



REP. COLIN ALLRED'S 2023 END OF YEAR REPORT



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A NOTE FROM REP. ALLRED

I've been hard at work in 2023 making sure Congress delivers for North Texas families. I was raised by a single mom, who was a Dallas ISD teacher, and thanks to this community was able to chase my version of the American dream. I am working in Congress to ensure the same opportunity I had to chase my dreams is available to all North Texans.

That's why I've been working to bring investments to our region that will help create jobs and grow our economy. I've also made it a focus to lower costs and ensure that North Texans have access to the training and education they need to get a good-paying job at a price that's affordable to them. And while we've made progress on making health care more accessible and affordable, I remain committed to lowering costs because no North Texan should be forced to choose between paying their bills and paying for the health care they need.

It is an honor to serve North Texas, where I was born and raised, in Congress and I will continue working to find compromise to deliver for hard working folks like you. My office is here to be a resource for folks in the 32nd district and we routinely work to cut red tape and get folks the federal benefits they are owed. If you need help with a federal agency, please contact my Richardson office at 972-972-7949.

Sincerely



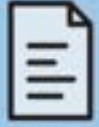
Rep. Allred shows a group of Dallas business leaders around the Capitol, September 2023.



YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

 **1,348**
CASES
CLOSED

410 BILLS 
COSPONSORED IN THE
118TH CONGRESS,
73% ARE BIPARTISAN

 **\$2,069,832** IN
CONSTITUENT SAVINGS

24,232 RESPONSE LETTERS
TO CONSTITUENTS 

\$1 MILLION FOR PASSENGER
 RAIL PROJECTS

\$3.3 BILLION FOR ACCESS TO
HIGH-SPEED INTERNET 

\$70 MILLION FOR
DFW AIRPORT 

 **8,147** TEXANS MET

\$1.3 BILLION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC
TRANSIT OPTIONS IN TEXAS 

 **2.9 BILLION**
FOR CLEAN
ENERGY JOBS



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES



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It has never been more important that we work together with our business community to get things done, grow our economy and create jobs. Today I was proud to join @DRC for a bipartisan forum to discuss how we work together for our region and our state.



Rep. Allred joined the Dallas Regional Chamber for a bipartisan forum where he discussed working together and lowering costs in our region and state, August 2023.



LOWERING COSTS FOR NORTH TEXAS FAMILIES

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)

DALLAS CONGRESS MEMBERS WANT TO HELP LOW-INCOME TEXANS PAY POWER BILLS

"As the heat intensifies, Texans are seeking relief by cranking up their ACs. Now, two Dallas Democrats — U.S. Reps. Colin Allred and Jasmine Crockett — are spearheading an effort aimed at helping low-income people pay their energy bills. In a letter late last month, Allred and Crockett asked the House Appropriations Committee to pass emergency supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program." (Dallas Observer, 8/4/2023)

ALLRED PROMISES TO KEEP WORKING TO LOWER COSTS AS MEDICARE MAKES HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO NEGOTIATE LOWER PRICES ON 10 DRUGS

"With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, we took on Big Pharma and won – and now we are finally lowering drug costs for seniors on Medicare," said Allred. "About 9 million folks on Medicare with diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, heart failure and more use these drugs to stay alive and now Medicare will negotiate a fair price. My mom is on Medicare and is a breast cancer survivor so I know how important it is that we keep working to lower costs for folks across the board." (Press Release, 8/29/2023)

WITH 500,000 PEOPLE KICKED OFF MEDICAID, LOCAL LEGISLATORS DEMAND INVESTIGATION

"The Texas congressional Democratic delegation – Reps. Lloyd Doggett, Greg Casar, Joaquin Castro, Colin Allred, and others – sent a letter in late August asking the federal agency in charge of Medicaid, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, to "ensure State compliance with federal rules," explaining that those kicked off the coverage amounted to 81% of those who had attempted to navigate the reevaluation process for Medicaid." (Austin Chronicle, 9/8/2023)



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE



Rep. Allred meets with the National Air Traffic Controllers Association to discuss the key issues they face, August 2023.



Rep. Colin Allred 
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.@DFWAirport is one of the strongest job engines in our region. 

I'm proud that the [#BipartisanInfrastructureLaw](#), signed into law two years ago today, has delivered \$70 million to upgrade DFW Airport's infrastructure, create jobs, and ensure travelers have better experiences.



