



Dear Friend,

I hope that you and yours are having an enjoyable summer. While Congress is in recess, I want you to know that I'm working hard for you.

My office has implemented Community Office Hours which allow us an opportunity to better serve you. Visit my website [Adams.house.gov](http://Adams.house.gov) to invite us to your community. Many times, constituents are unaware as to how we can serve as a resource to help resolve problems in relation to:

- ***Social Security***
- ***Immigration Issues***
- ***Veterans Benefits***
- ***Employment Discrimination***
- ***Federal Grants***

It is my hope that you will visit us this summer, invite my staff to your community, or join us for an upcoming Safer12th event.

Take a quick look at what my team and I have been up to during the past few weeks in Washington and throughout the District.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Alma Adams, Ph.D.

## **Legislative Update**

While in session, I both introduced and passed legislation that impacts you:

**The Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act (H.R. 5530)** was introduced in conjunction with Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) to prohibit interstate shipment of leghold and Conibear traps.

**Reauthorization of the Career and Technical Education Act (CTE)** passed the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Reauthorization of the CTE will serve as an important next step in modernizing jobs training and addressing the skills gap between job seekers and employers.

**Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Capital Financing Improvements Act (H.R. 5530)** was passed by the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. With this legislation, HBCUs will have increased access to



# Gun Safety

Partisan politics in Congress have blocked common sense gun reform legislation from being voted on the House Floor. My colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus and others have led the effort to demand a vote for passage of sensible legislation to protect Americans. The Congressional Black Caucus, often hailed as the conscience of the Congress, led a sit-in on the House Floor to demand a vote from House leadership on "No Fly, No Buy" legislation and has brought both topics of gun violence and community policing to the forefront of the national discussion with events like "Lighting the Way" National Speak Out held on July, 14 at the U.S. Capitol.

Americans across the country are seeking answers for how we can heal and come together in light of our perceived differences. Communities around the nation are engaged, more than ever, in having an open and honest discussion about gun safety reform, gun violence, and community policing in their neighborhoods. In July, I hosted our first community forum in the series of Safer12th events in Winston-Salem, NC. We must continue to push for collaboration among civic and community leaders across the 12th District and the country so that every citizen is empowered to take a stance against gun violence and also feels a sense of comfort knowing that police officers in our community are here to serve and protect them.



There was a full house at the Safer12th Panel held in Winston Salem in July. Congresswoman Adams was joined on the panel by community leaders and Police Chief Barry Roundtree.

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## Casework Corner

In 2016 Congresswoman Adams' offices have assisted constituents to receive **\$120,022.11** in retroactive payments owed from the Social Security Administration and **\$95,518.92** in retroactive payments owed by the Veterans Administration.

Do you need assistance with a federal agency? Please contact one of the offices listed below so we can help you.

Charlotte Office:  
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Greensboro Office:  
1600 E. Wendover Ave.  
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Greensboro, NC 27405  
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## Constituent Meetings



Congresswoman Adams welcomed Charlotte area high school students to her Washington, D.C. office during their visit with the Levine Museum of the New South.



During the sit-in Congresswoman Adams and her colleagues held the House floor for 26 hours to urge Republican leadership to bring common sense gun reform bills to the floor for a vote.



One month after the tragic shooting of 49 innocent victims in a nightclub in Orlando Congresswoman Adams and her colleagues remember the victims. Congress must pass common sense legislation to disarm hate and create real gun violence reforms in our nation.

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## Committee Hearings & Meetings

In July the **Agriculture committee** held a full committee hearing to evaluate the rate at which benefits trafficking occurs within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Between 2009-2011 approximately 1.3 percent of total SNAP benefits were trafficked. Over 154,000 people in Mecklenburg County alone participate in the program to ensure there is food on their family's tables. Earlier this year Congresswoman Adams introduced the Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2016 to strengthen SNAP and reduce administrative errors at the state and local level.

The Democratic leadership of the **House Committee of Education and the Workforce** hosted a panel in July to highlight the role HBCUs play in our economy. The committee brought together HBCU students, school administrators and members of congress.

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## Satellite Office Hours

We are here to serve you. Visit my staff at any of the below listed locations for assistance.

# Congresswoman Alma Adams Here to serve you!

- If you need help with
- Social Security
  - Immigration Issues
  - Veterans Benefits
  - Employment Discrimination
  - Federal Grants

Then let us help!

Stop by any of our office locations:

Charlotte • Monday-Friday • 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
321 West 11th Street, Suite 100

Greensboro • Monday-Friday • 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
1600 East Wendover Avenue, Suite 1

East Spencer • 1st and 3rd Thursdays • 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
201 South Long Street

Salisbury • 1st and 3rd Thursdays • 1:30 pm-4:30 pm  
132 Main Street

Lexington • 2nd Tuesdays • 9:00 am-11:00 am  
28 West Center Street

Thomasville • 2nd Tuesdays • 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
10 Salem Street

High Point • 2nd Tuesdays • 2:00 pm-4:00 pm  
211 South Hamilton Street

Winston-Salem • 1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
2301 North Patterson Avenue



Congresswoman Adams, Co-Chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, brought greetings to the panel from the caucus and thanked them for their participation.



Bipartisan HBCU Caucus Intern, Vashti Hinton, participated in the panel to provide the perspective of a current HBCU student. Vashti is a rising senior at NC A&T.

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## In the Community

Congresswoman Adams' office has begun offering Community Office Hours to better serve you. If you would like to host Community Office Hours in your neighborhood, Congresswoman Adams' staff will come to you. Visit <https://adamsforms.house.gov/forms/form/?ID=8> to set up a Community Office Hours location near you!

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## National Night Out

I enjoyed spending time with so many neighbors and friends during National Night Out at Irwin Elementary School in Charlotte this year. I was joined by officers from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and the District Attorney's office.

Congresswoman Alma Adams

## We're coming to you!

My office is launching Community Office Hours to better serve you.

If you need help with

- Social Security • Immigration Issues • Veterans Benefits
  - Employment Discrimination • Federal Grants
- we can assist you!

Invite us to your neighborhood!  
To suggest a location, please visit

[adams.house.gov](http://adams.house.gov)

At the top of the page, click the Services tab,  
and select the Community Office Hours option.

**We look forward to visiting you!**



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## Summer Meals

I visited Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools summer meals sites at Allenbrook, Arbor Glen and Barringer Elementary schools. These programs are imperative to our community because they provide students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch during the school year an opportunity to gain access to proper nutrition during the summer. This visit allowed me to witness, first hand, the good that the summer meals program does in our community and the importance of increasing access to it for those students in need.

Earlier this year I lead a bipartisan letter, signed by 84 of my colleagues, to House Leadership encouraging them to strengthen the summer meals program. I also offered an amendment to the Child Nutrition Reauthorization that would allow more students in need an opportunity to participate in the program. Ultimately, the amendment failed but the fight is not over. My visit today proved the

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need for a strengthened program nationwide and I will continue to fight to strengthen summer meals programs across our country to better serve communities like ours in NC-12.

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