



CONGRESSWOMAN LIZZIE FLETCHER

REPRESENTING TEXAS' SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**2023
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REPORT**

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LIZZIE FLETCHER
7TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

Dear Neighbor,

I am glad to share with you this Annual Report of my work on behalf of Texas' Seventh Congressional District.

This year, I worked to implement the historic legislation we passed in the last Congress, including the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, the *CHIPS and Science Act*, and the *Inflation Reduction Act* to provide opportunities for our community and our future. And I worked with local and state leaders to deliver federal funding for our district's priorities.

I am delighted to share some of the highlights of the work that my team and I have done for you this year. I have a team committed to serving our constituents in every way we can, working for you in Houston and in Washington. I am deeply grateful to our staff and am proud of the work we have done together that is reflected in these pages.

I am honored and proud to represent you, and I am here to help you. Please share your thoughts or ask for assistance at any time. You can do so through [my website](#), by sending me a letter or an email, or by calling my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Fletcher".

WASHINGTON

My priority continues to be bringing the voice of Texas' Seventh Congressional District to Washington. Since January, I have introduced 16 bills to address issues of critical importance to our community—from working to secure our energy independence and energy security, to protecting reproductive rights, to ensuring Americans have access to broadband, wherever they live. Learn more about my legislation, bills I have co-sponsored, and how I've voted by clicking [here](#) or reading below for highlights.

MY LEGISLATION

Below is a partial list. A full list of my introduced legislation is available [on my website](#).

RE-INTRODUCED

THE ENSURING WOMEN'S RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT

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The Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act

Our home state of Texas is in crisis, as are states across the country, where access to abortion has been effectively eliminated—including in cases of rape or incest. Now women in Texas who are able to do so have been forced to travel out of state to obtain abortion care. In response, lawmakers and others in Texas—and in states across the country—are threatening to take away that right, too. These threats fail to reflect the fundamental rights of Americans granted in our Constitution. I reintroduced this bill to protect the constitutional right to travel across state lines, including for reproductive health care.

RE-INTRODUCED

TOXIC FREE BEAUTY ACT



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The Toxic-Free Beauty Act

Many people assume that the personal care and beauty items they use are safe, but with minimal oversight, many of the care, beauty, and salon products sold across the country actually contain toxic chemicals. I am glad to partner with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) to reintroduce the *Toxic-Free Beauty Act* to protect the health and safety of people across the country by banning harmful chemicals in beauty products.

INTRODUCED

THE COMPLETE CARE ACT

CONNECTING OUR MEDICAL PROVIDERS WITH
LINKS TO EXPAND TAILORED AND EFFECTIVE

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The Connecting Our Medical Providers with Links To Expand Tailored and Effective (COMPLETE) Care Act

Many patients with mental health concerns talk to their primary care providers first about issues they are experiencing, but this can pose a variety of challenges for both the patient and the provider. The *COMPLETE Care Act* would help primary care providers implement evidence-based integrated care delivery models into their practice and provide mental health care services for Medicare beneficiaries by enhancing Medicare payment rates.

INTRODUCED

THE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CARE ACT

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The Strengthening Community Care Act

Community Health Centers play an essential role in providing health care to vulnerable populations in Houston and more than 30 million Americans across our country. It is so important that Congress support Community Health Centers and health care providers with the tools and resources needed to ensure positive health outcomes. I was glad to introduce this bipartisan legislation to reauthorize funding for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps to ensure access to quality health care.

BILLS & VOTES

16
BILLS INTRODUCED

186
BILLS CO-SPONSORED

207
VOTES TAKEN

ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

I serve on the **House Committee on Energy and Commerce**, where we have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters important to TX-07, including energy, health care, telecommunications, consumer protection, food & drug safety, public health & research, the environment, and interstate & foreign commerce. Videos of my questions and observations during committee hearings and markups are available on YouTube [here](#).

