

Dear Neighbors,

I want to wish you a safe and happy 4th of July. Sadly this week, the GOP-controlled Congress passed one of the most destructive bills I have seen in my time in Congress. I want to discuss it briefly below.

I am appalled at the cruelty on display during what should be a week of reflection, celebration, and recommitment of our nation's pursuit of a more perfect union.

Republicans are making clear they have no interest in governing for the people who rely on us most. This bill threatens healthcare for seniors and children, strips food assistance from millions, slashes student loan protections, and undermines climate progress. At every single turn, it serves the wealthy and punishes everyone else.

Two hundred and forty-nine years ago yesterday, the Continental Congress accepted the idea of independence. Thomas Jefferson penned the first draft of what would become America's justification for seeking independence from a tyrannical ruler proclaiming a set of natural rights that were the responsibility of the government to protect.

Every person who signed their name to that declaration in 1776 took an extraordinary risk. Declaring freedom in writing from the King did nothing to establish liberation, only providing proof of treason should they have lost the war. It was the collective belief of our founders that the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness was worth the ultimate sacrifice.

## **Hybrid Office Hours**

My office is hosting a Hybrid Office Hours next Wednesday, July 9th, from 11am - 2pm on Zoom and at the Trenton Public Library.

Please stop by if you are having issues navigating a federal agency or accessing your benefits. Someone from our team will be happy to assist you!

## **East Brunswick Passport Clinic**

Will you be traveling internationally this summer? On Thursday, July 21st, 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 <u>here</u>

It was a display of courage in the face of certain harm that I am ashamed to say cannot be found in the majority of these two chambers of Congress today.

This bill, the justification of its passage, and every member of this body of Congress to vote in its favor has desecrated the humble values on which this institution was founded.



I spoke on the impact this bill will have on New Jersey residents in my GOP colleagues' districts  $\underline{\text{here}}.$ 



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