



The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7th Congressional District Forward

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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The 7th District Is On The Move!

Seasons Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This newsletter is a way to track our progress. You can subscribe to this newsletter by visiting our website. Please forward to others so that they can stay informed. [Click here](#) to visit our website or visit <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Congresswoman Sewell Salutes Our Veterans

This Veterans Day we participated in various events celebrating the enormous contributions that our Veterans have made to ensure freedom and prosperity for this country. On November 10, we spoke in Birmingham at the National Veteran's Day Award Ceremony and Dinner. We also had the honor of speaking at the Clarke County Veterans Day Luncheon. We voted in favor of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, which was signed into law by President Obama on November 21. This legislation will ensure that our brave veterans are prosperous and successful in their lives during and after their terms of service. We must never forget the brave commitment of the extraordinary Americans who answered the call to serve. We truly salute all of our Veterans on this day and every day. To read our office's official statement in honor of Veterans Day 2011, [Click here](#).



Congresswoman Sewell Helping Feed Families on Thanksgiving

On November 22, we provided food and care by participating in the Agape Love Lifeline (A.L.L.) Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. At the event, Thanksgiving baskets, including turkey dinner with trimmings, were given to 500 families in the Pratt City Community of Birmingham, Alabama. Our office is so honored to give back to this community that has shown such strength and resilience since the catastrophic tornadoes on April 27, 2011. We are also thankful for A.L.L. for organizing this event and all that they do to make a positive impact on their community. It is always important, especially during the holiday season, to remember to give back to the less fortunate and serve our communities and our neighbors in any way we can.

Congresswoman Sewell Participates in Groundbreaking Ceremony in the Black Belt



On December 4, our office was pleased to take part in the groundbreaking for the Black Belt Family Farm Fruit and Vegetable Market Center in Dallas County. The Center was conceived and developed as a project of the Agriculture Committee of the Black Belt Action Commission. It will allow farmers to sell their produce to regional buyers such as Walmart and Whole Foods. The Center will provide new opportunities for marketing while increasing revenues for small, family sized farmers and also help to further the economic development of the region's agricultural base. We are excited about the opportunities for greater economic prosperity in the Black Belt.

Congresswoman Sewell Speaks Out Against Alabama Immigration Bill and Hosts Congressional Delegation in Birmingham

On November 21, we hosted a Congressional delegation of eleven Members of Congress to oppose HB 56. The delegation held an ad hoc hearing featuring testimony from those who have been directly affected by this piece of legislation. We heard first-hand the negative impact the law has had on families, business, agriculture, law enforcement and civil societies. Afterwards, the delegation participated in a rally at 16th Street Baptist Church which was attended by over 2,500 people. Immigration is a national issue and requires a federal response. I am pleased that the delegation travelled to Alabama to show their support and willingness to take up this issue.



Congresswoman Sewell Delivers Remarks to the House of Representatives

This past month, we had several opportunities to deliver remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives on several different issues that are pertinent to the constituents of the 7th Congressional District of Alabama.

- On November 15, I delivered remarks on my proposed Small Business Start-Up Savings Account Act. This bill will make it easier for entrepreneurs around the country to save the funds they need to begin their business endeavors. To watch my remarks in their entirety, [Click Here](#).
- On December 1, I urged our fellow colleagues in Congress to extend federal unemployment benefits. It is imperative that our government continue to protect its citizens as they try to get back on their feet during these difficult economic times. [Click here](#) to watch my remarks on extending federal unemployment benefits.
- On December 13, I had the pleasure of speaking on the Floor of the House in support of extending payroll tax cuts and unemployment benefits. Not only will an extension of our unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts provide a lifeline for millions of Americans, but it will also further promote our nation's economic recovery. [Click here](#) to watch me deliver my remarks.

Our office will continue to address on issues that affect our constituents. We are here to be a voice for you and are excited to have the opportunity to share your views with other Members of Congress.

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I would like to thank you all for subscribing to my newsletter and for your continued support through social media! We wish you all a very happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

**It is an honor to serve the 7th District in Congress.
I'll be back in touch again soon!**

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress