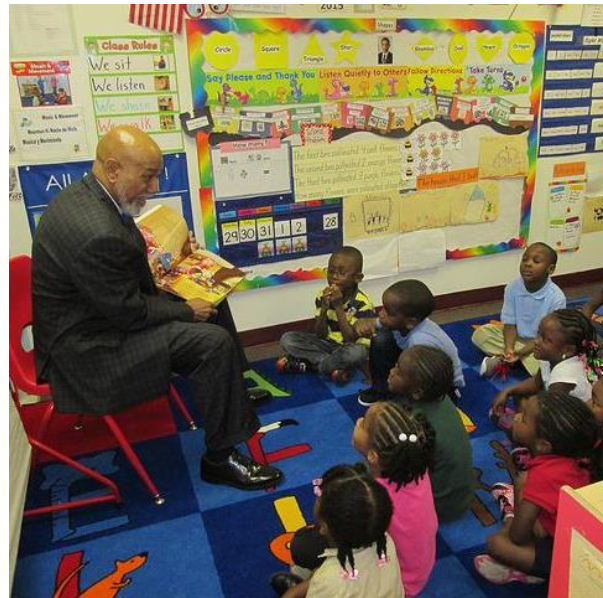


# Accomplishments of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress



**Office of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings**  
**Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

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December 2016

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to provide this summary of my office's accomplishments during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. Throughout the past two years, my office worked tirelessly to advance the priorities of South Florida, our state, and our nation.

During the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, I introduced 25 bills and resolutions, co-sponsored over 800 measures, and managed more than two dozen rules on the floor of the House of Representatives. I signed hundreds of letters to Florida officials and leaders across the globe, submitted nearly 1,000 requests for Congressional appropriations, and hosted a number of briefings on the challenges facing our nation and our world.

Congress was faced with a number of emergencies this year, beginning just weeks into 2015 when gunmen killed 12 people at the headquarters of the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine in Paris – the first of many terror attacks perpetrated around the world sparking a new conversation about global security. The migrant crisis stemming from the Syrian Civil War continued to grow. Today, more than 400,000 people have been killed in the conflict, while 6.6 million remain internally displaced and 4.8 million have fled as refugees to other countries.

In mid-2015, President Obama announced that his administration had reached an agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), to curb Iran's nuclear program. The negotiators worked diligently, but in the end, the JCPOA allowed Iran to remain a nuclear threshold state while simultaneously reaping the benefits of relief from international sanctions. For this reason, I opposed this deal.

Congress debated, and ultimately delayed passing a budget agreement. As Democrats called for a return to responsible budgeting, House Republicans again forced passage of short-term Continuing Resolutions while ducking hard questions that we must eventually grapple with. Not since 1996 has Congress successfully passed budgets without relying on short-term stop-gap funding measures.

Following the terrible attack at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Democrats staged an overnight sit-in in the House chamber after Republicans adjourned for recess without addressing the gun violence epidemic. And, after much delay, Congress finally funded our response to Zika and the opioid crisis.

There are many important challenges still facing our country. I will continue to work hard to promote legislation and policies that create jobs, protect our environment, improve educational opportunities for our children, and preserve the national security, health and well-being of all American citizens. I approach every piece of legislation with the attention it rightfully deserves, and when it comes time to cast my vote, I rely on both my conscience and my constituents' views to guide me.

I thank you for placing your trust in me to represent you in Washington. I look forward to continuing to advocate for our community in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. With warm and personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress

## Legislation Introduced

I proudly introduced 25 bills and resolutions in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress and co-sponsored an additional 810 measures introduced by my colleagues. Below, please find descriptions of the legislation I introduced.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 01/12/ 2015 | <b>H.R. 277, the <i>Defend Israel by Defunding Palestinian Foreign Aid Act of 2016</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on Foreign Affairs</i>           | Prohibits the United States from providing any assistance to Palestinian Authority (PA) until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court (ICC). Palestine formally joined the ICC in 2015 to pursue war-crime charges against Israel. The United States currently provides \$400 million annually to the PA.<br><br>Cosponsors: 2 |
| 02/10/2015  | <b>H.R. 839, the <i>Lena Horne Recognition Act</i></b><br><br><i>House Financial Services Committee</i>   | Awards a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement.<br><br>Cosponsors: 26  |
| 02/24/2015  | <b>H.R. 1039, the <i>African Descent Affairs Act of 2015</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on Foreign Affairs</i>                                     | Establishes the Office of Global African Descent Affairs within the Department of State for the purpose of combatting racial discrimination and creating economic and political opportunities for people of African descent.<br><br>Cosponsors: 9  |
| 02/24/2015  | <b>H.Res. 123, <i>Expressing support for designation of August 6 as National Voting Rights Day</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on the Judiciary</i> | Designates August 6th as “National Voting Rights” Day in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the <i>Voting Rights Act of 1965</i> .<br><br>Cosponsors: 51  |

- 02/27/2015 **H.Res. 130, *To express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism***  
*House Committee on Foreign Affairs*
- Urges Secretary of State, Attorney General and other government agencies and officials to work with the European Union and European governments to address anti-Semitism.
- Cosponsors: 91
- 03/04/2015 **H.R. 1293, *Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act***  
*House Energy and Commerce Committee*
- Establishes new grant programs to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families whose needs are not addressed by traditional affordable housing.
- Cosponsors: 23
- 03/23/2015 **H.Res. 164, *Recognizing Dr. Elmira Mangum as the first female president of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU)***  
*House Committee on Education and the Workforce*
- Recognizes and congratulates Dr. Elmira Mangum on being named the first female president of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University.
- Cosponsors: 8
- 05/12/2015 **H.R. 2268, *the Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2015***  
*House Committee on Education and the Workforce*
- Prohibits the Department of Education from providing any educational funding to institutions that allow school authorities to inflict corporal punishment upon a student. Provides for three-year grants to assist schools in implementing a positive behavior support system.
- Cosponsors: 15

- 05/12/2015 **H.R. 2269, the Wildlife VET Act**  
*House Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources*  
Authorizes the Department of the Interior to award competitive grants for the purpose of creating additional clinical and research positions for wildlife and zoological veterinarians, including wildlife disease research and training, disease surveillance, ecology and wildlife population management; and conservation and management of the health of endangered species.  
Cosponsors: 6
- 05/15/2015 **H.Res. 203, Expressing support for designation of June 2015 as "National Men's Cancer Awareness Month"**  
*House Committee on Energy and Commerce*  
Supports the designation of June 2015 as "National Men's Cancer Awareness Month" and encourages the Federal Government, states, and nonprofit organizations to raise awareness of educational programs related to cancers affecting men.  
Cosponsors: 16
- 05/17/2015 **H.Res. 211, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that veterans deserve the health and living standards they fought to protect**  
*House Committees on Armed Services and Veterans Affairs*  
Expresses the commitment of the United States House of Representatives to ending veteran homelessness.  
Cosponsors: 24
- 05/19/2015 **H.Res. 741, Recognizing the importance of nonprofit organizations to the economy of the United States and expressing support for designation of September as "Nonprofit Organization (NPO) Recognition Month"**  
*House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*  
Designates September as "Nonprofit Organization (NPO) Recognition Month" and recognizes the importance of nonprofits in serving communities across the country.  
Cosponsors: 10

- 06/12/2015 **H.R. 2738, the *Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment (BEE) Pollinator Protection Act***  
*House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*
- Encourages states to adopt integrated vegetation management practices that provide habitats and forage for Monarch butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, since this species is suffering from population loss. This roadside vegetation management practice aims to secure motorist safety, reduce the presence of weeds, manage and stabilize soil.
- Cosponsors: 13
- 09/18/2015 **H.J. Res. 65, *Authorization of Use of Force Against Iran***  
*House Committee on Energy and Commerce*
- Following the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), this legislation authorizes the use of military force to achieve the goal of preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.
- Cosponsors: None
- 12/09/2015 **H.R. 4201, *Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2015***  
*House Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means*
- Amends the *Social Security Act* to remove limitations on Medicaid, Medicare, SSI and CHIP benefits for individuals in custody pending disposition of charges, lifting the burden on counties currently required to provide medical care to people involuntarily confined in jails, detention centers, and prisons without compensation.
- Cosponsors: 8
- 12/15/2015 **H.R. 4253, *Avonte's Law***  
*House Judiciary Committee*
- Authorizes the Attorney General to issue competitive grants to law enforcement agencies, first responders, and schools, to establish and improve training programs that will reduce the risks of injury and death relating to wandering characteristics of individuals with autism and other disabilities.
- Cosponsors: 9

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| 01/08/2016 | <b>H.R. 4355, the <i>Corey Jones Act of 2016</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on the Judiciary</i>   | <p>Prohibits the award of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding to local police departments that do not prohibit plain-clothes officers from engaging in routine traffic stops in unmarked vehicles. The legislation is named after Corey Jones, a resident of Lake Worth, who was shot and killed by a plain-clothes law enforcement officer operating an unmarked vehicle during the early hours of October 18, 2015.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 6</p> |
| 02/02/2016 | <b>H.R. 4436, the <i>Everglades for the Next Generation Act</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on the Judiciary</i>  | <p>Authorizes the Department of the Army to expedite the implementation of projects related to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 6</p>   |
| 03/17/2016 | <b>H.Res. 651, <i>Condemning the recent violent terrorist attack against Taylor Force and the recent wave of terrorism against Israel and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' failure to condemn such attacks</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on Foreign Affairs</i> | <p>Condemns the murder of Taylor Force and other acts of Palestinian Terrorism.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 2</p>   |
| 04/19/2016 | <b>H.R. 4994, the <i>Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2016</i></b><br><br><i>House Committee on Veterans Affairs</i>   | <p>Exempts reimbursements of certain medical expenses and payments related to accident, theft and loss of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and spouses and children of veterans. Passed by voice vote as an amendment to H.R. 1735, the <i>National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016</i>.</p> <p>Cosponsors: 31</p>   |



- 04/26/2016 **H.Res. 705, *Expressing support for designation of June as "National Men's Cancer Awareness Month"***  
*House Committee on Energy and Commerce*  
Supports the designation of June 2016 as "National Men's Cancer Awareness Month" and encourages the Federal Government, states, and nonprofit organizations to raise awareness of educational programs related to cancers affecting men.  
Cosponsors: 28
- 05/25/2016 **H.Res. 752, *Condemning the Dog Meat Festival in Yulin, China, and urging China to end the dog meat trade***  
*House Committee on Foreign Affairs*  
Condemns the Dog Meat Festival in Yulin, China, urges the Chinese government and Yulin authorities to ban the inhumane killing of dogs as part of the festival, and urges China to end the dog meat trade.  
Cosponsors: 162
- 07/14/2016 **H.R. 5837, *To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the exclusion from medical assistance under the Medicaid program of items and services furnished in an institution for mental diseases in case of inpatient, non-hospital substance and use disorder treatment facility services furnished for nonelderly adults***  
*House Committee on Energy and Commerce*  
Removes the Medicaid IMD exclusion for substance use disorder treatment facility services in any institutions for mental diseases.  
Cosponsors: 3
- 07/14/2016 **H.Res. 834, *Recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting ecosystems and economies***  
*House Committee on Agriculture*  
Recognizes the importance of pollinators in agriculture and maintain a diverse ecosystem.  
Cosponsors: 8

09/20/2016 **H.Con.Res. 157, *Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should continue to exercise its veto in the United Nations Security Council on resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and oppose anti-Israel measures considered by the United Nations General Assembly***

Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should continue to exercise its veto in the United Nations Security Council on resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and oppose anti-Israel measures considered by the United Nations and its bodies.

Cosponsors: None

*House Committee on Foreign Affairs*

**Committee Memberships**

**House Rules Committee**  
Senior Democratic Member

**House Rules Committee**  
**Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process**  
Ranking Democratic Member

**U.S. Helsinki Commission**  
Ranking Democratic Member

**Caucus Memberships**

Congressional  
Homelessness Caucus  
**Co-Founder/Co-  
Chairman**

Congressional Pollinator  
Protection Caucus  
**Co-Founder/Co-  
Chairman**

Democratic Caucus'  
Congressional Task Force  
on Job Creation  
**Co-Chairman**

Democratic Israel Working  
Group  
**Co-Chairman**

Everglades Caucus  
**Co-Chairman**

Florida Congressional  
Delegation  
**Democratic Chairman**

Friends of Jordan Caucus  
**Vice Chair**

Global Road Safety  
Caucus  
**Co-Chairman**

House Sugar Caucus  
**Co-Chairman**

Tunisia Caucus  
**Co-Founder/Co-  
Chairman**

Afterschool Caucus

Algae Energy Caucus

Algeria Caucus

Americans Abroad Caucus

Bicameral Congressional  
Caucus on Parkinson's  
Disease

Bipartisan Congressional  
Task Force on Alzheimer's  
Disease

Bipartisan Cystic Fibrosis  
Caucus

Caribbean Caucus

Children's Caucus

Coalition for Autism  
Research and Education

Coast Guard Caucus

Community College  
Caucus

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| Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus                                 | Congressional Afghan Caucus                                     | Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus                              | Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus           |
| Congressional Animal Protection Caucus                                 | Congressional Army Caucus                                       | Congressional Arts Caucus                                       | Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus       |
| Congressional Bicameral High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Caucus | Congressional Black Caucus                                      | Congressional Black Caucus Energy and the Environment Taskforce | Congressional Black Caucus Gaming Taskforce   |
| Congressional Boating Caucus   | Congressional Caucus on the European Union                      | Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth                            | Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues       |
| Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch                            | Congressional Caucus on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children | Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans            | Congressional Caucus on Women in the Military |
| Congressional Coastal Caucus   | Congressional Contaminated Drywall Caucus                       | Congressional Diabetes Caucus                                   | Congressional Fire Services Caucus            |
| Congressional French Caucus  | Congressional Gaming Caucus                                     | Congressional Gulf Coast Caucus                                 | Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition      |
| Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus  | Congressional Human Trafficking Caucus                          | Congressional Humanities Caucus                                 | Congressional Mental Health Caucus            |
| Congressional Morocco Caucus   | Congressional Out of Poverty Caucus                             | Congressional Philanthropy Caucus                               | Congressional Singapore Caucus                |
| Congressional Social Work Caucus                                       | Congressional Taiwan Caucus                                     | Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism                  | Congressional Trails Caucus                   |
| Congressional TRIO Caucus  | Congressional Ukrainian Caucus                                  | Congressional Universal Health Care Reform Caucus               | Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus          |
| Congressional Zoo & Aquarium Caucus                                    | Dairy Farmers Caucus  | Diversity and Innovation Caucus                                 | Friends of Canada Caucus                      |

