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REPRESENTING TEXAS' SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Dear Neighbor,

Another year and another Congress are reaching their end. I am proud of the work our district team and I have done in 2024, and I am glad to share with you this Annual Report of our work on behalf of Texas' Seventh Congressional District.

In 2024, I continued to work on matters important to our community in Washington and Houston, introducing legislation, working on committees and in caucuses, and delivering investments and disaster recovery funds to our district after we faced multiple disasters at home.

This Annual Report highlights just some of the work I have done with our team this year. Our team is committed to serving our constituents in every way we can and we are always glad to hear from constituents about their priorities, opinions, ideas, and needs. We look forward to hearing from you, and keeping up with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Linn Stetson

WASHINGTON

In Washington, I have continued to work on legislation through my service on the House Committee on Energy & Commerce and through caucuses and task forces. I have partnered with colleagues from across the country and, when possible, across the aisle to advance our district's priorities and deliver for our community.

Since January, I have introduced six bills and co-sponsored more than 100 others to address issues of critical importance to our community. The 118th Congress has not been as productive as the 117th Congress, but I have worked to ensure that the fundamental responsibilities of Congress—including keeping our government funded and functioning—are met and to advance the priorities of our district.

Learn more about my legislation, bills I have co-sponsored, and how I have voted by clicking [here](#) or reading below for highlights.



Bills & Votes on the House Floor

Bills Introduced	6
Bills Co-Sponsored	128
Votes Taken	500

118TH CONGRESS: FEATURED BILL INTRODUCTIONS



Pink Tariffs Study Act

While often hidden from public view, tariffs have a significant impact on the prices Americans pay in stores every day. I introduced the *Pink Tariffs Act*, H.R. 7927, in response to reports that the U.S. tariff schedule places higher import taxes on women's products than men's for the same or similar products. If enacted, it would require the U.S. Department of Treasury to conduct a study on potential gender bias and regressivity within the U.S. tariff system and report the findings to Congress.



Heirs Empowerment and Inheritance Rights (HEIR) Act

In April, I introduced the *Heirs Empowerment and Inheritance Rights (HEIR) Act* with Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA-05) and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05) to allow heirs' property owners to use alternate forms of documentation to prove property ownership to receive disaster aid. Heirs' property is land held without full title documentation. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has recognized heirs' property as the leading cause of involuntary land loss for Black families, estimated to be 4.7 million to 16 million acres lost over the last hundred years. Heirs' property is estimated to make up more than a third of Southern Black-owned land—3.5 million acres, worth more than \$28 billion.



The LNG Coordination Act

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export facilities often fall under the jurisdiction of multiple federal agencies with inconsistencies in processes and conflicting safety regulations, which can complicate and prolong the oversight of operators. This year, I introduced the bipartisan *LNG Coordination Act* with Congressman Randy Weber (TX-14) to establish a working group to improve the safety of LNG facilities and to make federal oversight of LNG facilities more efficient.

COMMITTEE WORK

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

House Committee on Energy & Commerce

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

2024 Committee Stats

Hearings	21
Markups	5
Total	26

CAUCUSES AND TASK FORCES

I have continued my leadership roles on Congressional caucuses, including serving as Whip of the Pro-Choice Caucus, Vice Chair of the Equality Caucus, and Chair of the New Democrat Coalition's Trade Task Force. I have also been an active member of many others, including:

- American Canadian Economy and Security Caucus, Co-Chair
- Flood Resilience Caucus, Co-Chair
- Natural Gas Caucus, Co-Chair
- Animal Protection Caucus
- Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)
- Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Diabetes Caucus
- Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Oceans Caucus
- Oil and Gas Caucus
- PFAS Task Force
- Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism

To see more, click [here](#).



LEADERSHIP

I am proud to represent our diverse and dynamic district in Washington. I remain focused on bringing the values of our community to Washington and using them to work for progress, equality, and opportunity for all Americans.

FREEDOM

As the Whip of the Pro-Choice Caucus, I am working to protect reproductive freedom and access to reproductive health care in Texas and across the country. In Texas, we are in a health care crisis. Women experiencing pregnancy complications, including miscarriages, are being turned away from hospital emergency rooms. Doctors in our district and across our state have come to Congress to explain how the Texas laws are creating confusion, fear, and threats that prevent them from being able to treat their patients consistent with their training, experience, and professional responsibility. Protecting the right to access to the full range of reproductive health care options and ensuring the freedom to access them are priorities for me and for our district. That includes access to birth control and contraception. I am an original cosponsor of the *Right to Contraception Act*, H.R. 4121, to make plain the right for Americans to access birth control that works for them and to protect the right of health care providers to provide it. The vast majority of Americans who rely on contraception of all kinds to plan their families

and their lives. They also rely on several kinds of assistance and technology in growing their families, including in vitro fertilization (IVF). After developments in other states this year, I worked with colleagues on the *Right to IVF Act*, H.R. 9643, to establish a federal right to IVF and help thousands of Americans start and grow their families each year.

