



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
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# INTRODUCTION

Dear Friend,

It's a privilege to represent you in Congress, where I will always be a compassionate and tenacious advocate for New York's 24th Congressional District. Our country faces many challenges today and principled leadership is needed now more than ever to protect our values, safeguard our prosperity, and restore accountability to government. I appreciate your perspectives on this issue and hope you will continue to share your views with me, as your insights are an integral part of ensuring our self-governing Constitutional Republic works as intended.



My commitment to New York's 24th Congressional District is centered around an economy that's strong, a future that's built on freedom, a government that's accountable, and a nation that's safe. As part of this commitment, I am fighting every day to unleash America's energy independence, drive down prices at the pump for families, and restore our nation's competitiveness. I am leading the charge to secure our Southern and Northern borders and increase resources for law enforcement while protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. I am working to ensure parents have a say in their child's curriculum and that all children receive a quality and transparent education. And I am protecting vital programs like Social Security and Medicare for seniors and future retirees while fighting to rein in Albany's reckless spending and reduce the property tax burden for New York families.

I understand that we may not always agree on every issue, but I am committed to always answering the hard questions and transparently explaining where I stand on the tough issues. To this end, I am the only member of the House of Representatives who explains every single vote I cast on the House floor, which you can access at [Tenney.House.Gov](https://Tenney.House.Gov). So far, I have explained more than 800 votes. You will always know how I voted and why, and you will always be able to share your feedback with me. This is how it should work and is an important part of my commitment to you.

As the start of the 119th Congress quickly approaches, I do want to highlight that in the coming weeks, the boundaries of New York's 24th Congressional District will change slightly. Please know that regardless of which district you live in, I will continue to advocate for policies that benefit our region and always welcome you to share your views and concerns with me. Next Congress, I will continue to serve on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, where we will be working diligently to cut taxes and reform our nation's healthcare system. In this report, I detail my Tax Plan to grow our economy and return more hard earned money back to Americans' pockets. On the Science, Space & Technology Committee, I will continue fighting back against unfair government rules and working to unleash our American Energy Independence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia Tenney".

Office of U.S. Representative Claudia Tenney

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# 1 CONSTITUENT SERVICES

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One of my most important priorities as your representative in Congress is to make sure the federal government works for you! This year, our office assisted thousands of New Yorkers who had issues with federal agencies. We returned more than \$5 million in benefits or back pay to residents, advocated for veterans needing help with the Veterans Affairs, and worked with agencies such as the Social Security Administration (SSA) to expedite claim decisions. In addition, we secured \$19.7 million for projects across NY-24 as part of the Community Project Funding Program.

Taking on the federal bureaucracy can be overwhelming, but you never have to do it alone. My team of expert caseworkers is always here to fight for you and to help you navigate the process. For assistance, call our office at 585-869-2060, 315-236-7088, or 716-514-5130.

## Mobile Office Sessions

New York's 24th Congressional District stretches from the Northern Border of Canada in Jefferson County, along Lake Ontario all the way to Niagara County. I understand that many residents live a great distance from my three district offices in Niagara, Ontario, and Oswego Counties, which can limit their access to in-person services. To ensure every resident of NY-24 can access the services they deserve, our office has a permanent mobile office hosted in Watertown and has hosted mobile office sessions in communities across the district.

Since January 2024, we have hosted 26 mobile office sessions in each county in which we don't have an office already, bringing our services to thousands of constituents. In 2025, we will continue to host these mobile office hours. If you would like to bring these mobile office sessions to your community in the future, please call our office at 585-869-2060 to let my team know. Additionally, thank you to all of the elected officials across NY-24 who worked with our team to host these mobile office sessions.

### FAST FACTS

**\$25.2M**

**FUNDING &  
BENEFITS  
RETURNED**

**2,586**

**CONSTITUENT  
CASES CLOSED**

**26**

**MOBILE OFFICE  
SESSIONS**



## Monthly Seminar Series with Federal Agencies

This year, our office continued to host a seminar series that brings experts from federal departments and agencies directly to members of our community. My office has hosted the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for sessions on topics such as best practices for tax filing and the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program. These seminars have been an excellent opportunity for local officials and constituents to receive information directly from federal agencies or offices, and to ask specific questions they may have about various programs. I look forward to continuing this initiative in 2025.

