

## **Federal Casework - FAQ**

### **Are you a resident of New York's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District?**

Congressional courtesy dictates that each Member of Congress has the privilege and responsibility to serve his or her own constituents. If you are not sure what congressional district that you live in, visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and enter your address and zip code to determine who represents you.

### **Are you reaching out about a case that involves you personally, or on behalf of someone else?**

Due to privacy laws, Rep. McCarthy's office must have the consent of the person who is directly involved with the case, and must have written proof. However, if you are acting on someone's behalf and can prove that you have power of authority, you may initiate an inquiry for that person. Click here to print out our privacy release form.

### **Does your case involve a federal agency?**

Congresswoman McCarthy has jurisdiction within federal agencies only. If your case involves a state or local issue, or an issue within your school district or municipality, you must contact the appropriate representative to assist you with that issue. Click here for a list of government contacts representing New York's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

### **Is your situation a legal dispute?**

As a member of the Legislative Branch, Congresswoman McCarthy is unable to become involved in court cases or legal issues. This restriction is due to the separation of powers as outlined in the Constitution. This restriction applies to both civil and criminal matters.

### **What can I expect when I contact Congresswoman McCarthy about my issue?**

It is rare that a case can be "sped up" for any reason other than extreme hardship. Rep. McCarthy's office will make an inquiry on your behalf in order to obtain the status of your case, obtain additional information about your case, or to direct you to an appropriate contact to assist you. Although some casework can be handled within a few days, other cases are more difficult and we ask that you allow 4-6 weeks for processing before expecting a final response.

If you are still unsure if Congresswoman McCarthy can assist you, or if your issue is federal, please contact the Garden City District Office at (516) 739-3008, or send an [email](#).