



# 2025

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**Dear Neighbor,**

Representing Rochester in Congress is a great responsibility and privilege, and I'm thankful each day for the trust our community has placed in me. 2025 tested our country in many ways, yet amid the obstacles, we made meaningful progress. I'm proud of what we accomplished on behalf of our neighbors.

I've always believed good government begins with listening and ends with action. This report outlines the work our office has taken on over the past year: helping constituents navigate federal agencies and access the resources they need; bringing home critical funding for local employers, nonprofits, and community institutions; and advancing legislation that is fundamental to our health and safety.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to delivering real results for our region. That means bringing down costs for working families, supporting small businesses and local job growth, strengthening public safety, and fighting for anti-corruption reforms that bring us back to a government that is of the people, by the people, and for the people.

If you have any questions about my work in Congress, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Rochester office at 585-232-4850 or my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-3615. You can also visit [morelle.house.gov](https://morelle.house.gov) to learn more about my work on a variety of issues and sign up for my weekly email newsletter.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Joe', with a stylized, flowing script.

Congressman Joe Morelle

# 2025 BY THE NUMBERS:



**102,000+**

RESPONSES TO LEGISLATIVE  
EMAILS, CALLS, AND LETTERS



**690+**

CONSTITUENT  
CASES RESOLVED



**200+**

EVENTS ATTENDED IN THE  
GREATER ROCHESTER AREA



**270+**

LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS WITH  
CONSTITUENTS AND ADVOCACY GROUPS



**233**

BILLS CO-SPONSORED AND PIECES OF  
ORIGINAL LEGISLATION AUTHORED



**\$15.9+ million**

RETURNED DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS  
AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY





## Bringing Down Costs for Our Families

Our country is facing an affordability crisis that's leaving families without the resources they need to make ends meet.

We must take a comprehensive approach to uplifting our community and making sure families have real opportunities to thrive. That means investing in people, advocating for universal childcare, securing higher wages for workers, expanding affordable housing opportunities, and increasing access to nutritious meals.

In 2025, I fought to address the affordability crisis by:

- Advocating for the [Child Care for Every Community Act](#) to establish universal childcare and early learning programs, like Headstart, for all four- and five-year-olds regardless of income;
- Supporting the [Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act of 2025](#) to block the extreme and unprecedented cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid in the Republican budget;
- Signing on to the [Raise the Wage Act of 2025](#) to increase the minimum wage to \$17/hour by 2030.

# Expanding Access to Quality, Affordable Healthcare

Protecting access to healthcare for American families remains one of my central priorities in Congress. For many families, the cost of care is a constant source of stress, and the Trump administration has taken actions that will make healthcare unaffordable for millions of Americans.

I'm focused on bringing down the cost of prescription medications, widening access to telehealth, safeguarding coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, ending surprise billing, and strengthening the fight against cancer.

In 2025, I took steps to move these goals forward, including:

- Building momentum for my SCREENS for Cancer Act—legislation to expand critical breast and cervical cancer screening services for women regardless of their income;
- Authoring the Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Research and Education Act of 2025 to advance research, treatment, and prevention of this aggressive form of breast cancer;
- Supporting the Health Care Affordability Act to permanently lower health care costs for millions of Americans by protecting Premium Tax Credits;
- Helping secure a designation for the University of Rochester's Wilmot Cancer Institute as a National Cancer Institute.





## Building Safer, Stronger Communities

Gun violence has become far too common across our country, and the toll on our families and our communities is devastating. I'm fighting for common-sense reforms like universal background checks on gun sales, limits on high-capacity magazines to help keep our streets safe, and increased funding for our local law enforcement.

I've spent my career fighting for gun safety reform, and it's one of my top priorities in Congress. We have made progress, but there is still so much work to do to keep families safe.

In 2025, I took several actions to protect our communities:

- Supporting the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025 to establish universal background checks for firearm purchases;
- Calling on the Trump administration to provide detailed information on staff reductions at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF);
- Voting for increased funding for public safety officials;
- Authoring legislation to fully maintain the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF).





