



REP. COLIN ALLRED'S 2022 REPORT



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A NOTE FROM REP. ALLRED

I've been hard at work in 2022 making sure Congress delivers for North Texas families. I was raised by a single mom, who was a Dallas school teacher, so I know how tough it can be when costs rise.

That's why I've been working to lower costs on things like prescription drugs, health care and gas, and investing in our infrastructure and small businesses to create jobs.

Congress may be changing, but my approach will not and I promise to continue working with my colleagues across the aisle to deliver real results so every single person can live their version of the American dream.

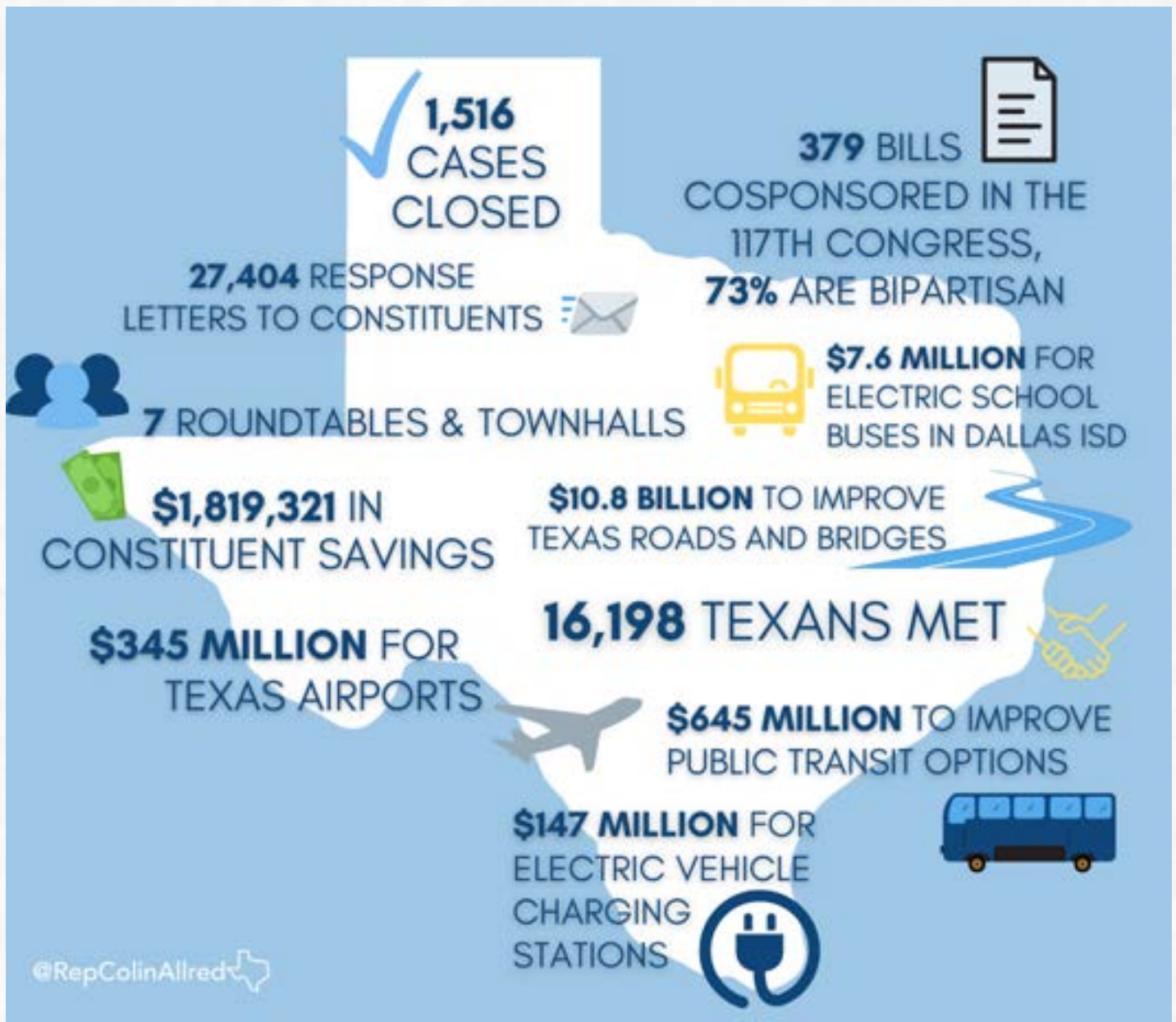
Sincerely,



Rep. Allred meets with EU officials in Belgium ahead of visit to Ukraine in January 2022.



