



Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a joyous and restful holiday season. The new year began with some important developments in DC, across the country, and around the world. The House passed an extension of ACA subsidies and a partial funding bill and marked the fifth anniversary of the January 6th attack on the Capitol.

Additionally, I reintroduced legislation to end discrimination against LGBTQ+ Americans and joined my colleagues in calling on the Department of Health and Human Services to reverse its dangerous decision to gut the childhood immunization schedule.

Around the country communities are responding to high profile cases of chaotic actions by DHS and ICE. Globally, the President has engaged in a dangerous and illegal military action in Venezuela that threatens the safety of Venezuelans and US interests.

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Reflecting on DHS-Involved Shootings in Minneapolis & Portland

DHS has been terrorizing peaceful communities for months. They have routinely escalated situations, making people feel unsafe in their neighborhoods. Now, a mother of three children is dead in Minneapolis, and two more people are hospitalized in Portland. Why? The DHS has been reckless in its hiring, training, and execution. Officers are unprepared for these situations, yet have been given free rein to profile and persecute people, whether they are American citizens or not.

As information about the incidents came into focus, the strategy - from Trump and Vance to DHS mouthpieces to Kash Patel - has been to get their narrative out immediately, no matter the accuracy, in order to justify their illegal actions and demonize any opposition. Regardless of what happened, the bottom line is clear- the federal operations across the nation have caused chaos, and innocent people are getting hurt in the process. I called for Secretary Noem to resign immediately.

Addressing President Trump's Actions in Venezuela and Greenland

The actions of the Trump Administration this week are a danger to American interests, our own democracy, and our standing on the world stage. For months, Democrats and even some Republicans have been warning of the danger posed by our weak Speaker of the House. Now we're seeing the consequences of a Congress that has neglected its duties.

The President has engaged in an illegal military assault against Venezuela, kidnapped its leader, and announced that the U.S. will be running the country. Additionally, he and his administration have spent the week campaigning for a complete takeover of Greenland, a semi-autonomous nation that is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, our ally, through purchase or military force.

These are not the actions of a global leader. They are not the actions of a leader of sound mind. They undermine the very notion of sovereignty developed over hundreds of years and establish a might-is-right world order that risks peace everywhere. I called for an investigation into the planning and execution of the action in Venezuela and urged my colleagues to reassert its constitutional authority in order to rein in Trump's attempts to act unilaterally against other sovereign nations.

This Administration is clearly not focused on addressing affordability, and the Republican-controlled Congress has demonstrated they will not criticize or counter the President. We should be pursuing every opportunity to lower the cost of living and make healthcare more affordable for families. Those are the things I'm going to continue to fight for.



Latest Update on Vote to Extend Health Care Subsidies

Health insurance premiums are skyrocketing nationwide, including here in New Jersey. This was completely avoidable, and it's shameful that Congressional Republicans refused to take action. This week, Democrats were joined by just 17 Republicans [to pass Leader Hakeem Jeffries's discharge petition](#) to extend the ACA subsidies and keep millions of families from losing coverage.

Marking the 5th Anniversary of the January 6th Insurrection

Five years ago, a violent mob attacked the United States Capitol to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. The attack left hundreds of officers injured and caused the death of Officer Brian Sicknick, a New Jersey native.

On Donald Trump's first day back in office last year, he disgracefully pardoned more than 1,500 of those same violent insurrectionists. Some of those pardoned have since committed more crimes. This is just one action amid a comprehensive campaign to erase the memory of what happened on that day.

In Brian's honor, I introduced a resolution condemning these blanket pardons. And this week, I stood with the families of officers who sacrificed their lives to defend the Capitol to condemn Trump's pardons and ensure that the nation never forgets what happened on that fateful day.



Click [here](#) to watch my address on the House floor marking the 5th anniversary of the insurrection, and [here](#) to watch my video with Congressman Don Beyer, who last represented Officer Sicknick.



Passage of the FY26 Minibus Results in Solutions for 12th District

Yesterday, the House voted to pass the fiscal year 2026 Minibus, covering Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS); Energy and Water; and Interior and Environment subcommittees. The Minibus includes funding increases to Violence Against Women Act grants, strong funding for scientific and technological research, and increases to the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) – which is a signature priority of my work on the Appropriations Committee.

While the bill does not include everything I would have liked to see, it is a vast improvement over where we were last year, as it places guardrails on the Trump Administration's spending and reasserts Congress's obligation to fund the government through regular order. Additionally, four important projects in the 12th District will now be funded thanks to the Minibus:

- **\$715,000** for renewal of the annual funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission
- **\$1,092,000** toward Municipal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Borough of Rocky Hill
- **\$231,000** to replace radios for law enforcement officials in the Borough of Manville; and
- **\$675,000** to improve technological support for the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Introducing the Customers Non-Discrimination Act

Most Americans, be they LGBTQ+ or straight, believe everyone should be treated with dignity and respect, and we've come a long way in the fight for equality, irrespective of what we look like or who we love. Yet, too many LGBTQ+ Americans still risk being fired, refused housing, or even denied healthcare just because of who they are. We need to stamp out this legalized discrimination. My [Customer Non-Discrimination Act](#) would make it so that spaces like restaurants, banks, retail stores, and hotels cannot refuse to serve LGBTQ+ people on the basis of their sexuality.

RFK's Damaging Childhood Vaccine Schedule Changes

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s decision to gut the childhood immunization schedule - with no consultation from reputable experts - puts our children at risk.

This week, I joined 115 of my House colleagues in [a letter](#) urging him to protect children's health and restore the childhood vaccine schedule. Secretary Kennedy continues to rely on conspiracy theories and medical quackery at the behest of extremists in the Trump administration with a political agenda instead of trusting decades of proven science by the actual experts.

For accurate, comprehensive, and up-to-date information about vaccines and the diseases they prevent, visit the [Vaccine Education Center](#).



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