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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

JOSEPH KIRCHNER,
Plaintiff,

v.

MIKE JOHNSON, in his individual and official
capacity as Speaker of the United States House of
Representatives;
DONALD J. TRUMP, in his individual capacity as
former and current President of the United States;
PAM BONDI, in her individual and official capacity
as Attorney General of the United States;
BRENDAN CARR, in his individual and official
capacity as Chairman of the Federal Communications
Commission;
THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES;
ANTHROPIC PBC;
OPENAI, INC.;
APPLE INC.;
COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC;
METR (MODEL EVALUATION & THREAT
RESEARCH);
and DOES 1-20, unknown co-conspirators,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-02735-ACR

**EXHIBIT A-4: HR1
ENERGY AND AI
APPROPRIATIONS**

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I. Johnson Claims HR1 Delivers 'Energy Dominance' and 'Golden Dome'

[Transcript begins with irrelevant topics]

1. **Johnson:** Today, we are making the dream of a government that puts the American people first. A reality. A reality.
2. **Johnson:** I would need this entire notebook to tell you all the great things in the big, beautiful bill. It is aptly named, but I'll just tell you a couple of the highlights. Record tax cuts for hard work in Americans.
3. **Johnson:** Historic savings at the same time to end reckless spending. We got energy dominance coming back to power. Our future. We have a secure border to protect American families. We have a strong military to restore peace through strength, and we have a government. That is now accountable and responsive to the people. Once again, that's what we are delivering.
4. **Johnson:** For everyday Americans, this means real positive change that they can feel and they will feel much more when this bill is done. Families back home will have real relief, an average of \$10,000 in their pockets thanks to the largest working and middle class tax cut. And the history of this great nation, that's what we're doing today.
5. **Johnson:** You got hardworking Americans like our waiters and our bellhops. And our hairstylists. They're gonna keep 100% of their tips and overtime pay. That is money they earned. It does not belong to the government. It belongs to them, and they deserve to keep it. Yeah. Small businesses that wanna build and expand new factories, you know what they could do now they can write off 100% of their investment. That will have us a lot more building. Young families who wanna buy a home will be able to, thanks to historic savings that will put our country on a stronger financial footing. Pregnant women, children, seniors, single mothers, the disabled in the low income Americans among us receiving Medicaid and Snap will have the peace of mind of knowing. That we've made these safety nets stronger with our reforms.
6. **Johnson:** See, when Republicans are in charge, we bring common sense. We're gonna make sure that Americans who do need and deserve those critical programs won't have to compete against people who can work, but choose not to do so. That's not right.
7. **Johnson:** This bill is going to put fairness back in the system. We are returning to common sense. We're returning to. What is good and decent that people know in their hearts, and that's why they support it. More Americans will be working, volunteering, and serving their communities because modest common sense work requirements will restore dignity and purpose to those on taxpayer funded benefits.
8. **Johnson:** The bill will also mean that safer streets are available in every zip code around the country. Because our border will remain fully and totally secure.
9. **Johnson:** The Republican Party stands for Law and Order, and this is the side that stands with law enforcement, the brave men and women who are on the front line.

II. Johnson Discusses HR1, Energy Dominance and Advent AI in Idaho

[Interview begins with introduction inside Malaleuca Idaho Production Center]

1. **Johnson:** We just passed the one big beautiful bill, the the working families tax cut. And it's so important for so many sectors of the economy and for every American family because in that one big bill, the reason we called it that, it's aptly named because not only do we secure the border, not only we do we ensure American energy dominance again, not only do we work on the principles of peace through strength by our investments there, but we included the largest tax cuts in US history as well as the largest spending largest spending cut at the same time.
2. **Johnson:** But there's tax incentives for businesses for people who are investing in their facilities and growing their manufacturing facilities, adding more jobs, adding more employees, so many benefits in that progrowth economy, so many benefits in the policies we put in the legislation are going to help companies like Melleuca grow even more. And it will allow wages to rise all across the country and more opportunity for more people. Uh we're super excited about that. Republicans in Congress worked really hard on that.
3. **Johnson:** President Trump was delighted to sign it into law. I think symbolically on Independence Day, July 4th, and people are going to see the great effects of that. I brought a couple of stats here about specifically what the big beautiful bill will do for Idaho. Um, you know, a couple of highlights. We make permanent, of course, the path pass through deduction for small businesses and the deductions for research and development and investing in plant property and equipment management. That's going to be a big thing for companies like this.
4. **Johnson:** Uh, we invest, of course, in unleashing American energy dominance, I mentioned. And what that will do for a company like Melleuca, it was it will Meluca it was will lower fuel cost. It's going to help them drive the products they manufacture cheaper and get them out distributed all over the region, all over the country. Uh, additionally for companies like Micron, of course, that represents responsible I think they have 17,000 jobs in Boise alone.
5. **Johnson:** Um, we've extended the tax credit for manufacturing semiconductor chips. And that's going to help people this state and it's going to help America uh maintain our our status as the last great superpower.
6. **Johnson:** But real quickly for Idaho, the one big beautiful bill delivers the the following results. Real wage increases are estimated to be between 3,600 and \$6,400 per individual. Real take-home pay increase between 7200 and 10,200 for the average family in Idaho. 5% of workers in this state will benefit from the no tax on tips provision, which is really popular. 300,000 seniors in this state are going to benefit from the tax reductions, a new credit we gave them on social security. 68% of workers in Idaho can benefit from the no tax on overtime provision we put in the bill. We protected an estimated 35,000 jobs with this legislation. 41,000 employers are potentially eligible for the 199A deduction. and we supported 28 opportunity zones in Idaho and created that have already created about 4,000 jobs. So, this is

1 real common sense legislation for real people. It's going to make a real difference in
 2 real people's lives and we're excited to deliver it and I'm always excited to visit. It's
 3 my second trip here. I'm always fascinated uh to see what what all is going on and
 4 I'm I'm so grateful uh to to the Vanderloot family and everyone who uh host us here
 5 so graciously.

