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"Racial disparities must be addressed – all workers, including our nation's essential workers, deserve essential protections and benefits."

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Alma S. Adams (NC-12), in an op-ed piece exclusive to *Queen City Nerve*, urged the U.S. Senate to pass the HEROES Act as well as paid family and sick leave for all Americans.

“As the chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee, I’ve long sought to address the paid leave crisis we are facing in this country,” **wrote Congresswoman Adams**. “I was proud to see the full House of Representatives act to close gaps in paid leave coverage by passing the HEROES Act, which would expand paid emergency Family Medical Leave Act coverage to all workers, regardless of their employer’s size. The crisis has magnified the deep disparity in access to paid leave for women and people of color and it is one of the many lessons that my colleagues and I have taken to heart as we seek a more equitable society over the long term.”

[The full op-ed is available here.](#)

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. Adams is the co-founder and co-chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus.

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