Friends,

The coronavirus shutdowns caused our bustling economy to grind to a halt, but recovery is on the horizon. In Congress, I’ve worked to ensure families receive Economic Impact Payments to help with costs, small businesses are able to keep employees on the payroll, and that we’re doing all we can to get back to work safely.

Maybe the most impactful initiative was the Paycheck Protection Program, which gave 100% forgivable loans to small businesses so they could keep their employees paid—this saved over 180,000 jobs in the Ninth District alone! Republicans have been working hard to extend this popular program until December 31st and to let some businesses have a second round of funds. Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats have refused to let our bill have a vote, but people need jobs and small businesses need help.

This week, I signed a discharge petition—where 218 members can force a vote—to get it passed. Hopefully Democrats will stop stalling and start working for the American people. There is no time to waste.

Thank you for taking time to read and sign-up for my newsletter. Below, you’ll find more updates and information on my week in Washington & North Carolina!

**PPP Discharge Petition:**

The discharge petition, filed by Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler (WA-03), has been signed by almost 200 members of the House of Representatives. If the petition acquires 218 signatures, the House will be forced to vote on H.R. 8265. The bill, introduced by Rep. Steve Chabot (OH-01), would:

- Allow businesses to become eligible for a second PPP loan if they have less then 300 employees and 25% reduction in gross revenues;
- Extends the program to December 31, 2020;
- Creates a maximum loan of $2 million; and
- Creates a capacity of $10 million in combined loan funds.
**Economic Development Administration Award for Scotland County Grant:**

This award will help construct a new business incubator in Scotland County, providing workspace for local startups and expanding industries.

This award:

- Provides $2 million for a new business incubator to promote North Carolina startups in Laurinburg;
- Is part of the Department of Commerce’s Industrial Incubator Project;
- Is expected to create 300 new jobs & $10 million in private investment;
- Will increase the region’s natural disaster resilience.

**National Small Business Week:**

The 57th annual National Small Business Week was September 22- September 24 this year. This time is set aside to commemorate all that they contribute to our communities. The coronavirus pandemic hit our businesses, yet they continued to serve.

I was proud to join H.R. 1134, which voices congressional support for our small businesses during National Small Business Week.

**“A” Rating from the Susan B. Anthony List:**

Recently, I received an “A” Scorecard from the Susan B. Anthony List. This organization is a leader in pro-life policy & advocacy and I’m proud to receive this rating. I will continue to be a pro-life voice in Congress.

**Congressional App Challenge:**

This annual contest allows students from all congressional districts to create original apps and show their coding skills. Last week, the Congressional App Challenge became open for submissions.

If an interested applicant is:

- A resident of North Carolina’s Ninth Congressional District (find out [here](#));
- A middle or high school student; and
- Interested in coding or STEM;

Apply [here](#)!

**OANN Real America with Dan Ball:**

Last week, I joined Dan Ball to talk about the importance of election integrity and protecting North Carolina’s ballots
It is an honor to represent you in Congress. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 202-225-1976 or at RepDanBishop@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Bishop
Member of Congress