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Speaker 1

Just looking.

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Speaker 1

Yeah. No, I don't. What do you want to do?

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I'm really going to say it again.

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Speaker 1

All right.

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So progress on.

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Speaker 3

Doping. Doping is building a solid network. Long have you.

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Speaker 1

Been in a program for a week?

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Speaker 3

For six months or so.

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Speaker 1

Good. I'm good. I'm glad you're here. You know, we'll answer all the questions together, so it's a great site. We really feel like responsibility.

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Cooperation with the people and really.

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Speaker 1

Try to eliminate the suffering. And here, it seems to me very short time. It's great to be very hands. We're going to finish this.

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Unknown

And we are we're here, but we're not.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah. How are you doing? Good morning to you. We will sit down from all three places to relax, but I mean, we actually everything's three zero.

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Speaker 4

So that breaks it down to our next measuring unit.

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Speaker 1

So now we wrap this, you know, very good. We get special minus two percentage. So. Right. Okay.

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I'll be here before you get back where you. I, you know that we have not we should you.

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Speaker 1

This is not an office.

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Speaker 5

Any place you will be going through your best.

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Speaker 3

Wish that you can add that to your life in about six months in.

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Speaker 1

This program, Okay. I'm glad your personal life has improved, really, since the beginning. I'm going to make it in.

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The head and.

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Speaker 1

You're not.

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Unknown

Going to have to go. How are you?

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Speaker 1

You know, least or not want to get on the road. You you said I'm.

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Speaker 4

Going to do everything I can in the United States Senate.

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Speaker 1

Everybody, my job. So, yeah, it is a very active.

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Speaker 4

Society, man.

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Speaker 1

One thing I want to say to cutting into relations.

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Speaker 4

And cutting out a program such as the.

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Speaker 1

Summer job, shortsighted, sighted. This information, frankly, is it is just pretty dumb I to do everything I can. I believe the Senate is the place where we're going to stop. So express Columbia University. I'm going to go very well.

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Speaker 1

I'm like one of your regular here.

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Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, for sure.

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Speaker 1

I'm not going to just lay off. And then as members of I have.

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Speaker 3

A good afternoon and I want to I want to once again thank Rosa Amador and CTC for allowing us to come and interrupt your schedules a bit out here to talk about something which I know is so important

to all of you, all of us, and that is to save our summer youth program, not just the summer job program for youth, not just in San Jose, not just in Santa Clara County, but all across this country.

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Speaker 3

And Newt Gingrich and the Republicans may think that this makes for good headlines, but I don't think that they've ever stopped to think what taking this money out of the budget is going to do to people throughout our communities, throughout our cities, by by not being able to get training like they're getting here and by our ability to fund in Santa Clara County, about 2300 summer youth jobs, about 1700 of those are in San Jose.

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Speaker 3

I think it will be absolutely disastrous for cities around this country to go through a summer when we don't have alternatives for our young people. And yeah, let's and, you know, one of the things that the Republicans keep talking about is family values and responsibility and people becoming productive members of our society. I can't think of anything, anything that teaches people responsibility, allows them to support their families and become productive members of our cities around this country, that having a good job, that is good for.

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Speaker 3

So I'd like to now introduce Rosa Amador is president and CEO of Center for Training and Careers. Rosa is a good friend of mine. She's a good friend of San Jose's and is doing a tremendous job providing the really necessary job training that so many people in our city need. Rosa, I just, as you know, admire you greatly, and it's now yours to share a few words.

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So you today.

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Speaker 4

Are here.

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Speaker 6

On behalf of Center for Training and Careers and the Silicon Valley Private Industry Council. I want to thank Senator Boxer.

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Speaker 4

For being.

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Speaker 6

Here and for carrying our message to Washington, DC. It is short sighted to cut funds from programs that lay the foundation for our workforce of tomorrow. Ironically, it is precisely those programs that teach our youth about the workforce preparation, the Summer youth program and the year round youth programs that are being cut as a result of the proposed cuts.

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Speaker 6

The State of California stands to lose \$348 million this year alone. Santa Clara County will lose \$5.1 million. Studies have shown conclusively that for every dollar spent on job training programs, society gets back almost \$3. So in a sense, it is an investment in our future. If these cuts are enacted, we will be turning a win win situation into a lose lose proposition.

