

DEBORAH ROSS

2nd District of North Carolina



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Working for Wake County: 2025 By the Numbers

\$34,200,000+



*in federal benefits and relief returned to residents
and small businesses since taking office*

3

**Bills signed into law
this year**



15

**Bills signed into law since
taking office**

178

**events attended or
hosted in the district**



260+

**meetings with
constituents**



1,502

**constituent
cases closed**



26

**bipartisan bills,
amendments, and
resolutions introduced**



75,100+

Written responses sent to constituents



Signed Into Law

Congresswoman Ross' bill to rename the post office located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh as the "Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office" was signed into law by President Biden in January.

Raleigh post office renamed after WWII veteran, civil rights activist Millie Dunn Veasey

WRAL NEWS



SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act



For too long, outdated FDA rules have kept Americans from accessing the most effective sun protection available. Signed into law in November as part of a Continuing Resolution, Rep. Ross' SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act will streamline the FDA review process of new ingredients for sunscreens.

July 9, 2025

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**SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act:
Bipartisan Push to Modernize U.S.
Sunscreen Regulation**

Recognizing the Lumbee Tribe

SPECTRUM NEWS 1

After working for decades, Lumbee Tribe poised for full federal recognition

The Lumbee Tribe has sought federal recognition for 137 years. Congresswoman Ross co-led bipartisan legislation granting the Lumbee official recognition and the federal benefits they deserve, which was signed into law in December.

Constituent Success Stories

CASES CLOSED

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Benov approached our office seeking help with his reclassification process, as well as with securing the medals he earned through his service. Our staff helped make it happen, and he expressed appreciation for the support he received

“Congresswoman Ross and her staff have been true to her word to try and help all her constituents. They helped me rectify the situation and thanks to their hard work all the issues were resolved. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to show my appreciation for everything you have done for me, our military, and our country!”



Social Security
Administration

Judith needed assistance getting her 2024 and 2025 Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount removed from her record, which was impacting her Medicare premiums.

“I am so grateful to you for bringing this matter to the Social Security Administration in such a timely manner. Someone from the Raleigh office called me today and advised I will be receiving a letter shortly confirming the adjustment to the IRMAA. Unclear if I will be receiving credit for all the IRMAA I've been paying since August, but I am celebrating this victory, nonetheless. I so appreciate your role in obtaining a favorable outcome.”



U.S. Department
of State

Laura reached out for assistance with passports. She paid for expedited shipping for passport cards for her two sons. She received the passport cards and all original documents that were submitted; however, the passport book had not been received. Our office helped her receive the passport book in time for her travel departure.

“I just wanted to share a heartfelt thanks for the immense gratitude that I have for your assistance in this process. I really appreciate your help!”

Casework Success Story

My office helped secure

\$5 million

in IRS ERC Tax Credits for
a local medical group



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Fighting Back Against the Trump Administration

President Trump has relentlessly attacked our rights, our local economy, and the programs and services that millions of North Carolinians rely on. All year, Congresswoman Ross used her voice and her power to fight back.

NC Democrats slam Trump administration's 'reckless and cruel' freeze on federal grants *The News & Observer*

Congresswoman Ross worked hard to block the Trump administration's most dangerous policies and to lower the skyrocketing costs of health care, energy, housing, and more.

Budget Bill Hits NC's Renewable Energy Industry

INDY week

At a roundtable hosted by Representative Deborah Ross, representatives from NC solar and renewable energy companies said Trump's spending plan will force layoffs and set back the industry locally.



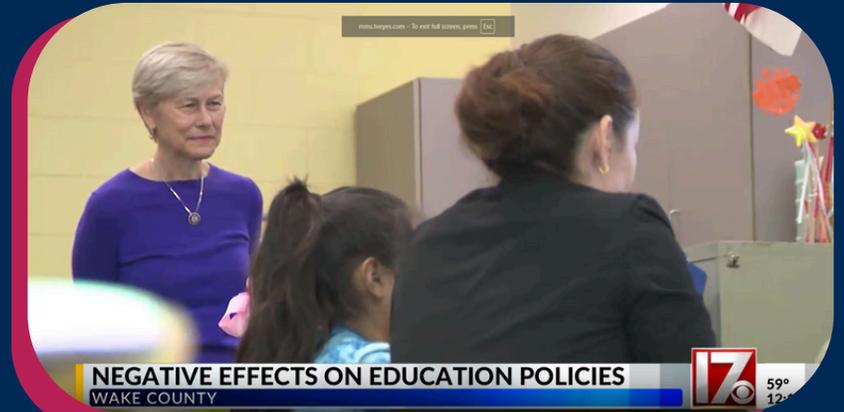
LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS GIVE THOUGHTS ON TARIFFS

