



*Congressman Rob Menendez's*

# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW





# A LETTER from Rob

Dear Friend,

These have been challenging times, and this year has tested us in ways we may not have even predicted. But through it all, our team is working hard every day for you and fighting for our community we all love so deeply.

I am deeply humbled to have the privilege to represent you and the community I've been proud to call home my entire life. This Year in Review offers a snapshot of what we've accomplished together in 2025 and demonstrates how we are fighting back against the harm this Administration is causing. We will not stop advocating for policies that address the most pressing issues facing our communities, such as affordability and immigration, and we will not stop working to protect the services and programs that our communities rely on.

As we look to next year, my commitment remains the same: to continue working tirelessly to make government work for you. As always, please reach out to our office if we can ever be of assistance at (201) 309-0301 or (202) 225-7919.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Menendez". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "R" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Rob Menendez  
Member of Congress  
New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District

# 2025 Results for New Jersey

Working for **YOU** & **OUR** Community



**1,573+**

**CASES SOLVED FOR OUR RESIDENTS**

**\$ 2,505,902**

**DIRECTLY RETURNED TO OUR NEIGHBORS**

**\$16.7 MILLION**

**SECURED IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR OUR  
COMMUNITIES IN HOUSE LEGISLATION**



**400+**

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS ENGAGING  
WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**8,174 CALLS**

**LED US TO INTRODUCE 27 BILLS AND  
AMENDMENTS ADDRESSING OUR COMMUNITIES'  
MOST PRESSING CONCERNS**



**43,257+**

**MESSAGES DELIVERED ON CRITICAL  
COMMUNITY ISSUES TO OUR RESIDENTS**

**7 TOWN HALLS**

**DROVE 41 CO-SIGNED LEGAL BRIEFS AND  
LETTERS DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY FROM  
HARMFUL TRUMP POLICIES**



# Community Wins

Despite challenges with this Administration's policies, **our district received over \$50 million in federal grant funding for our community** to strengthen infrastructure, expand early childhood education, and support economic growth.

I also worked hard to secure the inclusion of **\$16.7 million in House legislation for projects across our communities, placing us among the top two New Jersey House offices that secured the most funding.** If enacted, the funding will enhance public safety, improve water quality, and make other vital community investments. These investments address critical needs and help create safer, more accessible communities for everyone.

## WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO BRINGING **\$16.7 MILLION** IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR 15 PROJECTS THAT WILL MEET CRITICAL LOCAL NEEDS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.



# Constituent Services

Our constituent services team works tirelessly to help residents across our communities **get help with federal agencies** and receive the assistance and benefits they have earned.

If you have questions about our work in Congress or need help with a federal agency, **please don't hesitate to reach out to our office through our website or call our office at (201) 309-0301.**



*"All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you! I received my passport this afternoon! I am so grateful for your help in resolving this issue."*

*"It was incredibly frustrating to deal with the passport agency, and I am very thankful that you were able to help move the process forward and resolve the issue promptly."*

*-Neighbor in Hoboken*

*"Congressman Menendez's office was instrumental in our immigration journey and helped us unlock our immigration application, stuck for over 21 months with USCIS."*

*"Not only did the office promptly take action on our inquiry, but also clarified USCIS' response by calling them and obtaining additional information. We are deeply grateful to the Congressman's office for helping us all the way here."*

*-Neighbor in Weehawken*



# Lowering Costs

**Making life more affordable for our residents is one of my top priorities.** Under policies pushed by the Trump Administration, the cost of everyday necessities has gone up, putting more pressure on working families. That's why I'm fighting to lower healthcare and energy costs, protect programs like NJ FamilyCare and Medicare, and help families stay ahead.

**Since January, I've been out in the community, attending more than 40 events focused on affordability.** Our team has also held 14 roundtables and listening sessions with working families, seniors, and small business owners to hear directly about how rising costs are affecting their lives—and what relief would make the biggest difference.

Throughout the year, I've pushed back against policies that would raise energy prices and held House Republicans accountable for supporting actions that drive up costs. I've pressed for lower electric bills and demanded answers from regional grid operators like PJM and federal agencies such as the Department of Energy (DOE) about how data centers are contributing to higher energy costs.

At every step, I've also opposed efforts to cancel offshore wind, solar, and clean energy projects—projects that strengthen our power grid, reduce long-term energy costs, and help keep bills affordable for families.

## OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN TO LOWER COSTS:

### **MENENDEZ URGES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO REINSTATE \$8B IN PROJECTS TO LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR ALL AMERICANS**



October 7, 2025

House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Clean Energy Deployment Task Force condemned Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Chris Wright's decision to terminate \$8 billion of projects that were set to lower electricity costs for Americans and increase grid reliability.

**URGED DOE TO REINSTATE \$8B IN PROJECTS THAT WOULD LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR ALL AMERICANS**

### **MENENDEZ, BEYER CALL ON POWER GRID OPERATOR TO LOWER ENERGY COSTS**



October 15, 2025

Congressman Rob Menendez joined Congressman Don Beyer and 20 Members representing districts within the PJM Interconnection service territory, the largest power grid operator in the United States, to demand that PJM take key steps to address skyrocketing energy bills for American households.

The Members stressed that PJM must use current information and technologies, particularly on batteries and Alternative Transmission Technologies (ATTs), to fully comply with FERC Order 2023 and lower energy costs.

**CALLED ON POWER GRID OPERATOR TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO BRING NEW ENERGY ONLINE & BRING DOWN COSTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**

# Making Healthcare More Affordable

The healthcare of all Americans is on the line. With Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax credits set to expire at the end of the year, families face the risk of skyrocketing healthcare costs. At this critical moment, I remain focused on protecting access to affordable, quality care.



Even during the longest government shutdown in history, I continued to stand up for the people I have the privilege to represent by fighting for a healthcare system that works for everyone. Government should deliver for the American people, and I will always push for policies that reflect that responsibility.

I led legislation to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing and to lower out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries—important steps to help families and seniors better afford the care they need.



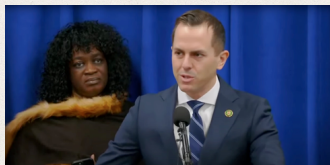
In a year defined by pivotal debates and acts of resistance, I fought back against sweeping Medicaid cuts, joining my House Energy and Commerce Committee Democratic colleagues in a 26-hour defense of healthcare and lifting up stories of constituents who rely on Medicaid.

While this Administration and Republicans fail to prioritize the affordability crisis facing American families, we continue to fight for access, transparency, and lower costs. I remain committed to making healthcare more accessible and affordable for all Americans.



INSIDER NJ

## FOLLOWING ICE RAID IN NEWARK, REPS. MCIVER AND MENENDEZ TAKE ACTION



January 25, 2025

Rep. LaMonica McIver (NJ-10) and Rob Menendez (NJ-08) led a letter with Reps. Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Nellie Pou (NJ-09), and Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) to the Department of Homeland Security demanding answers as to the circumstances surrounding the raid and the wellbeing of those involved.

THE HILL

## NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATIC REP SLAMS ICE, HSI OVER NEWARK FACILITY VISIT



May 11, 2025

Rep. Rob Menendez (D-N.J.) on Sunday went after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) over recent events at an ICE detention center in Newark, N.J.

NEW JERSEY MONITOR

## AFTER NIGHT OF UNREST, CONGRESSMEN SAY ICE JAIL IS 'SHODDY,' SHOULD BE EVACUATED



June 13, 2025

Hours after unrest erupted inside a controversial migrant jail in Newark, two members of Congress visited the site and confirmed "major movement of detainees out of this facility."

Sen. Andy Kim, a Democrat, and Rep. Rob Menendez (D-08) visited Delaney Hall Friday morning to inspect the facility and talk with immigration and jail officials after detainees revolted late Thursday over insufficient or inedible food, undrinkable water, and overcrowding.

MSNOW

## HOUSE DEMS URGE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES



November 16, 2025

"We're becoming less safe every day": Rep. Menendez on Trump's immigration enforcement.

Democratic Congressman Rob Menendez of New Jersey joins The Weekend: Primetime to discuss he and his colleagues' latest effort to get federal immigration officials to identify themselves during arrests. He also talks about the dangers of federal officials being masked and the silent response on all of this from his Republican counterparts.

# Standing up for our Immigrant Communities

Immigrants strengthen our country. I see that every day in the communities I proudly represent. So, when the Trump Administration carried out one of their first mass raids in Newark, I fought back. My colleague Congresswoman LaMonica McIver (NJ-10) and I immediately demanded answers from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) about the mass raid in defense of our immigrant friends and neighbors. Defending everyone who calls our community home is a fight I will always take on, and I'm not backing down. **Since the January ICE raid, our team has distributed more than 1,500 "Know Your Rights" flyers in over 10 languages.**

In May, during an oversight visit to Delaney Hall with Congresswomen Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) and LaMonica McIver, we were met by 20+ masked, armed ICE and HSI officers who attempted to impede our legal oversight visit. As Members of Congress, we are legally permitted to conduct unannounced oversight at DHS facilities, something we had already done twice this year. Throughout the visit, ICE attempted to intimidate those involved and obstruct our oversight efforts. The events of that day led to national attention on Trump's overreach on immigration enforcement and put us at the center of this fight.

After hearing reports of unsafe conditions, I went back to Delaney Hall with Senator Andy Kim to meet with officials and later joined my New Jersey colleagues in demanding humane conditions at all detention facilities, including by ensuring visitors are treated with dignity when seeing their loved ones.

**We will continue conducting oversight, holding agencies accountable, and ensuring that every person is treated with basic human dignity.** That includes continuing our work to close privately run detention centers and speaking out against aggressive enforcement tactics.

**As Vice Chair of Policy of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I have led efforts to demand accountability for ICE officers who fail to identify themselves during arrests.** I also led my Hispanic Caucus colleagues in a letter to DHS calling for an end to illegal restrictions on detention oversight.

And throughout the year, I spoke out forcefully against anti-immigrant policies at agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), because we must consistently defend immigrant rights and the values that make our country stronger.

# *Supporting Children, Education, & Small Businesses*

Investing in our children is vital to building a stronger future, which is why I've always prioritized federal funding for early childhood education. **This year, I've helped bring back over \$15 million for Head Start and early childhood education in our communities.**



When the Trump Administration froze critical education funds, threatening our schools, I joined forces with my New Jersey Democratic colleagues demanding the release of \$162 million in K-12 and adult education funding. Through our efforts, the funding was released in time for the new school year.



As a founding member of the Dads Caucus, I've focused on bipartisan efforts to support families and small businesses, including introducing legislation to expand access to diaper-changing stations, by offering tax credits to small businesses that install them. I was also joined by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (MN-05) in introducing the *Parental Workforce Training Act*, which would create a pilot grant program to help local workforce boards subsidize childcare for parents participating in job training.



# Improving Transportation, Infrastructure & Safety

When the Trump Administration froze funding for the Gateway Project on day one of the government shutdown, putting jobs and our region's economic growth at risk, **I immediately led my New Jersey Democratic colleagues in pushing back, making clear we will not stop fighting to restore funding, keep major milestones on schedule and on budget, and prevent commuters from dealing with rail congestion and continued delays.**

After the funding freeze, Senator Andy Kim and I met with union workers and our state partners to hear directly how this reckless decision impacts their livelihoods and the progress of the nation's largest infrastructure project to date.

As our water systems age, investing in upgrades and overhauls is critical to improving service and lowering costs when you turn on the tap. **That's why I was proud to work with Senator Cory Booker to secure more than \$3.6 million in federal funding for vital water infrastructure upgrades in Hoboken.** We'll continue working to deliver the safe, reliable, modern infrastructure our communities deserve.

I was honored to celebrate **the opening of the new Point-No-Point Bridge in Kearny, a project I supported at the federal level.** This investment strengthens our rail network and keeps our communities moving and growing. And after working alongside community members and riders, **we successfully pushed for expanded PATH services after pressuring the Port Authority last December.** We'll keep working to ensure PATH and all of our transit systems remain reliable and that the service improvements we fought for meet the needs of our community.