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Speaker 6

We cannot tolerate this. The senator is interested in hearing from youth who will be directly impacted by these cuts. So we will be hearing testimony from De Leon, who is president of CTC Student Council, Nicole Valenzuela from Mexican-American Community Service Agency. Andrew Salio from Economic and Social Opportunities, and Victor Soto from CTC. Christy are.

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Speaker 4

Hi, my name is Chris Leone. I'm a medical secretary student at CTC and president of the Student Council. I came to see CTC because I had no skills to get a job to support me and my daughter. Cutting funds for employment and training programs like CTC will affect me because without skills I will not be able to get a job.

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Speaker 4

But with a job I can pay taxes and help pay for more training programs for youth like myself. I know that education is expensive, but ignorance is even more expensive. Without these programs, young people like me will suffer and become more economically destitute. On behalf of the students at CTC, I ask you to save programs for youth, especially the economically disadvantaged.

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Speaker 4

We need skills to get jobs. Thank you. Hello, my name is Nicole Lyons.

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Speaker 1

Well, I'm coming. With regard to.

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Speaker 4

The cuts in the funding cuts, I'm very coming from Uncsa. I recently enrolled in December. I've been in the program for three months. This program has helped me very.

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Speaker 1

Much to learn responsibility.

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Speaker 4

And look on to the future. It has helped me to sit and try.

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Speaker 6

And reach my goal.

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Speaker 4

I think if this program is cut, a lot of the future generation won't have the chance that we might not have the chance either. So I think that we should keep the program in the future. Youth given something to look forward to and just to keep the funding coming because we really need it. Thank you.

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Speaker 5

Hi, my name is Lou and I'm a single parent with one child. I dropped out of high school and have not been able to find a job. Currently I'm enrolled at ESL Japan program with A.P. training, but I cannot afford to attend training programs like you're so important to our community. The same is true for the Summer Youth program, which helps keep kid, keeps kids off the streets and out of gangs.

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Speaker 5

It gives them work experience that will later help them get a job. We can't let government take away our right for free education that's flexible working. If Bill Clinton's smart, he'd veto these cuts that will. My name is Victor Soto, and I think what the government is doing about the speedy programs all the summer is wrong because if they go to school for them, a lot of kids are going to be joining gangs, getting into a lot of trouble, and we don't need that.

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Speaker 5

We need our kids to get smart. We stay in school. I was in the speech program last year and we thought that I would be getting into a lot of trouble. They help me. They gave me the opportunity to work. They gave me the opportunity and the responsibility to manage my money. And it also gave me the motivation to go back to school to get an education so I can get the skills I need to get a job without sightseeing.

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Speaker 5

There is no jobs, there is no training. If you don't have an education, you don't get no jobs without speeding. You don't get the skills to get a job. I can't tell you When I came back to school, I was recommended by one of my friends that is also a student at CTC. So I enrolled in the super Smart electronics class so I can get the skills and get a job.

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Speaker 5

Without these programs, there is no future asked the government. Please just don't take away these cuts or the cuts when the training programs.

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Speaker 3

You know, my advice to Newt Gingrich and his cohorts would be to come to cities around this country and hear from articulate young people like Krista and Nicole, Andrew and Victor, if you hear their stories, I don't see how you could possibly could possibly vote to do away with with this program. And I now have the real pleasure of introducing a woman who I think is doing just an extraordinary job representing the state of California in the US Senate.

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Speaker 3

And that's our dear friend Barbara Boxer. When Senator Boxer campaigned for office a couple of years ago, she made a contract with the people of California, the people of this country that she was going to listen to us, that she was going to take our concerns back to Washington and fight for what she believed were the programs that would make our city safer, Our communities healthy, and fight for the families and working people in the state of California.

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Speaker 3

And my friends, I follow what's going on in Washington very, very carefully and closely. And I have not been disappointed for one minute in the in the job that Barbara Boxer is doing for all of us in Washington. I now give you with a lot of pleasure to actually see you back here, Barbara. Senator Boxer, thank you.

