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December 23, 2022 </p> <p style="text-align: left;">Dear Austin, </p> <h2 style="color: #18416a; text-align: center;">117th Congress In Review</h2> <p style="text-align: left;">I wanted to reach out as the 117th Congress comes to close. Over the course of the last two years, I have worked successfully with my colleagues to deliver for the 3rd Congressional District of Virginia and the American people. </p> <p style="text-align: left;">Before I discuss what we accomplished, we must remember where we were when this Congress convened on January 3rd, 2021. Small businesses across the nation had been forced to close their doors. Students were falling behind as schools were forced to shift to remote or hybrid learning to protect the health of students, parents, teachers and staff. State and local governments across the U.S. were facing massive budget shortfalls. Millions of Americans were still out of work – and those who remained employed but not able to telework were not adequately protected from the virus as vaccines had not been widely distributed.

Working with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, in March 2021 we passed and enacted the American Rescue Plan which changed the course of the pandemic and jumpstarted our economic recovery. The American Rescue Plan:</p> <li style="text-align: left;">Funded our vaccination campaign that resulted in over 78% of American adults getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 <li style="text-align: left;">Safely re-opened schools for in-person learning, including funds to make up for learning loss during the pandemic

[Delivered a solution to the multiemployer pension crisis that](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) saved over 1 million pensions and prevented thousands of businesses from closing

[Secured relief to American families in the form of stimulus checks and the expanded Child Tax Credit. The expanded Child Tax Credit](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) helped reduce childhood poverty by over 40%

Rescued the child care system from collapse by securing urgent relief for child care providers and families.

Secured fully subsidized health care coverage for workers and families who lost their jobs



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[Congressman Scott joined Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and other Democratic congressional leaders for the enrollment ceremony of the American Rescue Plan before it was sent to the White House for President Biden's signature.](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/Customers/VA03RS/Screen_Shot_2021-12-22_at_12.10.14_PM.png)

The results speak for themselves. Since President Biden took office, the economy has added more than [10.5 million](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) jobs, a record for the first two years in any president's term. We have recovered all of the jobs lost during the pandemic and we are currently at historically low unemployment levels.

But we knew that we needed to do more than just recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We needed to set America up for long-term economic growth. That is what we did when we enacted the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)— a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure. We are rebuilding our roads, bridges, ports, and airports, upgrading public transit and rail systems, replacing lead pipes to provide clean water, cleaning up pollution in the Chesapeake Bay, providing affordable high-speed internet to every family in America, delivering cheaper and cleaner energy to households and businesses, and creating good-paying jobs. Listed below are just [some of the local projects](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) that have already received funding from the Infrastructure Law:

- \$400 million for upgrading Virginia's airports
- \$8 billion for Virginia's highway and transit systems
- \$536.8 million to repair Virginia's bridges
- \$400 million for the City of Norfolk's Coastal

Storm Risk Management Project which will help reduce and manage flooding for major portions of the city

- \$141.7 million for the Norfolk Harbor Deepening and Widening Project
- \$46.256 million to replace lead water lines in Virginia
- \$25 million for the expansion of I-64 in New Kent County

Image alt="Congressman Scott, EPA Administrator Michael Regan and Congresswoman Elaine Luria (VA-02) tour Smithfield, VA and discuss how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is removing lead from pipes and investing in rural wastewater and stormwater systems." data-bbox="78 212 866 265"/>

In addition to rebuilding our infrastructure, we remain focused on restoring American manufacturing and keeping our economy competitive into the future. That is why we enacted the bipartisan

[CHIPS and Science Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) which

will boost American manufacturing, supply chains, and national security, and invest in research and development, as well as science and technology to keep the United States the leader in the industries of tomorrow.

Both the pandemic and Russia's unprovoked war on Ukraine have contributed to the global inflation problem. Lowering costs for families and reducing inflation was a top priority for me and my colleagues in Congress. That is why President Biden and Congressional Democrats enacted the

[Inflation Reduction Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)

which:

- Lowers the cost of health care and prescription drugs:** Reduces the cost of health care by extending Affordable Care Act enhanced subsidies, locking in lower health care premiums for roughly 308,000 Virginians according to the White House. This law also empowers Medicare to negotiate the price of prescription drugs and creates a new out-of-pocket cap for Medicare beneficiaries of \$2,000 a year, starting in 2025. It also places a \$35 monthly cap on insulin prices for Medicare recipients. For more information on how the this law will lower health care and prescription drug costs for Virginians, please

[click HERE](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ).

