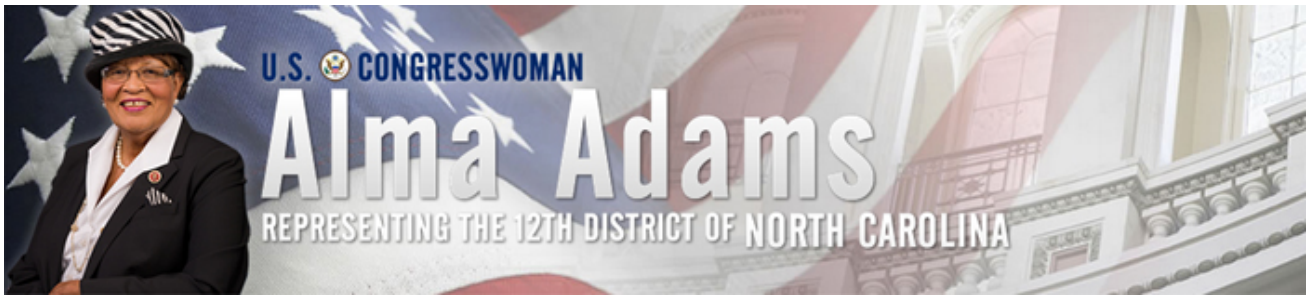


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Rep. Adams Hosts Town Hall to Hear Constituent Concerns



Dear Friends,

Over the past month and a half the Trump Administration and Elon Musk have taken unprecedented executive actions, most of which I believe are unconstitutional. Many of you have reached out to my offices and expressed your deep concern for our country and the federal programs that you rely on.

People are scared that they will lose their Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Parents are scared that their childrens' schools will not receive the funding they need.

Hard working Americans are worried about the fact that their sensitive financial information has been handed over to the richest man in the World.

That's why I hosted a town hall last night to speak directly to constituents and answer their questions about everything that has happened.

I want you to know that I share your concerns and am fighting everyday to push back against the President's abuses of power.

Please continue to share your stories with my offices and let us know how we can better serve you during this difficult time.

Rep. Adams is Leading the Fight to Protect Public Education



As a lifelong educator, our public education system has always been near and dear to my heart. The Trump Administration's recent attacks on education are unacceptable. Here are just a few ways I have been pushing back against President Trump and working to strengthen our education system:

Friday, February 7th, I joined Rep. Takano and other members of the E&W Committee in demanding answers from the Department of Education on the Trump Administration's reported plans to dismantle the agency. My remarks can be found [here](#).

Tuesday, February 11th, I issued a statement against Trump's attempt to dismantle the Department of Education:

"Elon Musk's 'DOGE' team has been inside the Department of Education for over a week attempting to cancel federal education grants and contracts. So far, 89 contracts and 29 grants have been terminated—including funding for diversity and equity programs—totaling over \$900 million. Trump Administration officials know what they are doing is illegal." My full statement can be found [here](#).

Wednesday, February 12th, I delivered remarks at a Rally to Protect our Public Schools, organizing with educators, parents, students, and supporters of public schools to push back on Trump's attack on our education system. Those remarks can be seen in the video above.

Wednesday, February 12th, I joined Reps. Schakowsky, Huffman, and Raskin in a letter urging President Trump to withdraw his executive order on school choice, citing concerns over federal overreach and the diversion of public funds to private religious schools. Full letter can be found [here](#).

Thursday, February 13th, I joined Reps. Amo, DeGette, Sánchez, Fletcher, and Houlahan in a letter to the NIH expressing concern over cuts to indirect research funding, warning that the decision could force research institutions to shut down labs, lay off staff, and halt critical studies. Full letter can be found [here](#).

Thursday, February 13th, I co-sponsored the Pell Grant Sustainability Act to restore automatic annual inflation adjustments and ensure Pell Grants keep pace with rising college costs. Full details can be found here [here](#).

Friday, February 14, I co-sponsored the reintroduction of the American Teacher Act, which sets a minimum annual salary of \$60,000 for full-time teachers, adjusted for inflation. Full details can be found here [here](#).

Thursday, February 20th, I joined Ranking Member Scott and Senator Bernie Sanders in a bicameral letter to the Department of Education opposing recent funding cuts to the Institute of Education Sciences, citing concerns over their impact on education research. Full letter [here](#).

Thursday, February 20th, I responded to the Trump Administration's suspension of the USDA 1890 Scholars Program, a program vital to the training Black farmers, calling on the agency to reverse course and reinstate the program. Because of these efforts, the USDA announced it would reopen applications and extend the deadline until March 15th. My full statements can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Thursday, February 27th, I issued a statement to President Trump's launch of the

"End DEI" tip line at the U.S. Department of Education, calling it a shameless attempt to silence educators and dismantle programs that promote fairness and inclusion,

"This Administration should be more focused on ending the disparities in our education system. Where is the 'tip line' for that?" My full statement can be found [here](#).

Thursday, February 27th, I joined Rep. Summer Lee in a letter urging the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to rescind its guidance, which threatens to revoke federal funding from schools and institutions with diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility programs. Full letter can be found [here](#).

Wednesday, March 5th, I lead my colleagues in a letter calling on committee leadership to investigate illegal actions at Dept. of Education. Full letter can be found [here](#).

Rep. Adams Brings CMS Board Chair Sneed to President Trump's Address



I was so proud to have Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board Chair Attorney Stephanie Sneed join me at President Trump's address this week. In the wake of the Trump Administration's ridiculous attempts to dismantle the Department of Education, I could not think of a better guest to attend with me.

Chair Sneed knows firsthand the dangers that the Administration's attacks on public education present to 12th District families and their children. I am pleased to have her fight alongside me to ensure that every child in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County receives a quality education.

