



CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL

# 2025 in Review





FROM THE DESK OF

**CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL**

*Dear Friend,*

*2025 was a year of new challenges and hard-fought victories. Working together, we secured new investments in our district, commemorated the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, and stood up for families, farmers, veterans, seniors, and small businesses.*

*We pushed back against cuts to health care and food assistance, fought to lower costs and rein in President Trump's harmful tariffs, and defended our civil rights history against new attacks. Through it all, I was proud to stand side-by-side with Alabama's working families and be your voice in Congress.*



*Despite the dysfunction in Washington, my team and I remained laser-focused on delivering for you. Once again, I traveled to every county in Alabama's 7th District, hosting 98 events including community conversations, tours, roundtables, and our 14th annual job fair. My office secured \$398 million in federal grants for our district including \$25 million to improve public transit in Jefferson County, \$5.8 million for disaster relief in the Black Belt, and \$3.2 million in the FY26 federal budget for four local projects. We replied to more than 30,000 constituent letters and emails, completed 525 casework files, and returned more than \$1.7 million in benefits owed to our constituents by the federal government.*

*My commitment to you remains unwavering. I look forward to another year working on your behalf.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terri Sewell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell*

# Constituent Services Report



**\$398+ million**

*in federal grants awarded to the 7th Congressional District*



**\$1.7 million**

*in favorable federal benefits returned to constituents*



**30,000+**

*email and letter replies sent to constituents*



**364 bills**

*sponsored or cosponsored by Rep. Sewell*



**525**

*constituent cases closed in 2025*



**29 interns**

*hosted in our DC and district offices*

# *Delivering For You*

**Secured \$25 million**

to **modernize public transit** in  
Birmingham and Jefferson County

**Secured \$5.8 million**

from the Delta Regional Authority for  
**disaster relief** in Selma and York

**Secured \$800,000**

to spur **economic development**  
in downtown Moundville

**Secured \$500,000**

to transform the Marion National Guard Armory  
into a **multi-purpose community center**

**Secured \$1 million**

to **upgrade medical equipment** at the  
Uniontown Health Center

**Secured \$1 million**

for a new **police and fire station**  
in Aliceville

**Secured \$750,000**

for a new **community center**  
in Sumter County



# Congress in Your Community

This year, we visited all **13 counties** in Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District as a part of my annual Congress in Your Community tour.

**98** District Events

**15** Community Conversations, Roundtables, & Meet and Greets

**10** Mobile Office Hours

**5** Telephone Town Halls

**5** Episodes of "Terri Talks"

**623** Job Seekers Attended our 14th Annual Job Fair in Tuscaloosa

**49** Students Participated in our 2025 Art Competition & App Challenge





# **Making Life More Affordable and Strengthening Our Economy**

***In 2025, we fought to make life more affordable for Alabama families and pushed back against the Trump Administration's inflationary policies. In April, we introduced legislation to stop Trump's reckless tariff taxes which are raising prices and hurting farmers, manufacturers, and small businesses. We also took a stand against Republicans' so-called Big Beautiful Bill, which will kick 150,000 Alabamians off their health care<sup>1</sup> and threaten food assistance for 375,000 Alabama families<sup>2</sup>. When President Trump stated he would cut off SNAP benefits, we wrote to Trump's Agriculture Secretary demanding answers and traveled throughout our district to help food banks deliver meals to families in need.***

***Meanwhile, we worked hard to create opportunities and secure new investments in our district. In July, we announced a \$25 million grant to improve public transit in Birmingham and Jefferson County. In August, we secured \$800,000 to spur economic development in downtown Moundville. We also secured \$3.2 million in the FY26 budget for four infrastructure projects in the Black Belt and \$5.8 million from the Delta Regional Authority for disaster relief in Selma and York.***

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

<sup>2</sup> Source: USDA



# Protecting Health Care

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*In 2025, I stood firm against partisan attacks on Americans' health care. When Republicans introduced proposals that would slash Medicaid and end health care tax credits, I voted no—because raising premiums, closing rural hospitals, and forcing millions to lose coverage is unacceptable. Back in Alabama, I brought together patients, providers, and advocates for a series of roundtable discussions on Trump's policies cutting health care. Health care should be a right for all, not a privilege for the few, and I'm committed to ensuring every Alabamian gets the care they need regardless of their zip code.*

*At the same time, I worked across the aisle to advance common sense reforms. I proudly championed legislation to expand access to early detection cancer screenings, giving patients and doctors new tools to catch cancer sooner and save lives. In September, our bill passed unanimously in the Ways and Means Committee and enjoys support from more than 330 representatives and 65 senators. I also introduced bipartisan legislation to prevent devastating cuts to Medicare's Home Health Program so that seniors can continue receiving care in the comfort of their homes. In October, I joined state and local officials to break ground on the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences which will train the next generation of health care professionals in the Black Belt!*







