



Hi folks,

Before heading down to Washington next week to resume the Congressional session, I attended several events throughout our wonderful 12th District. I took part in a press conference to draw attention to the need for lead removal projects, convened a webinar for LGBTQIA+ folks who are concerned about Trump's attacks on individual freedom, and stopped by Bear Tavern Elementary to chat with students and enjoy a musical performance.

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### **Passing of Pope Francis I**

At the beginning of this week, both Catholics and non-Catholics alike mourned the loss of Pope Francis I. Pope Francis inspired millions with his compassion for the outcast and oppressed. His spirit reinvigorated the faith of many. His commitment to the poor and downtrodden and his calls to seek an end to war and address climate change and the evils of predatory capitalism will be a legacy that will cast a light in the darkness for generations to come. I stand with millions of Catholics in New Jersey and over one billion around the world in mourning his loss.

### **LGBTQIA+ Know Your Rights Webinar**

This week I convened a panel of civil rights experts and LGBTQIA+ advocates for a "Know Your Rights" webinar to educate the public, and especially members of the LGBTQIA+ community, on their rights amid far-reaching attacks on individual liberty by the Trump Administration.

Instead of lowering the cost of living, Trump and his cronies are issuing edicts stripping fundamental freedoms from millions of Americans. Everybody has rights in this country. Everyone is entitled to due process and personal freedom. I held this webinar to make

### **Town Hall in North Plainfield**

Tomorrow (Saturday, April 26th) I'll be hosting a town hall in North Plainfield from 3-4pm. All 12th District residents who are interested are encouraged to attend. [RSVP HERE.](#)

### **Hillsborough Hybrid Office Hours**

On Tuesday, May 6th, my office holding a Hybrid Office Hours event at Hillsborough Library Branch from 11am-2pm. [RSVP HERE.](#)

sure my constituents know their rights and are armed with the information they need to secure the freedom we are all entitled to under our Constitution.

You can watch the webinar [here](#).



## Lead Removal Funding Cuts Conference

On Wednesday, I participated in a press conference in Trenton hosted by Isles, Inc. a community development group. The conference was held to draw attention to the continued presence of lead pipes in some Trenton housing. We passed funding to remove and replace the outdated and dangerous piping, but the Trump Administration has decimated the federal agencies responsible for facilitating the projects, leaving millions of Americans across the country — and right here in New Jersey — at risk of lead exposure. I'll continue to fight in Washington to make sure these projects can move ahead, and our residents can be assured of their health and safety.



## Bear Tavern Elementary

Earlier today, I visited Bear Tavern Elementary School to see a performance by Young Audiences, a non-profit that provides meaningful art experiences for students of all backgrounds. It was a wonderful show, and I'm so grateful to Bear Tavern for hosting me, and for fostering a passion for the arts in their students.



## Town Hall in North Plainfield

I will be hosting a town hall in North Plainfield this **Saturday, April 26th at 3 PM** at North Plainfield High School, 34 Wilson Ave, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. We hope to see you there.

If you are unable to attend but have questions about your federal benefits, please don't hesitate to call my District Office at 609-883-0026 or visit my website at <https://watsoncoleman.house.gov/services/help-with-a-federal-agency>.



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