# Fighting Corruption and Protecting Our Democracy

Our community has a proud history of leading the charge to defend and strengthen our democracy, thanks to trailblazers like Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony. I am honored to carry on this work, serving as the top Democrat on the Committee on House Administration, which is responsible for oversight over federal elections, House of Representatives operations, Capitol and member security, legislative branch agencies, and cultural institutions like the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

I'm grateful to my friend, Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, for trusting me with the responsibility of leading my colleagues to protect our values and author anti-corruption reforms that will put the power of our democracy back into the hands of hardworking Americans.

In 2025, I led my fellow Committee Democrats in:

- Supporting legislation to get dark money out of our elections;
- Introducing and supporting legislation to protect voting rights for all Americans;
- Combating legislation like the SAVE Act, and ongoing attempts by Republicans to make it more difficult for people to exercise their fundamental voting rights;
- Fighting to stop the President from using the office to make money;
- Working to strengthen the STOCK Act and enact a ban on individual stock trading for members of Congress and co-equal branches of government.



## Driving Innovation and Opportunity

Rochester's world-class universities, research centers, and innovative businesses need sustained support to compete on the global stage. In Congress, I'm driving this long-term effort to secure our leadership in high-tech innovation and build a stronger, more resilient local economy for the future.

In 2024, I proudly led a bipartisan coalition of New York Representatives to establish an innovation corridor between Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse, which was selected nationwide to receive \$40 million in federal funding as a Regional Technology Hub. It's critical we continue funding programs designed to make the powerful vision we all share for our community a reality.

In 2025, I continued to build on that progress by:

- Supporting the bipartisan American Innovation and R&D Competitiveness Act to help encourage research and development by American companies on American soil;
- Advocating for the Growing and Preserving Innovation in America Act to permanently preserve a critical pro-innovation tax policy;
- Authoring the Preventing Deepfakes of Intimate Images Act to create both criminal and civil penalties for the distribution of AI-generated intimate content without someone's consent.



## Defending Reproductive Rights

Three years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and extremists across the country have launched an all-out assault on women's rights. Reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, and I refuse to stand idly by as the healthcare rights of millions of women are ripped away by state governments.

In 2025, I took steps to defend women's reproductive rights and create national protections, including:

- Supporting the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the provisions of *Roe v. Wade* into federal law and block state-level bans or medically unnecessary restrictions;
- Advocating for the Right to Contraception Act to create a federal right for people to obtain contraceptives;
- Signing on to the EACH Act to lift unjust abortion coverage restrictions for those who depend on Medicaid and other government-sponsored plans;
- Supporting the My Body, My Data Act to limit the collection and use of individuals' private reproductive health data.





## We're Fighting Back

Throughout the first year of his administration, President Trump has repeatedly and recklessly overstepped executive power in a manner I believe is both illegal and unconstitutional. His executive orders and actions are clear violations of the U.S. Constitution, and I'm fiercely committed to pushing back against these abuses at every level—in the courts, in Congress, and in our neighborhoods.



I spoke out in the national media against Trump's cruel budget bill, which rips away healthcare for 15 million Americans, slashes food assistance, and adds \$3.4 trillion to the national deficit—all to fund tax breaks for his billionaire friends.



I called out Trump's overstepping of executive power, including the firing of the Librarian of Congress—a patriotic public servant who spent her entire career serving people.

I defended mail-in voting, a secure method that has been used for decades. Republicans want to make it harder for Americans to vote because they know their agenda is deeply unpopular. We won't let that happen.



I worked to protect elected officials in the face of a deeply troubling increase in political violence. Lawmakers shouldn't have to worry about being targeted for their public service, and when they are, it's the American people who pay the price.



I called for transparency from the Trump administration, and I'm working tirelessly with my colleagues to develop legislative and policy solutions to restore balance and hold the administration accountable.













# We're Here to Help

## My office can assist with a variety of issues:

- IRS service problems;
- Social Security and Medicare assistance;
- Passports and immigration issues;
- Military records and medals;
- VA medical services, disability benefits;
- FCC and Consumer Issues;
- Rochester and DC-based Congressional internships;
- Federal grant assistance and appropriations requests;
- Nominations to U.S. military academies;
- Flag requests, including those flown over the U.S. Capitol;
- Tours of the U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, the Library of Congress, and more.



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