

- 1. Our tri-town area has excessive PFAS in our drinking water, like reservoirs across Massachusetts. What can you or the Commonwealth do to help with paying for filtering to remove PFAS, and running outside testing to identify PFAS sources?**

I have always been a staunch advocate for environmental justice, and I strongly believe that breathing clean air and drinking clean water should be a fundamental right for folks in Randolph and across the Massachusetts 7th.

[Last Congress](#), the House passed my amendment to the Transportation and Infrastructure Bill to invest over \$25 billion to protect access to safe drinking water and provide Federal funding to help frontline communities remove PFAS from local water systems more accessible and effective. I also joined my colleagues in calling for an economic stimulus to address the needs of our clean water infrastructure and wastewater systems in frontline communities, and I am a proud co-sponsor of [the WATER Act](#), which would invest in our nation's drinking water and clean water infrastructure. I will continue to advocate for robust Federal funding to make drinking water cleaner and safer.

- 2. Our town government has been promised ARPA money and infrastructure money, like municipalities across Massachusetts. But the money is slow in coming, especially through Norfolk County. What can you or the Commonwealth do to help expedite this "emergency funding" so we can actually spend it on emergency needs?**

In Congress, I'm proud to fight for robust Federal funding for Randolph and communities across the 7th.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I worked with my Congressional colleagues to secure the [rapid release](#) of more than \$100 million in ARPA funding for the most impacted communities, including Randolph.

In March, my office also delivered over \$8 million in Federal community project funding to the Massachusetts 7th, including [\\$1 million for the construction of a new school-based community health center at Randolph High School](#) and [\\$275,000 in Federal funding for culturally relevant digital literacy at Randolph Public Schools](#).

I will continue to advocate for robust investments in the Randolph community, and work with our state partners to ensure the swift delivery of essential funding.

- 3. Randolph qualifies as an "environmental justice community" and might qualify as a "gateway city" and numerous other special designations. But we have trouble finding applicable grants through MAPC and other state agencies, while other wealthier towns and larger cities seem to always beat us to every grant. What can you or the Commonwealth do to help with "municipal equity" in state programs?**

As a municipal elected official before I arrived in Congress, I believe strongly in equitable municipal access to state funding and programming. In Congress, I work hard to model an inclusive, community-driven approach to funding and programmatic decisions. For example, when the House Appropriations Committee announced that they would accept Community Project Funding requests for Fiscal Year 2023 – allowing Members of Congress to target Federal funds towards projects and programs to address the greatest challenges facing communities in our district – I made available a [Community Project Funding Resource Guide](#) to help our community partners better understand the application process and prepare funding requests.

The best projects are those that are community-driven and government-endorsed, and this community-driven approach should be a model for our state agencies. My office is always available to support grant applications and help move these along, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

I remain committed to working closely with the community to develop, drive, and resource equitable solutions to address urgent needs in Randolph.

- 4. Randolph always seems to be on the losing end of every state-based formula, too, compared to other wealthier towns and larger cities. For example, we lose millions in Chapter 90 road repair funds because we cannot afford to get our streets "accepted". What can you or the Commonwealth do to help?**

While specific formulas are determined at the state level, I'm proud to advocate alongside my partners in the Federal delegation to help ensure that Federal resources are available to support critical infrastructure projects and other urgent community needs. More work remains to be done, but my goal is always to ensure that our communities that have faced the greatest barriers to funding, resources, and support are centered in our policymaking, including working closely with the Randolph community.

- 5. The worst formula for Randolph is the Chapter 70 education funding formula. We have huge expenses due to our high immigrant and ESL population, which results in high local real estate taxes despite poor scores for our schools. What can you or the Commonwealth do to update the formula to get communities like ours more state funding for our schools?**

I have and will continue to advocate for increased education funding for schools in Randolph and across the Massachusetts 7th. This summer, in addition to delivering [\\$1 million for the construction of a new school-based community health center at Randolph High School](#) and [\\$275,000 in Federal funding for culturally relevant digital literacy at Randolph Public Schools](#), I was proud to secure [\\$207 million](#) in the House Appropriations Bill passed in July, for both the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment of the Arts, which will support communities, schools, and small businesses throughout our district.

Additionally, I was glad to help pass the [Keep Kids Fed Act](#) in June, legislation to extend the United States Department of Agriculture's child nutrition waiver authority, which has allowed millions of children in Randolph and across the nation to access free and healthy school meals during the pandemic. My office also submitted a request for Federal funding to support a mobile library and STEM programming for more than 2,046 elementary and middle school students across Randolph Public Schools, who lack regular access to school librarians or library services. I look forward to continuing to advocate for and secure additional Federal funding for schools and education systems across Randolph and the MA-07.

**6. In the wake of overturning Roe, what can be done in Massachusetts to prevent further erosion of reproductive rights?**

In Congress, I serve as the Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus' Abortion Rights and Access Task Force and am a lead co-sponsor of the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), a piece of bicameral legislation to guarantee equal access to abortion care at the Federal level, which has now passed the House twice. I have also fought to eliminate the dangerous Hyde Amendment, so that pregnant people on Medicaid can access the full range of reproductive health services, including abortion.

I [strongly supported](#) the Massachusetts legislature's passage of the ROE Act, which protects the right to an abortion in Massachusetts, and have called on President Biden to declare a public health and national emergency, which would allow the Administration to utilize additional flexibilities and deploy resources where necessary to protect abortion seekers and providers across the country, including those coming to and from Massachusetts.

Abortion care is a fundamental human right, and we need to use every tool, at every level of government, to affirm it as such.

**7. What can be done in Massachusetts to protect same-sex marriage and other LGBT rights if the "right to privacy" is eroded?**

As a member of the House LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, I am deeply committed to preserving the rights and dignity of every person, and fighting back against all forms of prejudice or discrimination. In July, I co-sponsored the Respect for Marriage Act, which passed the House, and provides statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriages at the Federal level, and will continue to do everything in my power to codify and protect the rights of our LGBTQ+ communities at the Federal level. The Senate must pass this bill without delay.

**8. What are your views on the Fair Share Amendment ballot initiative?**

The Fair Share Amendment will generate essential revenue to make our education and transportation systems more accessible and affordable for everyone. I strongly support its passage and the much-needed investments it will allow us to make in our communities.

**9. What are your views on the November ballot initiative concerning Rideshare working conditions?**

Every worker in Randolph, in Massachusetts, and across the country deserves a job that provides good wages, strong benefits, and safe working conditions. I have led calls in Congress for more accountability for major gig economy corporations. I reject the false choice between flexibility and critical workplace protections, and refuse to allow major corporations to strip away the rights of thousands of workers — disproportionately Black, brown, and immigrant workers — in order to improve their bottom line. I firmly and publicly opposed the Rideshare ballot initiative when it was on the ballot, and remain committed to advancing workers' justice everywhere.