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REPRESENTING TEXAS' SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Dear Neighbor,

As we reach the end of the year, I am glad to share with you this Annual Report of my work on behalf of Texas' Seventh Congressional District.

This year has brought much change and many challenges. With a new Congress and a new Administration in the White House, many long-standing policies, priorities, and practices of the federal government have changed at a rapid pace and without input from many of the people most knowledgeable and most affected. This year, we have seen a rapid concentration of power in the White House that undermines the checks and balances on power that are central to our Constitution. And this Congress has enabled it.

To date, this Congress has largely supported, defended, and encouraged President Trump's unlawful, unconstitutional, and un-American actions. This year, I have urged the Congress to remember its purpose and to use its power to protect, support, and defend the people and the Constitution of the United States.

We are at a critical moment in the history of our country. One that moment requires us to oppose the concentration of power in the hands of the few; to promote equality, dignity, freedom, and opportunity for all through our democratic system of government; and to defend and promote the principles of democracy, the rule of law, and the rights and freedoms in our Constitution.

As your representative, I have worked to do so, and to bring the voices of our district to this national conversation about our values as Americans, our vision for the future, and our priorities for the moment. In the pages that follow, I will share more about how I have worked to advance these priorities and values in Congress, in the courts, and in the community this year.

Sincerely,

IN CONGRESS

With Republicans in control of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the White House, President Trump has signed 57 bills into law. President Trump has taken many more executive actions without consulting Congress. This Congress has been less productive and more divided. It has taken fewer votes on important legislation and has considered legislation without much, if any, bipartisan discussion. You can see all the votes I have taken this year on my [website](#).

Bills & Votes on the House Floor

Votes Taken on Bills and Resolutions	362
Bills I Introduced	20
Bills and Resolutions I Co-Sponsored	224
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BUDGETS & SPENDING

This year, the Congress once again failed to pass a budget to direct federal spending, as it has the power and the responsibility to do. Last year, Congress also failed to pass its annual spending bill, and in March, this Congress passed a resolution to continue spending at previously approved and appropriated levels until the end of the fiscal year (September 30), with some major revisions and changes granting more power and discretion to the President and Executive Branch. But in September, Congress had again failed to pass the bills necessary to direct federal spending—and hadn't even considered most of them. This time, the government ran out of funding, and the federal government shut down for 43 days.

Between those two dates, the Congress did pass what Congressional Republicans and President Trump call the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," containing many of the President's policy priorities. At a time when families across our community and our country are struggling with rising costs, this bill makes devastating cuts to health care and food security programs that they rely on every day while it increases deficit spending and the national debt. In short, this bill takes from the poor to give tax cuts to the rich, making life harder and more expensive for Americans, not easier and more affordable. Every House Democrat and three Republicans voted against this bill; it passed the House and Senate, however, and President Trump signed it into law.

I voted against these government spending bills because they are neither fiscally nor morally responsible. The bills the Congress has passed this year have cut funding for programs and services that people in our community and across the country rely on, and that are investments in our future. Instead, they cut funding for programs benefiting all Americans to provide tax cuts to the very wealthiest Americans. And at the same time, the Congress has given away its own authority to control spending and granted unprecedented and dangerous discretion to the White House.



TARIFFS & TRADE

- Coffee: +21%
- Furniture: +10%
- Bananas: +6.6%
- Dresses: +6.2%
- Watches: +5.6%
- Car parts: +3.4%

President Trump campaigned on the promise that he would lower costs on day one. Instead, he has imposed massive tariffs that have become one of the largest tax increases in American history. These tariffs have increased prices on goods Americans use every day, including food, clothes, gas, electronics, cars, furniture, building supplies, and more. This new Trump Tax is not strengthening our economy or helping make life more affordable for Americans. It is doing the opposite.

I have worked this year to restore Congress' constitutional authority over trade by cosponsoring bills to increase transparency, curb executive overreach, and modernize outdated tariff laws. I opposed Republican efforts to give the President unilateral tariff powers and have consistently urged the administration to rescind harmful and unlawful tariffs on our allies.

HEALTH CARE

As a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which has legislative jurisdiction over health care matters, I am focused on bringing the expertise of our district to Washington to develop and advance policies to improve our health care system, reduce costs, increase choices for consumers, and expand coverage. The Congress took several actions this year (and failed to take others) that have a dramatic impact on all Americans' health care.

