



Dear Neighbors,

This week was touch-and-go on Capitol Hill. Republicans delayed votes on legislation for seemingly no other reason than to get attention. The crypto industry got a boost from Congressional Republicans, who pushed through their lobbyist-backed legislation. Trump's close relationship with Jeffrey Epstein is getting a closer look from his supporters and the media. And I joined Lupita Nyong'o alongside my colleagues on the Caucus on Black Women and Girls for an in-depth discussion on uterine fibroids. More from a hectic week on Capitol Hill below.

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Storms and Flooding

Last weekend, severe storms and flooding caused extensive damage in Plainfield, North Plainfield, and Dunellen. Tragically, two Plainfield residents lost their lives as a month's worth of rain was dumped in a matter of hours.

I've been in contact with local mayors as well as the governor and assured him that I stand ready to work with my colleagues in the New Jersey delegation to ensure New Jersey receives everything it needs to support the recovery efforts. It's times like these that we come together and support our neighbors. If you were impacted and need assistance, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

You can also visit www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/find-assistance to see what assistance you may qualify for.

Crypto Bills

On Thursday, I voted against a package of bills that would have set a dangerous lack of regulation of the crypto industry. These bills are a scam to help President Trump cash in on his crypto dealings. Trump has been lobbying members of Congress to pass these laws to make himself and his family richer while he's President. Since launching his own crypto ventures, President Trump and his family have gotten half a billion dollars richer through their schemes by selling access to the President.

A public office should never be for sale. And the American people should not have to compete with billionaires and corrupt foreign governments to have their voices heard.

All the same lobbyists and corporate special interests who've crept into our political process now have an easy way to funnel unlimited amounts of cash directly to the President of the United States.

So whenever you see a new headline about Donald Trump's crypto ventures, remember this: It's just another way he's abusing the presidency for his own personal gain.

East Brunswick Passport Clinic

Will you be traveling internationally this summer?

On Wednesday, July 30th, from 2PM - 5PM, my office will be hosting a Passport Clinic at the East Brunswick Library where you can get help

- * renewing your passport
- * applying for a new passport
- * getting your passport photo

RSVP [here](#)



The Fight Against Uterine Fibroids

On Tuesday, I met with Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Yvette Clark, Senator Angela Alsobrooks, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, and actress, producer, and advocate Lupita Nyong'o to discuss and raise awareness of a [package of four bills](#) aimed at advancing uterine health initiatives.



These [four bills](#) are crucial for understanding, treating, and preventing uterine cancer and fibroids. Fibroids and uterine cancer impact Black women at higher rates, yet sufficient medical research is still lacking. Fibroids are a public health issue, and I'm proud to join my colleagues in advancing these bills to raise awareness, provide resources, and mandate research to help relieve suffering for women and girls everywhere.

Defense Spending

In the wee hours of the morning today, I voted against a bitterly partisan Defense Department funding bill that strengthens Russia's hand against Ukraine, weakens democracy at home and abroad, and reduces military readiness by denying crucial medical care to servicemembers.

The Department of Defense has never passed an audit, yet the supposed fiscal hawks in the GOP are now eager to increase funding for the Pentagon, while including provisions that deny servicemembers access to reproductive healthcare, and attack LGBTQ+ Americans who serve our country in uniform.

Republicans also provided cover for Trump's flagrant corruption, voting unanimously against an amendment that would have prevented taxpayer funds from paying to refurbish Trump's \$400 million 'Palace in the Sky' private jet that was gifted to him by the Qatari government. Now, the jet will be renovated at taxpayer expense before being transferred to Trump's personal foundation for his personal use when he leaves office.



Our national defense is a deadly serious issue. It demands honest, good-faith bipartisan cooperation. It should not be a forum for partisan pet projects and culture war catfights. I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to work together to send back a reasonable, responsible, and respectable Defense funding bill that keeps our country safe and that we can all support.



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