

To justify this reckless Ponzi scheme, the Treasury Department has produced a 1-page analysis.

Really? One page? That is the best you can do?

You are insulting the intelligence of the American people, insulting the intelligence of this Congress, and insulting the intelligence of our Democratic republic.

The American people deserve a better deal.

HONORING THE ALSTON FAMILY OF MENA, ARKANSAS

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable family from the Fourth Congressional District of Arkansas.

The Alston family from Mena was recently named Arkansas Farm Family of the Year. The Holly Springs Homestead, run by Luke and Deedee Alston, is a diverse farm of Angus cattle, chicken houses, and a large variety of fruits and vegetables grown at its location in Polk County.

Not only is the family—which includes sons Ryan and Drey—active in traditional farming, but the Alstons are also a leader in Arkansas agritourism, with a variety of crops bringing families to the Holly Springs Homestead. Their work supports the Polk County economy and brings pride to their friends and neighbors.

I send my congratulations to the Alston family on this prestigious honor, as well as all the county farm family winners across Arkansas.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Trump White House and the U.S. Treasury Secretary continue to issue formal reports about the Republican corporate tax cut plan. These reports are devoid of fact or credibility and have been categorically rejected by each and every respectable tax expert.

These tax cuts will pay for themselves and fuel \$2 trillion in economic growth over the next decade.

Not true. Tax cuts have never come close to paying for themselves, not once or ever in human history.

Corporate tax cuts will trickle down to increase annual household income in America by between \$4,000 and \$9,000.

No one believes this or them. For the White House Council of Economic Advisers to say this is official misconduct and a blatant fraud perpetrated against middle America.

Mr. Speaker, this big, corporate tax cut is a massive giveaway to corporate America and a major takeaway from middle America.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MARIA DIAZ

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Maria Diaz, who will be retiring after more than 35 years serving at the Social Security Administration in my hometown of Miami.

My staff and I have had an opportunity to know and work with her over the last 17 years that she has served as a public affairs specialist. Throughout that time, she has been an invaluable resource to us and our constituents.

Maria started working at the Social Security Administration in 1982 in what she thought would be a temporary job, but she quickly grew to love her work and those she had an opportunity to serve. Over the last three decades, with her calm demeanor and ever-present smile, Maria has made a significant impact in the lives of countless individuals in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Maria Diaz is the embodiment of the ideal public servant. She has dedicated her life to faithfully and diligently serving those most in need in South Florida.

On behalf of a grateful community, I wish her the best of luck in the next exciting chapter of her life.

Felicidades, amiga.

NEW YORK STRONG

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, a terrorist tried to attack the lifeblood of New York City: our subway system. It is another somber reminder that New York City, a beacon of hope and freedom, remains a target for terrorists.

We had the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, another one on 9/11 in 2001, the Chelsea bombing last year, the truck attack earlier this year, and another bombing yesterday.

In addition, the New York Police Department openly talks about 27 other attempts to harm New Yorkers, which were thwarted. By now, it should be clear that we cannot play politics with Federal funding for local law enforcement and homeland security. The funding for States and cities, especially high-threat areas, must not be delayed, diminished, or cut off.

While we are still learning more about this latest attack, one thing is clear: the terrorist wanted to strike fear into the hearts of every New Yorker, but he failed. New Yorkers will always persevere in the face of diversity. Our trains are running. Our people are back to work.

I wish the three people injured yesterday a swift and speedy recovery. I want to express my gratitude to the

law enforcement of New York City and the heroic response of our first responders. We are all very grateful to them for what they do for us every day.

BEETLE KILL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is amazing that there was 25 percent more tree death this past spring and summer after near record precipitation last winter.

We are seeing the beetle kill and the tree die-off at amazing rates. You can see the forests that are devastated in the West each year. They aren't necessarily all forested areas, but you see what the effects look like in communities on the east side of the State and in the north.

The devastation must end. We must manage our forests. We have, again, the beetle kill. We have trees dying off. There are billions of board feet of trees dying off that are assets of the American people. We should have our forests managed so they are sustainable, healthy, and good for the wildlife.

We need action taken by the USDA and the U.S. Forest Service. We are meeting with those folks to try to get a new direction. Under the previous administration, we got a lot of talk and a lot of smoke. We need action that is going to be positive so that the West doesn't have to burn every year, leaving negative effects to air quality and the economy.

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GOP TAX SCAM

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

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, you have been hearing a lot about this tax plan, but it is really a tax scam.

It is not a mistake that congressional Republicans are going after hardworking middle class families. In fact, it is an intentional attack against them.

Let me explain briefly. They have laid out a simple three-step process. Here they are:

Step one, pass a tax scam that they know will raise taxes on millions of middle class families in order to give tax cuts to corporate special interests and billionaires. That alone will saddle our children with more than \$1 trillion in debt.

Step two, flip out about this new debt.

Step three, then demand cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

For months, congressional Republicans have denied that this is what they are doing.

Well, let me tell you what happened last week. Speaker RYAN said this: "We're going to have to get back next