



# The 7<sup>th</sup> Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Forward

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> District Is On The Move!

### Greetings!

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

### Congress In Your Community Town Hall Events in Bessemer and Birmingham

On August 29 and 30, we held "Congress in Your Community" town hall meetings in Bessemer and Birmingham respectively. At the events, we met with constituents, listened to their concerns, fielded questions and discussed issues and legislation important to the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. We discussed ways to create economic opportunities within the district, and highlighted the different services that our office can provide such as help with federal agencies and writing letters of support for federal grants. Also, we discussed the work my office is doing with FEMA, USDA and the rural development office to ensure that those affected by the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornado outbreak have access to the resources they need to recover and rebuild.



### Disaster Recovery Grants Awarded to 7<sup>th</sup> District Regional Commissions

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Economic Development Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce awarded \$100,000 each to the West Alabama and Jefferson County Regional Commissions for the development of disaster preparedness and recovery plans that will assist in the recovery and rebuilding efforts currently underway in communities affected by the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornado outbreak. The grants will be implemented in communities throughout Jefferson, Greene, Hale, Pickens and Tuscaloosa counties, and this new regional preparedness and recovery plan will strengthen communities throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional district.

### Congresswoman Sewell Visits American Apparel in Selma



On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I visited American Apparel in Selma to tour the facility, meet with employees and discuss making things right here in America. To stimulate economic growth and put Americans back to work, we must first focus on manufacturing goods and developing industries right here in our own backyard so we can strengthen our economic development and put Americans back to work.

## Congresswoman Sewell Commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 and Honors First Responders

On September 11, we joined local and state officials to remember the victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and the first responders who sacrificed so much to save lives, to reflect on how far we have come as a nation, and to renew our resolve to remain, in the face of all threats, a fearless, strong, and united people. At the event, we also honored the contributions of Alabama first responders in keeping our communities safe.



## Congresswoman Sewell on President Obama's Jobs Plan

Last week, President Obama unveiled his plan to stimulate job growth and put Americans back to work. I was pleased to hear his ideas for stimulating economic growth, job creation and global demand for American goods and services. America's workers need a comprehensive approach, and I believe the President's plan will make strategic investments to stimulate job creation and strengthen economic development. It is now up to Congress to act responsibly on behalf of the constituents who sent us here to represent them.

While progress has been made in turning our economy around, much more must be done to help create jobs. I believe the President outlined a bold aggressive plan to promote job growth. I agree that we must create incentives for businesses to hire new employees, and put Americans back to work rebuilding our nation's roads, bridges and infrastructure for future generations. We must make bold and wise investments in small businesses, infrastructure, education, workforce training and green manufacturing jobs so that we can grow our economy and expand American competitiveness in global markets. I am pleased that the President's plan focuses on both urban and rural communities. It also focuses on incentives for small businesses, infrastructure projects, tax reforms, and new innovative projects that extend broadband and other technologies to rural communities to foster their economic growth.

I support extending jobless benefits for hardworking Americans who lost their job due to the economic downturn and through no fault of their own so that they can provide for their families. This plan will also help provide training to help put them back to work and create incentives for business to hire again. Reducing payroll taxes will also allow workers to keep more of their hard earned paychecks. When American workers are given the opportunity to share in the prosperity they help create, they rebuild the middle class and our country's economy.

I look forward to immediately working closely with the administration and my colleagues in Congress on this plan so that we can strengthen our economy, create jobs and reduce the deficit. I will continue to fight for hard-working Alabamians and Americans by working to strengthen economic development, create jobs and ensure that America's businesses compete on an equal playing field.

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

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