



REP. COLIN ALLRED'S 2023 MIDYEAR REPORT



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A NOTE FROM REP. ALLRED

It's hard to believe but we are halfway through the year. I've been hard at work in 2023 making sure Congress delivers for North Texas families, and it has been great to see the impact of our investments in our community.

From lowering the cost of prescription drugs, health care, and groceries to investing in our infrastructure and small businesses to create jobs, we're making the future of our state bright.

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 folks from Photodigm, a semiconductor chip manufacturer in Richardson, March 2023.



FIRST SIX MONTHS BY THE NUMBERS

 **758**
CASES
CLOSED

14,850 RESPONSE LETTERS
TO CONSTITUENTS



1,500 SOLAR
ENERGY JOBS



\$1,463,222 IN
CONSTITUENT SAVINGS

\$4 MILLION TO CREATE A
TRANSPORTATION CENTER AT
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M



\$35 MILLION FOR
DFW AIRPORT
TERMINALS



2,000 TEXANS MET



\$103 MILLION TO REPLACE
OLD DART BUSES








LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES



Rep. Colin Allred 
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-  \$35 insulin and lower Rx drug costs
-  Free vaccines
-  Lower health care costs

All thanks to the historic Inflation Reduction Act, which I proudly worked to pass. This is what it means to deliver relief for American families.

10:00 AM · Jun 12, 2023



Rep. Allred meets Millie, a former Children's Health patient, and her family to discuss the important work Children's is doing and the federal funds he secured for the hospital, June 2023.



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

ALLRED, DINGELL, FITZPATRICK, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ REINTRODUCE BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

"... Representatives Colin Allred (D-TX), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), co-chair of the Congressional Cancer Prevention Caucus, Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) introduced bipartisan legislation to make breast cancer diagnostic tests more affordable and accessible to women by eliminating copays and additional out-of-pocket expenses. The Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act of 2023 requires insurance companies to cover diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations without cost-sharing." (Press release, 06/06/23)

AHEAD OF TAX DAY, ALLRED INTRODUCES BILL TO EXPAND TAX CREDIT TO HELP WORKING STUDENTS SAVE FOR RETIREMENT

"... Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) introduced the Expanded Student Saver's Tax Credit. Allred's bill expands access to the Saver's Credit to current students while in school who are also working part or full time jobs and want to get a head start saving for retirement." (Press release, 04/18/2023)

U.S. HOUSE PASSES BURIAL BENEFITS BILL INSPIRED BY MICHIGAN VETERAN

"Ahead of Memorial Day, the U.S. House last week approved a bill inspired by a Michigan veteran that would extend eligibility for burial benefits to terminally ill veterans who die at home, outside a Veterans Affairs hospital or facility.

The bill, sponsored by Reps. Jack Bergman, R-Watersmeet, and Colin Allred, D-Texas, passed the House 409-9 as part of a package of veterans-related legislation. It was initially named "Gerald's Law" for Gerald "Jerry" Elliott of Kingsford, who died on Aug. 11, 2019 at age 86." (Detroit News, 03/29/2023)



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

COASTAL BEND RESIDENTS COULD SEE MEDICAID, SNAP PANDEMIC BENEFITS UNWIND THIS WEEKEND

"... U.S. Representative Colin Allred said that now is the perfect time for Texas to expand Medicaid. In the meantime, it is important to keep these families protected. "I worry that our state is not prepared for the amount of processing that it would take to ensure that there is no lapse in coverage for these families," he said. "That's why it's so important that we do all we can to get these families the resources and information they need so they know how they can keep their family healthy." (KIII, 03/29/2023)

WE TOOK ON BIG PHARMA AND ARE LOWERING THE PRICE OF INSULIN

"Since first taking office in 2019, I have made lowering the price of prescription drugs one of my top priorities. This is especially important for drugs like insulin, which millions of Americans living with diabetes need to stay alive." (North Dallas Gazette, 03/15/23)

ALLRED COMMENDS ELI LILLY AND NOVO NORDISK FOR RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE AND REDUCING INSULIN COSTS

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) today applauded Novo Nordisk for joining Eli Lilly in announcing that they would cap the out-of-pocket costs for their insulins following Congressional action to cap insulin costs at \$35 per month for folks on Medicare." (Press release, 03/14/23)

BIPARTISAN HOUSE PAIR HOPE TO DEFY ODDS, FORGE A PAID LEAVE DEAL

"But a bipartisan group of House members, led by Reps. Stephanie L. Bice (R-Okla.) and Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.), are hoping to defy the odds and move the country closer to a national paid leave program.

