



Hi folks,

June was an eventful month, to say the least. Trump threw himself a military parade for his birthday, he bombed Iran in violation of the constitution, and we got a slate of last minute rulings from the Supreme Court before their term ended. I'm glad to be heading back to New Jersey for the week, and looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July! Here's more of what happened this month:

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### Upcoming Passport Clinic in East Brunswick

On Monday July 21st, from 2:00-5:00pm, my office will be holding a **Passport Clinic** at the **East Brunswick Public Library** located at 2 Jean Walling Civic Center East Brunswick NJ 08816.

We hope to see you there!

### Trump Corruption World Tour

Donald Trump is the most corrupt president of my lifetime. And one of the problems with corruption is that it breeds negligence. When four detainees escaped after an exterior wall collapsed at Delaney Hall — a private prison [run by a Trump donor](#) — it was just one example of how corruption leads to government failures. Over the next few weeks, I will be highlighting how Trump's corruption puts Americans at risk, while he and his family get even richer. Stay tuned.



### In the News

#### Supreme Court Rulings

#### *Birthright Citizenship*

Today, the Supreme Court [issued a ruling](#) that prevents lower courts from blocking Trump's birthright citizenship executive order, but did not rule on the merits of the order itself. This is a shameful abdication of responsibility that thrusts millions of Americans into uncertainty and chaos.

I am confident that state leaders in New Jersey will promptly take action to protect our residents from this blatantly unconstitutional order, and I will continue to work to protect all New Jerseyans. No matter where you were born, no matter who your parents are, you are welcome in our state

### ***Planned Parenthood Funding***

When the Dobbs decision came down 3 years ago, many of us warned that the extreme right would be coming after contraception and women's healthcare next, sadly it looks like that prediction [may be coming true](#).

Planned Parenthood is the only affordable place for many women to get physicals, cancer screenings, and contraception. This ruling paves the way for states to shut off healthcare for millions of women.

### ***Future of Obamacare***

Today, the Supreme Court issued a decision [preserving a key provision](#) of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). The provision is related to which preventative medical services are covered by ACA healthcare plans. Several courts had ruled that the panel of experts who determine which services are covered was itself unconstitutional. The Supreme Court disagreed, ensuring that — for now — the 150 million Americans who rely on the ACA for coverage can still receive preventative care.

### **Bombing Iran**

This month, Trump [launched an unconstitutional attack](#) on Iran's nuclear facilities. The American people do not want yet another unnecessary war in the Middle East. Now, instead of preventing war, we risk getting involved in one - not for our security, but for the ego of two men who think they are above accountability.

The only viable path to lasting peace, and nuclear non-proliferation is through diplomacy. Brute force will only convince the Iranian regime that they need a nuclear weapon for their own defense. Recklessly attacking them only increases the chances they will construct a nuclear weapon in secret, [without IAEA inspections](#), and without international oversight.

### **Democratic Caucus Task Force on Poverty**

This month, I was proud to [announce](#) that I will be leading the House Democratic Caucus Task Force on Poverty. As the chair of the Task Force, I will continue to focus on helping working families meet their basic needs and fight back against the extreme budget cuts passed by House Republicans, which rip away programs that millions of Americans rely on.

I have always been guided by the belief that in the wealthiest country in the world we should establish a floor beneath which no person, no child, no family can fall. This task force is a continuation of this work.



Creator: Jose Luis Magana | Credit: AP

## No Kings

Earlier this month, Trump threw himself a [military birthday parade](#). Meanwhile, [millions of Americans](#) all across the country took to the streets to remind Trump and his sycophants that our country was founded in opposition to a monarchy. It was a remarkable display of patriotism. It was also an incredible contrast to the meager turnout for Trump's shameful attempt to exploit the military to celebrate his own birthday. It just goes to show that superficial displays of military might cannot replace the earnest disapproval of the American people.



Aude Guerrucci | Reuters

## ICE Agents Assault a Sitting U.S. Senator

This month, federal agents [assaulted a sitting U.S. Senator](#) in the state which he represents. Senator Alex Padilla was dragged out of a press conference for simply asking Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem a question about one of her many lies.

Senator Padilla was [escorted into the building](#) by federal agents. The idea that they did

not know who he was is absurd. If they can do this in public, on camera, to a sitting U.S. Senator, just imagine what they do to ordinary folks trying just living their lives.

## Legislation

### ***PHARA***

Earlier this month, I led 40 of my colleagues in [introducing legislation](#) to protect vital research being conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Preventing Halting of Active Research Act (PHARA) would unfreeze and release funding for NIH contracts, prohibit termination of active research grants funding by the NIH, and reform termination clauses in grant contracts of the NIH.

### ***SHADE Act***

Earlier this week, as an oppressive heat wave settled on New Jersey, I introduced the [SHADE Act](#), which would help plant trees in underserved communities. While this may seem like a superficial solution to a serious problem, there's more to it. [A study conducted in 2019](#) found that almost all formerly redlined urban areas had higher land surface temperatures than non-redlined areas, due to reduced tree cover and increased asphalt or concrete surfaces. Redlined areas are on average 4.68°F warmer than in non-redlined areas, with discrepancies as high as 12.6 °F having been measured between some neighborhoods. Planting trees not only makes our neighborhoods nicer to look at and more pleasant to stroll through, but it keeps our streets — and our neighbors — cooler.

### ***Government Funding for FY26***

Throughout June, the Appropriations Committee met for several marathon-sessions to consider government funding bills for the next fiscal year. Called “markups,” these sessions are an opportunity for both sides to offer amendments, debate the funding provisions, and vote for or against the legislation before it is brought to the House floor.

I offered several amendments to different funding bills this month. One to stop a gag order on any mention of Critical Race Theory or “any related concept” in the Department of Agriculture; another to block funding cuts to FEMA’s Emergency Food and Shelter program; and one to improve government efficiency by fully funding the Government Accountability Office, in addition to several others.

Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues elected to vote these down. I guess they don’t want to help people impacted by natural disasters, they don’t want researchers at the Department of Agriculture to acknowledge that race exists; and they actually don’t want to improve government efficiency after all.

## Events

### ***Hillsborough Passport Clinic***

I’m so grateful to all of you who turned out yesterday for our passport clinic in Hillsborough! My team was able to assist 105 of you yesterday, and I’m so glad we were able to help. We’re holding another passport clinic on July 21st in East Brunswick as well. More information below!





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### ***Joy Beyond June***

**Office of Congresswoman  
Bonnie Watson Coleman's**

**LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board  
presents**



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*Pride, Power, Purpose*

**Pride Fair**

*Date: Monday, June 30th, 2025*

*Time: 1-5pm*

*Location: West Windsor Plainsboro High School  
South*



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**Hybrid Office Hours**

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