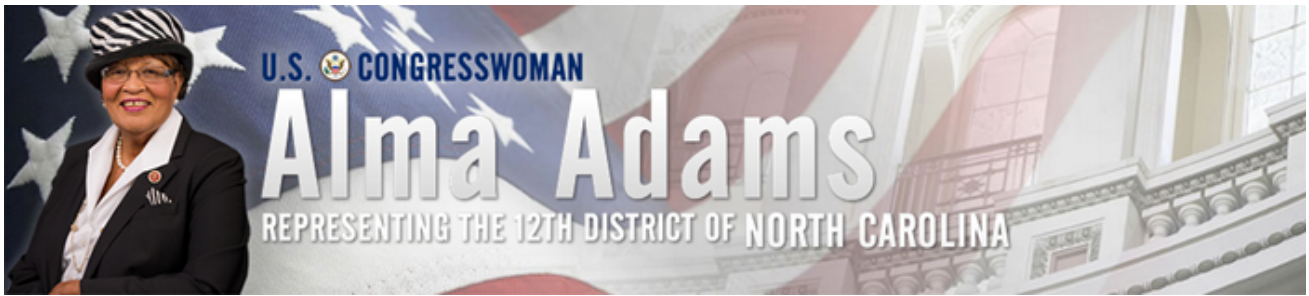


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**Rep. Adams on the Impact of the One Big,
Ugly Bill to North Carolina**

Dear Friends,

I am continuing to monitor the impact of the Republican federal budget bill—the One Big, Ugly Bill—to North Carolina and the 12th Congressional District. This week, we were given [new data](#) from the Center for American Progress that highlights just how harmful this bill is to our state.

Hunger

The One Big, Ugly Bill represents the largest threat to food security in North Carolina history by making unprecedented cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

These cuts, along with harsh new work requirements and more needless red tape, put 142,000 North Carolinians at immediate risk of losing SNAP benefits, including older Americans, veterans, single parents, people with disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness.

SNAP is also an economic generator for our state, but these cuts will threaten the financial stability of 1,439 grocery stores and other SNAP retailers, cause a loss of more than 48,000 jobs along with Medicaid cuts, and take more than \$500 million from our state's budget every year.

Healthcare

The bill's failure to extend tax credits for Affordable Care Act marketplace health plans means 22 million people nationwide—including hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians—will likely see their premium costs raised significantly.

Cuts to Medicaid won't just take healthcare away from North Carolinians. They will threaten our entire medical infrastructure. The increase in uninsured patients will cost our state's hospitals and healthcare providers over \$1 billion in the next decade, especially threatening our rural healthcare providers. Before the bill passed, six rural hospitals were already at immediate risk of closure and this will lead to even more healthcare providers being forced to shut down.

Housing

By ending federal clean energy investments, NC households can expect to see their electricity costs raised by an average of \$230 per year. In addition, future North Carolina homebuyers can expect mortgage interest rates to increase by an average of \$450 per year on a median single-family home.

At a time when North Carolina families are struggling to make ends meet, raising energy and housing costs will only make the cost of living crisis worse.

Higher Education

By eliminating the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan for student loan borrowers, new student loan borrowers can expect to pay an average of \$270 more per month while existing borrowers will face up to \$390 more per month in student loan costs.

Education is already too expensive and this bill puts it even more out of reach for the average North Carolinian.

I will continue updating you as I receive more information about this bill's impact on our home. I am working closely with my colleagues at the local, state, and federal

levels to discuss how we can protect our constituents in the face of these reckless cuts, as well as local organizations in our district who are helping our residents receive food, healthcare, housing, and other essential basic needs.

I'm always proud of our Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and know we will work to support each other, even when the federal government won't.

Rep. Adams Leads Letter on Reinstating Rural Business Center Program for Farmers



This week, I [led a letter](#) with Rep. Jill Tokuda signed by 38 House Democrats to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke Rollins calling for the USDA to reverse the reckless elimination of the Regional Food Business Center (RFBC) program.

In January, the USDA froze funding for the RFBC program and on July 15, the department announced it was [cancelling the program](#) entirely.

RFBCs have been incredibly impactful for our farmers, agriculture producers, and rural communities. A [USDA report](#) from October 2024 found that RFBCs led to 2,800 individuals receiving technical assistance, 1,500 new partnerships formed by recipients, and 287 businesses reporting increased revenue as a result of the program.

