

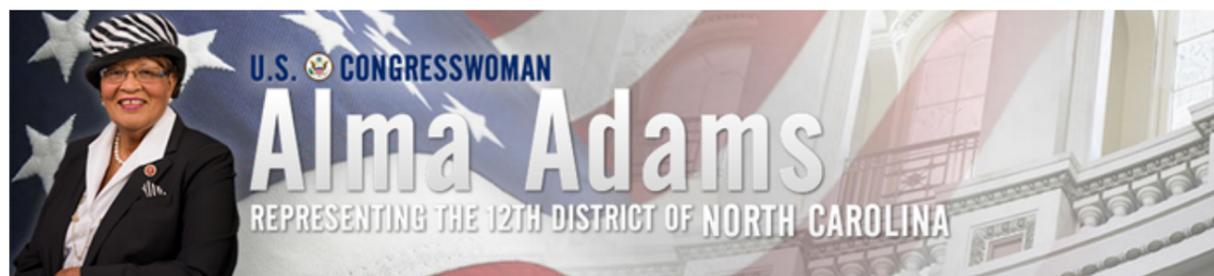
## Adams Alerts -- April 25th, 2025



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## *The District Work Period Edition*

Dear Friends,

It's been great to be back in Charlotte while Congress has been in recess. I have had the opportunity to speak with so many of you, hear your concerns, and tell you how I am continuing the fight against this disastrous administration in Washington. Throughout this edition of Adams Alerts, you will see just some of what I have been doing around our community.

### **Rep. Adams Holds Press Conference to Speak Out Against Cuts to Social Security**



Last week, I held a press conference at the Charlotte Social Security Administration Office to call out the Trump administration's unprecedented and unacceptable firing of 7,000 SSA employees— nearly 12% of the agency's staff— and the closure of a dozen of the agency's offices, including four here in North Carolina.

Since these cuts took place, we already have reports of wait times skyrocketing for SSA recipients trying to speak to someone at the agency, and the SSA website has had numerous outages, blocking millions of Americans from accessing their accounts.

Hard working Americans who rely on Social Security spend decades paying into the system, and they are entitled to their benefits. I will not be silent while Donald Trump and Elon Musk try to take them away!

To watch the full press conference, click on the video above.

## **Rep. Adams Stands with Airport Workers Seeking Better Wages**



This week, I joined airport workers from Charlotte Douglas International Airport at a press conference demanding better wages and working conditions. Charlotte Douglas was recently named the sixth busiest airport in the world. 2024 alone saw more than 596,000 takeoffs and landings from Charlotte, and contributed \$40 billion in economic impact to North Carolina.

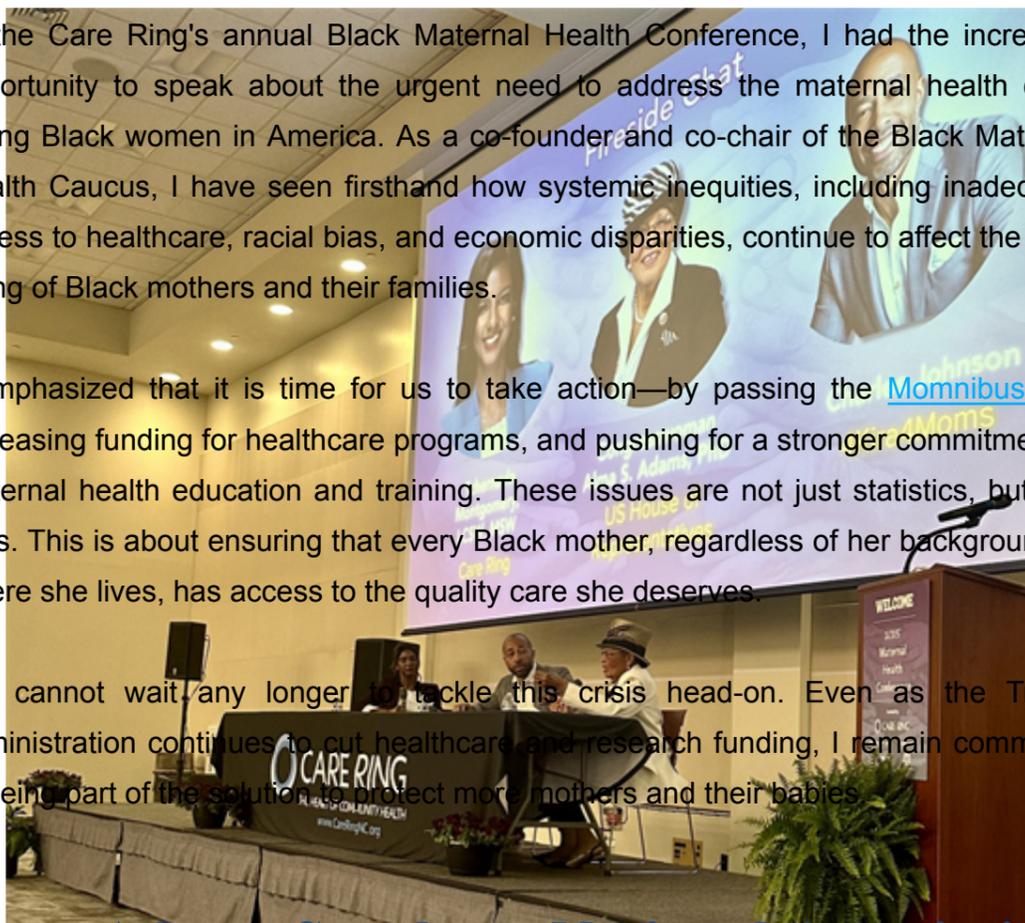
This is only possible because of the tireless, dedicated work of our airport employees, who are often underpaid and overworked. These are the men and women we are asking to keep us safe, but they can't even take care of themselves. They deserve better, and I will continue to fight for them to receive fair pay and benefits. You can watch my full remarks by clicking on the video above.

