

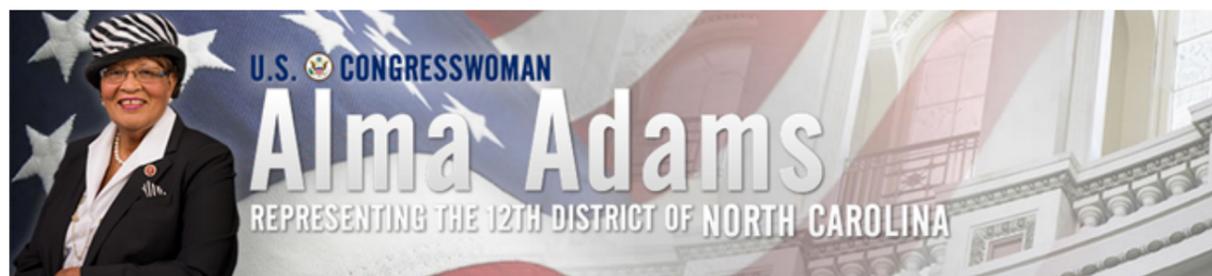
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From Congresswoman Alma Adams <Alma.Adams@mail.house.gov>

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Tariffs are Bad for Charlotte Families

Dear Friends,

President Trump continues his unnecessary trade war that is a tax increase on working families across our country. This reckless policy will raise prices by 10% on everyday goods we all need to survive, with more increases announced to take effect in 90 days.

Medicine, groceries, and gasoline are just a few of the essential items that we can expect to have massive price hikes over the coming months. Already, 1.5 million North Carolinians have said they're currently struggling to put food on the table. These tariffs will only make it worse.

On top of the hurt to consumers, our state's largest industries stand to lose a lot. North Carolina is the 14th largest agricultural exporting state. We export \$4.5 billion in domestic agricultural products every year. These tariffs will raise the cost of things farmers need to run their operations, like fertilizer and feed. Many NC farms will face the threat of shutting down while others will be forced to raise the price of food domestically just to make ends meet.

Republicans in Congress have the power to stop this nonsense, but, instead of standing up to this rogue administration, they are sitting on their hands and bowing down to the want-to-be king. They must act to save working Americans' hard-earned dollars from going to pay for Trump's trade war.



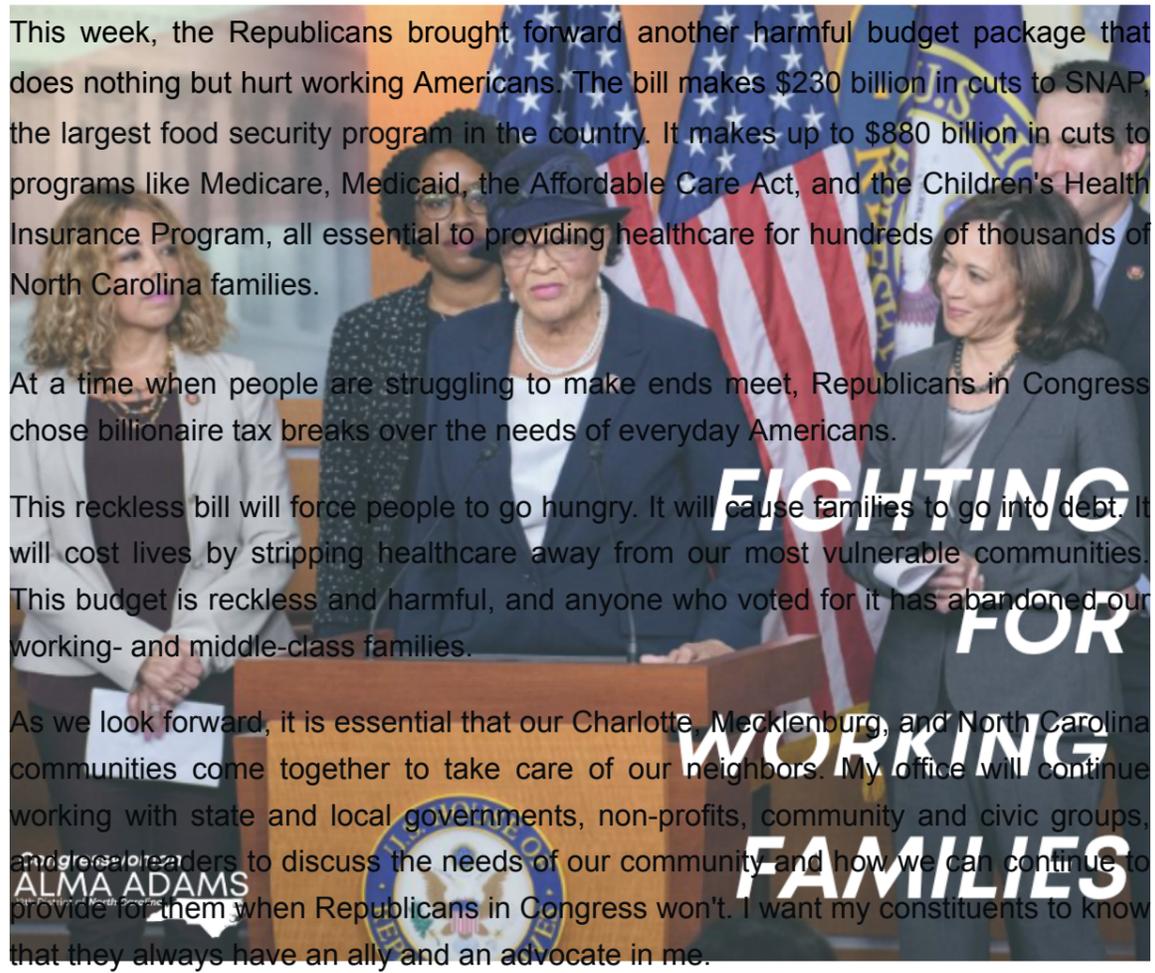
Rep. Adams Votes Against GOP Budget Bill That Would Hurt Working Families

