



# The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Forward  
Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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

### Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This office has helped secure \$1.9 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and received over \$391 million in grants for our community. We hope to keep up this proud tradition! 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 Announces \$10 Million in TIGER Grant Funding for Birmingham

On June 19, we were pleased to announce that a \$10 million TIGER grant was awarded to the City of Birmingham to repair and complete a regional multimodal street network. This exciting project, known as the "Roads to Recovery" will provide the necessary infrastructure that will connect residents with jobs, transit and commercial destinations. This grant reflects the extraordinary outcomes possible when the public and private sector partners together to transform a community. [Click here](#) to view the press release.



### U.S. Supreme Court Rules to Uphold the Affordable Healthcare Act

On June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act. This is a monumental victory for the American people and our country. This ruling confirms what I have always believed that healthcare in America should be a *right* not a privilege. As a result of today's decision, millions of Americans will continue to have access to healthcare benefits and protections, which are so critical to the welfare and economic stability of our nation. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans will no longer have to live in fear of being denied healthcare coverage because of pre-existing conditions. Millions of young people across our nation will be able to stay on their parent's insurance plans, seniors will continue paying less for their prescription drugs, and women and children will have access to vital preventative care. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

### Montford Point Marines Presented with Congressional Gold Medal



On June 28, the Montford Point Marines, who were the first African Americans to serve in the United States Marine Corps, were presented with the Congressional Gold Medal for their service. I was delighted to join my fellow Alabamian colleague Spencer Bachus in honoring Reverend William Greason of Birmingham, an African-American pioneer as both a Montford Point Marine and a renowned pitcher in the Negro Leagues.

## Standing Up for Justice

On June 28, I stood with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and Democratic Caucus in walking out on the contempt votes against Attorney General Eric Holder because the vote was partisan politics at its worst. I could not, in good conscience, participate in such a political process aimed at deceiving the American people. I am deeply troubled by this partisan attempt to distract the American people from the critical issues facing our nation. Congress should instead be focused on legislation that promotes job creation and invests in our nation's infrastructure. *"Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good."* –Ghandi  
[Click here](#) to view my statement.



## U.S. Supreme Court Rules in Arizona Immigration Law

In light of my strong opposition to Alabama's own controversial immigration law HB 56, I was pleased that the majority of Arizona's immigration law was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. However, I am greatly concerned with the Court's decision to uphold the provision that leaves the door open for racial profiling and discrimination by allowing officers to check the immigration status of lawful immigrants, minorities and even American citizens based on 'suspicion.' As the Representative of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, where many fought, bled and died for the equal treatment of all Americans, I believe this law undermines those civil rights and equal protections by allowing individuals to be targeted based on the color of their skin. The Supreme Court has expressed the need for further review of this section of the law and it is my hope that this provision will be overturned upon further scrutiny. [Click here](#) to view the press release.

## UPS Ride-a-long



On June 12, I had the pleasure of touring the UPS facility in Tarrant, AL as well as joining UPS driver Abraham Cherry on his delivery route in Birmingham.

## Gainesville Post Office



On June 13, we hosted a "Congress in Your Community" town hall and joined community leaders to celebrate a recent victory to keep rural post offices like the one in Gainesville open.

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

Handwritten signature of Terri A. Sewell.

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress