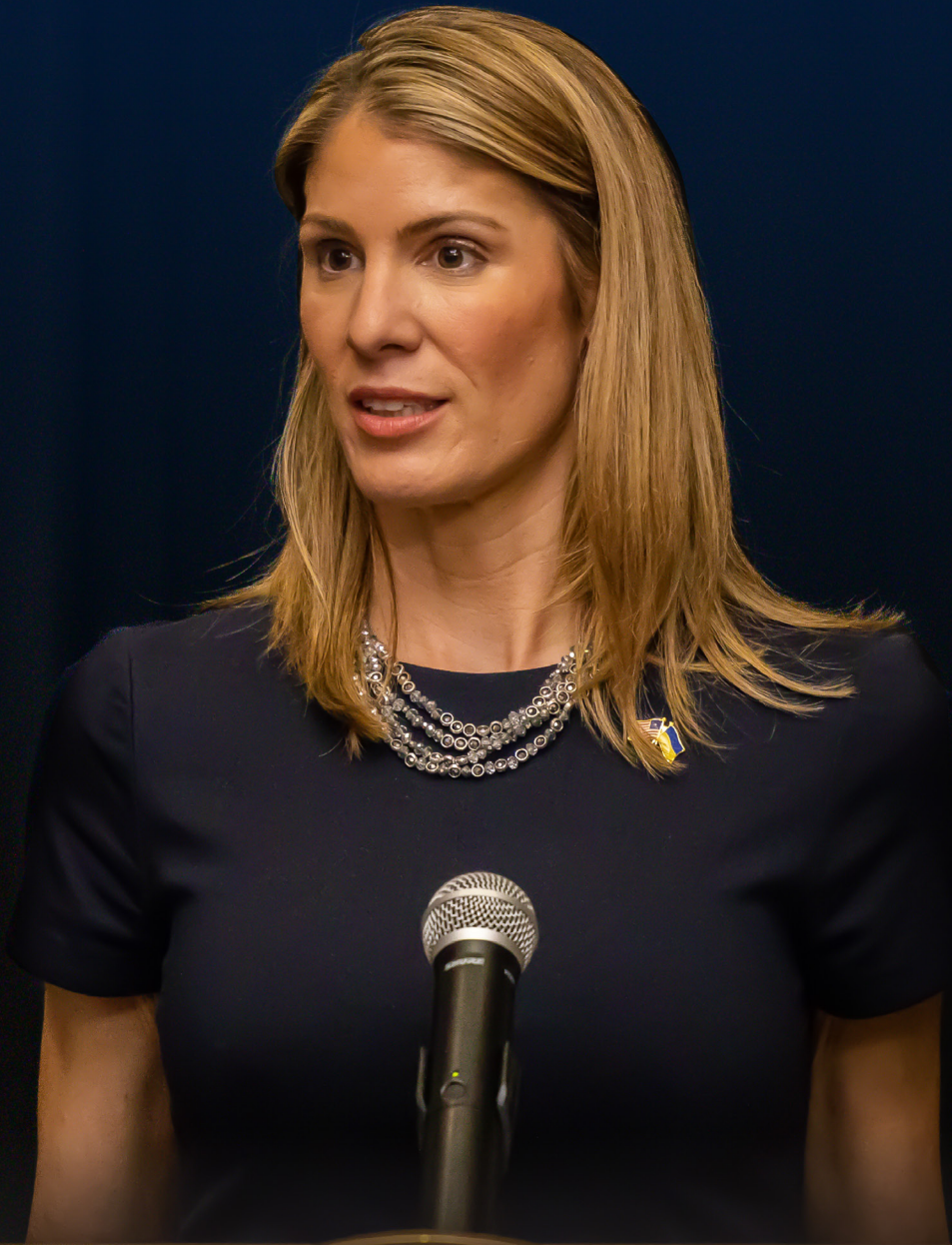


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SERVING MASSACHUSETTS' 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Representing the district that I’ve called home my entire life and that my husband and I are now raising our family in is the honor of a lifetime. I go to work each day with the goal of improving life for working families across the Third District, and as this busy year comes to an end, I’m excited to share this comprehensive report detailing what my team and I have accomplished.