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| Friends of Norway Caucus          | Friends of Switzerland Caucus               | Home Health Caucus                | House Cancer Caucus                 |
| House Hunger Caucus               | House Special Operations Forces Caucus      | House Specialty Crop Caucus       | House Trade Working Group           |
| Housing Stabilization Task Force  | India Caucus                                | International Conservation Caucus | International Workers Rights Caucus |
| Labor and Working Families Caucus | Land Conservation Caucus                    | LGBT Equality Caucus              | Macedonia Caucus                    |
| Malaria Caucus                    | National Eating Disorders Awareness Caucus  | National Marine Sanctuary Caucus  | National Parks Caucus               |
| Native American Caucus            | NextGen 9-1-1 Caucus                        | Populist Caucus                   | Port Security Caucus                |
| PORTS Caucus                      | Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus | Rural Education Caucus            | Rural Health Care Coalition         |
| Sportsman's Caucus                | Sudan Caucus                                | Tuberculosis Elimination Caucus   | Urban Caucus                        |
|                                   | U.S.-Mexico Friendship Caucus               | U.S.-Mongolia Friendship Caucus   |                                     |

**Letters Sent to the White House, Federal Agencies, State Agencies,  
Congressional Leadership, and Global Leaders**

Throughout the year, my office routinely communicates with the White House, federal and state agencies, Congressional leadership, and leaders around the world. Below, please find a comprehensive list of all the letters my office sent during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 01/27/2015  | <b>Extradition of Ms. Danielle Torres to the United States</b><br><br>His Excellency Luiz Machado<br>Ambassador of the Federative<br>Republic of Brazil        | Requesting that the Brazilian government extradite Ms. Torres to the United States to face charges in the deaths of Ms. Deborah Peterson and Mr. Andrew Carr. |
| 01/30/2015  | <b>Informing the State Department of the case against Ms. Torres</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State  | Requesting Secretary Kerry put diplomatic pressure on his Brazilian counterpart to extradite Ms. Torres to the United States to face trial.                   |
| 02/25/2015  | <b>H.Res.123, Marking August 6th as National Voting Rights Act Day</b><br><br>Speaker John Boehner and<br>House Majority Leader Kevin<br>McCarthy              | Requesting H.Res.123, marking August 6th as National <i>Voting Rights Act Day</i> , be brought to the floor for a vote under suspension of the rules.         |
| 04/15/2015  | <b>Celebrating the 36th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA)</b><br><br>His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou<br>President of the Republic of<br>China (Taiwan) | Celebrating 36 years of the TRA, and noting the foundational importance of the Act for the friendship shared between the United States and Taiwan.            |

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| 04/28/2015 | <b>Offering Condolences to the Kingdom of Nepal</b><br><br>His Excellency<br>Dr. Shankar P. Sharma<br>Ambassador of the Federal<br>Democratic Republic of Nepal | Conveying sympathies to the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake that hit the country in late April of 2016.   |
| 04/28/2015 | <b>CFPB Payday Rulemaking and Florida</b><br><br>Director Richard Cordray<br>Consumer Financial Protection<br>Bureau  | Urging the CFPB to examine the successful Florida regulatory model when issuing a proposed payday rulemaking. The letter was signed by all but one member of the Florida Congressional Delegation.                         |
| 04/30/2015 | <b>TPP Negotiations and Sugar</b><br><br>Michael Froman<br>U.S. Trade Representative  | Urging the U.S. Trade Representative to keep the U.S. Sugar industry in mind, which supports 142,000 jobs and generates \$20 billion annually, as negotiations for the Tran-Pacific Partnership entered their final phase. |
| 05/11/2015 | <b>VA Medical Facilities and HBCUs</b><br><br>Secretary Robert McDonald<br>Department of Veterans Affairs   | Urging the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with minority serving educational institutions to foster greater participation between these institutions and VA medical facilities.                                     |
| 06/26/2015 | <b>Animal Abuse at government-funded facilities</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Burwell<br>Department of Health and<br>Human Services                               | Raising concerns of animal abuse at government-funded facilities and urging more animal welfare protections.   |
| 06/30/2015 | <b>Federal Student Aid's Cash Management procedures</b><br><br>Secretary Arne Duncan<br>Department of Education   | Opposing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) issued by the Department of Education regarding new regulations for Federal Student Aid's Cash Management procedures.  |

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| 07/22/2015 | <b>2015 MENA-USA Youth Debates</b><br><br>His Excellency Faycal Gouia<br>Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia   | Supporting the mission of MENA-USA Youth Debates, to promote a spirit of debate and dialogue while championing democratic principles, and requesting that the Ambassador please relay concerns to the Ministry of the Interior regarding the need for security for the debate participants.         |
| 07/28/2015 | <b>Implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran's Nuclear Capabilities</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House | Urging the President to appoint a high-ranking military official to oversee the implementation of each aspect of the JCPOA negotiated between the P5+1 and Iran.  |
| 07/31/2015 | <b>Bi-partisan Letter on the CFPB's Payday Rulemaking</b><br><br>Director Richard Cordray<br>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau                              | Urging the CFPB, as it works through the process of introducing a proposed rule, to adopt a payday industry regulation that both protects consumers in the marketplace while also supporting those consumers' access to the credit they need to make ends meet.                                     |
| 08/07/2015 | <b>Palm Beach Juvenile Correctional Facility</b><br><br>Secretary Christina K. Daly<br>Florida Department of Juvenile Justice                                  | Urging the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to suspend Youth Services International's operation of the Palm Beach Juvenile Correctional Facility after troubling reports emerged of misconduct by the private prison company's staff and mistreatment of the juveniles that are housed there. |
| 08/20/2015 | <b>Federal Student Aid's Cash Management procedures</b><br><br>Secretary Arne Duncan<br>Department of Education  | Following up on my June letter to the Department of Education regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Federal Student Aid's Cash Management procedures.  |



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| 08/20/2015 | <b>Federal Student Aid Cash Management Rulemaking</b><br><br>Secretary Arne Duncan<br>Department of Education                                  | Urging the Department of Education to examine its proposed rulemaking regarding Federal Student Aid Cash Management to prevent inadvertent increases in fraud, as well as highlighting the potential costs for schools to administer their financial aid program, changes to disbursement options, and effects on student's ability to practice responsible financial practices.        |
| 09/25/2015 | <b>Syria No-Fly Zone</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House  | Urging President Obama to establish a no-fly zone in Syria and to do more to assist the Syrian people, a position I first advocated for in May 2013.  |
| 10/19/2015 | <b>Opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership</b>   | Expressing regrets for not being able to join in a protest opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).  |
| 10/30/2015 | <b>Special Immigrant Visas for Nationals of Afghanistan and Iraq</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State                        | Following the Obama administration's announcement that it would raise the threshold of refugees admitted into the United States in 2016, I wrote to Secretary Kerry urging him to continue prioritizing the processing of Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) for Iraqi and Afghan nationals formerly employed by or on behalf of the United States government.                               |
| 12/2/2015  | <b>Disaster Claims Adjusters</b><br><br>Ranking Member Patty Murray, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Health and Human Services | Supporting a language fix in the omnibus package that will clarify the inclusion of a provision that codified the Department of Labor's treatment of claims adjusters working during a natural disaster, exempting them from <i>Fair Labor Standards Act</i> requirements, and thus allowing them to not be limited in the number of hours they can work when responding to a disaster. |
| 12/10/2015 | <b>ISIS Trafficking-in-Persons and Gender-Based Violence</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State                                | Requesting from Secretary Kerry specific details regarding the U.S. humanitarian mission in Syria and Iraq, specifically related to anti-trafficking in persons and violence against women, following reports of extreme violence against women and religious minorities at the hands of the Islamic State.   |

- 12/10/2015    **Chinese Dog Leather Imports**    Raising the issue of leather goods manufactured in China that possibly contain dog-leather being imported into the United States, and urging the Commissioner to conduct random testing of leather goods to determine what materials are used.
- Commissioner  
R. Gil Kerlikowske  
U.S. Customs and Border  
Protection
- 12/16/2015    **Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) draft mega-guidance for the 340B Pharmacy Pricing Program**    Expressing concern over the effect of the Department of Health Resources and Services Administration's draft mega-guidance for the 340B pharmacy pricing program on basic HIV/AIDS care and treatment infrastructure.
- Secretary Sylvia Burwell  
Department of Health and  
Human Services
- 01/08/2016    **Haiti's Democratic Crisis**    Urging the Department of State to stay involved and ensure a sound and fair election in Haiti, especially in light of mounting charges of fraud coming from Haiti's electorate.
- Secretary Kerry  
Department of State
- 02/12/2016    **Pine Island Road Pedestrian Overpass**    In June 2008, the City of Tamarac received a \$610,000 federal earmark to construct a pedestrian overpass over the eight-lane Pine Island Road. However, a technical mistake prevented the funding from being obligated to FL-DOT. In February 2016, the project was named as eligible for reprogramming under new regulations. I wrote Secretary Boxold urging him to support the reprogramming of funds.
- Secretary Jim Boxold  
Florida Department of  
Transportation
- 04/24/2016    **Disaster Claims Adjusters**    Supporting the inclusion of language in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill codifying the way the Department of Labor has treated claims adjusters for the last 75 years, exempting them from *Fair Labor Standards Acts* restrictions to allow them to work more than 8 hours during the response to a natural disaster.
- Ranking Member Patty  
Murray, Senate Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor and  
Health and Human Services

- 04/24/2016    **Disaster Claims Adjusters**  
Chairman Richard Shelby,  
Senate Banking Committee  
Supporting the inclusion of language in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill codifying the way the Department of Labor has treated claims adjusters for the last 75 years, exempting them from *Fair Labor Standards Acts* restrictions to allow them to work more than 8 hours during the response to a natural disaster.
- 05/13/2016    **Far-right Political Parties in the Slovak Republic**  
His Excellency Peter Kmec  
Ambassador of the Slovak Republic  
The May 2016 parliamentary elections in the Slovak Republic resulted in a rise of far-right political parties that champion bigotry and hatred towards Jews, LGBT, and Roma communities. I wrote Ambassador Kmec offering support for the Slovak Republic's efforts to combat bigotry.
- 05/27/2016    **Miccosukee Plant Gathering Rulemaking**  
Director Jon Jarvis  
National Park Service  
Supporting the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida regarding the National Park Service's proposed rule on gathering plants in national parks for traditional purposes. The tribe was concerned that a proposed rule by the NPS would limit their ability to gather plants within the Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress National Preserve for traditional purposes and asked that how this rule would be applied to the Tribe be clarified.
- 06/09/2016    **Transgender Service in the Armed Forces**  
Secretary Ashton Carter  
Department of Defense  
Encouraging Secretary Carter to end the ban on transgender service members serving openly in the armed forces.
- 07/25/2016    **Palm Beach Country Housing Authority's (PBCHA) Project-Based Vouchers**  
Secretary Julian Castro  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Supporting the Palm Beach Country Housing Authority's (PBCHA) request to have their Project Based Vouchers ratified.

- 07/27/2016 **Calling for Leadership from Governor Scott on Gun Violence**  
The Honorable Rick Scott  
Governor of Florida  
Calling on Governor Rick Scott, in the wake of the shooting in Fort Meyers, Florida, to show leadership by addressing the gun violence epidemic hurting the people of Florida.
- 08/12/2016 **CFPB Payday Rulemaking**  
Director Richard Cordray  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
Urging the CFPB, after the Bureau issued it notice of proposed rulemaking for payday loans, to consider the negative effects the rule will have on consumers' ability to access the credit they need to get by. Specifically addressing the rulemakings onerous ability to repay requirement as well as the fact that there is no viable alternative for consumers to turn if this form of credit is severely curtailed.
- 08/16/2016 **Requesting President Obama visit Haiti**  
President Barack Obama  
The White House  
Urging President Obama to travel to Haiti in the lead up to that country's October 9, 2016 presidential election, to make it clear that, though the Administration does not agree with the decision to hold new elections, the United States remains committed to a strong, independent and democratic Haiti.
- 09/07/2016 **Military Band Funding**  
Chairman Thad Cochran and Ranking Member Dick Durbin, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense  
Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Pete Visclosky, House Appropriations Subcommittee Defense  
Urging the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Defense, following passage of the McSally Amendment curtailing the missions of U.S. Military Music Ensembles, to preclude any language from the final Fiscal Year 2017 Defense Appropriations Bill that diminishes the role of military music.

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| 09/14/2016 | <b>Voter Registration Crosscheck Program</b><br><br>Attorney General<br>Loretta Lynch<br>Department of Justice  | Urging the DOJ to investigate states using the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program and the potential effects this system has on disenfranchising minority voters following news reports that this system could potentially flag millions of people as having been registered to vote in two separate locations, when in fact they had not, and thus remove them from the voter rolls. |
| 09/15/2016 | <b>Sending Regrets Regarding "the Role of Political Parties in a Democratic System" Conference</b><br><br>Mr. Moise Garcon  | Sending regrets regarding an invitation to attend and speak at the "Role of Political Parties in a Democratic System" conference to address the ongoing political and electoral crisis in Haiti.   |
| 09/25/2016 | <b>Broward County 100th Anniversary</b><br><br>Broward County Board of<br>County Commissioners  | Congratulating Broward County on celebrating its 100th anniversary.  |
| 09/29/2016 | <b>Bi-Partisan Letter on the CFPB's Payday NPRM</b><br><br>Director Richard Cordray<br>Consumer Financial Protection<br>Bureau  | Urging the CFPB, after it issued its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the payday loan industry, to consider that under the current language much of the payday loan volume would be eliminated and to better craft a rule that protects consumers and their access to credit.   |
| 10/01/2016 | <b>Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) 22nd Anniversary</b><br><br>Robert McCaw<br>Director of Government<br>Affairs<br>Council on American-Islamic<br>Relations | Congratulating CAIR on their 22nd anniversary of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to champion and protect civil liberties.   |

- 10/12/2016    **Haiti's Temporary Protected Status**    Requesting that the President set a date under Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) that takes into account the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew.
- President Barack Obama  
The White House
- 10/15/2016    **Inclusion of Pollinator Language in the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act***    Urging the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to include the substantive language of H.R. 2738, the *Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Pollinator Protection Act* in the Manager's Amendment to the five-year transportation reauthorization, H.R. 22, the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act*. This language, through existing programs and authorities, will encourage the Transportation Secretary, along with willing States, to advance integrated vegetation management practices to improve habitats for pollinators along roadways. The language was adopted and included in the Conference Report, which was passed and signed into law.
- Chairman Bill Shuster and  
Ranking Member Peter  
DeFazio, House Transportation  
and Infrastructure Committee
- 10/15/2016    **Executive Branch Action on Gun Control**    Urging President Obama to take all available executive actions to protect Americans from the epidemic of gun violence. Given the stalemate in passing common sense gun control measures, this letter urged the President to take executive actions, specifically clarifying which gun sellers are "engaged in the business" of selling guns, defining unfinished receivers as "firearms", and further clarifying domestic violence statutes to better protect individuals from domestic violence gun crime.
- President Barack Obama  
The White House
- 11/01/2016    **CFPB Cover Letter for Customer Comments**    Urging the CFPB to review the thousands of customer comments (delivered with this letter in 6 large binders to the CFPB) from Florida payday customers urging the Bureau to protect their access to credit.
- Director Richard Cordray  
Consumer Financial Protection  
Bureau

- 11/17/2016 **General Ministries Foundation's Management of the Stonybrook Apartment Complex in Riviera Beach, Florida** Requesting Secretary Castro provide information regarding the ongoing repairs being made to the Stonybrook apartment complex and the fact that residents continue to complain about the condition of the building.
- Secretary Julian Castro  
Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 11/18/2016 **Disaster Claims Adjusters** Supporting the inclusion of language in any end of the year appropriations package that would codify the way the Department of Labor has treated claims adjusters for the last 75 years, exempting them from *Fair Labor Standards Acts* restrictions to allow them to work more than 8 hours during the response to a natural disaster.
- Chairman Roy Blunt and Ranking Member Murray, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Health and Human Services
- 11/21/2016 **CFPB Payday Rulemaking in the Next Administration** Urging the President-elect to examine the CFPB's proposed payday rulemaking in his new administration and to take steps to protect consumers and their access to credit.
- President-Elect Donald Trump

**Grant Letters and Letters of Support**

My office has the ability to weigh in with federal agencies regarding grant applications and other requests made by constituents and organizations I represent in Congress. Below, please find a comprehensive list of all the letters of support submitted by my office during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 01/30/2015  | <b>Veterans Training Academy in the Glades</b><br><br>Secretary Robert A. McDonald<br>Department of Veterans Affairs  | Supporting the National Disabled Veterans Business Council (NDVBC) in its bid to renovate the old Glades Medical Centre in Pahokee, Florida to construct a training academy for veterans.   |
| 02/26/2015  | <b>Broward County Children’s Services Council P3 Grant</b><br><br>Secretary Arne Duncan<br>Department of Education  | Supporting the Broward County Children’s Services Council’s (CSC) application for a Department of Education Performance Partnership Pilot (P3) Program. CSC was awarded \$700,000 in funding to develop a comprehensive program for at-risk youth utilizing a tiered case management service approach.  |
| 04/20/2015  | <b>Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission Grant</b><br><br>Review Team<br>Bureau of Justice Assistance   | Supporting the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission’s grant proposal for the purpose of expanding ex-offender reentry initiatives in Palm Beach County.  |
| 05/15/2015  | <b>Health District of Palm Beach County HRSA Grant</b><br><br>William Hemmingson<br>Bureau of Primary Health Care<br>Health Resources and Services Administration | Supporting the Health Care District of Palm Beach County’s grant application to the Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant funding will support efforts to provide access to care at the CL Brumback Primary Care Clinic in Belle Glade, Florida, as well as allow the clinic to provide comprehensive dental care services for all individuals in the Glades targeted area, regardless of ability to pay. |



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| 05/27/2015 | <b>Palm Beach Zoo &amp; Conservation Society Cultural Facilities Grant</b><br><br>Review Committee, Institute for Museum and Library Science<br>Florida Division of Cultural Affairs | Supporting the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society's application for a Cultural Facilities Grant to expand educational programs, complete the new Florida Panther habitat, and enhance the Zoo's Florida region.  |
| 06/01/2015 | <b>City of Lake Worth Historic Resources Survey Grant</b><br><br>Director Robert Bendus<br>Florida Department of State<br>Division of Historical Resources                           | Supporting the City of Lake Worth's Historic Resources Survey grant application for preservation of its historic district.  |
| 06/01/2015 | <b>City of Lake Worth Design Guidelines Grant</b><br><br>Director Robert Bendus<br>Florida Department of State<br>Division of Historical Resources                                   | Supporting the City of Lake Worth's Design Guidelines grant application for preservation of its historic district.  |
| 07/09/2015 | <b>Health Care District of Palm Beach County Service Area Competition Grant</b><br><br>Executive Director Chris Irizarry<br>Health Care District of Palm Beach County                | Supporting the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's Service Area Competition grant application. The District has seven health centers located in Lantana, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and Belle Glade. Serving over 38,000 of Palm Beach County's most vulnerable and underserved individuals and families, these health centers meet the needs of homeless, migrant and seasonal farm workers, low-income, and uninsured individuals and families, regardless of their ability to pay. |
| 08/31/2015 | <b>Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Hospital &amp; Clinics</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services                   | Supporting the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Hospital & Clinics request that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) address local community needs for additional inpatient beds in the FY2016 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment (PPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payments Systems and Quality Reporting Programs Final Rule.  |

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| 09/10/2015 | <b>Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire &amp; Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant</b> | Supporting the Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.   |
|            | Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs Directorate Brian Kamoie<br>Federal Emergency Management Agency  |  |
| 09/25/2015 | <b>UA-PLCA Application for Exemption (Pipefitters)</b>  | Supporting the application submitted by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA) and the Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA) to be exempted from parts 391-393 and 395-396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), to ease the burdens on privately owned welding-rig-equipped pickup trucks. |
|            | Administrator T.F. Scott Darling, III<br>Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  |  |
| 10/01/2015 | <b>City of Riviera Beach FY2015 COPS Technology Innovation for Public Safety Grant</b>  | Supporting the City of Riviera Beach, Florida's grant application for a Fiscal Year 2015 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Grant Program.   |
|            | Attorney Gen. Loretta Lynch<br>Department of Justice  |  |
| 11/16/2015 | <b>Miami/Fort Lauderdale/Pompano Minority Business Enterprise Center</b>  | Supporting M. Gill & Associates, Inc., in its bid to continue operating the Miami/Fort Lauderdale/Pompano Minority Business Enterprise Center in South Florida.  |
|            | Ms. Joann Hill<br>MBDA Office of Business Development<br>Department of Commerce   |  |

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| 01/15/2016 | <b>Ft. Lauderdale Gardens and Green Spaces Grant</b><br><br>Tom Cochran<br>CEO, U.S. Conference of Mayors   | Supporting Ft. Lauderdale's application for the Gardens and Green Spaces Grant Awards Program, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, to allow the city to increase its green spaces, including greenways, parks and neighborhood spaces, urban farms, community gardens, and parklets.  |
| 01/29/2016 | <b>Ft. Lauderdale Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant</b><br><br>Sarah McIntosh<br>Coordinator, Community Based Conservation<br>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | Supporting Fort Lauderdale's application for an Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant, sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Wells Fargo, for the purpose of creating a "Water-Matters" Mobile Educational Unit and improving public outreach and educational tools to inform business groups, homeowners associations, schools, and others of the need for storm water infrastructure improvements and canal dredging. |
| 02/04/2016 | <b>Palm Beach County Housing Authority's (PBCHA) 2016 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative</b><br><br>Secretary Julian Castro<br>Department of Housing and Urban Development         | Supporting the PBCHA's effort to establish the Belle Glade Campus of Learners program, which would create an affordable, self-sufficient, and independent living model for the community.  |
| 02/23/2016 | <b>Palm Beach County Housing Authority's (PBCHA) Promise Zone Designation Application</b><br><br>Secretary Julian Castro<br>Department of Housing and Urban Development         | Supporting the PBCHA's efforts, through a Promise Zone Designation, to establish and create early learning opportunities, adult education programs, good jobs and reliable public transportation for Belle Glade, Florida.   |
| 02/29/2016 | <b>Airglades Airport Privatization Pilot Program</b><br><br>Secretary Anthon Foxx<br>Department of Transportation   | Supporting Airglades Airport's application to the Airport Privatization Pilot Program, and urging the airport receive full and fair consideration for Reliever Airport designation by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA).  |

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| 3/8/2016   | <b>Ft. Lauderdale FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant</b><br><br>Assistant Administrator Brian Kamoie<br>Grant Programs Directorate, FEMA                     | Supporting the application submitted by the City of Ft. Lauderdale for a grant under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.   |
| 03/21/2016 | <b>Miramar FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant</b><br><br>Assistant Administrator Brian Kamoie<br>Grant Programs Directorate, FEMA                            | Supporting the application submitted by the City of Miramar for a grant under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.  |
| 04/03/2016 | <b>City of Miramar City Livability Program</b><br><br>Tom Cochran, CEO<br>United States Conference of Mayors  | Supporting the City of Miramar's submission to be recognized under the U.S. Conference of Mayor's City Livability Program. The City is a finalist for this recognition based on its successful and innovative "Disco Soup" initiative.  |
| 04/11/2016 | <b>Miramar FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire &amp; Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant</b><br><br>Assistant Administrator Brian Kamoie<br>Grant Programs Directorate, FEMA | Supporting the City of Miramar's application for a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for the purpose of hiring an additional 12 firefighters.   |
| 04/28/2016 | <b>Broward MPO TIGER VIII Grant</b><br><br>Secretary Anthony Foxx<br>Department of Transportation   | Supporting the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) application for an \$11.4 million TIGER Grant for its Regional Complete Streets Initiative to fill in gaps of a 70-mile portion of the bicycle and pedestrian network serving county residents. The MPO was awarded the full grant. |
| 06/14/2016 | <b>City of Sunrise COPS Hiring Program Grant</b><br><br>Attorney General Loretta Lynch<br>Department of Justice   | Supporting the City of Sunrise's pending grant application submitted under the Department of Justice's COPS Hiring Program grant program. These grant funds will enable the city to hire six additional police officers.  |

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| 06/17/2016 | <b>Pembroke Pines and Miramar TIGER VIII Grant</b><br><br>Secretary Anthony Foxx<br>Department of Transportation  | Supporting the application submitted by the Cities of Pembroke Pines and the Miramar for a TIGER VIII Grant to improve the Pembroke Road Corridor.  |
| 06/23/2016 | <b>All Aboard Florida DOT Railroad Safety Technology Grant</b><br><br>Secretary Anthony Foxx<br>Department of Transportation  | Supporting All Aboard Florida's application for a \$2.9 million DOT FY2016 Railroad Safety Technology Grant to support the deployment of Positive Train Control throughout the system.  |
| 07/21/2016 | <b>Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida SRAE Grant</b><br><br>Scott Logan<br>Director of Legislative Affairs<br>Department of Health and Human Services | Supporting the grant proposal from the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida to secure funding under the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program through the Family and Youth Services Bureau.   |
| 07/29/2016 | <b>Belle Glades Campus of Learners HUD Demonstration Project</b><br><br>Secretary Julian Castro<br>Department of Housing and Urban Development                              | Supporting the application submitted by Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Housing Authority, and the City of Belle Glades to designate the Belle Glade Campus of Learners a HUD Demonstration Project, allowing the Housing Authority to acquire, rehabilitate, repurpose, and rebrand a 33 acre, 384 unit multi-family property formerly known as Belle Glade Gardens for the purpose of providing residents with education, job training, employment, and on-site supportive services. |
| 08/23/2016 | <b>City of Ft. Lauderdale's 2016 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program (CHP) Grant</b><br><br>Attorney General Loretta Lynch<br>Department of Justice         | Supporting the City of Ft. Lauderdale's application for a Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program (CHP) Grant for the purpose of hiring eight additional Community Resource Unit officers.  |

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| 09/13/2016 | <b>Broward Community &amp; Family Health Center HRSA/BPHC Grant</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services | Supporting the Broward Community & Family Health Center's (BCFHC) application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration/Bureau of Primary Health Care grant for affordable primary health care services in underserved and uninsured communities. |
| 11/28/2016 | <b>Port Everglades FASTLANE Grant Application</b><br><br>Secretary Anthony Foxx<br>Department of Transportation                                | Supporting Port Everglades FASTLANE Grant Application, the funding for which would support an Intermodal Freight Connector Project to provide additional dock space, purchase post-Panamax container cranes, and renovate the existing dock infrastructure at the Port.                                   |

**Letters Signed**

Below, please find a comprehensive list of all the letters I signed onto during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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| 1/11/2015   | <b>Enforcement of the Assault Weapon Import Ban</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Urging the President and his Administration to take all steps to further curb the import of assault weapons in the United States.                       |
| 2/12/2015   | <b>Sexual Assault in the Military</b><br><br>Secretary Ashton Carter<br>Department of Defense  | Urging incoming Defense Secretary Ashton Carter continue the Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.                                |
| 3/3/2015    | <b>Expanding Access to Non-VA Care Through The Veterans Choice Program</b><br><br>Secretary Robert A. McDonald<br>Department of Veterans Affairs | Urging the VA to change the wording of a proposed rule in order to allow for the consideration of travel time and total distance to medical facilities. |
| 3/19/2015   | <b>Loretta Lynch Confirmation Vote</b><br><br>Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell   | Urging Senate Majority Leader McConnell to schedule a vote on Loretta Lynch's confirmation.   |
| 5/5/2015    | <b>Big Cypress/L-28 Project</b><br><br>Colonel Alan Dodd<br>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers   | Urging the Army Corps to include the L-28 in its Integrated Delivery Schedule.  |
| 5/22/2015   | <b>New Market Tax Credit</b><br><br>Chairman Paul Ryan, House Committee on Ways and Means  | Urging the House Committee on Ways and Means to prevent the New Market Tax Credit from expiring.  |

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| 6/11/2015 | <b>Historically Black Colleges and Universities</b><br><br>Chairman Thad Cochran and Ranking Member Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Committee on Appropriations<br><br>Ranking Member Richard J. Durbin, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense | Supporting \$35.9 million in funding for the Department of Defense Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institution program. |
| 7/15/2015 | <b>Protecting American Wildlife and Public Lands from NDAA Rider</b><br><br>NDAA Conference Committee  | Urging the Conference Committee to protect public lands from harmful NDAA riders.   |
| 7/28/2015 | <b>More Protective Ozone Standards</b><br><br>Gina McCarthy<br>EPA Administrator   | Urging the EPA to take up more protective Ozone standards.  |
| 7/30/2015 | <b>Putting a Woman on the \$20 Bill</b><br><br>Secretary Jack Lew<br>Department of the Treasury  | Urging the addition of a notable woman in American history be placed on the \$20 bill.  |
| 7/31/2015 | <b>Nosey the Elephant</b><br><br>Secretary Thomas Vilsack<br>Department of Agriculture   | Expressing concern regarding the health and welfare of Nosey, a wild-caught female African circus elephant exhibited by Mr. Hugo Liebel.      |
| 8/3/2015  | <b>Colombia Peace Process</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State<br><br>Bernard Aronson<br>Special Envoy on Colombia<br>Department of State  | Expressing support for the on-going peace process in Colombia.  |



