

Alma Adams' October Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

This week, after months of hard work, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the Build Back Better framework that includes the bipartisan infrastructure bill. I'm happy to announce that the package includes legislation on many of my priorities in Congress, including Higher Education, Healthcare, Hunger, and Affordable Housing. The package will also lower the cost of child care and extend the Child Tax Credit many of you are receiving every month.

The bills will make an important investment in infrastructure as well. Our roads, bridges and water systems are crumbling, our electric grid is vulnerable to catastrophic outages, and too many of our neighbors lack access to affordable, high-speed Internet and quality, affordable housing. We need to rebuild America's infrastructure, create good-paying jobs, and grow the middle class.

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.



Helping You with Housing



Earlier this month, my office hosted our first Emergency Rental Assistance Application Pop-Up at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte.

Hundreds of our neighbors lined up to get help with rental housing and pandemic assistance. Representatives from RAMP CLT and Legal Aid of NC were on hand to provide advice and assistance.

If you still need help with a housing issue, [please visit our housing resources page](#) or call our office at 704-344-9950.

- Alma





IN THE NEWS

WFAE: Pop-up clinic helps Mecklenburg residents with emergency rental assistance applications

Rep. Alma Adams partnered with the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program, also known as RAMP CLT, to host a pop-up clinic Friday helping people with their emergency rental assistance applications.

Halfway through the seven-hour event at the Park Expo and Conference Center, more than 200 people had stopped by, according to Adams' district director, Phanalphie Rhue.

“People are hurting. Congresswoman Adams has been really committed to making sure people had access to information and funds and resources,” Rhue said. “So we're just trying to remove some of the barriers to the process so that people can get connected with the funds that have been allocated. And the funds are there.”

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Animal Welfare Institute: Legislation to Ban Brutal and Indiscriminate Body-Gripping Traps Reintroduced

The Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act was reintroduced last Friday in the House of Representatives by Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC). This bill would prohibit the import and export of, as well as interstate commerce in, two of the most notorious types of body-gripping traps—steel-jaw leghold traps and Conibear (also known as kill-type) traps.

Body-gripping traps are used to trap and kill millions of animals each year in the United States. Due to their nonselective nature, Conibear and steel-jaw leghold traps injure not only the wildlife species sought by trappers for their pelts, but also a wide array of unintended victims, including endangered and threatened species, companion animals, and even people.

Introduction of the Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act was spurred in part by a horrific incident that occurred just outside Adams’ district in North Carolina. In 2015, a 12-year-old boy was injured by a Conibear trap when he was playing near a pond in his neighborhood. It took a team of six doctors and several hours in the emergency room to pry the boy’s arm free from the trap’s metal jaws.

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New York Times: 'Promises Made Just Have to Be Promises Kept'

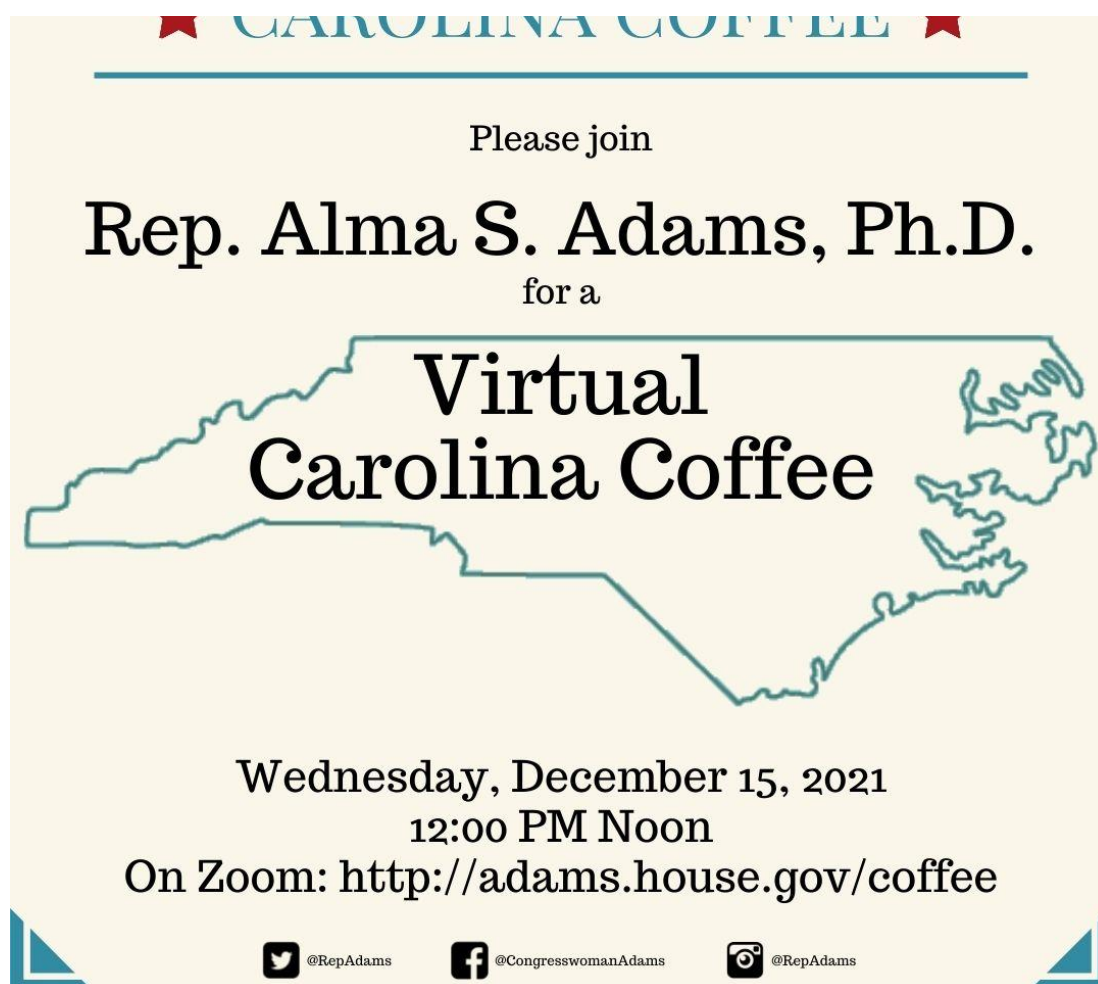
In an interview, Ms. Adams, who also leads the bipartisan H.B.C.U. Caucus, said that her mother, a domestic worker, never graduated from high school, and that attending North Carolina A&T, an H.B.C.U., allowed her to eventually walk the halls of Congress. She also taught at another H.B.C.U., Bennett College, for 40 years, most of them in classrooms without air-conditioning.

