

Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet's

2025 | YEAR-END REPORT



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PROUDLY SERVING MID-MICHIGAN

Dear neighbors,

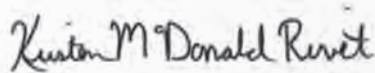
It is the honor of my lifetime to represent you in Congress. I came here on a promise to bring mid-Michigan's values, priorities, and sensibility to the nation's capital, and results back home to you. It's no secret that Washington can be a frustrating place, and our politics have never felt more divided, but we don't let that get in the way of fighting for and delivering on what matters most — lower costs and a fair shot for hardworking families. This report includes some key highlights and wins for mid-Michigan from our first year.

First and foremost, we are working hard to bring down costs. From farmers to factory workers to small-business owners, everybody feels the same pinch. We have been fighting wrong-headed policies that are making things worse, including dangerous cuts to health care and food assistance, and reckless tariff taxes that further drive costs up and hurt our farmers. But we know that opposition to further damage is not nearly enough. I have worked with colleagues in both parties to introduce bipartisan bills that will strengthen Social Security and lower key costs, like medicine, child care, and even eggs. We have even had two of our bills signed into law.

At home, my team and I aim to be ever-present in all of our communities and to solve any issues you may have. Just this year, we have returned more than \$9 million (and counting!) to mid-Michigan families and seniors by solving issues with federal agencies like the IRS, VA, and the Social Security; brought home millions in federal dollars for projects that strengthen our communities; and held more than 140 events across mid-Michigan. We even saved the Saginaw Social Security Office from closure and ensured the Flint Registry continues to serve families impacted by the Water Crisis. We are committed to serving you every way possible.

If there's anything our office can assist with, or if you have any thoughts, ideas, or questions, please reach out. As we enter our second year, I am excited to continue working with you on making mid-Michigan more affordable, prosperous, and strong. I hope to see or hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Kristen McDonald Rivet
Member of Congress

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WORKING TO GET RESULTS

#1

**Most Bipartisan
House Member
in Michigan**

2

**Bills Signed
Into Law**

19

Bills Introduced

323

**Bills
Co-Sponsored**

\$126M+

**In Federal Grants
Brought to
Mid-Michigan**

100%

**Of Bills Introduced
Are Bipartisan**

87%

**Of Bills
Co-sponsored
Are Bipartisan**

DELIVERING FOR MID-MICHIGAN

Saved Saginaw Social Security Office



“Saginaw Social Security field office to stay open”

– 4/23/2025

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On March 4th, the Saginaw Social Security field office was included on a list of government buildings targeted for closure by the Trump Administration and Elon Musk’s DOGE. I immediately sent a letter to the Administration, demanding the office stay open. After the Administration failed to respond for over a month, members of our community hosted a press conference outside the field office and sent a second letter. Finally, after mid-Michigan turned up the pressure, the Trump Administration made a firm commitment that the Saginaw Social Security field office will stay open.

Funded the Flint Registry



“MSU’s Flint Registry celebrates \$4.8 million in federal funding to continue operations”

– 8/6/2025

THE
Courier
NEW

“Twelve Michigan lawmakers led by U.S. Rep. Kristen McDonald Rivet, D-Bay City, last week signed onto the letter with four others to appropriators in the House and Senate, asking them to include \$5 million in the 2026 spending bills that will be drafted and marked up this summer.”