## **Rep. Adams Speaks at Care Ring's Annual Black Maternal Health Conference**

At the Care Ring's annual Black Maternal Health Conference, I had the incredible opportunity to speak about the urgent need to address the maternal health crisis facing Black women in America. As a co-founder and co-chair of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, I have seen firsthand how systemic inequities, including inadequate access to healthcare, racial bias, and economic disparities, continue to affect the well-being of Black mothers and their families.

I emphasized that it is time for us to take action—by passing the [Momsnibus Act](#), increasing funding for healthcare programs, and pushing for a stronger commitment to maternal health education and training. These issues are not just statistics, but real lives. This is about ensuring that every Black mother, regardless of her background or where she lives, has access to the quality care she deserves.

We cannot wait any longer to tackle this crisis head-on. Even as the Trump administration continues to cut healthcare and research funding, I remain committed to being part of the solution to protect more mothers and their babies.



## Rep. Adams Speaks to National Association of Black Journalists Regional Conference



I was honored to be asked to speak at the National Association of Black Journalists regional conference that was held here in Charlotte a couple of weeks ago.

Conferences like these are so important as we face a pivotal moment for our government, our country, and our democracy. The current presidential administration is openly hostile to press and media in a way our country has never experienced before.

We have seen news outlets punished by the White House just for following their editorial standards, like the Associated Press experienced in February. The President of the United States has called negative press coverage against him illegal, threatening freedom of the press and even gone as far as saying the media is an "enemy of the American people", not only attacking your journalism but putting the safety of every person in this room at risk.

A free press is a cornerstone of our Democracy, and I will continue to speak out against the President's attacks on the press.

## Rep. Adams Statement on HBCU Executive Order



On Thursday, I released a statement on the administration's executive order on HBCUs.

I welcome all and every initiative to support our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities because supporting HBCUs is not a partisan issue. HBCUs are centers of achievement, excellence, and success, and have always punched above their weight, even in the face of historic underfunding.

In order to win the race in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to remain the world's leading innovative country, we must have robust investments in our HBCUs through bills like the FUTURE Act and HBCU PARTNERS Act, two bills I fought hard to have signed into law. We also need to ensure our state governments are fully funding our 1890s Land Grant HBCUs, something the executive order stressed the importance of.

