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Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd Congressional District of Ohio



From Coverage to Crisis: Beatty and Democrats Fight to Protect Health Care

Congresswoman Beatty with panelists from "Medicaid & Medicare Matter: From Coverage to Crisis" (left to right): Anthony Trotman, Joy Bivens, Fran Ryan, and Katie White.

Mere months ago in Columbus, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty convened *"Medicaid & Medicare Matter: From Coverage to Crisis"*, a roundtable marking the 60th anniversaries of Medicaid and Medicare and sounding the alarm on rising threats to these pillars of health care coverage and a larger coverage crisis on the horizon. Panelists Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator for Health and Human Services; Katie White of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging; former Columbus City Councilmember Fran Ryan; Medicaid advisor Anthony Trotman; and State Senator Dr. Beth Liston laid bare the human, economic, and medical cost of sweeping cuts to these programs under President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

Not long after, those warnings became real. Republicans in Congress did not extend Affordable Care Act health insurance tax credits or provide relief from OBBBA's historic Medicaid cuts in their government funding bill—triggering a federal shutdown when lawmakers failed to reach agreement on the content of a funding package

Congresswoman Beatty and House Democrats chose to stand in the funding fight alongside the 22 million Americans facing average premium hikes of 114% and more than 460,000 Ohioans at risk of losing coverage, according to KFF, a leading independent source for health policy analysis, and House Budget Committee

Democrats. Over the past several months, Beatty's message has remained consistent: for workers, families, seniors, children and other Americans health care is not a luxury. It's a lifeline.



Congresswoman Beatty, pictured toward the right, joins House Democrats for one of several "Save Health Care" press conferences on the Capitol steps, highlighting the fight to fund the government and protect access to care.

From Discrimination to Distinction: Beatty Honors Harlem Hellfighters

In a moment of long-overdue recognition, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty joined Congressional leaders, Cabinet officials, and senior military commanders in the U.S. Capitol to award the 369th Infantry Regiment—known as the Harlem Hellfighters—the Congressional Gold Medal, America’s highest civilian honor.

Delivering stirring remarks, Beatty remembered Ohioans who fought alongside the Hellfighters. Her tribute drew national coverage, including in *The New York Post**, as she declared, “This moment is about more than medals. It is about truth. The Hellfighters were symbols of unshakable courage and patriotism, defending an America that discriminated against them.”

The Hellfighters, an all-Black unit barred from serving under U.S. command, were reassigned to French forces in World War I. For 191 straight days, they held the front line—longer than any other American unit—never losing ground, never losing a man to capture. Their heroism earned them the Croix de Guerre, France’s highest military honor.

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Beatty with congressional and military leaders presenting the Congressional Gold Medal to a Harlem Hellfighter descendant.

As Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus at the time, Congresswoman Beatty co-led the *Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act* with Congressmen Tom Suozzi (NY-03) and Adriano Espaillat (NY-13), helping secure this long-awaited tribute.

The bipartisan ceremony featured Speaker Mike Johnson, Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth—joining to honor a regiment whose valor changed a war and whose recognition now helps preserve our history.

Following the Money: Beatty Pushes for Epstein Financial Records

At a September House Financial Services Committee hearing, Congresswoman Beatty, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, boldly motioned to subpoena the Treasury Secretary for all unredacted records tied to Jeffrey Epstein’s financial activity.

The subpoena included wire transfers, suspicious activity reports, currency transaction reports, and other Bank Secrecy Act data. The motion came during an oversight hearing with Andrea Gacki, Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and followed the Treasury Department’s refusal to provide Epstein files to Senator Ron Wyden, Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Every Republican on the panel voted no. In an instant, they blocked a path that might have pulled back the curtain on Epstein’s web of money, power, and abuse. Beatty, joined by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (MI-12)



Beatty pushes to subpoena Epstein financial records at committee hearing.

and other Democrats on the Subcommittee, made clear they were committed to following the money, all the way to accountability and justice for Epstein’s victims. Soon after, the Treasury Department told House Oversight it would hand over bank activity reports tied to the panel’s Jeffrey Epstein probe.



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Clockwise from top left: Congresswoman Joyce Beatty convenes a power-packed virtual town hall with members of Ohio's Congressional Delegation—Congresswomen Shontel Brown (OH-11) and Emilia Sykes (OH-13), and Congressman Greg Landsman (OH-01)—for a candid, constituent-focused conversation streamed live on Facebook and now available on her YouTube channel at: <https://bit.ly/FallVirtualTownHall>

As the federal government shutdown continued into its fourth week, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty brought together members of Ohio's U.S. Congressional Delegation for a live virtual town hall to help constituents understand and navigate the crisis — and its deep connection to the ongoing fight to protect health care access.

Hosting the event from her Washington, D.C. office following her participation in a Democratic Steering and Policy Committee hearing on health care earlier in the day, Congresswoman Beatty led the discussion alongside Congresswoman Shontel Brown (OH-11), Congressman Greg Landsman (OH-01), and Congresswoman Emilia Sykes (OH-13), who joined remotely from their respective districts.

The event, *Straight Talk on the Shutdown and Health Care Crossroads*, connected with thousands of residents by phone and was livestreamed on Facebook. Most participants joined by phone to ask questions in real time, with callers from across Ohio—including all four congressional districts represented

on the panel—submitting both written and live questions.

"This shutdown is more than politics — it's about people, paychecks, and priorities," said Beatty. "Behind every budget fight are families wondering whether their benefits will continue, seniors worried about their health coverage, and workers unsure when their next paycheck will come. We came together to give Ohioans straight answers regarding this shutdown."

Key discussion topics included the state of federal services, available resources during a prolonged shutdown, and the looming health care coverage crisis driven by the potential loss of Affordable Care Act tax credits and historic Medicaid cuts under House Republicans' One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1).

The conversation also addressed the broader Democratic effort to stop the cuts tied to the Trump Administration's policies and executive orders; lower costs, and save health care for millions of Americans.



Attendees listen attentively during the “Seniors Are Serious About Social Security” forum, where community voices and panelists discussed the future of earned benefits.

Beatty Stands Guard as Social Security Reaches 90 Years

In anticipation of Social Security’s 90th anniversary, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty hosted “*Seniors are Serious About Social Security*”, a community forum in Columbus at the Fran Ryan Center to spotlight growing concerns from local seniors over service delays, staffing shortages, and other barriers to accessing benefits under Trump-era changes to Social Security Administration operations.

“While Republican policy positions remain vague on the future of Social Security,” said Beatty, “House Democrats are clear: we are here to protect this lifeline.”

The event featured panelists Chanda Wingo (Franklin County Office on Aging), Anna Tobin (Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County), Norm Wernet (Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans), Patti Davis-Sato American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), and Nancy Altman (Social Security Works), and was covered extensively by local media, including *The Columbus Dispatch**, WBNS (CBS 10), and WCMH (NBC 4).

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Beatty Awarded HBCU Family’s First Lifetime Achievement Honor

The first weekend of September in Columbus was one where legacy echoed through every hallway and handshake. HBCU Alumni Weekend 2025, hosted by HBCU Family, celebrated the culture and continuity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with scholarships, career connections, and the hum of Black excellence.

Among the weekend’s highlights, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty was honored as the first recipient of the HBCU Family Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her leadership at the intersection of public service and HBCU advocacy. A proud Central State University graduate, Beatty has driven permanent federal funding for HBCUs through the FUTURE Act, expanded Pell Grants for low-income students, and continues to champion research and development funding to keep HBCUs strong pillars of opportunity. In this Congress, she cosponsored a bill which expands how grants can be used to strengthen HBCUs to include support for the arts, cultural programs and institutional capacity.



Congresswoman Beatty with HBCU Family Founders, HBCUF Weekend organizers, and Alumni Leadership Award Recipient, from left: Alonzo Edmundo, Dawn Tyler Lee, Lawrence T. Lemon, and Dominic “Dommy Styles” Chatman. (Photo by Patrick Wootten, Wootten Photography).

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