Next week, Houlahan and Bice will announce the formation of a new task force that will include Republican Reps. Julia Letlow (La.) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (Iowa), and Democratic Reps. Haley Stevens (Mich.) and Colin Allred (Texas)." (Washington Post, 01/19/2023)



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE



Rep. Allred meets with folks from Photodigm, a semiconductor chip manufacturer in Richardson, March 2023.



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SOLAR PLANT COMING TO MESQUITE COULD CHURN OUT 20,000 PANELS DAILY, BRING 1,500 JOBS

"U.S. Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX, District 32) said the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act was instrumental in landing the facility in North Texas. Allred said. "Texas is already a leader in wind energy, and this manufacturing plant will help us take the lead in solar production. "Texas has the best workers and we are ready to lead the next generation of solar manufacturing," Allred said.'" (NBC DFW, 06/29/23)

DART AWARDED \$103 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO REPLACE OLDEST BUSES IN ITS FLEET

"Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, announced Monday that DART has been awarded a \$103 million Federal Transit Administration grant to replace about 186 of its oldest compressed natural gas buses. 'Because of our rapid growth, we need investments to bolster our local infrastructure and create more options for Texans to get where they need to go,' Allred said in a news release." (Dallas Morning News, 06/26/23)

DART AWARDED \$25 MILLION DOT GRANT TO BUILD TRAILS ALONG SILVER LINE

"The office of the U.S. Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX, 32nd District) announced the award Friday saying it will fund the construction of approximately 5.2 miles of shared-use trail including safety treatments, which will be built from Meandering Way in Dallas to Shiloh Road in Plano and will directly connect to several Silver Line rail station platforms." (NBC DFW, 06/26/23)

CONGRESSMAN ALLRED VISITS SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURER PHOTODIGM TO HIGHLIGHT CHIPS ACT

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) recently visited Richardson-based semiconductor manufacturer Photodigm. Allred toured their headquarters and discussed the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, which he helped pass, and the need to invest in semiconductor chip manufacturing, growing businesses like Photodigm to create jobs across Texas. " (Dallas Business Journal, 04/13/23)



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

BANKING ON INFRASTRUCTURE

"A private financial institution would be created to help revitalize infrastructure growth across the United States under bipartisan legislation in Congress to establish the country's first 'Federal Infrastructure Bank.'" (Washington Examiner, 04/10/23)

ALLRED: \$35 MILLION HEADED TO DFW AIRPORT THANKS TO BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today announced that as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law he helped pass, DFW Airport will receive a total of \$35 million in federal Airport Terminal Program (ATP) grants." (Press release, 02/27/23)

ALLRED ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT AWARD FOR PRAIRIE VIEW A&M TO CREATE A UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION CENTER

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today announced Prairie View A&M University received a \$4 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant to create a national University Transportation Center (UTC)." (Press release, 02/16/23)

\$1M IN FEDERAL FUNDS BOOSTS DALLAS COLLEGE'S TEACHER RESIDENCY APPRENTICE PROGRAM

"The Dallas College School of Education announced that its spring semester kicked off with an additional \$1 million in federal funding for its innovative teacher residency apprenticeship program.

The additional \$500,000 grant from the Department of Education was secured through District 32 U.S. Rep. Colin Allred and retired District 30 Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson. The \$540K was part of \$26.6 million in funding Allred obtained for an additional 15 North Texas projects." (Dallas Innovates, 02/08/23)

ALLRED HELPS RELAUNCH BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN CAUCUS

"Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX), Congressman David Rouzer (R-NC), Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD), and Congresswoman Angie Craig (D-MN) announced the relaunch of the bipartisan Congressional Supply Chain Caucus. 'Our supply chains aren't just about ensuring our economy is productive, but as we learned during the pandemic, supply chain disruptions directly impact families in Texas and across America,' said Rep. Allred." (Press release, 01/31/23)



PROTECTING RIGHTS



Rep. Colin Allred

One year ago, #SCOTUS overturned Roe v. Wade. Now Texas has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation, forcing women to drive hours to get an abortion. I will always work to protect a woman's right to make their own health care decisions and get the care they need.



Rep. Colin Allred

Discrimination against LGBTQ folks is rising at an alarming rate across the country, including in Texas. Today on International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, we condemn this bigotry and work to root out hate and discrimination wherever it exists.



Rep. Allred meets with Rachel and Frank Gonzalez from Dallas to hear about their work with the Human Rights Campaign to make Texas a better place for trans kids like their daughter Libby, May 2023.



