CONGRESSWOMAN DINA TITUS

NEVADA'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2024 IN REVIEW

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In 2024, Congresswoman Titus secured record funding for District One for all 15 of her community project requests in the annual appropriations bill and had multiple bills of hers signed into law to combat human trafficking; curb the flow of fentanyl into the country; and to strengthen the rights of airline passengers with disabilities, improve the safety of our national airspace, and enhance the use of drones for public safety.

Congresswoman Titus took **476** votes, introduced **11** bills, cosponsored **253** legislative items, returned over **14,215** messages from constituents, spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives **15** times, and attended dozens of committee hearings and caucus meetings. Additionally, Representative Titus has delivered over **\$531** million in federal grants for Nevada's First District, closed **746** constituent cases, and returned **\$1,210,752** to taxpayers in Nevada's First District. Finally, Congresswoman Titus and her staff attended **695** events and meetings around the district.



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Secured a record <u>\$23 million for 15 community projects</u> (second tranche) in District One to support the Las Vegas and Henderson Police Departments, transportation upgrades, water quality improvement, airport infrastructure, and services for seniors.
- Secured **\$3.5 million** in FY24 funding to implement her <u>Visit America Act</u> which was signed into law in 2022 creating an assistant secretary position within the Department of Commerce focused on bolstering the domestic travel and tourism industry.
- **Signed into Law:** The **IMPACTT Human Trafficking Act** which Rep. Titus introduced to establish a Homeland Security Investigation's (HSI) Victim Assistance Program to enhance the department's ability to combat human trafficking and support victims.
- **Signed into Law:** The **END FENTANYL Act** which Rep. Titus introduced to give U.S. Customs and Border Protection the tools they need to save lives and curb the flow of fentanyl into the country.
- Signed into Law: The <u>FAA Reauthorization bill</u> which includes multiple provisions authored by Rep. Titus to strengthen the rights of passengers with disabilities, set training standards for aviation workers who assist wheelchair users and stow mobility devices, improve air traffic controller staffing, enhance the use of drones by first responders for suppressing wildfires, and provide greater safety measures at large outdoor events.
- Signed into Law: The <u>Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts Authorization Act</u> <u>of 2024</u> to safely evacuate Afghans who bravely and dutifully served alongside U.S. servicemembers and diplomats as they face continued threats from the Taliban.

- **Signed into Law:** The **Transportation Security Screening Modernization Act** which will streamline the process of applying for and renewing mandatory Transportation Security Administration (TSA) credentials by eliminating redundancy.
- Sent to the President: The <u>Water Resources Development Act</u> which includes multiple provisions championed by Rep. Titus to protect critical water infrastructure, safeguard vulnerable ecosystems, and ensure Nevada continues to be a leader in water conservation.
- Sent to the President: The first reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in twenty years which Rep. Titus negotiated as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. The package includes her bipartisan <u>Water Conservation</u> <u>Economic Adjustment Act</u>, as well as language allowing economic development grants to go towards projects that promote travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation.
- Sent to the President: Four General Services Administration (GSA) proposals introduced by Rep. Titus to ensure the federal real estate portfolio reflects a responsible use of taxpayer dollars and remains accessible to all.
- House Passage: The <u>DHS Special Events Program and Support Act</u> which will improve Homeland Security's ability to provide federal security and counterterrorism support for major sports and entertainment events in Las Vegas.
- House Passage: The Disaster Management Modernization Act which will allow Nevada to put unused disaster recovery funds towards preparing for, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of future disasters.
- **Committee Passage:** The **Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act** to improve FEMA's response to extreme heat and provide communities with more resources, including cooling centers, to keep people safe.
- Successfully protected U.S. Foreign Service Officers from receiving a 22% pay cut in the September 2024 short-term government funding plan. Rep. Titus led a bipartisan group of colleagues in advocating Congressional leadership to avert the pay cut.



