



Dear Neighbors,

It was another week of chaos in DC. Donald Trump proved he's just winging it when it comes to the economy and House Republicans moved forward with their terrible budget plan. I'm certainly looking forward to being back in New Jersey next week.

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Voter Suppression Bill

On Thursday, [I voted against the SAVE Act](#), a voter suppression bill that will purge an untold number of eligible voters from voter rolls. It is nothing more than a blatant attempt to put up roadblocks to prevent millions of working-class Americans from exercising their God-given right to vote.

The bill would make it more difficult to register to vote by eliminating a driver's license, state-issued ID, or military ID as valid forms of ID to prove eligibility. In addition, individuals whose last names have changed since their birth certificate was issued, including 70 million women, would not be able to use their birth certificate to prove citizenship. Republican Politicians know their agenda is unpopular with the majority of Americans. Instead of adjusting their priorities or engaging in the democratic process of persuading voters, they've decided to eliminate voters who are less likely to vote for them.

Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act

This week, I reintroduced the [Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act](#); legislation that addresses the mental health crisis facing our youth through funding to support research, improves the pipeline of culturally competent providers, builds outreach programs that reduce stigma, and develops a training program for providers to

Constituent Resources Fair

My office will be holding a constituent resources fair in Trenton on Thursday April 17th. The fair will be held at the Trenton Hall building on the Mercer County Community College campus located at 137 N. Broad St. in Trenton.

Be sure to stop by if you need assistance navigating a federal agency, receiving your benefits, or accessing other public services. Staff from my office and other organizations will be available to lend a hand.

North Plainfield Town Hall

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effectively manage disparities. The legislation was originally introduced in 2019 following a report - "[Ring the Alarm: the Crisis of Black Youth Suicide in America](#)" - from the Congressional Black Caucus's Emergency Taskforce on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health, which I chaired in 2019.

Across the country, there is a crisis of despair afflicting too many of our young people. This crisis is most pronounced in communities of color, where access to mental health resources is often kept out of reach. My bill would provide necessary investments in mental health support services to face this crisis head-on. These young people are the future of our country, and we have an obligation to provide them with the support they need to live happy, healthy, fulfilling lives. Learn more about the bill [here](#).

Letter to Health and Human Services

Also this week, I sent [a letter](#) with 46 of my House colleagues to Health and Human Services Secretary Kennedy condemning the Trump Administration's decision to eliminate the Office of Minority Health.

The mission of HHS OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations and underserved communities, including rural communities, through the development of health policies and programs to eliminate health disparities. Let's be clear: closing down these offices will kill our country's most vulnerable.

Budget Plan



On Wednesday, I took to the House Floor to try to convince my Republican colleagues to change course on their disastrous budget. This budget takes billions of dollars from programs that working families rely on and gives that money to the very wealthiest Americans in the form of \$7 trillion in tax breaks. It slashes funding for programs like Medicaid, which nearly 2 million people in my state of New Jersey rely on for healthcare. It also raises healthcare costs for folks who get coverage through the Affordable Care Act. In my district, folks would see their premiums go up by over \$1,400 per year under this budget. This is a horrible deal for New Jersey.

Hands Off Rallies

On April 5th, I joined thousands of New Jerseyans at rallies in Trenton, Princeton, and Franklin Township demanding Donald Trump and Elon Musk keep their hands off the vital services they've sought to dismantle. Hands off our Social Security, our Medicare, our Medicaid. Hands off our communities and our livelihoods.



Upcoming Town Halls

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More town halls are in the works for Monroe and Montgomery. Stay tuned for updates and follow me on [twitter](#), [instagram](#), [bluesky](#), and [facebook](#).



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