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MISSISSIPPI'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Welcome...

To *The Thompson Report* on the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. Inside you will find information about the district, grants, legislative actions and more. My monthly newsletter will be distributed by email to constituents.

Spread the word and share this newsletter. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter.

Thank you.

Vaccinations Save Lives

The Coronavirus has lingered for much longer than anyone could have anticipated. It's time we take control by taking the necessary precautions to slow the spread. Vaccinations are currently available for anyone five and older. The COVID-19 vaccine is just like any other vaccine we take before enrolling in grade school. There is a lot of bad information circulating about the ineffectiveness and safety of the vaccine, however, the United States Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine on August 23, 2021.

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District Calendar of Events



*Annual Dates
February 1st - October 15th
Congressional Nominations
for Military Academies*

Applications Accepted

*TO APPLY AND READ MORE,
CLICK HERE.*

*Call: Shander Gund
(662) 741-9003*

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS

What is a Congressional Record? A Congressional Record is documentation of activity (e.g., debates, legislative bills introduced, resolutions, etc.) carried out on the house floor by members of Congress. All documentation of these proceedings become permanent records of the United States Congress.

Every month, I honor constituents from the District for their outstanding achievements. I request that each individual be recognized for their achievements and therefore he/she be entered into the Congressional Record as a permanent record.

If you know someone that deserves to be recognized, call one of my district offices.

2022 Congressional Records Monthly Categories

February	Black History
March	Black Organizations
April	Outstanding Students
May	Black Churches
June	Law Enforcement
July	Unsung Heroes
August	Black Professional Women
September	Minority Businesses
October	Local Artists
November	Veterans

Legislative Updates

These updates are provided to keep you informed of legislative activities in Washington, DC.

1. Congressman Thompson cosponsored S. 1530, the Universal School Meals Program Act. This legislation would permanently provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all school children regardless of income, and strengthen local economies by incentivizing local food procurement.
2. Congressman Thompson cosponsored H.R.2102, the End Polluter Welfare Act. This bill limits or eliminates certain fossil fuel oil and gas subsidies for oil companies.
3. Congressman Thompson signed onto a letter requesting a permanent Covid-19 Health Care Standard for Health Care Workers. This letter requests that Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) immediately issue a permanent health care standard to protect at-risk workers.
4. Congressman Thompson cosponsored H.R.5819, the Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act. This bill amends title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For questions about legislative updates and bills call Claytrice Henderson at (202) 225-5876.

Vaccinations Save Lives *con't...*

Similarly, as the measles, chicken pox and shingles vaccine which are also approved by the FDA. Don't take my word, read creditable articles, and talk to your healthcare providers. My message to unvaccinated Americans is to protect yourself from infectious diseases by getting vaccinated. It could mean the difference between the preservation of a healthy body or the end of life. Help yourself and those around you- **VACCINATE.**

You need to know...

Here is what you need to know about the latest news happening that could affect you and your family or friends.



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Small Business Administration has over 1,000 business centers. These centers are now providing free business lectures and trainings on how to get your business started and to make sure that it runs smoothly. You can visit the SBA website and register for trainings and business counseling that will best benefit you. Go to <https://www.sba.gov/> local assistance now to register for your session.



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

January 1 through March 31 2022, Medicare Advantage enrollees can switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another at www.Medicare.gov. Clients can apply for Medicare online by meeting the requirements:

- Are three months away from age 65.
- Do not want to start receiving Social Security benefits at this time.
- Are not currently receiving Social Security retirement, disability, or benefits.

Clients can learn more about how Social Security and Medicare work together at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare.



USDA EXPANDED CONSERVATION PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is announcing several new expanded opportunities for climate smart agriculture in 2022. Updates include nationwide availability of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Incentive Contracts option, a new and streamlined EQIP Cover Crop Initiative, and added flexibilities for producers to easily re-enroll in Conservation Stewardship Program. For more information, visit www.usda.gov.

