

## Congresswoman Alma Adams' August Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

As our children and grandchildren go back to school, I want to keep you up to date on what's going on in our office, and how I'm working on your behalf in Washington.

Our monthly newsletter highlights our successes, as well as important public information, as we continue to work together to build "One Meck" - across Charlotte, Huntersville, Matthews, Cornelius, Mint Hill, Davidson, and Pineville.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I'm honored to fight for you and your family in the 117th Congress.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.



## Navigating the Afghanistan Situation





My office is working diligently with multiple government agencies to assist constituents with issues related to the withdraw of American forces from Afghanistan. We are actively assisting US citizens, their families, and individuals threatened by the Taliban regime.

If you or your family needs assistance with issues relating to Afghanistan, or you have questions about any other government agency, [please reach out to my office at Adams.House.Gov](https://www.adams.house.gov), where we're fighting every day for you.



[Click here to read my statement on the situation in Afghanistan and our country's obligations to the Afghan people.](#)



## IN THE NEWS

***CNN: Black and Pregnant During the Pandemic: A Crisis within a Crisis***

*As a mother and grandmother, Rep. Alma Adams says the fight to get Black maternal*

*health legislation passed is a personal one. The North Carolina representative co-sponsored the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, and in May she was able to get The Protecting Moms Who Served Act — one of 12 bills included in the package — passed in the House. **The Protecting Moms Who Served Act seeks to eliminate maternal mortality, morbidity and disparities among veterans.***

*Adams says the nation faces a serious issue with bias in the health care system and most maternal deaths are preventable. She says it is critical that lawmakers pass legislation to protect Black mothers and is confident the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act will eventually make it to President Joe Biden's desk and get signed. Adams co-chairs and co-founded the Black Maternal Health Caucus.*

[Learn More](#)

## ***Diverse: Building for Tomorrow: Congress to Consider Significant Investments in HBCUs***

*The Institutional Grants for New Infrastructure, Technology and Education (IGNITE) for HBCU Excellence Act aims to address long-standing infrastructure issues at the nation's historically Black colleges and universities.*

*As of mid-July, the IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act had more than 75 supporters between the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate with both Democrats and Republicans giving their endorsement. Organizations — including the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund — and companies — such as Visa, IBM, Capital One and Nielsen — have also endorsed the bill. The goal of the legislation is to recognize the contributions of HBCUs by providing the support and investment needed to strengthen their work.*

***Rep. Alma S. Adams, D-NC, has been the driving force behind the act.** Having earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at an HBCU, North Carolina A&T State University, before going on to earn a doctorate at Ohio State University, Adams understands the power and purpose of historically Black institutions. After being elected to Congress in 2014, she established the HBCU Caucus, which is bipartisan and now has 108 members from the House of Representatives and Senate.*

[Learn More](#)

## ***QCity Metro: On the Record with U.S. Rep. Alma Adams***

*On August 9, QCity Metro Publisher Glenn Burkins spoke with Congresswoman Alma Adams about key issues including student loan debt, HBCUs, the eviction moratorium,*

*and voting rights legislation. Rep. Adams also took questions from viewers.*

Watch the Video



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MINT HILL VACCINATION CLINIC - SEPTEMBER 1st 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Congresswoman Adams will host a lunch-time pop-up vaccination mobile clinic in Mint Hill. The mobile vaccination clinic will be from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at Lawyers Square Shopping Center in Mint Hill (9229 Lawyers Rd, Mint Hill, NC 28227).

Walgreens will bring their customized Coach bus, that has been transformed into a mobile vaccination clinic. The medical team from Walgreens will be administering COVID-19 shots, doing COVID-19 testing, and providing flu shots. We want to make sure that people know that getting vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus is easy, it's **FREE** and it's essential to protecting ourselves, our families, and our community.



## DISTRICT UPDATE

**I'm happy to share the following updates from our District Office:**

- **[We launched a Housing Resource page on my website.](#)** This page has valuable links and contact information for homeowners, renters or the homeless who need to know where to turn for help. Federally allocated funds are still available for those in need of rental assistance. Contact **[RampCLT.com](#)** for more information.
- On August 3, I attended National Night Out events in the Charlotte neighborhoods of Hidden Valley and Villa Heights.
- On August 5, our District staff met with RampCLT regarding emergency rental assistance.

- On August 6, our District staff met with Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte regarding assistance to tenants and landlords after the extension of the eviction moratorium.
- On August 6, I met with local faith leaders to discuss housing and COVID-19 vaccinations.
- On August 6, The District met with Out Teach and the Mecklenburg County Food Insecurity Coordinator.
- On August 8, I visited St. Paul Baptist Church and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church to share housing resource information.
- On August 10, I hosted a Tele-Town Hall on the Eviction Moratorium and resources available to tenants and landlords.
- On August 12, The congresswoman spoke to American Legion Post 262 to talk about our advocacy for Veterans and service members.
- On August 14, I helped Shepherd's House distribute free backpacks to students returning to school; later, at the C.W. Williams Annual Community Health Fair, I advocated for COVID-19 vaccines and promoted tenant and landlord resources to avoid eviction.
- On August 17, I met with the Charlotte Executive Leadership of Wells Fargo to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion.
- On August 19, I met with the Haitian community following the devastating earthquake that hit their country.
- On August 25, I met with the Greater Charlotte Apartment Association to discuss the eviction moratorium.
- On August 26, I met with Centralina Regional Council to discuss federal priorities and regional planning.
- On August 26, the District staff met with Climate Reality to discuss environmental issues.



## **CASEWORK HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Our district office handles thousands of constituent cases every year. Each month, I hope to highlight an example of our staff going above and beyond for our constituents.

For the past couple months, we experienced a significant increase in the number of passport requests. These include requests from constituents to expedite passport requests due to increased processing times at the State Department. The most memorable one involved a pet destroying the constituent's passport shortly before their trip; we were able to get them a new passport in time for their flight. Don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you need help with visas or passports.

Finally, we assisted a number of constituents relating to the situation in Afghanistan, and I hope to share more news about our efforts in the near future.



# HERE TO SERVE YOU

If you would like more information on grants, assistance with government agencies, flag requests, tours, passports, or student assistance, please

**CLICK HERE**



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