



Dear Neighbors,

Another week has passed, and with it, more proof of how deeply this shutdown - and the failures of leadership from both the president and Republican leaders in Congress, are hurting families.

Across New Jersey, members of our community are feeling the ripple effects. From parents waiting on delayed benefits, to federal workers missing paychecks, and local food banks stretched beyond capacity. I want you to know that my staff and I are here to help however we can, whether that means [navigating a federal agency](#), [finding a meal](#), or [connecting you with childcare](#).

This week, I joined my fellow members of Congress from New Jersey for a tele-town hall to discuss how we're fighting to protect families and keep programs like SNAP running. I also spoke with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance about how federal cuts threaten to raise healthcare costs for working people and what you can do to adjust your coverage if needed.

The lengths to which this administration and some in Congress will go to let costs rise and benefits disappear are shameful and un-American. I'll keep fighting every day to make sure healthcare stays affordable, our safety nets and supplemental programs stay funded, and our government gets back to serving the people who make this country work.

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### Shutdown Update

This week, hundreds of thousands of New Jersey residents did not receive nutrition assistance benefits as House Speaker Mike Johnson once again extended the Republican vacation and President Trump refused to negotiate to reopen the government and protect Americans' healthcare.

The Trump Administration is also defying two court orders to use an emergency contingency fund to partially fund SNAP for the month of November.

### Neighbors Speak on the GOP Cuts to Healthcare.

"Medicare part D premiums have already skyrocketed. The coverages are much less. There are far less choices to cover the drugs my spouse and I need. We both take really good care of ourselves and required almost no medication for most of our lives. Now when it is a matter of quality of life and even life and death we are being tossed aside by billionaire corporations and a government that funds billionaires instead of health care for regular citizens. And I know my spouse and I are

Over 800,000 New Jerseyans use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to feed themselves and their families including over 340,000 children, 176,000 seniors, and 240,000 people with disabilities.

luckier than a lot of people. The healthcare situation in our country is terrible."

- Paula from Monroe

My staff and I, who are currently working without pay, are fielding calls from people who suddenly find themselves trying to pay for food AND healthcare AND utilities while the prices are going up on all three.

If you live in the 12th District and you need help, [please click here](#) to learn about resources that are available and may be able to help.

New Jerseyans are also finding their health care premiums going up; some folks have seen 100% to 200% increases. I want to hear how the cuts to healthcare are impacting you. [Please click here to share your story with me.](#)

### Virtual Town Hall on SNAP

This week, I joined my colleagues Representatives Nellie Pou, Donald Norcross, Frank Pallone Jr., Rob Menendez, Herb Conaway, and LaMonica McIver for a virtual town hall on SNAP benefits and food security in New Jersey.

We spoke about the Trump administration's illegal withholding of contingency funds that are meant to protect families in moments like this and the devastating ripple effects of those cuts. Food banks, pantries, and local organizations such as the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Mercer Street Friends, and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen are seeing record demand as more people are forced to rely on local help to eat. These organizations have stepped up heroically, but they can't carry the entire burden of a government that refuses to act.

SNAP is one of the most efficient and effective anti-poverty programs we have, and starving it of resources is shameful and short-sighted. I'll continue working alongside my colleagues to restore full funding and ensure that no family in New Jersey is left concerned about where their next meal will come from.



Watch the conversation [here](#).

## Conversation with NJ Commissioner of Banking and Insurance on the ACA Marketplace and GetCovered.NJ.Gov

Yesterday, I sat down with Justin Zimmerman, the New Jersey Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to discuss how the Republican cuts to the ACA will impact insurance prices.



For more information, visit [GetCovered.NJ.gov](https://www.getcovered.nj.gov).

## Introduction of the CORRUPT Act

This week, I introduced the [Ceasing Outrageous Restitution and Reimbursement Under President Trump \(CORRUPT\) Act](#) to prevent any president from suing the Department of Justice for personal financial gain.

This bill is a direct response to President Trump's demand for a [\\$230 million payout](#) of taxpayer dollars from the agency responsible for investigating him - a request that defies every standard of ethics and accountability. The CORRUPT Act would make it illegal for a sitting president or their immediate family to file or benefit from a claim against the federal government. This legislation would further ensure that no one, not even a president, could use their office to enrich themselves and prevent the American taxpayers from footing the bill for that corruption.

We'll be back next week with another installment of my [Trump Corruption World Tour](#), continuing to expose the greed and self-dealing that have become hallmarks of this administration.

## Joy Beyond June

My office is continuing to provide our LGBTQIA+ community access to resources and community in an affirming space. Now more than ever, LGBTQIA+ folks are more at risk for mental health struggles. On December 6th, we will bring together vendors, community, and mental health providers to support the LGBTQIA+ community as we move into the winter season, knowing that the holidays can be challenging, mentally

and emotionally for all.

[RSVP Here.](#)

*Congresswoman*  
**Bonnie Watson Coleman's**  
*LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board*  
*presents*

# Joy Beyond June

COMMUNITY DAY

MERCER COUNTY OFFICE PARK  
1440 PARKSIDE AVE., EWING TOWNSHIP, NJ 08638

RSVP HERE

**DECEMBER 6TH | 2-5PM**

Join us for a gathering of community featuring mental health providers, LGBTQIA+ affirming organizations, and seasonal support as we continue to hold a safe space for our LGBTQIA+ 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District residents.

The poster features a dark blue background with falling snowflakes. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches across the middle. Below the rainbow, the text 'COMMUNITY DAY' is written in a semi-circle around a white snowflake. At the bottom, there is a winter-themed illustration with snow-covered mountains, evergreen trees, a ski lift, a reindeer, and people in winter gear. A QR code is located on the left side, with a pink banner above it that says 'RSVP HERE' and two white arrows pointing down towards the code.



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