Watch for Advance Child Tax Credit Letter

In December 2021, the IRS began sending letters and will continue through January 2022. The letter will include the total amount of advance Child Tax Credit payments each tax payer received in 2021. It will also include the number of qualifying children used to calculate the advance payments. People should keep this and any other IRS letters about advance Child Tax Credit payments with their tax records. Families who received advance payments will need to file a 2021 tax return and compare the advance Child Tax Credit payments received in 2021. People who received the advance CTC payments can also check the amount of their payments by using the CTC Update Portal available on www.irs.gov. Eligible families who did not receive any advance Child Tax Credit payments can claim the full amount of the Child Tax Credit on their 2021 federal tax return, filed in 2022.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

Grants are competitive. Grants have deadlines set by the agency who have money. Below are current grants. For more information, visit the links provided.

PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FAA Allocations to Airports Under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration FY2022 allocations for Airport Infrastructure Grants under the recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to the following airports in the 2nd Congressional District: [Read more](#)

U. S. Department of Agriculture Awards \$272,000 to Mississippi Water Associations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants Program has approved a loan of \$150,000 and a grant of \$122,000 to South Lake Water Association, Inc. located in Sledge, Mississippi. [Read more](#)

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded grant funds to the following Public Housing Authorities in the MS 2nd Congressional District: [Read more](#)

U. S. Department of Agriculture Awards over \$17 Million to the State of Mississippi

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded \$17,161,128 to the State of Mississippi to Strengthen School Meal Programs. [Read more](#)

U. S. Department of Transportation Awards over \$2.3 Million to the State of Mississippi

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration has authorized Emergency Relief (ER) funds in the amount of \$195,993 for April 12, 2020 Statewide Storms and Flooding and \$2,167,318.92 for February 22, 2019 Flooding Damage to the State of Mississippi. [Read more](#)

\$976,579 in U. S. Department of Justice Funds

The U. S. Department of Justice has awarded \$976,579 in Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program funds to Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) located in Lexington, Mississippi. [Read more](#)

\$1.5 Million awarded to the City of Jackson

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded funds through the Healthy Homes Production Grant Program to the City of Jackson. [Read more](#)

\$200,000 awarded to the Delta Health Alliance

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has awarded \$200,000 in funds through the 2021 Delta Workforce Grant Program to the Delta Health Alliance located in Stoneville, MS. [Read more](#)

Constituent Services

Constituent Services is about being available and willing to assist you when you need it. Below are just some of the ways I can help. If you have trouble with any of the links below, call Alexis Hunter at 202-225-5876.

HELP WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY

Sometimes dealing with federal agencies can be overwhelming. If you live in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, you can call my office for assistance with a federal agency. We will do our best to help you. I cannot guarantee you a favorable outcome, but I guarantee you my office is willing to try. Click here to fill out a [Privacy Authorization](#) form.

VISITING WASHINGTON D.C.

Washington D.C. is a beautiful place to visit with lots of educational and tourist attractions. I think everyone should visit the nation's capitol and see how government is operated. If you are planning to visit Washington D.C., my office can assist you with tours of the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Please call my Washington D.C. office at 202-225-5876 at least three months before arrival. On [My Website](#) I have suggested some sites to visit.

FLAG REQUESTS

If you would like to order a U.S. flag through my office, click here to print and fill out a [Flag Order](#) form. Here you can calculate the price and shipping cost. You may choose to have your flag flown over the U.S. Capitol which comes with a certificate that can be personalized at your request.

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Every year I have the opportunity to nominate a limited number of qualified young people who live in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi to the Military Service Academies. One of the benefits is that graduates come out as commissioned officers in a branch of the military or reserve. Visit the [Military Academies Nomination](#) page on my website.

WORDS OF THANKS...

Gwendolyn Johnson

Clarksdale, Mississippi

I would like to say thank you for the service and dedication that you provide to the citizens of Mississippi. It is supporters like you who encourage me and the staff at Coahoma Community College to continue to support the students on our campus. Thank you for your attention and your support.

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