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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

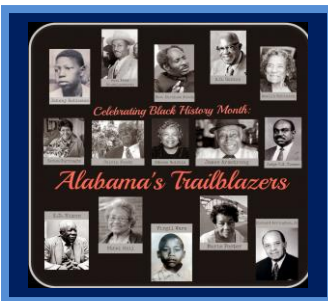
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Friend,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in Congress! One of the most important responsibilities I have as your representative is to update you on the work my staff and I are doing. This newsletter will serve as a monthly update on the progress we have made both in Washington and in Alabama's 7th Congressional District. For more information, please visit our website at <http://sewell.house.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Celebrating Black History Month: Honoring Alabama's Trailblazers



During Black History Month, Congresswoman Sewell recognized ten Alabama trailblazers on the House floor for their immeasurable impact on our nation. She recognized [Johnny Robinson](#), [Virgil Ware](#), [Amelia Boynton Robinson](#), [Rev. Calvin Woods](#), [Rev. Abraham Woods](#), [Odessa Wolfolk](#), [Dr. Frederick Reese](#), [Johnnie Carr](#), [Theresa Burroughs](#) and [Ethel Hall](#). Read Congresswoman Sewell's statement on Black History Month [here](#) and read her floor remarks honoring each trailblazer [here](#).

"Congress In Your Community" Town Hall Tour 2014

Our 2014 "Congress in Your Community" Town Hall tour began on February 17th at the Pratt City Library in Birmingham. Throughout the week we made stops in Center Point, Selma, Montgomery, Uniontown, Greensboro and Lowndesboro. Connecting with and listening to our constituents allows us to better serve them in Congress. Our annual town hall tour affords us the opportunity to address the concerns of our constituents, update them on legislative initiatives and receive invaluable feedback on how to better serve the needs of those we represent.



Congresswoman Sewell with Mayor James Walker and the City Councilors of White Hall



Congresswoman Sewell with Civil Rights trailblazer, Theresa Burroughs, at our town hall in Greensboro



Congresswoman Sewell with Congressman John Lewis and students of Bellingrath Middle School

My Brother's Keeper Initiative



President Obama speaks before signing the Presidential Memorandum

On February 27, Congresswoman Sewell joined President Obama at the White House in the announcement of “My Brother’s Keeper” – a new initiative aimed at empowering boys and young men of color. We are pleased that the Obama Administration is instituting a proactive initiative to reduce the troubling trends facing black boys and young men.

Read Congresswoman Sewell’s statement about the event [here](#).

Learn more about the “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative [here](#).



Congresswoman Sewell with Sabrina Fulton, mother of Travvon Martin

Highlights of 2014 District Tour



Congresswoman Sewell visits with students at Berean Baptist Head Start in Marion on February 20th



On February 19th, Congresswoman Sewell joins the Montgomery Ministerial Alliance to provide a legislative update



Congresswoman Sewell with the staff of Davita Dialysis on February 17th

Constituent Services Success Story

A Veteran from Perry County contacted our Montgomery office in early February because his veteran’s benefits had been abruptly cut off. He had received a letter from the Veterans Administration (VA) notifying him he was “deceased” according to records. Our staff worked with the VA to verify that the constituent was not deceased and to restore his benefits in a timely manner. While the VA returned the gentleman to “living” status immediately, his benefits were not restored. We contacted the VA again to request that they retroactively restore the benefits lost by the veteran and two business days later, the VA honored our request and restored the benefits.

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

Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress