



# Community Engagement and a Spirit of Service

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Congressman Paul D. Tonko, NY-20

*"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 1,500 cases for constituents** on issues ranging from social security, veterans affairs, immigration, and more
  - **Secured more than \$4.5 million in federal dollars for constituents** through assistance with IRS, Department of Education, Social Security Administration, and more
- Held mobile office hours across the district to meet directly with constituents and offer services & assistance in working with federal agencies
- **Responded to nearly 80,000 calls, emails & letters from constituents** on issues including legislative action, addressing the government shutdown, and casework assistance
- Held **Jobs Fair that connected more than 1,000 constituents** with more than two dozen federal agencies to learn about employment opportunities with the federal government in the region
- Organized a **town hall for Capital Region veterans** to learn more about benefits delivered to them through the PACT Act legislation & how the new policy supports them and their families
- Held **Farm Bill listening sessions**, to hear directly from residents about legislation impacting the district, provide information, and gather local insights to relay in Washington
- Granted Congressional nominations to high school students to all four military service academies
- Recognized and honored local high school students through the Congressional App Challenge and Congressional Art Competition

## Delivering for Capital Region communities

- Shared grant opportunities with thousands of individuals, nonprofit and community organizations that helped secure **275+ grants totaling \$850 million in funding for the district**
  - Provided more than 60 letters of support for funding applications
- **Secured hundreds of millions in federal funds for Capital Region hospitals & patients**
  - Championed the fix in the Medicare Wage Index that has long deprived hospitals, doctors & patients of needed federal dollars, thereby securing more than \$190 million for NY-20
- Delivered millions in investments to update NY-20 infrastructure, including \$21 million for the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) to restore & strengthen the Castleton-on-Hudson Bridge, millions to update and improve Albany International Airport & many more projects

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