



Congresswoman Alma Adams

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Member of Congress proudly representing the 12th District of North Carolina

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May Congressional Update



Dear Friend,

My team and I are working hard to build One Meck! Take a look below to see what we've been working on during the month of May in Washington and throughout the 12th District.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams,
Ph.D.





On Monday, May 29th, I joined the town of Huntersville to celebrate Memorial Day, a day we remember the brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. To every veteran and their families, thank you for your courage and your sacrifice.



This week I hosted a meet and greet for the seven outstanding 12th District students who I nominated for appointment to our military service academies. Each year my office nominates high school students

from the 12th District to be appointed to the US Naval, Air Force, Merchant Marine, Coast Guard, and Military Academy at West Point.

Beginning June 1, my office will be accepting applications for nominations to the service academies for next Fall. For more information about how your child can be nominated for appointment to a military service academy please visit my website Adams.house.gov or call my Charlotte District Office at 704.344.9950.



This month I went on a tour of Main Street Davidson with Mayor John Woods to visit local small businesses and host a town hall. I also had the opportunity to sit down with Davidson College President Carol Quillen to learn about the innovative work taking place on the Wildcat's campus. As the Vice-Ranking Member on the Small Business Committee and a member of the Education and Workforce Committee, it is a pleasure to speak with local business owners and educators whose work shapes the legislation I champion in Congress.



This month I continued my manufacturing and business tours throughout the 12th District with stops at Coca Cola Consolidated, the largest independent Coca Cola bottling plant in the US, and Allstate. I met with employees and executives to learn about the work they do and discuss how we can continue to work together in the future.



My staff and I kicked off a busy District work period with an open house held at my new Charlotte office. We welcomed over one hundred people to learn about the services we provide and to give an update on what Congress is working on. My staff and I will continue to work hard on your behalf; don't be stranger—my doors are always open!



I'm proud to announce the winner of the 2017 Congressional Art Competition, John Dudley. His piece, "Be Free," is pictured in the top right. John, a senior at Charlotte Catholic High School, will have his work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.



Earlier this month, I joined my colleagues on the Education and Work Force Committee to support updating the bipartisan **HR 2353 Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act for the 21st Century**. This bill will prioritize STEM education and continue our

mission to educate our workforce to fill the existing available jobs and to train them for the jobs of the future.



Last week, I took to the floor of the House to honor a great leader: Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II. After 12 years as president of the North Carolina NAACP, Reverend Barber has become a national icon and champion of moral leadership. Reverend Barber's leadership of the NAACP will be sorely missed but I look forward to witnessing the many ways in which he will continue to impact lives and make America a more just and fair place. [Watch the full video here.](#)



Last week, the Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus, in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), hosted a viewing of Stanley Nelson's film *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities*. I am grateful for the opportunity to have joined with the NEH, Director Nelson, and my colleagues in the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus to recognize the immeasurable impact HBCUs have on American history, culture, and our national identity.



Legislative Actions

Introduced Bills

H.R. 2764 Veterans Small Business Tax Credit Act: This bill will provide a tax credit of up to \$12,000 for veteran-owned businesses during their first two years of operation.

Key Letters

Letter to Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue: This letter was sent to Secretary Perdue on May 19 and voiced the opposition of members of Congress to the President's proposed budget cuts to Rural Development programs.

Letter to President Trump regarding the ACA: This letter, sent on May 24, urged President Trump to continue to pay the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) cost-sharing reduction payments.

Letter to Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke: This letter, sent on May 10, urges Secretary Zinke keep the Atlantic and Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Regions off-limit to any new oil and gas lease sales and to any new drilling and exploration.

Letter to President Trump regarding Syria: This letter, sent to President Trump on May 5th, expressed the desire of members of Congress that President Trump consult Congress and receive Authorization before ordering additional use of U.S. military force in Syria.

Key Co-sponsorships

H.R. 2351 Minority Diabetes Initiative Act of 2017 introduced by Rep. Waters (D-CA)

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H.R.2282 Equality Act introduced by Rep. Cicilline (D-RI)

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H.R. 2563 Entrepreneurial Education Act introduced by Rep. Lawson (D-FL)

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H.R.2475 to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, introduced by Rep. Scott (D-VA)

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Davidson

216 South Main St., Davidson, NC

1st Thursday of Every Month

12-2 P.M.

Huntersville

Huntersville Arts & Cultural Center

109 South Old Statesville Rd.,

Huntersville, NC

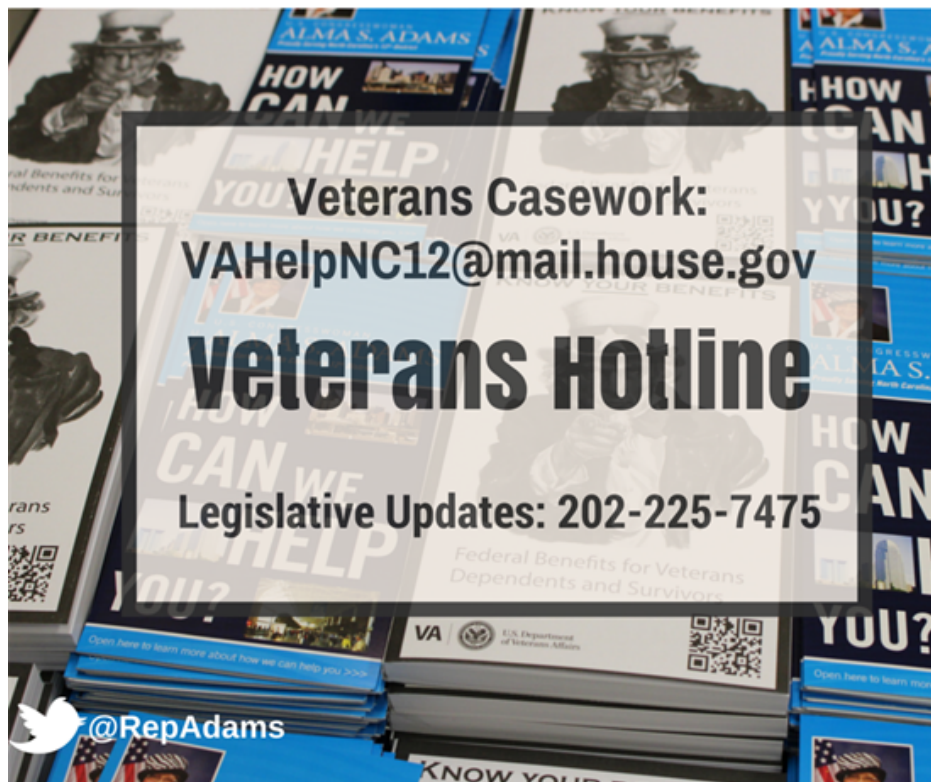
1st and 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

9AM-Noon

Join my staff for Satellite Office Hours in Davidson and Huntersville for assistance with veteran's benefits, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, immigration issues, federal grants and more.



Veterans Hotline



Grants

My office can assist your organization with federal grants. For more information please contact Natalia Diez-Singerman in the Charlotte District office at (704) 344-9950 or Natalia.Diez-Singerman@mail.house.gov.



New Staff Hires



In the past few weeks, two new staff members were added to Team Adams. Please join us in welcoming Erika Calderon, Legislative Assistant, and John Christie, Legislative Assistant.