MAJOR BILLS INTRODUCED

- The <u>Housing Vouchers Fairness Act</u> to lower housing costs by increasing the number of vouchers allocated to states like Nevada.
- The bipartisan <u>Water Conservation Economic Adjustment Act</u> which would assist with water conservation efforts while diversifying economies in regions affected by drought and extreme heat.
- The bipartisan <u>Visa Improvement, Streamlined Investment, and Tourism</u> <u>Optimization Reform (VISITOR) Act</u> to improve tourist visa processing capabilities at high-volume U.S. consulate posts which will provide economic benefits for Las Vegas.
- The bipartisan **AVERT Future Violence Act of 2024** to study the link between animal and domestic abuse, in order to help make informed legislative decisions improving public safety, decreasing incidents of domestic violence, and protecting animals.
- The bipartisan <u>Azerbaijan Sanctions Review Act of 2024</u> to require the President to consider Magnitsky sanctions on high-level Azerbaijani officials who carried out the ethnic cleansing of Armenians from Artsakh and who continue to enforce repressive policies toward political opposition within Azerbaijan.
- The bipartisan <u>Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts Authorization Act</u> <u>of 2024</u> to authorize a State Department office to coordinate the evacuation of U.S. citizens and Afghans who bravely and dutifully served alongside U.S. servicemembers and diplomats as they face continued threats from the Taliban.

- The <u>Humane Transport of Farmed Animals Act</u> to improve the enforcement of existing animal welfare laws in order to protect farm animals transported domestically in the United States.
- The **Overseas Americans Financial Access Act** to increase access to basic banking services for Americans who live overseas.
- The <u>Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act</u> to empower FEMA to better address extreme heat and to provide communities with more resources, including cooling centers, to keep people safe during extreme heat events.
- The <u>Thermal Runaway Reduction Act</u> to strengthen federal regulation of the transport of lithium ion batteries. Rep. Titus introduced this legislation following a fire involving six lithium-iron batteries on I-15 in late July that shut down the highway between Barstow and Las Vegas for two days.
- A <u>discharge petition</u> to force the House to vote on Rep. Titus's bipartisan <u>Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act</u> which would codify a permanent ban, requiring bump stocks, like those used in the 1 October shooting, to be treated like machine guns and subjecting them to the strictest of prohibitions. So far, 153 of the necessary 218 Members have signed the petition.



MAJOR EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT

Gun Violence Prevention Event with Vice President Harris April 15, 2024

In April, <u>**Rep. Titus joined Vice President Harris for a discussion</u> on the current gun violence epidemic and steps that are being taken to prevent future incidents. Among those steps is the 2022 enactment of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, legislation Rep. Titus voted for, which allowed the White House to issue regulations to expand background checks on gun purchases and to close the 'gun-show loophole' which has allowed the purchase of firearms, outside of brick-and-mortar stores, without background checks on the purchaser.</u>**



Brightline West Groundbreaking April 22, 2024



In April, Rep. Titus, alongside Secretary Transportation Pete of Buttigieg, participated in groundbreaking а ceremony in for the Brightline West High-Speed Rail Project which will California connect Southern to Southern Nevada. Estimates show it will generate over \$10 billion in economic activity, create more than 35,000 construction jobs, and reduce CO2 emissions by over 400,000 tons annually.

Having previously been appointed by Governor Bob Miller to the California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission, **Rep. Titus has played an integral role in previous decades to make this project possible**. During House negotiations in 2021 on an infrastructure package, she was able to <u>secure the inclusion of</u> <u>language</u> allowing private companies, like Brightline, to partner with public entities when applying for funding through the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program. The language was retained when the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was signed by President Biden.

Rep. Titus also led the Nevada delegation calling on Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg to fund the project, and <u>celebrated</u> Brightline's agreement with the Southern Nevada Building Trades to ensure that the project would create good-paying union jobs. Following the completion last summer of all the necessary environmental reviews for the project, Rep. Titus <u>called on</u> the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to expedite consideration of Brightline's petitions to begin construction.

Tour of Henderson Health & Wellness Center May 20, 2024

Rep. Titus was joined by Henderson mayor Michelle Romero and Henderson Police Chief Hollie Chadwick for a <u>tour of the City's Health and Wellness Center</u> for which she secured **\$782,000 for FY24 Community Project Funding.**

Through the funding Rep. Titus championed, the City of Henderson will be able to implement a comprehensive Mental Health and Wellness program for law enforcement officers and police employees experiencing PTSD, depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders.

These funds will expand services for law enforcement officers and police employees who experience trauma in the line of duty through proactive interventions, including confidential services from mental health clinicians, peer support programs, and 24/7 wellness access at home.