There are many existing federal resources and programs available to our community, and I am committed to making sure you have easy access to the information you need to fully utilize them. To ensure these seminar sessions are accessible to you, our office records and posts them on my website, [tenney.house.gov](https://tenney.house.gov). If you would like to view a past session, visit my website today.

## Casework Success Stories

I understand how frustrating it can be to deal with a federal agency. Whether you are a Veteran struggling to receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), a family who cannot get a straight answer from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or a small business frustrated with the Small Business Administration (SBA), our office is here to help. You will never have to take on these federal agencies alone.

This year, our office assisted more than 2,500 constituents in resolving issues with federal agencies like the VA, IRS, and SSA. My office has helped constituents connect with federal agencies, correct errors, secure back pay or benefits, and apply for passports. All told we delivered over \$5,500,000 in federal pay, benefits, or credit back to constituents. After each case, I provide a feedback survey to ensure we treat every constituent with respect and work on each issue to the best of our ability.



### Casework Success Story: VA

A Gulf War Veteran from Wayne County who had many health issues due to his service was having difficulties getting help, causing him great anxiety for not only his health but the impact this was having on his family. My office reached out to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the community advocate provided this update: "Because of... Claudia Tenney, he was able to see the doctor, the surgeon, and he has been diagnosed with...cancer as a result of the burn pits in Iraq. He is receiving treatment and has been told that his medical team is optimistic. If he had waited six months..., he would have been given a terminal diagnosis. Your Office is the fourth Congressional Office that I have contacted for help. I am grateful...Please take one moment in time and know that because of your actions, a man has a good chance to get older. A wife has a good chance at more anniversary dinners with her husband. A daughter will have her father. I am grateful. Thank you. He is a good man who served with honor. You and your staff kept the promise that this Republic made."

### Casework Success Story: IRS

My office was contacted by a Yates County constituent who lost her mother and was not getting through to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to receive back her mother's 2016 tax refund to be able to settle the estate. For three years this constituent was unable to receive this refund due to processing delays by the IRS. We were able to reach out to the Taxpayer Advocate Service within the IRS and correct the processing delay. After one month, the constituent received the overpayment and was able to settle her three-year issue with the IRS. Taxpayer issues should be resolved quickly and our office is here to ensure that constituents receive the help from the government they deserve.

### Casework Survey Responses

- ✓ "Excellent assistance and follow up. This is the kind of service that should be normally expected from a government representative"
- ✓ "As a disabled Veteran, and an American, I am very appreciative of the assistance given to me by Congresswoman Tenney's office."
- ✓ "They went above and beyond to keep in contact and help me with my tax issue."

## Grant Searches and Letters of Support

This year our office helped hundreds of individuals, small businesses, local governments, and non-profit entities search for funding opportunities or grants available at the federal level. Through my grant partnership with the Congressional Research Service, we conducted comprehensive grant searches on their behalf to determine if there were federal funding opportunities available that met their needs.

In addition, **our office provided 78 letters of support** to local individuals, governments, and entities to include in their applications for funding. I support the responsible funding opportunities that help build our communities and clearly impact the needs of the District.

These grants and letters underscore the important impact certain projects would have in our community and helped make state and federal funding applications even stronger. If you have questions about funding opportunities or need a letter of support, please visit my website **[tenney.house.gov/services/grant-applicants](https://tenney.house.gov/services/grant-applicants)**.

## Community Engagement



Partnering with the Vietnam Commemoration Committee, I held two ceremonies for Vietnam-era Veterans to present Veterans with commemorative pins and thank them for their service. This Commemoration is dedicated to ensuring Veterans who served during this time are given the recognition they deserve. It is humbling to be in the presence of these heroes and a special thanks to our local elected officials who attended.

My office has presented **over 300 Proclamations, Congressional Record Extension of Remarks, and Certificates** to deserving Veterans, Eagle Scouts, first responders, and community members for their positive impact on their community.

Among many commendations given, I presented a Congressional Record Extension of Remarks congratulating the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol for 100 years of service, recognized the good deeds of the Ontario County Sheriff's Department, and celebrated the 102nd birthday of WWII Veteran Gene Gerrard. In 2024 alone, I traveled thousands of miles across our district to official community events, roundtables, business visits, and constituent meetings.

## Congressional Art Competition

Each Spring, the House of Representatives sponsors a nationwide art competition for high school students to showcase the artistic talent in each Congressional District. Students enter to be judged by local artists and art teachers and their work is featured at our annual art show.