2022 BY THE NUMBERS





LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES



REP. COLIN ALLRED DETAILS HOW CLIMATE, TAX, HEALTH CARE BILL WILL LOWER EVERYDAY COSTS

"As the United States faces decades-high inflation, people across the country are looking to lawmakers for respite.

Democratic Rep. Colin Allred of Texas joined ABC News on GMA3 to discuss the Inflation Reduction Act, a sweeping climate, tax and health care package that the Senate passed..." (ABC News, 8/08/22)



Rep. Allred hosts Speaker Nancy Pelosi in Dallas for roundtable on lowering prescription drug and health care costs in March 2022.



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

THE PANDEMIC HAS CREATED TWO VERY DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORKPLACES. THAT ESPECIALLY MATTERS FOR WOMEN.

"However, there are some signs of possible bipartisanship. Reps. Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.) and Stephanie Bice (R-Okla.) are in the process of launching a bipartisan group with the sole purpose of enacting paid family and medical leave.

Its members so far include Bice, Colin Allred (D-Texas), Haley Stevens (D-Mich.), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) and Julia Letlow (R-La.)." (Politico, 12/05/22)

'ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION' PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING REFORM COULD BE COMING. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW

"The Senate proposal includes meaningful reforms like allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and establishing limits on increases to those prices... It also includes a \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket spending that would provide relief for Medicare beneficiaries who take high-price prescription drugs.

"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to get this across the finish line, and I am deeply committed and excited about getting it done," Rep. Colin Allred, D-Texas, said during a webcast hosted by Invest in America this week." (CNBC, 07/29/22)

AMID FORMULA CRISIS, ALLRED LEADS TEXAS REPRESENTATIVES IN URGING TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROTECT TEXANS FROM PRICE GOUGING

"This is not a partisan issue as we can all agree that ensuring parents have access to baby formula to feed their babies is a top priority," wrote the Members. "This is a time to come together to address the very frightening reality that parents are currently facing, including protecting them from price gouging." (Allred, 5/20/2022)



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

A PUSH IS ON IN CONGRESS TO HELP MILLIONS OF AMERICANS COPE WITH HIGH INSULIN PRICES

"Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, has tried to spotlight the issue of insulin prices, inviting Thompson as his guest to the 2020 State of the Union address. In an interview, he cited statistics that one in four diabetics report rationing their insulin.

"What that really means is they're risking their life because they can't afford their medication." Allred said. "So to cap the cost is important to me and I'm going to keep trying to find ways to lower costs." (Dallas Morning News, 4/4/2022)

ALLRED VOTES FOR JOB-CREATING INVESTMENTS IN DOMESTIC RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING SEMICONDUCTORS

"Our supply chain issues, and especially our chip shortage is hurting Texans, and now, we have an opportunity to pass a bill that puts America on strong footing to lead the world, compete with China and create jobs here at home," said Allred." (Allred, 2/4/2022)

ALLRED, ROUZER, DAVIS, CRAIG ANNOUNCE RELAUNCH OF BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN CAUCUS

"Supply chain slowdowns are impacting everyday life for folks across North Texas, and to get our economy back on track, Congress must work in a bipartisan way to strengthen our supply chain and end the disruptions we've seen as a result of this pandemic," said Congressman Allred. "This shouldn't be a partisan issue, and it's why I am proud to help lead this bipartisan Caucus and craft solutions that will help reduce costs, create jobs and improve our supply chain across the board." (Allred, 1/18/2022)



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE



DALLAS ISD TO RECEIVE 25 ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES AS PART OF INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

"This is great news for Dallas schools and shows how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to deliver and how North Texas school districts can lead the nation in the adoption of this technology," North Texas Congressman Colin Allred said in a statement.

"I was glad to join the EPA this summer in urging our schools to apply for this funding and I am proud that Dallas ISD will receive 25 clean, pollution-free electric school buses," Allred added. (WFAA, 11/01/22)



Rep. Allred aboard a new electric school bus with his TX-32 stem scholars after highlighting a grant program from the Environmental Protection Program that delivered \$7.6 million to Dallas ISD for 25 electric school buses, in August 2022.



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

ALLRED ANNOUNCES \$5.47 BILLION HEADED TO TEXAS IN 2023 TO INVEST IN ROADS AND BRIDGES AS PART OF BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

"I championed this bipartisan legislation from the very beginning because I knew it would deliver much-needed, and long overdue investment that will create jobs, reduce congestion and repair our roads and bridges," said Allred. "As Texas grows, this investment isn't optional, it is a necessity and I will keep working with local leaders to ensure the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to deliver for Texans." (Allred, 10/12/22)

TEXAS WILL BUILD MORE THAN 50 NEW ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING LOCATIONS ALONG MAJOR HIGHWAYS

U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, said in a statement that the approval is "a huge step forward."

"More and more Texans are choosing to go electric," Allred said. "[The program] will create jobs and give folks more options as they travel across our state." (Texas Tribune, 9/27/22)

ALLRED ANNOUNCES \$8.7 MILLION GRANT FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR DALLAS COLLEGE TO GROW BIOTECH WORKFORCE TRAINING

"The American Rescue Plan continues to deliver for North Texas, this time by strengthening Dallas College's work to help North Texans get good jobs," said Allred. "North Texas can lead the world in biotechnology, and this grant will help us build the workforce to do just that." (Allred, 8/3/22)

ALLRED VOTES TO PASS THE CHIPS ACT TO CREATE JOBS, LOWER COSTS AND INVEST IN TEXAS MANUFACTURING, WORKERS AND RESEARCH

"From cars to cell phones, nearly all the electronics we use are impacted by the supply of semiconductor chips, and to ensure that America, and Texas, continues to lead the world for decades to come, we must invest in American technology, workers and our supply chains," said Allred. "This legislation does just that. I was proud to vote for this bipartisan legislation today because I know it will lower costs for North Texans and create good jobs." (Allred, 7/28/22)



SERVING OUR VETERANS



THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

DALLAS, EL PASO VETERANS' FACILITIES WILL GET \$442 MILLION IN UPGRADES

President Joe Biden signed on Monday a bipartisan bill — championed by U.S. Reps. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, and Jake Ellzey, R-Waxahachie — that will direct more than \$442 million in upgrades to Veterans Affairs health care facilities in Dallas and El Paso.

Both Allred and Ellzey are members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The improvements the bill will pay for include a 30-bed long-term care facility for spinal cord injuries in Dallas and an entirely new health care facility in El Paso.
(Texas Tribune, 10/11/22)



Rep. Allred spends Thanksgiving with troops stationed in Kuwait on a Congressional Delegation to the region in November 2022.



SERVING OUR VETERANS

ALLRED CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING WITH SERVICE MEMBERS IN KUWAIT

"Our service members stationed abroad sacrifice so much, including being away from their families and friends on holidays," said Allred. "I was honored to celebrate Thanksgiving in Kuwait with our service members, and to hear directly about their current service and how as a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I can ensure they have everything they need in civilian life once their service has ended. I know I join all my fellow North Texans in saying how thankful I am to these folks for all they have done for our nation." (Allred, 11/24/22)

'ABORTION SAVED MY LIFE': TEXAS VETERAN VOICES SUPPORT FOR VA ABORTION SERVICES PLAN

"This is not a hypothetical scenario. There are Texas women who've been turned away with life-risking conditions, because the hospital was worried that provided this care that they would be subject to criminal penalties, a felony, in fact," Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, said. "It's a decision that's in the best interest for protecting our women veterans' health, both physical and mental." (Spectrum, 9/20/22)

ALLRED STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNING THE BIPARTISAN PACT ACT INTO LAW TO HELP VETS EXPOSED TO TOXINS

"Today, America takes a big step forward in keeping our promise to our veterans by ensuring that those exposed to toxins while serving can get the benefits and health care they have earned," said Allred. "When I visited Afghanistan, I saw first-hand the impact that toxic burn pits have on our service members. It is a credit to our veterans that, despite setbacks and delays, they never gave up and kept fighting to get this bill across the finish line. I am so honored to work alongside them on the Veterans Committee and I am as dedicated as ever to continuing this important work." (Allred, 8/10/22)

100-YEAR-OLD VETERAN'S QUEST FOR A HOME FRONT HEROES DAY IS ON ITS WAY TO CONGRESS

"And today Congressman Colin Allred showed up, a bi-partisan resolution in hand, expressing support for designating May 9th as 'Home Front Heroes Day' on a national level. Allred introduced the resolution along with Rep. Jake Ellzey, a Republican from Texas' 6th district.

