-

dets. Nicholas Pisciotta organized the 2016 run, and Joshua Stein organized this year's event.

Mr. Speaker, these dedicated cadets said they felt it was important to take care of the men and women who have fought for our country and are still fighting for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

The proceeds from the event support the Lone Survivor Foundation, which provides support for wounded servicemembers, their spouses and children, by empowering them with helpful information on how to address post-traumatic stress, mild traumatic brain injury, chronic pain, military sexual trauma, and care partner stress.

The Freedom 5K also honors the spirit of Navy SEAL Lieutenant Michael Murphy, a Penn State alumnus, who made the ultimate sacrifice as part of Operation Red Wings.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these current and future servicemembers for not only organizing this impactful event, but for caring about their fellow military men and women.

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HOUSE DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON BETTER JOBS, BETTER WAGES, AND A BETTER FUTURE

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, while House Democrats continue to focus on better jobs, better wages, and a better future for the American people, House Republicans have put forward a phony, fraudulent, and fake tax reform plan.

The Republican tax scam will raise taxes on 36 million middle class families, undermine Medicare, and explode the deficit. It will saddle our children and grandchildren with more than \$1 trillion in additional debt simply to pay for massive tax cuts for millionaires, for billionaires, for special interest corporations, and for the privileged few.

It is all being done simply to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and shameless. It is a Ponzi scheme. It is a heat-seeking missile aimed directly at middle class families. It is a flimflam, and it must be defeated.

CONSTRUCTION TO LOWER YELLOWSTONE INTAKE PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, for 110 years, the Lower Yellowstone Intake Project has provided a dependable supply of water to over 58,000 acres of family farms in Montana and North Dakota. It has created over 10,000 acres of wildlife habitat.

To protect the endangered pallid sturgeon, Congress funded a bypass

channel and weir improvement so that the fish could circumvent the diversion that had been there for 110 years. The proposed construction would also protect regional groundwater, the environment, and agricultural communities.

Unfortunately, a U.S. district judge blocked the project this summer because, as he claims, it does nothing for the sturgeon. His ruling to halt construction does nothing to help the sturgeon. His ruling does nothing to help the communities that rely on the project's irrigation water.

I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with the work on the Lower Yellowstone Intake Project. The completion of this project is urgent to protect species' habitats and agricultural activities in Montana.

THE STORY OF HUGO FROM SALEM, OREGON

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Hugo from Salem, Oregon, and I continue to urge Speaker RYAN to put forth a clean Dream Act.

Hugo is an undocumented Oregonian originally from Veracruz, Mexico. His only memory of Mexico is saying goodbye to his parents as a child before leaving for Salem.

In high school, Hugo played football, he was a JROTC commander, a youth police cadet, and a firefighter explorer. He quickly moved from ESL into honors classes, and graduated at the top of his class. Hugo earned the privilege of delivering the commencement speech at his graduation.

All of this, along with his dedication to community service, led to the city of Salem recognizing Hugo as Youth of the Year.

Because of Hugo's immigration status, however, after leaving high school, his only job was a field hand. That is until DACA.

Hugo was able to enroll at the University of Oregon, working multiple jobs to pay for his tuition, and earned his bachelor's degree in economics. He now works as a banker, and volunteers as a teacher in financial literacy for families. But in 10 months, his work permit will expire.

Mr. Speaker, let's protect 800,000 DACA recipients across this country, like Hugo.

THE 21ST CENTURY FLOOD REFORM ACT IS NEEDED REFORM

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, a wise man said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.

The definition of public bankruptcy is not having enough public taxes to pay public debts.