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Concerns grow over future of Head Start funding

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NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EDUCATION POLICIES
WAKE COUNTY

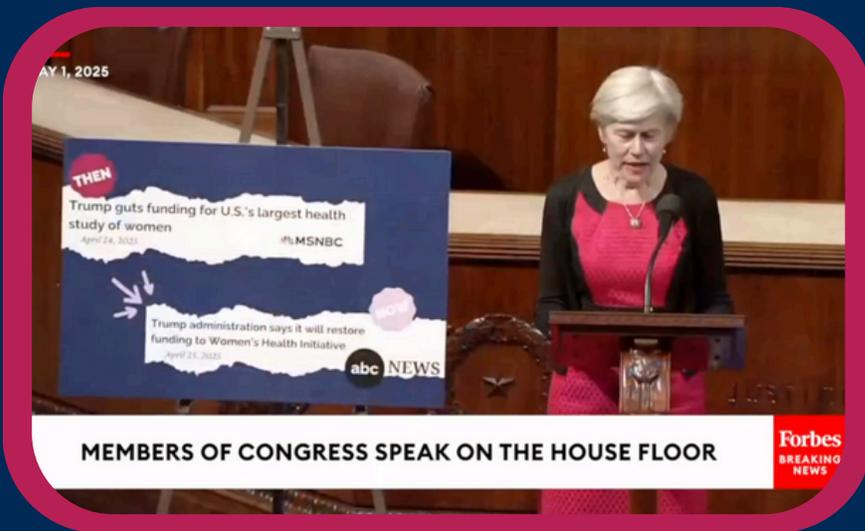
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Reversing Trump Policies that Hurt North Carolina

When Trump and Dept. of Education Secretary Linda McMahon wrongfully withheld \$8.1 million from Wake County schools, Congresswoman Ross called on them to release these funds. Shortly after she called them out, the funds were released.



2 NC congresswomen ask Department of Education to release millions in funding

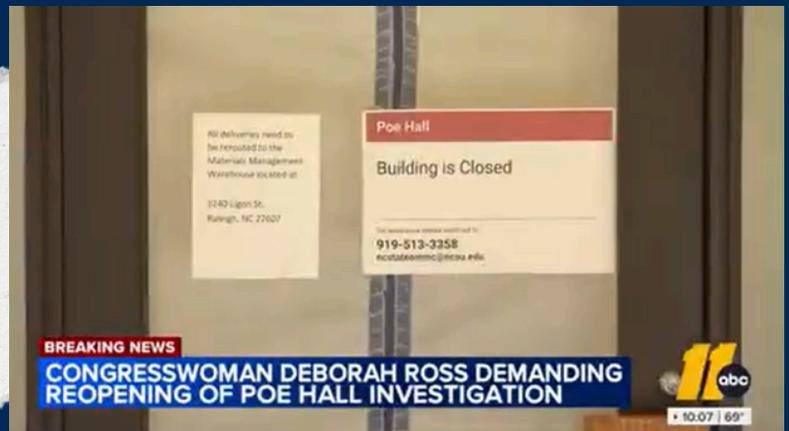


In April, the Trump administration cut funding for women's health research, endangering vital treatments. Congresswoman Ross led her Democratic Women's Caucus colleagues in demanding HHS reverse the cuts. Two weeks later, funding was restored for the Women's Health Initiative, the country's largest health study of women.

Last year, NIOSH opened an investigation into toxic chemicals in NC State's Poe Hall. In May, Trump and RFK Jr. tried to gut the agency and end the study. Congresswoman Ross pushed back, and they reversed course.

The News & Observer

NC Rep. Ross asks RFK Jr. to reverse federal cuts that halted Poe Hall investigation



Connecting with the Community

Throughout the year, Congresswoman Ross was honored to speak with constituents across Wake County about the challenges and concerns they have.



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Town halls hosted by Congresswoman Ross this year – more than any other member of the North Carolina delegation.

"Time and time again, constituents tell me that they are horrified by what Donald Trump is doing in Washington," Rep. Deborah Ross (D-N.C.) said in a statement. "They want to see leaders standing up in the face of Donald Trump's attacks and corruption. Their words motivate and encourage me to keep fighting."

