

April to June 2015

CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI SEWELL

REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7TH DISTRICT

Friend,

It is an honor 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 serves as an update on the progress we have made both in Washington and in Alabama's 7th Congressional District during the second-quarter of 2015. For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov/>.



Sincerely,

Astronaut Lands in Montgomery



Upon his "landing" at Carver Elementary and Arts Magnet School on April 9, Dr. Scott D. Tingle was welcomed by a student parade. He later made special presentations to 5th graders.

AKAs on the Hill



Rocking the pink and green on the Hill! Proud to stand with my hard-working sorors.

Rep. Sewell Hosts West Alabama Business Roundtable

Alabama is a thriving hub for agriculture and manufacturing. I am delighted that U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny joined me on May 21 for the West Alabama Business Roundtable to explore ways Alabama businesses can continue to expand and prosper, such as increased access to capital, promoting private-public partnerships, and opening new markets for exports. Secretary Pritzker met representatives from key industries and promote economic development across the state.



Alabama Welcomes Ambassador Michael Froman

On May 11, the U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman, the chief United States official on international trade and a member of President Obama's cabinet visited Alabama.

Ambassador Froman met with a diverse range of local leaders in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors to discuss the role exports play in the state's economy as well as opportunities to expand trade.



NAACP Woman of the Year!



I was honored when I received the title “2015 Woman of the Year” by the Metro Birmingham Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

HBCU Caucus

My district is home to some of the most prominent Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the country, and I am proud to join the Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus as Vice Chair.

HBCUs created and fostered a generation of African American professionals who would have otherwise been denied an education due to segregation. HBCUs still play a vital role in educating our youth, and the primary purpose of the Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus is to help these storied institutions continue to flourish.

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It is an honor to serve the 7th District in Congress. I’ll be back in touch again soon!



Rep. Sewell Introduces the Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act of 2015

In realizing that every family should have access to quality, affordable health care, I introduced the Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act of 2015 on April 14, 2015. This Act is intended to make quality child care more affordable for millions of working-class families.

Quality child care should not be a financial hurdle that proves to be too difficult for the majority of working class families to overcome. This Act would make child care more affordable by increasing child care tax credits and making the credit fully refundable for low-income families, both boosting our economy and providing parents with the security they need to care for their families.

Rep. Sewell Introduces the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015

On June 24, 2015, I introduced the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 alongside Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27), Chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-38), Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Congressman John Lewis signed on as an original co-sponsor.

There is an urgent need to protect the progress we have made since the courageous Foot Soldiers of the Voting Rights Movement dared to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge 50 years ago. We have inherited their legacy, and the fight to ensure that all Americans can participate in our political process continues today.

The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 takes an expansive view of the need to protect access to the voting booth, and will offer more voter protection to more people in more states.

The updated coverage formula in this bill will ensure that states, like Alabama, are required to obtain federal preclearance for changes to voting practices and procedures that could have a discriminatory impact.

Senators Patrick Leahy (VT), Dick Durbin (IL) and Chris Coons (DE) introduced a companion Senate bill the same day the House bill was introduced.

