



The 7th Express

Proudly Moving Alabama's 7th Congressional District Forward
Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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Friend,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in Congress! One of the most important responsibilities I have as your representative is to update you on the work we are doing on your behalf. This newsletter will serve as a monthly update on the progress we have made both in Washington and in Alabama's 7th Congressional District. For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Terri Sewell

49th Anniversary of Selma Bridge Crossing



On March 9, we had the pleasure of hosting and participating in the 49th Anniversary of the Selma Bridge Crossing along with Representatives John Lewis, Spencer Bachus, Gregg Harper and Bennie Thompson. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, served as the keynote speaker for the annual commemoration service at the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church. Read Congresswoman Sewell's statement on the pilgrimage [here](#).



Honoring the "District of Champions"

High school basketball teams from Alabama's 7th Congressional district dominated in this year's Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state championship. Congresswoman Sewell recognized [the St. Jude Pirates](#), [the Midfield Patriots](#), [the Dallas County Hornets](#), [Parker "The Thundering Herd"](#) and [the Wenonah Lady Dragons](#) in the Congressional Record and [on the house floor](#) for their victories. To read the Congressional Records honoring each team, visit our website [here](#).

Urging a Vote on Unemployment Insurance



On March 12, Congresswoman Sewell joined her Democratic colleagues to announce the discharge petition introduced to bring the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act to the floor for a vote. Since emergency unemployment insurance was cut off on December 28, more than 2 million Americans and 20,000 Alabamians have lost these critical benefits.

Rally to Restore the VRA

Congresswoman Sewell joined freedom riders from Alabama at the U.S. capitol on March 12 for a rally to underscore the dire need for Congress to strengthen the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014 to include Alabama.



“Congress in Your Community” Tour 2014 Continues

Our 2014 “Congress in Your Community” Town Hall tour continued on March 19th at the Gordo Senior Activity Center in Pickens County. Later that evening, we hosted a town hall meeting at the McDonald Hughes Center in Tuscaloosa. On March 20th, we hosted a town hall meeting at the Forkland Town Hall in Greene County. During the tour, we toured the FCI Federal Prison in Aliceville, the Greene County Alabama Power Steam Plant and the CEMEX Demopolis plant. We also traveled to Greene County and met with hospital administrators and later, attended the Tuscaloosa VA medical center’s women’s history month celebration.



Meeting with Hospital Administrators at the Greene County Nursing Home



Visiting with female veterans at the Tuscaloosa VA



Congresswoman Sewell visits with constituents in Tuscaloosa



Congresswoman Sewell tours the Greene County Alabama Power Steam

Congresswoman Sewell Welcomes Constituents to the U.S. Capitol



Bessemer City Councilors Chester W. Porter & Jesse Matthews, Sr.



The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce



Disabled American Veterans from Alabama



2011-2014 Alabama TRIO Officers

Community Event with Congresswoman Maxine Waters



On Friday, March 7th, we hosted a “Congress in Your Community” town hall meeting in Pratt City with Democratic Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43). Congresswoman Waters joined with Congresswoman Sewell to provide a legislative update to residents of Alabama’s 7th Congressional District.



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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