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| 8/3/2015  | <b>Florida Everglades and the Argentine Black and White Tegu</b><br><br>Secretary Sally Jewell<br>Department of the Interior   | Expressing concern over the threat of the Argentine black and white tegu, two invasive species in the Florida Everglades and the Southeastern United States.   |
| 8/4/2015  | <b>Third Party Payment of Qualified Health Plan Premiums</b><br><br>Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt<br>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services                      | Opposing the Third Party Payment of Qualified Health Plan Premiums interim final rule, which states that health insurance providers can prohibit third party premium assistance from any entity, with limited exceptions.                |
| 8/21/2015 | <b>Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act</b><br><br>Director Richard Cordray<br>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau                                     | Urging the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to expedite rulemaking on the implementation of Section 1071 of the <i>Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act</i> and the Consumer Protection Act.  |
| 9/11/2015 | <b>Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment</b><br><br>Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Committee on Appropriations  | Urges the House Committee on Appropriations to include the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment in the final Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations bill.   |
| 9/15/2015 | <b>Restoring Parity Between the Transit Tax Benefit and Parking Benefit</b><br><br>Chairman Paul Ryan and Ranking Member Sander Levin, House Committee on Ways and Means | Urging the Committee to restore parity between the transit tax benefit and parking benefit on a permanent basis to ensure that commuters can fully take advantage of these benefits with certainty and reducing congestion on our roads. |
| 9/16/2015 | <b>Naming a Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) USS Fort Lauderdale</b><br><br>Secretary Ray Mabus<br>Department of the Navy  | Supporting the naming of a Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) the USS Fort Lauderdale.   |

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| 9/18/2015 | <b>Home Health Prospective Payment System</b><br><br>Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt<br>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services                                 | Opposing cuts to Medicare Home Health funding in the Home Health Prospective Payment System proposed rule for 2016.  |
| 9/18/2015 | <b>Reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund</b><br><br>Speaker John Boehner and House<br>Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi                                      | Urging Congressional leaders to take immediate action to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund.   |
| 9/22/2015 | <b>Increasing Agricultural Worker Protection Standards</b><br><br>Director Shaun Donovan<br>Office of Management and Budget  | Urging that the OMB to work with the EPA to finalize the agency's proposed changes to Agricultural Worker Protection Standards, specifically giving the workers the right to know about dangers of pesticides they me be exposed to. |
| 9/28/2015 | <b>Senate and House FY 2016 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bills</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House                    | Opposing provisions in both the House and Senate FY 2016 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bills that undermine the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> .   |
| 10/1/2015 | <b>Affordable Student Loan Repayment Program</b><br><br>Secretary Jacob J. Lew<br>Department of the Treasury<br><br>Secretary Arne Duncan<br>Department of Education | Supporting the implementation of income based repayments on student loans.   |

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| 10/2/2015  | <b>2015 Medicare Open Enrollment Advertising Campaign</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services   | Urging the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to reverse its decision to not place ads in National Newspaper Publishers Association affiliated newspapers during the 2015 Medicare Open Enrollment period.  |
| 10/2/2015  | <b><i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act</i></b><br><br>Chairman Lamar Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions<br><br>Chairman John Kline and Ranking Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, House Committee on Education and the Workforce | Supporting the inclusion of several mental health services provisions in the reauthorization of the <i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act</i> .   |
| 10/9/2015  | <b>Proposed Rule for the African Elephant</b><br><br>Director Dan Ashe<br>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service   | Supporting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed rule on African elephant ivory that prohibits the sale of illegal ivory.   |
| 10/12/2015 | <b>Biofuels Volume Requirement</b><br><br>Director Gina McCarthy<br>Environmental Protection Agency  | Urging the EPA, as it reviews Renewable Fuel Standards, to not reduce the biofuels volume requirement. The standard program has helped the environment, our economy, and increased confidence in renewable fuels. |
| 10/13/2015 | <b>Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment</b><br><br>Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin<br>Social Security Administration  | Expressing concern that Social Security beneficiaries may not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in 2016.  |

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| 10/14/2015 | <p><b>Section 1111 (d)(1)(C)(iv) of S. 1177, the <i>Every Student Succeeds Act</i></b></p> <p>Chairman Lamar Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor &amp; Pensions</p> <p>Chairman John Kline and Ranking Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, House Committee on Education and the Workforce</p> | <p>Requesting changes be made to Section 1111 of S. 1177, the <i>Every Student Succeeds Act</i>, to require annual state report card data from schools be disaggregated by homeless and foster status.</p>   |
| 10/14/2015 | <p><b>USDA Animal Welfare Provisions</b></p> <p>Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Committee on Appropriations</p>   | <p>Requesting provisions strengthening animal welfare protections at U.S. Department of Agriculture agricultural research facilities be included in the <i>Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016</i>.</p>                       |
| 11/5/2015  | <p><b>Federal Perkins Loan Program</b></p> <p>Secretary Arne Duncan<br/>Department of Education</p>  | <p>Urging the Department of Education to refrain from issuing proposed guidance regarding the issuance of new loans under the Federal Perkins Loan Program.</p>  |
| 11/5/2015  | <p><b>BP Oil Spill Settlement</b></p> <p>Attorney General Loretta Lynch<br/>Department of Justice</p>  | <p>Expressing concern that, in light of the settlement between the Department of Justice and BP, that without strict language in the agreement, BP could seek to claim billions of dollars of the settlement as a business expense and therefore displace the burden of such uncollected revenue onto taxpayers.</p> |
| 11/12/2015 | <p><b>Trauma Clinic Research Program</b></p> <p>Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Peter J. Visclosky, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense</p>  | <p>Reiterating an earlier request to fund the Trauma Clinic Research Program at \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2016.</p>   |

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| 11/12/2015 | <b>United States Preventative Task Force</b><br><br>Chairman Fred Upton and Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr., House Committee on Energy and Commerce   | Expressing concern over the United States Preventative Task Force's recommendations regarding mammography services, which would hinder early detection of breast cancer.   |
| 12/2/2015  | <b>Refugee Assistance and Resettlement Programming</b><br><br>Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Committee on Appropriations  | Urging the House Committee on Appropriations to provide sufficient funding to meet the needs of refugee assistance and resettlement programs in the Fiscal Year 2016 Continuing Resolution and future funding resolutions. |
| 12/3/2015  | <b>State Criminal Alien Assistance Program</b><br><br>Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Committee on Appropriations<br><br>Chairman John Culberson and Acting Ranking Member Mike Honda, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies | Requesting adequate funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.   |
| 12/7/2015  | <b>National Institutes of Health</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Urging the President to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health to \$40.87 Billion in his Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request.  |
| 12/10/2015 | <b>Bottled Water in National Parks</b><br><br>Director Jon Jarvis<br>National Park Service  | Supporting the National Park Service in its efforts to increase the availability of public water and adopting bottle water free policies on National Park premises.  |

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| 12/16/2015 | <b>Wassenaar Cybersecurity Arrangement and Intrusion Software</b><br><br>Susan E. Rice<br>Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs                                    | Expressing concern for the Department of Commerce's proposed rule to implement the 2013 additions to the Wassenaar Arrangement pertaining to export controls of "intrusion software," which could significantly undermine the United States' cybersecurity posture. |
| 12/18/2015 | <b>Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation – Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Models</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services | Urging the Secretary to include retail community pharmacies when compiling enhanced models for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.   |
| 12/18/2015 | <b>National Museum of the American People</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House  | Urging the President to create a bipartisan commission to establish the National Museum of the American People.   |
| 12/21/2015 | <b>Biomedical and Behavioral Research</b><br><br>Director Francis S. Collins<br>National Institutes of Health   | Thanking the National Institutes of Health for closing the Poolesville, MD laboratory that conducted tests on infant monkeys, and offering support to make sure the monkeys are transferred to sanctuaries.   |
| 2/1/2016   | <b>Central States Pension Plan reductions</b><br><br>Special Master for Implementation<br>Kenneth Feinberg<br>Department of the Treasury  | Opposing the proposal by the Board of Trustees of the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Plan (Central States Pension Plan) to cut pensions by 50-70 percent for 270,000 beneficiaries.  |
| 2/2/2016   | <b>Restitution of Properties Expropriated by the Nazi Regime in Europe</b><br><br>Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic<br>Republic of Serbia   | Supporting passage of legislation pending in the Serbian Parliament to provide restitution for property rendered heirless by the Nazi Regime and the collaborators against the Jewish population of Serbia.   |

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| 2/8/2016  | <b>Medicare Debt</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human<br>Services  | Expressing concern regarding a proposal that would greatly limit critically important reimbursements to providers for Medicare. Providers currently are limited to receiving 65 percent of the payment, but the FY2016 budget proposal would reduce that to 25 percent. |
| 2/9/2016  | <b>Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Development in Continental Shelf</b><br><br>Secretary Sally Jewell<br>Department of Interior   | Urging the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management not to include Atlantic drilling in its next five-year plan.   |
| 2/10/2016 | <b>Modify IRS From 990 Schedule H</b><br><br>Commissioner John Koskinen<br>Internal Revenue Service   | Requesting that the IRS modify its Form 990 Schedule H to encourage evidence-based housing interventions and other activities that promote community health by allowing them to count as "community benefit" rather than "community building."                          |
| 3/17/2016 | <b>Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund</b><br><br>Chairman Harold Rogers, Ranking<br>Member Nita Lowey, Chairman Ander<br>Crenshaw, Ranking Member Jose<br>Serrano | Requesting the Department of the Treasury to allocate \$245.923 million for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.  |
| 4/13/2016 | <b>Port Everglades Grant Application</b><br><br>Secretary Anthony Foxx<br>Department of Transportation  | Supporting Port Everglades' FASTLANE grant application to support an intermodal Freight Connector Project to provide additional dock space, purchase post-Panamax container cranes, and renovate existing dock infrastructure.  |
| 4/22/2016 | <b>Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Expressing appreciation for removing the Atlantic Ocean lease sale from the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program.   |

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| 5/4/2016  | <b>NRC Unescorted Access</b><br>Chairman Stephen G. Burns<br>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission                                 | Urging the Commission to deny a petition for expedited rulemaking regarding limiting the scope of third party review of employer decisions revoking employee unescorted access.  |
| 5/11/2016 | <b>Proposed Retail Rule and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b><br>Secretary Tom Vilsack<br>Department of Agriculture | Expressing concern with the Food and Nutrition Service's proposed rule to change retailer eligibility requirements in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The proposed rule would push small format retailers out of the SNAP Program and harm the more than 45 million needy Americans who depend on SNAP for nutrition. |
| 5/25/2016 | <b>CFPB Proposed Title Insurance Rule</b><br>Director Richard Cordray<br>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau                   | Expressing concern that the CFPB proposed rule known as the Know Before You Owe mortgage disclosure rule is causing consumers to receive incorrect title insurance premium disclosures. Urges that the Bureau examine these consumer concerns and provide additional guidance to the industry.                                       |
| 5/31/2016 | <b>South Dade Veterans Affairs Clinic Funding</b><br>Secretary Robert A McDonald<br>Department of Veterans Affairs              | Urging full and fair consideration of the overdue South Dade Veterans Affairs Clinic adjacent to the Homestead Air Reserve Base for inclusion on the VA's Strategic Capitol Investment Planning list for Fiscal Year 2018.   |
| 5/31/2016 | <b>Clarify and Correct the Know Before You Owe Rule</b><br>Director Richard Corday<br>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau      | Applauding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's announcement to issue an official Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Know Before You Owe Mortgage disclosure rule. Also asking the CFPB to address the rule's requirement that is causing consumers to receive incorrect title insurance premium disclosures.                |



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| 6/2/2016  | <b>F-35 JSF Reserve Force at Homestead Air Reserve Base</b><br><br>Secretary Deborah Lee James<br>United States Air Force   | Expressing support for Homestead Air Reserve Base as the appropriate location to base the first reserve-led F-35A program.  |
| 6/9/2016  | <b>Fulfill Our Commitment to Syrian Refugees</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State   | Expressing support for the continued resettlement of Syrian refugees to the United States.  |
| 6/13/2016 | <b>Observe Regular Order and Bring S.J. Res. 28 to the House floor</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan,<br>House Majority Leader Kevin<br>McCarthy, House Minority Leader<br>Nancy Pelosi, and House Democratic<br>Whip Steny Hoyer | Urging Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi and Minority Whip Hoyer to observe regular order and bring S.J. Res. 28 to the House floor for a vote. The joint resolution would disapprove of the rule creating the U.S. Department of Agriculture catfish program and return inspection of catfish back to the Food and Drug Administration. |
| 6/21/2016 | <b>Sober Homes</b><br><br>Attorney General Loretta Lynch<br>Department of Justice   | Urging the Department of Justice to provide additional guidance that will provide information to communities that are looking to stay within the confines of the <i>Fair Housing Act</i> while also addressing the concerns of their citizens regarding the abundance of sober homes in their areas and the potential issues that they can bring.                     |
| 6/23/2016 | <b>Visit Ukraine</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Urging President Obama to visit Ukraine before the end of his term in office.   |

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| 7/5/2016  | <b>Speaker's Policy Prohibiting Members from Making Audio or Video Recordings</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan  | Urging Speaker Ryan to revise the policy that currently prohibits Members from making audio or video recordings or taking still photographs on the House floor and asks that C-SPAN be allowed to control its own camera feed.                               |
| 7/7/2016  | <b>Water Resources and Development Act Vote</b><br><br>House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy  | Urging House Majority Leader to bring the WRDA bill to the Floor for a vote, citing the algae issue in the Indian River Lagoon and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers, as well as the inclusion of the Central Everglades Planning Project in the bill. |
| 7/7/2016  | <b>WRDA Floor Vote</b><br><br>House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy   | Urging the House to hold a vote on the <i>Water Resources Development Act</i> , which has Central Everglades Planning Project language; so that the water quality issues facing the state of Florida can be addressed as quickly as possible.                |
| 7/11/2016 | <b>Flint Water Crisis Legislation</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan  | Urges Speaker Paul Ryan to bring up legislation to help Flint, Michigan through the lead water crisis that city is facing.   |
| 7/14/2016 | <b>MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft Systems</b><br><br>Secretary Ray Mabus<br>Department of the Navy<br><br>Admiral John Richardson<br>Chief of Naval Operations | Expressing support for designating either Naval Station Mayport or Naval Air Station Key West for the U.S. Navy's East Coast Home Basing of the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System.   |

