

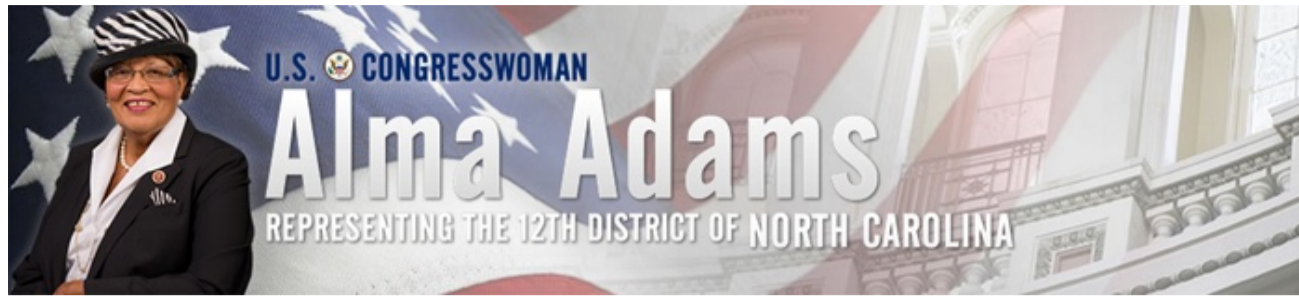
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Hurricane Helene Update



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Dear friends,

First and foremost, I want to make sure you and your loved ones are safe and sound from Hurricane Helene, which devastated parts of North Carolina and covered our district with deadly rain and wind. My heart goes out to the residents in Western North Carolina and all those devastated in the storm's wake in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida and to the families of those who are missing or have lost their lives.

I spent yesterday morning on a briefing call with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), learning about resources available for our district to help those in need.

We won't know the true toll of this devastation for weeks to come, however, I know that everyone is working as swiftly as possible to restore power and communications to the area and to provide essential supplies. President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Governor Cooper have my full support to ensure that all federal resources are made available to assist our neighbors in need.



ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

FEMA

FEMA continues to strategically move resources to support life-saving and life-sustaining response needs including shipping meals, water, generators, tarps to the areas impacted by Helene. There are financial resources that can be made available to constituents once you register with the agency.

- Ways to apply for FEMA assistance:
- Online – disasterassistance.gov or through the FEMA mobile app
- Telephone: 800-621-3362 (FEMA)
 - *Available in multiple languages
- For more information: [7 Things to Know About Applying for Disaster Assistance](#).

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

- For constituents who are medically dependent on power and need to be relocated, please note that federal resources may be available to assist your move:
- For emergencies please call 911.
- For non-emergencies in Charlotte-Mecklenburg call 311.

NC DPS Individual Assistance Program

- [NCDPS.gov/Helene](https://ncdps.gov/Helene) provides information and resources to North Carolina residents and visitors who were impacted by Hurricane Helene.

MISSING PERSONS

- In the unfortunate event that you need help to locate a loved one who is missing as a result of the storm, please visit: [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

There has been significant activity to restore internet access and power to county facilities so they can address individual needs. There is whole-government support to ensure a seamless recovery process. [Learn more about storm management and view a map of downed tree and limb requests for Charlotte here](#). Mecklenburg County residents can [see a live flood map here](#). Cabarrus County residents can [see live flooding updates here](#).

- Ahead of further disruptions, I urge you to [sign up for CharMeck Alerts](#) - register to receive location-specific emergency alerts.

Call 311 to help with cleanup for situations like:

- Reporting storm drain blockages or creek blockages.
- Reporting water and wastewater emergencies.
- Reporting downed trees in yards that do not pose a safety risk ([you can also do it online](#)).
- For power outages, call your energy provider. For most of us, that's Duke Energy: 800.452.2777. [Here is their outage map](#).

If you can, check in with friends and family you haven't heard from. Let's show our love to those who are struggling. In the meantime, I have more to share in this week's Adams Alert.

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Rep. Adams Introduces and Cosponsors Many Bills in September Session



Our three weeks in session came to a close on Wednesday, and I had a busy September. We held a hearing for the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, part of the Education and Workforce Committee. During the hearing, I learned more about the delays in FAFSA processing for students that has left young people without the help they need to attend school. I also questioned Government Accountability Office representatives on what went wrong and how the Department of Education is working to fix the problem.