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Yes, I agree.

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Speaker 5

So much.

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Speaker 4

And well, first, I just want to say to the people, future senators of America, you were very articulate. Let's give them another round of applause. You are really our heroes because you are the ones who are proving that what we do in Washington can make a difference. Certainly, we're not perfect in all the things that we've done in the past.

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Speaker 4

Not all of them have worked. But here is something that works job training and summer jobs for you. And I'm here to tell you that I am going to do everything I can to stop those mean spirited cuts. But I want to say how fortunate you are to have Susan Hammer as the mayor of San Jose. Please give her your support every day.

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Speaker 4

It's a tough, tough job because when people like Newt Gingrich say, well, we're just out of this business of helping, it's people like Susan Hammer who have to use all that ingenuity to pick up the pieces. And I feel like I'm her partner in all of this. And I'm not going to let her be alone. I'm going to fight so that San Jose can live up to its promise to its citizens.

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Speaker 4

Let me also say how proud I am to work with Zoe Lofgren, the new congresswoman. I will tell you every single day she's there fighting for what is important to the people that she represents. I think it's it's kind of interesting that the three of us happen to be women. That can be a wonderful mother.

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Speaker 1

One woman.

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Speaker 4

And that's why you're such a terrific guy. And let's not forget, the reason I pointed that out is because I don't think women are necessarily better than men in public office. I do not believe that. I just happen to believe we're equal. Equally good that is the case. Maybe. I don't think I don't think that we're wrong. But I make the point today because we happen to be moms and we happen to bring to our job, of course, all of our experience and we know how much it takes to put into a child, even a child who may be considered advantaged in this society, how much it takes, how much love, how much does we

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Speaker 4

how much support, how much guidance, how many times you have to teach them values knowing that they may rebel because that's just the way it is with kids. And then when you take those normal growing up problems that we all have had in our lives and you add on to it kids who don't have it that easy, who do live in poverty, who may come from a broken home or a home where there are problems, it makes it all the more difficult.

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Speaker 4

And what does the new Republican Party actually the new Republican Party, want to do to these kids in this situation? They want to turn their backs and walk away and say it really doesn't matter if you fail or if you succeed. And that is wrong. It is wrong on every level. First of.

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Speaker 6

All.

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Speaker 4

And first of all, it is morally wrong. It is morally wrong to walk away from our young people. There is just right and wrong in this country. And that's morally wrong. Number two, it makes no economic sense because as your leader here in the center has shown us, for every dollar we invest in one of our beautiful young people, it's a good deal for us.

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Speaker 4

We not only feel good because we've done the morally right thing, but we're going to save money in society. And you young people have explained it and expressed it beautifully. You're going to have the skills, you're going to have the confidence, you're going to be able to get a job. You're going to be able to keep a job.

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Speaker 4

You're going to be able to support yourself and your families. Now, this is a plus for society. If you don't wind up on the unemployment line and unhappy and maybe turn to drugs or drink or whatever, or as one of our speakers said, join a gang and get in trouble. If you don't do that, that's a big plus for our society.

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Speaker 4

You become a role model in your community. You can say to the young person living on your street, Don't go in that direction. I know I had a chance. Don't make that mistake. So when we extend our hand

to you and say, you know what, we're going to give you a chance Now, if you grew up, you're out of here.

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Speaker 4

You have to make sure that you toe the line. You do the right thing. When we do that, you become a teacher, you become a role model. So this thing pays dividends over and over again. We are having a huge national debate right now. I want you to be a part of it. The way the government works is very interesting.

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Speaker 4

When our founding fathers formed this country, they set up a House of Representatives where Congresswoman Lofgren serves, and I served for ten proud years, and it set up a United States Senate. And of course, we have the presidency. And you talked about the veto power the president has. Now. Let me explain how it works. One of our founders said the Congress is kind of like a cup in a saucer.

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Speaker 4

The House of Representatives is like the cup. And Congresswoman Lofgren knows what I mean. Things get heated up in that cup. There's tough language on the floor of the House, tough proposals, and a lot of them are rammed through. And it's much, as Congresswoman Lofgren literally did everything she could to stop Newt Gingrich. The votes weren't there. And we'll have to wait for the next election to change that.

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Speaker 4

But the bottom line is, once those proposals come over to the United States Senate, they get a second look. And because of the rules of the United States Senate or I would say lack of rules, we can look at legislation for a much longer period of time. We can focus on some of these mean spirited cuts. We can slow down the process and make people see the human face behind these issues because a lot of times people say, we're going to cancel summer jobs.

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Speaker 4

What will we see? \$800 million a year? Isn't that great? We'll save 800 million. Forget about the stuff lost. But they don't realize it's about 700,000 young people across this great land, 1200 young people each summer in San Jose alone. And I could give you the other numbers, but I won't go into them. The bottom line is we are talking about a lot of young people and a lot of families.

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Speaker 4

And as I said, the impact that those young people have in their communities. So we in the Senate are going to put a human face on this issue. I am going to take the statements of our four heroes today and I'm going to read them on the floor of the United States Senate. Will that be great? Why don't you read them?

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Speaker 4

And I am going to say who said them And they will be printed in the record and they will be seen by all of America watching this debate. And people will understand that. When you say we're slashing a program, we're not talking about a program, we're talking about people, people. You know, I told you that after this thing is slow down, we're going to try to really kill it in the United States Senate.

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Speaker 4

I can tell you this much. We're going to make it a lot better at the minimum. And then it's going to go to the president and he will decide at that point in time exactly what he will do. And I will say to you right now, if I believe that the cuts in that bill are so deep that they wound our children and our young people, I will recommend to Bill Clinton to our president that indeed he pick up that veto pen and veto those cuts.

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Speaker 4

I want everyone in this room to know how important each and every one of you is to this community, to this mayor, to this congresswoman, to this senator and to this nation. And I want you to engage in this fight. Don't go home today and say, it was great. I held up a sign and I was happy that I was there.

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Speaker 4

Remember this fight is going to go on and, you know, the value of jobs and job training and you are the ones that I am going to lean on as this fight goes on. And when a senator comes on the floor like Jesse Helms or someone like that and says to me, well, what good are these programs anyway?

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Speaker 4

I'm going to tell them about the senator. I'm going to tell them about your faces, some of you with tears running down your cheeks because you know, you know what this program means to you and the fact that I am here and that the good mayor arranged all this means a lot to me. I just got off the plane straight from Washington, DC.

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Speaker 4

I'm going back on Monday afternoon after I look at a similar program in Los Angeles. And I will tell you I'm going to be energized. My name is Boxer and I'm a fighter and I'm going to fight for every one of you. I want you to stay in the fight. I want you to make sure if you're already 18 or more that you are registered to vote, That is your responsibility, not only to have a job, but to vote because the people in Washington are a long way away from here.

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Speaker 4

Sometimes just don't get it and you're going to have to send them that message. When this Congress changed hands, I want to give you one statistic and then I'm going to turn the podium back to Mayor Hammer. I want you to remember in 1992, when Bill Clinton was elected president, 130 million Americans voted. Okay. And the message was clearly change wanted change.

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Speaker 4

In 1994, when Newt Gingrich and the Republican hands took over, only 70 million people voted in this nation, 130 million voted in 1992, and only 70 million voted in 1994. Now, in my heart, I do not believe that what the American people wanted was to see this country turn its back on its people, on its youth, on its families to benefit the wealthy few.

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Speaker 4

I don't think that's what the election was about. But if it was, then this had better be a wake up call to all of us. We have to stay engaged because let me say this. This isn't the only mean spirited, horrible cut that is coming down. I have a list of them here. I'm not going to go into them.

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Speaker 4

But education is being cut and everything you can imagine that is good for this country is being cut and we have to stay engaged in the fight. So thank you so much for coming out here. Thank you to the young people, to your wonderful leader here. And it is my great pleasure to have met you today. And I'm going to take back the spirit of this visit to Washington, D.C. Thank you very.

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Speaker 4

Isn't she wonderful?

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Speaker 3

Are we lucky? Please. Thank you, Senator Boxer. It's as I said before, it really is a pleasure to have you be with us. And you're so darn articulate me believing the this goes on on the floor of the Senate and to have a better spokesperson, I can't imagine who that would be. I now get to introduce to you a woman who I think probably many of you are familiar with.