“If we’re going to invest truly in our nation’s infrastructure, we have to invest in the places that lift up those who are most underserved, and that’s H.B.C.U.s,” Ms. Adams said. “It’s the same thing as when we’re talking about crumbling roads and buildings; we’ve got crumbling on these campuses as well.”

The roughly 100 schools, born out of slavery and segregation, account for 3 percent of all colleges and universities but produce roughly 25 percent of African American graduates in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The schools have also reportedly produced roughly 80 percent of Black judges, 70 percent of Black doctors, 50 percent of Black teachers and more than 40 percent of the Black members of Congress.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Congresswoman Adams will host a Virtual Holiday Carolina Coffee on December 15 at 12:00 PM Noon.

[Register here to join our virtual coffee!](http://adams.house.gov/coffee)



DISTRICT UPDATE

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

- On October 1st, I gave the keynote address to kick-off the October Food Council Spotlight - Show Up Charlotte!
- Also on October 1st, District Staff hosted a RAMPCLT Rental Assistance Application Pop-up Event and Vaccination Clinic in conjunction with the Park Expo & Conference Center, DreamKey Partners, Mecklenburg County, City of Charlotte, Legal Aid of Charlotte, the Dispute Resolution Center, and StarMed.
- On October 5th, I was the keynote speaker for a Carolina Farm Credit event.
- On October 6th, I gave closing remarks for the 44th Annual National Food Policy Conference.
- On October 7th, District Staff attended the C.W. Williams Women's Health and Doctor Recognition Ceremony.
- On October 10th, I was the keynote speaker for the Greater Bethel AME Church Event Lay Day Program.
- On October 12th, District Staff met with representatives from Atrium Health.
- On October 14th, I provided video remarks for the NC Justice Center/NC Families Care Coalition Townhall on paid leave and paid sick days.
- On October 20th, I participated in the Wells Fargo's Joint Employee Resource Network Racial Disparities In Health Care Panel Discussion.
- On October 22th, I gave remarks to the Benedict College National Alumni Association.
- On October 28th, District Staff joined Fifth Third Bank for the announcement of their \$20 million Historic West End community transformational program and investment that will span three years.



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.

This month, I was happy to get the following note about our office's work assisting with passports. Please don't forget to call your Congresswoman if you need help with a passport or another federal issue:



Dee Lanier
@deelanier

If you're having passport problems contact your State Rep! Many thanks to Julian [@RepAdams](#)



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Thanks for the shoutout, Dee!

If you or anyone in your family needs help with a passport issue, please reach out to our office.

- Alma



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FELLOW SPOTLIGHT: HILARY CARRUTHERS

Dr. Hilary Carruthers (she/her), DrPH, MSW is a public health professional and social worker from Atlanta, Georgia who works in our Washington, D.C. office. Her research areas include childhood obesity and physical education policy, where her findings highlight the association between socioeconomic status and physical education outcomes. Hilary aspires to improve child and maternal health while eliminating disparities. Her work experience includes youth development, non-profits, evaluation, and time spent in the United Kingdom where she advocated for children in foster care. She currently serves her local community as Board Chair of 7 Pillars Career Academy, an Atlanta area charter school that aims to destroy the school-to-prison pipeline. Hilary is a member of The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Northwest Georgia Chapter, Inc. Her long-term career aspirations are at the nexus of policy, program development, and research. Hilary obtained her Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Public Health from The University of Georgia.



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