River Freer of Red Creek High School is the 2024 first-place winner for her work titled "Her". River's work is currently displayed at the U.S. Capitol!

For anyone interested in entering the Spring 2025 art competition, or know of any high school artists wishing to enter, please go to my website or call my District Office at 585-869-2060.



## Military Service Academy Nominations

It is a highlight of my service to nominate the future leaders of our military to four of the five military service academies. As the mother of a Naval Academy Graduate, I understand the dedication and commitment of the people who choose to serve this great nation through their attendance at a military service academy. With the final selection by each academy, these students will attend the finest academic institutions and go on to serve as officers in the United States military.

This year, 16 young men and women received nominations for consideration by the service academies for enlistment and enrollment in 2025. Nominees come from across all 12 counties in the District and underwent a rigorous vetting process through my Academy Nomination Committee. These students represent the best within NY-24 and I wish them all the best in their bright futures.

If you are seeking a nomination to a service academy in 2025, or have questions about the academies or process of a Congressional Nomination, please visit my website or reach out to my Oswego District Office at 315-236-7088.



# HERE TO SERVE

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There are so many ways my office can serve you. If you need help or have questions, visit [tenney.house.gov](https://tenney.house.gov) or call any one of my four offices today.



## Casework Assistance

If you need assistance with a federal agency like the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, or Internal Revenue Service, give one of my district offices a call. We will go to bat for you.



## Order an American Flag

If you would like to order a U.S. flag from our office, call 202-225-3665. You may also choose to have your new flag flown over the U.S. Capitol for an additional charge. All flags flown over the U.S. Capitol also include a dedication message, which may be customized for the recipient.



## Internships

If you are a high school or college student interested in public service and learning more about the legislative process, I encourage you to apply for an internship in one of our offices. To learn more about available opportunities, call 202-225-3665.



## Service Academy Nominations

It is my honor each year to nominate outstanding students from our area to one of the U.S. Service Academies. If you are a high school student interested in applying, visit [tenney.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations](https://tenney.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations) to learn more about the process, or call our office at 315-236-7088.



## Grant Searches and Letters of Support

If you are looking for federal funding opportunities or are in need of a letter of support for an existing funding application, call my office at 585-869-2060 to discuss how we can help.



# 2 ACCESSIBILITY & TRANSPARENCY

Maintaining a responsive office that is accessible and transparent is important to me. As part of this commitment to you, I explain every vote I take in the House of Representatives. I have publicly explained all of my votes on my website. You will always know where I stand and why. I have also prioritized outreach and engagement.

## Advisory Committees

It is vitally important to me that stakeholders throughout the district provide their input. This year, I launched several Advisory Committees, comprised of stakeholders from across the district who provide regular feedback and updates. This includes **the Agriculture Advisory Committee, the Service Academy Review Committee, as well as the Second Amendment Advisory Committee.** In 2024, each of these advisory committees met to discuss solutions to the problems facing NY-24 and will continue to meet regularly in the future. If you are interested in joining one of these committees or know someone in our community who is, please call our office at 202-225-3665.

## Responding to Your Messages

Since the beginning of this Congress, more than **33,000** residents of New York's 24th Congressional District have contacted our office to express their views, share their concerns, and ask important questions. I value this feedback and am honored to have responded to more than **60,000** messages this year. While we may not always agree, you have my commitment that I will always carefully consider your views as I represent you in Congress. If you would ever like to share a message with me, please visit my website at [tenney.house.gov/contact](https://tenney.house.gov/contact).

### FAST FACTS

**843**  
TOTAL VOTES  
EXPLAINED

**60,000+**  
MESSAGES  
RESPONDED TO

**305+**  
COMMUNITY  
EVENTS

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## Laying Out My Plans in Congress

Part of my commitment to transparency is not only explaining how I vote, but also laying out my plans for tackling the big issues. This year, I released plans on issues like broadband access and tax reform that detail where I stand and what I am doing in Congress to drive real results that make a difference. To read the plans and provide your feedback, please visit [tenney.house.gov](https://tenney.house.gov).

**Tax Plan:** Since I was elected to public office, my mission has always been to put New York taxpayers first. As part of my work on the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, I advocate for policies that are pro-growth, pro-family, pro-small business, and pro-worker, while working to ensure that our nation's tax laws are carried out in a fair manner. In addition, I am working to enact policies that help promote American innovation to ensure that American companies have all the tools at their disposal to compete against their global peers. I have long championed the rights and interests of New York taxpayers and will continue to do so by fighting for a fairer and simpler tax code that rewards hard work and innovation. As Americans continue to grapple with inflation and escalating consumer prices, it is imperative that we focus our efforts on these critical issues.