Much like so many Americans, our farmers are struggling with skyrocketing cost of living, inflation, and the reckless trade war. RFBCs were a lifeline to our agriculture community, especially our small, mid-sized, and family farms who are the backbone of our economy. Investing in farmers is always the right thing to do and I am committed to advocating for RFBCs so we can offer them the support they deserve.

Rep. Adams Attends National Night Out with Communities Across Charlotte



It may have been a rainy Tuesday but I'm proud to have joined so many of our Charlotte communities for the National Night Out.

For over four decades, National Night Out has helped foster relationships between law enforcement and local communities. Charlotte has always had a strong community presence at National Night Out and this year was no different.

Thank you to the law enforcement officers and Charlotte residents who came out. I'm grateful I had the chance to speak with so many of you!

Rep. Adams Joins NC Congressional Democrats in EPA Letter on Solar Energy

This week, my colleagues and I in the North Carolina Democratic Congressional Delegation—Representatives Deborah Ross, Valerie Foushee, and Don Davis—[sent a letter](#) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) condemning the agency's plan to cancel \$7 billion in grants for the Solar for All program.

The Solar for All program was created to expand access to solar energy in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Already, this program is on track to serve over 900,000 households, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and deliver cost savings on energy bills.

North Carolina is a major recipient of these funds. The state and our partners have an award agreement with the EPA for \$156 million to design and implement North Carolina's Solar for All program.

Eliminating the Solar for All program will have devastating economic and environmental consequences for our district and our state, especially our low-income residents. We will continue fighting against cuts to affordable, clean, green energy and ensure North Carolina remains a leader on this issue.

Rep. Adams Attends the CRCHC's 2025 National Health Center Week



This week, I was honored to join the Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers' 2025 National Health Center Week to speak with community health center leaders in North Carolina.

Community health centers serve an essential role in providing affordable, accessible healthcare to everyone who needs it.

Healthcare should be available to everyone, not just those who are privileged enough to afford it. We heard from doctors, patients, and advocates about their experiences, and I am committed to supporting these critical organizations.

You can listen to my comments [here](#).



USDA Opens Grant for Organizations Improving Healthy Food Access to Underserved Communities



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Healthy Food Financing Initiative has opened grant applications for their Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund.

The grant program aims to improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, create and preserve quality jobs, and revitalize low-income communities. These grants assist communities in project development, retail renovation and expansion, and technical assistance to support capacity building.

Applications are due by August 18.

To learn more and apply, click the link below.

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Congressional App Challenge Applications Now Open



My office is proud to announce our participation in this year's [Congressional App Challenge](#). This spirited competition provides an opportunity for students to learn how to code. It also encourages students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) while promoting innovation and engagement in computer science.

The Congressional App Challenge allows students to compete against their peers by creating an app of their choice for mobile, tablet, or computer devices. No background or experience in computer science is needed.

The deadline to register and submit a completed application is before 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Time on October 30, 2025.

To learn more, click the link below.

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Presidential Leadership Scholars Applications Now Open

Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) – a joint leadership development program led by the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson – is now accepting applications through July 20 for its 2026 class.

For over a decade, PLS has selected established professionals across all job sectors and backgrounds to learn about leadership through the experiences of these four presidents.

During the six-month program, selected professionals will hone their leadership skills through interactions and sessions with key administration officials, business executives, and leading academics and form meaningful relationships with one another – learning from each other's divergent views and experiences. They will put their learning into action through a personal leadership project, intended to create positive impact by solving a problem or pressing issue in their community, organization, country, or the world.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

USDA Opens Applications for Disaster Aid Payments



The U.S. Department of Agriculture has opened applications for disaster recovery assistance to farmers and livestock producers.

All farmers and agriculture producers who have been victims of a natural disaster are encouraged to apply. See the link below for more information.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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.



As we continue to see the impacts of the disastrous federal policies signed into law this year, it is essential that we focus on taking care of families, our neighbors, and our communities.

I will continue working with our partners at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as our community partners, to ensure we can always support the people of the 12th District, the City of Charlotte, and Mecklenburg County.

I look forward to seeing more of you around our community next week!

Sincerely,



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