In the past four weeks, I also introduced or cosponsored five bills I want to share with you, because together they form the stool upon which we can step toward a fairer, more sustainable, and more equitable future.

1. **The Parent PLUS Parity Act (H.R. 9753)**

This bill, which I share with Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) will help parents who've taken on unsustainable debt to put their children through college. [Read more here.](#)



2. The Industrial Agriculture Conversion Act (IACA) (H.R. 9794)

This legislation, introduced by Congressman Jim McGovern (MA-02), Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), and myself, will ensure that small farmers can use existing federal funds to adjust from factory farming toward pasture-based sustainable agriculture.

[Read more here.](#)

3. The College Thriving Act (H.R. 9824)

Introduced with my fellow North Carolina Democratic Congresswoman Valerie Foushee (NC-04), this legislation will support skills-for-success courses for freshman students, to help them adjust to college life, and would prioritize HBCUs. [Read more here.](#)

4. The Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Centers Act (H.R. 9872)

Some of you may know how the issue of Sickle Cell Disease is personal for me, having watched my sister Linda succumb to it at age 26. The doctors often couldn't do more than treat her pain.

This bill, which I am co-sponsoring with Senators Van Hollen and Booker, and Reps. Barbara Lee (CA-12) and Danny Davis (IL-07), will expand Sickle Cell Disease care services to community health and outpatient centers, allowing more victims to access care. [Read more here.](#)

5. The Uterine Cancer Study Act (H.R. 9782)

I joined my colleagues, Representatives Robin Kelly (IL-02), Shontel Brown (OH-11), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), and Yvette Clarke (NY-09) to introduce legislation to study the connection between Uterine Cancer and hair-straightening products. We presented this bill outside the Capitol:



It's been a busy session for us despite efforts to delay passage of important legislation. My colleagues and I ensured that the Federal government remains which ensures that agencies have the funds they need now to support Americans reeling from last week's storm.

Lastly, I joined Senators Grassley, Merkley, Booker, and Rep. Hinson to introduce a resolution recognizing September 19th as **National Stillbirth Prevention Day (H.Res. 1495)**. Earlier this year, President Biden signed my bipartisan **Stillbirth Prevention Act**, which will unlock resources to research, treat, and prevent stillbirth, which affects roughly 5000 American babies a year.

Emily Price and Jen Rowray of Healthy Birthday, Tina Sherman of MomsRising, and Kinika Harris, a DC resident who lost her child to stillbirth, joined me in my office to discuss our successful work to pass this legislation. They were kind enough to give me an award for my efforts, the Champion of Change Award.



Adams Hunger Initiative

I welcomed my third quarterly Adams Hunger Initiative to solve hunger the best way I know how, by cooking with friends at NourishUp.

We discussed how to make the most of everyday ingredients and fresh produce, and answered questions about family recipes passed down for generations.

Finally, we joined NourishUp to pack up boxes of food for donation – together we prepared 54 family boxes of food for donation – a year's worth of food for a single family of four. I'm thankful to my staff and our hunger partners who participated in the effort.



DOUBLECHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

North Carolina's voter registration deadline is October 11th. [Make sure you're registered here.](#) [Here's the registration form](#) if you need to update it.

Military Service Academy Day

I would like to invite you to the 12th Congressional District Military Service Academy Day. [Register to attend using this link](#) or scan the QR code below.



I want to recognize three recipients of the prestigious [Congressional Award](https://www.congressionalaward.org) from my district:

1. Robert Lyda with a Gold Award
2. Ally Kryzalka with a Gold Award
3. Grace Maddox with a Silver Award and a Bronze Award

Thank you for your committed service to our community and our country. We have a bright future with young people like you.



That's all for this week. I want to once again acknowledge the pain many North Carolinians are going through.

If you are able, you can donate to help victims here: nc.gov/donate.

Be sure to follow me on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) for immediate updates throughout the week and to see some of my other activity over the past two weeks.

That's where I will lay my hat this week.

God Bless,



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