



Dear Neighbors,

This week in DC saw some important legislation that may have flown under the radar. The Senate failed to pass two pieces of healthcare legislation meant to prevent skyrocketing premiums. Meanwhile, the the GOP-controlled House of Representatives passed legislation to make it easier for companies to pollute our rivers.

In my district office, we conducted a series of interviews for our slate of nominees to our nation's service academies. Learn more below.

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### **Healthcare**

Senate Republicans voted to [reject two different proposals](#) to extend health care subsidies for millions of Americans, almost ensuring that premiums will skyrocket. Amid an affordability crisis that President Trump continues to call a “hoax,” Republicans are doubling and tripling down on terrible policies that will only make things worse. The tax credits that help families afford coverage expire on December 31.

Premiums for many New Jerseyans are skyrocketing, up over 200% in many cases. Undeterred, I’m still fighting right now to make sure we can get a deal done. I've signed on to legislation to fix this GOP-made disaster. All we need is a few Republicans to sign on to give Americans the stability they need as we head into the holiday season.

### **Justice for Breonna Taylor Act**

I joined Representatives Morgan McGarvey, Yvette Clarke, Jasmine Crockett, and others on Wednesday to reintroduce the bipartisan [Justice for Breonna Taylor Act](#), which would prohibit no-knock warrants that allow law enforcement to forcibly enter and raid a home without warning. The bill is bipartisan and bicameral, co-led by Senators Rand Paul and Cory Booker.



Breonna was an EMT during the COVID-19 pandemic and dreamed of being a nurse. She had many years ahead of her and a determination to save lives. Yet that opportunity was snatched from her by those who are also meant to save lives. This is just one story. For many Black Americans, simply existing remains a painful, terrifying experience. We must ensure we no longer witness these injustices, which are far too common in America.

I had the opportunity to speak and stand in solidarity with Tamika Palmer, the mother of Breonna Taylor, and to thank her for her tireless advocacy in the years following the tragedy that should never have occurred.

### **The PERMIT ACT vs. The WATER Act**

On Thursday, the House passed the PERMIT Act. The acronym is nonsense meant to distract from how the bill permits polluters to go wild on our rivers, streams, lakes and shorelines. New Jersey has come a long way in cleaning up our rivers including the Delaware and the Raritan. The PERMIT Act threatens to erase our progress and allow

polluters to dump chemicals into our water systems with little oversight or accountability.

Instead, I urged Congress to take up the [WATER Act](#), which I introduced earlier this year with Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Ro Khanna to continue work to protect our only planet. Clean water is a human right. Protecting our water is our duty.

### Trump Corruption World Tour

Donald Trump Jr. joined an investment fund called 1789 Capital just last year. Since then, the fund has grown to more than \$ 1 billion. And that growth has a lot to do with its new access to government money.



Agencies that should be making decisions in the public interest are rewarding firms connected to the president's family. It's just disgusting that dollars meant to support national security, create jobs, and strengthen our economy are instead being used to grow the personal wealth of the people who ALREADY hold the most power.

### Service Academy Nominations Update

This week, members of my staff, as well as some incredible individuals who serve on my Service Academy Nomination Board interviewed dozens of students from the 12th District seeking a nomination to one of our fine Service Academies. West Point, The Naval Academy, The Air Force Academy, and The Merchant Marine Academy take only the best and the 12th District has some of the most passionate students in the country. It's a privilege to help them fulfill their dream of serving our nation.

Thank you to Jim Bezila, Vince Commisa, Dr. Adam Hamawy, John Holden, and Col. Kurt Perhach for your service and for helping to interview the next generation of officers.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending one of our service academies, please direct them to our [website](#) where they learn more about [how to apply](#).



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