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Dear Neighbor,

Conversations are at the heart of our civic life. They help us navigate uncertain times, negotiate differences in opinion, and build lasting connections with others in our community.

Conversations have been crucial during my first year in the U.S. House of Representatives. A willingness to have conversations with Members on both sides of the aisle has led to some of our biggest legislative achievements, and listening to my constituents remains the most important part of this job.

To help you stay up to date on our district, here are some of the areas where we made progress in 2019:

Keeping our communities safe

- ▶ My bipartisan border security bill, which addresses the root causes of the humanitarian crisis and combats drug trafficking and human smuggling, was signed into law by President Trump.
- ▶ My bipartisan bill to protect Americans' privacy and strengthen our infrastructure against cyberattacks from countries like China passed out of two major House committees.
- ▶ We passed a bipartisan bill that closes existing loopholes and applies the same background check standard equally to all firearm purchases.

Strengthening healthcare and lowering prescription drug costs

- ▶ My bipartisan bill to help lower prescription drug costs by requiring greater transparency from prescription drug middlemen passed the House unanimously with a vote of 403 to 0.
- ▶ We fought to improve mental health care for our veterans and to redouble our efforts in veteran suicide prevention at every level of government.

Putting the American people first

- ▶ I voted against an irresponsible, deficit-busting budget deal, urged House committee chairs to follow payas-you-go rules, and blocked a proposed Congressional pay raise.
- ▶ We passed a landmark campaign finance reform bill to put our political system back in the hands of the American people not special interests.
- ▶ I met with President Trump during the reckless government shutdown and opened a bipartisan dialogue to help get thousands of Virginians back to work.
- ▶ We cracked down on illegal robocalls and help protect Central Virginians from fraud.
- ▶ We fought to lift burdensome federal trucking regulations on Virginia cattlemen and truckers that didn't reflect the reality on the ground.

Expanding opportunity

- ▶ We worked across the aisle to strengthen affordable educational opportunities for our children at every age, from Head Start all the way to career training programs.
- ▶ I led multiple legislative efforts to expand reliable broadband access across rural Virginia and connect our rural communities to the digital economy.
- ▶ I met with Vice President Pence and the U.S. Trade Representative to advocate for Virginia businesses, farms, and workers and repeatedly pushed House leadership for a vote on the USCMA.

As we head into 2020, I'll continue to embrace every opportunity to engage in conversations about expanding opportunity and strengthening Virginia communities. I'll continue to listen to my constituents and invite their feedback, whether we agree on every issue or not. And I'll continue to uphold the oath that I've sworn three times in my career — first as a federal law enforcement officer, then with CIA, and later as a Member of Congress — to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

A survey is enclosed that will help guide legislative efforts on behalf of Central Virginia seniors, working families, farmers, business owners, veterans, and students. Please take a few minutes to voice your opinion by completing and mailing it. Thank you!

Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have feedback to share, a question to ask, or a problem we can address.

I am here to serve you.

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Thank you,

------ 2019 In Review ------

521 district events attended **653** constituent cases resolved **52,193** letters, calls, and emails answered 12 town halls 8 constituent coffees and public forums \$672,625.95 dollars returned to taxpayers

CONGRESSWOMAN SPANBERGER WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please fill out and mail this survey back so Congresswoman Spanberger can better serve you.

what should congress focus on in 2020: (Pick three)		
☐ Jobs and the economy ☐ Prescription	☐ Education and job training	☐ Safeguarding Social Security
drug costs Protecting our	Rural broadband	Supporting our veterans
environment	Protecting	Addressing gun
☐ Defending our borders	family farms	violence in our communities
Other		
Please share any additional questions, concerns or comments on the issues that matter most to your family:		
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By providing your email address, you will receive legislative updates from my office.

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