

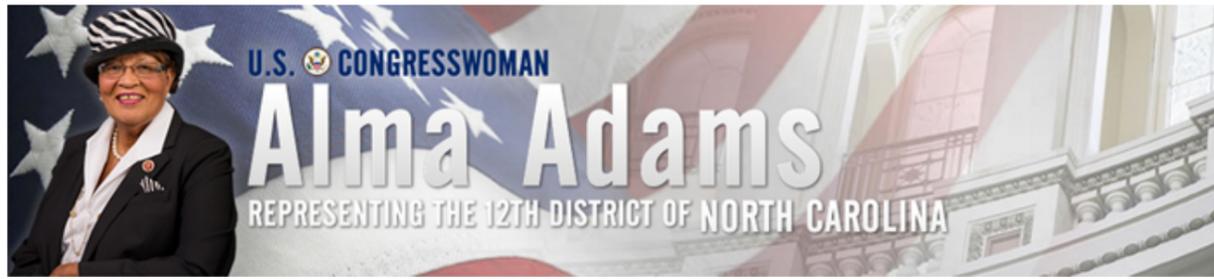
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Rep. Adams on House Republicans' Failure to Address the Republican Healthcare Crisis

Dear Friends,

Congress held its final session of 2025 this week after a year of the Republican majority failing to do anything to lower costs or address the affordability and healthcare crises they created.

Throughout the year, I fought alongside my Democratic colleagues to force a vote to extend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits which will expire at the end of the year because Republicans failed to act. 88,000 of my constituents use these credits to afford health insurance and without them, an estimated 157,000 North Carolinians will no longer be able to afford healthcare and lose their coverage entirely next year.

Rather than work with Democrats on this issue, Republicans put forth a last-minute healthcare bill that makes healthcare more expensive and ensures less people have access to it.

In addition to failing to extend the ACA tax credits, which will cause an estimated [4 million Americans to lose their health insurance](#), the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill will result in an additional [100,000 fewer Americans with health insurance](#). This is on top of the [10 million Americans](#) that are projected to lose health insurance in the next decade because of provisions in Republicans' One Big Ugly Bill which was signed into law in July.

Their proposal raises healthcare costs without the ACA tax credits, forces Americans to lose coverage, [takes away protections](#) from our most vulnerable, and [undermines women's right to abortion care](#) which is healthcare.

I voted against their bill because Americans deserve more than a shoddy, last-minute proposal that doesn't make their healthcare better or their lives more affordable. It's time for Republicans to work with Democrats on a bipartisan healthcare solution because it's clear they can't handle it on their own.

In 2026, I will continue fighting to renew the ACA tax credits, expand healthcare access, and lower costs for everyday Americans. Leader Jeffries's discharge petition to force a vote on the credits has enough signatures to bring to the floor for a vote no later than January. Democrats are not backing down.

Healthcare is personal to me, and I believe everyone has a right to affordable, accessible care. I will never stop fighting for that right.

Rep. Adams Speaks Out Against the Republican Healthcare Plan on the House Floor



Rep. Adams speaks on the House floor on December 17, 2025.

On Wednesday, December 17, I spoke against the Republican healthcare plan during debate on the House floor.

Every year, 68,000 Americans die because they do not have health insurance, and Republicans have chosen to turn their backs on these people and make the healthcare crisis worse.

This bill will drive up healthcare costs, force 100,000 Americans to lose their coverage, strip away protections for patients, and limit a woman's right to abortion care.

People are dying and it's time my Republican colleagues take the crisis they created seriously—our constituents can't wait.

[You can watch my full remarks here.](#)

Rep. Adams, Democrats Demand a Vote on the Affordable Care Act Tax Credits

Rep. Adams stands with House Democrats at Leader Jeffries's press conference on December 18, 2025.



On Thursday, December 18, I stood with my fellow House Democrats demanding a vote on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium tax credits extension at Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries's press conference.

Fighting to Save Healthcare

This week, four Republicans joined every single House Democrat in signing Leader Jeffries's discharge petition on the ACA tax credits. As a result of that, we have successfully secured a vote on this issue in the House—an important step in seeing a three-year extension of the credits signed into law.

While this vote must be held no later than January, the House could have voted on the extension this week and stopped 88,000 people in the 12th District from losing access to this lifesaving program. Speaker Johnson refused to bring it to the floor, however, despite a majority of the House demanding it.

Make no mistake, I am in this fight until we win this fight, and I'm calling on my Republican colleagues to do the same. It's time we cancel the cuts, lower the cost of care, and extend the ACA tax credits.