Among its provisions, July's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" eliminates access to health care for an estimated 17 million Americans through cuts to Medicaid spending and *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* tax credits and triggers \$535 million in cuts to Medicare. It is estimated that nearly 1.7 million Texans will lose access to health care coverage and that health care premiums will go up for people covered under the ACA. I joined my colleagues in fighting against these bills and for policies to improve access to affordable health care, but the Congress ended the year without passing a bill to lower costs or extend key tax credits.



IN THE COURTS

LITIGATION TASK FORCE

The Trump administration has taken many actions this year that are unprecedented, unlawful, and unconstitutional. In response, the House Democratic Caucus created a Litigation Task Force to ensure we do everything in our power to protect and defend our country and our constitution. As a former courtroom lawyer, I am glad to serve on the Task Force and work with my colleagues to support efforts to challenge actions of the administration in the U.S. courts.



LITIGATION/RESPONSE TASK FORCE

To date, our task force has supported more than 25 different lawsuits proceeding in the federal courts by filing “friend of the court” briefs, known by their Latin name, “amicus briefs.” Through these briefs we can explain the original intent behind a law, defend Congressional authority in instances of Presidential overreach, and highlight the broader impacts a court’s decision could have on the public.



I added my name to 25 amicus briefs in courts this year, including in cases to

- uphold the constitutional principle of birthright citizenship
- defend congressional authority over tariffs and foreign commerce, challenging President Trump’s tariffs imposed under the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)*
- challenge President Trump’s illegal and unconstitutional attempt to cut billions of dollars in NIH research funding
- defend American consumers and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- stop actions to dismantle the Department of Education
- oppose President Trump’s unlawful attempts to fire duly appointed and congressionally confirmed board members at independent federal agencies members, including the Federal Trade Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, and the Merit Systems Protection Board.

You can read more about our work [here](#).

DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This fall, I testified before the House Judiciary Committee to share my concerns that, under the leadership and at the direction of President Trump, the Executive Branch has overstepped its authority and undermined the institutions that uphold the rule of law, guarantee free and fair elections, regulate commerce, protect public health, conduct oversight, and engage with people and countries around the world, expanding the power of the presidency to implement dangerous and divisive policies.

This House and Senate have utterly failed to respond to the assault on Congressional authority and our Constitution’s separation of powers as well as the grave harm to our Constitutional order that come from the President and the Administration’s efforts to censure dissent, to prohibit and intimidate Americans peaceful assembly, to limit public participation and freedom to associate; to restrain and exclude the press, and the transparency a free press brings; and to prohibit the free exercise of religion. I urged the committee to use its authority to protect the constitutional system of justice and the independence of the courts and the judiciary as this administration abuses its authority by intimidation, investigation, and prosecution of its critics. To date, this Congress has largely supported, defended, and encouraged President Trump’s unlawful, unconstitutional, and un-American actions. **I urged the Committee to remember its purpose and to use its power to protect, support, and defend the people and the Constitution of the United States.**



IN THE COMMUNITY

CONSTITUENT CONNECTION AND ADVOCACY

This year, our team has dedicated our efforts to connecting with the people of our district and our community and to demonstrating the power and possibility of representative democracy, making real the principle that we are all created equal and have a right to have a say in our government.

In Houston and in Washington, I work with our team to respond to inquiries of all kinds – from phone calls and letters and meetings with constituents about issues and legislation to helping with matters before federal agencies, like obtaining benefits from Social Security, Medicare, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, getting help from the SBA or FEMA, or helping with cases before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Internal Revenue Service, and others.

This year, we participated in more than 1,500 meetings in Washington and Houston with constituents and people advocating for them. We also received and responded to more calls, letters, and emails this year—about 20,000 more than our average—regarding policy matters, particularly those relating to the actions of the Trump administration.

We hosted six town hall meetings across the district, in person, over the telephone, and by zoom to reach as many people as many ways as possible, and partnered with other elected officials to participate in more town halls across the district. We hosted **four passport fairs** and **nine constituent services pop-ups** from Mission Bend, to Alief, to Bellaire, and to Montrose to bring information, conversation, and services to people throughout our district. And we joined people at events all across our community, and deepened partnerships with people and organizations at home.

As of December 2025, our office has successfully resolved more than 16,000 matters with federal agencies 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 issues.

Working for Constituents in 2025

Constituent Matters Resolved	1,321
Federal Grant Funds Delivered to TX-07	\$343,240,540
Federal Dollars Returned to Constituents from Federal Agencies	\$4,287,391
Phone Calls Received	5,463
Letters and Emails Received	71,000+

Join us! To learn more about upcoming events, visit fletcher.house.gov/Events or sign up to receive event notifications at fletcher.house.gov/newsletter.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

In previous years, I have obtained congressional funding for projects in our community through the congressional funding (appropriations) process. Since Congress failed to pass a funding bill this year, I did not get new funding to report, but I was glad to see several projects I got funding for completed this year, including:

- **Meyergrove Detention Basin.** In January, I joined Harris County and city leaders to celebrate the completion of 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 in the Meyerland area. I secured \$10 million for this infrastructure project, which reminds us why having government that works efficiently, effectively, and collaboratively is what we need, deserve, and can have.
- **The Sugar Land First Responder Training Facility.** Sugar Land's new Public Safety Training Facility represents the best of what government can and should do—respond to the needs of the community by getting the input of the people, working collaboratively across agencies and across the aisle, and prioritizing preparation, training, and the safety of our communities and the people who protect and serve them. I secured \$1,000,000 in congressional funding for its construction, and was delighted to join community leaders to open it this year.
- **GRADcafé Gulfton-Sharpstown.** GRADcafé, a college readiness community center, is an exciting and vibrant place to help students and families in Harris County plan for and make real their dreams and aspirations. I was glad to partner with Harris County Public Library, the Tejano Center, and Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones in the effort to bring a new GRADcafé to Texas' Seventh Congressional District with \$578,000 in congressional funding.

Learn more about these and other projects [on my website](#).



A note from a neighbor our constituent advocates helped:

"I contacted Congresswoman Fletcher's office because I was having difficulty with my Social Security Disability. After several phone calls to SSA, I decided to contact Representative Fletcher for assistance.

"Her office responded to me extremely quickly and were so kind in assisting me. They took their time to understand the problem and helped me resolve the issue. Within a week of talking with Representative Fletcher's office, the problem with my disability was resolved.

"What I had been dealing with for months, her office resolved in a week. I can't thank Congresswoman Fletcher and the amazing staff that she has enough. Without them, I would very likely still be trying to resolve the issue on my own. Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart!"

Charles L., TX-07 Constituent



If you need help with a federal agency, visit fletcher.house.gov/casework.

How can we help?

We have a talented and dedicated team that serves our district in Washington and in Houston. We are always glad to help by answering questions and helping solve problems. Here are some of the things we can do:

HELP WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

While we cannot ask an agency to decide a matter in your favor, we can usually help you get information and a prompt response from agencies including the IRS, SBA, FEMA, HUD, and many others.

HELP WITH SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE

If you need information about Social Security programs, including retirement and survivor benefits, disability, and supplemental security income, or Medicare, including determining which health care services are available for coverage, or if you are having trouble with claims, we can help.

HELP WITH VETERANS' BENEFITS

If you need help with your claims for VA pensions, disability benefits, VA medical services, burial benefits, military records, or overdue medals, we can help you.

HELP WITH PASSPORTS

If you need a new or replacement passport processed urgently, we may be able to speed up the process.

HELP WITH IMMIGRATION MATTERS

If you have problems with visas, green cards, naturalization, or other issues, we may be able to help.

PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We have internships in Houston and Washington for students. Together with community advisors, I have the honor to nominate a limited number of highly qualified candidates for our military academies each year.

PROVIDE TOURS, FLAGS, & CERTIFICATES

The Capitol is open again for tours! Our office can help in obtaining and providing a limited number of tours in the Capitol and around Washington. Additionally, our office can provide flags flown over the U.S. Capitol and certificates of Congressional recognition.

We look forward to helping you. Visit fletcher.house.gov/casework to start the process or visit fletcher.house.gov/contact to get in touch.

2025 — THE YEAR IN PICTURES







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