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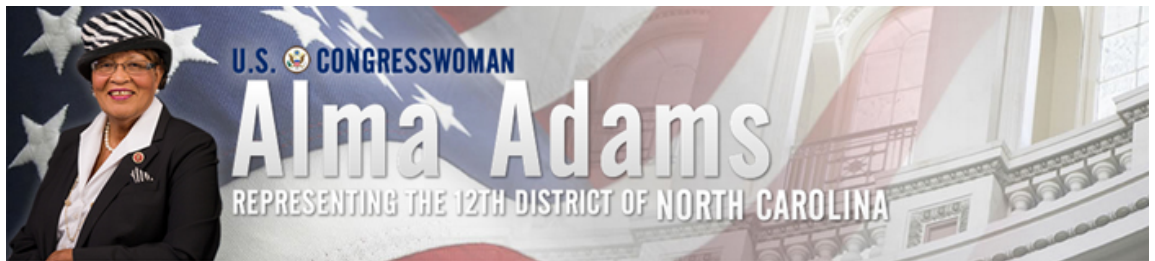
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**Sent:** Sunday, September 03, 2017 6:05 PM**To:** [Steve Johnston](#)

Hi there,

Congresswoman Alma Adams would like to submit her newsletter for the next Tuesday Morning Breakfast Forum announcement. Please note this is being submitted by Rep. Adams.

Thanks!

**From:** Congresswoman Alma Adams <[Alma.Adams@mail.house.gov](mailto:Alma.Adams@mail.house.gov)>**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2017 at 5:02 PM**To:** nc12local <[hailey.barringer@mail.house.gov](mailto:hailey.barringer@mail.house.gov)>**Subject:** August Congressional Update

Dear Friend,

My team and I are hard at work building One Meck! Throughout the month of August

I traveled the district to hear from constituents and stakeholders about the issues that matter to our community most. Take a look below to see what I learned.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.





As rising crime rates continue to burden our community, now, more than ever, it's important that we work together with local law enforcement to improve the safety of our communities. On August 1st, I attended the Hidden Valley Community's 14th Annual National Night Out to promote greater partnerships with local elected officials, police, and neighborhoods.



Exciting news for the 12th District! This month, Charlotte hosted the 2017 PGA Championship at the Quail Hollow Club, bringing increased tourism to our city and an economic boom to local businesses. I joined the Charlotte LGBT Chamber of Commerce, community leaders and local organizations to welcome PGA leaders to our city and discuss the importance of diversity in business. As Vice-Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee, I'm committed to increasing diversity in all industries and ensuring that businesses are equipped with the resources they need to thrive.



This month the One Meck transportation coalition convened for our second meeting of the year to address the needs of our rapidly growing region. As one of the fastest growing districts in the nation, it's my priority to bring federal, state, and local transportation officials to the table to determine the resources we need to continue moving our initiatives forward.





Homelessness and a lack of affordable housing is an epidemic sweeping Mecklenburg County and our nation. On August 15th, state and local officials joined me in touring Moore Place, a permanent supportive housing apartment complex in Uptown Charlotte.

Following the tour, I announced the introduction of **H. Con. Res. 75** -*Expressing the sense of the Congress that homelessness in America should be eliminated*. It's long past time that our government recognizes that our citizens deserve a better deal and that safe shelter should be a priority for all. I'm proud to lead this effort in Congress and to partner with state and local stakeholders to address the affordable housing needs in our community and bring an end to homelessness, once and for all. Learn more [here](#).



On August 16th, construction began on the Charlotte Community Health Clinic (CCHC) Dental Clinic, a one-of-a-kind facility that will provide dental care to low income residents. I was honored to attend the groundbreaking and be awarded the 2017 Distinguished Community Health Advocate Award from Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont.



My tour of 12th District employers continued this month as I visited Pineville's own IPEX Inc., the nation's largest producer of thermoplastic piping systems. As a leading manufacturer in our area, IPEX plays a critical role in our local economy. It was my pleasure to tour their facility and meet with company leaders to learn about the federal priorities impacting their industry.



Each year since 2001, the Office Depot Foundation's National Backpack Program hosts a back-to-school event where they give local students the resources they need to succeed in the classroom. This year, Office Depot announced they're providing 3,000 backpacks to disadvantaged students across Mecklenburg County, bringing their total contribution to over 4 million backpacks supplied nationwide in 16 years.



Comprehensive health education and care should be easily accessible in all communities, regardless of sexual orientation, race, income level, or circumstance. Last week, I was joined by local leaders to announce the introduction of the Youth Access to Sexual Health Services (YASHS) Act. I toured Time Out Youth Center, the only LGBTQ youth center in the region, to witness the impact this legislation will have on Mecklenburg County youth. Learn more about the YASHS Act [here](#).





