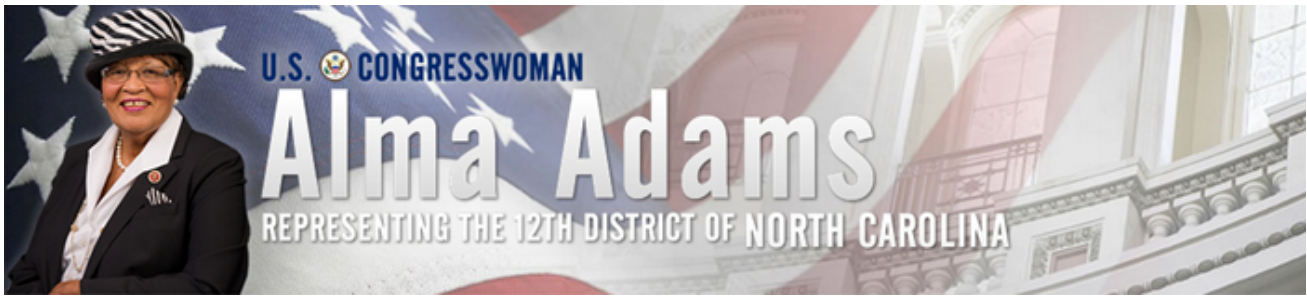


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September District Work Period: In and Around the 12th District



Congresswoman Adams is pictured at the Charlotte Labor Day Parade with U.S. Department of Labor Acting Secretary Julie Su.



Congresswoman Adams is pictured at the 15th Annual Gala for the Queen City Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women with chapter president Bella-Giavanni Austin.

During the first week of September, I was home for our district work period and happy to meet so many of you at local events happening throughout Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

This week, Congress is back in session and voting on issues to make your lives better and put people over politics. Today, September 13, 2024, we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This bill is a piece of landmark legislation aimed at combating domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. VAWA makes it possible for local organizations such as [Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center](#), [Safe Alliance](#), and the [Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage](#) to provide services to the community. As we shared earlier this year, these critical resources will exist under one roof at the soon-to-be-built [Umbrella Center facility](#) to support survivors of domestic violence.

Read on for important information about upcoming events and deadlines for students seeking opportunities to advance their education and as always, thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

Rep. Alma Adams celebrates White House, Dept. of Transportation's Continued Support for CRTPO and Greater Charlotte

NEW GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**Charlotte Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization (CRTPO)**

Receives \$3.15 Million

For the "Safety is Everyone's Business" project under the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for its three-county planning area.

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A major \$3,150,000 grant award was delivered by the Biden-Harris White House and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)'s "Safe Streets and Roads for All" program, to the "Safety is Everyone's Business" project under the **Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)**. **DOT is awarding CRTPO the grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for its three-county planning area.**

CRTPO previously received \$5 million in July, through the DOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, to examine prevailing transportation issues in Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP), Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC) and Rural Areas (RA) throughout the CRTPO's planning area. These programs were all funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

Congresswoman Adams is proud to have supported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that funds this program.



**Biden-Harris Administration Lowers Mental Health Care Costs
by Improving Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Care**

For millions of Americans, care for mental health and substance use conditions is still hard to find and hard to afford. Last week, the White House took steps to change that, by placing new requirements on health plans that will improve and strengthen access to mental health care for 175 million Americans with private health insurance.

Today's final rule strengthens consumer protections by reinforcing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA's) fundamental purpose that all Americans should have the same access to mental health and substance use benefits as they do physical health benefits. And it will help lower families' health care costs by making it easier to access mental health and substance use care and getting rid of barriers that keep people from getting the care they need, when they need it, for a price they can afford.

Specifically, the final rule will:

- Require health plans to make changes when they are providing inadequate access to mental health and substance use care.
- Make it clear what health plans can and cannot do.
- Close existing loopholes.



Upcoming Deadlines & Events

SAVE THE DATE | OCTOBER 19, 2024 **2024 SERVICE ACADEMY DAY**

Mark your calendars for Service Academy Day on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Hear from representatives of our nation's military academies about the opportunities that exist for graduating high school seniors. More information will be provided in future issues of *Adams Alerts*.

FINAL THOUGHTS



As we celebrate the opening of the new terminal at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) yesterday, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the over 28,000 American Airlines flight attendants who have secured an industry-leading contract expanding both pay and benefits. Many of them live and work in our district, and they have endured the ups and downs of the economy, a global pandemic, and a recovery that saw growing wages in many other industries.

I am thankful to all involved for their work to achieve this deal and keep CLT moving.

Be sure to follow me on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) for immediate updates throughout the week and to see some of my other activity over the past two weeks.

That's where I will lay my hat this week.

God Bless,

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