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Speaker 3

Congresswoman Lofgren served 12, 14 years ago, 14 years on our county Board of supervisors and when she was on that board of supervisors, she was the one who was always counted who we could always count on to speak out on behalf of programs like this, on behalf of working families in this county, on behalf of the kids who who needed the free lunch program and other human services.

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Speaker 3

She was a fighter on the Board of Supervisors. And believe me, in the short a couple of months she's been in Congress, she has been a fighter for those things, too. And it's been my pleasure to get to work with her and her new capacity. So I give you a different. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, I.

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Speaker 6

Know I was here just this Monday this week, and some of you are talking about the cut in the summer youth program, that 2300 young people in our county that will be cut off from training and from hope with with the rescission bill, that that is before us today. And all of you did what we we talked about.

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Speaker 6

You communicated you spoke out. We made this an issue. But as you know, yesterday, the House of Representatives did vote stupidly, heartlessly foolishly, to cut training programs for youth. They cut 100,000 scholarships that would give young people an opportunity to achieve and become science scholarships so young people could be rocket scientists to move this country forward. They cut housing assistance for frail elderly people, and they did it so that they could give tax breaks to people who earn more than \$200,000 a year.

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Speaker 6

That is what this is about. Now, I thought you fought, but we got 200 no votes. But we're short and we're going to continue to be short because Newt Gingrich and the new toys don't care about people like you. I care about people like you. No Hammer cares about you. And thank God for Senator Boxer. She cares about you.

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Speaker 6

I am so relieved that Barbara Boxer, with her fine mind and her tenacious will, is there as a break against the new toys in the House of Representatives. And I'm so thrilled that you were here, Barbara. I'm so proud. I just want to reiterate what the senator has said. You know, this country, if belongs to us, it doesn't belong to the people who earn more than \$200,000 a year.

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Speaker 6

And we've got to take it back. And the way to do that is every one of you who can register to vote, you got to do it. You've got to speak up. You've got to think about these fine young people and the fact that they are our future. And although we have problems in our country, we need to get deficit under control.

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Speaker 6

The last thing we need to do is to cut investments in our future, our future, our young people and their working families. So with that, thank you. I'm so proud to be part of this community.

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Speaker 3

Congresswoman Lofgren, you know, she was right. She was here on Monday and got on an airplane, I guess the red so and flew to Washington represented us very well and is back here today. So, you know, if that's it that's not devotion to the people that she represents. I don't know what is. Let me introduce and then we're going to close wind this up, I guess, Senator Boxer, you may be available for a couple of questions.

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Speaker 3

Somebody's got to give us a hook. Somebody on staff. We're we're on a tight schedule. We got to do things we got to do today in 6 minutes. Okay, I'll do this real fast. I just think you should know how Rick Sawyer, who's representing the Department of Labor here and used to be general counsel, Susan ARP, and I think was.

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Speaker 3

Sir, did I see Susan? there you are, Susan. Ben is the vice chair of the Silicon Valley Private Industry Council. And our dear, dear friend Steve Preminger, who has led the Private Industry Council. But as importantly, Steve Preminger is the guy who mobilized thousands of volunteers in this county to help elect Barbara Boxer, Zoe Lofgren, Senator Feinstein and others.

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Speaker 3

And Steve, we really appreciate your efforts to end up with that. The senator and the congresswoman will be happy to respond to questions. Me, too, But I think you should really address them to them.

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Speaker 4

Yes, there's anybody here?

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Speaker 5

Yes.

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Speaker 4

Yes.

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Speaker 5

Yes. I'm very much concerned about their future. But have they considered any alternative before these cuts that they that they're going to put on? That's what you just cut them and just letting it go like that?

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Speaker 4

Yeah, basically that's it. I mean, what they have decided, these new Republican who control the House of Representatives and we're hoping to stop them in the Senate somewhat, they have decided that the most important thing are really the wealthiest among us. They have a feeling that, by the way, this theory that they have has been disproven, that it's trickle down economics, that if you give the rich more and more, they'll just the wealth will trickle down.

