



Congresswoman
VALERIE P. FOUSHEE
REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA'S 4TH DISTRICT



118TH CONGRESS IN REVIEW



A NOTE FROM REP. VALERIE FOUSHEE

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

As my first term representing North Carolina's Fourth District comes to an end, I've been reflecting on all the progress we've made together as a community.

Despite the challenges of a divided Congress these last two years, we've been able to secure significant federal investments in local infrastructure, address key issues facing families in our district, deliver direct constituent support, and much more.

I'm proud of the work my team and I have accomplished on behalf of the Fourth District during my first term, and I'm excited to share this comprehensive report, which highlights the key accomplishments and the work we are doing to improve the lives of working families across our district and our state.

It is truly an honor to serve as your federal representative, and I'll continue to bring the voices and priorities of the Fourth District to Washington in the upcoming term. As always, if there's anything you need—whether it's help navigating a federal agency or sharing your feedback, thoughts, and priorities—please do not hesitate to contact my offices. I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful new year, and I look forward to keeping in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Foushee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Foushee

Member of Congress

118TH CONGRESS

BY THE NUMBERS



Helped return over
\$1,418,000
owed to constituents from
federal agencies.

Resolved **2,266**
constituent cases.



Held over **1,920** meetings with
constituents, stakeholders, and
community leaders.



Secured nearly
\$12.4 million
for community projects

Responded to more than
50,556
constituent letters.



15 bills, amendments, and resolutions
introduced and **290** bills co-sponsored



Participated in **67**
committee hearings
and markups



Signed onto
167 letters



Attended over **290**
events in the district

Hosted
18

Mobile Office Hours



FIGHTING FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY: Instead of slashing Social Security eligibility and benefits that hardworking Americans have paid into and rightfully earned, I've been working with my House Democratic colleagues to protect this essential federal program. I'm proud to cosponsor legislation that will expand these critical benefits for the first time in fifty years and will protect this program for generations to come.

REDUCING BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE: Every person deserves access to quality healthcare. I'm working to advance legislation that makes medical care more affordable, lowers costs for prescription medications, and keeps communities across North Carolina healthy and safe.

INVESTING IN OUR PUBLIC TRANSIT AND INFRASTRUCTURE: As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I'm committed to expanding public transit, upgrading our nation's infrastructure, and creating more livable communities. I've secured over \$68.2 million in federal funding to improve our region's public transit and strengthen our local infrastructure. Furthermore, I'm working to deliver essential disaster aid to help our neighbors in Western North Carolina recover and rebuild from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

SUPPORTING THE MIDDLE CLASS: Many hardworking North Carolinians are struggling with the high cost of living. That's why I support legislation that lowers everyday costs for families, creates good-paying jobs, expands access to higher education, supports workers, and makes housing more affordable.

MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER: As a former administrator for the Chapel Hill police department, I'm working to create a safer and sustainable foundation to improve relationships and curb violence within our communities. I introduced the National Gun Violence Research Act to establish a federal program that will address the root causes of gun violence, advance gun violence research, and provide critical information to craft effective policies.



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HELPING MILITARY FAMILIES AND VETERANS: As a spouse of a veteran, I am committed to investing and improving the VA, providing raises to active-duty personnel, and protecting the hard-earned benefits that our servicemembers and veterans deserve.

RESTORING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS: Reproductive rights are under attack, and I refuse to let our country continue to take steps backward. That's why I'm proud to cosponsor the Women's Health Protection Act, the EACH Act, and similar legislation to restore, expand, and protect reproductive freedoms.

STANDING UP FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES: Our country has a long and proud history of welcoming those from around the world who are in need of assistance and are seeking a better life. As a supporter for comprehensive immigration reform, I'm working to ease the pathways to citizenship for DACA recipients and Dreamers, update our antiquated visa lottery structure, and end family separations and travel bans.

TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our lifetime. That's why I'm a cosponsor of the Green New Deal and similar legislation to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. I also led efforts in urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to deny an extension for the MVP Southgate project, which poses serious climate and environmental justice risks to local communities in North Carolina.

DEFENDING OUR VOTING RIGHTS: As state legislatures continue to restrict voting access, the fight to protect our voting rights has never been more urgent. I'm proud to cosponsor the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act to protect our elections and ensure every American has equal access to the ballot. I also introduced the Redistricting Transparency and Accountability Act to hold state legislatures accountable during the redistricting process.



— FEATURED — POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

THE EXPANDING AI VOICES ACT

This bipartisan legislation will facilitate capacity building, promote increased access, and broaden participation in artificial intelligence research, education, and workforce development. This bill aims to support students and researchers at our nation's MSIs, HBCUs, rural-serving institutions, and TCUs to create a more inclusive AI workforce and ensure these technologies are developed by a wide range of perspectives.

THE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH ACT

This legislation establishes a coordinated national gun violence research program and funds projects through federal agencies that will examine the nature, root causes, consequences, and prevention of gun violence. This bill will help turn critical data and research findings into effective, data-driven policies and solutions, equipping our country with the tools necessary to address and confront the growing public health crisis.