Rep. Adams Cosponsors Legislation to Protect Your Data from Elon Musk

Elon Musk and his DOGE minions gained full access to the federal government's central payment system with no warning, explanation or notification to millions of Americans about the potential threat to their sensitive data. That's why I joined my House Democratic colleagues to introduce the **Taxpayer Data Protection Act**. Protecting the privacy of my constituents and their personal information from abuse by an unelected billionaire is one of my top priorities.

The **Taxpayer Data Protection Act** will:

- Protect the nation's payment system from reckless and unlawful interference.
- Ensure that anyone accessing the system:
 - Has lawful authorization
 - Has a reliable track record of professional service
 - Has the necessary security clearance
 - Has made an ethics commitment and has no conflicts of interest
 - Has appropriate cyber security training
- Ensure that anyone who accesses the federal government's central payment system with a personal financial conflict faces criminal penalties.
- Ensure that Congress and the public have notice of any unauthorized access and an assessment of any cyber and national security risks or interference with federal payments.

Rep. Adams Meets with Tuskegee President to Discuss Trump Administration Attacks on 1890s Land Grant Universities



This week, I met with Dr. Mark Brown, President of Tuskegee University, to discuss the Trump Administration's recent attacks on our 1890s Land Grant institutions. Last month, the Department of Agriculture abruptly paused the 1890 National Scholars Program, but, after public outcry, the program was reinstated.

Our 1890s universities help make higher education accessible for everybody and provide opportunities for students to work in the critical fields of food safety, agriculture, and natural resources that Americans rely on every single day. That's why I will continue to speak out against any attempts to cut funding for these schools and advocate for them to receive the resources they desperately need. #HBCUStrong

Rep. Adams Meets with Charlotte Labor Groups

Last month, I had the pleasure of joining the Charlotte-Metrolina Labor Council for their Biennial Legislative Breakfast to hear their concerns and give a legislative update on my work in Congress protecting the rights of workers and unions. As a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I will never stop fighting for the hard working people of Charlotte.

Resources for the Immigrant Community

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

GET PREPARED:

- Ensure that all important documents are in a safe place where family members can access them.
- Make a plan with family in the event a family member is detained by ICE, including identifying a caretaker for your children.
- Memorize important phone numbers.
- Consider consulting with an immigration attorney.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHTS:

- You have the right to remain silent and contact an attorney.
- You have the right to due process and to have your case heard before a judge.
- You have the right to say no to being searched or having your home searched unless ICE has an arrest warrant (not a remove order, etc.). Agents do not have the right to search you or your belongings without your consent or probable cause.
- You have the right to ask ICE to leave.

IF YOU INTERACT WITH ICE:

- Do not volunteer ANY information.
- You do not need to provide your immigration status or place of birth.
- If ICE enters your home without your permission, probable cause, or a warrant, clearly state that you do not give them permission to enter or search your belongings.
- Do not lie or present any false or fraudulent documentation, including a fake name.
- You do not have any obligation to sign any document without speaking to an attorney. Do not sign a document you do not understand.
- If you feel safe, document the event using your phone (via video or audio recording).
- If ICE shows up at your home or place of work, ask to see a warrant before you open the door.



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Rep. Adams Invites Students to Participate in Congressional Art Competition



Each spring, the [Congressional Institute](#) sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

My office is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Congressional Art Competition from high school students who live or attend school in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District.

[Learn More Here](#)

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

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- CBC Spouses Performing Arts
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- HBCU NREI
- The Tracking Foundation Multi-Year
- The Tracking Foundation Scholars
- CBCF Reducing the Financial Barrier (need-based)

DECEMBER 9, 2024 - MARCH 29, 2025

- CBC Spouses Education
- CBC Spouses Essay Contest



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CLASS OF 2021



Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Lifting Up, Leading Forward

Name: Kiara Lassiter

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland until my family and I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2016.

Where did I attend school? My college career began at Central Piedmont Community College in 2020. I then transferred to Winston-Salem State University in 2022, where I graduated in December 2024 majoring in Political Science with a pre-law concentration and minor in Justice Studies. While at WSSU, I participated in many organizations such as the Political Action Committee, National Council of Negro Women, and founded my own organization, The Political Science Association. Additionally, I took part in initiatives such as curating weekly LSAT Prep sessions and resources for other pre-law students on campus and assisting with the WSSU MOU partnership with Wake Forest Law School.

What are my future plans? I am currently taking a gap year to study for the LSAT and gain more experience with policy and advocacy before heading to law school. I hope to focus on civil rights and public interest law.



Right now, Republicans have what we in government call a trifecta– they control the White House, the House of Representatives, and the Senate.

Democrats in Congress have only limited power to conduct oversight on the Administration. The responsibility to stop the President from acting unconstitutionally ultimately falls on the Republican majorities in Congress. However, it looks unlikely that Republicans are going to stand up to Trump and Elon Musk.

Even though we are not in power, I want to be clear: **we are not powerless.**

Dozens of state's attorney's general across the country– including North Carolina's Attorney General Jeff Jackson– are taking action to fight the administration in court, and they have been overwhelmingly successful thus far. In addition, nonprofits and advocacy groups are filing lawsuits– **almost daily**– against the administration.

I also want encourage all of my constituents to reach out to your Republican members of Congress and demand they speak out against the President's unlawful actions.

Together, we will continue to fight these unconstitutional actions and raise our voices against hate and division.

Together, we will get through this.

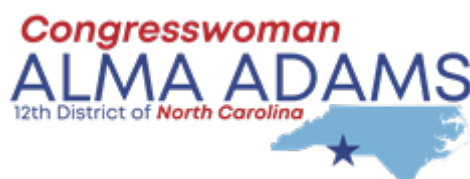
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