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October Congressional Update



Dear Friend,

October has been busy, both at home and in Washington, D.C. Take a look below to see what I've been up to.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.





I was glad to welcome the directors of Veterans Medical Centers from across North Carolina to Washington, D.C. earlier this month. During our meeting we discussed the issues and challenges faced by veterans in the 12th District and how best to address them.



Following the mass shooting in Las Vegas, I went to the House floor to remember the victims of this senseless tragedy and to urge my colleagues to take action on common-sense legislation to end gun violence. Watch by clicking [here](#).



The Made in Mecklenburg Tour continued this month with a visit to groninger USA LLC. This leader in advanced manufacturing produces materials for use in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. With their impressive facility and industry leading apprenticeship program, groninger represents all that is great about manufacturing in the 12th District.



This October, we recognize the 32nd annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. With increased awareness and improvements in care, we can eradicate this disease. In Congress, I continue to advocate for increased funding for the National Institute of Health and cutting-edge breast cancer research. Watch by clicking [here](#).



More than a month after a category 5 hurricane devastated Puerto Rico, a majority of the island's residents are still without power and other essential services. Our fellow American citizens need our help. In Charlotte, the Puerto Rican Cultural Society of Charlotte has been a leader in the effort to get water, diapers, and hygiene supplies to those in need. I visited their warehouse last month to learn about their work and help package and prepare items for shipment. In Congress, I've supported additional disaster relief packages and continue to call for increased support for recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



On October 18th, I attended the grand opening of a new affordable housing development named after Sarah Stevenson, a long-time political and civic leader in the Charlotte community. Ms. Stevenson's life and legacy has been dedicated to improving the lives of all Charlotteans. I'm proud of the work that the Housing Partnership has done to increase affordable housing in our community and pleased that Ms. Stevenson's contributions to Charlotte continue to be celebrated.



This month I welcomed Anthony Hamilton, a Grammy Award winner, Charlotte native, and recent inductee into the NC Music Hall of Fame, to my office. We met to discuss music licensing and copyright reform. With technology and the use of holograms revolutionizing the way we hear and experience music, it is imperative that Congress address compensation for creative works.



Thanks to the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) for touring Beatties Ford Road Library with me to inform me about the impact this library has had on the surrounding community. My favorite part was the story time shared with students following the tour.



I celebrated the inaugural Charlotte Black Restaurant Week and National Women in Small Business Month by dining at Ruthie's of Charlotte. I enjoyed a meal with Cathay Dawkins, the organizer of Black Restaurant Week, and Deborah Monroe, the owner of Ruthie's, which is named after

her mother who opened the original Ruthie's in Brooklyn, NY. I'm proud to support the tradition of entrepreneurship in Charlotte and the expansion of women-owned small businesses.



On October 21st, I joined the Golden Bulls for the Johnson C. Smith's Homecoming Parade. It was a beautiful Saturday morning and the campus was alive with energy!



On October 24th, I was proud to stand with my colleagues to bring awareness to the impact of domestic violence in our communities. The

city of Charlotte has been very proactive in addressing the problem of domestic violence, raising millions of dollars for new domestic violence shelters.



In the last decade there has been a 45% increase in women-owned small businesses. As Vice Ranking Member of the House Small Business Committee, I have a vested interest in the success of small businesses nationwide. Last week, during National Women in Small Business Month, I hosted a roundtable to explore “necessity entrepreneurship”—the unique factors such as child care costs and career opportunities, that lead women to become entrepreneurs. Following the roundtable, I introduced a resolution with Sens. Duckworth and Hirono to recognize minority women-owned small businesses and their unique challenges.



On October 25th, I was pleased to join my colleagues, Reps. G.K. Buttefield and David Price in honoring the 150th anniversary of North Carolina's Baptist State Convention. Watch by clicking [here](#).



On October 26th, Mayor and Mrs. Chuck Travis of Cornelius stopped by my D.C. Office to discuss the exciting developments taking place in Cornelius.