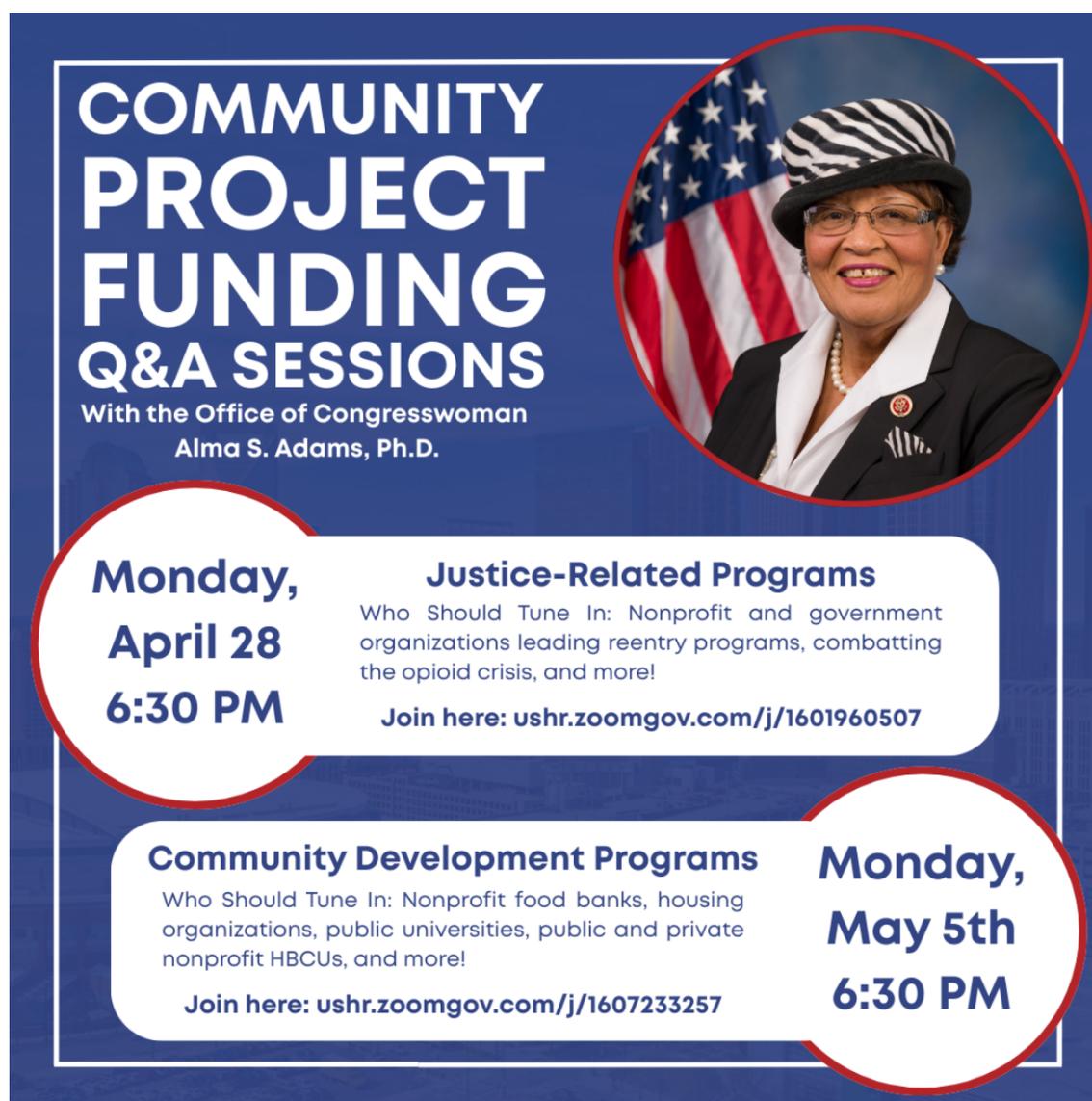
But, I must also say, if the administration dismantles our U.S. Department of Education, the future for HBCUs will further be in question. Let's work together to ensure these institutions of higher education always remain HBCU Strong.

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# NEWS ALERTS



## Join My Office for Community Project Funding Q&A Sessions



**COMMUNITY  
PROJECT  
FUNDING  
Q&A SESSIONS**  
With the Office of Congresswoman  
Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.

**Monday,  
April 28  
6:30 PM**

**Justice-Related Programs**  
Who Should Tune In: Nonprofit and government organizations leading reentry programs, combatting the opioid crisis, and more!  
Join here: [usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1601960507](https://usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1601960507)

**Community Development Programs**  
Who Should Tune In: Nonprofit food banks, housing organizations, public universities, public and private nonprofit HBCUs, and more!  
Join here: [usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1607233257](https://usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1607233257)

**Monday,  
May 5th  
6:30 PM**

My office is hosting two Q&A sessions for the ongoing FY'26 Community Funding Project submissions.

### **Session One—Monday, April 28 at 6:30 PM—Justice-Related Programs**

Session one is for organizations submitting requests for federal funding for justice-related programs. This includes nonprofit and government organizations leading reentry programs, combatting the opioid crisis, and any other organization in justice-related spaces.

The link to join session one on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 PM can be found [here](https://usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1601960507).

### **Session Two—Monday, May 5 at 6:30 PM—Community Development Programs**

Session two is for organizations submitting requests for federal funding for community development programs. This includes nonprofit food banks, housing organizations, public universities, public and private nonprofit HBCUs, and any other organization in community development spaces.

The link to join session two on Monday, May 5 at 6:30 PM can be found [here](https://usshr.zoomgov.com/j/1607233257).

## **REMINDER: 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, September 25 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.



**Ethan Lewis** is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Earth & Environmental Studies and a concentration in Security and Intelligence Studies. A dedicated student-athlete, Ethan is a cheerleader for the Charlotte 49ers and proudly serves as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative for the cheer program.

In addition to his academic and athletic commitments, Ethan is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and aspires to commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Known for his relentless work ethic and sense of humor, he often jokes, "I've got so many dreams... just not enough sleep to see myself in them..."

Ethan is passionate about public service and is committed to making a lasting impact in the Charlotte community, across North Carolina, and on a national scale for his country.

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

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.

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