

## Adams Alert: 2023 August Work Period



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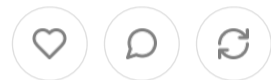
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# ADAMS ALERTS

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Saying goodbye to the library, meeting with constituents across the district, and explaining the Inflation Reduction Act

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***Congresswoman Alma Adams speaks at the demolition of the old Main Library on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.***

Every August, Members of Congress take a month-long break to spend time at home in our districts. The August Work Period is designed to give us a chance to accomplish important constituent work and learn more about what is going on in our communities.

This month, I've travelled across our district to speak with community leaders, elected officials, and our North Carolina neighbors. This week, I met with HVAC apprentices at Bank of America Stadium; participated in an intergovernmental roundtable with representatives from our towns; toured a non-profit that helps people who are blind build careers, support families and achieve economic independence; and even joined the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to demolish the Queen City's old main library and make way for a space that can serve our community for the next 50 years.

Last week, I spoke to a conference of women elected officials and municipal leaders in Charlotte; met with local health care providers; visited churches doing great work in our community; and toured local non-profits, all while staying in touch with what's going on in Washington, D.C.

The August Work Period is a good reminder most of the work we do isn't partisan. Uplifting beloved local institutions, serving our constituents, and securing federal assistance for infrastructure - these aren't partisan priorities.

They're what any representative should be doing in office.

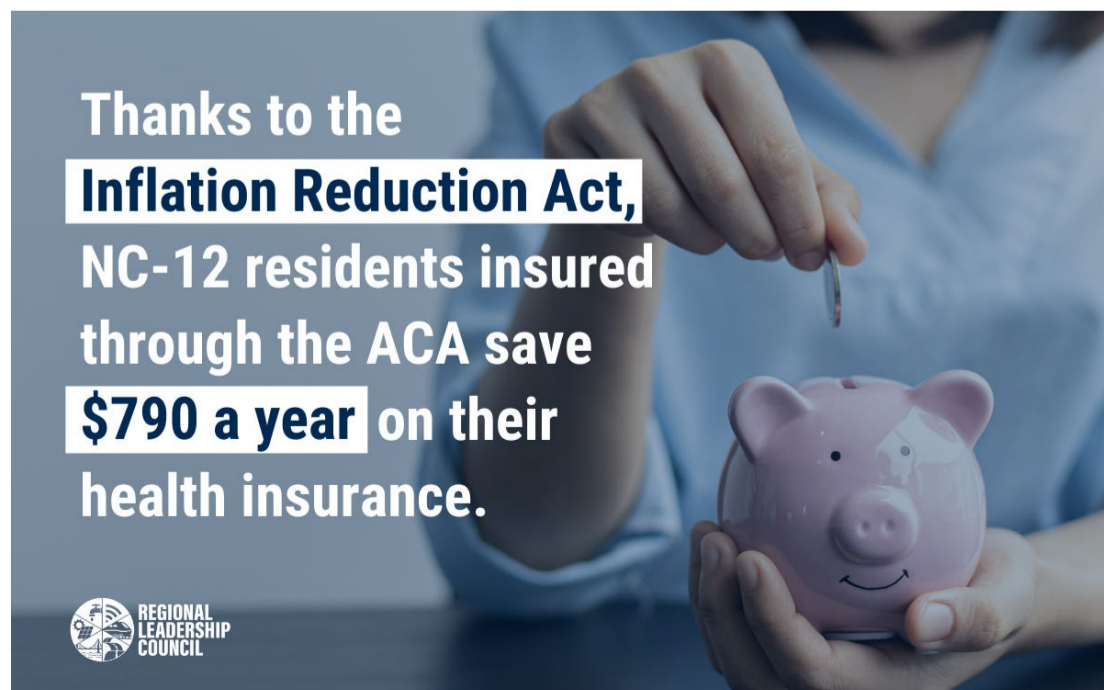
Thanks for reading, and for being engaged in our Democracy.