**Agriculture Plan:** The agriculture industry is the backbone of our Upstate and Western New York economy. The 24th Congressional District is one of the largest agricultural regions in the Northeast, ranking at or near the top nationally in dairy, apple, and grape production. My Agriculture Plan focuses on providing our farmers and producers the pro-growth policies and information they need to expand and thrive.

**Border Security Plan:** Our nation is currently facing a humanitarian and national security crisis at the Southern Border that must be addressed. New Yorkers are paying the price for this failure with increased crossings at our Northern Border and a growing migrant crisis in New York City. My Border Security Plan sets forth a multi-pronged approach to securing our borders through completing the border wall, investing in technology, and boosting enforcement.

**Broadband Access Plan:** Every New Yorker needs access to a robust marketplace of broadband options. In addition, we must also lay the groundwork for new technologies, such as 5G, that promise better connectivity for a lower cost. To accomplish these objectives, my Broadband Access Plan focuses on unleashing private sector innovation to foster competition and bring costs down while boosting resources for rural communities.

**Second Amendment Plan:** In 2022, the *NYSRPA v. Bruen* decision reinforced every American's Second Amendment rights, yet New York politicians and those on the left are still set on undermining this vital constitutional right. My Second Amendment Plan highlights my efforts to protect our constitutional rights both in New York State and nationwide. The Second Amendment is not a second-class right.

**America First Foreign Policy Plan:** Over the past four years, the Biden Administration's terrible foreign policy has brought U.S. leadership on the international stage to an all-time low. This undermines our national security and increases the likelihood of a future conflict. My America First Foreign Policy Plan outlines how we should combat China and Iran's malign foreign influence and protect American taxpayer dollars from corrupt international organizations such as the World Health Organization.

**Law Enforcement Plan:** There are over 800,000 law enforcement officers across the United States serving and protecting our communities at great personal risk. These public servants intervene daily in dangerous and life-threatening situations to apprehend criminals and defend our most vulnerable. Yet the left continues to undermine their ability to do their jobs, making the past few years the deadliest period for law enforcement in decades. My Law Enforcement Plan outlines my priorities for supporting our law enforcement officers and ensuring they have the resources they need to do their jobs.

**American Values Plan:** America is a nation built on a framework of lofty and enlightened values. Yet in recent years, woke advocates have pushed to divide on gender and race rather than unite us so we can solve common issues. My American Values Plan outlines my proposal to unite our nation around the timeless principles of the inherent value of life, children, and women's rights, and combating the spread of divisive, racist policies, such as CRT and DEI.

**Veterans Plan:** America's Veterans have put so much on the line to defend our great nation and safeguard our freedoms. As the mother of a Marine officer, I understand the sacrifices that are made by our service members and their families each day. My plan to deliver for America's Veterans focuses on four core pillars: ensuring VA transparency and accountability, expanding access to quality healthcare, supporting the transition to civilian life, and honoring the sacrifice of those who served.



# 3 DRIVING RESULTS FOR NY-24

I am fighting to advance commonsense policies to improve our region, uphold the Constitution, and make our nation stronger than ever. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I'm focused on ensuring our tax code strengthens small businesses, puts more money in workers' pockets, and allows families to thrive. This Congress, I introduced 79 bills and cosponsored 577 bills on a range of important issues. Eleven bills I cosponsored have been signed into law, while 105 bills I cosponsored passed the House.

## Advocating For Main Street Small Businesses

Main Street businesses are the backbone of the American economy and our communities. As a small business owner and lifelong resident of Upstate New York, I have consistently fought for small businesses, delivering real results to level the playing field and to help ensure their success. During my time on the House Small Business Committee in the 117th Congress, I supported legislation to help small businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 118th Congress, I have served on the House Ways and Means Committee, where I've spearheaded legislation that will allow small businesses to thrive while incentivizing critical investment in entrepreneurs in New York's 24th Congressional District.

This Congress, I introduced H.R. 2539, the New Markets Tax Credit Extension Act, which supports critical investment opportunities for small businesses in Upstate New York. This bill would make the New Markets Tax Credit a permanent part of our tax code and ensure the New Markets program continues to help create jobs and revitalize rural economies, particularly those in Upstate New York. Additionally, I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 4721, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act, which makes permanent the 199A Small Business Deduction that incentivizes entrepreneurship and allows small business owners to reinvest in their workforce and grow their operations.

