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I want to thank Republican Representatives Marc Molinaro, Elise Stefanik and others for their unanimous vote to cut federal spending 22 percent across the board (except the military). I'm so excited to see billions cut from the state Department of Health's federal Medicaid funding, not to mention hundreds of millions cut from Housing and Urban Development and transportation. We can be assured that the hoards won't be lured to our state by affordable housing and transportation.

It'll probably mean that my child's health insurance will no longer be covered, but that's a small price to pay to stick to a balanced budget principle. I'm so glad that Republicans return to it each time there's a Democrat president. Others note the debt ceiling was raised three times while former President Donald Trump was in office, necessitated by his corporate and high-earner tax cuts. At least these Republicans are now showing the backbone it takes to balance the budget without punishing those who stimulate the economy by buying mega-yachts and mansions.

I may be evicted if my Section 8 housing voucher isn't renewed and no new housing is built due to the HUD cuts, but summer is coming, so at least I won't be too cold. And, for winter, there are more than 40 available beds in the new \$39 million Greene County jail that isn't more than half full. How smart to find this use for it. I might be hungry because my food stamps will likely be cut, but at least I'll be free of the burdens of excessive government spending.

So, I want to thank the Republicans for standing up for the rights of the propertied (I once was one) and against the socialistic programs embraced by

spendthrift Democrats and embodied in costly programs like Social Security and touted in books like the Bible (something about helping out strangers, outcasts and the elderly and poor).

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