Rep. Adams, NC Democrats Introduce Legislation to Speed Up Hurricane Helene Recovery



Securing Relief for North Carolina

Rep. Adams joins Gov. Stein, NC Congressional Delegation to Discuss Hurricane Helene Relief on September 17, 2025.

On Tuesday, December 16, I joined my fellow North Carolina Democratic Representatives Deborah Ross (NC-02), Valerie Foushee (NC-04), and Don Davis (NC-01) in introducing the FEMA Administrative Reform Act which would help accelerate the flow of federal disaster recovery dollars to Western North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

In June, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem implemented a policy requiring her personal review and approval of any contract above \$100,000, including for disaster response. This policy has drastically slowed down the flow of desperately needed recovery dollars to Western North Carolina.

The FEMA Administrative Reform Act would prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing any policy that would require their personal approval of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expenditures of \$100,000 or more.

It has been over a year since Hurricane Helene devastated Western North Carolina, but red tape created by the Trump administration continues to delay the relief our communities are owed.

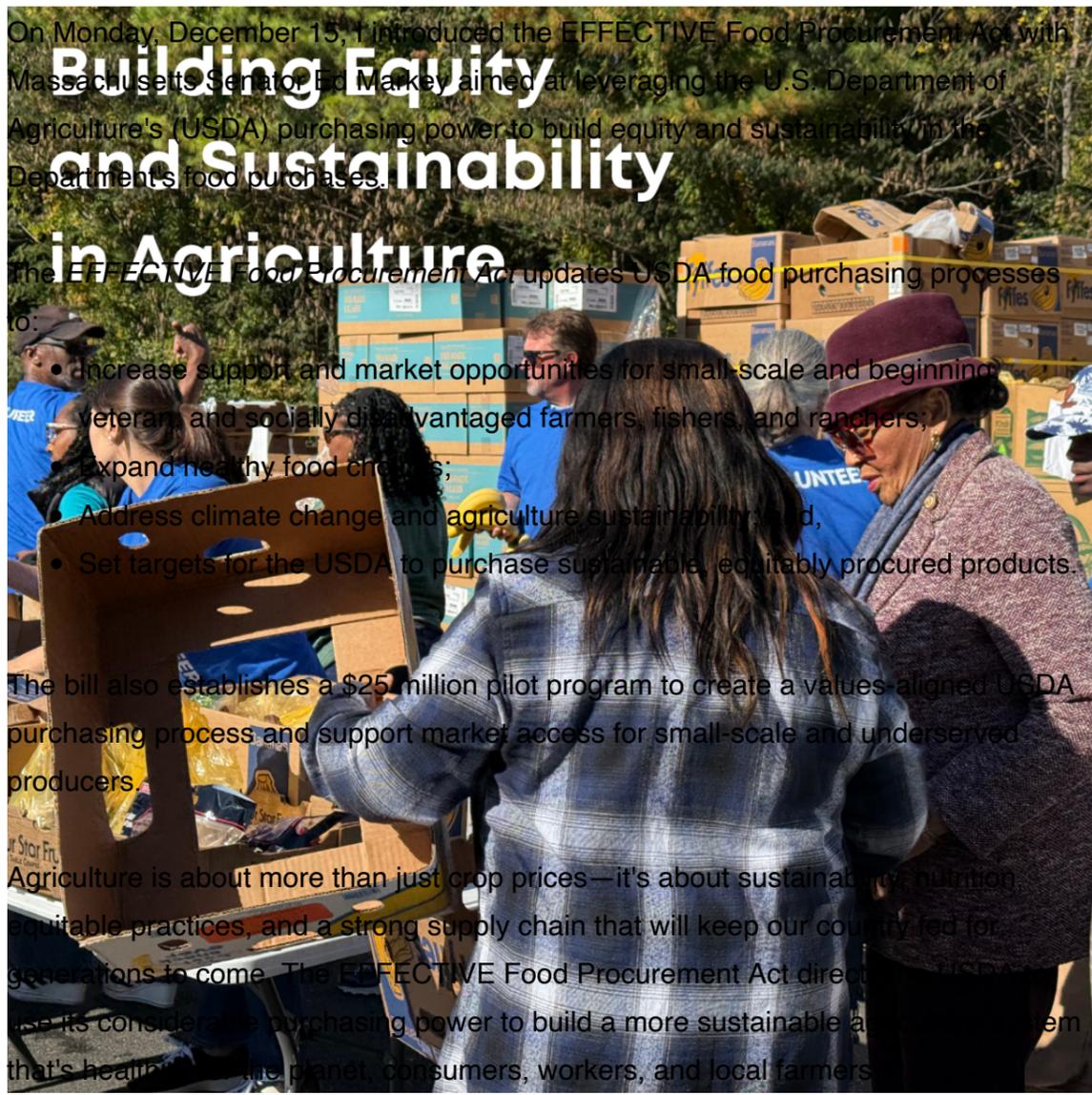
Sec. Noem is more focused on sending federal agents to terrorize North Carolina cities than approving the aid North Carolinians are relying on to rebuild their lives. We cannot let bureaucracy impede recovery.