EQUALITY

Our district is home to the historic heart of Houston's LGBTQI+ community in Montrose, and to members of the community in every corner of our district. For these reasons, I am proud to serve as a Vice Chair of the Congressional Equality Caucus, and in that role I have worked to ensure equality for all Americans. This year, I introduced the *Juror Non-Discrimination Act*, H.R. 8707, with Congresswoman Becca Balint (VA-AL) to ban discrimination in jury service on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Jury service is a privilege and a responsibility of citizenship. As a former courtroom lawyer, I know how important it is to ensure that prospective jurors have the opportunity to serve and that parties have an impartial jury of their peers. This bill provides a meaningful and important step toward ensuring the equality of opportunity and citizenship for all Americans.



ENGAGEMENT

Our district is the proud home of people from all over the world. Global engagement is important to us. As Chair of the New Democrat Coalition's Trade Task Force, I am focused on working to maintain the United States' leadership and connections in the global marketplace and to enact trade policy that will benefit American workers, consumers, and businesses. I have heard from many of our neighbors about the importance of trade programs, such as the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and I have focused on prioritizing legislation to reauthorize and modernize these expired or expiring programs. While I am disappointed that we are ending this Congress with very few trade accomplishments, I will continue to work to advance these trade priorities of our community in the next Congress.



AT HOME IN HOUSTON

This year has brought real challenges to our district, including the derecho in May and Hurricane Beryl in July. I know people across our district are still working to recover and are worried about storms in the future. I have worked with our team to help our community prepare and recover, hosting and attending meetings, providing information, and working with the FEMA and the SBA, as well as our local officials leading our disaster response, to assist our community in these times of need. I have also worked throughout my time in Congress to help by introducing legislation to help build more resilient infrastructure, improve the recovery process, and obtain funds for specific projects in our district and region, securing more than \$22 million in congressional funds for flood-mitigation projects in our district.

This year saw several important developments in these ongoing efforts:

- In February, **we broke ground on the Meyergrove Detention Basin**. A partnership of the City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), the Meyergrove Detention Basin is a 7.5-acre stormwater detention basin that will support water overflow for more than 27 million gallons of stormwater during heavy rain events to prevent flooding of nearby homes, businesses, and roadways at the intersection of North Braeswood and 610. I requested and **secured \$9,950,000 in congressional funds** to design and construct the Meyergrove Detention Basin in 2021 and am glad the project is underway. According to HCFCD, the basin-in-progress captured water during Hurricane Beryl that would have otherwise ended up in the streets.
- This year, I **secured \$959,752 in congressional funding** to construct a detention basin and make drainage improvements to the **Keegans Bayou Watershed**. The watershed will enhance the filtration of stormwater in the bayou and reduce flooding with green stormwater infrastructure features, such as native trees and grasses, that help ensure cleaner air in surrounding neighborhoods in Harris County and Fort Bend County, including Huntington Village and Townewest, as well as communities along the Brays Bayou watershed.
- This year, I **requested \$1,105,800** for the **Turkey Gully Bypass Stormwater Detention Basin**, a basin to divert the flow of stormwater from Turkey Gully to White Oak Bayou through new storm sewers convey stormwater away from the Shady Acres neighborhood in the Heights—including homes, schools, and businesses, reducing flood risk for the area. Because this Congress did not complete the congressional appropriations process in 2024, this funding has not yet been secured, but the House of Representatives has approved it and I am hopeful we will secure funds for this project in 2025.

LEGISLATION

- After many years of effort and community input, the study authorized after Hurricane Harvey to study flood mitigation along Buffalo Bayou has not been completed. This year, I led the successful effort to require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study (BBTRS) by the end of 2025 as part of the *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024*, H.R. 8812.

FROM HOUSTON TO WASHIN



HOUSTON — MEETING WITH YOU



MEETINGS WITH CONSTITUENTS: MORE THAN 15,000

Team TX-07 and I have held more than 15,000 meetings this year. From meeting with Houstonians visiting the Hill to advocate about health care, energy, and other issues in our Washington office, to attending neighborhood and organization meetings in Houston, our priority is to hear from you and bring your voices to Washington, D.C.