PROTECTING RIGHTS

U.S. THREATENING SANCTIONS, VISA RESTRICTIONS AGAINST UGANDA OVER ANTI-LGBTQ LAW

Democratic lawmaker Colin Allred of Texas said the legislation is "horrificing and should be condemned by the global community," and Rep. Robert Garcia, a Democrat from California, said the law threatens the death penalty to 'individuals being true to their identity and loving who they choose.'" (USA Today, 05/31/23)

RESOURCE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON OAK LAWN PLACE

Resource Center held a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for its new senior housing facility that will be known as Oak Lawn Place. Among those speaking was a representative of Rep. Colin Allred's office who announced \$1 million in funding for the project under federal Community Project Funding. (Dallas Voice, 05/12/2023)

BILL AIMS TO END FORCED ARBITRATION FOR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS

"Democratic lawmakers outlined legislation Tuesday that would ban forced arbitration for workers with claims they faced racial discrimination on the job...Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Rep. Colin Allred of Texas introduced legislation that would do the same for racial discrimination claims. Booker said the practice of mandatory arbitration is contrary to the fundamental American ideal of fairness." Roll Call, 05/02/23)

ALLRED: "I WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE AND AGAINST WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS' RADICAL ANTI-FREEDOM AGENDA."

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) today voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would impose unnecessary restrictions on doctors and limit the ability of women to make the best health care decisions for themselves. This bill includes restrictions against medical intervention even when abortions are performed because the life of the woman is at risk." (Press release, 01/11/23)



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Rep. Allred joins North Texas Republican Rep. Jake Ellzey for a bipartisan segment on Fox News, January 2023.



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

HOUSE APPROVES BIPARTISAN DEBT LIMIT DEAL TO AVERT ECONOMY-RATTLING DEFAULT

"Protecting Texans from an economic disaster is priority #1," Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, wrote on Twitter. "It's not perfect but it's a bipartisan compromise that will prevent an unnecessary default." (Dallas Morning News, 05/30/23)

KAT CAMMACK, COLIN ALLRED LAUNCH THE COLLEGIATE SPORTS CAUCUS ON CAPITOL HILL

"At the end of last week, U.S. Reps. Kat Cammack, R-Texas, and Colin Allred, D-Texas, announced the formation of the bipartisan Collegiate Sports Caucus. The caucus will be focused on issues related to collegiate sports and educating Members of Congress and the public on news and issues around college athletes and sports programs at educational institutions across the country." (Florida Daily, 05/30/23)

PROPOSED BILLS ADDRESS THE U.S. PILOT SHORTAGE

Newly filed bipartisan legislation in the House and Senate would aim to reduce financial barriers for aspiring pilots. Related bills, introduced by Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., and Dan Sullivan, R-Ark., in the Senate, and by Colin Allred, D-Texas, and Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R-Ore., in the House, would increase the federal student loan limit for flight training programs to as much as \$137,500 from the current limit of \$80,000. (Travel Weekly, 05/01/23)

RESEARCH HUB COULD COME TO DALLAS AFTER REPS. COLIN ALLRED, MICHAEL BURGESS JOIN FORCES

Reps. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, and Michael Burgess, R-Pilot Point, led their colleagues in a letter inviting Wegrzyn and Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra to personally visit Pegasus Park to see why it's a good fit for an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, or ARPA-H research hub. (Dallas Morning News, 03/28/23)

ALLRED LEADS BIPARTISAN EFFORT EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF STATE AND FEDERAL COOPERATION TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE FROM FENTANYL

Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX-32) led a bipartisan effort, urging the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to work together with members of the Texas Congressional Delegation to access federal resources and keep students safe from fentanyl. The effort comes after nine students overdosed on fentanyl in Carrollton, Texas and three students tragically died. (Press Release, 03/28/23)



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

COMMON GROUND: TWO PARTY MEMBERS TAKE ON BIPARTISAN BORDER RESTORATION

Reps. Jake Ellzey and Colin Allred discuss bipartisan efforts to assist U.S. veterans, tackling the immigration process and more in Friday's edition of 'Common Ground.' (Fox News, 02/26/23)

A NEW BIPARTISAN PUSH FOR PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Their task force is composed of six House members: three from each party, including Democrats Colin Allred of Texas and Haley Stevens of Michigan and Republicans Julia Letlow of Louisiana and Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Iowa. Such a partnership across the aisle, Bice insisted, is not that uncommon. (CNN, 02/26/23)

ALLRED HELPS LEAD MOMENT OF RECOGNITION ON THE HOUSE FLOOR CELEBRATING DAMAR HAMLIN'S RECOVERY

Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX-32) and Congressman Burgess Owens (R-UT-04), both former NFL players, today led the House in a moment of recognition celebrating the recovery of Damar Hamlin. "Football does have some downsides, but it also has the power to bring us together. To remind us of what really matters. And Damar's perseverance has inspired millions and once again highlighted the generosity and fundamental goodness of the American people. Damar, congratulations on your recovery. We are all with you," said Allred in his remarks. (Press Release, 01/12/23)

CONGRESSMAN COLIN ALLRED ON BIPARTISANSHIP

"By and large, I have found that folks, if you approach them with reasonable ideas, will help you and work with you on it."