I was proud to join my colleagues in introducing the FEMA Administrative Reform Act so our citizens can finally get the help they deserve.

[You can learn more about the FEMA Administrative Reform Act here.](#)

Rep. Adams Introduces Bill to Build a Healthier and More Sustainable Food System

Rep. Adams volunteers at a food share event on November 3, 2025.



I was proud to introduce this bill because when our small-scale and underserved producers are empowered to succeed, everyone wins and our country becomes stronger because of it.

[You can learn more about the EFFECTIVE Food Procurement Act here.](#)

Rep. Adams Addresses Government's Role in Making Youth Sports More Affordable and Accessible in Subcommittee Hearing



Rep. Adams speaks at the House Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee hearing on December 16, 2025.

On Tuesday, December 16, I spoke about the importance of making youth sports affordable and accessible for all children at the House Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee hearing.

When kids play sports, we know what happens. They're healthier. They do better in school. They build confidence, teamwork, and resilience. Across the country though, too many kids are being benched—not because they lack talent or interest—but because the system has become too expensive and too concentrated.

A GAO study found that tight K–12 budgets are already limiting access to sports because schools struggle with transportation, facilities, and staffing. At the same time, we're seeing private equity buy up leagues, facilities, and equipment suppliers—driving prices up and pushing community-based programs out.

That combination is squeezing families, schools, and small businesses all at once.

The public sector must play a role in making sure youth sports remain accessible to all kids, not just those who can afford pay-to-play systems.

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

Rep. Adams Amendment Requiring Greater Transparency for College Tuition Costs Unanimously Approved by Committee



Rep. Adams speaks at the House Education and Workforce Committee Markup on December 11, 2025.

On Thursday, December 11, I proposed an amendment in the House Education and Workforce Committee Markup that requires the Department of Education (ED) to provide an explanation any time the ED's new Universal Net Price Calculator produces a college cost estimate that differs from the estimate of an institution's own calculator.

Our students deserve transparency in what they're paying for college. Not the sticker price or the advertised tuition but the real price a student pays after grants and scholarships.

When two price calculators give two different prices, families are left asking which number is correct and which one they can trust.

Students walk away from colleges they can afford because they don't trust the numbers. Students enroll in programs that cost more than they expected because they misunderstood the estimate. Students borrow more than they need—or worse, drop out when the bill doesn't match the promise.

My amendment simply says if the two calculators give two different answers, the Department of Education needs to tell students why.

I'm proud that my amendment was unanimously approved by committee and has been added to the bill because price transparency and college affordability are not partisan issues.

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

Rep. Adams Speaks at the Siemens Healthineers Experience Center Grand Opening



Rep. Adams speaks at the House Education and Workforce Committee Markup on December 11, 2025.

On Friday, December 12, I had the honor of speaking at the Siemens Healthineers Experience Center grand opening at the Pearl Innovation District in Charlotte.

The Experience Center is more than just an investment in our economy—it is an investment in the health of our community. This site is expected to bring together some of the brightest minds and most innovative technologies in medicine, reshaping the future of the care we provide our country.

The incredible medical advancements born here will allow us to detect chronic illnesses earlier, improve cancer screening and treatment options, expand our understanding of and ability to perform noninvasive medical procedures, and make healthcare more accessible for everyone, especially our underserved communities.

Part of that is the immersive, hands-on environment of the Experience Center which will better prepare the next generation of clinicians and healthcare professionals to practice medicine.

As we welcome Charlotte's first four-year medical school—the Charlotte campus of Wake Forest University School of Medicine—and IRCAD North America's center for advanced surgical training to the Pearl, this will be an invaluable resource to the health of our community.

I'm excited to see the new opportunities the Experience Center will bring to Charlotte and am grateful to have Siemens Healthineers in our community.



