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## Congresswoman Sewell is Hitting the Ground Running!

## Welcome!

This is the first edition of an E-Newsletter that will provide the constituents from Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District with up-to-date information on the activities of this office. *The* 7<sup>th</sup> *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** to visit our website!

Just one month ago, I was sworn in as the U. S. Representative for Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I was happy to share that special day with family, friends and constituents. Thank you so much for making that day so special. I am honored to represent you here in Washington, and want you to know that we have hit the ground running on your behalf.



Since day one, I have met with constituents and interviewed with several local and national print and broadcast media about the new Congress and the needs of the 7<sup>th</sup> district. I even joined two of my freshman colleagues on CBS Evening News to discuss the start of this new Congress. **Click here** to watch the interview!

It's been so exciting to meet and start working with fellow members of Congress. My colleagues in the Democratic Freshman Class elected me to be their Class President! As president of the Democratic Freshman Class, I will serve as their representative to House Leadership, and will have the opportunity to be directly involved in getting our district and this nation back on track. Earlier this month, I was also elected Regional Whip by my colleagues in the House, and two weeks ago, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer asked me to be a Senior Whip. In these roles, I will be responsible for counting votes for the Democratic Party and talking to members about upcoming legislation. I will also relay concerns and questions from members to Democratic Leadership. **Click here** to read more about it!



I have been hard at work speaking on behalf of the needs of the 7<sup>th</sup> District. On January 18, I made my very first speech against repealing the Affordable Care Act on the floor of the House of Representatives. **Click here** to watch it! And last Thursday, I found out that I was selected to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology for this Congress.

It was great to be home in the district over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. I toured US Steel in Fairfield, spoke to teachers at a breakfast hosted by the Alabama Education Association, hosted a town hall meeting in Camden, and attended several churches in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Last weekend, I attended a Democratic issues conference with my colleagues in the House. We discussed legislative issues we will be addressing this Congress. The President and Vice President of the United States both attended and shared their thoughts about what we need to do to get America back on track.

Tuesday night was very exciting! I was honored to be selected to escort the President into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol prior to the State of the Union Address, and it was great to hear the president outline his agenda for moving America's families and businesses forward. **Click here** to read about it!

Stay tuned!

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