"We [Congressmembers] are all normal folks," says Rep. Allred. "If you think about the Democrats and Republicans in your everyday life, you wouldn't talk to them the way that you see folks talk on cable TV. Even though you might disagree with them on the same issues, that's not the conversation that you would have around the water cooler or meeting up in the neighborhood. It's much more civil." (Sirius XM- Julie Mason Mornings, 01/10/23)



ALLRED-LED BILLS

- **H.R. 988, Shell Company Abuse Act:** The bill makes it a felony to use or create an American shell company to conceal illegal political spending by foreign nationals.
- **H.Res. 143:** This bipartisan resolution affirms the commitment of the House of Representatives to fortify relations with the people and Government of Nigeria and calls for the country to commit to a peaceful, credible, and timely electoral process.
- **H.R. 1340, Open RAN Outreach Act:** This bipartisan bill directs the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to provide outreach and technical assistance to small communications network providers regarding how to use Open Radio Access Networks (Open RAN) technologies.
- **H.R. 2641, Expanded Student Saver's Tax Credit Act:** This bill revises the tax code for retirement savings contributions to allow full-time students to qualify
- **H.R. 2874, Flight Education Access Act:** This bipartisan bill increases the limit for individuals taking out student loans to pay for flight training and works to increase diversity within pilot training programs.
- **H.Con Res. 36:** Calling for 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 Vassilje Krasniqi Goodman and other survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.
- **H.R. 3038, Ending Forced Arbitration of Race Discrimination Act of 2023:** This bill would end the practice of forcing individuals who have experienced racial discrimination at work into arbitration.
- **H.R. 3130, Protecting Election Administration from Interference Act of 2023:** This bill would strengthen our democracy by establishing greater safeguards against potential election subversion efforts, ensure elections and vote counting are performed fairly, transparently and without partisan influence, and create stronger standards for preserving election records.
- **H.Res. 373:** This bipartisan resolution expresses support for the designation of May 9 as "Home Front Heroes Day".
- **H.Res. 440:** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the benefits of global trade improve the lives of Americans and American communities by fostering a more inclusive, resilient, and prosperous economy.
- **H.R. 3945, Brian McDaniel Flight Safety Act:** This bill would require all commercial tour operators, including helicopters, to adopt safety management systems across their organizations.
- **H.Res. 548:** Encouraging the Government of Sierra Leone to abide by their promise to a peaceful and credible electoral process.
- **H.Res. 261:** Reaffirming the importance of diplomacy and development in United States-African Union relations, promoting strategic partnerships and shared objectives between the United States and the African Union, and expressing strong support for the successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area.
- **H.R. 4599, PLAYS in Youth Sports Act:** This bipartisan bill directs the 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.



WORKING FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT: CASEWORK SUCCESSES