### FAST FACTS

**11**

**BILLS SIGNED  
INTO LAW**

**656**

**BILLS INTRODUCED &  
BILLS COSPONSORED**

**105**

**BILLS PASSED  
THE HOUSE**



In preparation for the upcoming tax discussions centered on building on the success of President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), Ways and Means Republicans formed specialized "Tax Teams" comprised of Committee members. Through these member-driven tax teams, members have been empowered to pursue their priorities and dive deep into the substance of specific tax areas. It was a proactive process where we heard directly from workers, job creators, and community leaders during 120 events across 20 different states, including New York. I was a part of three tax teams:

- 1) **American Manufacturing:** Focused on restoring critical elements of TCJA that allowed American manufacturing to thrive. This includes full expensing of Research & Development costs to ensure private American businesses remain at the forefront of innovation, as well as restoring tax policies that fueled capital investments and generated job growth in U.S. manufacturing.
- 2) **New Economy:** Focused on crafting tax policy to support the emerging digital economy, including simplifying taxes for gig employees, addressing the tax treatment of digital assets and cryptocurrency, and supporting American small businesses in the online marketplace.
- 3) **Community Development:** Examined policies to build on the success of community development initiatives to incentivize housing development amidst the nation's ongoing shortage through the revamp of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and supporting economic development in struggling communities by bolstering the Opportunity Zone program and extending the New Markets Tax Credit.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I am committed to working with my colleagues to deliver meaningful tax reforms that will ensure financial stability for American families, allow small businesses and farmers to thrive, and boost take-home pay for hardworking Americans.



## Bolstering Our National Security

Over the past four years, Biden's terrible foreign policy has reduced the United States' standing on the international stage to its lowest point in modern history. As the mother of a Marine officer, I understand the importance of American leadership on the global stage. We must return to the model of President Reagan, who understood that peace through strength makes America stronger.

A strong military paired with robust diplomacy are the most effective tools we have at our disposal to protect our homeland. We must ensure any international efforts in which we engage are in the United States' best long- and short-term interests. Currently, the greatest threat to international stability is China and its burgeoning relationships with Russia and Iran, which together comprise a modern Axis of Evil.

For decades, China's rise went virtually unchallenged, harming both American workers and our national security. I'm committed to making sure we build on the foreign policy gains of the Trump administration and hold China accountable. I am also leading the charge in Congress to hold Iran accountable for the oppression of its people, its support for global terrorism, and the expansion of its nuclear program. Iran is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of U.S. servicemembers through its terrorist proxies and partners, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). We cannot allow them to have the tools they want to continue and expand these efforts.

This year, I also continued fighting for our military service members as well as our regional defense installations and assets, including Fort Drum, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS), Rome Lab, and our New York National Guard. In this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), I secured over \$46 million in design funds for future projects at Fort Drum and Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield. NFARS also received \$6.6 million for its taxiway/runway extension design which is critical to supporting its mission.

The NDAA I supported this year provided our junior enlisted officers with a 14.5% pay raise and authorized \$569 million to build new family housing units, alongside an additional \$1.2 billion to renovate and construct new barracks. This bill also prohibited TRICARE from performing radical genital mutilation surgeries on minors and continued to roll back the DEI bureaucracy. Included in this bill were two bills that I introduced, the FORKS Made in America Act and the Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act. Additionally, my amendment to fully fund the first new LC-130J polar airlift planes for the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing was included.



## Supporting Local Family-Owned Farms

Western and Upstate New York stands out as one of the most efficient and abundant agricultural regions in the nation. New York's 24th Congressional District represents the largest dairy district in the Northeast, and fifth in the United States. Wayne County is the largest apple-producing county outside of Washington State. Wyoming County ranks among the top maple syrup producers in the nation, and the Finger Lakes region is renowned for its numerous vineyards, orchards, and specialty crops. Our farms are essential to the economy of northern New York, providing jobs to local workers and supplying our grocery stores and schools with nutritious local products.