In 2023, we made an incredible amount of progress on so many critical issues impacting folks across Massachusetts. We’ve fought tooth and nail to deliver billions of dollars in federal investments to rebuild our roads and bridges, reduce health care costs, and create good-paying jobs – and we’re working to make sure every single city and town in our district gets its fair share. At the same time, I’m continuing to fight for the policies and values we cherish here in the Commonwealth, including reproductive rights, youth mental health support, Social Security and Medicare, and combatting the addiction crisis.

While this report contains a tremendous amount of what we’ve done to address key issues facing Massachusetts families, I recognize our work is far from finished. That’s why I’ll continue to work with anyone – Republican, Democrat, or Independent – to make sure our district and our Commonwealth always has a seat and a voice at the table.

As always, I hope you will continue to share your feedback, thoughts, and priorities as we continue this work, and please don’t hesitate to contact my office if you or anyone you know needs assistance. I wish you and your loved ones a lovely holiday season, and I look forward to keeping in touch.

Lori Trahan

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress



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TERM IN REVIEW

The needs of our community are always at the center of my work. While each year brings new challenges, my team and I are committed to working with community partners and colleagues across the aisle to find solutions. From local projects like pothole repairs and intersection upgrades to larger, national challenges like tackling the addiction and climate crises, I could not be more proud of all that we've accomplished so far.

If you are in need of assistance with a federal agency or believe we can be helpful, please call my Lowell office at **978-459-0101** or email me at **Rep.LoriTrahan@mail.house.gov**.

BY THE NUMBERS

9

bills introduced




1,827 +

constituent requests for assistance closed



21,200 +

constituent phone calls & emails answered

409 +

events, constituent and organization meetings, town halls, and visits in the district




\$40,000,000 +

in federal benefits and relief delivered to residents and small businesses

55%

of all bills we introduced have a Republican co-lead



NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

As the New England representative on the Regional Leadership Council, I work closely with the White House to make sure federal funding for local infrastructure and economic development projects reach our communities. This role allows me to advocate for our district at an even higher level and to build on the progress we've made passing historic legislation over the past three years.

CAMBODIA CAUCUS CHAIR

Growing up in Lowell, I've seen firsthand just how much the Cambodian community has contributed to our city and our region. Many escaped unimaginable violence in their home country and settled here in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. I have always made it a priority to ensure their voices are heard in the halls of Congress, and this new role as Chair of the Congressional Cambodia Caucus will allow me to continue those efforts.

MS CAUCUS CO-CHAIR

My dad's multiple sclerosis diagnosis had a profound impact on my life. Like far too many, he was misdiagnosed for years until his doctors finally determined that he had secondary progressive MS. Now, as Co-chair of the MS Caucus, I can fight for MS patients like my dad every day. I'm committed to investing in research to find a cure and to advancing meaningful change to support those living with MS.





Lori receives the 2023 Community Health Center Award.



Lori speaks in support of abortion rights in front of the Massachusetts State House.

It's my firm belief that a trip to the hospital or a diagnosis from the doctor shouldn't bankrupt families. As the wealthiest country in the world, every American should have access to quality, affordable health care. On the Energy and Commerce Committee's Health Subcommittee, I'm working to remove barriers to care and lower costs for families nationwide.

DECREASING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because seniors should be able to afford lifesaving medication and care. In our district, the cost of insulin for Medicare patients has been capped at \$35 per month, saving seniors an average of \$480 a year. Many private insulin producers are also following suit. The law also allowed Medicare to negotiate down the price of medication for the first time in the program's history, meaning more savings will be passed along to our seniors.

LOWERING HEALTH CARE COSTS

Alongside President Biden, our work to implement the Investing in America Agenda is making great progress in the fight to lower health care costs for working families. With the *American Rescue Plan* and the *Inflation Reduction Act*, the average *Affordable Care Act* enrollee will save \$1,030 in premiums this year. These savings are helping an estimated 25,000 people in the Third District alone.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Our local community health centers are the foundation of our health care system, which is why I worked with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to shepherd an increase in community health center funding to the House floor. In Massachusetts, community health centers like Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Lowell Community Health Center, and Community Health Connections serve over one million patients each year. A steady stream of funding is critical for families who rely on these centers to receive care.

