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KATIE ZACHARIA: Good morning.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE JOURNALIST: Katie Zacharia steps in as the President's new press secretary.

ZACHARIA: I want to give my husband an amazing shout-out. We are four kids. [SCREEN WIPE] So, my President — excuse me, my husband — that's — that's a good one. My husband is out here.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: America Decides; Trump Campaigns in Alaska Amid Tight Senate Race]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: We are less than three weeks away, and campaigning for the crucial midterm elections is hitting a fever pitch. President Trump himself — is pushing himself on the trail. He traveled more than 3,000 miles to visit Alaska to rally voters there. It's usually a reliably red state, but the Senate race there is close. Former Democratic Congresswoman Mary Peltola is challenging Dan Sullivan. Weijia Jiang is in Anchorage for us. Good morning.

WEIJIA JIANG: Good morning, Vlad. Good morning to everybody. As you mentioned, Vlad, it was a long journey for President Trump to campaign here in Alaska, a state that he easily won in the last three presidential elections, which really shows how close this Senate race has become. On his way here, the President said Republicans are at a disadvantage.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Dan Sullivan, the real — the real Dan Sullivan!

JIANG: In Alaska, President Trump made the case for incumbent Republican Senator Dan Sullivan to keep his job.

TRUMP: The Democrats are running radical left Mary Peltola for the Senate. If she gets in, you're — you're screwed.

JIANG: Sullivan, who has served since 2015, is in a tight race against former Congresswoman Mary Peltola, who became the first Democrat to represent Alaska in Congress in 50 years when she was elected to the House in 2022. The state has not sent a Democrat to the Senate since 2008, but recent polls show Sullivan and Peltola are neck and neck. As the war with Iran keeps energy

costs high, the President once again promised to give \$5,000 to every adult if Republicans keep control of Congress.

TRUMP: The Trump dividend that you get must be spent in the United States of America.

JIANG: And, in an unusual display of presidential power —

TRUMP: Bring me the pardons.

JIANG: — Trump called two Alaskan auto shop owners on-stage to pardon them after they had pleaded guilty to violating the Clean Air Act.

TRUMP: That means you're as clean as a newborn baby's ass.

JIANG: Republicans also face a tough Senate race in Georgia where Democrat incumbent Jon Ossoff is polling over eight points ahead of his GOP challenger Mike Collins. The two sparred in their second debate Tuesday night.

SENATOR JON OSSOFF (D-GA): You won't allow any more neo-Nazi propaganda to be produced from your house — can you make that commitment?

[SCREEN WIPE]

CONGRESSMAN MIKE COLLINS (R-GA): Do you know what? I'm — I'm a little tired of this, Jon.

JIANG: Another traditionally red Senate seat is now at the center of a hot race in Texas where, in a new video released by *The Wall Street Journal*, scandal-plagued Republican candidate Ken Paxton is seen partying in Dubai on New Year's Eve 2024 with two American fugitives. The two have reportedly donated nearly a quarter million dollars to Paxton's campaign. His team does not deny that he attended, but calls this revelation another politically motivated attack that will go nowhere. Paxton, of course, is set to face off against Democrat James Talarico in the general election and, guys, spending in that race combined has now surpassed \$500 million.

NATE BURLESON: Wow. How about that. All right. Weijia, thank you.