



Dear Neighbor,

It was quite a week in DC. The [Epstein Files Transparency Act](#) discharge petition finally came due, and wouldn't you know it, despite preventing the vote for nearly six weeks, Republicans almost unanimously voted for it in the end: 427-1. In addition, I introduced two important pieces of legislation. The first will make it easier for veterans to be buried with their spouses. The second will take steps to tackle our country's shamefully high infant and maternal mortality rate. Meanwhile, President Trump endorsed the idea of trying certain Members of Congress (all of whom are veterans) with treason and even hanging them. I introduced the CORRUPT Act to counter his egregious personal lawsuit against his own Justice Department.

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### **Epstein Files**

On Tuesday, I voted for the [Epstein Files Transparency Act](#). The bill would require the Department of Justice to publish all unclassified records, documents, communications, and investigative materials in the DOJ's possession that relate to the investigation and prosecution of Jeffrey Epstein. Jeffrey Epstein, for years, ran one of the largest sex trafficking operations in history. His ties to numerous powerful individuals makes the release of these materials a matter of public record.

This vote is about justice for the survivors and accountability for the perpetrators and accomplices. The delay so far in releasing these documents is shameful, and the Senate should take this up immediately.


House GOP leadership delayed the vote on the Epstein Files Transparency Act, but a discharge petition finally forced the vote over their objections. I was among the first Members of the House to sign the petition on September 2nd. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 427-1.

### **Trump Threatens Members of Congress**

On Thursday, President Trump took to social media to threaten several members of Congress, each of them military veterans, calling on them to be arrested and reposting replies saying they should be hanged and calling them terrorists. Why? Because they

reminded active duty service members that their oaths and the military code of justice demands that they refuse illegal orders.



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truthsocial.com/@WashingtonExa... It's called  
SEDITIONOUS BEHAVIOR AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. Each  
one of these traitors to our Country should be  
ARRESTED AND PUT ON TRIAL. Their words cannot  
be allowed to stand - We won't have a Country  
anymore!!! An example MUST BE SET. President DJT



Trump has put targets on the backs of Members of Congress and seeks to make our brave troops into criminals by creating a dangerous environment where they are pressured to break the law.

### Protecting Our Veterans' Memories Act

This week Senator Andy Kim and I introduced the [Protecting Our Veterans' Memories Act](#). This act would help state-run veteran cemeteries to properly honor veterans' loved ones and ensure they are not saddled with unnecessary out-of-pocket costs while grieving the loss of a family member.

Often, the financial burden on the widows and widowers of our nation's veterans make it prohibitively expensive for their surviving family members to bury them alongside their spouses. This bill would create an allowance for the Department of Veterans Affairs to ease that burden on families. Currently, the reimbursement only goes to the burials of veterans themselves.

Our veterans and their families have sacrificed to defend our country and keep it free. It is within our power to ensure that those families can be buried together if they so choose. This bill is just one small way we can help ensure that a grateful nation can help them fulfill their final wishes.

### Healthy MOM Act

Yesterday, I reintroduced the [Healthy MOM Act](#) alongside Senator Alsobrooks of Maryland - legislation I've introduced since my first year in Congress. This bill would do two crucial things. First, it would create a special enrollment period (SEP) for expectant mothers. Right now, marriage, divorce, having a baby, adoption, and changing jobs are considered qualifying life events that trigger a special enrollment period. However, becoming pregnant is not considered a qualifying event. The Healthy MOM Act would also guarantee 12-months of continuous Medicaid eligibility for postpartum women.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [669 women died](#) in 2023 from pregnancy related causes in the United States. Black women had a [pregnancy-related mortality rate](#) of 50.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, 3.5 to 5 times higher than rates for White (14.5), Hispanic (12.4), and Asian (10.7) women. The Healthy MOM Act will work to improve these outcomes by expanding quality access to care, which data

demonstrates could help prevent three-in-five pregnancy-related deaths. This bill is being reintroduced at a crucial time, as Republicans step up their efforts to restrict access to quality, affordable healthcare and insurance premiums are expected to rise by as much as 200% for some on the ACA marketplace.

We're dealing with maternal mortality rates that are, in some places and among some groups, worse than developing nations. It is inexcusable that the United States, the wealthiest nation on Earth, has such a high maternal mortality rate. Ensuring every woman can access the care she needs during pregnancy and in the critical months following birth is a vital part of ending this crisis. This bill is a simple, logical way to make sure that happens.

## Trump Corruption World Tour

Over the last few months, I've been exposing how corruption has taken hold at the highest levels of our government - how power and public trust are being used for the President's personal profit. That's what this "Corruption World Tour" has been about: showing you exactly how this administration shamelessly operates even when they know the world is watching.

This month, I introduced a bill to help stop one of the most blatant examples of that corruption, the president suing his own government for money.



The CORRUPT Act: The Ceasing Outrageous Restitution and Reimbursement Under President Trump Act, will make sure no president, and no member of their family, can profit from suing the very government they run.

Taxpayers should never be on the hook for a president's legal battles or their petty revenge.

This is bigger than Trump, it's bigger than all of us. This is about accountability. It's about drawing a line between public service and personal gain. A line this administration has erased again and again.

## 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.

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

# Joy Beyond June

COMMUNITY DAY

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**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 a large, multi-colored rainbow arching across the middle. Below the rainbow, there are stylized white mountains and a winter scene with snow-covered trees, a ski lift, a reindeer, and people in winter gear. A white snowflake is centered within the 'COMMUNITY DAY' text.

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