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Adams Urges Passage of the New Heroes Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12) is urging the United States Senate, including the most ineffective Senate leader of all time, Mitch McConnell, to take up and pass the new ***Heroes Act***:

“The new *Heroes Act* includes approximately \$566 million for Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the county's six towns,” **said Rep. Adams.** “Without immediate federal assistance, Mecklenburg County will be forced to balance its budget on the backs of students and teachers. The latest version of the *Heroes Act* will save thousands of jobs and help avert devastating cuts to public education right here in Charlotte. Once the House passes this legislation, the Senate must act swiftly to do the same – our parents, teachers, and students deserve nothing less.”

In addition to critical education funding, the COVID-19 relief bill includes \$3.6 billion in election preparedness funding for States to use for contingency planning, preparation and the resilience of elections; and over \$15 billion for the U.S. Postal Service and an additional \$15 million for the U.S. Postal Service Inspector General. “The updated ***Heroes Act*** will help keep our elections secure against all threats to their integrity, foreign and domestic,” **continued Adams.**

The new ***Heroes Act*** also **reauthorizes the Payroll Support Program (PSP), which will save over 1,000 airline jobs in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region**, provides \$75 billion for coronavirus testing, contact tracing and isolation measures, strengthens food security by increasing SNAP benefits, gives a second round of economic impact payments of \$1,200 per taxpayer, restores \$600 per month federal unemployment payments, and provides \$50 billion to provide emergency assistance to help low-income renters at risk of homelessness.

“The ***Heroes Act*** is, first and foremost, a jobs bill,” **said Adams.** “It keeps our essential workers safe so they can go to work. It keeps our airline industry and other industries moving so they can continue to employ thousands across our region. It keeps the lights on at our schools so our educators can teach and our students can learn the skills they need to be successful in life. **We must act before the**

damage to our towns, our businesses, our jobs, and our families is beyond repair. Pass the *Heroes Act* now!"

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. In 2015, she founded the first bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus in Congress.

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