## ***Fighting for Voting Rights and Defending Our History***

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***This year, we took action to protect the right to vote and preserve the civil rights legacy of our district. In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, I re-introduced the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act with the support of every House Democrat. Our bill would restore and modernize the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and put an end to this era of voter suppression. As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Elections, I'm committed to ensuring every eligible voter gets a say in our democracy!***

***We also successfully fought back against new attacks on our history. After we spoke out against the removal of the Tuskegee Airmen from Air Force training materials, the Trump Administration reversed course. And after we called out Elon Musk's DOGE for their policy putting the Freedom Rides Museum on a list to be sold, he backed down. It's proof that when we stand together against injustice, we can make a difference!***



# Canceling the Cuts

*As Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee, I worked to hold the Trump Administration accountable and spoke out forcefully against their policies that would strip away critical federal investments in our district. When \$15 million in mental health funding for Birmingham City Schools was threatened, I made clear that these cuts would devastate efforts to hire and train mental health professionals and reduce violence in our schools. I also condemned the cancellation of a \$40 million Tech Hub grant for Birmingham, which would have solidified our city as a leader in innovation and job creation. And when the Trump Administration's policies made deep cuts to UAB medical research grants, I fought to get them reversed, because laying off scientists and stalling lifesaving discoveries is bad for Alabama and bad for our nation.*

*I also held the Trump Administration accountable for its policies dismantling of the Department of Education, which are jeopardizing federal support for students across Alabama. When Trump's Education Secretary froze nearly \$90 million in federal funding for Alabama's K-12 schools, we successfully fought to get it restored. Trump's draconian policies cutting health care, research, food assistance, and education are attacks on the most vulnerable Alabamians. I will continue fighting to cancel the cuts and ensure that Alabama families, schools, and institutions receive the resources they need.*



# 2026 Priorities

## **STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY**

- *Create jobs, raise wages, and lower costs*
- *End President Trump's sweeping tariffs and deliver relief to Alabama's small businesses, farmers, and manufacturers*
- *Protect against cuts to public schools, food assistance, Headstart, and other critical federal programs*

## **MAKE HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE**

- *Extend ACA tax credits to lower health care premiums*
- *Reverse the Trump Administration's policies cutting Medicaid*
- *Deliver more resources to rural hospitals and ambulance providers by passing the Save Rural Hospitals Act*
- *Restore funding for NIH studies and cancer research*

## **IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY**

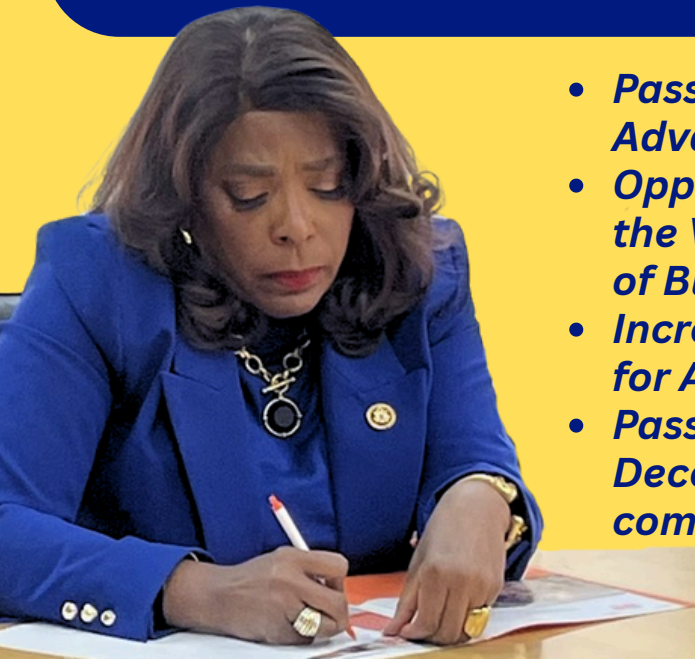
- *Get local law enforcement and community organizations the tools they need to break the cycle of violence*
- *Expand investments in mental health care*
- *Fight for common sense gun safety measures to keep deadly weapons out of the wrong hands*

## **STAND UP FOR OUR SENIORS**

- *Protect against cuts to Social Security and Medicare*
- *Expand access to cancer screenings by passing the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare MCEd Screening Coverage Act*
- *Continue fighting to lower prescription drug costs*

## **ADVANCE OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LEGACY**

- *Pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and protect voting rights*
- *Oppose Supreme Court rulings that weaken the Voting Rights Act and dilute the power of Black and minority voters*
- *Increase NPS historic preservation funding for Alabama's Civil Rights sites and HBCUs*
- *Pass the Rosa Parks Day Act to designate December 1st as a federal holiday commemorating the arrest of Rosa Parks*





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