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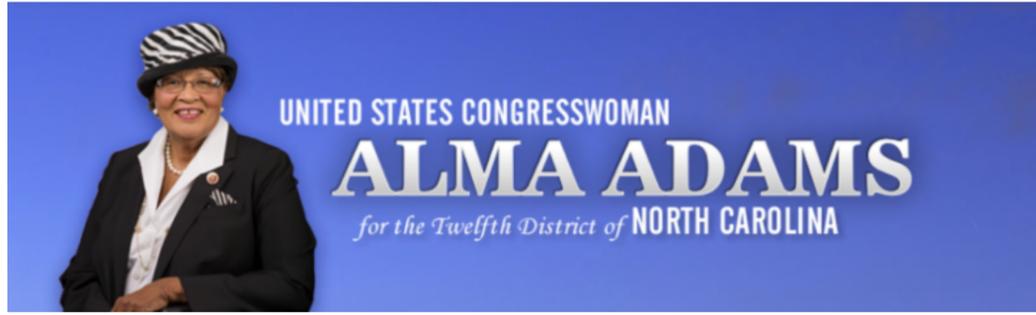


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CHARLOTTE, NC—Today, **Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)**, senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, held her fourth quarterly Adams Hunger Initiative (AHI) of 2025, bringing together 24 leaders in nutrition, hunger, farming, and food security throughout Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

In the 4th quarter Adams Hunger Initiative, participants discussed the state of hunger in the region, the impact of the government shutdown on their operations, and how they are working to keep the community fed during the holiday season and into 2026.

“When the federal government failed our community during the government shutdown, our feeding organizations and agriculture producers stepped up to ensure Charlotte-Mecklenburg families could put food on the table,” **said Congresswoman Adams**. “I’m proud to partner with these impactful groups through the Adams Hunger Initiative because of their dedication and service to our community. As food security programs face new attacks in 2026, from reduced funding to stripping away people’s access to benefits, I’m committed to supporting these organizations because they have always supported us.”

Rep. Adams led 2025’s Adams Hunger Initiative meetings at a time when agriculture and food security faced unprecedented attacks at the federal level. Changes to SNAP in the Republicans’ One Big Ugly Bill could cause **as many as 142,000 North Carolinians** to lose SNAP benefits. Agriculture tariffs, high costs and low commodity prices, and agriculture programs eliminated by the Trump administration, including the **Regional Food Business Center program**, have devastated farmers and ranchers. During the government shutdown, the Trump administration’s unlawful withholding of SNAP benefits saw **34,000 12th District households** go without access to this lifesaving food security program.

The Adams Hunger Initiative is a coalition of nutrition, hunger, and food security leaders in North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District, Charlotte, and Mecklenburg County formed by Congresswoman Adams in 2015. The AHI works to promote public-private partnerships, create dialogues between elected officials and key stakeholders, draft legislation aimed at addressing hunger and food insecurity, and promote and protect critical food programs and food banks.

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Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) Subcommittee.

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