CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL CONSTITUENT

- Over 600 job seekers and over 60 major employers attended our 6th Annual Job Fair held in Livingston
- Over \$650 million in federal grants awarded to the 7th Congressional District in 2017
- Approximately \$1.3 million in favorable benefits awarded to constituents assisted by our office
- Opened 356 new constituent cases and closed 477 constituent cases involving federal issues
- More than 10,756 letter and email replies sent to constituents in 2017
- 135,962 recipients of our monthly e-newsletters and our weekly "Guide to Grants"
- 212 bills sponsored/co-sponsored; and 640 votes on the House floor
- **33** Congressional interns in our district and D.C. offices learning how our government operates
- 92 district events in 2017, including town hall meetings, forums, workshops, industry tours, and more
- 14 federal agencies and organizations attended our 4th Annual Grants Seminar in Tuscaloosa
- 76 students participated in the 7th Congressional District Art Competition
- 9 Military Service Academy nominations were submitted from the 7th Congressional District in 2017: 4 to West Point, **3** to the Naval Academy, and **2** to the Air Force Academy, which would result in \$3.2 million in academic assistance
- 4 amendments passed, including support for rural ambulances, enforcement of day care safety standards, stronger election cybersecurity measures, and better VA hiring practices in rural areas
- Brought together 188 cosponsors in support of the Voting Rights Advancement Act
- Led 3 healthcare awareness panels, toured 8 hospitals, and responded to over 2,500 constituent inquiries on healthcare

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"I AN PROUD TO BE YOUR VOICE IN CONGRESS!"

I am committed to addressing the needs and concerns of my constituents. In 2017, my office secured over \$650 million in federal grants for the district and helped constituents recover more than \$1.3 million in benefits owed to them by the federal government. Once again, I visited all 14 counties in the district, and hosted over 92 town hall meetings, forums, workshops, and events throughout the district. My office motto, "Constituents First" represents our commitment to ensuring that we are always ready to assist you and your family throughout the year.

LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR FEDERAL NEEDS SENIORS VETERANS FAMILIES WORKFORCE

- Medicare Benefits
- Survivor's Benefits
- Retirement Benefits
- Social Security Benefits Benefits Assistance
 - VA Claims
 - Assistance for Returning Service Members
 - Pension Assistance
- Small Business Assistance
- Federal Grants
- Job Training/Unemployment Benefits





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- Capitol & White House Tours
- Passport/Immigration Services
- Student Internships
- Military Academy Nominations
- Internal Revenue Service





Congressional leaders gather for introduction of Rep. Sewell's Voting Rights Advancement Act and discuss how Congress can restore the vote

FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSWOMAN TERRIA. SEWELL

Dear Friend,

I am proud of the work we accomplished together this year in Alabama's 7th Congressional District! Things got off to an early start in January, when President Obama signed a proclamation designating the Birmingham Civil Rights District as a national monument. This was also my first year serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, where, in March, I worked to defend access to affordable healthcare from efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act. This fall, our Committee was the first to consider the Republican tax bill, and during consideration I offered amendments to refocus the bill on benefits for working families.

In Alabama's 7th District, my office continued to serve constituents like you – hosting over 92 district events in 2017, including town hall meetings, forums, workshops, and industry tours. We also responded to over 10,750 pieces of constituent correspondence, completed over 470 case work files and sponsored our 6th Annual Job Fair, connecting over 600 job seekers with over 60 major employers.

During my fourth term, I remain focused on creating better opportunities and providing more resources to Alabama's 7th District. This year, my constituents recovered \$1.3 million in favorable benefits and my office received \$650 million in federal grants for Alabama's 7th Congressional District. We are pleased to present this report summarizing our accomplishments in 2017 and outlining our priorities for 2018.

Sincerely,

Frri Sewell

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CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. <u>SEWELL</u> FIGHTING FOR ALL ALABAMIANS

STANDING UP FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROTECTING HEAD START AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

As the proud product of Selma's public schools and the daughter of lifelong educators, I take my responsibility to protect 🛛 🔜 💽 funding for public education very seriously. That is why we have fought for vital Head Start funding for children and families across the 7th District, particularly in the Black Belt counties where funding has not been stable and local control 🛛 📓 has not been secure in recent years. Head Start remains one of the most important avenues for early childhood advancement for our children.

Funding for public education is at risk as proponents of private schools redirect taxpayer dollars away from our public schools through school voucher programs. This fall, we introduced H.R. 4269, the Public Funds for Public Schools Act, which would close a tax loophole that allows wealthy donors to turn a profit on contributions to private school voucher organizations. At a time when our public schools are short on resources and Congress is struggling to find funding for important programs, we have a responsibility to protect public funds for public schools.

FIGHTING TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY ALABAMA'S HISTORIC CIVIL AND VOTING RIGHTS SITES PROTECTED

We are proud of our rich history in Alabama's 7th District and the progress that our historical sites represent. From Selma to Montgomery to Birmingham, the civil rights and voting rights sites in our district are national landmarks. When Congress tried to eliminate the Historic Tax Credit, I introduced an amendment in the Ways and Means Committee to preserve it. Tax reform aimed at growing the economy should not diminish our work to preserve our history.

