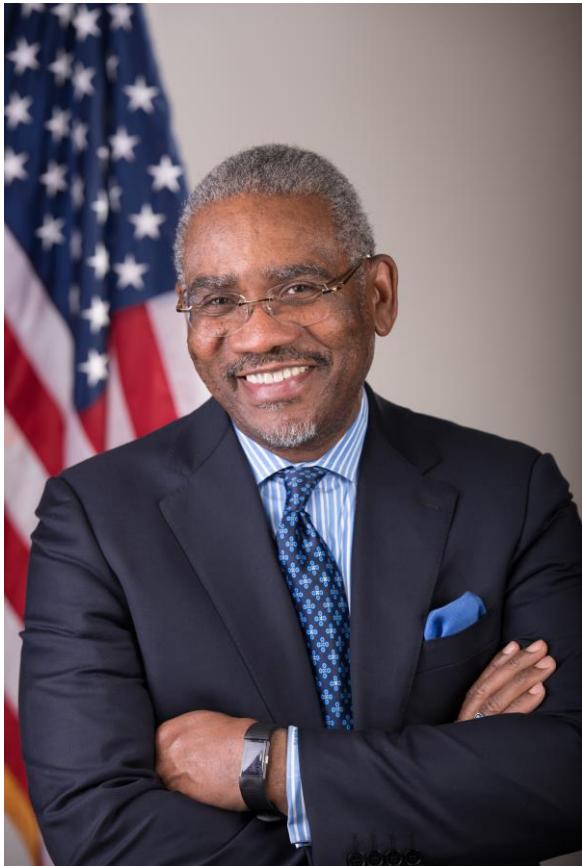




# GREGORY MEEKS

Representing the 5th District of New York

Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee



Dear Ayanna,

I am honored and privileged to represent you, your family, and more than 800,000 of our fellow New Yorkers in our U.S. House of Representatives. My mission in Congress is to solve problems and deliver solutions for my constituents in New York's Fifth Congressional District.

I am fighting every day to bring NY-05 the resources we need to support families, create jobs, and grow our economy. As the Ranking Member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senior Member on the Financial Services Committee, I have the opportunity to further a policy agenda that protects and supports communities here and abroad. As your Representative, I encourage your questions and guidance on any of my efforts. My office is your resource for effective, timely and responsive constituent services.

Below, I explain some of the areas my office

can help you with. Please contact us with any questions and we will assist in the best way we can. I look forward to hearing from you!

## Services For You

### **HELP WITH VETERANS BENEFITS**

Our district includes more than 16,000 veterans and families. We can help with questions on benefits, discharge papers and anything else relating to your military service.

### **HELP WITH SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**

My office can assist with questions and issues with Social Security and Medicare. These questions could include benefits such as retirement, disability, survivor benefits and SSI payments and appeals.

### **HELP WITH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION**

In our very diverse district, we focus on helping constituents and your families with immigration and naturalization questions, including application status and other issues with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

### **HELP WITH INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

We can help you with updates on the status of tax filings and refunds and other individual IRS issues.

### **POSTAL SERVICE (USPS)**

We can work with communities to replace broken mailboxes and fix delivery issues.

### **REQUEST A PERSONAL MESSAGE OR U.S. FLAG**

We can arrange for you to purchase a U.S. flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol building to honor special occasions. I can also provide official messages from me or, in some cases, the White House for such occasions.

Services and other federal agencies.

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

## What issue should be the top priority for the 118th Congress?

Lowering costs & reducing inflation

Creating better paying jobs

Preventing gun violence in our communities

Protecting women's reproductive rights

Addressing the climate crisis

Protecting Social Security, Medicare & affordable healthcare

Other

Taking this survey will sign you up for future news and updates from my office.

## Recent Legislative Action

- **H.R. 3746, Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023** – On May 31, I voted with the majority of my House colleagues to pass the bipartisan debt ceiling agreement. The Bipartisan Budget Agreement prevents the worst possible outcome: defaulting on our debt. Democrats are working tirelessly to protect important resources and services for the American people such as Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, and veteran benefits.
- **Bicameral Resolution Honoring African American Musical Heritage** – On June 23, 2023, Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Senator Cory Booker, and I introduced a bicameral resolution recognizing the contribution of African American music to America's musical heritage.
- **H.R. 2795, Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act** – On May 30, 2023, the House passed my bill that would close documented gaps in

President Biden and White House negotiators negotiated an agreement that blocked the draconian cuts that radical Conservatives tried to impose on working families.

