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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Republican Midterm Convention Takeaways]

KELLY O'GRADY: Republicans wrapped up their first-ever midterm convention, hoping for a boost with less than eight weeks until Election Day. Vice President J.D. Vance, seen as a potential 2028 presidential candidate, headlined the final night and delivered a fiery speech painting Democratic candidates as too radical and extreme. Ed O'Keefe was there.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: You know what happens if you don't vote? You go to hell. You know that?

ED O'KEEFE: President Trump closed out tonight, but it was built to run Vice President J.D. Vance, marked one year since the assassination of his friend, Charlie Kirk, noting they didn't always agree.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE: Charlie is a great example of how to disagree, but still participate in the work of saving this country.

O'KEEFE: It was a direct appeal to Kirk's followers, including younger, male and working-class voters, who backed Trump advance two years ago, but aren't guaranteed to show up this year. The event also aimed to showcase GOP candidates in close races. Like Michigan U.S. Senate candidate Mike Rogers, who sharply attacked Democratic opponent Abdul el-Sayed, for criticizing Israel.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROGERS (R-MI): And when the radical Islamic terrorist threatened Americans, we don't need a senator searching for excuses. We need a senator hunting them.

O'KEEFE: But earlier in the evening, as Texas Senator Ted Cruz criticized el-Sayed, New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, and Texas Democratic Senate candidate James Talorico, microphones picked up someone in the crowd calling for violence against them.

SENATOR TED CRUZ (R-TX): When Abdul el-Sayed says he has a quote 'obligation' to comply with Sharia law –

HECKLER: He needs to be shot!

CRUZ: – he means it.

O'KEEFE: el-Sayed responded Thursday night.

ABDUL EL-SAYED: You know, it's sad to see, but it's also in keeping with what we've seen since the rise of Trump.

O'KEEFE: But the President and his party are facing even tougher economic realities this morning. The average cost of a gallon of diesel has hit a record high \$6.50, which becomes an even bigger economic drag on so many different sectors across the country. We should point out, the President mentioned his promised \$5,000 payment to American adults, but no other Republican did, best we could call – recall. In fact, several senior Republicans told us they think it's such a risky promise they have no plans to mention it on the campaign trail back home, Nate.

NATE BURLESON: That makes sense. Ed, thank you.