The Third District has a proud history of championing women's rights. From the Lowell mill girls in the 1830s to today, our district has led the fight for equality, and I am proud to continue that tradition. The latest Republican attacks on our bodily autonomy are pushing our nation backward. As the mom of two young girls, I am invested in making sure that our daughters grow up with more rights than their mothers and grandmothers – not less.

POST- ROE LANDSCAPE

Since *Roe v. Wade* was struck down last June, I've made it a top priority to protect and expand women's health care access. Millions of girls and women across the country are counting on us to codify abortion rights. That's why I'm a proud original cosponsor of the *Women's Health Protection Act*, which will restore and protect the right to abortion access everywhere, ensuring that every woman has the freedom to make the best health care choices for herself.

PROTECTING MIFEPRISTONE

Mifepristone is one of the most common methods of safe medication abortion, and conservative lawmakers are now trying to limit access to this critical prescription drug. This medication has been available for nearly 20 years and should remain that way, which is why I've fought alongside my Massachusetts colleagues to make sure this medication stays available to women in the Commonwealth and beyond.

THE INFO FOR REPRODUCTIVE CARE ACT

After the *Dobbs* decision, women and young girls in Republican-controlled states have had their reproductive rights cruelly and systematically stripped away. They now have to navigate a complex legal landscape of different state laws often while facing life-threatening complications. I introduced the *INFO for Reproductive Care Act* so women don't go hours or days waiting for a hospital lawyer to decide what care they can receive.



Lori meets with small business owners in Gardner who received American Rescue Plan funding.

I grew up in a family that lived paycheck to paycheck in Lowell. My father was a union ironworker and my mother worked multiple part time jobs while raising my three sisters and me. I know how important it is to create good-paying jobs in cities and towns in our district. In Congress, I'm committed to putting workers first and making sure families in our district see job growth from the historic economic investments that Democrats in Congress delivered.

INVESTING IN AMERICAN MANUFACTURING & INNOVATION

Massachusetts has always been at the forefront of manufacturing and scientific innovation. I was proud to vote for the passage of the *CHIPS and Science Act*, which is creating good-paying jobs and injecting an unprecedented amount of funding into our economy. Billions of dollars will become available in the US over the next 10 years dedicated to the research, production, and development of new scientific advancements. For manufacturers in our district, this means tremendous growth and expansion that will benefit our regional economy for decades to come.

PROTECTING WORKERS' RIGHTS

As a daughter of organized labor, I saw firsthand how his union helped ensure he and my mom could put food on the table and make sure our family could go to the doctor. Now, I'm a proud supporter of workers' rights and the unions that fight to protect and strengthen them. As a member of the Labor Caucus, I've met with countless union leaders from our district and proudly supported their efforts to get workers and their families the pay and benefits they deserve.

CREATING A CLIMATE FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and I am proud to do everything I can in Washington to support them. I've met with business owners from Haverhill to Gardner to Marlborough who have all received *American Rescue Plan* funding to revitalize their stores and invest in their businesses.

This year, I also secured \$860,000 in federal funding for members of the NeighborWorks network, which works to develop and preserve affordable housing, revitalize and sustain neighborhoods, and create jobs. This funding is critical to driving down costs and helping folks succeed. Since I first took office in 2019, I've supported legislation to increase funding for NeighborWorks by a total of \$20 million.



Lori reads to students during her visit to the Norman E. Day School in Westford.

Growing up, my parents did everything they could to support me and help me get to where I am today. As a mom, I'm committed to doing the same for my kids and for families across our district. This year, I've worked to expand mental health resources for kids, push forward commonsense safety gun laws, and fund our local public schools and child care programs. Our actions today will shape our children's future.

PRIORITIZING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Our country is facing an undeniable youth mental health crisis. As a mother, this issue hits particularly close to home, which is why I am doing everything I can to work toward solutions. I'm proud to report that the *Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization Act* was signed into law at the end of last year. The law will extend and strengthen key youth suicide prevention programs with a long track record of success to protect kids who are struggling.

PREVENTING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

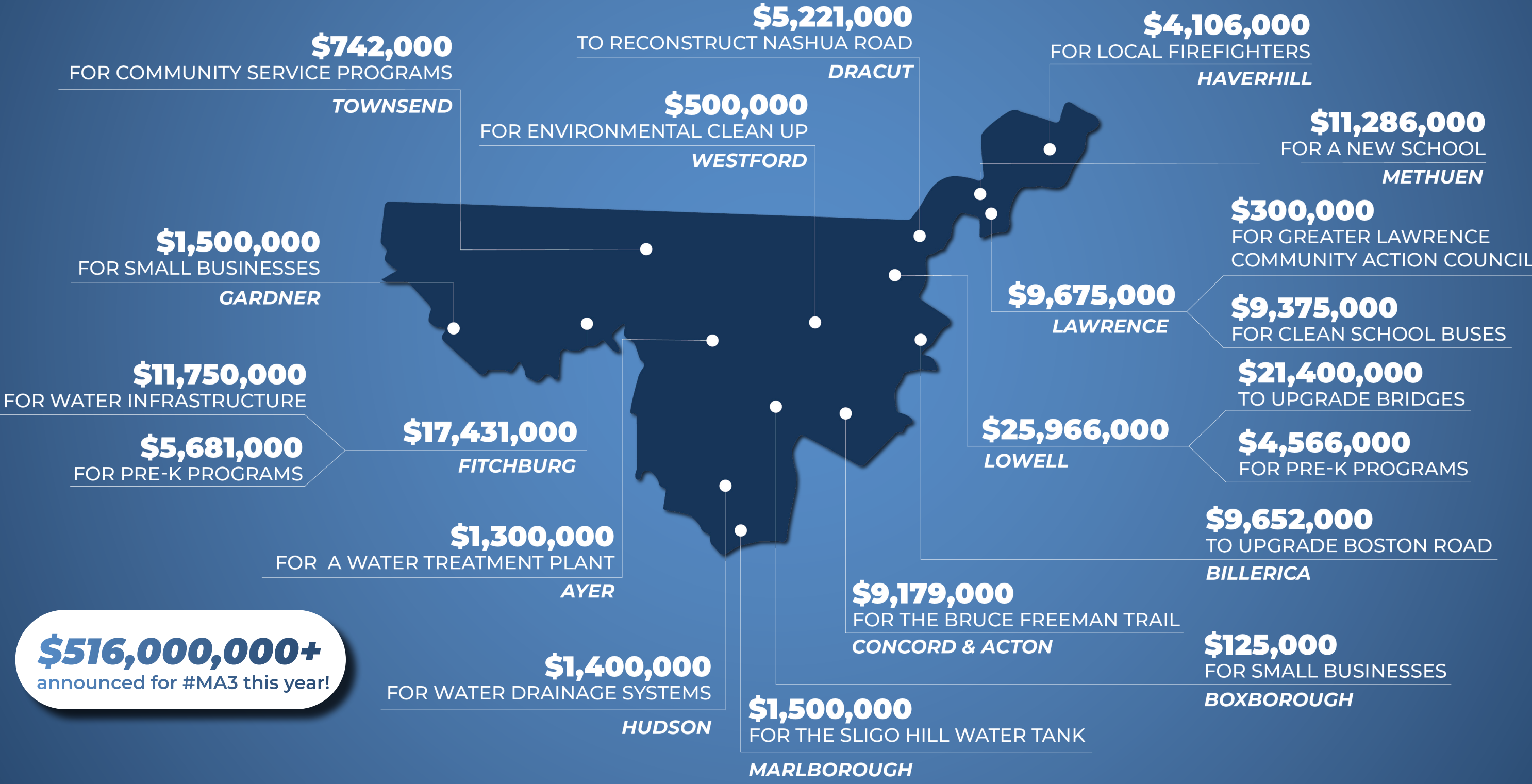
According to the CDC, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for American children. I've been a staunch advocate for commonsense gun safety laws that mirror the protections we have here in Massachusetts. I support a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, requiring a background check on every gun purchase, and closing the Charleston loophole. We are the only country in the world where our children are murdered in their classrooms, which is why Congress must act.

SECURING FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS + CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

When talking to parents, I often hear about the rising cost of child care and the quality of our kids' education. As a proud Lowell Public Schools graduate and a parent to two girls in public middle schools, I've worked hard to secure federal funding for child care programs and schools across our district. From securing \$5.6 million for Fitchburg's Head Start program to \$11.3 million for a new Methuen school, I am committed to investing in the next generation.