NC NEWSLINE

Congresswoman Ross also attended numerous town halls hosted by outside groups – including town halls with the Garner Senior Center, veterans in Raleigh, students, the Divine 9 sororities and fraternities, and more.



Ross has held more town halls than any other member of Congress in the state, with three in-person and three via telephone. She said it's important to listen to both those who agree with her and those who do not.

NC NEWSLINE

Republican Government Shutdown

After Donald Trump and Republicans forced the longest government shutdown in history, Congresswoman Ross convened a series of meetings with people in our community to discuss their needs and highlight how the shutdown was affecting their daily lives.



Congresswoman Ross visited local food banks and pressed USDA to protect SNAP and WIC during the shutdown – especially as Trump was refusing to release funding for hungry families, children, seniors, and veterans.

Congresswoman Ross urges action for NC families as SNAP, WIC funding runs dry
NC NEWSLINE

While House Republicans refused to show up to work during the shutdown, Congresswoman Ross fought to lower skyrocketing health care costs.



The Daily Tar Heel

'God forbid something happens': North Carolina residents face 2026 health insurance increases

Rep. Deborah Ross (D-N.C. District 2) said she and other Democrats in Congress have been working to enact legislation to extend the premium tax credits for months, but face pushback from Republican legislators.

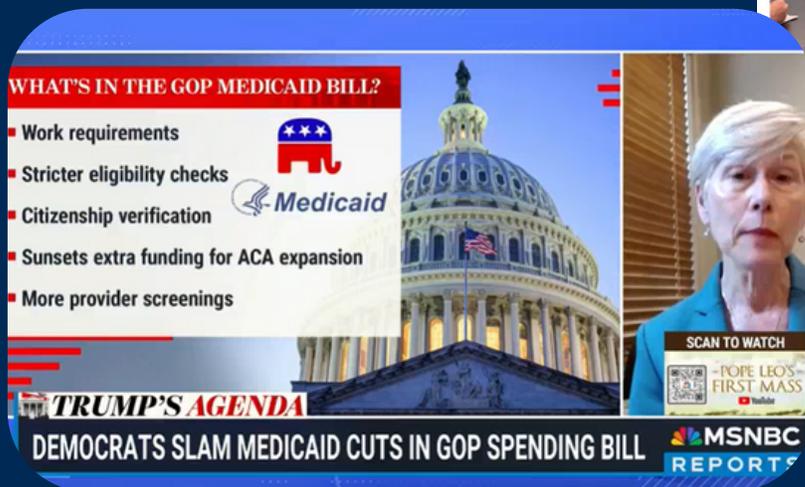
“If we don’t get the job done, we know who’s to blame. It’s clearly the Republicans who are to blame,” Ross said. “They have not come up with any way of helping the American people.”



Health Care

Congresswoman Ross has been fighting Republican attacks on Medicaid and Americans' health care.

First in the General Assembly and ultimately in Congress, she successfully fought for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. Unfortunately, thanks to Donald Trump's Big Ugly Law, that progress is now in peril. 600,000 North Carolinians are currently at risk of losing coverage and rural hospitals across our state are facing the threat of bankruptcy.



She joined her colleagues in introducing bipartisan legislation that would extend ACA tax credits to prevent 22 million Americans from seeing a sudden spike in their health care costs.

This year, she also introduced legislation to safeguard Americans' access to FDA-approved medicines and to protect patients and pharmacies from harmful PBM practices that drive up the costs of prescription drugs.

POLITICO

A group of House Democrats plans to introduce legislation clarifying that states can't ban the prescription or use of drugs and vaccines that the FDA has already approved.

The bill, by Rep. Deborah Ross (D-N.C.), would confirm that the FDA approvals of medicines preempt any attempts by states to forbid or restrict their sale or use.

Working for Women

Congresswoman Ross serves as Policy Task Force Co-Chair for the Democratic Women's Caucus (DWC). She uses this leadership position to fight for women and girls in North Carolina and across the country.

In September, Congresswoman Ross led Judiciary Democrats in calling on Chairman Jim Jordan to allow survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's abuse to testify before the Committee.

The Guardian

House Democrats call on Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan to allow Epstein victims to testify



Congresswoman Ross led a group of women lawmakers in urging House leadership to reject any effort to implement a broad moratorium on state and local artificial intelligence (AI) regulation.



