Dear Friends,

As we enter another week of the government shutdown, we top priority remains ensuring the government-furloughed federal employees, across Virginia's 2nd District and throughout the Commonwealth, are well cared for and have the resources they need to navigate this difficult period. Many of my constituents have reached out to me over recent weeks, and I'll continue urging my colleagues in the Senate to do their job and reopen the government.

Once the shutdown ends, Congress must move on to extension of the ACA and ensuring affordable healthcare for our constituents. Hundreds of thousands of Virginia families are at risk of losing their coverage and out of pocket costs. That's why I introduced legislation to temporarily extend the ACA premium tax credits through the end of the shutdown and beyond. Unfortunately, Democrats in the Senate have blocked efforts to provide healthcare relief, so I continue to work with my colleagues in the House to find a bipartisan solution that will lower healthcare costs for the people of Virginia's Second District.

Now, onto my Weekly Update!

My Office Remains Open During This Shutdown

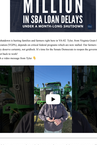
I want to be the conduit for connecting Virginia's Second District with Capitol Hill, and I want you to know that I am actively working on a solution to reopen the government.

My Norfolk and Virginia Beach District Offices are open for constituent services. For updates on federal agency closures, please visit this page.

The Impact of the Government Shutdown on Virginians

Virginia's veterans, seniors, families, federal workers, small business owners, and everyday people are all suffering the brunt of Senate Democrats' reckless decision to keep the government closed.

These national power outages have already delayed nearly $25 million in SBA loans. I'm calling on my colleagues in the Senate to do their job and reopen the government, and allow them to get back to work on behalf of the American people.



This shutdown is hurting families and farmers right here in VA-02. Take Farm Virginia Farm Producers' Kristen Cabe's family farm in Gloucester County, for example. Kristen's family farm is a third-generation family farm, which operates a pick-your-own farm. It's time for the Senate Democrats to reopen the government so they can get back to work.

Watch video starting from Time: 1:

Working Across the Aisle to Make Healthcare More Affordable

First and foremost, we need to get the government reopened. Shutdown fact-seeking families and small businesses unnecessarily hurt. Then I need to continue working with my colleagues on the growing crisis of healthcare affordability. There's why I cosponsored legislation to temporarily extend these ACA premium tax credits through the end of the shutdown and beyond. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats blocked the Congressman Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ) and I, alongside many bipartisan Office colleagues to extend ACA tax credits that help working families.

Read the full Op-ed here and here: Politico

Watch my appearance on Fox Business ↑ and Citizen Soul.

Condemning the Senate Vote Blocking Pay for Servicemembers and Essential Workers

I am appalled that Senate Democrats, including Virginia's senators, voted not to pay active-duty military members or all essential federal workers a paycheck!

Read my full statement here.

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