



Mail



Calendar



Contacts



Email Settings



Deleted Items (2)



Drafts [3]



Inbox (3)



Junk E-Mail



Sent Items

[Click to view all folders](#) 

15-09 (76)



15-10 (32)



15-11 (23)



15-12 (15)



16-01 (11)

[Manage Folders...](#)

State of the Union

Ratliff, Kim [Kim.Ratliff@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:29 AM

To: Ratliff, Kim [Kim.Ratliff@mail.house.gov]



Greetings,

As we reflect on the state of our nation, I wanted to share with you an update on the State of North Carolina's 12th Congressional District.

I am proud to report that our District is moving in the right direction. The 12th District has attracted some of the nation's premier medical and research facilities and we are home to several of the country's top colleges and universities. We are the financial center of the South and we remain one of the 10 fastest growing locations in the county. This growth matched with the rich diversity of the 12th has placed us squarely in the national spotlight. In 2015, we continued to elevate our spotlight by becoming national leaders that:

- Launched the first ever Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus, which now has 54 members-including a sitting U.S. Senator.
- Are a national voice for the hungry and homeless through the launch of the Adams' Hunger Initiative.
- Have forged significant relationships with members of both side of the aisle to put forth legislation that protects our veterans and helps businesses grow.

It's clear, we are moving forward. However, there is still more we can do together. In 2016, we must return to the basics and work to close the gaps for a better tomorrow. This year, we will:

- Focus on jobs and work with employers to close the skills and jobs gap that affects our hardworking men and women.
- Push for education and opportunity by launching a youth initiative to better address the issues affecting our youngest constituents.
- Continue fighting hunger by holding a Hunger Summit to study the underlying issues of hunger such as persistent poverty and joblessness.

If we are going to close the gaps, we need to return to the basics and focus on the issues that matter most to those we serve. We have to keep up the fight to ensure equal pay for equal work and we must not just raise the minimum wage, but we must march towards a true living wage. I am committed to working with businesses to ensure that they have the resources needed to not only survive but to thrive. The responsibility is on each of us to stand up and protect quality and affordable access to health care. You can count on me to fight for more effective gun safety laws and to always put our environment and our neighborhoods first.

To achieve these goals, you have my promise that I will continue to work across the aisle and find bipartisan solutions to the issues that matter most to you and your family. As your voice in Washington, I will continue to be your advocate.

As you contemplate the words of our President, please be sure to share your thoughts about the State of the Nation and our District on this [survey](#). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
North Carolina-12th Congressional District

[Click Here](#) to view this email in your browser
[Click Here](#) to be removed from this list



 Connected to Microsoft Exchange