House Committee on Energy and Commerce

- Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security
- Subcommittee on Communications and Technology



CAUCUSES, COALITIONS, AND TASK FORCES

This year, I have also taken on some new leadership roles on Congressional caucuses, including as Whip of the Pro-Choice Caucus, Vice Chair of the Equality Caucus, Chair of the New Democrat Coalition's Trade Task Force, and Co-Chair of several caucuses, including the American Canadian Economy and Security Caucus, Flood Resilience Caucus, and Natural Gas Caucus. Here is a partial list of caucuses I am active in:



- New Democrat Coalition
 - Trade Task Force, Chair
- Pro-Choice Caucus, Whip
- Equality Caucus, Vice Chair
- American Canadian Economy and Security Caucus, Co-Chair
- Flood Resilience Caucus, Co-Chair
- Natural Gas Caucus, Co-Chair
- Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)
- Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Childhood Cancer Caucus
- Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Oceans Caucus
- Oil and Gas Caucus
- PFAS Task Force
- PORTS Caucus
- Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism

FROM HOUSTON TO WASHIN



INGTON – MEETING WITH YOU



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

2023 COMMUNITY FUNDED PROJECTS

At the end of 2022, I voted for and Congress passed the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023*, which included all 15 of the projects I requested on behalf of our community, totaling \$31.1 million for TX-07 priorities. This year, I held a series of press conferences around the district to highlight some of these projects and the collaborative efforts of our community.



\$1.4 Million for Harris County Public Health's Maternal & Child Health Pilot Program



\$9.9 Million for West U and Southside Place's Poor Farm Ditch Conveyance Project



\$1 Million for Harris County Public Health's ACCESS Harris Program



\$2 Million for Houston Public Library's Youth Digi-Lit Project



\$2.5 Million for West U's Milton Street Waterline Replacement



\$5 Million for METRO's Westheimer BOOST

Houston Public Media | August 22, 2023

\$2.5 million to go towards West University Place water distribution lines replacement

Outdated water distribution lines in West University Place, some of which have been around since the 1940s, will be replaced using federal funding.

Susan Sample is the mayor of West University Place and said many of these waterlines are made out of cast iron, and they've been around since West University Place was built.

"Once this project is complete, we will have replaced approximately 2,400 linear feet of aged cast iron pipes with new and larger PVC pipes that will enhance our water distribution capabilities," she said. "When we have weather like this, these pipes break a lot."

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher secured the \$2.5 million from the *Consolidated Appropriations Act*. The act funds essential

programs and projects through bipartisan government funding.

"Clean water is vital to the health of our communities, and the health of our constituents," Fletcher said. "And this project will ensure that West University residents have clean drinking water for years to come."

Fletcher requested a total of \$31.1 million for fifteen local projects through the Community Funded Projects process. Other communities that will benefit from the same process include Harris County, Bellaire, Southside Place, and Houston.

Sample said some areas the new pipes will benefit include water lines along Edloe between Rice and University Boulevard. West University Elementary School will

also be able to provide its students with cleaner drinking water from these pipe replacements.

Tim Buscha is a city engineer for West University Place. He said this project will be the first of up to \$12 million worth of water line rehabs they will do over the next five years through the city.

"This will improve service for residents, it's going to reduce service calls, it'll enhance the opportunity to provide cleaner and safer water to residents, a benefit to overall public health and safety, and reduce O & M costs to the city of West U over time," he said.

Across Houston, and particularly in the northeast side, many waterlines are outdated and often lead to more water main breaks. Right now, the city is seeing around 300 pending water leaks when there are usually around 100.

View further details on each of the TX-07 Community Funded Projects: fletcher.house.gov/CFPs

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



During the previous Congress, my colleagues and I passed transformative legislation to invest in our country's infrastructure, lower the cost of prescription drugs, protect our communities, and so much more.

I am proud to serve as one of 12 members of the **Regional Leadership Council**, where I work with President Biden and his administration on implementation of the historic laws we passed to ensure they touch every corner of the country, and in particular, Region 6, consisting of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, which I represent.

Discussing infrastructure with White House Senior Advisor House Mitch Landrieu



Meeting with White House officials on infrastructure bill implementation



Talking transportation with Secretary Pete Buttigieg



Talking trade with Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo



Discussing climate resiliency with EPA Administrator Regan

HOUSTON

Working with, and for, our community is my priority. It is a privilege for me and for my district team to be able to serve our neighbors. We are glad to receive your calls and questions, and we are dedicated to helping and advocating for people in our district in every way we can.

