



The 7th Express

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

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The 7th District Is On The Move!

Greetings!

The 7th Express is on the move! This office has helped secure over \$2.3 million in direct benefits to constituents of the 7th Congressional District and received over \$695 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 Joins EPA Officials to Tour Testing Sites in North Birmingham



On November 19, we joined Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Administrator Gwen Fleming and local officials for a briefing on the North Birmingham contamination issue along with a tour of the Collegeville testing areas. On November 1, the EPA commenced a plan to test 1200+ properties in the Collegeville, Fairmont, and Harriman neighborhoods for contamination and will begin cleanup efforts if necessary. It is my sincere hope that the testing conducted by the EPA will help address the serious concerns of hazardous air and water contamination in North Birmingham. If you are a North Birmingham resident, EPA testing requires access agreement. [Click here](#) to view the access agreement.

Congresswoman Sewell Hosts Community Forum on the Future of Cooper Green Hospital

On October 26, we hosted a community forum along with Rev. Al Sharpton, Mayor William Bell and other local officials on the future of Cooper Green Mercy Hospital and indigent care in Jefferson County. Over four hundred concerned citizens attended and we extended an invite to all of the Jefferson County Commissioners and those who were able joined us. We look forward to hosting a future forum with all commissioners in attendance in order to get an update on the future plans for Cooper Green.



Congresswoman Sewell Meets with Union Representatives from American Apparel



On October 31, we met with local union president Wilhemina Richardson and other union representatives from American Apparel to discuss the issues surrounding the company's impending layoffs. My office led a delegation letter to Government Accountability Office (GAO) in support of American Apparel's protest petition and we are anxiously awaiting a final decision based on their review. In order to preserve America's manufacturing and industrial sector and to ensure middle and working class jobs remain in Alabama and throughout the country, we have also requested a meeting with the White House to discuss in greater detail the impact of our economic policies on these critically important jobs. I will continue to work diligently to preserve these types of jobs in not only Selma but across the entire 7th Congressional District. [Click here](#) to view my statement.

Congresswoman Sewell Honors Our Veterans



On November 11, we had the distinct honor of saluting our troops and celebrating Veterans Day at the 65th Annual National Veterans Day in Birmingham. Now more than ever, we must renew our commitment to keep the promise of providing the support and aid to our 23 million veterans and their families, including 43,540 here in the 7th Congressional District. [Click here](#) to view my statement.

Congresswoman Sewell Meets with Local Businesses



On November 1, we met with local farmers and business owners from the Dallas County area to discuss their needs and priorities.



On October 31, we had an opportunity to tour the International Paper Riverdale Mill in Selma, AL.

Constituent Corner

Social Security Disability Benefits: A Success Story

In July 2011, a constituent contacted our Selma district office regarding denial of her Social Security disability benefits. She had been denied benefits twice before contacting our district office. We opened a case for her, worked closely with the Social Security Administration on her behalf and began the process for review and evaluation of benefits. In September of 2012, she received a favorable decision that she was entitled to benefits. We were able to help her receive over \$25,000 in retroactive benefits and she now receives her regular monthly benefits.

Magic City Classic Kickoff Luncheon



On October 25, I had the pleasure of speaking at the State Farm Magic City Classic Kickoff Luncheon for the 71st Annual American football classic between Alabama's two most prominent historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terri'.

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress