



118th Congress in Review



Dear Friend,

I grew up on the stories of my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, who lived through racial discrimination in the Jim Crow South. I learned from an early age that at its best, government is a force for good and positive change; at its worst, it's a force that oppresses some for the benefit of others.

On March 7th, 2023, I was sworn into Congress, becoming the first Black woman to represent Virginia in the U.S. House of Representatives. When I took my oath of office and addressed the House for the first time, I promised to do everything in my power to ensure our government solves problems and helps people.

That promise has guided my work every day of the 118th Congress. While we have more work to do, I'm proud of what my team and I accomplished on your behalf in the 118th Congress.

Below are some highlights from my first term as your Congresswoman.



Advocating On Your Behalf

I opened my main District Office in Richmond and a satellite office in Brunswick to better meet the needs of residents in Virginia's Fourth.

My dedicated team of constituent representatives worked tirelessly to address the issues you face and help return your missing benefits. Here's what we accomplished in my first term.



\$3,921,747
returned to residents

1,882
cases closed

Taking Action on Your Concerns

The Progress-Index

McClellan: Congress must 'do its part' and fund reimbursements for stolen SNAP benefits

Richmond Times-Dispatch

McClellan fires off letter to executives at AdvanSix chemical plant



Virginia congresswoman urges 'enforcement action' if issues at Petersburg apartments persist

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Wittman, McClellan visit US Postal Service center in Sandston as facility undergoes audit

Augusta Free Press

Tough questions ahead for Boar's Head, USDA after deadly Listeria outbreak



Congresswoman pushing to extend program to replace stolen SNAP benefits as reports of theft increase

My team and I work to monitor the issues impacting Virginians, which inform my policymaking and oversight decisions in Washington.

Throughout the 118th Congress, I fought to address some of the most pressing issues facing residents of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, including mail delivery issues, chemical leaks from a local plant in Hopewell, an apartment complex plagued by issues in Petersburg, the deadly listeria outbreak in Jarrat, and SNAP benefit theft, which impacted countless families in Virginia around the holiday season. I know we have more work to do to address these issues, and I plan to continue fighting to correct them in the 119th Congress.

My team and I rely on you to keep us informed of any issues you face. I thank all the constituents who reached out to share their experiences.

Delivering for the District

This Congress, Members had the opportunity to submit local projects for funding consideration through the annual appropriations process. Shortly after I was sworn in, I began working with local governments, entities, and other organizations to develop the most compelling applications possible for the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations process. Our efforts proved successful and all 15 projects were selected for funding!



\$15,014,826
secured for Virginia's Fourth

During the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process, I submitted 15 additional projects for funding consideration; however, those bills never passed Congress. The federal government is currently operating on a temporary stopgap funding measure. When we return to Washington in the 119th, I will continue advocating for those projects and fighting to bring federal funding back to Virginia's Fourth.

Legislative Overview

In Washington, I work to develop common sense policy solutions to lower costs and improve Americans' ability to get ahead. I also sit on both the House Armed Services Committee and the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, where I focus on the issues impacting our service members, military families, and national security priorities and America's technology development, scientific research, and global competitiveness. The majority of bills I introduced were bipartisan, and I'm proud of what I was able to accomplish this Congress!

**23 original bills
introduced**

**4 bills signed
into law**

**448 bills
cosponsored**

628 letters signed

Fighting for Our Military



Virginia is home to one of the largest active-duty and veteran populations in the nation. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I fought to expand resources for our service members and military families and improve their quality of life.

During the 118th Congress, we passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. I secured several amendments in both bills that were signed into law by President Joe Biden, including provisions to expand mental health resources, reduce service member suicide rates, ease their transition to civilian life, preserve the United States' membership in NATO, and more.

My Bills Included in the National Defense Authorization Acts

NATO Resolution

My resolution was included in the FY24 NDAA and signed into law by President Biden on December 22, 2023. My resolution prohibits any President from unilaterally withdrawing the United States from NATO without congressional approval.

Military OneSource Transparency Act

My legislation was included in the FY24 NDAA and signed into law by President Biden on December 22, 2023. My bill directs the Department of Defense to conduct a study into the efficacy of the One Source Program, which aims to connect service members and their families with services.

Improving TAP for Guard and Reserve Servicemembers Act

My legislation was included in the FY25 NDAA and signed into law by President Biden on December 23, 2024. My bill provides the Reserve Components of our Armed Forces with tailored guidance and technical assistance to support their transition back to civilian life.

Advancing American Innovation

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Moon shot: McClellan seeks standard for 'celestial time' for space flight

Richmond Free Press

McClellan proposes bill to standardize time – on the moon

VCU news

VCU faculty share insight at climate roundtable with Rep. Jennifer McClellan and NASA Deputy Administrator Pamela Melroy



Virginia's Fourth is home to important scientific field offices, including the National Weather Service Wakefield and NASA Wallops.

As a member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I worked to advance bills that would support these key installations and enhance our global competitiveness. I have been particularly focused on strengthen and diversify our STEM workforce, promote American leadership in scientific research and space exploration, and ensure we remain on the forefront of technological development.

Honoring John Mercer Langston



Augusta Free Press

Legislation to rename Petersburg post office on Biden's desk

As the first Black woman to represent Virginia in Congress, I stand on the shoulders of all the trailblazers who came before me, including John Mercer Langston, the first Black man to represent Virginia – also from Virginia's Fourth.

I introduced legislation to rename the Petersburg Post Office as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building." The House unanimously passed my bill on July 22, 2024. The Senate unanimously passed it on December 19, 2024.

This will be my first standalone bill to become law!

Looking Ahead

The 119th Congress will undoubtedly be filled with challenges, surprises, and opportunities for progress. In times of uncertainty, I often think about the late John R. Lewis's final words to us: "Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself."

No matter the circumstances, I will continue to fighting to do my part. I look forward to serving you for another term.

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