6 7. **Johnson:** So, any questions anybody have? I'll be happy to answer.

7 8. **Johnson:** Yes, sir.

8 9. **Reporter:** Specifically what makes Eastern Idaho important as one of your stops.

9 10. **Johnson:** There's a lot going on here. There's been a lot of growth. We were
 10 talking about the growth just in the the uh the municipality here. I think the
 11 population went from 50,000 to 60,000 people just in recent years because people
 12 are drawn to the opportunity and the growth that they see. And so what we see as
 13 our responsibility in Congress is to help fuel that as much as possible to add to that
 14 and to allow uh more of it because that that makes America strong. And we all
 15 know that a strong America is good for the whole world and our economic policy is
 16 a big piece of that.

17 11. **Johnson:** So we love what's happening in in Idaho. It's a great state with great
 18 people. They're hardworking folks. They're traditionally minded. They just want a
 19 good opportunity and we should do everything we can to foster that and give them
 20 that. So that's exciting.

21 12. **Johnson:** Mr. Speaker, one of the backbones we have here in Idaho is agriculture,
 22 specifically the dairy industry. A lot of uh Republican farmers have been coming to
 23 journalists with their concerns about well it's no secret that they relied heavily on
 24 on labor to keep operating. At the same time, we have seen success with the
 25 stronger deportation policies and the tighter border security. How do you see
 26 Congress balancing the need to secure the border and enforce those policies with
 27 concerns of Idaho farmers who do need that labor? And in some cases it has been
 28 undocumented.

29 13. **Johnson:** Yeah, it's very important question. I come from a big a district down in
 30 Louisiana myself. I've got one of the biggest a districts in the country and we have
 31 a lot of cattle as well and and and lots of row crops and and and the rest. Um there
 32 there does balance is the right word. We have to maintain the rule of law. We have
 33 to ensure that federal immigration policy and federal law is being enforced. And to
 34 be frank, for four years under the Biden Harris administration, it clearly wasn't.
 35 They opened the border wide and it led to all sorts of chaos. And so we had by
 36 some estimates about 20 million illegal immigrants came across that border, illegal
 37 aliens uh over the course of four years. And so it made the issue politically toxic.
 38 At the same time, we recognize that in some of these sectors like agriculture, like
 39 uh the construction industry, hospitality, we're reliant upon migrant hands, migrant
 40 workers to come in. And these people abide by the law because if you come on a
 41 worker visa and you abide by the law, you do the job and then you go back home.
 42 We we have to foster that kind of thing.

14. **Johnson:** Some of these industries will clearly not survive without that agriculture being chief among them. So, Congress has to work through this. We we we have to apprehend and deport immediately all the dangerous criminal illegal aliens, which is the focus of the administration and Congress. And as it's happening, by some estimates, there's about 1.4 million clearly truly dangerous people roaming the streets of America. Um, I don't know the latest numbers, but I'm told we're maybe close to 300,000 of those have been apprehended and sent home already. So there's more work to do, but we also have to deincestivize illegal border crossing. And we have there were almost literally zero illegal crossings over the border over the last month. It's an incredible thing to even comprehend. Uh but now we've got to deal with what we do with the sectors these sectors of the economy and how we handle that. And there's a lot of ideas on the table and Congress is working through it. There's a lot of work to be done. I think that should be bipartisan because everybody recognizes the same needs and um and we got to do right by those who are providing the jobs and and needing those hands. Uh so we'll we'll see how that shakes out. But it's it's a central focus for Congress and the White House and uh we'll figure it out.

15. **Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.

16. **Reporter:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Um OB3 and by extent this administration has emphasized domestic energy production as like a keystone of policy. I'm really curious to know um with Idaho National Laboratories being um you know very close to us and a major employer in this area. Um I'm curious to know if we could expect any direction or emphasis toward it as a uh renewable energy and also nuclear uh energy producer.

17. **Johnson:** Yeah, I'm I'm very bullish on nuclear energy and I I we're we're all the above uh you know philosophy. Um I'm from the state of Louisiana so we're a we're a big heavily reliant oil and gas state. Of course, uh, liquified natural gas is one of the biggest exports we have as a nation, and we've just expanded that with our European allies and others around the globe. So, that will be great for the economy. But energy policy is equates to national security policy. It's the same. If you have a vibrant energy economy, then you can not only supply your own needs, you can export it to other countries. And it is a big factor in our superiority, our dominance as the world's last great superpower.

18. **Johnson:** So, um, we we have to do all that. A lot of what we eliminated in the big beautiful bill was what the president likes to call the green new scam, right?

19. **Johnson:** There were some things that were done that were being heavily subsidized by American taxpayers and we felt like it was unjust. And so we're winding down some of those uh tax credits and subsidies at the same time that we're ramping up energy production in other ways. And uh that's necessary because one of the things that is adding to this is the advent of AI and the tremendous amount of energy that will be needed to supply that and ensure that we stay on the front edge dominant over China and other adversaries on that issue as well.

20. **Johnson:** So we need more energy production than we've ever had before. In fact, we need it as a factor of five or so. So uh there you'll see a lot of that. The data

1 centers are being built around the country and and um to try to supply those needs,
2 but we need to tap every resource we we can. So stay tuned on I think there'll be a
3 lot more developments and it's something that's also um of big interest to Congress.

4 21. **Johnson:** Maybe time for one more. Is that okay?

5 [Transcript continues with a question on wildfires and then ends]

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7 Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0xsXZRDhds>

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