Tour of Henderson Executive Airport May 31, 2024



<u>Rep. Titus joined the Clark County Department of Aviation</u> to discuss her role in crafting the <u>FAA Reauthorization bill</u> which was signed into law by President Biden, and securing funding she secured in the FY24 Appropriations bill.

As a senior member of the House Aviation Subcommittee, **Rep. Titus played a major role in securing numerous provisions in the bill,** including a nearly 20 percent increase in authorization levels for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) which supports critical projects at Harry Reid International, Henderson **Executive, and Boulder City Municipal airports** in Nevada's First Congressional District.

Additionally, **Rep. Titus secured \$2.2 million** in FY24 Community Project Funding for remodeling and expanding the terminal at Henderson Executive Airport which will improve the airport's capacity and energy efficiency.

Maryland Parkway Transit Groundbreaking

August 13, 2024



Rep. Titus welcomed Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg to District One for the <u>groundbreaking of</u> <u>the Maryland Parkway Bus Rapid</u> <u>Transit Project</u> which was made possible by the nearly <u>\$150 million</u> <u>she helped secure</u> through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Maryland Parkway extends from the South Strip Transit Terminal to the Las Vegas Medical District. The corridor has approximately 63,000 residents, provides 109,000 jobs, and carries some 9,000 transit riders and 35,000 vehicles daily.

This funding will **improve mobility and safety along the corridor for all users**, including bicyclists and pedestrians, and it will be the first in the region with a **dedicated fleet of zero-emission vehicles** which will help protect the planet and public health. Furthermore, it is expected to **support 1,100 local jobs and \$33 million in local contracts for 18 local small businesses**.

Prescription Drug Pricing Event with HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra

October 15, 2024



Rep. Titus was joined by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra for a fireside chat at UNLV's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to discuss Democrats' commitment to lowering prescription drug costs and preserving Medicare.

In 2022, Rep. Titus proudly

voted for the Inflation Reduction Act which included historic provisions to lower the cost of prescription drugs for seniors, including empowering Medicare to negotiate with drug companies, capping the cost of insulin for Medicare beneficiaries at \$35, and capping out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs at \$2,000 annually.

Rep. Titus has previously <u>hosted</u> President Biden and conducted <u>telephone</u> <u>townhalls</u> to discuss the importance of lowering prescription drug prices. She has <u>called</u> on leadership to expand and build upon the health care savings afforded by the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act.

FLOOR SPEECHES

- January 10, 2024 On the importance of protecting and expanding Social Security.
- February 6, 2024 Criticizing the partisan impeachment of Homeland Secretary Mayorkas without any legitimate evidence or due process.
- February 15, 2024 Celebrating R&R Partners on 50 years of promoting Las Vegas around the world.
- March 11, 2024 Supporting the passage of Rep. Titus's H.R. 6277, the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA) Reform Act.
- March 11, 2024 Supporting the passage of Rep. Titus's H.Res. 83 authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officer Memorial Service.
- March 11, 2024 Supporting the passage of Rep. Titus's H.R. 6316 which establishes a sunset for GSA authorizations if certain conditions are unmet.
- March 11, 2024 Supporting the passage of Rep. Titus's H.R. 6249, the *Think Differently About Emergencies Act*.
- May 14, 2024 Supporting the passage of the FAA Reauthorization bill which included Rep. Titus's priorities for disability access, enhancing the air traffic control workforce, and protecting the public from unauthorized drones.
- June 5, 2024 Urging Congress to extend the Radiation Exposure Compensation program.
- June 28, 2024 Supporting the adoption of Rep. Titus's bipartisan amendment to prohibit Department of Defense funding that supports the use of cluster munitions.
- July 23, 2024 Supporting the adoption of Rep. Titus's bipartisan amendment directing the BLM to increase the use of reversible fertility control methods for wild horses.
- August 30, 2024 In recognition of the International Day Against Nuclear Tests.
- September 10, 2024 In recognition of federal wildland firefighters.
- November 20, 2024 Supporting the passage of Rep. Titus's H.R. 8368, the *Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts Authorization Act.*
- December 9, 2024 Supporting passage of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources
 Development Act of 2024.



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