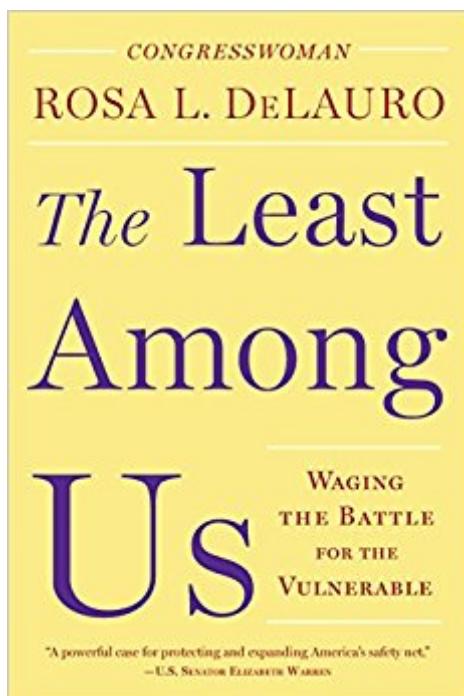


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The Least Among Us: Waging The Battle For The Vulnerable



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The outspoken Connecticut congresswoman's impassioned defense of America's safety net in the time of Trump. Cynical politicians like Paul Ryan and Donald Trump argue that the people of the United States would be better off without food stamps, Obamacare, and workplace protections. Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro knows these folks are just plain wrong. Growing up in New Haven, Connecticut, DeLauro saw firsthand how vulnerable hard-working people are in the face of corporate indifference and government neglect. From fatal industrial fires to devastating childhood poverty, DeLauro witnessed it all—and emerged convinced that social programs are worth going to the mat for, again and again. Worker protections, Social Security, unemployment insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, and housing assistance lift up all Americans; they fulfill this country's promise of opportunity for everyone, and are essential for our country's health. For twenty-five years, DeLauro has been fighting for everyday Americans, earning a reputation as the most impassioned defender of our social safety net. *The Least Among Us* tells the story of a quarter century of deal-making on behalf of people too often overlooked, told by a woman as fearless as she is opinionated. Part House of Cards, part progressive manifesto, *The Least Among Us* shares lessons about power—how it's gained and how to wield it for everyone's benefit.

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Rosa L. DeLauro is the Congresswoman from Connecticut's Third District and has served since 1991. DeLauro is a member of the House Democratic leadership and co-chair of the Steering and Policy Committee. She is the ranking member on the Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and serves on the subcommittee responsible for FDA and agriculture, where she oversees drug and food safety. DeLauro lives in New Haven, Connecticut, and this is her first book."

Still reading it, but it's an excellent book. Almost done. Will be sure to reprise review, but doubt I'll need to...

My family and I have been voting for Rosa in every election since her first in 1990, because we knew that she had what it takes to do her job in the best way possible for us, for our local community and for the nation. But not until now have I appreciated how hard that she has had to work to improve the lives of so many of our needy brothers and sisters against the never-ending efforts of the Republican representatives of the greedy and selfish among us to constantly "cut taxes" on them and make sure that the poor and the needy STAY THAT WAY. P.S. The review of this book (above) is right on the money.

I learned so much from reading this book. Rosa L. DeLauro is a legislator who has a heart and mind for the people she serves. Well written!

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