- Addresses climate change and lowers energy costs:** Delivers the most significant climate action in U.S. history, including turbo-charging the growth of offshore wind energy -- the Commonwealth of Virginia is uniquely positioned to be a leader in this growing industry. This law further strengthens our energy security, creates good-paying jobs, and delivers a healthy future for Virginian families. For more information on how Virginians can save on their utility bills, get tax credits for electric vehicles and energy-saving appliances, and access the economic opportunities of the clean energy future

[click HERE](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ).

- Lowers the deficit**: makes a historic down payment of approximately [\\$300 billion](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) on deficit reduction to fight inflation.

 And the Inflation Reduction Act is fully paid-for by making the largest corporations and the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share. The enactment of this bill into law —after the enactment of the American Rescue Plan, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the CHIPS and Science Act—puts our nation on the best path for the strongest economic recovery from the pandemic and invests in American jobs, manufacturing and our future. These legislative accomplishments are helping us confront inflation and climate change and have laid the groundwork to ensure that America’s economy is set up for success for years to come.

Working for You as Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee

</p><p>In Congress, I have the honor of serving as the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor. I have been very proud of our work this Congress. We have been focused on delivering results for students, workers, and families. My Committee had sixteen bills signed into law by President Biden:</p>Inflation Reduction ActAmerican Rescue Plan ActAccess to Baby Formula ActKeep Kids Fed ActCongressional Review Act Resolution of Disapproval of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Conciliation Rule Consider Teachers ActJoint Consolidation Loan Separation ActBridging the Gap for New Americans Act</p></div>

[Federal Firefighters Fairness Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) (Passed as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023)

[21st Century Assistive Technology Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) (Passed as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023)

[Food Donation Improvement Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)

[Native American Languages Resource Center Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)

[Durbin Feelings Native American Languages Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)

[Retirement Improvement and Savings Enhancement Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) (Passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023)

[Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) (Passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023)

[Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) (Passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023)



Congressman Scott, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01) attend the signing ceremony for S.J. Res 13, Congressional Review Act Resolution of Disapproval of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Conciliation Rule, legislation that repealed a Trump-era rule that undermined civil rights enforcement.

The Committee on Education and Labor also passed seventeen other bills through the House of Representatives. To read more about all these bills, and other Committee activity in the 117th Congress, you can [click here](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ) and below.



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alt="Image" height="817"> </p> <p><span style="font-size: 12pt;
text-align: center;">In April 2022,
Congressman Scott visited Sedgefield Elementary School in Newport News.
Congressman Scott wrote the education provisions of the American Rescue Plan
that got students safely back in the classroom. </p>
<p>Outside of my work on the Committee on
Education and Labor, I also sponsored two other bills this Congress that were
ultimately signed into law.

In 2021, I introduced the bipartisan
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target="_blank" rel="noopener">Enhancing Military Base Resilience and
Conserving Ecosystems through Stormwater Management (EMBRACE Stormwater
Management) Act to implement best management practices to reduce
flooding on and around military bases. Climate change is changing patterns of
precipitation, increasing the risk of severe storms, floods, and droughts. The
EMBRACE Stormwater Management Act will mitigate these risks throughout Hampton
Roads and the Chesapeake Bay watershed, which are especially susceptible to
flooding. I successfully included
the EMBRACE Stormwater Management Act as <a

href="https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ
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Authorization Act for FY 2022, and it was included in the final bill signed
by President Biden. The editorial board for the <a
href="https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ
target="_blank" rel="noopener">Virginian-Pilot noted this bill
"be good for the military, for national defense and for the health of the
Chesapeake Bay that's so important to the economy and quality of life here in
Hampton Roads."