THE FOREST BIOMASS EMISSIONS ACT

This legislation would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study the greenhouse gas and community effects of forest biomass combustion for electricity generation. Across the South, forest biomass industrial areas have been expanding to low-income or majority-Black communities, posing greater potential environmental health risks for these historically marginalized communities. This bill will examine the impact these industrial areas have on air quality, noise pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and public health of communities in close proximity of these sites.

THE PREGNANCY EMPOWERMENT ACT

This legislation provides federal privacy protections to pregnant women and expecting mothers across the country. This bill would prohibit any jurisdiction from requiring the disclosure of a person's pregnancy status when filing for divorce, ensuring expecting mothers have the freedom to make their own decision about divorce, rather than relying on judicial practice or ambiguous state legal statutes.

FEATURED POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

THE REDISTRICTING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

This legislation would establish extensive opportunities for public input in redistricting decisions, require disclosures regarding individuals and groups that participate in the map-drawing process, and designate criteria to ensure transparency in mapmaking—including the publication of criteria used to draw maps and analysis of how any proposed map would impact certain diverse populations.

THE EXPANDING CHILD CARE ACCESS ACT

This legislation aims to address the nationwide child care shortage by increasing access to affordable, high-quality child care. As pandemic funding runs out, child care centers across the country are closing or raising prices. This bill will provide a refundable tax credit encouraging potential providers to open new family child care centers in their neighborhoods, overall expanding the supply of child care and increasing choice and flexibility for parents.

THE COLLEGE THRIVING ACT

This legislation will create a U.S. Department of Education grant for colleges and universities to design and implement a skills-for-success course to help first year college students transition into college life and achieve their academic goals. The skills-for-success course topics would include time management, mental wellbeing, engaging with campus partners and resources, goal setting, coping with stress, organizational skills, and navigating interpersonal relationships and conflict.

PASSED THE HOUSE: THE IMPACT ACT

This bipartisan legislation will strengthen the competitiveness of American manufacturing by developing technologies to decarbonize and improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production. This bill will help create good-paying American jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and modernize the manufacturing process of materials critical to our nation's infrastructure.

— CONSTITUENT — SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

As your representative, I'm working to ensure the federal government works for you. All too often navigating federal agencies can be cumbersome and frustrating, **but my office is here to answer questions, find solutions, and cut through red tape.** In my first term, I'm proud to help **recover over \$1,418,000 owed to constituents** from agencies like the IRS, VA, Social Security, and more.

If you need assistance with a passport, delayed tax refund, or an immigration case, we've **helped over 2,266 people and we're here to serve you.** Call my office at 919-967-7924 or visit foushee.house.gov to get started with any federal agency issue.

“I'm pleased to share that both green cards were approved today. **I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and Representative Foushee for your support throughout this process.** As you know, it's been a stressful journey, and we're truly thankful to have been able to rely on your help.”

— Luis L.

“A brief note to say a sincere thank you for your help in expediting my passport and moreover locating it out of the Department of State morass. **Really grateful for your timely help and support.**”

— Joshua C.

“Thank you so much for your advocacy on my behalf. I received my overdue tax refund and deposited it into my bank account. **I am extremely grateful to you for helping me to resolve this issue. I could certainly not have done it without the help of Rep. Foushee's office.** Kind regards and many thanks!!”

— Elizabeth B.

Rep. Foushee's office is here to help you with:

- ✓ **Social Security and Medicare Benefits**
- ✓ **Military and Veterans Benefits**
- ✓ **Federal Grants**
- ✓ **Passports**
- ✓ **Immigration Assistance**
- ✓ **IRS/Tax Issues**

Please visit foushee.house.gov to learn more about how my office can help with these issues and many more.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Thanks to the Investing in America Agenda, North Carolina added **over 514,100** new jobs, unleashed **nearly \$45.3 billion** in private sector investment, and delivered **over \$12.8 billion** in public investments in clean energy infrastructure and manufacturing. Here are a few federal funding highlights for our district:



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

\$12,395,730 SECURED FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT

Community Development

\$1,500,000 for Tanyard Branch Trace Affordable Housing in Chapel Hill

\$850,000 for BDC Communities Affordable Housing Rehabilitation in Burlington

\$620,000 for Durham Technical Community College's Affordable Housing Initiative

\$500,000 for Weavers Grove Community Center and Resilience Hub

\$500,000 for Southside Revitalization Phases III & IV in Durham

Infrastructure Improvements

\$959,752 for North Granville Water & Sewer Treatment Extension

\$730,000 for Person County High School Renovations

\$1,016,279 for reconstruction of the North Cargo Taxilane at RDU Airport

\$850,000 for Chapel Hill Transit bus stop improvements

\$959,752 for Durham County to replace the existing Chin Page Lift Station

\$850,000 for upgrades to railroad crossings in East Durham

\$500,000 for Ephesus Church Road sidewalk replacement/completion

\$959,752 for the City of Oxford's Waste Water Treatment Plant filter replacement

Law Enforcement & Emergency Response

\$637,195 for Durham County Office of Emergency Services
to construct an Emergency Operations Center

\$963,000 for Burlington-Alamance Regional Communications and
Records Management Upgrade



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