INVESTING *in* MASSACHUSETTS

Thanks to the Invest in America Agenda, projects across the district have received the federal funding they need to improve the lives of our families.
Below are just a few of the highlights!





Lori speaks with students on the steps of the Capitol about the need to protect crucial government programs.

I hear over and over again from working families across the Commonwealth about how government programs have helped them make ends meet and get ahead. At the same time, House Republicans have been relentless in their efforts to gut those very same programs. I want to be clear that as your representative, I will always fight to protect Social Security, Medicare, WIC, SNAP, and every other program that families across our district depend on.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Seniors have been paying into Social Security their entire lives, which is why I'm working hard to protect those earned benefits. I'm also a big supporter of the *Social Security 2100 Act*, legislation that would strengthen this program for generations to come. As Republicans attempt to dismantle Social Security, we're fighting for seniors' ability to retire with dignity.

MEDICARE

Over the last year, extreme Republicans have proposed slashing Medicare and the benefits it provides for millions of families. I remain committed to protecting, expanding, and improving our nation's health care. I'm proud to report that for the first time in the program's history, Medicare has begun negotiating with Big Pharma to bring down the cost of lifesaving medication and capped the cost of insulin for patients at \$35/month. By protecting Medicare, we are working to ensure no one has to choose between keeping the lights on or covering the cost of lifesaving care.

WIC & SNAP Funding

1 in 5 children in America have to worry about their next meal, but Republicans have repeatedly tried to cut food assistance programs that working families rely on to feed their children. I believe that it's dangerous and cruel to threaten these cuts to working families who need help most, which is why I am dedicated to protecting and expanding WIC and SNAP to help parents put food on the table. It's also why I introduced the *Bridging the SNAP Gap Act* to expand SNAP benefits for young, working adults as well as individuals with regular medical expenses by breaking down harmful rules that limit eligibility and benefit levels. I will continue working with my colleagues to get this important legislation across the finish line.



Lori tours Ayer's Spectacle Pond Water Treatment Plant, which was upgraded using American Rescue Plan funds.

The Merrimack, Nashua, and Assabet Rivers run through the heart of our district and have long provided for our communities. They helped power the Industrial Revolution and now provide drinking water to hundreds of thousands of families. In Congress, I have been a vocal proponent of protecting waterways in our district and beyond.

STOPPING SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

I'm fighting to secure federal funding to clean up the Merrimack River and keep sewage and waste out of our water supply – and our efforts are paying off. When I took office, the EPA's Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program received \$0, but following our efforts, the program now receives \$50 million annually, and we're working to increase that investment.

