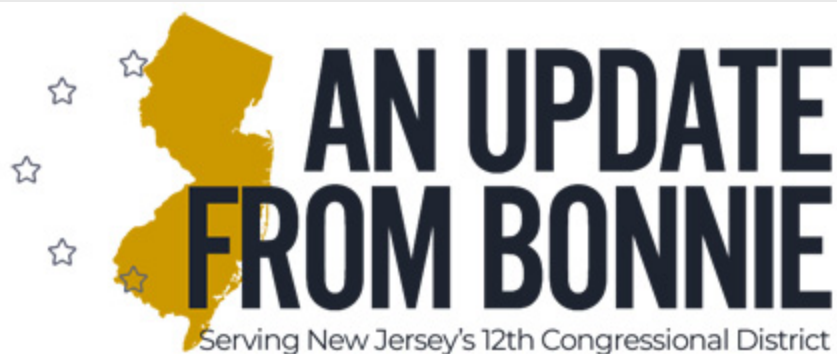


News from Representative Watson Coleman



Dear Neighbors,

Sadly, Republicans in Congress wasted another week on vacation that could have been spent negotiating protections of healthcare and reopening the government. Meanwhile, I returned to New Jersey to hear from you about how the shutdown and healthcare cuts are impacting your families and communities.

Tele-town Hall

Many residents from New Jersey's 12th Congressional District have called my offices with concerns about the Republican cuts to health care, the government shutdown, and the chaos in the White House. On Tuesday, I hosted a tele-town hall to hear from you directly and to answer your questions.

Over 12,000 of you joined the call, asking questions about the healthcare cuts and the potential impact of the shutdown on the economy and air travel. You can listen to the entire tele-town hall [here](#).



One question that really stood out to me was about how people can help their neighbors. While I fight the healthcare cuts and their potential impacts on the working families of New Jersey, it's heartening to hear people looking out for their friends and neighbors in the Garden State. New Jerseyans have a reputation for being a tough people. That's true, but we also look out for each other. As I fight for you in Washington, I hope you'll continue to care for each other and resist the division that Trump and his cronies want to throw between us.

The shutdown has impacted how quickly we can work with different agencies, but my office will continue to [work for you](#). On my website, I've provided answers to the most [frequently asked questions](#) we've received as well as a [list of resources](#) from around the district.

If you'd like to share your story of how the healthcare cuts and shutdown will impact your family please [visit this link](#).

Peace Between Israel and Palestine

Two years ago, on October 7, 2023, Hamas's attack on southern Israel represented the single deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust. Over 1,000 Israelis lost their lives and 251 others were kidnapped. These attacks caused great pain for many of our neighbors in the 12th District.

Since October 7th, Palestinians living in Gaza have endured devastation on a scale that few can comprehend. At least 67,000 people have been killed by Israeli ground and air assaults in Gaza, an estimated 62% of those have been women and children. Neighborhoods have been erased, hospitals bombed, and families starved under blockade. Their struggles, their grief, and their fears have been felt around the world, and right here in New Jersey as communities of neighbors and friends have come together in support of each other.

I approach the news of [a peace deal](#) with cautious optimism rooted in experience. The United States and the joint task force facilitating these negotiations must hold all parties to account; to trust but verify. Progress will require enforceable commitments, accountability, and a clear timeline for the forthcoming phases of this plan.

The United States has a responsibility to ensure that this agreement leads to a permanent end to the horrors we have seen unfold and to the beginning of a reconstruction directed by Palestinians themselves. Anything less prolongs injustice. Our goal must be a peace built on equality, mutual security, and prosperity: one that allows both Palestinians and Israelis to live free from fear, with dignity, and with the right to self-determination.

District 12 Tour of Shutdown Impacts

This morning, I had the opportunity to tour locations around Mercer County that assist our most vulnerable neighbors and have been impacted by the Trump administration and the Republican shutdown. Locations like **HomeFront**, **The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen**, and the **CEAS Center** in Trenton have been working for years, often on shoestring budgets, to help struggling families and individuals find housing and services to reestablish themselves.



Too often, we don't look at individuals holistically or examine their specific needs. Then we fail to get them access to the basic resources they need. We know damn well that is insufficient. The Republican Congress and President Trump may have decided that our communities are not worth investing in, but we're not a throwaway community; we're not a throwaway people.

Later, I sat down with staff and community members at the **Children's Home Society** in Trenton to hear from them how the cuts to WIC, SNAP, Head Start, Maternal Health Services, and Medicaid are impacting their service to the community.



Organizations like the Children's Home Society are a lifeline for so many in our community. When they struggle to provide for those in most need, we all suffer.

Trump Corruption World Tour - Don Jr.'s Elite Private Club

This week on our Trump Corruption World Tour, Don Jr. is getting in on the gift.

Enriching the Trump Family by selling access to the President for \$500,000 a pop at an elite private club.



Service Academies

Due to the government shutdown, we want to ensure everyone who is interested in applying to our service academies, so we have extended the deadline to October 24th. Please visit: <https://watsoncoleman.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations>





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