"You know, that's something," Allred said in his remarks to Luckadoo and the crowd assembled in the auditorium. "But creating a national holiday, that's also something. What a life! What an incredible life of service you've led Major!" (WFAA, May 9, 2022)



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE



ALLRED RECEIVES ADVOCATE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARD

"U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, stopped by the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce Oct. 4 to receive the Advocate for American Business Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The award is given 'in recognition of support for pro-growth and pro-business policies as well as bipartisanship.'

Allred also received the award in 2020, formerly called the Spirit of Enterprise award, as well as the Jefferson-Hamilton Award for Bipartisanship in 2021." (People Newspapers, 10/10/21)



Rep. Allred accepts the Advocate For American Business Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce in October 2022.



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

'LOVE IS LOVE': HOW SOME TEXAS LAWMAKERS SAW THE SAME-SEX AND INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE BILL

"I'm proud to vote today to say that love is love," Dallas Rep. Colin Allred said on the House floor ahead of the vote. "No matter who you are, where you live and no matter what future extreme, out of touch Supreme Court may say." (Dallas Morning News, 12/8/2022)

ALLRED VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION REFORM ACT TO ENSURE EVENTS LIKE JANUARY 6 NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a former voting rights attorney, today voted for the Presidential Election Reform Act (PERA). The bill reforms the Electoral Count Act by reaffirming that the vice president's role at the count is ceremonial, raising the objection threshold to one-third of each house (up from a single Member from each house) and listing the explicit Constitutional grounds upon which Members may object to a state's electoral votes." (Allred, 9/21/22)

HOUSE PASSES BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BRITTNEY GRINER'S RELEASE

"The House on Friday passed a bipartisan resolution calling on the Russian government to immediately release WNBA star Brittney Griner.

Stanton introduced the resolution in May along with Democratic Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee and Colin Allred of Texas, Griner's home state." (CNN, 6/25/2022)

ALLRED VOTES FOR BIPARTISAN GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

"After more than three decades of inaction, this legislation represents real, meaningful progress on gun safety that will save lives," said Allred. "I experienced gun violence in my own life growing up and I lost friends to senseless gun violence. The work continues to make our communities safer, but I am proud to support this legislation and I look forward to President Biden signing it into law." (Allred, 6/24/2022)



ALLRED-LED BILLS

H.Res. 1132: Calling for the immediate release of Brittney Griner, a citizen of the United States, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in February 2022. It passed the House on June 24, 2022.

H.Con.Res.94 : Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the end of impunity of unpunished Serbian sexual war crimes during the 1999 Kosovo war in the case of United States citizen and sexual war crime survivor Vafije Krasniqi Goodman and other survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

H.Res.1088: Expressing support for the designation of May 9 as "Home Front Heroes Day" - This bill seeks to designate May 9 as "Home Front Heroes Day."

H.R.7500, Fiscal Year 2022 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility

Authorization Act: This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out specified major medical facility projects during FY2022. The bill also indicates the maximum amount that can be spent on each project. **This bill was signed into law by President Biden on October 10, 2022.**

H.R. 7992, Sustaining Our Democracy Act: This bill provides \$20 billion in mandatory federal funding over the next decade to help states and local governments support election administration, including by training and recruiting nonpartisan poll workers and election officials and increasing access to voting in underserved communities.

H.R. 6356, More Opportunities for Veterans to Exercise (MOVE) Act: This bill requires the General Services Administration to delegate authority to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for leasing space for preventive health fitness programs and counseling.

H.R.8552, PLAYS in Youth Sports Act: This bill directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a program to award grants to eligible national nonprofit organizations to improve the health and positive youth development impacts of youth sports participation and to increase access to youth sports for all children and youth, especially underserved populations.

H.R. 8837, Expanded Student Saver's Tax Credit Act: This bill revises the tax code for retirement savings contributions to allow full-time students to qualify for such credit.



BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

H.R. 5376, Inflation Reduction Act: The bill delivers relief by allowing Medicare to finally negotiate the cost of prescription drugs and caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 as well as the cost of insulin at \$35. This legislation makes the largest investment to fight the climate crisis in our history. It will reduce emissions by 40 percent, lower energy costs and create nine million jobs by investing in clean energy and helping Texans buy energy-efficient homes, appliances, electric vehicles and more.

H.R. 8408, Respect for Marriage Act: This bill requires that an individual be considered married if the marriage was valid in the state where it was performed. This gives same-sex and interracial couples additional security that they will continue to enjoy equal treatment under federal law as all other married couples – as the Constitution requires.