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

ALLRED ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION FOR PASSENGER RAIL PROJECTS

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today announced that the Dallas to Houston High Speed rail project and the I-20 Corridor Long-Distance Passenger Rail project were each awarded \$500,000 from the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program, which he helped secure as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Allred is a longtime supporter of these projects. Most recently, he urged Secretary Buttigieg to award the High-Speed rail corridor this funding and advocated for the I-20 corridor project." (Press Release, 12/8/2023)

THANKS TO CHIPS ACT ALLRED HELPED PASS SMU CHOSEN AS ONE OF 31 TECH HUBS ACROSS AMERICA

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), today celebrated the designation of the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub led by Southern Methodist University in Dallas. This announcement comes as part of the Tech Hubs program established by the CHIPS Act, which Allred helped pass, to invest directly in regions with great potential to become globally competitive innovation centers." (Press Release, 10/24/2023)

ALLRED-CHAMPIONED BILLION DOLLAR HYDROGEN HUB COMING TO HOUSTON

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today announced that Texas will be home to one of 7 clean Hydrogen Hubs across the country. Allred has been a consistent supporter of bringing this hub to Texas, joining his colleagues from both sides of the aisle in championing Houston as the best place to establish a large-scale hydrogen hub. The hub will receive up to \$1.2 billion funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Allred helped pass." (Press Release, 10/13/2023)

ALLRED APPLAUDS TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF EV PLAN, MADE POSSIBLE BY BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, applauded news the Texas Transportation Commission approved the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) electric vehicle infrastructure plan. The new grant program will help build out a statewide network of electric vehicle charging stations and was made possible by funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Texas is set to receive \$408 million in total for this program." (Press Release, 8/22/2023)



CREATING JOBS AND REVITALIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

ALLRED APPLAUDS CANADIAN SOLAR'S \$250 MILLION INVESTMENT IN MESQUITE MANUFACTURING PLANT, CREATING 1,500 JOBS

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) released the following statement applauding Canadian Solar's \$250 million investment in building a solar manufacturing plant in Mesquite, which is part of the 32nd District. The plant will create 1,500 jobs and will produce as many as 20,000 solar panels a day. Importantly, this project would not be possible without the financial incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act, which aim to bolster solar energy manufacturing and production." (Press Release, 6/28/2023)

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)

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)



PROTECTING RIGHTS



Rep. Allred gives a floor speech honoring Gicela Aleman, who was a hero during the Allen Premium Outlets shooting on May 6, 2023.



Rep. Colin Allred

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Gicela Aleman represents the best of North Texas, and I was so honored to speak on the House floor about her heroic actions which saved the life of Preeti Patel during the Allen outlet mall shooting.



PROTECTING RIGHTS

ALLRED LEADS EFFORT URGING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO FUND ELECTION SECURITY GRANTS

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a former voting rights attorney, led an effort urging House and Senate Appropriations leaders to properly fund Election Security Grants at the Election Security Commission. The effort comes after a House Appropriations bill completely scrapped funding for the Election Security Grant program and decreased funding for the Election Security Commission. The letter was co-led by Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33), Congressman Jamie Raskin (MD-08) and Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA-05)." (Press Release, 7/31/ 2023)

FEDERAL SECURITY GRANTS NEEDED TO FIGHT GROWING ANTISEMITISM IN TEXAS

"Nearly 60 Texas organizations, consisting of nonprofits and houses of worship, received \$7.8 million this year for the annual FEMA aid to protect their citizens. North Texas Reps. Colin Allred and Beth Van Duyne, who represents Colleyville, home to the Beth Israel synagogue hostage situation in 2022, have been at the top of this fight and will continue to push for increased funding until it's no longer necessary." (Spectrum News, 12;/13/2023)

ALLRED HELPS REINTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO ENSURE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS, PROTECT ELECTION OFFICIALS

"Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) co-led the introduction of The Preventing Election Subversion Act of 2023. The legislation will ensure the integrity of local elections while also protecting the safety and security of election workers and volunteers, following the spate of state-level voter suppression attacks sweeping the nation that would make it harder for eligible voters to cast a ballot and ensure it is counted." (Press Release, 7/28/2023)

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)

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)



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE



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Today I joined the groundbreaking of the Zero Carbon Electric Utility Plant at [@DFWAirport](#) that will help them reach net carbon-zero emissions by 2030. As a member of the Transportation Committee, I was proud to work in a bipartisan way to help secure funding for this project.

Rep. Allred joins Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-TX) for the groundbreaking of the Zero Carbon Electric Utility Plant at DFW Airport they worked together to secure funding for, August 2023.





WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

AS A RESULT OF ALLRED'S BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION, DALLAS VA BREAKS GROUND ON LONG TERM SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER

"Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX-32) celebrated the Dallas VA breaking ground on a Long Term Care Spinal Cord Injury Center authorized by bipartisan legislation Allred led with Congressman Jake Ellzey (R-TX-06). This project will construct a 30-bed Long Term Care Spinal Cord Injury Center, with the capacity to expand to 60 beds, which was hailed by a wounded Texas veteran as a "godsend" for himself and fellow veterans who suffered spinal cord injuries." (Press Release, 11/14/2023)

ALLRED NAMED AMONG MOST BIPARTISAN MEMBERS IN CONGRESS AND MOST BIPARTISAN IN TEXAS

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) was named among the most bipartisan members of the House by the Common Ground Committee. This was in recognition of his efforts to work across party lines on important issues to move the country forward. Allred earned a score of 79 out of 100 points, putting him in the top four percent of all elected officials for finding common ground with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He is the highest-scoring elected official in Texas." (Press Release, 8/16/2023)

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.

The House working group co-chairs also acknowledge the importance of bringing men into the conversation. Their six-member task force includes Allred, who made headlines in 2019 when he became the first member of Congress to take paternity leave." (CNN, 2/26/2023)

AFTER BIPARTISAN EFFORTS ALLRED HELPED LEAD, ARPA-H HUB LAUNCHES AT PEGASUS PARK

"Congressman Colin Allred (D-TX-32), today celebrated the launch of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) Customer Experience Hub in Dallas. This comes after Allred and Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX-26) led their colleagues in an effort to persuade ARPA-H to make Pegasus Park a hub site. "We can still do big things when we work together as Texans and I'm so glad that the Dallas hub of ARPA-H launched today and will begin lifesaving research," said Allred. " (Press Release, 10/19/2023)



WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

TEXANS IN CONGRESS TAKE BIPARTISAN PATH TO BOOST SEMICONDUCTORS, A CRUCIAL INDUSTRY TO THE STATE

"A new measure led by a diverse group of Texans are seeking to streamline environmental review requirements for new investments in the state's semiconductor industry, a move that industry backers say would drastically increase competitiveness. "This bipartisan bill is a common-sense change that will ensure that the CHIPS Act delivers on its promise and these critical projects can get approved," Allred said in a statement." (Texas Tribune, 8/4/2023)

NEW UTILITY PLANT PROPELS DFW AIRPORT'S GOAL TO ACHIEVE NET-ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS

"Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is getting closer to its 2030 goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions. U.S. Reps. Beth Van Duyne and Colin Allred and top airport officials broke ground Aug. 9 on a new utility plant that will use electricity from 100% renewable sources to provide heating and cooling for the airport." (Fort Worth Report, 8/9/2023)

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)



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 for such credit.
- **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 Vasilje 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 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, especially underserved populations.
- **H.R. 4898, Global Press Freedom Act:** The legislation would establish the Office of Press Freedom within the Department of State to advance the protection and well-being of members of the press abroad.



WORKING FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT: CASEWORK SUCCESSES



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As the travel season has picked up, I've been helping North Texans with their passport issues. Earlier this month, I was glad to help Gavin get his passport so he could go on a school trip to Canada!



Eleven-year-old Gavin from Dallas was facing long processing times while trying to get his passport before an upcoming school trip. When Rep. Allred learned that Gavin could miss out on the trip, he quickly contacted the Department of State.

Gavin finally received an in-person appointment the day before his trip and got his passport in time to travel to Canada with his classmates, all while saving his family \$3,200. (May 2023)



WORKING FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT: CASEWORK SUCCESSES

Mark from Dallas

Mark from Dallas was having issues receiving his United States Marine Corps Reserve Retirement Benefits. When Rep. Allred learned of the issue Mark was facing, he filed an inquiry with the Department of the Navy.

Rep. Allred received a response confirming that Mark was entitled to have the Board reconsider their decision related to his benefits. Soon after submitting a new application, Mark got the \$200,000 in benefits he was owed.

Kathryn from Richardson

Kathryn from Richardson relies on Social Security and Medicare in her day-to-day life. Kathryn accidentally submitted a double payment of her Medicare premium for the first quarter of 2023. She requested a review to receive her overpayment but was told they did not know when it would be processed.

After six months of waiting, Kathryn asked Rep. Allred to step in. After Rep. Allred filed an inquiry with Medicare, Kathryn was refunded the \$819 she was owed within one week.

Bonnie from Dallas

Bonnie is a hard-working small business owner in Dallas. When she ran into issues with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding missing information, Bonnie paid an improper balance.

After review, Bonnie discovered that she was owed money for the overpayment. After 10 months of trying to speak to the IRS, she reached out to Rep. Allred.

When Rep. Allred learned about Bonnie's case, he was able to escalate the case and got Bonnie the \$40,000 she was owed.

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 altogether.

Eddie contacted the VA and was told that he had been erroneously listed as the deceased. 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 of contacting Rep. Allred, Eddie received approximately \$4,000 in VA disability payments for the month of February.



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