



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 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](http://sewell.house.gov/) to visit our website or visit <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Congresswoman Sewell Hosts Forum at CBC Annual Leadership Conference

This year Congresswoman Sewell had the pleasure of hosting a forum during the Congressional Black Caucus's Annual Leadership Conference in Washington, DC entitled *Voting Trends in the South in the Age of Obama: Where Do We Go from Here?* The lively discussion focused on issues of voting trends in the South and how to educate voters about new voter identification laws across the country. The forum encouraged audience participation and concluded with questions from the audience. Panelists included Will Crossley, Spencer Overton, Stacey Abrams, Cornell Belcher, and Michael Thurmond. Journalist, Roland Martin moderated the forum. It is our hope that this forum helped our constituents and those who attended understand and appreciate the true power they have as voters.



Congresswoman Sewell Announces \$200,000 in Rural Development Funding

On October 4, the Alabama State Association of Rural Cooperatives was awarded \$200,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for rural development projects in Sumter and Greene Counties. The Rural Development funding will be used to help disadvantaged farmers grow crops more efficiently, create jobs and provide safe and quality produce for families throughout the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama. Funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives. The Greene/Sumter Farmers Market Cooperative has approximately 65 small farmer-members, which is composed of more than 98 percent of socially-disadvantaged African American producers. [Click here](#) to read more about it!

Congresswoman Sewell Speaks at the 5th Annual Party with a Purpose



On October 2, our office was delighted to participate in the 5th Annual Party with a Purpose at Ensley Park in Birmingham. The event, hosted by Birmingham City Councilman Steven Hoyt, is held each year to inspire a sense of family and community in the city of Birmingham. The event offered its participants a chance to take advantage of free services offered by vendors as well as interact with local public officials and other members of their community. The event included a job fair, educational initiative and community festival.

Congresswoman Sewell Meets with Local Organizations

This past month, we truly enjoyed meeting with several organizations within the district. We addressed a joint meeting of the Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce and the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club and provided them with a legislative update. We also met with the Tuscaloosa Ministerial Alliance to discuss faith based issues. In Washington, we had the opportunity to give remarks at the 2011 National Automobile Dealers Association Washington Conference. We discussed how automobile dealers are helping to create jobs in our district as well as around the country. We truly enjoyed being able to speak with these organizations and their members about current federal legislative issues.



Congresswoman Sewell on H.R. 2608, the Continuing Appropriations Act

On October 4th, I voted for H.R. 2608, the Continuing Appropriations Act, which will fund the government through November 18. The bill will enable the government to continue to provide many vital services to millions of American families. The bill will protect good-paying American jobs and provide essential emergency disaster relief for families, small businesses and communities.

As families in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and across the country struggle in the face of a difficult economy, many communities have also endured hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires. The 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama were hit hard by the severe storms and tornadoes of April 27, 2011. It is our responsibility in Congress to keep the Federal Government fully functioning for American families. We must also provide relief to communities in their effort to rebuild from natural disasters. This bill responsibly provides emergency disaster relief without requiring an unprecedented offset that would have jeopardized American jobs.

I remain committed to responsibly reducing the deficit, but not at the cost of critical programs that provide assistance to the victims of disasters or that service and support our most vulnerable communities. I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop a solution for the 2012 budget that will adequately fund disaster assistance, encourage job creation, reduce our deficit and strengthen the economy and the lives of our children, seniors and families.

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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