S.2938, Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: This bill amends current law to clarify who needs a Federal license to buy and sell firearms; imposes an enhanced background check review process, which includes reviewing juvenile mental health records for individuals 16 years or older seeking to purchase a firearm; and narrows the “boyfriend loophole” by prohibiting someone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as part of a dating relationship from purchasing or possessing a firearm for at least five years.

S. 3373, Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act: This bill grants access to health care to an estimated 5 million veterans exposed to toxic substances during their military service and finally concedes exposure to burn pits and airborne hazards. This bill also creates presumptions for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, shifting the burden of proof off our veterans.

H.R. 4346, the CHIPS and Science Act: This bill makes historic investments in research, innovation, technology and American manufacturing that will ensure America can outcompete any nation in the world. Specifically, the bill includes more than \$52 billion for manufacturers to build, expand, or modernize domestic facilities and equipment for semiconductor fabrication, assembly, testing, advanced packaging, or research and development. The bill also includes significant investment that will boost U.S. leadership in wireless technologies such as OpenRAN and their supply chains.

H.R. 7791, Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022: This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to take certain actions to address emergencies, disasters, and supply chain disruptions (particularly the shortage of infant formula in the United States) affecting participants of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

S.2089, Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022: This bill provides funding for and makes changes to school meal programs and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). It also rescinds certain funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

H.R.4591, VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to report quarterly on (1) the costs of its Electronic Health Record Modernization Program, including describing all expenses driven by the program; and (2) the performance metrics and outcomes of the program.

H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act of 2022: The bill requires the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish the Postal Service Health Benefits Program within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program under which OPM may contract with carriers to offer health benefits plans for USPS employees and retirees.



BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H.R. 3755, Women's Health Protection Act of 2021: This bill prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services.

H.R. 8373, Right to Contraception Act- This bill guarantees protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. Contraception refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives, fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.

H.R. 4521, United States Innovation and Competition (America COMPETES) Act of 2021: This bill addresses U.S. technology and communications, foreign relations and national security, domestic manufacturing, education, trade, and other matters.

H.R. 6833, Affordable Insulin Now Act: This bill limits cost-sharing for insulin under private health insurance and the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

H.R. 3807, Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act of 2021: This bill addresses support for restaurants, arts and entertainment venues, and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

H.R. 7688, Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act: This bill prohibits any person from selling, during a proclaimed energy emergency, a consumer fuel at a price that (1) is unconscionably excessive, and (2) indicates that the seller is exploiting the emergency to increase prices unreasonably.

H.R. 7910, Protecting Our Kids Act: This bill makes various changes to federal firearms laws, including to establish new criminal offenses and to expand the types of weapons and devices that are subject to regulation.



WORKING FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT: CASEWORK SUCCESSES

Carol from Dallas

Carol, a teacher from Dallas, received a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that said she needed to pay back thousands after the agency overpaid benefits. Anxious to find out more information and to resolve the issue, Carol tried to call the agency dozens of times, but she couldn't reach anyone. Frustrated and confused, Carol was tipped off by a columnist who said her Representative may be able to help. That's when she turned to Rep. Allred for assistance.

Rep. Allred contacted the agency and had her case flagged as a priority. After 10 months of trying to get through on her own, Carol's issue with SSA was finally resolved shortly after Rep. Allred's inquiry. She says that without Rep. Allred's involvement, the case would not have been fixed. You can read Carol's Letter to the Editor in the Dallas Morning News.

Timothy from Dallas

Timothy filed his 2019 tax return but received a letter from the IRS informing him that he made an error and owed more than \$9,000. He contacted the IRS multiple times stating that according to his tax return, he was supposed to receive a refund of over \$1,800. After receiving more letters from the IRS demanding payment and being unable to resolve the situation, he contacted Rep. Allred for assistance.

After hearing about Timothy's trouble resolving this issue, Rep. Allred reached out asking for answers and a quick response from the IRS. After Rep. Allred's inquiry, the IRS issued an abatement and refunded Timothy the money that was owed to him.

Willie from Dallas

Willie contacted the VA several times to inquire about qualifying for a service dog from the agency. Despite his repeated attempts, the VA did not reply to his inquiries. Frustrated and not sure how to proceed, Willie turned to Rep. Allred for assistance.

A strong advocate for our veterans and determined to get an answer for Willie, Rep. Allred placed an inquiry with the VA on his behalf. Soon after, Willie was given all of the information that he needed regarding the Service Dog Veterinary Health Benefit program that the VA offers.



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