

billions of dollars to hire more teachers and firefighters and police officers. But these temporary government jobs come at a steep price. Every dollar spent sustaining one of these jobs is a dollar taken from the same capital pool that would otherwise have been available to productive businesses to invest in creating permanent jobs.

Government can also transfer jobs from one business to another by taking capital from one and giving it to the other. That's how we got Solyndra. We put a half-billion dollars at risk to create 1,100 jobs. That's \$450,000 per job. Now that half-billion dollars is gone and so are the jobs. And who pays for these losses? Other businesses and their employees, meaning fewer jobs created.

What government can do very effectively is to create the conditions in which jobs either flourish and expand or wither and disappear. When we place additional taxes on productivity, jobs disappear.

The President says he only wants to tax millionaires and billionaires, but the tax increases in his so-called jobs plan actually hammer more than 75 percent of net small business income, at a time when we're counting on those small businesses to produce two-thirds of the new jobs that our people desperately need. That is insane.

When we place additional regulations on productivity, jobs disappear. That's what we're watching in real time—thousands of pages of new regulations from Obamacare, from Dodd-Frank, from the EPA stifling American job creation.

It's no secret why business isn't expanding. Just ask a businessman. They're scared to death of the additional taxes and regulations they may be facing in the next few years, and they're pulling back to see what happens. Ask bankers why they're not lending; you'll hear the same answer.

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House Republicans have laid out a comprehensive plan to revive the economy through the same policies that worked under Ronald Reagan in the early 1980s, under John F. Kennedy in the early sixties, under Harry Truman in the mid-forties and under Warren Harding in the early twenties. For example, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that ObamaCare by itself will cost our economy a net loss of 800,000 jobs. A few weeks ago, the Natural Resources Committee received testimony that, just by getting government out of the way and opening up American energy resources to development, the economy could create 700,000 jobs and \$660 billion of direct revenues to the national and State treasuries. So repeal ObamaCare and open up American energy resources; there's 1½ million jobs right there at no cost to taxpayers.

Now, imagine doing that across all sectors of the economy. That's what Republicans are proposing to do. The

fact that the President doesn't even recognize this as a jobs plan leaves me to conclude that he simply doesn't understand how jobs are created in the first place.

When Ronald Reagan inherited an even worse economy from Jimmy Carter, he reduced the tax and regulatory burdens that were crushing the economy, just as Republicans proposed to do today. According to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, if the economy today under Obama had tracked the same as it did under Reagan, 15.7 million more Americans would be working today and per capita income would be \$4,000 higher than it is today, \$16,000 higher for a family of four.

Mr. Speaker, freedom works. It is time we put it back to work.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Work and Family Month. As a mother of young kids in a household with two working parents, I know all too well the daily struggle facing today's American families. How can we be great parents and also be great at our jobs?

This summer, when I was home in my congressional district, a constituent raised a question that particularly struck me: Can you imagine what a typical workweek would look like if suddenly, without warning, every single child care provider failed to show up to work and left parents with no alternative child care options? From Wall Street to Main Street, America's businesses would come to a grinding halt; and the carefully spun web of endless schedules, systems, and to-do lists that we've created to make it all work would unravel.

With the number of parents working full-time on the rise, more and more families are fully engaged in the daily juggling act that comes with trying to do it all. Particularly in today's economy when secure employment has become more tenuous, parents have become increasingly hesitant to ask their employers for greater flexibility in their work schedule, to encourage their company to open a day care center, or to ask for the option to work remotely.

If anything, the current economic climate has led to an even greater need for increased flexibility. Thousands of parents are at home not by choice but because they lost their jobs and have not yet had the opportunity to reenter the workplace. These parents may be at home, but looking for employment is a full-time job.

With thousands of American families experiencing the situation as we speak, we are hearing too many stories about parents who couldn't get to an interview, a networking opportunity, or a

job training session because their partners didn't have the flexibility in their work arrangements to make it work.

Studies show that employees and their families are not the only ones to benefit from greater workplace flexibility. From improved productivity and efficiency to higher employee morale, flexible work arrangements can help employees and help businesses reach their fullest potential.

In the last decade, we have seen significant strides made toward improving the great juggling act that is work-life balance. We cannot let this progress slip away during these challenging economic times. In the spirit of National Work and Family Month, I urge my fellow policymakers, employers, and employees to pause this month to think about how we can better work together to make it just a little bit easier for today's families.

Attending the school play, tending to a sick child, or just being able to meet your family's needs makes a huge difference in the morale and work ethic of an employee. Achieving work-life balance makes a more productive employee and a more loyal one. I encourage all employers to assist their employees in achieving this balance. It will reap immeasurable benefits for both the workplace and for our families.

#### RECOGNIZING CHIP SMITH AND BLUE RIDGE LOG CABINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GOWDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, Milt and Suzy Smith from Spartanburg, South Carolina, are parents to three wonderful sons. Doug Smith is a former speaker pro tem of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Stuart Smith has a brilliant real estate mind and is a world-class Sunday school teacher. But, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in praise of their third son, Chip.

Chip Smith is from Spartanburg, South Carolina, and his company, Blue Ridge Log Cabins, employs nearly 100 people in the Fourth Congressional District. Blue Ridge Log Cabins is an innovator and a national leader in the modular log cabin industry and one of the fastest growing, privately held companies in the Nation.

But, Mr. Speaker, I am not here to talk about that today. I'm here to talk about something even more significant and special than that.

On Sunday, September 25 of this year, "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" spotlighted the efforts of Blue Ridge Log Cabins in their season opening episode on ABC. Over 10 million viewers witnessed the donation made by Blue Ridge Log Cabins to Barbara Marshall of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Chip Smith decided to build Steps N Stages Jubilee House to serve as a shelter for homeless female military veterans. Chip's generosity and Barbara Marshall's vision are providing an