CONSTITUENT ADVOCACY

Our district team assists residents with matters before federal agencies, including obtaining benefits from Social Security, Medicare, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as addressing matters before the Small Business Administration, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Internal Revenue Service, and others. I am thrilled to share that, as of this month, our office has successfully resolved more than 15,000 cases on behalf of TX-07 residents. I am grateful to our neighbors who have put their trust in me and my team to help with some of their most pressing needs and resolve their issues.

Working for Constituents in 2024

Cases Resolved	2,147
Federal Grant Funds Returned to TX-07	\$160,570,986
Federal Dollars Returned to Constituents from Federal Agencies	\$1,636,716
Phone Calls Received	3,365
Correspondence Received	50,011
Correspondence Sent	49,674

A note from a neighbor who our constituent advocates helped:

"[For] over a year and a half, [I] struggled trying to work with the Social Security Administration! I was trying to receive my benefits but was out of luck. I spent countless hours trying to receive my benefits with no result.

"That's when I reached out to the office of Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher. Finally, things began to become more clear. And after just 46 days, I finally received back pay to my benefits and my benefits were resumed. Really Thankful! This office has helped me twice—first with my passport and now with benefits. I appreciate it!"

Landon S.

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

Community Event Highlights

- Across the Aisles in Montrose
- Art Competition Reception at my Central Houston Office
- Constituent Services Pop-up at Alief Neighborhood Center
- Constituent Services Pop-up at Tracy Gee Community Center
- Constituent Services Pop-up at the West Gray Metropolitan Multiservice Center
- Hurricane Webinar
- Service Academy Fair in Bellaire
- Storm Recovery Webinar
- Tax Problem Solving Fair at our Houston Office
- Telephone Town Hall

A continuing list of my office's events is available at:

fletcher.house.gov/events

To receive emails about events, sign up at:

fletcher.house.gov/newsletter





FEDERAL FUNDING HEADED FOR HOUSTON

The last Congress passed transformative legislation, including the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, the *Inflation Reduction Act*, the *CHIPS and Science Act*, the *PACT Act*, the *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*, providing investments and opportunities for our communities and our future. I am committed to ensuring our district is well positioned for these funding opportunities and have worked with local governments and organizations to identify and support opportunities and grant applications throughout 2024.

Learn more about grants and grant support [here](#).

COMMUNITY FUNDED PROJECTS

The Community Funded Projects process in Congress allows members of Congress to request funding for specific projects in their districts through a transparent process. I was glad to work with members of our community to pinpoint projects that would help our neighbors the most, securing nearly \$16 million in project funds this year alone. These include:

- **\$5,782,558** for the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority's Southwest Community Campus for redevelopment of a community senior center, expanding the existing facility and laying the groundwork for future work that promotes health and resiliency;
- **\$1,000,000** for renovations to the City of Houston Metropolitan Multiservice Center for People with Disabilities on West Gray;
- **\$1,000,000** for the Sugar Land Regional Public Safety Center to add improvements for additional first responder training;
- **\$963,000** for the City of Houston Forensic Science Center's Forensic Evidence Data System to meet the volume of requests for evidence analysis and to improve the collection, tracking, management, and processing of forensic evidence through the criminal justice system (pictured above);
- **\$963,000** for the Rice University/Houston ISD Planetary and Space Exploration Education Project to create a space and planetary science pilot program for students exploring planetary sciences and related careers through innovative programming at local schools;
- **\$850,000** for the Westchase District's Meadowglen West Complete Streets Project for street and safety improvements;
- **\$959,752** for the Harris County Flood Control District project to construct a dry bottom detention basin with green stormwater infrastructure features to reduce flooding along Keegans Bayou near Old Richmond Road;
- **\$850,000** for the Memorial Heights Safe Sidewalk and Path Connections for multimodal improvements;
- **\$850,000** for METRO's Gessner BOOST Bus Stop to improve the transit experience for METRO riders on one of the busiest transit corridors in Houston, the 46 Gessner route;
- **\$833,470** for the International District Beechnut and Cook Intersection Safety Program for street and safety improvements;
- **\$573,300** for historic preservation of the City of Houston's Rasmus Park Heritage House in Alief;
- **\$500,000** for the University of Houston at Sugar Land Artificial Intelligence & Manufacturing Technology Center to drive collaboration and innovation in emerging technologies; and
- **\$500,000** for improvements at Fort Bend ISD's Mission Bend Elementary School.

Learn more about my 2024 Community Funded Projects [here](#).

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