On October 27, I was invited to speak at a Town Hall hosted by Latinos Aiming for Achievement (LAFA), a student organization at Johnson C.

Smith University. LAFA seeks to encourage excellence in academics, service, and civic engagement among the Hispanic community at JCSU. I spoke about the importance of passing the DREAM Act immediately.



Legislative Update

Introduced Bills

H.Res.586—Recognizing the growth and importance of minority women-owned businesses.

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H.Res.563—Honoring the accomplishments of the nine Historically Black Colleges and Universities that celebrated their sesquicentennial the week of September 24, 2017.

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Key Letters

Letter to Speaker Ryan in support of reauthorizing expired community health centers (CHCs): I joined my colleagues on October 27, 2017 to send a letter urging House leadership to work in a bipartisan manner to reauthorize funding for community health centers across the United States, which have delivered affordable, accessible, and quality healthcare to patients for more than 50 years.

Letter to Speaker Ryan, urging the extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other expired health programs: This letter, sent on October 26, urged Speaker Ryan to immediately consider an extension of CHIP and that any extension not be offset by cutting Medicare or by using funds, such as the Prevention and Public Health Fund, that support the health and wellbeing of constituents.

Letter to Jeffery Bezos, Founder and CEO of Amazon.com: All thirteen members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation joined together to send Mr. Bezos, founder of Amazon, a letter urging the

consideration of North Carolina as a location for Amazon's new headquarters.

Letter to House and Senate Leadership regarding the Equifax breach: I led a letter to House and Senate congressional leadership expressing deep concern about the massive data breach affecting 143 million Americans and calling for a bipartisan, bicameral investigation into data breaches.

Letter to DeVos regarding the Charlotte School of Law (CSL): I led a letter, with Congressmen Price and Butterfield, to the Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, requesting that the Department of Education take steps to protect student borrowers who attended CSL from December 2016 to its date of closure to qualify for a closed school discharge of their student loans as a group.

Letter opposing the Trump Administration birth control interim final rules (IFRs): I signed onto a letter sent on October 26, expressing opposition to the two IFRs released at the beginning of October which leave women across the United States without access to health insurance coverage for birth control and calls on the Administration to rescind these IFRs.

Amici Brief Supporting Public Accommodation Protections for LGBTQ Community: On October 30th, I joined my colleagues to send a brief in support of civil rights protections for historically marginalized groups. The case focuses on whether a business can legally discriminate against customers based on sexual orientation, race, religion and ability, among others.

Key Co-sponsorships

H.R. 113, Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act (introduced by Rep. Vern Buchanan)

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H.R. 1078 Military Hunger Prevention Act (introduced by Rep. Susan Davis)

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H.R. 4030, Title IX Protection Act (introduced by Rep. Jackie Speier)

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H.R. 3875, College Student Hunger Act of 2017 (introduced by Rep. Lawson)

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HR 4082, Protect Access to Birth Control Act (introduced by Rep. Dianna DeGette)

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H.R. 3947, Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act (introduced by Rep. David Cicilline)

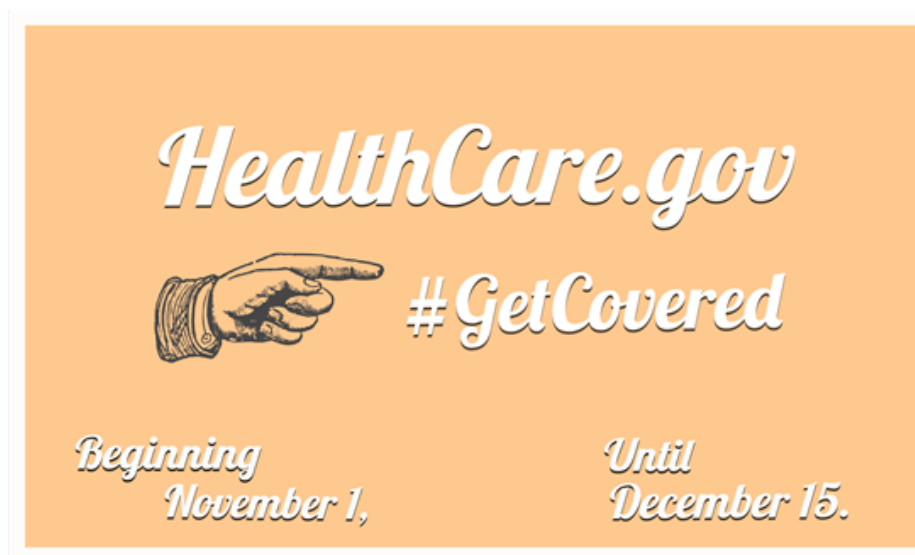
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H.R. 3852, Humanitarian Disaster Relief Act (introduced by Rep. Grace Meng)