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| 7/14/2016 | <p><b>Oppose Anti-ESA riders in the FY17 National Defense Authorization Act</b></p> <p>Chairman John McCain and Ranking Member Jack Reed, Senate Armed Services Committee</p> <p>Chairman Mac Thornberry and Ranking Member Adam Smith, House Armed Services Committee</p> | <p>Urging the Senate and House Armed Services Committees to oppose efforts to include harmful, anti-conservation riders in the <i>National Defense Authorization Act</i>. Also expressing concern about efforts to undermine the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> and the <i>National Historic Preservation Act</i>, as well as efforts to eliminate periodic review of military land withdrawals on U.S. public lands.</p> |
| 7/15/2016 | <p><b>Autism Coverage Under TRICARE</b></p> <p>Chairman John McCain and Ranking Member Jack Reed, Senate Committee on Armed Services</p> <p>Chairman Mac Thornberry and Ranking Member Adam Smith, House Committee on Armed Services</p>                                   | <p>Requesting that the House and Senate Armed Services Committees retain language in the <i>National Defense Authorization Act</i> that reinstates reimbursement rates for providers of applied behavior analysis therapy to rates in place on March 31, 2016 and maintain those rates until the conclusion of the Autism Care Demonstration program.</p>  |
| 7/18/2016 | <p><b>Florida International University's Hispanic Serving Institutions STEM and Articulation Grant Application</b></p> <p>Secretary John B. King, Jr.<br/>Department of Education</p>  | <p>Expressing support for Florida International University's Fiscal Year 2016 Hispanic Serving Institutions STEM and Articulation Grant Application to increase the number of underrepresented minorities pursuing STEM degrees.</p>   |
| 7/22/2016 | <p><b>Opposing Narrowing the Applicability of the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order</b></p> <p>Chairman Mac Thornberry and Ranking Member Adam Smith, House Committee on Armed Services</p>   | <p>Expressing concern over harmful language in both the House and Senate versions of the <i>National Defense Authorization Act</i> for Fiscal Year 2017 narrowing the application of the Executive Order on Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces.</p>  |
| 7/22/2016 | <p><b>Support Brazil's Constitutional Democracy</b></p> <p>Secretary John Kerry<br/>Department of State</p>  | <p>Urging Secretary Kerry to use the utmost caution when engaging Brazil's interim government and to refrain from statements that could be interpreted as supporting the impeachment efforts against President Rousseff.</p>   |

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| 8/2/2016  | <b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's grant allocation formula</b><br><br>Director Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., MPH<br>Centers for Disease Control                  | Urging Director Frieden to reconsider the CDC's current allocation formula for the distribution of Zika-specific funds.  |
| 8/9/2016  | <b>Human Rights in Mexico</b><br><br>Secretary John Kerry<br>Department of State  | Expressing concern over the ongoing human rights crisis in Mexico and the lack of justice for thousands of victims, given significant U.S. support for Mexico's security forces and nearly 30,000 unsolved cases of people who have disappeared. |
| 8/24/2016 | <b>Give Congress time to review new Saudi Arms Deal</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House  | Urging President Obama to postpone the proposed \$1.15 billion sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia so that Congress may deliberate over the sale, which has serious implications for U.S. policy in the region.                                      |
| 9/12/2016 | <b>Broward County Segment II and II Shore Protection Projects</b><br><br>James Dalton, Director of Civil Works<br>United States Army Corps of Engineers                   | Supporting the inclusion of the Broward County Segment II and II Shore Protections Projects in the FY2017 Work Plan, which will allow for reduced property damage, improved species habitat, and recreational opportunities.                     |
| 9/23/2016 | <b>Atlantic and Arctic Oceans Offshore Drilling</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House  | Requesting the President use his existing authority of the <i>Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act</i> to fully withdraw both the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans for any future oil and gas leasing.  |
| 9/26/2016 | <b>Peace deal between the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)</b><br><br>The Honorable Juan Manuel Santos<br>President of Colombia | Congratulating President Santos on concluding the historic peace deal between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).  |

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| 9/26/2016 | <b>Dakota Access Pipeline</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Asking that the President halt construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline projects.  |
| 9/28/2016 | <b>Urging House Republican Leadership to Cancel the October Recess and Address Gun Violence</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy | Urging House Republican leadership to cancel the October recess until Congress acts to address gun violence.   |
| 9/28/2016 | <b>No Recess until vote on gun legislation</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy  | Urging Speaker Ryan and House Majority Leader McCarthy to allow a vote on the "No Fly, No Buy" legislation.  |
| 9/30/2016 | <b>Medicare's Physician Fee Schedule</b><br><br>Director Sean Cavanaugh<br>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  | Opposing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services proposed relative values and payment rates, under Medicare's Physician Fee Schedule, for dialysis circuit intervention services for patients with end-stage renal disease. |
| 10/6/2016 | <b><i>Bank of America Corporation, ET AL., Petitioners, v. City of Miami, Florida, Respondent</i> Amicus Brief</b><br><br>Supreme Court of the United States             | Amicus brief arguing that Congress intended the <i>Fair Housing Act</i> to broadly address systemic issues related to housing discrimination.  |
| 10/7/2016 | <b>Title X Family Planning Program</b><br><br>Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services  | Supporting the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) proposed updates to the Title X family planning program.   |

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| 10/7/2016  | <b>United Nations Educational, Scientific &amp; Cultural Organization Executive Board Meeting</b><br><br>Chairperson Michael Worbs<br>UNESCO   | Opposing UNESCO Executive Board agenda item 25, which would diminish the historic and verified Jewish and Christian ties to Old City Jerusalem.   |
| 10/7/2016  | <b>Fracking and Drinking Water</b><br><br>Administrator Gina McCarthy<br>Environmental Protection Agency   | Urging the EPA to listen to the recommendation from the EPA's Science Advisory Board regarding the dangers on drinking water that is posed by the fracking process.   |
| 10/17/2016 | <b>American Bar Association's Proposed Standard 316</b><br><br>Ms. Linda Klein<br>President of the American Bar Association  | Expressing concern regarding the American Bar Association's (ABA) Council of the Section of Legal Education Committee's Proposed Standard 316, which would undermine current efforts to increase diversity within the legal profession. |
| 10/18/2016 | <b>Child Labor on Tobacco Farms</b><br><br>President Barack Obama<br>The White House   | Urging the President to take immediate action to amend existing rules allowing children under the age of 18 to work as hired laborers on tobacco farms.   |
| 10/20/2016 | <b>Haitian Deportations</b><br><br>Secretary Johnson<br>Department of Homeland Security  | Urging DHS to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Haiti affected by Hurricane Matthew, supporting the expansion of the Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program, and the suspension of non-criminal removals.    |
| 10/20/2016 | <b>Broward County, Florida's NOAA Coastal and Ocean Climate Grant Application</b><br><br>Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan<br>NOAA Administrator and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans & Atmosphere | Supporting Broward County's applications for a Coastal and Ocean Climate grant through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  |

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| 10/27/2016 | <b>Enlistment Bonus Recoupments for National Guard Members</b><br><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan,<br>Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy,<br>Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and<br>Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer   | Urging Congressional action to prohibit future enlistment bonus recoupments for members of the National Guard.                        |
| 10/27/2016 | <b>Enlistment Bonus Recoupments for National Guard Members</b><br><br>Secretary Ashton Carter<br>Department of Defense<br><br>General Joseph Lengyel<br>National Guard Bureau  | Supporting the decision to suspend collections of enlistment bonuses and offering Congressional support to find a permanent solution. |
| 10/28/2016 | <b>Protect Pell Grant funding in FY 2017</b><br><br>Chairman Thad Cochran and Ranking Member Barbara Mikulski, Senate Appropriations Committee<br><br>Chairman Harold Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Appropriations Committee<br><br>Chairman Roy Blunt and Ranking Member Patty Murray, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies<br><br>Chairman Tom Cole and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies | Supporting robust funding for Pell Grants in the final fiscal year 2017 spending bill.  |

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| 11/2/2016  | <b>Minority Health Programs</b><br>Chairman Tom Cole and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies   | Supporting robust funding for minority health programs in the final fiscal year 2017 spending bill.   |
| 11/3/2016  | <b>Colorectal Cancer</b><br>Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell<br>Department of Health and Human Services  | Urging the Secretary to include multi-targeted stool DNA testing in the United States Preventative Task Force' final guidelines as a "recommended" test.  |
| 11/14/2016 | <b>Cholera Epidemic in Haiti</b><br>The Honorable Ban Ki-Moon<br>Secretary General, United Nations   | Urges UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to take additional actions on the Cholera epidemic in Haiti.   |
| 11/17/2016 | <b>Ohio Replacement Program</b><br>Chairman Hal Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowey, House Committee on Appropriations;<br>Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Pete Visclosky,<br>House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense | Underscoring the urgent need to avoid any funding disruptions to the Ohio Replacement Program in the Fiscal Year 2017 funding measure.  |
| 11/29/2016 | <b>Multiemployer Pension Reform</b><br>Speaker of the House Paul Ryan,<br>House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer  | Expressing concern over the possible inclusion of pension reform legislation to "modernize multiemployer pensions" in any must-pass, end-of-year legislative vehicle, particularly a budgetary continuing resolution. |



12/09/2016

**FAA Contract Tower Program**

President Elect Donald Trump and  
Vice President Elect Mike Pence

Urging the incoming administration to support the FAA's Contract Tower Program, a proven cost-effective program that connects small towns across the country to the national air travel system.

## **FY 2016 Appropriations Requests**

Every year, my office submits a number of requests to fund discretionary programs. In 2015, I led 24 requests and supported a total of 206 requests for the FY2016 appropriations process.

Since a number of these requests were repeated in 2016, they are listed below and detailed in the FY2017 section (see page 60).

### **Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in America**

1. Education for Homeless Children and Youth
2. Health Care for the Homeless
3. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Programs
4. Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)
5. Services in Supportive Housing (SSH) Grants
6. *Runaway and Homeless Youth Act*
7. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program
8. Continuum of Care (CCP) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs
9. United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
10. Supportive Services for Veteran Families
11. Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD)
12. Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program
13. Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program
14. The Justice Outreach, Homelessness Prevention: Healthcare for Reentry Veterans (HCRV, prison outreach) and Veteran's Justice Outreach (VJO, law enforcement, jail and court outreach)
15. Emergency Food and Shelter Program
16. Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for the Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

### **Everglades and Environment**

17. Everglades Restoration,
18. Herbert Hoover Dike, FL (Seepage Control)

### **Congressionally Directed Medical Research (DOD)**

19. Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research
20. Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program – FSGS Research
21. Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis and Nephrotic Syndrome Research

### **Veterans Affairs**

22. VA Medical and Prosthetic Research

### **Financial**

23. Community Development Financial Institutions Fund
24. Prohibition of Funds for the Program Commonly Referred to as Operation Choke Point

**FY 2016 Appropriations Requests (All Submitted Requests)**

**Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies**

Animal & Plant Health Regulatory Enforcement

General Provisions

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Healthy Food Financing Initiative

*Animal Welfare Act* Enforcement

Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and  
Universities Endowment Fund

Animal Welfare for Farm Animals Used in  
Agricultural Research

Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and  
Universities Institutional Capacity-Building  
Grant Program

APHIS Fee Increase

*Horse Protection Act* Enforcement

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

*Humane Methods of Slaughter Act*  
Enforcement

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

*National Veterinary Medical Services Act*

Disaster Planning for Animals

Office of Inspector General

Emergency Citrus Disease Research and  
Extension Program

Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
Women, Infants, and Children

Emergency Food Assistance Program  
Administration Funds

Title VII – Hispanic-Serving Institutions  
Grants Program

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

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| Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program                          | Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program   |
| Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program                        | National Instant Criminal Background Checks System  |
| Child Abuse Training for Judicial Personnel Program           | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Operations, Research, and Facilities                                    |
| Civil Legal Assistance for Victims                            | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction                              |
| Coastal Science and Assessment, Competitive External Research | National Science Foundation   |
| Coastal Science and Assessment, Competitive External Research | NOAA Office of Education, Bay-Watershed Education and Training  |
| Community Oriented Policing Services                          | NOAA Office of Education, Competitive Education Grants  |
| Community-based Restoration Program                           | Regional Information Sharing Activities   |
| Community-Based Violence Prevention Initiatives               | Respecting State Medical Marijuana Laws   |
| Competitive Grants for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System   | Rural Program   |
| Enforcement of Federal Cyber-Stalking and Threat Crimes       | Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas Base   |
| Grants to Support Women and Families                          | <i>Second Chance Act</i>  |
| Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program                         | Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Formula Grant Program  |
| IOOS Regional Observations                                    | Sexual Assault Services Program   |
| JJDPA Title II State (Part B) Formula Grants Program          | Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative  |
| JJDPA Title V Delinquency Prevention Program                  | Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for the Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking |

John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue  
Assistance Grant Program

VAWA Consolidated Youth and Prevention  
Programs

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program

VAWA programs

Legal Services Corporation

Veterans Treatment Courts

Marine Sanctuaries Construction Base

Victims of Trafficking Grant Program

*Mentally Ill Offender and Treatment Crime  
Reduction Act*

Youth Mentoring Programs

**Subcommittee on Defense**

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| ALS Research Program   | Peer Reviewed Orthopedic Research                                   |
| Autism Research  | Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program                        |
| DHP Defense Health Program   | Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program                               |
| STARBASE STEM Education Program  | Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program:<br>Arthritis Topic Areas    |
| Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis   | Peer-Reviewed Neurofibromatosis Research                            |
| Gulf War Illness Research Program  | Peer-Reviewed Neurotoxin Exposure<br>Treatment Parkinson's Research |
| National Trauma Clinical Research Program                                    | Robust Diversity Outreach Efforts for Officer<br>Accessions         |
| Ovarian Cancer Research Program  | Sexual Assault Prevention and Response<br>Office                    |
| Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's Program  | UXO Cleanup on Formerly Used Defense Sites                          |
| Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program:<br>Include Stomach Cancer as Eligible |   |

**Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

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| Coastal Ocean Data System              | Herbert Hoover Dike (Seepage Control)    |
| Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy | Shore Protection Projects                |
| Environmental Infrastructure           | State Energy Program                     |
| Equal Funding for Hydrokinetic Power   | U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperative Agreement |
| Everglades Restoration                 | Weatherization Assistance Program        |
| Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund          |  |

**Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government**

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| Defender Services                             | Internal Revenue Service   |
| Drug Free Communities Program                 | Preserve Six Day Delivery  |
| Fully fund the Securities Exchange Commission | Prohibition of Funds for the Program<br>Commonly Referred to as Operation Choke<br>Point |
| Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation         | The Healthy Food Financing Initiative  |
| Combatting Human Trafficking and Slavery      |  |

**Subcommittee on Homeland Security**

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| Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program       | Port Security Grant Program                                     |
| Emergency Food and Shelter                     | Pre Disaster Mitigation   |
| Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program | Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program                                 |
| Flood Insurance Advocate Office                | Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program |
| Human Trafficking Investigations               | Transit Security Grant Program                                  |
| Maintaining Affordable Naturalization Fees     | Urban Area Security Initiative                                  |

**Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

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| Centennial Challenge                                       | National Endowment for the Humanities                        |
| Everglades Restoration                                     | <i>National Environmental Education Act</i>                  |
| Fish and Wildlife Service State and Tribal Wildlife Grants | National Parks Construction                                  |
| Historic Preservation Fund                                 | National Parks Service Land Acquisition and State Assistance |
| International Affairs Program                              | North American Wetlands Conservation Fund                    |
| Multinational Species Conservation Fund                    | Operation of the National Park System                        |
| National Endowment for the Arts                            |  |



**Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

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| Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program  | Minority Centers of Excellence  |
| Area Health Education Centers  | National Domestic Violence Hotline  |
| Autism Spectrum Disorders Research and Surveillance                                    | National Health Service Corps   |
| Child Care and Development Block Grant   | National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities              |
| Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program Payments                       | National Institutes of Health   |
| Community Health Centers   | Office for the Advancement of Telehealth                                  |
| Community Services Block Grant Program   | Office of Minority Health   |
| Education for Homeless Children and Youth  | Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Sex Offense Set Aside   |
| Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program | Preventive Medicine Residency Training Programs                           |
| Elementary and Secondary Counseling Program  | Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness                   |
| Family Planning  | Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health                          |
| <i>Family Violence Prevention and Services Act</i>                                     | Rape Prevention and Education   |
| Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis   | <i>Runaway and Homeless Youth Act</i>                                     |
| Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis   | Rural Health Outreach, Network Development and Telemedicine Grant Program |
| Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals   | <i>Ryan White CARE Act</i>  |
| Health Care for the Homeless   | Senior Corps  |
| Health Careers Opportunity Program   | Services in Supportive Housing  |

IDEA Part B §619 (Preschool Grants) and Part C  
(Grants to Infants and Families)

Services in Supportive Housing

Implementation of *Trafficking Victims Protection  
Act*

Strengthening Historically Black Graduate  
Institutes

K-12 In-School Drop-Out Prevention and  
Mentoring Program for Disadvantaged Boys of  
Color

Strengthening Predominantly Black  
Institutions Program

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Maternal and Child Health - Autism

Title VII Health Professions Programs

Minority AIDS Initiative

YouthBuild

**Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies**

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans  
Program

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program

VA Medical and Prosthetic Research

Healthcare for Reentry Veterans and Veteran's  
Justice Outreach

Veterans Equal Access to State Medical  
Marijuana Programs

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem

**Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**

Department of State Educational and Cultural  
Exchange programs for FY 2016

East-West Center

Global Health Programs

Global Tuberculosis Control

International Basic Education Funding

International Family Planning and Reproductive  
Health Programs

LGBT rights within the State Department's  
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

LGBT rights within USAID's Center for  
Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and  
Governance

Maternal Child Health Gavi Nutrition Funding

Millennium Challenge Corporation

Office for Global African Descent Affairs

People to People Reconciliation Between  
Israelis and Palestinians

Polio Eradication

Support President's Peace Corps Request  
Level

Support the Donald M. Payne International  
Development Graduate Fellowship

Support the President's U.S. Strategy for  
Engagement in Central America Funding

The U.S. Institute of Peace

Combatting Trafficking in Persons

United Nations Population Fund

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

**Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Capital Investment Grants – New Starts and Small Starts | McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants Program                             |
| Community Development Block Grant Program               | National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling                                    |
| Current Passenger Rail Service                          | Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control                               |
| Fair Housing Assistance Program                         | One Engine Inoperative Policy   |
| Fair Housing Initiatives Program                        | Rail Service Improvement Program  |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Program                    | Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program                                |
| Housing Counseling Assistance Program                   | Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Section 8)                                    |
| Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS              | The Continuum of Care Program (CCP) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program |
| HUD-VA Supporting Housing Program                       | TIGER Infrastructure Grants   |
| Indian Housing Block Grant                              | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness                             |

## **FY 2017 Appropriations Requests**

For FY2017, I supported a total of 340 appropriations requests. I led requests for 37 programs, the highest number ever requested by my office. The FY2017 push aggressively focused on a number of areas that will benefit Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, South Florida, and the nation.

The 37 requests that I led fell across almost all of the appropriations subcommittees. As in years past, these requests included fully funding the *Opening Doors* initiative to end homelessness in America, requests to fund research in breast cancer and Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis, and requests to fully fund Everglades restoration and critical infrastructure.

### *Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in America*

*Opening Doors* is the nation's first comprehensive federal strategy to prevent and end homelessness. The program serves as an umbrella, bringing together dozens of federal agencies to coordinate the nation's response to homelessness. I led requests, with Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson as a co-lead, to fully fund at the President's request the below programs.

1. Education for Homeless Children and Youth
2. *Runaway and Homeless Youth Act*
3. Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals
4. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
5. Health Care for the Homeless
6. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program
7. Services in Supportive Housing
8. Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program
9. Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem
10. The Justice Outreach, Homelessness Prevention: Healthcare for Reentry Veterans (HCRV, prison outreach) and Veteran's Justice Outreach (VJO, law enforcement, jail and court outreach)
11. Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program
12. Supportive Services for Veteran Families
13. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
14. The Continuum of Care Program (CCP) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) (also known as McKinney-Vento homelessness assistance grants)
15. Vouchers Targeted to Homeless Families with Children
16. Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for the Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, or Stalking

In addition, my office worked closely with the First Focus Campaign for Children, the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY), and the National Alliance to End Homelessness to craft two requests to enable local communities to better respond to their own needs as they respond to homelessness. Local communities know which

homeless populations are most in need, but lack flexibility to respond to those needs. I led two requests for language to grant this flexibility:

1. *Service Needs of Local Communities: The Committee recognizes that local communities are best able to determine the housing and service needs of different local homeless populations, including youth, families, veterans, persons with disabilities, and others, and may wish to do more to address the needs of these populations. Therefore, the Committee strongly encourages HUD to consider communities pressing local priorities and assessments of need, balanced with the importance of moving forward on the nationwide plan to end homelessness anticipated in the HEARTH Act.*
2. *Improving Access to Housing Services: The Committee recognizes the value of trauma-informed care and housing services and supports expanding the availability of these services to families, families with children, and individuals that are currently or on the verge of being homeless. Therefore, the Committee directs the Interagency Council on Homelessness to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment on what steps can be taken to improve access to services across all federal, state, and local homeless services, outreach, and prevention programs. This language was included in the FY2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Bill.*

#### Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)

I co-led two requests supporting research on FSGS, a cause of nephrotic syndrome in children and adolescents, and a leading cause of kidney failure in adults.

#### Pollinator Funding

I led one request to fully fund pollinator research under the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), and National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

#### Refugee Programming

In years past, I led a request to fulling fund Refugee and Entrant Assistance programs in the United States, which work to ensure that refugees can integrate into American society. This year, my office joined with the office of Congressman Juan Vargas and expanded this request to include funding for all refugee-related accounts. They include:

1. Refugee and Entrant Assistance
2. The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)
3. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA)
4. International Disaster Assistance (IDA)
5. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

*The Ethiopian National Project*

Working closely with representatives of the Ethiopian National Project (ENP), I led an effort to appropriate \$12 million through the Department of State's Economic Support Fund to support the mission of advancing the integration of Ethiopian-Israelis into Israeli society.

*Tunisia*

I submitted a request to fully fund the President's budget request of \$134.4 million for aid to Tunisia, the only nation that has successfully transitioned to a democracy following the Arab Spring.

*Everglades Restoration*

As in past years, I led two requests to fully fund Everglades restoration efforts.

*Herbert Hoover Dike Repairs*

I requested funding for the Army Corps of Engineers Construction account to continue the ongoing Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) construction project. The HHD is one of our country's most at-risk dikes for breach.

In addition, I was an original co-sponsor of H.R. 4667, introduced by Rep. Kurt Clawson on March 2, 2016, which sought to appropriate \$800,000,000 for emergency repairs to the HHD.

*Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research*

This year, more than 150 Members signed onto my request to fund Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research through the Department of Defense. Appropriated funding through this program goes directly to competitive, peer-reviewed research grants awarded to the best science.

*VA Medical and Prosthetic Research*

I proudly co-led a request with Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-CT) requesting \$622 million for Medical and Prosthetic Research through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Rail Infrastructure - Complex Electronic Systems*

This request urged the Department of Transportation to adopt universal system safety and risk reduction programs for complex electronic systems.

*Lionfish Invasion Response – Language*

I co-lead a request with Congressman Curt Clawson (R-FL) to urge the Fish and Wildlife Service to accelerate the rulemaking process to prohibit the importation of live lionfish. The Indo-Pacific lionfish has caused a significant reduction of native fish populations and has had a negative impact on the balance of coral reef ecosystems. They are an ecological and economic threat in the waters of more than 31 Congressional Districts.

*Invasive Exotic Plant Species Control*

In consultation with the Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, I submitted a request to address a shortage in funding to combat invasive exotic species at the Refuge, such as melaleuca trees and Old World climbing fern. This request was submitted with support from the Palm Beach County Congressional delegation.

*Canal Point Sugarcane Field Station Facility*

I submitted a request in support of the public-private partnership between the sugar industry and the Agricultural Research Service for continued operation of the Canal Point Sugarcane Field Station Facility.



**FY 2017 Appropriations Requests (All Submitted Requests)**

**Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Animal & Plant Health Regulatory Enforcement                  | Huanglongbing Multi-Agency Coordination Group                           |
| Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service                    | <i>Humane Methods of Slaughter Act</i> Enforcement                      |
| Animal Fighting Enforcement                                   | Letters of Priority Entitlement   |
| <i>Animal Welfare Act</i> Enforcement                         | Multifamily Preservation & Revitalization demonstration                 |
| Animal Welfare for Farm Animals Used in Agricultural Research | National Animal Health Monitoring System                                |
| Antibiotic Resistance Program                                 | Removing Incentives   |
| Citrus Disease Research Program                               | Rural Development Voucher Program                                       |
| Citrus Greening Disease Research                              | Rural Development Voucher Program                                       |
| Citrus Health Response Program                                | Rural Development vouchers  |
| Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria                       | Section 502 Direct Home Loan Program                                    |
| Commodity Futures Trading Commission                          | Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Loans                                  |
| Commodity Supplemental Food Program                           | Section 523 Mutual and Self Help Housing Grants                         |
| Disaster Planning for Animals                                 | Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children |
| Electric Loan Program   | Sugar Programs  |
| Emergency Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program       | TEFAP Storage and Distribution  |

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| Federal Pollinator Funding  | The Emergency Food Assistance Program                    |
| Grassroots Source Water Protection Program  | The Healthy Food Financing Initiative                    |
| Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities Endowment Fund                                | Title VII - Hispanic Serving Institutions Grants Program |
| Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities Institutional Capacity-Building Grant Program | USDA circuit rider program                               |
| <i>Horse Protection Act</i> Enforcement   | Veterinary Feed Directive                                |
| Horse Slaughter Funding Limitation  | <i>Veterinary Medical Services Act</i>                   |
| Huanglongbing Emergency Response  | Water and Sewer Loans and Grant program                  |

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

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| Body-Worn Camera Partnership Program                           | National Instant Criminal Background Check System  |
| Byrne JAG Assistance Grant Program                             | NOAA Office of National Marine Fisheries Service: Fisheries Data, Collections, Surveys and Assessments |
| Child Abuse Training for Judicial Personnel Program            | NOAA Office of National Marine Fisheries Service: Enforcement  |
| Community Oriented Policy Services Hiring Program              | NOAA Office of National Marine Fisheries Service: Habitat Management and Restoration Program           |
| Community-Based Violence Prevention Initiatives                | NOAA Office of National Ocean Service: Coastal Management Grants                                       |
| Competitive Grants for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System    | NOAA Office of National Ocean Service: IOOS Regional Observations                                      |
| Court Appointed Special Advocates program                      | NOAA Office of National Ocean Service: Marine Debris Program   |
| Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program                         | NOAA Office of National Ocean Service: Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas                          |
| <i>Emmet Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act</i>              | NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research: Integrated Ocean Acidification Program                |
| Enforcement of Federal Cyber-Stalking and Threat Crimes        | NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research: National Sea Grant College Program                    |
| Explore the Effects of a Weakened <i>Voting Rights Act</i>     | NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction                  |
| Grants To Support Families in the Justice System               | NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research   |
| Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program                          | Prohibition of Funds for the Program Commonly Referred to as Operation Choke Point                     |
| Increase Appropriated Funding to the DOJ Civil Rights Division | Project HOPE   |

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| JJDPA Title II State (Part B) Formula Grants Program                                 | Respecting State Medical Marijuana Laws  |
| JJDPA Title V Delinquency Prevention Program   | Second Chance Prisoner Reentry   |
| John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program                       | Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative   |
| Justice Reinvestment Initiative  | Smart Policing Initiatives: Body-Worn Camera Demonstration Program   |
| Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program  | Space Launch System and Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle   |
| Legal Services Corporation   | State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Pretrial Risk Assessment Systems                                     |
| Minority Serving Institutions Digital and Wireless Programs                          | Support Immigration Judges in CJS FY 2017  |
| NASA Minority University Research and Education Program                              | Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for the Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, or Stalking Program |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Operations, Research, and Facilities | Updating HUD-DOJ Joint Statement on Group Homes  |
| National Science Foundation  | Veterans Treatment Courts  |
| National Science Foundation HBCU Programs  | Victims of Trafficking Grant Program   |

**Subcommittee on Defense**

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|---|---|
| ALS Research Program (ALSRP)  | Peer Review Alzheimer's Program   |
| Autism Research   | Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program – Eating Disorders Research        |
| Bladder Cancer Research   | Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research                                      |
| DoD Trauma Clinical Research Program                                    | Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program                                     |
| Expanded canine therapy research  | Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program: Include Stomach Cancer as Eligible |
| Gulf War Illness Research Program                                       | Peer-Reviewed Neurofibromatosis Research                                  |
| Help Restore Veterans Access to Lost Service Records                    | Peer-Reviewed Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Parkinson's Research          |
| Kidney Cancer in Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program      | Service Dogs for Servicemembers and Veterans                              |
| Military Burn Trauma Research Program                                   | Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office                             |
| Military Diversity  | Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office                             |
| Military Tuition Assistance Program                                     | STEM Education  |
| Navy Auxiliary General Purpose Oceanographic Research Vessels (AGOR 23) | Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program                               |
| Ovarian Cancer Research Program   | UXO Cleanup on Formerly Used Defense Sites                                |

**Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

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| Army Corps Construction, Environmental Infrastructure                            | Prioritize Wastewater Management Projects at the Army Corps of Engineers    |
| Coastal and Ocean Data System (CODS) and Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) | Shore Protection Projects   |
| Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy   | Small, Remote, or Subsistence Navigation                                    |
| Everglades Restoration   | Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) Solid Oxide Fuel Cell program |
| Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund  | State Energy Program  |
| Herbert Hoover Dike  | U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperative Agreement                                    |
| Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies  | Water Operations Technical Support program                                  |
| Inland Waterways   | Water Power Technologies Office   |
| National Ignition Facility (Inertial Confinement Fusion and High Yield Campaign) | Weatherization Assistance Program   |
| Navigation Maintenance   | Wind Energy   |

**Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government**

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| Defender Services                | Prohibiting funds for Operation Choke Point                                       |
| Drug Free Communities Program    | The Healthy Food Financing Initiative   |
| Harry S Truman Scholarship Fund  | <i>Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act Grant Program</i>          |
| Human Trafficking and Slavery    | <i>Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act Grant Program</i>          |
| Internal Revenue Service Funding | <i>Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act “Pool Safely” Campaign</i> |

**Subcommittee on Homeland Security**

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| Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program | Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program                                   |
| FEMA De-Obligation                       | Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program |
| Flood Mapping Funding                    | Transit Security Grant Program  |
| Human Trafficking Investigations         | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)                       |
| Port Security Grant Program              |   |

**Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

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| American Battlefield Protection Program                           | Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant   |
| Bureau of Land Management Land Acquisition                        | Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership initiative |
| Centennial Challenge  | Lionfish Invasion Response  |
| Coastal and Marine Geology  | Multinational Species Conservation Fund   |
| Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund                  | National Endowment for the Arts   |
| <i>Diesel Emissions Reduction Act</i>                             | National Endowment for the Humanities   |
| Ecological Services   | National Gallery of Art   |
| EPA Brownfields Assessment/Cleanup Grant Program                  | National Heritage Areas   |
| EPA Brownfields Categorical Grants                                | National Landscape Conservation System  |
| EPA Brownfields OSWER Environmental Programs & Management Account | National Park Service   |
| Everglades Restoration  | National Parks Service - Construction   |
| Exclude Ivory Riders  | National Parks Service Land Acquisition and State Assistance                      |
| Fish and Wildlife Service Land Acquisition                        | <i>North American Wetlands Conservation Act</i>                                   |
| Fish and Wildlife Service State and Tribal Wildlife Grants        | Office of Law Enforcement   |
| HBCU Historic Preservation program                                | Office of the Secretary Management Services<br>Office of Valuation Services       |
| Historic Preservation Fund  | Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers program  |
| Indian Health Service   | US Forest Service Forest Legacy Program   |



International Affairs

US Forest Service Land Acquisition

Invasive Exotic Plant Species Control

**Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

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| Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program                        | Lifespan Respite Care                                    |
| Adoption Opportunities Program                                   | Literacy for All, Results for the Nation (LEARN) Program |
| Biomedical Advance Research and Development Authority            | Minority AIDS Initiative                                 |
| <i>Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act</i>        | <i>National and Community Service Act Programs</i>       |
| CDC HIV Prevention Activities                                    | National Institutes of Health                            |
| Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)                   | Neurofibromatosis Research                               |
| Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program                      | Office of Museum Services                                |
| Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program Payments | Project BioShield Special Reserve Fund                   |
| Community Health Centers   | Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness  |
| Community Services Block Grant Program                           | Public Health Approach to Blood Disorders                |
| Computer Science for All Development Grants                      | Refugee and Entrant Assistance                           |
| Domestic Volunteer Service Act Programs                          | Reinstate the Year-Round Pell Grant                      |
| Education for Homeless Children and Youth                        | <i>Runaway and Homeless Youth Act</i>                    |
| Eliminate the Sexual Risk Avoidance Grant Program                | <i>Ryan White CARE Act</i>                               |
| Family Planning, Title X   | Services in Supportive Housing                           |
| Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)                        | Sickle Cell Anemia Demonstration Program                 |
| Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals                   | State Assessment Grants                                  |

Health Care for the Homeless

STD Prevention at CDC

HIV/AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health

Strengthening Predominantly Black Institutions

Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program

Support Effective Education Programs for Migrant and Seasonal Worker Students

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

IDEA Part B §619 (Preschool Grants) and Part C (Grants to Infants and Families)

The Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program

Innovative Approaches to Literacy

WIOA Title 1 Accounts

International Education and Foreign Language Studies

YouthBuild

Job Corps

**Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch**

Language: Make it Safe and Convenient to  
Change Babies in House Buildings

The House Wounded Warrior Program

**Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies**

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans  
Program

Restoring Veterans Access to Lost/Destroyed  
Service Records

Suicide Prevention/Outreach

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Veterans Crisis Line

Healthcare for Reentry Veterans and Veteran's  
Justice Outreach

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program

VA Medical and Prosthetic Research

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem

Veterans Board of Appeals

**Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**

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| Africa - Efforts Combatting Boko Haram                                   | International Disaster Assistance  |
| Anti-Poaching & Wildlife Trafficking Programs                            | International Family Planning and Reproductive Health Programs   |
| Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration                            | Maternal and Child Health  |
| Caribbean Basin Security Initiative – ESF, FMF, and INCLE Funding        | Mechanism for Peace Operations Response  |
| Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities                  | Peace Corps Funding  |
| Department of State Educational & Cultural Exchanges                     | People to People Reconciliation Between Israelis and Palestinians                                      |
| Diversification -Diversity Initiatives                                   | PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria  |
| Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship (USAID)    | Polio Eradication  |
| Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA)                        | Race, Ethnicity, and Social Inclusion Unit   |
| Ethiopian National Project   | Support LGBT rights efforts at USAID   |
| European Inclusion Efforts   | Support LGBT rights efforts within the State Department’s Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor |
| Extension of the Lautenberg Amendment                                    | Support Research and Development of an HIV/AIDS Vaccine  |
| Funding Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons                         | The Global Environment Facility  |
| Funding for the Green Climate Fund                                       | The U.S. Institute of Peace  |
| General Support for the Program for Middle East Regional Cooperation     | Tunisia Assistance   |
| General Support for the Program for the Millennium Challenge Corporation | UN Peacekeeping Funding  |

Global Nutrition Programming

United Nations Population Fund

Global Tuberculosis Control

USAID Biodiversity Programs

International Basic Education Funding

Workforce Diversity and Inclusion -  
Department of State

International Decade for People of African  
Descent - Department of State

Workforce Diversity and Inclusion - USAID

International Decade for People of African  
Descent - USAID

**Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

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|---|---|
| Capital Investment Grants – New Starts and Small Starts | Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen)                     |
| Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program                      | Program-Based Rental Assistance (Section 8)                             |
| Community Development Block Grant Program               | Public Housing Capital Fund   |
| Current Passenger Rail Service                          | Public Housing Operation Fund   |
| Emergency Food and Shelter Program                      | Public Transportation   |
| Fair Housing Assistance Program                         | Rail Infrastructure - Complex Electronic Systems                        |
| Fair Housing Initiatives Program                        | Rail Service Improvement Program  |
| Funding for the HUD-VASH Program in FY 2017             | Rural Capacity Building (RCB) program                                   |
| FY17 Lead Poisoning Prevention Letter                   | Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)                      |
| Housing Counseling Assistance Program                   | Service Needs of Local Communities                                      |
| Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)      | Sober Homes   |
| Improving Access to Housing Services                    | Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities                        |
| Indian Home Loan Guarantee                              | Supportive Housing for the Elderly                                      |
| Indian Housing Block Grant                              | Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Section 8)                              |
| McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants Program       | The Continuum of Care Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program |
| National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling              | TIGER Infrastructure Grant  |
| Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant                     | Vouchers Targeted to Homeless Families with Children                    |

## Rules Managed

As Senior Member of the House Rules Committee, I frequently manage Rules on the House floor for the Democrats. The Rules Committee is charged with facilitating the deliberation and amending of legislation in the House. Rules, which take the form of simple resolutions, must be passed by the House of Representatives prior to general consideration of significant pieces of legislation.

| <b>Rule</b> | <b>For Consideration Of...</b>  |
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| H.Res. 48   | H.R. 351, the <i>LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act</i>  |
| H.Res. 100  | S. 1, the <i>Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act</i>  |
| H. Res. 121 | H.R. 529, <i>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans</i><br><br>H.R. 5, the <i>Student Success Act</i>  |
| H.Res. 138  | H.R. 1029, the <i>EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015</i><br><br>H.R. 1030, the <i>Secret Science Reform Act of 2015</i>  |
| H.Res. 223  | H.R. 2028, the <i>Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016</i><br><br>H.R. 2029, the <i>Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016</i> |
| H.Res. 273  | H.R. 2262, the <i>SPACE Act of 2015</i><br><br>H.R. 880, the <i>American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015</i>   |



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| H.Res. 287  | H.R. 2577, the <i>Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016</i><br><br>H.R. 2578, the <i>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016</i> |
| H.Res. 315  | H.R. 2596, the <i>Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016</i>   |
| H.Res. 362  | H.R. 2898, the <i>Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015</i><br><br>H.R. 3038, the <i>Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II</i>   |
| H.Res. 380  | H.R. 427, the <i>Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015</i>   |
| H. Res. 444 | H.R. 3495, the <i>Women's Public Health and Safety Act</i>  |
| H. Res. 466 | H.R. 538, the <i>Native American Energy Act</i><br><br>H.R. 702, <i>To adapt to changing crude oil market conditions.</i>   |
| H.Res. 480  | H.R. 10, the <i>SOAR Reauthorization Act</i><br><br>H.R. 692, the <i>Default Prevention Act</i>   |
| H.Res. 529  | H.R. 1210, the <i>Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act</i><br><br>H.R. 3189, the <i>Fed Oversight Reform and Modernization Act of 2015</i>   |
| H.Res. 581  | H.R. 1927, the <i>Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015</i>   |

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| H.Res. 594 | H.R. 3700, the <i>Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015</i>  |
| H.Res. 632 | H.R. 3716, the <i>Ensuring Terminated Providers are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act</i>   |
| H.Res. 671 | H.R. 3340, the <i>Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act</i><br><br>H.R. 3791, the <i>To raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes</i> |
| H.Res. 687 | H.R. 1206, the <i>No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act</i><br><br>H.R. 4885, the <i>IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act of 2016</i>   |
| H.Res. 736 | H.R. 4974, the <i>Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i><br><br>H.R. 5243, the <i>Zika Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2016</i>                              |
| H.Res. 770 | H.R. 5278, the <i>Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)</i>  |
| H.Res. 771 | H.R. 5325, the <i>Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017</i>  |
| H.Res. 879 | H.R. 5931, the <i>Prohibiting Future Ransom Payments to Iran Act</i>   |
| H.Res. 944 | H.R. 5143, the <i>Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016</i>  |

## Briefings Hosted

Throughout the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, my office organized a number of briefings on the pressing issues before the House of Representatives. Hosted by my personal office, caucuses that I lead or co-chair, and the Florida Congressional Delegation, these briefings and organized events are valuable tools for discussing legislation and other pressing matters.

### **America's 2.5 Million Homeless Children: A Panel Discussion**

*National Center on Family Homelessness*  
*in coordination with the Congressional Homelessness Caucus*  
February 10, 2015

The National Center on Family Homelessness held a briefing regarding child homelessness. The briefing focused on a November 2014 report released by the American Institutes for Research and National Center on Family Homelessness titled "America's Youngest Outcasts: A Report Card on Childhood Homelessness."

#### **Panelists:**

1. **Mark Greenberg**  
Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
2. **John McGah**  
Senior Associate, American Institutes for Research/National Center on Family Homelessness
3. **Denise Ross**  
Homeless Liaison, Prince Georges County School District, Maryland

### LGBT Youth Homelessness Briefing and Exhibition

*Congressional Homelessness Caucus*  
May 13, 2015

The Congressional Homelessness Caucus held a briefing to raise awareness for issues specifically affecting the homeless youths in the LGBTQ community. LGBTQ youth face high rates of victimization and criminalization, life-threatening health disparities, and difficulties finding employment or returning to school.

**Panelists:**

1. **Mindy Mitchell**  
Policy Analyst, National Alliance to End Homelessness
2. **Hannah Hussey**  
Research Associate, Center for American Progress
3. **Kiefer Paterson**  
Risk Counseling Case Manager, True Colors
4. **Mally Hatcher**  
Director, Youth Services, TransLife Center at Casa Ruby
5. **Alex Fradkin**  
Photographer, *See Me: Picturing New York's Homeless Youth*
6. **Taz Tagore**  
Co-Founder, The Reciprocity Foundation
7. **Gregory Lewis**  
Executive Director, The True Colors Fund

**Expanding Access to Treatment: Addressing the IMD Exclusion**

*Treatment Communities of America, in coordination  
with the Office of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings  
June 2, 2015*

Treatment Communities of America invited Members of Congress and staff to a briefing regarding the IMD Medicaid Exclusion and how it may be addressed by legislation. The briefing provided an opportunity to dialogue with subject matter experts about the prohibition of federal Medicaid payments for residential treatment for Substance Use Disorders at facilities of 16 beds or more.

**Panelists:**

1. **David Mineta**  
Deputy Director, Demand Reduction for the Office of National Drug Control Policy
2. **Deb Beck**  
President, Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
3. **Sasha**  
An individual in recovery from New York
4. **Dr. Sushma Taylor**  
President/CEO, Center Point, Inc.

**Black and Jewish Members of Congress Breakfast**

*Office of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings*  
June 25, 2015

For over a decade, I have hosted this annual briefing with Black and Jewish Members of Congress, along with other stakeholders, to refocus our efforts on eliminating hatred from our nation. African Americans and Jews have for decades been united by common histories of prejudice and discrimination, and we must work closely together to fight against anti-Semitism and racism.

**Host Members:**

Representatives Eliot L. Engel, John Lewis, Lois Frankel, Frederic Wilson, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Ted Deutch, Nita Lowey, Alan Lowenthal, Lee Zeldin, and Mia Love

**Guests:**

1. **Rabbi Ari Sunshine**  
Congregation B'nai Shalom of Olney
2. **Reverend Robyn E. Franklin-Vaughn**  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
3. **Rabbi Marc Schneier**  
President, Foundation for Ethnic Understanding
4. **Henry Bowe and Maya Bornstein**  
Operation Understanding D.C. Student Leaders

**Florida Delegation Meeting on Small Business Issues in Florida**

*Florida Delegation*  
July 23, 2015

The Florida Congressional Delegation invited members of the small business community as well as government agency representatives to discuss issues facing small businesses in the State of Florida. Topics discussed included the Export-Import Bank, the New Market Tax Credit, Small Business Administration loan programs, and opportunities for start-up ventures.

**Panelists:**

1. **Douglas Kramer**  
Deputy Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration
2. **Nick Karella**  
Tax Counsel, National Federation of Independent Business
3. **Chris Gallagher**  
Hoyt Architects, Sarasota, FL
4. **Don Mader**  
Southeastern Printing, Stuart, FL

**Florida Delegation Meeting on Higher Education in Florida**

*Florida Delegation*  
October 27, 2015

The Florida Congressional Delegation invited the leaders of Florida's higher education system to discuss the state of higher education in Florida. Topics discussed included university performance measures, Pell Grants, veteran students, higher education tax provisions, and higher education affordability.