Sincerely,


Alma



***Congresswoman Alma Adams, Mecklenburg County Commissioner Mark Jerrell, and Mecklenburg County Manager Dena Diorio at the demolition of the old Main Library in Uptown Charlotte, August 15, 2023.***



Thanks to the **Inflation Reduction Act**, NC-12 residents insured through the ACA save **\$790 a year** on their health insurance.



## How has the Inflation Reduction Act helped the 12th Congressional District?

### Lowering Health Care Costs

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, the 69,000 people who signed up for an Affordable Care Act marketplace plan in NC-12 are saving an average of \$790 on their health insurance.

### Cutting The Price Of Insulin

With the \$35/month cap on insulin prices in Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act, about 2,900 Medicare beneficiaries in NC-12 are saving an average of \$420 each year on their insulin.

### Lowering Prescription Drug Prices

An estimated 663,000 North Carolinians will save an average of \$410 on prescription drugs every year when cost-reducing policies in the Inflation Reduction Act – like a \$2,000 cap on annual out-of-pocket pharmacy costs for Americans with Medicare – go into effect in 2025.

### Delivering Good-Paying Jobs

Since President Biden took office, 31,400 jobs have been created in NC-12 and unemployment in North Carolina has fallen from 5.6% to 3.3%.

### Creating Clean Energy and Manufacturing Jobs

The historic investments Democrats delivered with the Inflation Reduction Act are already bringing at least 675 new clean energy jobs to NC-12 and \$172,600,000 in investments to NC-12 ...and counting!

### Supporting Small Businesses

Democrats are working to help small businesses thrive, and approximately 39,000 new businesses have started in NC-12 since President Biden took office.

### Investing In American Infrastructure

Since the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, an estimated 91 projects and \$333,199,395 in investments benefiting families in and around NC-12 have already been announced.

**Source: House Committee on the Budget**

## Video from National Night Out 2023



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# KEY VOTES

**None: Congress is out of session for August**

**August is National Black Business Month**



If your small business is having problems with a federal agency, **please reach out to us to see if we can help!**



*Thursday, July 27 was National Intern Day. We are thankful for our summer interns in both our Washington, D.C. and Charlotte offices. This is our final summer intern spotlight as our interns return to campus.*



**Name:** Jordynn Holley  
**University:** North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
**Year in School:** Rising Senior  
**Major:** Journalism and Mass Communications  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, NC

Jordynn is a first-generation college student from Charlotte who attends North Carolina A&T. She is a Thurgood Marshall College Scholarship Fund recipient, a Dean's List scholar, and Chancellor's List scholar. She is heavily involved on campus as a member of organizations including the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association of Black Journalists, the National Society of Leadership and Success, the NAACP, Aggie Filmmakers, and the Journalism and Mass Communications Student Advisory Council.

Jordynn is excelling in a career in media production and videography. Her aspiration is to become a film & television producer in the entertainment industry. As a media intern for Congresswoman Adams, she has demonstrated professionalism and a commitment to excellence as she works to produce high-quality videography for the 12th District. As the District Office's media intern, she assists her fellow team members with compiling press clips, drafting social media campaigns, staffing Rep. Adams at public events, compiling press reports, and drafting press releases and other written materials.

## **Around the District in August**



**Congresswoman Adams meeting with (L to R) Geraldine Gardner (Centralina Regional Council), Commissioner Tony Long (Mint Hill), Commissioner Elaine Powell (Mecklenburg County), Mayor Melinda Bales (Huntersville), Commissioner Michael Osbourn (Cornelius), and Mayor Darrell Hinnant (Kannapolis) on Monday, August 14.**



**(L to R) Garfield Garner (Office of Apprenticeship Regional Director, Dept. of Labor), Rep. Adams, and Dave Regnery (Chief Executive Officer, Trane Technologies) celebrate the Department of Labor certification of Trane's Apprenticeship Program on Monday, August 14.**





**Rep. Adams meets with health care professionals at Novant Health Center in Huntersville on Monday, August 7.**

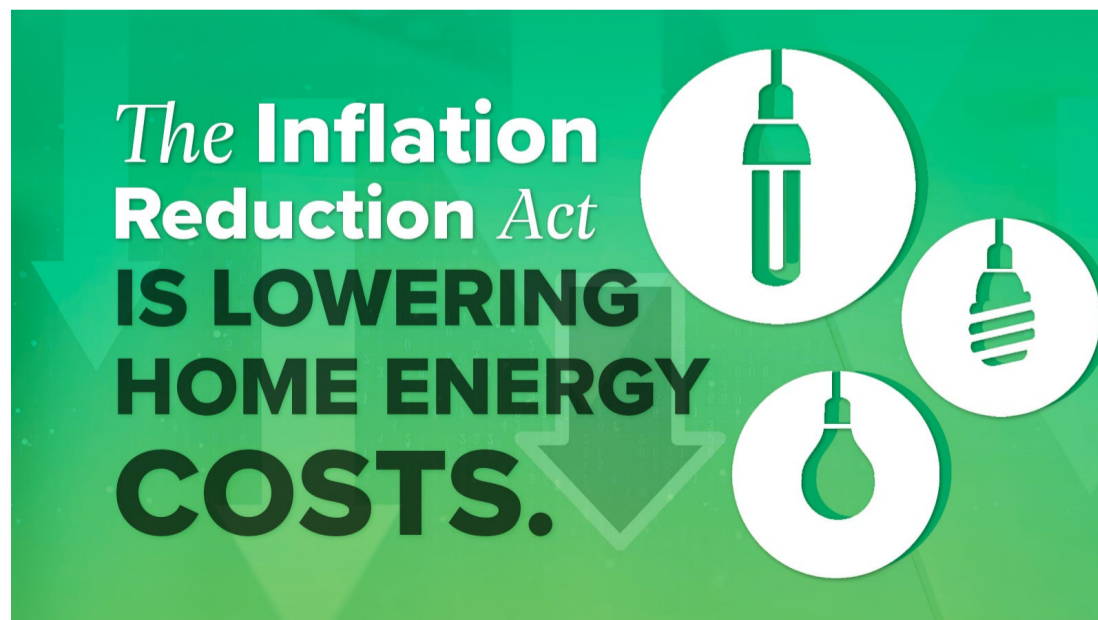
## FINAL THOUGHTS

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act.

This transformative legislation is already working for our families. The Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy and climate provisions have created an **estimated 170,000 clean energy jobs** already. It's lowering the cost of insulin for millions of seniors. The legislation has led to \$278 Billion in new private sector investments.

Some of the effects are going to be felt the most in the future. The Department of Energy projects American families will save \$27-38 billion on electricity bills over the next 8 years thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act. Additionally, **they estimate** the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will cut electricity rates by as much as 9 percent and lower gas prices by as much as 13 percent by 2030, saving families billions of dollars.

In fact, the law is projected to create more than **1.5 million additional jobs** over the next decade.



It's great news, but it doesn't do enough to change the reality for families that are paying more for food, energy and rent. Some of our neighbors, and some

of you reading this, are really hurting. I don't want to shy away from the fact that times are tough right now because I've been there myself, and I wouldn't want someone telling me everything was alright when it wasn't.

However, I do want you to know I've been doing my best to fight inflation and higher prices, and make hard decisions at the kitchen table easier. Over the past year, the pace of inflation has slowed, and wages are starting to catch up. The Inflation Reduction Act will keep prices lower over the next decade, hopefully prevent them from spiraling out of control, and create sustainable jobs well into the future.


Lower drug prices, lower energy prices, and more better jobs: that's the Inflation Reduction Act in a nutshell, and why I was proud to vote for this legislation and send it to President Biden's desk.

That's where I'll lay my hat for this week. Thanks for reading!

Sincerely,  
Alma

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