




# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

REPRESENTATIVE  
**LIZZIE FLETCHER**  
SERVING TEXAS' 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT





# OUR PARTNER IN HOUSTON—



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## Town Halls

- Memorial Villages
- Cy-Fair
- Telephone
- West University

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## Community Conversations,

A town hall on a topic

- Flooding
- Transportation
- Health Care
- Veterans

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## Round Tables

- Small Business
- Health Care
- Environment
- Gun Safety





# OUR VOICE IN WASHINGTON.



## Committees

### House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

- Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
- Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
- Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

### House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

- Chair, Subcommittee on Environment
- Subcommittee on Energy

## Legislative Overview

- 8 bills and 4 amendments introduced
- 159 bills co-sponsored, 77% bipartisan
- 493 votes taken, 97% bipartisan, 83% overwhelmingly bipartisan (more than 2/3 in the House voting in favor)

## Caucus and Task Force Membership (partial list)

- New Democrat Coalition
  - Co-Chair, Trade Task Force
  - Health Care Task Force
- Co-Chair, Bipartisan Natural Gas Caucus
- Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Black Maternal Health Caucus
- Diabetes Caucus
- Equality Caucus
- Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Humanities Caucus
- NASA Caucus
- National Corrosion Caucus
- Oil and Gas Caucus
- PFAS Task Force
- Pro-Choice Caucus
- Small Brewers Caucus
- Task Force for Combatting Anti-Semitism
- Venezuela Democracy Caucus



# CONSTITUENT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS



825  
constituent cases closed



422 Capitol Tours



25,462  
letters + emails responded to



79 site visits



## Across the Aisles

- Buffalo Speedway
- Cy-Fair
- Bunker Hill
- Willowbend





# 1,590 Constituent and Other Meetings

## In Houston



## In Washington





# LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

## Working Together for Houston

Congresswoman Fletcher has worked with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle, members of her committees, leaders in Houston, and experts in industry to take legislative action on the issues that matter to Texas' Seventh Congressional District.

## Energy and Economy

*Keeping Houston the Energy Capital of the World*

- Introduced an amendment to H.R. 9, the *Climate Action Now Act*, which requires that the goals the president sets to achieve Paris Agreement targets to reduce emissions be technology-neutral, ensuring that natural gas will continue to play a leading role in reducing carbon emissions.
- Original co-sponsor of H.R. 3607, the *Fossil Energy Research and Development Act*, to fund innovative research in the development of carbon capture utilization and storage.
- Introduced H.R. 5089, the *Alternative Fuel Tax Credit Extension Act of 2019*, to extend the tax credit on use of alternative fuels, including compressed, liquefied, and natural gas.

## Flooding and Infrastructure

*Rebuilding and Strengthening Our Communities*

- **Introduced H.R. 2548, the *Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects (HELP) Act*, to remove unnecessary delays in allowing recovery projects to begin, without local entities risking loss of federal matching dollars. The bill passed the House by an overwhelming majority, 409-7.**
- Introduced H.R. 2761, the *Bipartisan Disaster Recovery Funding Act*, requiring HUD to publish rules releasing \$4 billion in Harvey recovery funds within 60 days. Similar language was included in the Disaster Supplemental bill. Since its passage, HUD has published the rules for the funds to be released to the State of Texas.
- Removed existing ban on Houston METRO's eligibility for certain federal funding, freeing up federal funding for our local transportation infrastructure.

## Health Care

*Expanding Access and Lowering Health Care Costs*

- Co-sponsored H.R. 3, the *Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 647, the *Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 748, the *Middle-Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act*, which passed with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 986, the *Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act*, which passed with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 987, the *Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act*, which passed with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1530, the *Treat and Reduce Obesity Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1570, the *Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1581, the *Reproductive Rights Are Human Rights Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1692, the *Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1763, the *Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 3502, the *Protecting People from Surprise Medical Bills Act*.