INVESTING IN OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

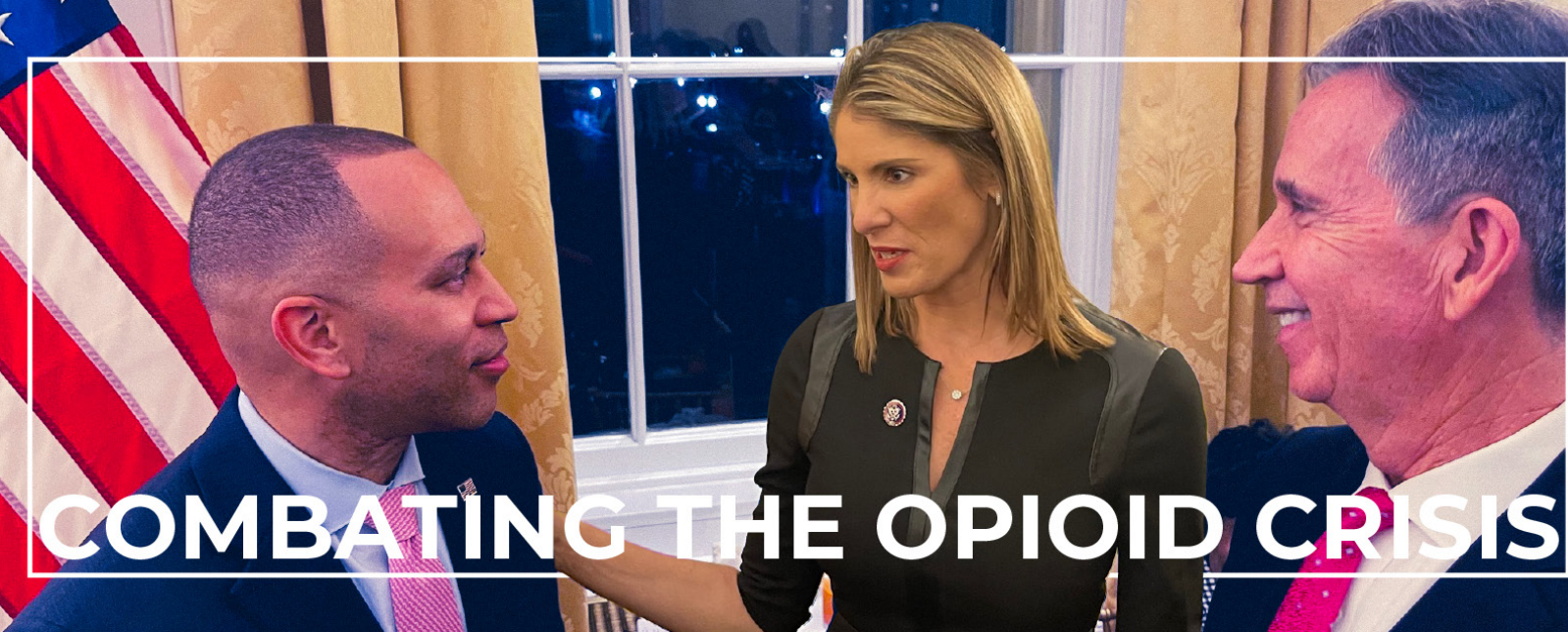
I voted for the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021 because I knew it would make a big impact in our district. Since then, I've fought to bring home critical federal funding to make much-needed local water infrastructure improvements. In Marlborough, I secured \$1.5 million toward necessary upgrades to the two million-gallon Sligo Water Tank, and in Fitchburg, I announced \$12 million to replace over two miles of aging water mains at Boulder Drive and Main Street.

ACTING ON PFAS CONTAMINATION

PFAS or "forever chemicals" have been contaminating drinking water across the country, including at least 50 water sources in the Commonwealth. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I've supported the EPA's efforts to halt the production of these chemicals without explicit approval. I also championed passage of the *PFAS Action Act* through the House to clean up PFAS contaminations and limit future exposure to these harmful substances.

PFAS FUNDING FOR THIRD DISTRICT COMMUNITIES

Through the *American Rescue Plan*, we've secured federal funding to treat PFAS right here in the Third District. The Town of Ayer utilized \$1.3 million of its American Rescue Plan funds to address critical water infrastructure concerns, including \$600,000 for the transmission line for the new Spectacle Pond Water Treatment Plant to tackle PFAS contaminants in the water supply and \$700,000 for the Westford Road Water and Sewer Main.



COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

Lori introduces Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries to Dr. James Baker, a Massachusetts substance use disorder advocate who was integral to the passage of the MATE Act.

The ongoing addiction crisis has touched almost every Massachusetts family in one way or another. As a nation, we have an obligation to help those struggling and save lives. I'm committed to finding bipartisan solutions to end this epidemic at the local, state, and federal levels.

MEDICATION ACCESS AND TRAINING EXPANSION (MATE) ACT

At the end of last year, President Biden signed the MATE Act into law. I introduced this bipartisan legislation to ensure that every physician who has the ability to prescribe highly addictive medications also has the training they need to spot, treat, and prevent addiction. This will ensure that doctors are better able to recognize and treat patients struggling with addiction while also reducing the stigma surrounding addiction within the medical community.

SUPPORTING LOCAL EFFORTS TO END THE EPIDEMIC

I have also stayed involved in our local communities to hear from those directly affected by the crisis. This year, on Overdose Awareness Day, I hosted a live discussion with Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and local leaders to discuss their work to destigmatize addiction and combat the opioid crisis. I'm proud to partner with Sheriff Koutoujian on his Middlesex County Restoration Center, which will create greater opportunities to divert individuals suffering from addiction and behavioral health issues away from jails and to immediate treatment instead.