Earlier this year, I also sponsored the bipartisan
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href="https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ
target="_blank" rel="noopener">Justice and Mental Health Collaboration
Reauthorization Act. The legislation would reauthorize the Justice
and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP), a critically important grant
program which allows states and localities to develop programming that connects
those with mental illness and substance abuse issues with evidence-based and
comprehensive treatment within the criminal justice system. That bill was <a
href="https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ
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is expected to be signed into law by President Biden by the end of the
year. </p> <p>Additionally,
President Biden signed a number of other important bills into law that were
passed by this Congress including: </p> <span
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href="https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ
target="_blank" rel="noopener">Respect for Marriage Act:
codifying federal protections for same-sex and interracial
marriages <a

[>Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: the first federal gun safety legislation to be enacted in almost three decades Honoring our PACT Act: most significant expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed veterans in more than 30 years Postal Service Reform Act: gets the United States Postal Service \(USPS\) on sustainable financial footing and strengthens USPS for years to come <p>And last week before adjourning for the year, Congress finished its work to fund the federal government for Fiscal Year 2023. You can read my full statement in support of the FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Act by clicking here. This bill also funds 15 priority community funding projects that I personally secured across Virginia's Third Congressional District: </p> >\\$1,594,355 for An Achievable Dream, supplemental recovery supports >\\$11,250,000 for the removal of toxic sediments at Money Point >\\$1,000,000 for mental health programming at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters >\\$3,000,000 for the City of Norfolk LED Streetlight Upgrades >\\$3,000,000 for the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center Aquatic Facility >\\$2,500,000 for the City of Franklin to reconstruct the Armory to serve as a community center >\\$760,000 for the Gun Violence and Violent Crime Reduction Initiative in Newport News >\\$4,600,000 for the Hampton Gun Violence Intervention Program >\\$850,000 for the Hampton Roads Workforce Council training systems >\\$2,200,000 for Hampton University's Workforce Development and Allied Health Services Program >\\$807,137 for the Portsmouth Community Health Center for a Traveling Vehicle for Good Dental Health >\\$677,000 for the Soundscapes to expand access to arts education to more students >\\$687,680 for the STEMConnect: NASA STEM Literacy & Community Enrichment at the Virginia Air and Space Center >\\$750,000 for the Tyler's Beach Harbor/Marina Facility Improvements in Isle of Wight >\\$2,000,000 for infrastructure improvements for the YMCA of the Virginia Peninsulas <p>And this is in addition to the community funding projects I secured in the FY22 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which you can review by <a](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)

[>](https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/iqClickTrk.aspx?&cid=VA03RS&crop=15590QQ)**clicking here**. </p>
<p>Also, below is a list of select awards I
received due to my work in Congress: </p> <span
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Governments Justice Center <span style="font-size:
12pt;">Congressional Leadership Award, National Job Corps
Association Legislator of the Year, International
Brotherhood of Boilermakers <span style="font-size:
12pt;">Leadership Award, National WIC
Association Regional Statesman Award, Hampton Roads Chamber
of Commerce Distinguished Public Service Award, American
Educational Research Association <span style="font-size:
12pt;">James O'Hara Award, Committee for Education
Funding Lifetime
Achievement Award, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at
Virginia Commonwealth University <p style="text-align:
center;">Stay Safe, Get Covered, Get
Vaccinated </p> <p style="text-align: left;"><span
style="font-size: 12pt;">The beginning of November marked the start of open
enrollment at HealthCare.gov. You have
until January 15th to get coverage for 2023. Since the enactment of the
Affordable Care Act, over 35 million Americans have been able to
obtain health insurance because of the ACA. And thanks to the American Rescue
Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act more people than ever before qualify for
subsidies to help pay for health coverage, even many of those who were not
eligible in the past.

Additionally, nearly everyone is now eligible to
either receive a COVID-19 vaccine or a bivalent booster. Go to Vaccines.gov for
information on where to get your shots and for answers to any questions you and
your family may have. You can also find information about obtaining an
annual flu shot. These shots can keep you out of the hospital and may save your

life.

I am honored to represent Hampton Roads and serve the residents of Virginia's Third Congressional District. While we still have work to do, I am very proud of what we have accomplished this Congress and I am excited about the unfinished work that lies ahead in the 118th Congress. And please know that my staff and I are always available if you have a question or need assistance.
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Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
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