This week, the Republicans brought forward another harmful budget package that does nothing but hurt working Americans. The bill makes \$230 billion in cuts to SNAP, the largest food security program in the country. It makes up to \$880 billion in cuts to programs like Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and the Children's Health Insurance Program, all essential to providing healthcare for hundreds of thousands of North Carolina families.

At a time when people are struggling to make ends meet, Republicans in Congress chose billionaire tax breaks over the needs of everyday Americans.

This reckless bill will force people to go hungry. It will cause families to go into debt. It will cost lives by stripping healthcare away from our most vulnerable communities. This budget is reckless and harmful, and anyone who voted for it has abandoned our working- and middle-class families.

As we look forward, it is essential that our Charlotte, Mecklenburg, and North Carolina communities come together to take care of our neighbors. My office will continue working with state and local governments, non-profits, community and civic groups, and local leaders to discuss the needs of our community and how we can continue to provide for them when Republicans in Congress won't. I want my constituents to know that they always have an ally and an advocate in me.



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Rep. Adams Introduces the HBCU Arts Act



This week, I introduced the HBCU Arts Act that will invest in arts education and conservation at HBCUs.

Art is a universal language that allows people everywhere to experience and celebrate unique cultures and communities. It expands our worldview. Unfortunately, art programs and departments are often among the first ones cut when schools face financial hardship. Through the HBCU Arts Act, we can provide a historic investment to our HBCUs and ensure these programs remain accessible to our students of color for generations to come.

The HBCU Arts Act aims to remove financial and other barriers to arts education and conservation for HBCUs, making these programs more accessible to their students. This bill recognizes the importance of fostering a diverse generation of artists and art professionals who are essential for creating, conserving, educating, and supporting African American art.

Specifically, the HBCU Arts Act:

- Provides financial and other assistance to students in arts, arts education, and cultural programs.
- Establishes outreach programs and development offices for arts, arts education, and cultural arts departments.
- Provides comprehensive wraparound services for arts, arts education, and cultural students, including faculty and peer mentorship, work-based learning opportunities, guidance counseling, and career advising.
- Exhibits, maintains, monitors, and protects African American art collections in exhibition and in storage.
- Provides well-paid apprenticeship, internship, and fellowship opportunities to students in arts, arts education, and cultural programs through partnerships with nonprofit arts, arts education, and cultural institutes.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)



IRS Extends Tax Filing Deadline for North Carolina

As a result of the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Helene and Tropical Storm Debby, taxpayers in North Carolina are automatically eligible to file and pay their taxes later this year. The deadline was extended to Thursday, May 1 to file both federal and state taxes. If you have any questions about filing your taxes or need help with the IRS, please reach out to my office.

Name: Nashwa Seliman

Where are you from? Greensboro, North Carolina by way of Sudan.

Where did you attend school? I am a Junior at Howard University majoring in International Affairs with a minor in Arabic.

What are your future plans? I aspire to become a diplomat and policy advocate, focusing on international relations, human rights, and legislative affairs. I am passionate about shaping global policies, advocating for marginalized communities, and fostering cross-cultural understanding.



That's where I'll lay my hat this week, folks!

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.

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