



Dear Neighbor,

Congressional Republicans failed to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government funded despite having majorities in the House, Senate, and holding the Presidency. Unfortunately, they were unwilling to negotiate with Democrats to protect healthcare and keep your premiums from exploding, so the government was forced to shut down.

I want to ensure you that my office is still working for you, even if furloughs in many federal agencies will mean delays in processing constituent service cases.

## Republican Shutdown

At midnight, Tuesday night, Congressional Republicans shut down the government after they failed to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government funded.

Just moments ago, Speaker Johnson canceled votes next week. It's clear Congressional Republicans are not serious about ending the shutdown, saving your healthcare, or even doing their jobs.

### **Healthcare**

If Trump gets his way, 32,000 people in the 12th District would see their premiums go up by between \$2500 and \$11,000 for the average family. 26,000 people will lose health coverage altogether because of Republican cuts to NJ FamilyCare in the Big Billionaire Bailout Law and their plot to gut the Affordable Care Act.

### **Gateway Tunnel**

Wednesday morning, the [White House announced](#) that they were freezing the Hudson River Tunnels project. This project had already been allocated funds. The Trump Administration's spite, vengeance, and cowardice will put thousands of travelers in greater danger and cost the region untold billions.

The tunnel this project is set to replace is 115 years old. The Northeast Corridor is the busiest, most productive train line in the country. And Donald Trump's foolishness and hate is an attack on New Jersey and New York and will hold back the entire region.

Donald Trump just sent \$20 Billion to Argentina to [bailout](#) his buddy in their

Today, our office received some good news about a father from East Brunswick who was detained over a month ago while leaving a court date despite having a valid TPS status.

With the recent ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California setting aside Secretary Noem's decisions, he was released since he had a clean background and an active TPS designation.

government. That's more than the cost of the Gateway Tunnel Project. That money would have been better spent serving the American people.

My NJ Democratic Delegation colleagues and [I have called on Vought and Trump](#) to rescind this decision. Sadly, none of our Republican colleagues from New Jersey had the courage to do so.



### ***Impact on Constituent Service***

Despite the shutdown, **my staff and I are still working for you.** However, due to forced staffing reductions, we may be slower to respond to inquiries at my offices. Please know that the shutdown will make it harder for us to work with federal agencies on casework matters, but we are still here to serve you.

**You may find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the shutdown's impact on services by visiting [my website](#).**

### ***Constituents Speak Out***

As a retired married couple, we rely on affordable health insurance to keep us healthy and alive. We receive requests for money donations almost every day from food banks and charity organizations that are helping people all over NJ. We do what we can, but how can we all continue in this directions, trying to help others and keeping ourselves healthy? - **Kenneth from Princeton**

My wife and I are both in our 70's. We have been cutting back on non essential items for awhile now. I feel really bad for the kids of today. What do they have to look forward to? - **Charles from Trenton**

If the costs go up I may have to stop taking an expensive cholesterol medication. This will put me at greater risk for a stroke or heart attack - actually risking my life. I may have to decide how important getting older is to me. The prices are too high now, but if they increase I don't know what I'll be able to do. I can't find an affordable place to live, either. I worked for 50 years and saved, but not enough for this economy. And how

much worse it going to get? It isn't getting any better for seniors who need a home and medication, that's for sure! - **Catherine from Bound Brook**

As it is, buying goods has eaten away at our budgets. It's more cutting resources (paychecks) robbing Peter to pay Paul. Making bills wait to be paid, and trimming our food bills to needed only items only. Late payments have become the norm. So sad. - **Robin from Trenton**

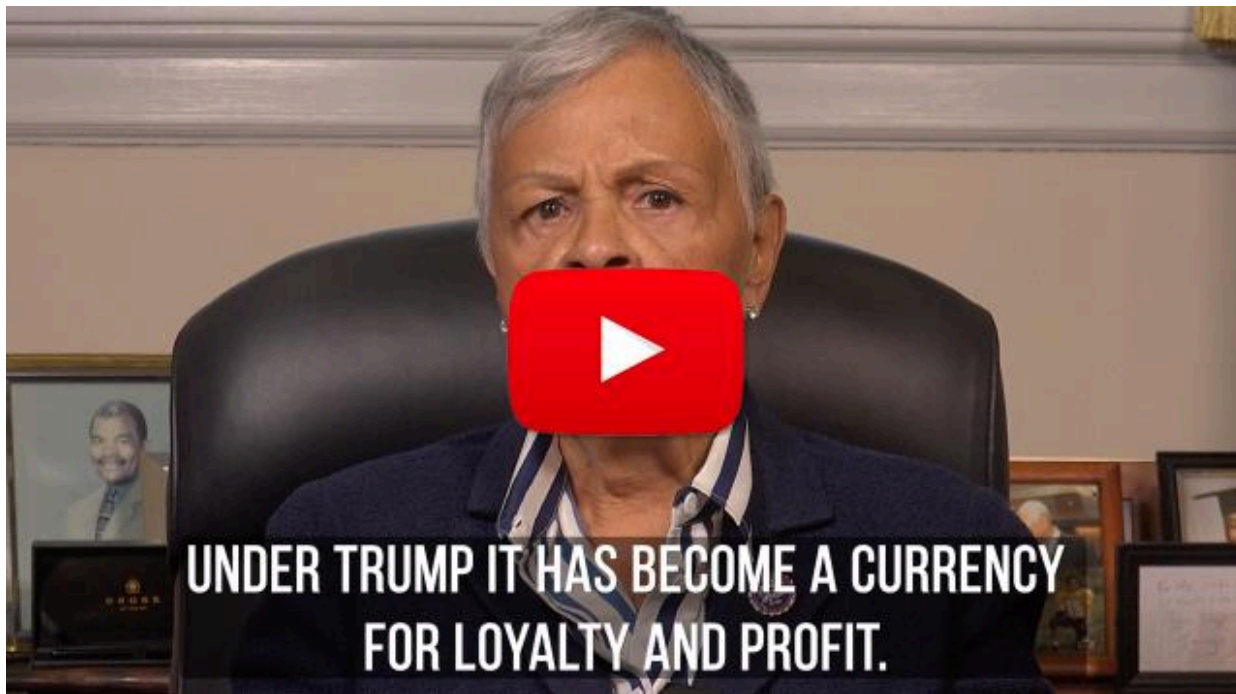
### ***Poll***

Republican legislation has cut food assistance and health care for millions, and now they want to take more away. Americans are facing the biggest increase in health insurance costs in 15 years.

**[I want to hear from you how the Republican Shutdown and increasing healthcare costs will impact you. Click Here.](#)**

### **Trump Corruption World Tour**

Meanwhile, Trump's corruption continues without delay. This week on our Trump Corruption World Tour, I discuss how Trump has corrupted the pardon process and used it to bailout his criminal buddies and donors.



### **&Girls Conference**

It's that time of year again. My annual &Girls conference is October 18th. It's a conference devoted to the empowerment of Black girls in middle and high school.

Black girls continue to prove resilient, despite the disproportionate rates at which they grapple with issues that, if unchecked, could impede their ability to live healthy and productive lives. The &Girls conference will provide girls with self-advocacy tools to help them address the school-to-prison pipeline, discuss how to have healthy relationships, live healthy lifestyles, and help set them on a path of career readiness.

Registration is open until Monday, October 6th. Students can [register here](#).



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