

# Rep. Rick Larsen: When We Fight Back Against The Republican Rip-Off, We Win

**President Trump's Project 2025 is alive and well**. The new Administration is sowing chaos and confusion by trying to implement a draconian agenda that violates the Constitution and breaks promises to lower costs for working families and small businesses.

Why are the Administration and Republicans doing this? Not to cut spending, but to find money to pay for a massive tax cut for the richest Americans and the wealthiest corporations. Rep. Larsen and the Democrats are fighting back with unity and purpose against the Republican Rip-Off.

#### **Exhibit A: Preventing the Trump/GOP Shutdown**

- **Action**: On December 18, Trump and Vance <u>released a joint statement</u> calling on Congress to increase the debt ceiling in the spending package or shut down the government.
- **Fighting Back**: On December 19, due to public pressure, the House defeated the GOP tax giveaway to the wealthiest Americans and largest corporations.

## **Exhibit B: Upholding the Constitution**

- **Action**: On January 20, Trump <u>signed an Executive Order</u> to abolish the doctrine of birthright citizenship.
- **Fighting Back**: On January 23, a federal judge in Washington state <u>blocked</u> Trump's birthright citizenship Executive Order as unconstitutional. Since January 23, federal judges in Maryland and New Hampshire have also ruled the Executive Order to be unconstitutional.

## Exhibit C: Standing Up for Seniors, Families and Law Enforcement

- **Action**: On January 27, Trump's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) <u>issued an illegal memo</u> freezing federal funding, including critical funding for Meals on Wheels, community health centers, law enforcement and job-creating infrastructure projects.
- **Fighting Back**: On January 29, due to public pressure and litigation, the Administration rescinded the OMB memo.

## **Exhibit D: Pushing Back Against Tariffs and Tax Increases**

- **Action**: On February 1, Trump <u>threatened to implement blanket tariffs</u> on imports from Canada and Mexico, which would raise prices on Northwest Washington families and small businesses.
- **Fighting Back**: On February 3, due to public pressure and an adverse stock market reaction, Trump <u>paused tariffs</u> on Canada and Mexico. But only a pause.

#### **Exhibit E: Protecting Your Private Financial Information**

- **Action**: On January 31, the Administration <u>handed Elon Musk access</u> to the highly sensitive Treasury Department payment system.
- **Fighting Back**: On February 5, after intense public pressure, the Justice Department agreed to temporarily restrict Musk's illegal takeover of the Treasury. On February 6, Larsen supported the Taxpayer Data Protection Act, which stops people with conflicts of interest or without a security clearance from accessing the highly sensitive Treasury Department payment system.