**Panelists:**

1. **Marshal Criser, III**  
Chancellor of the Florida State University System
2. **Madeline Pumariega**  
Chancellor of the Florida College System

**Services Matter: How Housing and Services Can End Family Homelessness**

*the Bassuk Center on Homeless and Vulnerable Children and Youth  
in coordination with the Congressional Homelessness Caucus  
February 03, 2016*

At the beginning of 2016, the Bassuk Center on Homeless and Vulnerable Children and Youth released a report titled *Services Matter: How Housing and Services Can End Family Homelessness*. The Congressional Homelessness Caucus invited the Bassuk Center to discuss the report, which proposes a comprehensive proposal for ending family homelessness in America.

**Panelists:**

1. **Carmela J. DeCandia**, Psy.D.  
Chair, Advisory Board, The Bassuk Center on Homeless and Vulnerable Children & Youth
2. **Christine Achre**, MA, LPC  
CEO, Primo Center for Women and Children
3. **Mary E. Haskett**, Ph.D.  
Director, Family Studies Research Team, Professor of Psychology, North Carolina State University
4. **Alisa Thornton**  
Client Advocate and Speaker
5. **Joe Willard**, MA  
Vice President, Policy, People's Emergency Center



**Social Security Town Hall and H.R. 1391, the *Social Security 2100 Act***

*Town Hall Event at Kings Point, Tamarac*  
February 19, 2016

I was pleased to be an original co-sponsor of H.R. 1391, the *Social Security 2100 Act*, which was introduced by Congressman John B. Larson (D-CT). If enacted, the legislation would cut taxes for Social Security recipients, provide a benefit bump for current and future beneficiaries, and keep the social security system strong for generations to come. Congressman Larson joined me at Kings Point Tamarac to discuss social security and the potential benefits this legislation would have for recipients in Florida and across the nation.

**Panelists:**

**Congressman John B. Larson (D-CT)**

**The State of Homelessness in America**

*Congressional Homelessness Caucus*  
April 28, 2016

The Congressional Homelessness Caucus invited representatives of the National Alliance to End Homelessness to discuss its report, *the State of Homelessness in America*. The annual report examines trends in homelessness, homeless assistance, and at-risk populations at the national and state levels.

**Panelists:**

5. **Samantha Batko**  
Director, Homelessness Research Institute, National Alliance to End Homelessness
6. **Kelly King-Horne**  
Executive Director, Homeward
7. **Lisa Tepper-Bates**  
Executive Director, Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness

**Florida Delegation Meeting on the Heroin Epidemic**

*Florida Delegation*

April 28, 2016

The Florida Congressional Delegation held a meeting on the heroin epidemic and invited members of the treatment community as well as those who are active in combating the addiction issue. Topics discussed included treatment centers, legislative options, prescription opioids, legislation on recovery centers and the overall affects this epidemic is having on the State and its population.

**Panelists:**

1. **Frank Rabbito**  
Senior Vice President, WestCare Foundation
2. **Jennifer Ellison**  
Former Client of WestCare, Miami, FL
3. **Melissa Larkin-Skinner**  
Chief Clinical Officer, Centerstone Behavioral Hospital and Outpatient Practice
4. **Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI)**

**Florida Delegation Staff Level Briefing on the Zika Virus**

*Florida Delegation*  
April 29, 2016

Healthcare staffers in the Florida Delegation were invited to an informal, roundtable discussion to discuss the Zika outbreak occurring in South Florida. Dr. Stevenson came in to explain the health effects of the virus and methods to control it. Representatives from CRS were brought in to discuss CDC/NIH funding requests and recent legislative developments surrounding the outbreak.

**Panelists:**

8. **Dr. Mario Stevenson**  
Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases at the Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
9. **Sarah Lister, M. Lynne Corn, Tadlock Cowan, Jerry Yen**  
Congressional Research Service

**Florida Delegation Meeting on Zika Outbreak Preparedness**

*Florida Delegation*  
June 15, 2016

The Florida Delegation invited experts in the area of disease outbreak preparedness to discuss the recent Zika outbreak.

**Panelists:**

1. **Dr. Tom Frieden**  
Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention
2. **Dr. Mario Stevenson**  
Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Miami
3. **Dr. Vilma Vega**  
Chief Medical Officer, Community AIDS Network of Florida
4. **Mr. T. Wayne Gale**  
Executive Director, Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts

**Ending the Yulin Dog Meat Festival and Global Dog meat Trade**

*Office of Congressman Alcee Hastings*  
September 14, 2016

My office held a briefing in support of my legislation, H.Res. 752, *Condemning the Yulin Dog Meat Festival and Urging China to End the Dog Meat Trade*, highlighting the dog meat trade in Asia. A number of activists joined me in discussing the barbaric practices of festivals like the one in Yulin, where dogs are routinely slaughtered through inhumane methods.

**Panelists:**

1. **Lisa Vanderpump**  
Founder, The Vanderpump Dog Foundation
2. **Dr. John Sessa**  
Executive Director, The Vanderpump Dog Foundation
3. **Dr. Peter Li**  
China Policy Advisor, Humane Society International
4. **Andrea Gung**  
Executive Director and Founder, Compassion Beyond Borders
5. **Marc Ching**  
Founder, The Animal Hope & Wellness Foundation
6. **Valarie Ianniello**  
Director of Operations, The Animal Hope & Wellness Foundation

**Statements Made in the Congressional Record**

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| Introducing the <i>Defend Israel By Defunding Palestinian Foreign Aid Act of 2015</i>                                 | January 12, 2015  |
| Introducing the <i>Lena Horne Recognition Act of 2015</i>   | February 10, 2015 |
| Introducing a Resolution Designating August 6th As National Voting Rights Day   | February 24, 2015 |
| Introducing the African Descent Affairs Act In Recognition of the International Decade for People of African Descent  | February 24, 2015 |
| Recognizing Gabrielle Debinski and Millicent Allan of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program                   | February 25, 2015 |
| Introducing the <i>Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act</i>   | March 4, 2015     |
| In Honor of the Dillard High School Lady Panthers Basketball Team   | March 16, 2015    |
| Palm Beach Lakes High School State Championship Win   | March 16, 2015    |
| Introducing the a Resolution Recognizing Dr. Elmira Mangum As the First Female President of Florida A&M University    | March 23, 2015    |
| Equality Means Business' Report on the Link Between Economic Competitiveness & Workplace Equal Opportunity In Florida | April 14, 2015    |

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| Introducing a Resolution <i>To Recognize June As Men's Cancer Awareness Month</i>   | April 15, 2015 |
| Introducing a Resolution <i>Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives That Veterans Deserve the Health and Living Standards They Fought To Protect</i> | April 17, 2015 |
| Recognizing the Enlistment of Twenty-Three Graduating High School Seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional District  | April 21, 2015 |
| Marking the Anniversary of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day  | April 23, 2015 |
| Commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Trinity United Methodist Church of West Palm Beach, Florida   | April 28, 2015 |
| Honoring Rabbi Leonid Feldman of Temple Beth El In West Palm Beach  | May 1, 2015    |
| Introducing the <i>Ending Corporal Punishment In Schools Act of 2015</i>  | May 12, 2015   |
| Reintroducing the <i>Wildlife Veterinarians Employment and Training Act of 2015</i>   | May 12, 2015   |
| Honoring the Life and Legacy of James A. Weldon   | May 19, 2015   |
| In Honor of Issac Robinson, Jr. on His Retirement from the West Palm Beach City Commission  | May 19, 2015   |
| In Support of the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights Annual Solidarity Sabbath  | May 20, 2015   |

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| Honoring Laura Elizabeth Alliah Perkins for Achieving Perfect Attendance While Enrolled In the Broward County School System from Kindergarten Through Her Senior Year | May 21, 2015      |
| Commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Port of Palm Beach  | June 3, 2015      |
| On the Occasion of the Retirement of Master Chief Bob Sebaste   | June 18, 2015     |
| The Nuclear Negotiations Between the P5+1 and Iran  | June 24, 2015     |
| In Honor of Timothy Andrews on Winning the Gold Medal At the 2015 Junior U.S. Open International Judo Championship In Fort Lauderdale, Florida                        | July 27, 2015     |
| Honoring the Life and Legacy of Frank Pumilia   | September 8, 2015 |
| In Memory of Angelean ``Angie" Clark Glass of Hallandale Beach, Florida   | September 8, 2015 |
| Introducing a Joint Resolution <i>To Authorize the Use of the United States Armed Forces To Achieve the Goal of Preventing Iran from Obtaining Nuclear Weapons</i>    | September 8, 2015 |
| Recognizing Christina Cooney for Her Exemplary Performance At the Special Olympics World Games In Los Angeles   | September 8, 2015 |
| Recognizing Matthew Walzer for the Extraordinary Contributions To the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled Community   | September 8, 2015 |
| Recognizing Keiser University on Opening Its Flagship Campus  | September 9, 2015 |



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| Recognizing the Republic of Turkey In Their Fight Against ISIS  | September 25, 2015 |
| In Recognition of Broward County, Florida's 100th Anniversary   | October 1, 2015    |
| In Memory of Samuel J. Sworn, Jr. of Pompano Beach, Florida   | October 6, 2015    |
| Honoring Reverend Griffin Davis, Sr. on His 50th Pastoral Anniversary<br>At the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church | October 20, 2015   |
| In Celebration of Lottie Albert's 100th Birthday  | November 30, 2015  |
| Honoring the Legacy and Importance of Historically Black Colleges and<br>Universities                             | December 7, 2015   |
| Honoring the Life and Legacy of Sheldon Schlesinger   | December 9, 2015   |
| Reintroduction of the <i>Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care<br/>Costs Act of 2015</i>               | December 9, 2015   |
| Celebrating the Retirement of Ms. Terri Crook from the Internal Revenue<br>Service                                | December 12, 2015  |
| Introduction of the <i>Avonte's Law Act of 2015</i>   | December 15, 2015  |
| Celebrating the Retirement of Ms. Terri Crook from the Internal Revenue<br>Service                                | December 16, 2015  |

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| Honoring the Life and Legacy of Mrs. Wayedean Beatrice Mcgraw  | February 9, 2016 |
| Highlighting U.S.-Turkey Bilateral Relations   | March 2, 2016    |
| Welcoming President Nazarbayev To Washington, DC   | March 21, 2016   |
| Introducing the <i>Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2016</i>  | April 19, 2016   |
| Honoring 41 Palm Beach County High School Students Enlisting In the U.S. Armed Forces  | April 20, 2016   |
| Introducing a Resolution To Recognize June As National Men's Cancer Awareness Month  | April 26, 2016   |
| Honoring the Life and Legacy of Col. Howard L. Williams (Ret)  | May 10, 2016     |
| Congratulating the Piper High Rocketry Team on Qualifying for the 2016 Tarc Finals   | May 11, 2016     |
| Honoring Scott Cetoute for Achieving Perfect Attendance While Enrolled In the Broward County School System from Kindergarten Through His Senior Year | May 13, 2016     |
| <i>Recognizing the Importance of Nonprofit Organizations and Designating September 2016 As ``Nonprofit Organization Recognition Month''</i>          | May 19, 2016     |
| The Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice's Solidarity Sabbath  | May 19, 2016     |

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| Introducing a Resolution <i>Condemning the Dog Meat Festival In Yulin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, and Urging the Chinese Government To End the Dog Meat Trade</i> | May 25, 2016  |
| Convening of the `Religions Against Terrorism' Conference To Be Held In Astana, Kazakhstan  | May 26, 2016  |
| Honoring the Life of Martin Eugene (Gene) Campbell  | May 26, 2016  |
| In Celebration of the 50 Year Reunion of the Dillard High School Class of 1966  | June 7, 2016  |
| Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award  | June 13, 2016 |
| Honoring the 100th Birthday of Shirley Weiss  | June 15, 2016 |
| Honoring the Life and Legacy of Julia Mae Primus  | June 22, 2016 |
| In Celebration of Mrs. Everee Jimerson Clarke's 90th Birthday   | June 22, 2016 |
| <i>Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017</i>   | July 7, 2016  |
| The Need for Congress To Act To End Our Country's Gun Violence Epidemic   | July 7, 2016  |
| Honoring Mr. Floyd Hastings, 2016 Myra H. Kraft Community MVP Award Recipient   | July 13, 2016 |

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| Introduction of the Medicaid IMD Exclusion  | July 14, 2016      |
| Honoring Norman Brody, Cantor of Temple Beth El   | September 6, 2016  |
| Remembering the Life of Mrs. Brenda Faye Young Russell  | September 19, 2016 |
| Introducing House Concurrent Resolution <i>Expressing the Sense of Congress That the United States Should Continue To Exercise Its Veto In the United Nations Security Council on Anti-Israel Resolutions</i> | September 20, 2016 |
| Celebrating the 25th Pastoral Anniversary of the Faith Center Ministries  | November 14, 2016  |
| Honoring Maude Ford Lee on Her 80th Birthday  | November 14, 2016  |
| Honoring Mrs. Diane Glasser on Her Retirement from the Tamarac City Commission  | November 14, 2016  |
| Honoring Mrs. Hilda Girtman Pitts   | November 14, 2016  |
| Honoring Dr. Lois J. Delevoe on Her 80th Birthday   | November 14, 2016  |
| Honoring the Late Dr. Luna Isaac Mishoe   | November 29, 2016  |

**Social Media**

**Facebook**

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| <b>Number of Followers</b> | <b>33,273</b>      |
| <b>Number of Posts</b>     | <b>431</b>         |
| <b>Total “Reach”</b>       | <b>≈ 3,034,370</b> |

**Twitter**

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| <b>Number of Followers</b>         | <b>4,120</b>       |
| <b>Number of Tweets</b>            | <b>274</b>         |
| <b>Total Number of Impressions</b> | <b>≈ 2,607,429</b> |

**Constituent Correspondence**

**Total Letters Received and Responded to**

≈ 42,000

**Top Issues**

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| <b>Net Neutrality</b>                     | <b>Immigration Reform</b>           |
| <b>Animal Welfare</b>                     | <b>Gun Violence</b>                 |
| <b>The Trans-Pacific Partnership</b>      | <b>Property Taxes</b>               |
| <b>Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule</b> | <b>Planned Parenthood</b>           |
| <b>Syrian Conflict</b>                    | <b>The Iran Deal</b>                |
| <b>Wildlife Conservation</b>              | <b>Genetically Engineered Foods</b> |

**District Constituent Service**

**Total Inquiries Made**

1184

**Total Inquires Completed**

859

**Completion Rate**

72%