This Congress, I have worked to advance pro-farmer legislation that will support our agricultural communities and allow our farmers to thrive. I introduced H.R. 5091, the Fairness in Vineyard Data Act which will require the USDA to perform a nationwide grape statistics survey and increase its annual grape data location collection. The data from these surveys will allow our great Finger Lakes vineyards and wineries to adapt to industry changes and trends. I am also an original cosponsor of H.R. 7667, the Making Agricultural Products Locally Essential (MAPLE) Act. This bill will support the maple industry by opening new markets for maple syrup producers and enhancing seniors' access to locally sourced products. Finally, as one of the largest dairy-producing regions on the East Coast, ensuring federal producers meet the needs of our dairy farmers is a top priority. That is why I cosponsored H.R. 1756, the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act of 2023, which returns liquid milk pricing for farmers to the highest of milk prices used for butter and cheese and requires a report on the margins for dairy producers.

Additionally, trade will be a major focus in the 119th Congress with President Trump's commitment to putting America First. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, with jurisdiction over U.S. trade policy, I will always support increased foreign market access for New York farmers and agricultural producers.

## Protecting American Family Values

America's founding principles of personal liberty, freedom, and community are under attack as extremist politicians and unelected bureaucrats in Washington push extremist policies undermining these values. As a staunch advocate for the sanctity of life, I cosponsored H.R. 431, the Life at Conception Act, and H.R. 26, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, both of which ensure protection for the most vulnerable while safeguarding Constitutional rights. I also introduced H.R. 7052, the Unborn Child Support Act, which allows pregnant women to collect child support during the woman's pregnancy. Additionally, I've fought to prohibit taxpayer funding for abortions and redirect resources to community health centers, ensuring life-affirming care for women and children.

Radical agendas, like Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, pits Americans against one another and assess individuals' value based on their race, gender, or sexual orientation, which goes against the values we hold as a nation. To combat these divisive ideologies, I cosponsored H.R. 8706, the Dismantle DEI Act, and H.R. 1229, the Stop CRT Act, which block federal funding for these discriminatory programs.



Women's sports have been undermined to advance leftists' radical transgender ideology. The Biden Administration willfully ignored clear biological and athletic differences between men and women by issuing an executive order requiring the inclusion of transgender, biological men in women's sports. This jeopardizes young women's access to leadership and educational opportunities and undermines protections provided under Title IX that generations of women fought for. That is why I cosponsored H.R. 734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, which would prohibit school athletic programs from allowing individuals whose biological sex was male at birth to participate in programs for women or girls if that school receives federal funding. Additionally, I Introduced H.Res. 536, to recognize "National Women's Sports Week" celebrating the anniversary of the passage of Title IX and the growth of women's sports. As your Representative, I remain committed to upholding the rights, freedoms, and values that make our nation strong.



## Addressing the Crisis at the Southern and Northern Border

Under the Biden administration, we have seen millions of illegal aliens flood across our Northern and Southern borders. Roughly 90 percent of the suspected terrorists that have illegally crossed our borders have come across our Northern Border, threatening our NY-24 communities.



When President Biden took office, he paused deportations for millions of illegal immigrants and halted construction of the border wall. Since then, we have seen month after month of record-breaking illegal immigrant crossings and over 10 million apprehensions. Biden's push for open border policies and amnesty for illegal immigrants has created the worst border crisis in modern history; it is a public health and humanitarian crisis, a haven for criminal activity, and a threat to our national security.

In response to this crisis I am supporting the following multipronged approach. It is informed by my work visiting the Southern Border and Northern Border, meeting with Customs and Border Protection Agents (CBP), and my ongoing review of the crisis. First, we must immediately restart work on completing the border wall, which the Biden Administration inexplicably halted. A border wall is a necessary tool that allows law enforcement to better manage the situation more safely and enhance our national security. Second, we need to invest in and deploy better border technology. There are proven technologies that help border agents identify illegal activity and address it while reducing risks to themselves. Third, we must also work with Congress to provide law enforcement with greater budget flexibility so they can surge financial resources in times of crisis like we have now. I am confident that President Trump will work with Congress to solve this issue in 2025.

## Community Project Funding

Our communities – not bureaucrats in Washington – know how best to direct local spending. This year, I supported the Community Project Funding program because it brings your taxpayer dollars back to Upstate New York to help fill gaps and create greater opportunities across our region. I am committed to ensuring that any federal funding brought back to our region is used transparently and responsibly. As with any federal program, Community Project Funds must be held to the highest standards of accountability, and I will hold community beneficiaries to these standards.

The projects I supported this year fell into one of three categories: (1) water infrastructure improvement; (2) essential public facilities; and (3) public safety. For any award that may be granted, I will continue to work closely with all recipients to ensure federal funds are spent appropriately and in the interest of American taxpayers.