This year we also fought to save the historic Federal Courthouse in Selma, the same courthouse where MLK was jailed and the closest federal courthouse in the Black Belt. We were successful in getting the courthouse off the list of endangered federal buildings and worked with the Southern District Court of Alabama to resume federal trials in the courthouse.

DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY FAIR ELECTIONS, PROTECTED FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE

This year our democracy faces enormous challenges, from domestic threats posed by modern-day voter suppression to foreign interference in our elections. On the House Intelligence Committee, I attended dozens of hearings and interviews to get to the bottom of Russia's interference in the 2016 election. I have also introduced two bills – the SHIELD Act and 🛯 🖉 the E-Security Fellows Act – and I passed an amendment to the Intelligence Authorization Act to strengthen cybersecurity in our elections.

My office is at the forefront of the modern-day fight against voter suppression. As state after state create new barriers to the polls, including voter ID laws that target minority voter groups, our work to prevent discrimination and protect the rights of all voters has taken on a new urgency. I am proud to be the lead sponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act lawmakers in the House to cosponsor the (VRAA), the primary legislation supported by national civil rights advocates and 188 Members of Congress.



Rep. Sewell at Perry County Head Start, hearing from teachers and parents on early education issues.



VRAA, including Rep. John Lewis

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN ALABAMA JOBS FAIR AND SKILLS TRAINING CONNECT CONSTITUENTS WITH EMPLOYERS

We believe that creating a more competitive workforce is at the heart of economic growth for working families in Alabama. This year, we took a three-part approach to expanding skills and workforce development in Alabama's 7th District First, we made skills training for Alabamians a top priority by working to bring more constituents the training they 🛛 🖉 🖉 need for 21st century jobs. In July, we hosted Project R.E.A.D.Y. (Realizing Everyone's Ability to Develop Yourself) to equip attendees with the tools needed to secure a good wage by promoting job readiness, skills training, and career development.

Second, we believe we can strengthen economic development in our area by connecting employers with Alabama's workforce. So in August, we hosted our 6th Annual Congressional Job Fair at the University of West Alabama in *Rep. Sewell makes job growth a top* Livingston, AL. At the Job Fair, we brought job seekers together with over 60 major employers.

Third, we need tax reform that encourages investment in human capital. I introduced the Workforce Development Tax Credit Act as a bipartisan bill and as an amendment during the Republican tax reform markup. My proposal provides employers that are providing apprenticeships with a credit on the wages they pay each apprentice. It is the type of bipartisan incentive our tax code needs to lower the cost of training for employers and encourage the type of investment in human capital needed in our workforce training ecosystem.

A WIN FOR HEALTHCARE ACCESS IN ALABAMA J. PAUL JONES HOSPITAL STAYS OPEN, EFFORT TO REPEAL ACA STALLS

I stand firm in my belief that healthcare is a right for all Americans. This year, we successfully defeated passage of a dangerous bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which would have left millions of Americans without access to health insurance and higher healthcare costs for all of us. But the fight to protect healthcare access is far from over. In 2018, we will continue fighting all legislation aimed at decreasing coverage, reducing access, and raising costs on hard-working families.

This year we also worked to combat the rural hospital closure crisis in Alabama. We worked with rural hospitals, local public officials, stakeholders, and concerned constituents to keep the doors of our rural hospitals open, specifically those in Sumter, Greene, and Wilcox Counties. In particular, we worked with the Wilcox County 🗾 Commission, the hospital board, and administrative staff to keep John Paul Jones Hospital in Camden from closing, ultimately helping to facilitate a partnership with UAB Hospital which we hope will be a long-term solution.

In Congress, I introduced the bipartisan and bicameral Fair Medicare Hospital Payments Act, which would increase Medicare reimbursements for Alabama's hospitals that are currently paid at the lowest rates in the country. We've also championed legislation to protect increased reimbursements for rural ambulance providers and home health agencies, and to expand comprehensive benefits for chronically ill senior citizens and reimbursements for telehealth services in rural areas. I strongly believe that if Congress, stakeholders and local officials work together, we can save our rural hospitals and protect access and coverage for all Alabamians.

Rep. Sewell opposes healthcare repeal in Ways and Means Committee hearing



CONGRESSWOMAN TERRIA. SEWELL 2018 PRORTES



PROMOTE JOB CREATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

- Host our 7th Annual Job Fair in 2018 in Montgomery to provide quality employment opportunities for constituents
- Expand Project R.E.A.D.Y. workshops to assist constituents in preparing for the 21st century workforce
- Promote greater grant opportunities in the district by enhancing our weekly "Guide to Grant" reports
- Fight to expand jobs in the district by supporting legislation to increase funding for infrastructure, education, and military defense

DEFEND AGAINST ATTACKS ON WORKING FAMILIES

- Fight to preserve and fix the Affordable Care Act
- Push back against efforts to weaken or privatize Medicare and Social
- Fight against efforts to dismantle Medicaid
- Protect public funding for public schools
- Defend against efforts to rollback important consumer protections

RESTORE THE VOTE AND PRESERVE HISTORY

- Build bipartisan support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act that would restore the Voting Rights Act
- Increase federal funding to restore, preserve and promote the civil rights and voting rights sites throughout the district
- Support our veterans and efforts to streamline the delivery of their healthcare services
- Support the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument