

# HOUSE DEMS' PROBLEM CHILDREN WHO ENDED THE SHUTDOWN

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

By now you've read the news the shut down ended thanks to a few House Democrats caving and crossing the aisle to vote with the GOP.

These are the problem children:

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-03) – running for re-election, district rated R+2  
Jared Golden (ME-02) – NOT running for re-election  
Adam Gray (CA-13) – running for re-election, toss-up district  
Don Davis (NC-01) – running for re-election, district rated R+1  
Henry Cuellar (TX-28) – running for re-election, district rated R+2  
Tom Suozzi (NY-03) – running for re-election, toss-up district

Some are the usual suspects, like Golden and Cuellar and Suozzi.

All of these races are gettable by a Democrat firmly left of these boneheads given the current dissatisfaction with the Trump administration and his party of enablers. As Charles Gaba pointed out, "Dems have overperformed an avg of 15 pts across 55 Special Elections so far, winning 36 of them including \*flipping\* 6 GOP seats!" Democrats running on affordability have done very well.

Golden apparently can read the weather and is bailing out. But the rest of these reps need to be primaried – even Cuellar who has been primaried in the past and survived. Suozzi must think affordability is a NYC thing and doesn't affect his district.

Gluesenkamp Perez is particularly annoying because of her bullshit party bashing about the

shutdown. She posted this on the Nazi bar site:

Tonight, I voted to end this **partisan car crash** of a shutdown. Nobody likes paying even more money to insurance companies – and the fight to stop runaway health insurance premiums won’t be won by holding hungry Americans hostage. Americans can’t afford for their Representatives to get so caught up in **landing a partisan win** that they abandon their obligation to come together to solve the urgent problems that our nation faces.

The last several weeks have been a case study in why most Americans can’t stand Congress. None of my friends who rely on SNAP would want to trade their dinner for an ambiguous D.C. beltway “**messaging victory**” and I’m glad this ugly scene is in the rearview mirror.

Now, it’s time for Congress to get back to work and build an economy where people aren’t yanked around by partisan interests, where we understand national health doesn’t come from insurance coverage – and reestablish a truly deliberative democracy. I’ll work with whoever is necessary to reach those goals – and I don’t give a damn which side of the aisle they sit on.

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Emphasis mine.

Bet she wouldn’t turn down money from the DCCC for her re-election campaign. Biting the hand, much?

Apparently Gluesenkamp Perez is pretty dense as are these other Dems. What leverage does the Democratic Party have now to negotiate a reinstatement of healthcare subsidies? Because if she knows of any, she can’t be arsed to offer it.

Here's a snapshot of the problem, offered in a joking manner:

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Rent: \$3,200

Health Insurance: \$2,600

Avocado Toast: \$8

Someone who is good at the economy,  
please help me with my avocado toast  
budget

Coverage	2026 Plan	2025 Plan
Monthly Premium	\$2619.83	\$44.47
Deductible Individual	\$6,000	\$800
Deductible Family	\$12,000	\$1,600
Primary Care Visit	\$40	\$5
Specialist Visit	\$80	\$25
Urgent Care	\$60	\$5
Emergency Room	40%	\$0
Rx Preferred Generic	\$20	\$0

Note: Refer to your [2026 Renewal Letter](#) (PDF) and check your [2026 coverage](#) for the most current plan details. Other deductibles and limits may apply. Review your [2025 spending](#) for how you've used your coverage.

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AltText for image above: Screenshot of healthcare plans without the ACA subsidies. 2025 plan was \$45, 2026 plan will be \$2,620. The deductible will increase from \$800 to \$6,000, primary care visits increase from \$5 to \$40, ER costs go from \$0 to 40% co-insurance

The poster may offer this in a lighthearted fashion but the looming threat is real: a sizeable number of Americans will have to choose between paying for rent/mortgage/food and healthcare insurance. For many of these folks this will be a matter of life or death.

Trying to protect more than 20 million Americans who rely on the ACA marketplace and healthcare subsidies isn't a partisan stunt for "messaging victory." It's about saving the lives of Americans who will otherwise be unable to afford healthcare insurance.

Assuming the GOP will act in good faith to address this country's problematic for-profit healthcare system is insanely naive or ignorant. I assume Gluesenkamp Perez stuck her head in the sand every time Trump said he wanted to kill ACA, and missed Sen. John McCain's going against his party and Trump in 2017 to vote to protect the ACA.

John McCain is dead. There's no maverick to save Gluesenkamp Perez's butt when her constituents lose their homes to pay for their healthcare because she didn't want to appear to be too partisan.