Small businesses are the engines of our economy and as Vice-Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee, I'm committed to ensuring that budding entrepreneurs have the resources they need to start, run, and grow their businesses. On August 23rd, I hosted the One Meck Small Business Roundtable & Resource Fair which featured small business owners and advisors who provided tips, best practices, and ways to access capital for newcomers.



This month, I met with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Council, which includes some of our county's largest employers, for a discussion about workforce development and ways to close the gap between available jobs and the training required to produce the skilled workers they need to fill those positions.

It's imperative that we continue to prioritize workforce development to provide our citizens with increased opportunities for advancement and to foster economic growth in Mecklenburg County. For this reason, I fought for the passage of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE) in Congress to provide students with skills and experience to help them compete for advanced positions in engineering, robotics, and 3-D printing.



On August 24th, I, and members of my district staff, visited the Siemens Charlotte Energy Hub to tour the facility and learn more about the company's expansive apprenticeship program for high school seniors. As one of our county's leading employers, Siemens' knows the value of a skilled workforce. Their innovative program provides high school seniors with access to workforce training and an opportunity to earn an associate's degree from Central Piedmont Community College.



This week, I presided over the Naturalization Ceremony of 69 new American citizens at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Charlotte Field Office. On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, we're proud to welcome these new citizens to our community and we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the future!



## **Congressional App Challenge**

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It's that time again! The Congressional App Challenge is back. Established by members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, this competition is a nationwide event that allows high school students from across the country to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application (app) for mobile, tablet or computer devices. To learn how you, or someone you know, can get involved click [here](#).





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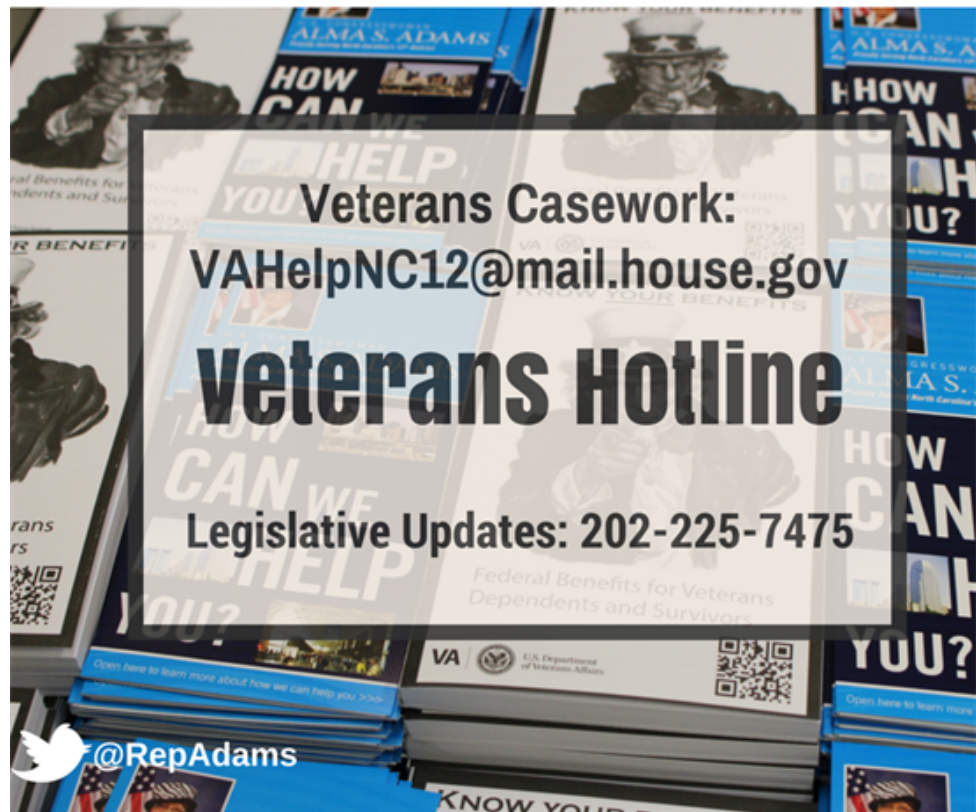
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## Grants

My office can assist your organization with federal grants. For more information please contact Quanisha Collins in the Charlotte District office at (704) 344-9950 or [Quanisha.Collins@mail.house.gov](mailto:Quanisha.Collins@mail.house.gov).



## New Staff Hires




Recently, three new staff members were added to Team Adams. Please join us in welcoming Quanisha Collins, District Liaison; Phanalphie Rhue, District Director; and Jaylon Herbin, District Liaison.

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