**MENENDEZ LEADS NJ DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES IN RESPONDING TO TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO WITHHOLD FUNDING FOR HUDSON TUNNEL PROJECT**  
October 1, 2025



Responding to the Administration's decision to withhold funding for Hudson Tunnel project



Improving NJ Transit and their fleet of buses



Celebrating the opening of the Point-No-Point Bridge

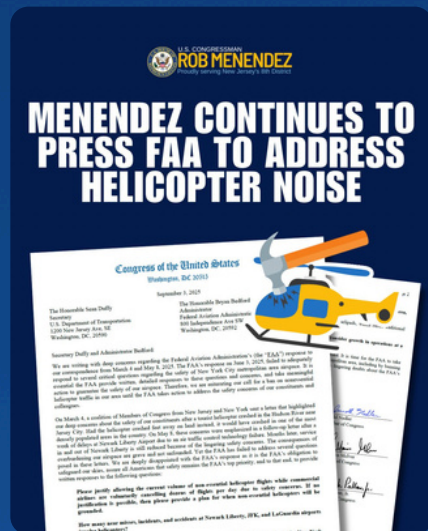


Supporting the Next NJ Manufacturing Program

# Protecting our Communities from Helicopters

We consistently hear from our neighbors that helicopters put their safety at risk and impact their quality of life, which is why I introduced the *Protecting Communities from Helicopter Noise Act* and the *Communities Before Air Tourism Act*, in addition to pressing federal agencies to take stronger action and provide more answers.

Immediately after April's tragic helicopter crash over the Hudson River, I partnered with Congressman Jerry Nadler (NY-12) to **introduce legislation to ban all non-essential helicopters within a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty**. We will not relent in the fight against these helicopters that plague our communities.





# Protecting our Environment & Building Resilient Communities

Protecting our environment and building resilient communities is central to our work in Congress. This year, **I joined more than 35 hearings and meetings for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, advocating for working families, pressing officials on high energy costs, and supporting climate action.**

As a dad who loves spending time at parks across our communities, especially Liberty State Park (LSP), and as a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC), I will keep **demanding transparency and opposing the commercialization that threaten LSP and our green spaces.** These incredible places mean so much to all of us, and I'll always fight to protect their unique value to our communities.

Parks bring people together, improve our health, and protect our environment. That's why **I introduced the Community Parks Revitalization Act to ensure every community, no matter the ZIP code, has access to safe, vibrant green spaces.**



Families in New Jersey see the effects of climate change every day. **So when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced plans to rescind the Endangerment Finding, the foundation of its authority to act on climate, I swiftly led my New Jersey colleagues in pushing back because there is simply too much at stake.**

Clean, accessible waterways are essential to resilient communities. **It is long past time to clean up the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site on the Passaic River and hold polluters accountable.** I was joined by Congresswomen LaMonica McIver and Nellie Pou (NJ-09) in calling on the EPA and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to expedite the cleanup and put public health first.

Urban agriculture strengthens our communities by expanding access to nutritious food and supporting local businesses. I introduced the *PRODUCE* Act at LifeCap Farms in Jersey City, which would help give urban growers the tools to expand production, reinforce local food networks, and ensure every family has access to high-quality food.

As threats to our critical infrastructure continue to grow, we need strong collaboration at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to keep our communications networks reliable when it matters most. **I was proud that the House passed my bipartisan Communications Security Act to strengthen our telecommunications networks against cyberattacks and natural disasters.**

# *Looking Forward*

As we look ahead to the new year, I remain focused on delivering results for our communities and continuing to fight back against policies that harm our friends and neighbors. I remain committed to lowering costs, protecting our immigrant communities, ensuring access to affordable healthcare, safeguarding critical projects like Gateway, and building a more just future for everyone who calls our community home.

There is important work ahead, and I'm ready to meet this moment, to work alongside you, and stand firm in defense of our values. I will never back down from doing right for our community. There are challenges ahead, but we will meet them - together.

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# *Our Office is Here to Help*

***Here Are Some of the Ways Our Office Can Assist***

**ASSISTANCE WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES**

**HELP WITH IMMIGRATION**

**ASSISTANCE WITH PASSPORTS**

**ASSISTANCE WITH VETERAN ISSUES**

**ASSISTANCE WITH SMALL BUSINESSES**

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