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Speaker 4

Well, we tried that years ago in the eighties, and what occurred was that it didn't work. As a matter of fact, we had it. What we did was have make matters worse. The the rich get richer, the poor get poorer. In the middle class was squeezed. So we know it doesn't work, but yet they want to repeat that.

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Speaker 4

And the reason for all these cuts, as Congresswoman Lofgren has pointed out, is to be able to give capital gains cuts, is be able to give tax credits to those earning up to 200,000 a year. They don't have an answer. I mean, their answer is the private sector will take care of it. I mean, that's bottom line. Well, you know, we have a great country and we do work in partnership many times.

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Speaker 4

And I think that the very good example of where the business community works with the government, but we can't do it alone. We all need to work together. The people in the labor union, the people in the government, local, state, federal community groups, charitable contribution, the nonprofit sector, we should be a team. What they want to do fundamentally is to change the Constitution.

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Speaker 4

If you I want some of you to get a copy of the Constitution, you carry it in your pocket. It's a brilliant little document. And the preamble is really interesting to read. And I read it over and over again, and I would urge you to read the preamble to the Constitution because there it says what the country is supposed to be about, we, the people of the United States of America, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and the legacy to our children.

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Speaker 4

That's why we have a Constitution. But they don't really believe in it. They believe in providing for the common defense, and that's about it. And they get real excited about building more and more new weapons of destruction. We spend twice is more twice as much. And I think this is important 2 to 3 times as much as all of our enemies in the world combined.

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Speaker 4

And yet when it comes to our real national security, our children, our young people, you know, so we need a vote. We need a strong defense. We also need national security in terms of our young people. They have no response to it. They just say it's not the federal government's job. They talk about block grants. They're going to give it to the states.

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Speaker 4

Frankly, I don't want to see Pete Wilson in charge of the school lunch program. I'll be on. I'm going to close because that my staff say you've got to look up one last story for me. And it is about the lunch program, the breakfast program that goes on schools. The Los Angeles Times did an in-depth story about the feeding programs.

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Speaker 4

Turns out a lot of our kids in public schools need to participate in the lunch program. And in the breakfast program, there was one school in West Covina in Los Angeles, and every day this young man kept getting kicked out of school, kicked out of the classroom, and sent to the principal's office every single morning like clockwork. And, you know, they were puzzled because this was basically a decent kid.

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Speaker 4

In the afternoons. He was functional. It was okay. But every morning he would get himself thrown out. So finally they followed him and they were very careful about watching him. And they found out that he went down to the principal's office and she wasn't in the room. And on her desk was this great big jar of it. It was called diabetic candies.

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Speaker 4

They're special candies for people who have diabetes, and they were a whole big jar. And they always were there. And before she'd walk in the room, he grabbed six or seven of these kids. Well, he was very

hungry. And he knew if he went to the principal's office, he could get these candies. And finally they got to the bottom of it.

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Speaker 4

He said, I'm just starving. And then the school went into the breakfast program in addition to the lunch program and realized that as my kids would say, Duh, if you're hungry, you can't learn. You know, it doesn't take a lot. But yet they're taking a program that works, the turning it into a block grant, quote unquote, and giving it to governors.

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Speaker 4

And we don't know what they'll take off the top. But we do know this much in San Francisco alone, those cuts go through. So we've got to try to change in the Senate, 12,000 will be offered the school lunch program and they will be hungry and they will be acting out and they won't get good grades and they may drop out.

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Speaker 4

Now, this is America and we should not allow it to be that way. So that was an awfully long answer to a very concise question. The Republicans in the Congress don't have any answer for you. And my answer to you is let's beat them.

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Speaker 3

So I neglected to introduce to other people from the Private Industry Council, which is a very, very important component of what we're talking about today. Vicario And Sergio Perez, thank you both for being here.

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Speaker 3

And again, our thanks to Senator Boxer and Congresswoman Lofgren and Rose, keep up the good work. We're part of your team. And thanks to all of you for being here.

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Speaker 1

Glad to read something.

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Speaker 4

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Speaker 1

Make it back to you. You want to get in your field.