



Monday, July 7, 2025



# Derek in the District



Dear Friend,

I was looking forward to being home in Orange County last week, but I had to rush back to Washington to oppose H.R. 1 - legislation that would slash health care, gut food assistance, and make life more expensive for hard-working California families. My last-minute flight to D.C. was diverted to Pittsburgh due to bad weather, but nothing was going to stop me from opposing the so-called "Big, Beautiful Bill" as it came back to the House floor for a final vote. So, I hopped in a car with my friend, Representative Chris Deluzio (PA-17), and drove down to DC to keep fighting for you in Congress.



Chris and I  
on our  
way to DC!



Speaking  
Up  
For  
You



After I arrived back in Washington, I worked through the night to push back against the Senate version of the Republican-led budget proposal, which made even greater cuts to critical services like Medicaid and SNAP. **I was disappointed that Republicans blocked all attempts to improve this bill,**



**including four amendments I introduced on the following:**

- **Tariffs:** This amendment would have required the Federal Reserve System to track how small businesses are being impacted by reckless tariffs.
- **Student Loans:** This amendment would have eliminated a provision of the budget bill that makes it more difficult for students to repay their loans.
- **SALT Cap Elimination:** This amendment would have called for the permanent elimination of the cap on state and local tax deductions (SALT) to provide tax relief for California families.
- **SNAP:** This amendment would have prevented the bill's attacks on food assistance for children, seniors, and Veterans.

House Republicans jammed this reckless bill through procedural votes in the dead of night, and by Thursday, the final vote to approve the Senate's changes to H.R. 1 reached the House floor. **I voted NO, firmly rejecting this attempt to kick over 2 million Californians off their health insurance, double-tax our hard-working families by limiting state and local tax deductions, and take food off the tables of our most vulnerable community members.**

The Senate version of the Republican budget bill passed in the House with a vote of 218-214 and was signed into law on Independence Day. Our communities in LA and Orange counties deserve better than a government that puts billionaire tax breaks before the family that can't afford food, the child that can't access lifesaving treatment, or the Veteran at risk of losing his house. Despite this devastating moment for our country, **I am going to keep fighting to expand access to health care, protect nutrition assistance, and deliver for all California families.**



Following the passage of the GOP budget proposal, I have heard concerns from community members about the impacts of cuts to Medicaid and SNAP on our district. Having grown up on these benefits myself, I share these concerns. Under the new law, 44,000 people in our district alone will lose access to life-saving healthcare. **I voted NO on this budget bill because of its cuts to services like**



**Medicaid, and I signed a discharge petition to bring H.R. 2753, the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act to the House floor for a vote.** I'll continue working tirelessly to ensure that every member of our community in California's 45<sup>th</sup> congressional district can access the high quality, timely, affordable care they deserve.

I have also heard our community's concerns regarding reports of masked, unidentifiable Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents carrying out deportation operations targeting law-abiding community members at their homes, schools, and places of work and worship. Public safety is my top priority, but ICE's recent actions have eroded community trust. Trust between law enforcement and the community is critical to keep our families and our neighbors safe. **I'm proud to cosponsor H.R. 3172, the ICE Visibility Act, and H.R. 4176, the No Secret Police Act, to ensure that immigration enforcement is fair, transparent, and puts the safety of our community first.**

## Community Corner

It was great to catch up with Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj and Councilmembers Melissa Ramoso and Zeel Ahir last week. I'm proud to represent Artesia's vibrant, diverse communities and I'm honored to display a plaque of the city's seal in my office.

**I had a blast celebrating the Fourth of July with my sons, Bryson and Landen, at the Brea County Fair on Friday!** There was no better way to spend Independence Day than back home with my kids enjoying a day at the fair.



While I was back in Washington, Team Tran continued our work to support and uplift every corner of our district. **My staff joined the Westminster Senior Center for a special Independence Day lunch, distributing food to celebrate with local seniors and honor the freedoms we hold dear.**



In Fullerton, members of my team attended a groundbreaking event for the Union Pacific Trail—a transformative project that will bring safer, greener, and more accessible recreation options to the community. My office is always proud to support projects that give our community's families the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty we're lucky to call home in Southern California.

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Calling all college students and recent graduates with a passion for public service! Fall internship applications for my District and DC offices are now open. **Apply at [tran.house.gov/internships](https://tran.house.gov/internships) by July 14 to get hands-on experience in a federal office and make a real difference in your community.**

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I'm excited to invite passionate, civically-engaged high school students across California's 45<sup>th</sup> district to apply to my Youth Advisory Board! Young people in our Orange and LA County communities are our future leaders, and their voices are critical to ensuring that their priorities are addressed in Congress. This nine-month long public service program allows students to meet with me and my staff

and propose policy ideas that would benefit our district. Eligible students **must be enrolled in grades 9 through 12** when the program begins and **must reside within the 45<sup>th</sup> congressional district**. To **apply by July 31, 2025**, please visit [tran.house.gov/services/youth-advisory-board](https://tran.house.gov/services/youth-advisory-board).

**Come  
See DC!**



Planning a trip to Washington DC? As your Representative, I'm glad to offer each of my constituents the chance to tour some of DC's most historic landmarks. **My office provides tickets on a first-come, first-served basis to the White House, the U.S. Capitol Building, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress.**

Tour slots can fill up quickly, so please visit [tran.house.gov/services/tours-and-tickets](https://tran.house.gov/services/tours-and-tickets) to reserve your tour today!

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# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Do you support efforts to protect and expand vital benefits like Medicaid and SNAP?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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I had an eventful week in Washington last week, but I'm always ready to work day and night to fight for you. This week, I'll keep meeting with community members and hearing the priorities that matter most to you.

If you would like to share your thoughts with me, feel free to visit my [website](#). You can also keep in touch through [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).

If you have additional questions, please reach out to my office at (202) 225-2415.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress