


# 2025 in Review



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# HELPING PEOPLE AND SOLVING PROBLEMS

When I came to Congress in 2023, I brought the stories of my parents, who saw the best of government and the worst of government growing up during the Great Depression in the Jim Crow South. I show up every day focused on making our government by, of and for the people one that works to help people and solve problems.

Here are some highlights from the past year on how I've done just that.

*Jennifer R. McCreese*





# CHAOS IN WASHINGTON

2025 marked the first half of the 119th Congress. As Donald Trump took his oath of office for his second term on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I kept thinking about the question Dr. King pondered throughout the final year of his life: “Where do we go from here: chaos or community?”

Within hours, the Trump Administration began unleashing chaos with a slew of executive orders stretching beyond the bounds of its authority. Rather than lowering costs, the Administration and the Republican majority in Congress have raised prices on just about everything from health care to groceries through their disastrous policies. Their assault on our federal workforce and funding for popular programs have brought great uncertainty to millions of Americans, particularly in Virginia.

Through it all, I have remained focused on community, fighting to solve problems and help people like YOU.

# THIS YEAR, MY TEAM AND I...

Requested

**\$45.8M+**

in community project funding

Returned

**\$3.6M+**

to VA-04 residents

Closed

**829**

constituent cases



# LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

19

**BILLS INTRODUCED**

307

**BILLS COSPONSORED**

362

**VOTES CAST**

418

**LETTERS SENT**

17

**AMICUS BRIEFS  
LED/SIGNED**

10

**DISCHARGE PETITIONS  
SIGNED**

8

**TOWN HALLS HELD**



# COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

This Congress, I serve on the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which holds the honor of being the oldest committee in the House with the largest jurisdiction.

There, I tackle everything from ensuring millions can afford their health care; to meeting growing energy demand with clean energy and energy efficiency programs; to putting people over polluters as we fight against rollbacks to environmental protections.




# E&C SUBCOMMITTEES



This Congress, I am on two subcommittees on the Energy & Commerce Committee. Subcommittees help members of Congress divvy up the work that remains to be done and separate them into distinct issue areas.

On the Energy Subcommittee, I address everything from rising energy bills, to strain on our electrical grid, to staffing shortages due to reckless mass layoffs by the Trump Administration. On the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, I help ensure that no community — especially our friends and neighbors living in rural areas — gets left behind as we modernize our telecommunications infrastructure and adapt to the unique needs of the 21st century.







# RESPONDING TO YOUR CONCERNS

I've spent this year listening to your stories across our Commonwealth and bringing them back with me to Washington, where we legislate on the issues that affect your day-to-day.

Whether it's responding to developments in the district like the Richmond water crisis, votes in the House that do nothing to address the cost of living, or celebrating wins in Virginia beyond, I shared resources and amplified the stories of those in my district. I'm thankful for all those who made their voices heard to me and my office this year and invite you to continue doing so in 2026.



# MY 5 OP-EDS THIS YEAR

1. **PROGRESS-INDEX:** Jennifer McClellan on Jimmy Carter's life of service, integrity and global impact
2. **RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH:** An America without a Department of Education leaves children behind
3. **WASHINGTON TIMES:** Meeting the demands of today and tomorrow requires clean and efficient energy
4. **VIRGINIAN-PILOT:** Let me tell you what the Republican budget means for Virginia
5. **RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH:** Government Shutdown: Crisis of GOP's Making

# DEFENDING OUR FEDERAL WORKFORCE

We witnessed an all-out assault of our federal workforce with funding cuts, reckless mass layoffs and more. These are not faceless bureaucrats that keep our nation running — they're our friends and neighbors who work every day to strengthen public health, make sure our water is safe to drink and air is safe to breathe, keep our communities safe and more. I stood beside our civil service in these uncertain times and fought to give them the recognition they deserve.







# MAINTAINING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

This year, we also saw our communities face devastating blows to their health care networks. From draconian Medicaid cuts passed in the Big Ugly Law to the ongoing fight to extend the enhanced premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act that is set to expire, millions of Americans are now forced to make impossible choices between paying for their health insurance, food on the table or rent.

Patients worry about being able to afford their health insurance; providers worry about keeping their doors open; and the rest of us worry about seeing our premiums skyrocket as costs are passed onto the rest of us — all to pay for permanent tax breaks for millionaires. I spent months sounding the alarm on this looming health care crisis.

**IN MAY, I FOUGHT BACK IN A**

**26.5 hour**

hearing in the Energy & Commerce Committee, where Democrats fought through the night and the next day to preserve access to health care for all.



# LOOKING AHEAD

We know that 2026 will bring more challenges. But I'm not giving up the fight, and I encourage you to continue to do the same and have hope for the new year.

Government will only ever reflect the perspective of — and therefore meet the needs of — those who participate. That means, for the sake of our democracy, we can't afford to give up now. I look forward to continuing this very important work during a very pivotal time for our nation, and I wish you all a joyous, peaceful and prosperous 2026!



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