3,200+

CASES RESOLVED
2023

1,800+

MEETINGS WITH
CONSTITUENTS AND ADVOCATES
2023

45,000+

LETTERS & EMAILS SENT
2023

4,700+

INCOMING PHONE CALLS
2023

\$8,923,606

FEDERAL DOLLARS RETURNED TO
CONSTITUENTS FROM IRS, FEMA, SSA, ETC.
SINCE 2019

\$643,875,601

FEDERAL GRANT DOLLARS
RETURNED TO TX-07
SINCE 2019



FUNDING
OPPORTUNITIES
GUIDE

Office of Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07)
Funding made available by Congress through the
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the
Inflation Reduction Act, the CHIPS and Science Act,
the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the Department of Commerce Act

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A note from a neighbor who our
constituent advocates helped:

I applied for Social Security retirement benefits at age 70. After over a year and a half, I was told the application was still pending. I made contact with several Social Security Agency (SSA) staff on the phone and in person, and left messages for other SSA staff on over a dozen occasions. I was unable to get my social security retirement benefits and reached a dead end on my own.

I contacted Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher's Office, and her liaison, Fatimah, was able to guide my problem from the dead end I reached to other sources in Social Security. After several weeks, I received a call from a Social Security supervisor and the application was pulled out of archival and moved to completion. I am very grateful for the assistance of Congresswoman Fletcher and her staff in cutting through normal bureaucracy and resolving my social security quandary. Thank you.

Karen C.

If you need help with a federal agency, click [here](#).



TX-07 GRANT OUTREACH

This summer, I was glad to welcome our new Grants Manager, Dottie, to our Houston office to work with local entities and help them take advantage of the many funding opportunities made possible because of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, *Inflation Reduction Act*, *CHIPS and Science Act*, and *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*, and more.

In addition to publishing our Funding Opportunities Guide (available [here](#)), I was glad to host several grant meetings and webinars for our community.

Learn more about grants [on my website](#).

2023 Community Event Highlights

- February: Across the Aisles at Kroger in Montrose
- April: Town Hall at the University of Houston at Sugar Land
- April: Across the Aisles at Kroger in Sugar Land
- June: Sugar Land District Office Opening
- June: Mid-Year Town Hall
- July: Constituent Services Pop-Up at Southwest Management District's Liberty Fest
- July: Across the Aisles at Kroger in Richmond
- August: Constituent Services Pop-Up at Alief Community Center
- September: Constituent Services Pop-Up at Tracy Gee Community Center
- September: National Night Out
- September: Constituent Services Pop-Up at Tarrytowne Estates
- October: Telephone Town Hall
- October: Military Service Academy Day at Alief Community Center
- December: Virtual Town Hall
- December: Constituent Services Pop-Up at the Chinese Community Center

A continuing list of our office's events is available at:
fletcher.house.gov/events

To receive emails about upcoming events, sign up at:
fletcher.house.gov/newsletter

CONSTITUENT SERVICES POP-UPS



FEDERAL PROJECTS HEADED FOR HOUSTON

This year, I have advocated for federal project placement in Texas and the Houston region. I was thrilled to see Texas selected to be the new Customer Experience Hub for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), an independent agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that helps develop innovative solutions to society's most challenging health problems—including Alzheimer's, diabetes, and other diseases.

And I was especially excited that the Biden-Harris administration selected Houston for one of its seven Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs. This federal investment in America and American energy—up to \$1.2 billion in Houston alone, creating an estimated 35,000 construction jobs and 10,000 permanent jobs—is the direct result of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which I was glad to work on and vote for, and is also a result of the dynamic, collaborative partnership and leadership in the community I am so proud to represent.

Community Impact | October 23, 2023

Houston receives \$1.2B for clean energy initiatives across the region

Houston will receive up to \$1.2 billion as part of the Gulf Coast Hydrogen Hub for the purpose of supporting hydrogen initiatives in the region, according to an Oct. 13 news release from the White House.

The details

The hydrogen hub project will be run by HyVelocity, a group of organizations

working together to promote clean hydrogen in Texas, southwest Louisiana and the U.S. Gulf Coast areas. HyVelocity is expected to create 45,000 jobs in the region, according to the release.

The Biden-Harris administration announced a \$7 billion investment in hydrogen production through seven regional hubs as part of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, according to the release.

These hubs aim to:

- Accelerate the domestic market for low-cost
- Produce clean hydrogen
- Promote clean energy

- Create jobs
- Manufacture domestically while reducing carbon emissions

These seven hydrogen hubs will stimulate \$40 billion in private investment, totaling almost \$50 billion from both public and private sources, according to the release.

What they're saying

"It is a natural fit, as Houston is the energy capital of the world," U.S. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, D-Houston, said in an Oct. 13 news release.

Fletcher promoted Houston to be a hub during an Energy & Commerce committee hearing in March.



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