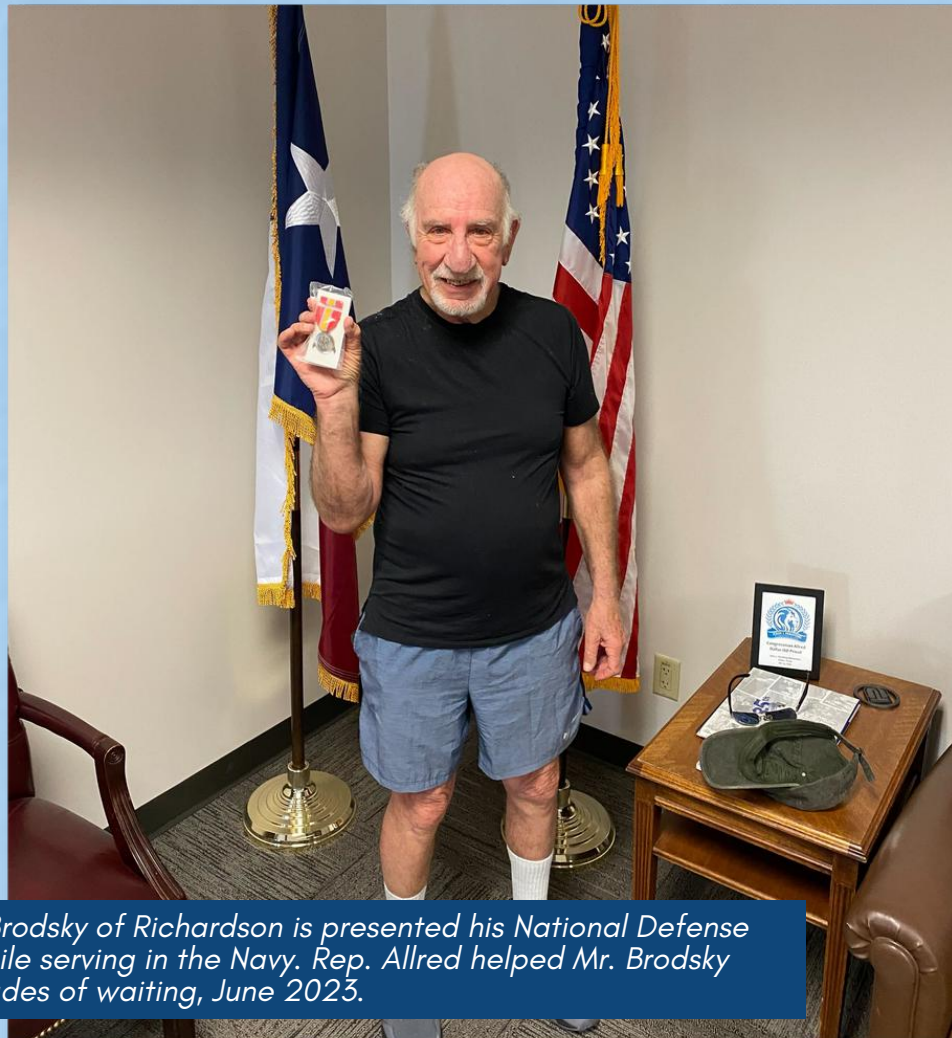


Rep. Colin Allred 
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Our veterans should get the recognition they are owed. That's why I was proud to help Barnet Brodsky of Richardson get the National Defense Service Medal he earned while serving in the Navy.

If you need help as a veteran or with any federal agency call my office at 972-972-7949.



Richardson resident Barnet Brodsky of Richardson is presented his National Defense Service Medal he earned while serving in the Navy. Rep. Allred helped Mr. Brodsky receive his medal after decades of waiting, June 2023.



WORKING FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT: CASEWORK SUCCESSES

Eddie from Richardson

Eddie is a disabled veteran from Richardson. His wife sadly passed away in December of 2022, and he contacted the Department of Veterans Affairs in January to make adjustments to his disability payments. Months passed, but Eddie never saw any adjustment to his benefits. In fact, they stopped all together.

Eddie contacted the VA and was told that he had been erroneously listed as the deceased and that was why he did not receive his benefits for the month of February. Eddie called the VA twice more, but the VA still failed to confirm whether he'd be able to retroactively receive his February payment. With financial hardship building on top of emotional distress, Eddie turned to Rep. Allred for help.

After hearing from Eddie, Rep. Allred immediately filed an inquiry with the VA. Within a month after contacting Rep. Allred, Eddie received approximately \$4,000 in VA disability payments for the month of February.

Robert from Dallas

Dallas resident Robert was told by his insurance provider that he would have to pay hundreds of dollars out of pocket for his heart medications since no generic versions were available. Left overwhelmed by rising costs, Robert reached out to Rep. Allred for help.

Rep. Allred immediately reached out to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to advocate on behalf of Robert, and see what programs he could qualify for and what options he had. Because of Rep. Allred's help, Robert's medications are now free and he no longer has to worry about getting the prescriptions he needs to stay healthy.

Judith from Garland

After experiencing some software difficulties when submitting her original tax returns, Judith from Garland filed her amended tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the 2021 filing period. However, Judith still had not received her refund after eight months and was growing frustrated. That's when she contacted Rep. Allred's office for assistance.

Rep. Allred promptly filed an inquiry with the IRS on Judith's behalf asking for clarification of the situation and a quick resolution. Judith soon received the \$5,550 she was owed.

Alfred from Dallas

Alfred from Dallas had filed for disability benefits with the Social Security Administration (SSA) in November of 2021, but was denied. He then turned to a third party to represent and handle his case, but still had no success. As months passed and expenses piled up, Alfred was at risk of losing his home and desperately needed the disability benefits. That's when he contacted Rep. Allred for help.

When Rep. Allred learned of Alfred's situation, he immediately reached out to the SSA about the status of Alfred's benefits. For the first time in fifteen months since Alfred first filed for disability, he saw movement on his case. Today, Alfred is now receiving the disability benefits that he was owed.



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