JOINING WITH COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON

I've worked with my colleagues on the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force to push forward a variety of legislation designed to target and eradicate the root causes of our nation's opioid crisis. From supporting funding for treatment and research to expanding access to medications that aid in recovery, our efforts are designed to end the addiction crisis once and for all.



TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Lori, Senator Markey, Senator Warren, and U.S. Energy Secretary Granholm open Commonwealth Fusion Systems' new Devens facility.

This year's worsening natural disasters are only warning signs of what's to come unless we treat climate change like the international crisis it is. As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I work on a wide variety of solutions to ensure that our children and grandchildren can inherit a livable planet.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

Over the course of this year, the landmark climate investments from the Inflation Reduction Act have injected millions of dollars into local businesses focused on addressing the climate crisis. From electric vehicle battery manufacturers to fusion energy research centers, clean energy jobs are being created throughout the district. These jobs will not only strengthen our local economy, but will pave the way toward a clean energy future!

INVESTING IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Underserved communities often shoulder the brunt of the climate crisis, which is why I've worked with local organizations like Groundwork Lawrence to make sure all of our families have access to clean air, drinkable water, and livable land. The American Rescue Plan created the most equitable economic recovery in the history of our nation – making sure no family is left behind. We will continue to build on this progress to deliver equitable climate solutions.

FUSION ENERGY

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Fusion Caucus, I am beyond excited about the promise of clean fusion energy. The Third District is home to Commonwealth Fusion Systems, which is designing and building fusion power systems to provide the world with limitless carbon-free fusion energy to combat climate change. I'm supporting this innovation in our district and holding CFS up as an example of what's possible in Washington where I introduced the Fusion Energy Act to accelerate the commercialization of fusion energy.

FIGHTING REPUBLICAN GIVEAWAYS TO BIG OIL

This year, House Republicans' top priority was undermining environmental protections and limiting the ability of families to sue for toxic chemical spills and corporate pollution. They would rather line the pockets of Big Oil than protect the health of children and families. I've opposed these measures at every corner and will continue to stand against legislation that would harm our environment and communities.

HOLDING BIG TECH ACCOUNTABLE

Lori questions TikTok CEO over transparency and privacy issues for American kids during a Congressional hearing.

As a member of the Innovation, Data, and Commerce subcommittee, I'm fighting to hold Big Tech accountable for the harm they are causing, particularly to our kids. These massive corporations have failed to self-regulate to make sure children are safe online – making Congressional oversight more important than ever. As technologies rapidly advance, we need increased transparency and accountability.

PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

For so many of us, the digital age our kids are navigating is uncharted territory. As a parent of two young girls, I'm dedicated to keeping our kids safe online by protecting their privacy and mental health. This year, I pressed the CEO of TikTok to increase transparency and strengthen protections for younger users in the United States. I've also pushed top executives from Facebook to Google to make sure their platforms are properly designed for our kids.

COMBATTING ONLINE EXTREMISM

In recent years, rates of hate, harassment, and extremism have spiked online. I've pressed the Federal Trade Commission to limit the proliferation of harassment and extremism that kids are being exposed to through online video games. I've also called on President Biden to establish an international research center on online harms that would bring together global expertise to conduct more analysis on the matter. To address this issue, we need both academic expertise as well as federal action to implement researcher recommendations.

REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY FROM BIG TECH

I've drafted legislation that would mandate transparency from massive tech companies, and I've also demanded answers from CEOs like Elon Musk who have rolled back access to their platform's data. With greater transparency, researchers can better locate and spotlight the exact sources of harm on these platforms.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PERSONAL DATA

The vast majority of users don't fully understand how their data is being collected or used by the websites and apps they use daily. This intrusion on our privacy by Big Tech is unacceptable, which is why I've reintroduced the bipartisan *DELETE* Act to make sure every American has the right to have all data brokers delete their personal information and prevent future data collection in just one click. Additionally, I have reintroduced the bipartisan *TLDR* Act, which would simplify and shorten the terms of service agreements every person is forced to agree so we can genuinely understand what pieces of data we are handing over and so we have more choice in how our data is used.



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