



**Patrice Onwuka, Director for the Center for Economic Opportunity at
Independent Women
RNC Convention**

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Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome Patrice Onwuka [On-WOO-ka], Director of the Center for Economic Opportunity at Independent Women

Forty-one years ago, my family left a tiny British colony in the Caribbean to start a new life in the U.S. With two kids in tow and two suitcases in hand, my parents pursued their American Dream. They found it in Boston. My parents never complained about working long hours at menial jobs. They felt blessed to be living in America – the greatest nation on earth!

Today, I'm a writer, a commentator, a wife, and a mom. I am the fulfillment of my parents' American Dream, a dream I pass on to my children, thanks to policies like the Working Families Tax Cuts signed by President Trump.

Don't believe the nonsense about these tax cuts being for the wealthy. These are working class tax cuts. They fuel opportunity for everyone. And not one Democrat voted for them.

This year, 6 million tipped workers saved over \$7,000 on average. Bill Gates doesn't get tips. But hairdressers do. So do waitresses and manicurists. And bartenders like AOC!

Republicans prevented a massive tax increase on the vast majority of taxpayers, made lower rates permanent, and increased the Standard Deduction. They gave Americans breathing room to pay for necessities and maybe take a family vacation, like our beachside renewal of vows for our 10th wedding anniversary.

With three growing boys, the increase in the Child Tax Credit is a godsend to us and over 34 million families.

The expansion of 529 plans helps parents cover our kids' K-12 education costs.

Trump accounts give children a stake in the American Dream and give taxpayers a stake in our children's future.

Democrats keep saying these tax cuts are for the rich so they can justify repealing them. But doing that would actually hurt the working class. The Treasury Department found that the Working Families Tax Cuts passed by this Republican Congress and signed by President Trump overwhelmingly benefited low-and middle-income Americans.

This working mom won't allow the Democrats' Socialist nightmare to crush our kids' dreams

and bankrupt their future. Not on my watch!