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Open enrollment began on November 1st! Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xnYmG> to buy or change your health insurance plan

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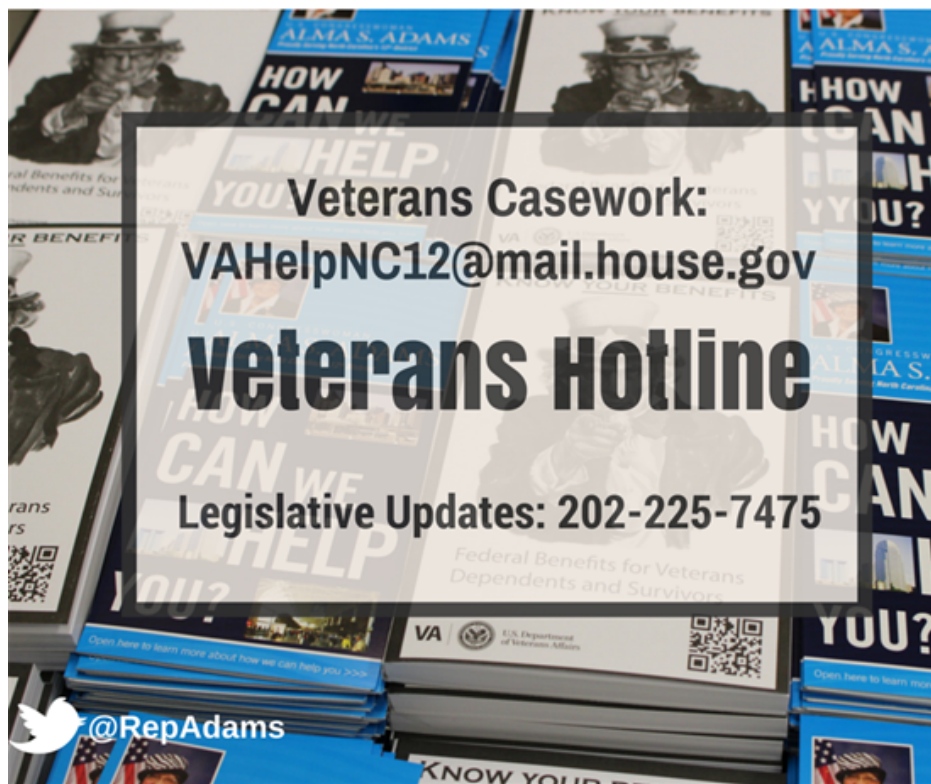
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Visit my Satellite Offices in Davidson and Huntersville for assistance with veterans' benefits, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, immigration issues, federal grants, and more.



Veterans Hotline



Do you need assistance with veterans benefits or have questions about veterans legislation being discussed in Congress? Please call the veterans hotline above or email VAHelpNC12@mail.house.gov. My staff is happy to assist you.



Grants

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



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Intern in Congresswoman Alma Adams' (NC-12) DC or
Charlotte Office: send a resume, cover letter, and one writing
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Applications due by November 30th



Our staff showed our support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink, and in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month we wore purple.

