



Dear Neighbors,

This week, my colleagues and I questioned the Department of Labor about rising unemployment rates among Black women and major corporations with business before the federal government making huge donations to the Trump ballroom.

I also introduced legislation to curb the usage of AI in denying Medicare coverage and to encourage big corporations to share more of their profits with their employees.

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Joy Beyond June Event Postponed

Our Joy Beyond June event initially scheduled for this coming Saturday has been postponed. Stay tuned for updates when the event is rescheduled.

Plainfield Apartment Fire

Last weekend, a tragic fire swept through an apartment building in Plainfield, killing two and displacing 90. I'm praying for the victims of Sunday morning's apartment fire in Plainfield, and I'm thankful to Mayor Mapp and the Red Cross for all they're doing for the displaced.

Apartment fires are a grave threat to so many of our neighbors, especially as cold weather moves in. Many of our older public housing stock lack the appropriate sprinkler systems necessary to keep people safe. My bipartisan bill, the [Public Housing Fire Safety Act](#), would retrofit the nation's older public housing stock with modern sprinkler systems.

Letter to Secretary of Labor on rising unemployment among Black women.

On Wednesday, I, along with 22 other members of the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls, including Yvette Clark, Robin Kelly, and Ayanna Pressley, [sent a letter to Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer](#) and Acting Director Loretta Greene of the U.S. Department of Labor urging immediate action to address the rising unemployment crisis among Black women that has taken shape since the start of the second Trump Administration.

“According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Black women have experienced the

most significant percentage-point increase in unemployment of any demographic group for which monthly data is reported since January 2025. In April alone, 106,000 Black women lost jobs, contributing to their unemployment rising from 5.1 to 6.1 percent, even as the national rate remained stable over the same time frame,” **we wrote**. “These numbers represent more than statistics — they reflect a crisis of economic displacement for thousands of mothers, caregivers, and heads of households. Yet even as these losses mount, the federal government’s capacity to fully understand and address them is shrinking. The BLS, a cornerstone for reliable data on employment trends, has faced sustained budget and political attacks that risk undermining its ability to provide accurate, disaggregated information on race and gender. Without dependable data, policymakers cannot see or respond to the full scale of the challenges facing Black women workers.”

US Attorney for NJ Serving Illegally

On Monday, an [appeals court ruled](#) that President Trump unlawfully appointed his former personal attorney, Alina Habba, to serve as the top prosecutor in New Jersey. Alina Habba was not confirmed by the Senate or appointed by district court judges, but was illegally placed into the role anyway.

This is yet another example of the Trump Administration’s systemic corruption. In a nation of checks and balances, the American people deserve a legal and fair justice system.

Employee Profit-Sharing Encouragement Act

On Wednesday, I introduced the Employee Profit-Sharing Encouragement Act. We have massive companies boosting salaries for their executives while ignoring the majority of their workers and contributing to the national crisis of wage stagnation that’s keeping people out of the middle class. A greater and greater percentage of profits are going to executives and stockholders instead of hard-working employees. That’s a problem that we have the tools to solve, and encouraging profit-sharing is one way we can do it.

The [Employee Profit-Sharing Encouragement Act of 2025](#) would incentivize large companies to implement an employee profit-sharing plan. This bill would require that any company that makes more than \$25 million in earnings must establish an employee profit-sharing plan to provide at least 5 percent of the company’s annual net income as a cash benefit for both full-time and part-time employees who’ve been with the company for one year or more. Qualifying companies that fail to meet these requirements would be prohibited from deducting executive compensation expenses from their federal taxes.

Approximately 51 percent of American workers - about 65.4 million individuals - work for companies with revenue over \$25 million and would benefit from profit-sharing. The bill exempts 99.7 percent of American companies to ensure no small businesses are held to an unmanageable standard.

Our tax code is riddled with giveaways for corporations, everything from letting companies borrow from offshore subsidiaries to deductions for ‘manufacturing’ claimed for making burgers or grinding coffee, and Republicans have used their tax bills, like the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, to add even more loopholes. For all the breaks they get, these companies can and should be investing in their workers — and since so many are unwilling to do so on their own, it’s time for Congress to step in for the people.

Ban AI Denials in Medicare Act

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced [its plan to test an Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) model](#) to handle prior authorization for certain procedures under traditional Medicare. The WISeR (Wasteful and Inappropriate Service Reduction) Model will be tested in six states: New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and Washington.

On Wednesday, Congressman Landsman and I introduced the [Ban AI Denials in Medicare Act](#) – legislation to prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from testing the WISeR model and from using other models that would be used for prior authorization under Medicare Parts A and B, including through AI.

Artificial intelligence has the potential to unlock a new age of human flourishing. [Using AI to deny medicare recipients](#) their needed coverage is a perverse use of this technology and is yet another example of the Trump Administration cow-towing to his billionaire tech buddies while making life more difficult for everyday Americans.

Trump Corruption World Tour

This administration's corruption keeps finding new venues. Literally.



Even when the checks don't come from taxpayers, the pattern is unchanged: wealthy benefactors bankroll the president's vanity projects. And in return, the wealthy elite get influence that ordinary Americans never receive. This week, I joined several of my House and Senate colleagues in [questioning seven giant corporations](#) on their reported donations to the ballroom construction. The [seven corporations all have antitrust business pending](#) before the Trump administration.

The White House belongs to the people. It does not belong to billionaire donors, or to corporate beneficiaries, and certainly not to the president's ego.



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