- Cayuga Lake Protection Plan (**Cayuga County**)
- Genesee, NY Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Project (**Genesee County**)
- Geneseo 2nd and Oak Street Water and Sewer Upgrades (**Village of Geneseo**)
- Town of Newfane Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (**Town of Newfane**)
- Joint NYS Route 14 Sanitary Sewer Distribution Project (**Town of Phelps**)
- Orleans County Public Safety Building (**Orleans County**)
- City of Oswego New Police Station (**City of Oswego**)
- Village of Mexico Water System Improvements (**Village of Mexico**)
- Rock Storm Sewer Replacement (**Village of Waterloo**)
- Town of Macedon Ambulance Relocation (**Town of Macedon**)
- Town of Torrey Water District #2 (**Town of Torrey**)
- Installation of Runway 10 Omni-Directional Approach Lights at Watertown International Airport (**Jefferson County**)
- Silver Lake Dredging Project (**Wyoming County**)
- Phase III of the City of Lockport's Erie Canal Flight of Five Locks Rehabilitation (**City of Lockport**)
- The Lyons Revival and Community Empowerment Project (**Town of Lyons**)

In selecting these projects, I prioritized submissions that had a strong demonstration of community support and local partnerships; a demonstrated benefit to local communities, especially those that are under-resourced; and a clear plan to obligate funds awarded in a timely manner and for the intended purpose. Unfortunately, funding for any of the above projects has yet to be determined due to Senate Democrats' failure to pass the House's funding bills for Fiscal Year 2024. We hope to have updates in early 2025 about the funding status of the projects.

To read more about the Community Project Funding initiative, visit [tenney.house.gov](https://tenney.house.gov).



# KEY BILLS I INTRODUCED IN 2024



## **H.R. 8163, FORKS Made in America Act**

The Berry Amendment mandates that the Department of Defense purchase certain goods exclusively from domestic sources. H.R. 8163 strengthens the Berry Amendment by including stainless steel flatware and dinnerware. I am thrilled that this bill was included in the FY25 NDAA and look forward to seeing its impact on our regional economy



## **H.R. 8133, Essential Caregivers Act**

Nursing home residents have the right under federal law to access caregivers. Sadly, this right was taken away from residents and families for more than a year during the pandemic. This bill fixes a loophole in current federal law to better protect the rights of seniors during any future public health emergency. Individuals residing in long-term care facilities have rights, and it is up to Congress to make sure they are protected.



## **H.R. 7051, Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act**

This bill closes loopholes for child predators by ensuring that existing enhanced penalties for sexual crimes involving children are applied equally to all sexual predators.



## **The DOGE Acts**

The DOGE Acts is a package of four separate bills to rein in bloated budgets, relocate federal agencies out of Washington, DC, reform outdated bureaucracies, and ensure bureaucrats actually work for their pay. The DOGE Acts embody these priorities, serving as a bold first step in advancing the incoming Trump Administration's 'Make America Efficient Again' agenda.



## **H.R. 9495, Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act**

This bill ensures that individuals returning home from unimaginable hardship are not penalized with back taxes by the IRS. Additionally, this bill requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that provides financial support to designated terrorist groups.



## **H.R. 7319, End Zuckerbucks Act**

During 2020, millions of tax-exempt dollars were distributed to left-leaning election administrators under the guise of "safety" amidst the pandemic. Yet, less than 1% of the funds went to PPE or safety measures and were spent for partisan electioneering purposes. This bill would prohibit partisan bureaucrats, billionaires, and corrupt special interest groups from interfering in our election process.



## **H.R. 9508, PAW Act**

Our pets and service animals are cherished members of our families, and it's essential that owners can pay for quality care. The PAW Act offers greater flexibility to pet owners by allowing them to use HSAs and FSAs for pet care expenses.



## **H.R. 7552, RECOGNIZING Judea and Samaria Act**

The Israeli people have an undeniable and indisputable historical and legal claim over Judea and Samaria, and the United States must reaffirm this. This bill requires all U.S. legal documents to use the rightful term "Judea and Samaria" to refer to this territory instead of the "West Bank", reaffirming Israel's rightful claim to its territory.



## **H.R. 7630, PACE Act**

Families shouldn't have to jeopardize their finances to enroll their children in quality childcare. This bill updates federal childcare incentives, expands accessibility, and ensures lower-income and working families can provide quality care for their children.



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