YOU'RE INVITED: 2026 State of the District

You are cordially invited to join me for my 2026 State of the District on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

The State of the District is an opportunity to discuss our work and achievements in 2025, share my vision for the 12th Congressional District in 2026, and hear our community's thoughts on the issues impacting our district.

The State of the District will be held in Charlotte with the full location being shared soon.

I look forward to seeing you there.

[RSVP Here](#)

Applications Open for Renew NC Housing Recovery Programs Assistance, Inc.

Save The Date

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Renew NC

Thursday, January 29, 2026
7:00 PM

Location to be determined

Renew NC, North Carolina's disaster recovery effort, is encouraging western North Carolina homeowners to apply for housing recovery assistance through its Single-Family Housing Program.

The deadline for applying is December 31, 2025.

Homeowners who have already received Helene-related assistance from FEMA or a home insurance policy can still apply to the Renew NC Single-Family Housing Program. The program is designed to address housing recovery needs that remain after all other assistance has been exhausted.

Learn More and Apply

Food Assistance Resources Available to You

If you or someone you know is struggling with food insecurity in Charlotte, I want to share some resources available to you.

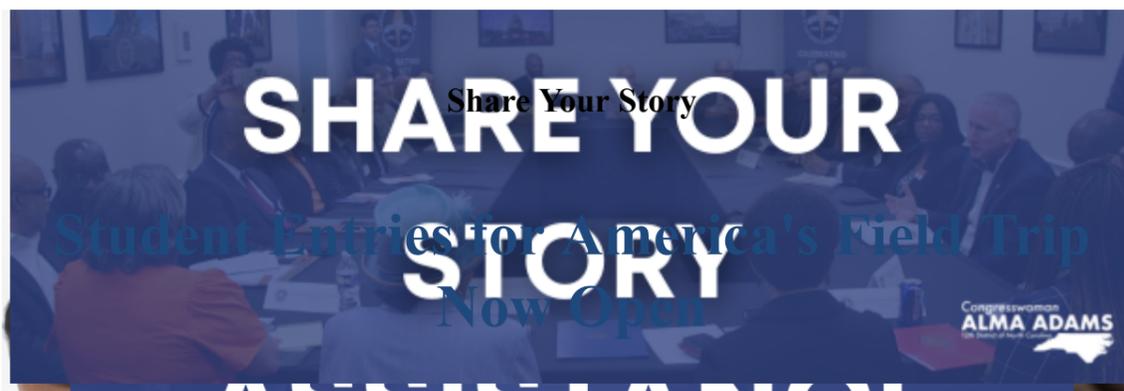
Mecklenburg County has compiled information and resources available to Mecklenburg County residents. You can find that information [here](#).

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina has provided a list of many of the food pantries in Charlotte. You can find that list [here](#).

Share Your Story with Rep. Adams

As your member of Congress, what matters to you matters to me—that's why I want to hear directly from you on how federal cuts made in 2025 and the Republican government shutdown have impacted you.

Please share your story with my office so I can best fight for your needs in Congress.



Student entries for America's Field Trip are now open.

America's Field Trip is a nationwide student contest inviting students to become a part of next year's 250th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Students in grades 3–12 can submit their entries by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them — with the chance to earn a once-in-a-lifetime field trip experience at one of 16 different iconic American landmarks or cultural sites, including Mount Rushmore, the National Archives Museum, Kennedy Space Center, and Yellowstone National Park.

Entries can be submitted from now until March 30, 2026.

To learn more and apply, click the link below.

Learn More and Apply



Our fight to protect the Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits is far from over.

This week, Leader Jeffries's discharge petition requiring a vote on the ACA tax credits had a bipartisan majority of Congress sign on, forcing the bill to be taken up in January. I want to be clear—the House could have voted on the bill as soon as this week, but Speaker Johnson refused to bring it to the floor, preventing Congress from lowering healthcare costs for our constituents.

The discharge petition is an important step toward seeing the ACA tax credits reinstated, but there is still more work to be done. If the bill passes the House, it still has to pass the Senate and be signed into law by the president. We can't stop fighting.

We only won a vote on the ACA tax credits because Americans like you made their voices heard and showed how much the program matters to our country. As we continue our push to reinstate the credits, your continued efforts are going to be essential in seeing the ACA tax credits renewed and signed into law.

Thank you for your passion around affordable, accessible healthcare. This issue is personal to me, and I won't stop advocating for your healthcare needs—and the needs of every 12th District resident—in Congress.

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

Sincerely,



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