- For national news coverage on the debt ceiling, click [HERE](#).
- For local news coverage on the debt ceiling, click [HERE](#).
- **[Corporate Board Diversity Legislation Dropped](#)** – On June 15, 2023, with Senator Menendez, I reintroduced the *Improving Corporate Governance Through Diversity Act of 2023*. The bicameral legislation originally introduced in 2017 would require public companies to annually disclose the gender, race, ethnicity and veteran status of their board directors, nominees, and senior executive officers. For local news coverage on the bill, click [HERE](#).
- **[Letter Sent to President Biden and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Migrant Crisis](#)** – On June 22, 2023, Rep. Jerry Nadler and I sent a letter to the Biden Administration and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas urging them to consider providing humanitarian parole for

transparency around multi-class stock governance structures for the benefit of traditional investors. "Under current rules, the difference between a corporate insider's voting power and their ownership interest – regardless of how large that gap may be – is either not fully disclosed or lacks clarity. This commonsense bill makes sure that investors have the clearest information available to make the best possible decisions."

- **[H.R. 2793, the Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023](#)** – On June 5, 2023, the House passed a bipartisan bill that I co-sponsored which would ensure that all issuers can test the waters on going public in order to gauge interest and feasibility before committing to a public offering.
- **[Biden Harris Administration \\$270 M for Drinking Water Infrastructure in NY](#)** – Thanks to a \$6 billion boost from Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the EPA awarded \$270 million to New York for essential drinking water infrastructure upgrades across the state.

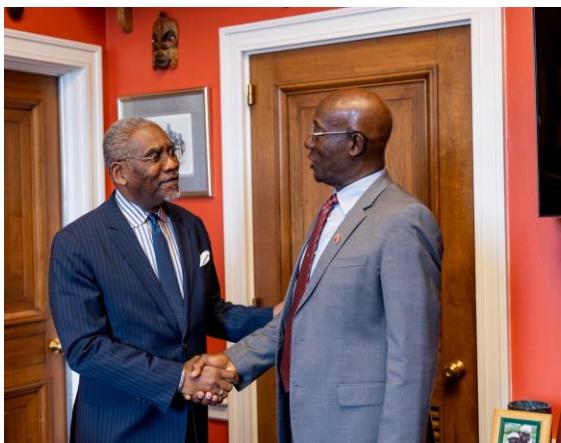
migrants who enter the United States during the implementation of Title 42, which lasted from March 2020 - May 2023. The implementation of humanitarian parole would expedite access to employment authorization documents (EAD) allowing migrants to gain independence by earning an income that goes toward housing, food, and other essentials. For local news coverage on the letter, click

[HERE.](#)

## **House Floor Speech on Protecting the Nation's Economy**



## Committee on Foreign Affairs



Rep. Meeks and Dr. Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of



Rep. Meeks and Rep. Horsford greet local officials during Africa CODEL led by Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

*Trinidad & Tobago.*

I was proud to introduce legislation that would require sanctions against the criminal and corrupt elites in Haiti. For too long, Haiti has been unsafe and unstable, and Congress must sanction those who are responsible this disorder. My bill, the **Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act**, has already moved through Committee and I believe it will pass the House floor this summer.

Congress was given the power to make decisions over war and peace by the Constitution, but for too long it has abdicated that power to the Executive Chamber through broad and open-ended authorities, especially the 2001 legislation authorizing the war in Afghanistan and the global war on terror. This has allowed administration after administration to engage in forever wars and do so without Congress' approval. That is why I have introduced legislation to repeal and replace that outdated authority with one that is narrower and expires without reauthorization, and finally return to Congress its solemn duty to make difficult decisions on matters of war.

I've also been working to prevent the steep budget cuts (as much as 22%) Conservatives are trying to inflict on the State Department and USAID, which would harm our national security, undermine U.S. diplomacy and global leadership, hurt our ability to respond to food security crises around the world, and increase risks to U.S. government personnel overseas.

## District Events



Rep. Meeks and Jamaica Hospital's executive team during check presentation at the hospital.



Rep. Meeks and York College President Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes and students during check presentation at the college.

I secured more than \$16.3 million for 15 local projects in NY-05. During my two-day community project tour, I provided federal funding to [Jamaica Hospital Medical Center](#). The hospital received more than \$4.3 million for medical equipment. This funding equips medical staff with the latest technological resources to care for patients and ensures patients will receive the highest quality of care.

[York College](#) was granted more than \$2 million of federal funding to support academic programs and provide students experiencing financial burdens with stipends.

To learn more about the community project funding, click [HERE](#). Head to my Instagram for more photos of [Day1](#) or [Day2](#)!



Rep. Meeks, Governor Kathy Hochul, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, and other New York elected officials attend the groundbreaking of JFK Airport's terminal six.

John F. Kennedy International Airport held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the final construction phase of the new Terminal 6. The \$3.9 billion investment in this state-of-the-art terminal will create 4,000 new jobs and strengthen long-term partnerships with Minority and Women-Owned Businesses.

## TV Coverage



I discussed the importance of the Juneteenth holiday on Spectrum News NY1 in Focus with Cheryl Wills.



My journey to finding my family ancestry is an ongoing process. Like many individuals who have ancestors who were enslaved, learning our family history is still a developing story. You can see my journey on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Rep. Gregory W. Meeks, which appears to read "Gregory W. Meeks".

**Rep. Gregory W. Meeks**  
**Member of Congress**

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