



# Community Engagement and a Spirit of Service

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*“When you put the needs of the people you represent above all else, that spirit of service comes through in your work & the results you deliver for your community.”*

❖ Paul Tonko

## Engaging with & serving constituents

- **Completed more than 2,100 cases for constituents** ranging from assisting with stimulus checks and social security to veterans affairs, immigration, and more
  - Responded to hundreds of calls on the withdrawal from Afghanistan, working directly with constituents to provide guidance and resources to help individuals and their loved ones navigate options for safe departure
- **Responded to nearly 70,000 calls, emails & letters from constituents**
  - Delivered thousands of responses to constituents on election integrity, the American Rescue Plan, and the Build Back Better agenda

## Strengthening NY-20 families & communities

- Delivered millions in benefits to more than 120,000 Capital Region kids through the American Rescue Plan’s extended Biden Child Tax Credit, **lifting over 5,000 NY-20 kids out of poverty**
- Helped secure more than \$5,250,000 to meet the needs of first responders and fire departments through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Programs

## Delivering a COVID lifeline for local businesses

- Delivered more than \$41 million to dozens of local venues under the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program
- Secured **+\$625,000,000 through 9,900 loans** under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- **Kept hundreds of local restaurants afloat with more than \$70 million to the region** through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)
- Supported local businesses by helping to secure 1,600 loans under the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

## Bringing your voice to Washington

- ❖ Limo Reform: Successfully **enshrined in law lifesaving limousine reforms** to make roads safer & prevent another tragedy like the 2018 Schoharie limo crash that took the lives of 20
- ❖ National Heritage Areas (NHAs): Extended critical federal support for 30 expiring NHAs and successfully passed the NHA Act in the House to strengthen the national heritage system
- ❖ Introduced a bill commemorating the life and legacy of Troy labor pioneer Kate Mullany

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