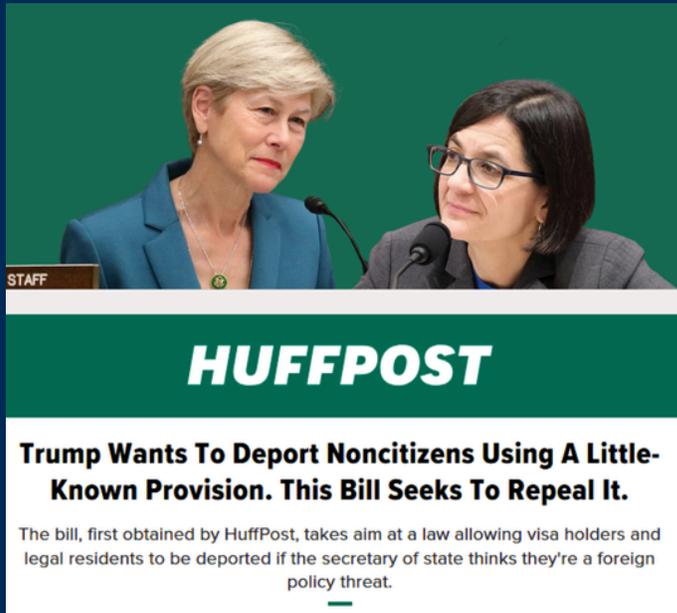
AI is often used to stalk and track women, violate the privacy of domestic violence survivors, and create non-consensual pornographic “deepfakes.”



Rep. Ross hosted a DWC field hearing in Raleigh to discuss the harmful consequences that NIH funding cuts have on breast cancer research.

Immigration Reform

While the Trump administration continues to attack immigrant communities in North Carolina, Congresswoman Ross has been seeking real solutions to fix our broken immigration system.



In response to the Trump administration deporting visa-holders and legal permanent residents exercising their constitutionally protected free speech rights, she introduced the *Land of the Free Act* to protect these individuals.



This year, North Carolina saw federal immigration agents descend on the state and abduct people off the streets. She spoke out forcefully against harmful ICE and CBP immigration raids.

Deborah Ross, among legislators who sent letter to Marco Rubio urging help for Indian students struggling to get U.S. visas



Disaster Response

More than a year after Hurricane Helene, Western North Carolina is still waiting for the federal disaster relief it needs to fully recover. President Trump has continued to withhold aid and politicize disaster relief.



When the Trump administration proposed eliminating FEMA, Congresswoman Ross immediately fought back.

Trump's plan to phase out FEMA draws criticism from NC Democrats

They are concerned about the impact on disaster recovery and preparedness.

WNCN CHARLOTTE

HELENE RECOVERY
11 LAWMAKERS URGING TRUMP ADMIN. TO PREVENT DISASTER FUNDING FROM RUNNING OUT

She led a bipartisan group of lawmakers in urging the White House to prevent disaster recovery funding from running out for communities across the Southeast.



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SPECTRUM NEWS 1

NEW BIPARTISAN BILL AIMS TO IMPROVE EXTREME WEATHER FORECASTING

POLITICS

SPECTRUM NEWS 1

Concerned over pace of FEMA money, N.C. Democrat introduces bill to change DHS policy

U.S. Rep. Deborah Ross of North Carolina introduced a bill Tuesday that aims to speed the pace of federal disaster recovery money going to areas of western North Carolina damaged by Hurricane Helene.



Her bipartisan bill to improve extreme weather forecasting passed out of the House Science Committee. She also introduced the *FEMA Administrative Reform Act*, major legislation that would accelerate the flow of federal disaster recovery funds to Western North Carolina by cutting red tape instituted by the Trump administration.

Leading Locally



WRAL NEWS

'King's Ridge' opens in east Raleigh, offering affordable housing, health care



The News & Observer

NC Democrats in Congress make new push for transparency in redistricting

By Danielle Battaglia
November 4, 2025 8:00 AM



Rep. Deborah Ross speaks at a press briefing on the North Carolina State Capitol grounds on Jan. 31, 2025 in Raleigh. Robert Willett rwillett@newsobserver.com



BACK TO SCHOOL

OFFICIALS DISCUSS RISING COSTS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AFTER TARIFFS

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FOR US NEWS MORE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS TO PASS REDISTRICTING MAP TO OFFSET TEXAS JULY EYEWITNESS NEWS

