

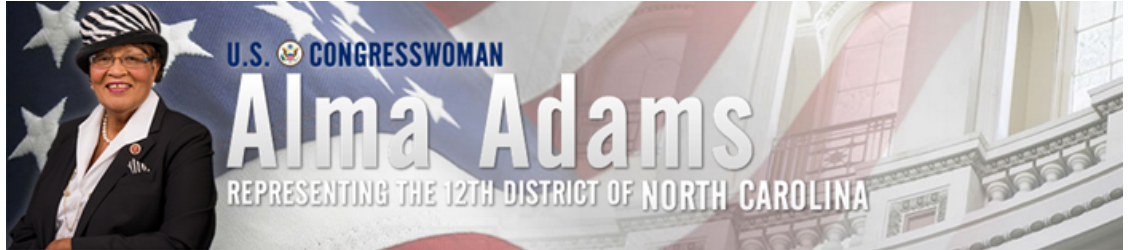
2016 End of the Year Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

2016 has been an exceptionally busy year. I am honored to have served you and your families for the past two years and I look forward to representing you in the 115th Congress. I have supported legislation that ensures an equal opportunity to quality education for all students, continued investments in our local transportation infrastructure and legislation that supports our families and our veterans. I have also made it a priority to meet with constituents in the District to discuss the issues most important to our communities and will continue to do so in the coming year. As I look back on this year, I am reminded of all that we have accomplished and the bright future we have ahead. Take a look below to share in some of my fondest memories from this year.

Best,

Congresswoman Alma Adams, Ph.D.



A Message from Congresswoman Adams



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Legislative Actions



Pictured above is a copy of Congresswoman Adams' bill, signed into law by President Obama, renaming the Center City Post Office in Winston Salem after Maya Angelou. The picture also includes the pen used to sign the bill.

Legislation Signed into Law

Small and Disadvantaged Business Enhancement Act: Expands oversight over the government purchase card system to better free up the funds allocated to small businesses.

Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office: Designates the Center City Post Office, located in Winston-Salem, to be renamed the Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office.

Legislation Passed in the U.S. House of Representatives

HBCU Capital Financing Improvement Act: Allows HBCUs increased access to federal funding to better respond to localized needs and support their students.

SCORE for Small Business Act: Reauthorizes the SCORE program until 2018 to assist Americans to start and grow their small businesses.

Legislation Introduced

Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act: Prohibits the interstate shipment of dangerous Leghold and Conibear traps in order to better care for animal and human life.

Closing the Meal Gap Act: Strengthens the SNAP program for families, adults looking for work, seniors and the disabled.

HBCU Innovation Fund Act: Provides grants to HBCUs to develop critical solutions to meet current and emerging needs.

Youth Access to Sexual Health Services Act: Awards grants to support the access of marginalized youth to sexual health services such as sexual health education and contraception.

Key Legislation Cosponsored

Fair Day in Court for Kids Act

Urban Progress Act

Accessing Higher Education Opportunities Act

Preventing Tragedies Between Police and Communities Act

Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act

To see all 275 pieces of legislation co-sponsored in 2016, please click [here](#).

Letters Led

Repeal North Carolina H.B. 2: Urged Governor McCrory and Republican Leaders of the NC General Assembly to immediately repeal H.B. 2. Read more, [here](#).

Protect SNAP Funding for Those in Need: Congresswomen Alma Adams and Rosa DeLauro led a group of 129 Members of the House of Representatives in calling on House leadership to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which lifts

House of Representatives in calling on House leadership to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which has millions of Americans out of poverty. Read more, [here](#).

Federal FTA Funding for Charlotte Blue Line Extension: \$100 million dollars was appropriated through the omnibus to continue construction on the 9.4 mile LYNX blue line extension in Charlotte. Congresswoman Adams wrote to the House Appropriations Committee, urging them to support federal transportation programs and other initiatives that would help fund major projects like this one. Read more, [here](#).



DC Memorable Moments



Congresswoman Adams and her son, Bill Adams II, posed for a picture with President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at the 2015 White House Congressional Ball.



Top Left: Congresswoman Adams was honored to receive the Trailblazer award at the Annual International Civil Rights Center & Museum gala alongside her dear colleague, Congressman John Lewis and Greensboro Four member, Joseph Alfred McNeil.

Top Center: Congresswoman Alma Adams joined her colleagues from the Congressional Black Caucus to deliver a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch at the Department of

Black Caucus to deliver a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch at the Department of Justice expressing their deep concerns regarding police violence against African American men.

Top Right: Along with Democratic colleagues, Congresswoman Adams demonstrated her commitment to ending America's gun violence epidemic by participating in a House floor sit-in to push for commonsense bipartisan reform.

Bottom Left: Congresswoman Adams calls for Congressional action to combat senseless gun violence.

Bottom Right: Congresswoman Adams joined Vice President Joe Biden, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi in urging Republicans to do their job and pass legislation regarding important issues such as gun violence, funding to combat the Zika virus, Flint, Michigan, and the Opioid crisis.



District Highlights



Top Left: During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Congresswoman Adams took a tour of Bank of America Panther Stadium to learn about their *A Crucial Catch Campaign* and met beloved Carolina Panther, Greg Olsen.

Top Center: Congresswoman Adams visited Honda Aircraft Company in Greensboro during her "Made in the 12th" tour this August. This tour allowed Congresswoman Adams to visit local manufacturers and hear from business leaders about the best ways to create more jobs at home.

Top Right: In honor of Women's History Month, Congresswoman Adams hosted a women's economic forum with House Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi, Charlotte City Councilwoman LaWana Mayfield, Salisbury Mayor Karen Kirks Alexander, Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts, and Greensboro Former Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson.

Bottom Left: Congresswoman Adams commemorated Veteran's Day in Charlotte at the Carolina Freedom Foundation's annual breakfast and wreath laying with Master Sergeant Richard Day.

Bottom Center: Congresswoman Adams visited Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to witness the importance of the summer meals program in our community.

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Bottom Right: Congresswoman Adams welcomed Congressman David Price, Ranking Member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, to Charlotte for a tour of the Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS).



Case Work

In 2016 Congresswoman Adams' office has assisted constituents in receiving \$336,023.45 in retroactive payments owed to them from the federal government. If you need assistance with navigating a federal agency, please contact Barbara Carter at barbara.carter@mail.house.gov or call (704) 344-9950.

If you need help with a veterans issue please email VAHelpNC12@mail.house.gov



Grants Corner

Organizations throughout North Carolina's 12th District have received \$148,003,893.61 in grants from the federal government in 2016.

Do you need assistance with a grant or would you like to receive our grants newsletter? Please email Kim Ratliff at kim.ratliff@mail.house.gov. For more information please visit Congresswoman Adams' website [here](#).



A Look Back at What We've Accomplished This Congress

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ALMA S. ADAMS

 Miles Traveled 10,101 <i>Throughout the District</i>	LEGISLATION Legislation Passed 4 Legislation Sponsored 21 Legislation Cosponsored 273  Meetings with constituents 409
 Tours Booked 4,185 <i>For constituents in our nation's Capitol</i>	
 District Events 285 <i>Hosted and attended by the Congresswoman and staff</i>	
 Cases Closed 1,099 <i>Constituents who have been helped by the office</i>	
 Mail 28,017 <i>Emails and letters received and responded to</i>	
 Grant Money 391m <i>Awarded from the Federal Government</i>	



If you would like to invite Congresswoman Adams to your community or to attend your event, please email nc12scheduler@mail.house.gov.

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