## Education

- Introduced H.R. 3266, the *JROTC Cyber Training Act*, to establish cybersecurity training for JROTC students.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 2528, the *STEM Opportunities Act of 2019*, to fund higher education in STEM and develop and engage the STEM talent pool.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 2720, the *Real Education for Healthy Youth Act of 2019*.

## Environment

- Introduced H.R. 2638, requiring EPA to issue guidance on PFAS for first responders.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 2088, to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.
- Voted for H.R. 9, the *Climate Action Now Act*; as well as H.R. 1921, the *Ocean Acidification Innovation Act*, H.R. 1237, the *Coastal and Ocean Acidification Stressors and Threats (COAST) Research Act*, H.R. 1716, the *Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act*, and H.R. 988, the *National Estuaries and Acidification Research (NEAR) Act*, which passed through her subcommittee.

## Equality

- Original co-sponsor of H.R. 5, the *Equality Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1585, the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization (VAWA) Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 3435, the *National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality (NO HATE) Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 4077, the *Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare (TIME) for Holocaust Survivors Act*.

## Foreign Policy and Defense

- Introduced H.R. 3066, the *Supporting Our Coast Guard Members Act*, to bring parity between the Coast Guard and other branches of the armed forces in retirement pay, promotion authority, and other benefits. The bill passed as part of H.R. 3409, the *Coast Guard Authorization Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 2500, the *National Defense Authorization Act*, to support our troops and national defense, which passed the House.

## Gun Violence

- Co-sponsored H.R. 8, the *Bipartisan Background Checks Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 1112, the *Enhanced Background Checks Act*, which closes the Charleston loophole that allowed certain firearms transfers before background checks are completed, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Convened a summit on gun safety, "Working Together for Safer Communities," with gun violence survivors, community leaders, law enforcement, medical professionals, and local activists from the Houston area to discuss solutions to the gun violence epidemic.

## Small Business

- Co-sponsored H.R. 1007, the *Retirement Enhancement Savings Act*.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 2344, the *Small Business Payment Performance Act*.

## Immigration and Border Security

- Original co-sponsor of H.R. 6, the *Dream and Promise Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1044, the *Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 2214, the *National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants (NO BAN) Act*.
- Co-sponsored H. Res. 299, *Condemning White Supremacist Terrorism and the Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric that Inspires It*.
- Voted for H.R. 3401, the *Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support and became law.

## Labor

- Original co-sponsor of H.R. 7, the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 1994, the *Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 397, the *Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act* (also known as the *Butch Lewis Act*), which establishes the Pension Rehabilitation Administration to allow pension plans to borrow the money they need to remain solvent.
- Voted for H.R. 582, the *Raise the Wage Act*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Voted for H.R. 748, the *Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019*, which repeals the 40% excise tax on "premium" health care plans.

## Space

- Introduced an amendment to H.R. 790, the *Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act*, which ensured that NASA employees affected by the government shutdown would receive the same pay raise given to the federal civilian employees. The bill and the amendment passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H. Con. Res. 47, *Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing*, which passed the House with bipartisan support.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 3766, the *One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act*.

## Voting Rights

- Co-sponsored H.R. 1, the *For the People Act*, which secures our democracy by addressing access, integrity, security, transparency, and ethics in elections and voting, which passed the House.
- Original co-sponsor of H.R. 4, the *Voting Rights Advancement Act*, which establishes new criteria for preclearance of changes to voting practices.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 4617, the *Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy (SHIELD) Act*, which requires campaigns to report offers of assistance from foreign actors to the FBI.
- Voted for H.R. 2722, the *Securing America's Federal Elections (SAFE) Act*, addresses election security through grant programs and requirements for voting systems and paper ballots.

## Trade

- Co-Chair of the New Democrat Coalition's Trade Task Force.
- Met with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and others in the administration and the Congress to improve and to pass the U.S.-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade agreement.





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