– 5/28/2025

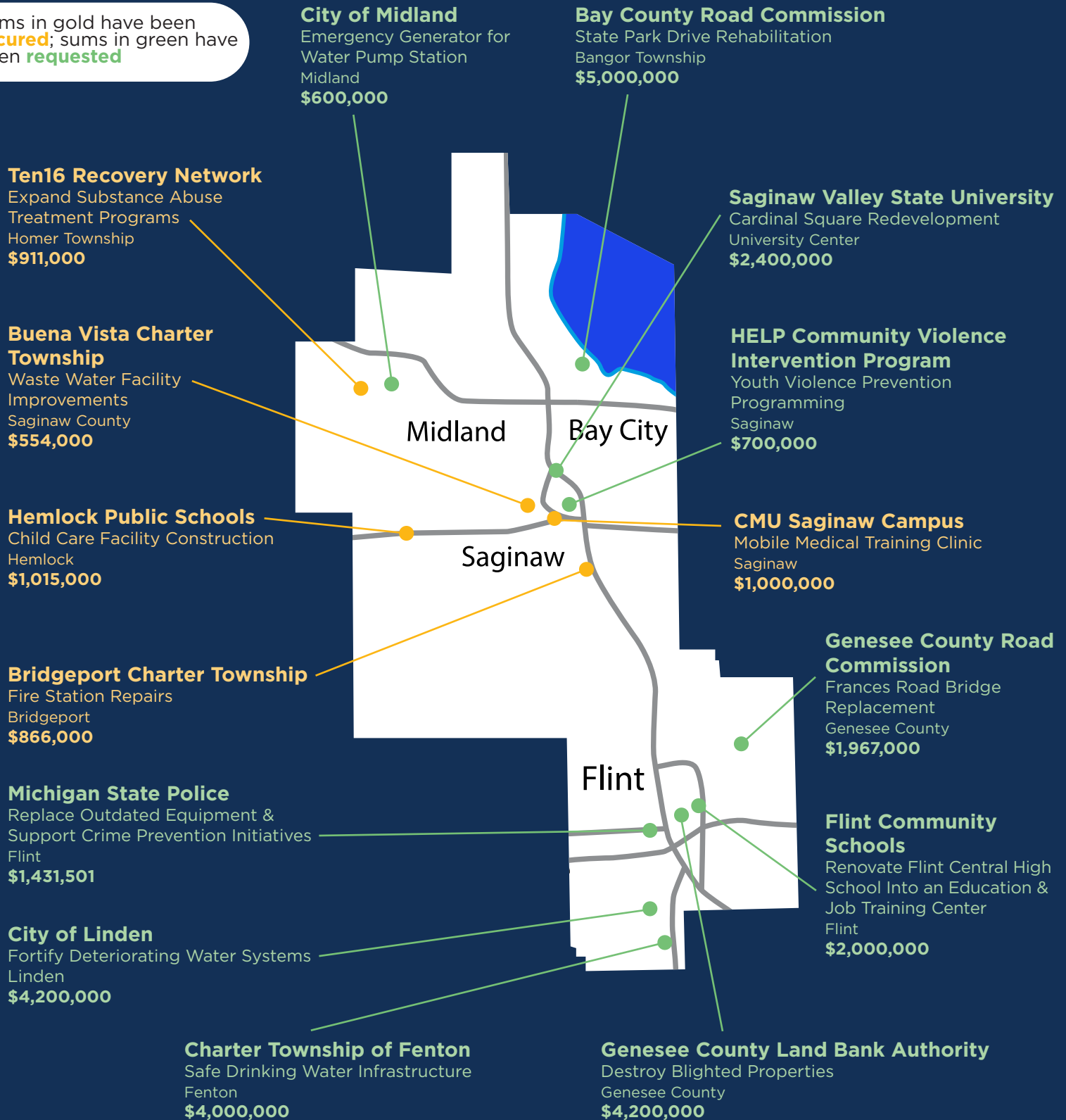
The Detroit News

The Flint Registry has been the bedrock for Flint’s response to the Water Crisis – helping track long-term health impacts and connecting affected residents to resources. Earlier this year, funding for the Registry was threatened, so I brought the entire Michigan congressional delegation – Democrats and Republicans – together to write to Congress and President Trump, highlighting the importance of the Registry. We were successful in securing funding through 2026, and we will keep pushing to make sure that Flint families get the help they need for years to come.

DELIVERING FOR MID-MICHIGAN

Earning appropriations for projects critical for our communities

Sums in gold have been **secured**; sums in green have been **requested**





Things are far too expensive. I am fighting reckless policies that raise costs and working on commonsense solutions to protect your pocketbooks.

Bipartisan Bills to Lower Everyday Costs

Every day, I work with colleagues from both parties on commonsense ideas to lower the costs of all kinds of things. For example, we have put forward legislation to:

- **Bring down the cost of eggs.** My *Lowering Egg Prices Act* would lower egg prices for consumers by cutting red tape that forces farmers to discard hundreds of millions of eggs each year.

“Michigan Congresswoman introduces legislation aiming to lower cost of eggs”

– 3/21/2025



- **Make child care more affordable.** Our *Early Education Savings Program Act* and *Child Care Access & Affordability Act* are two ideas that would help families save for child care, make programs more accessible, and bring down the price tag.

“Lawmakers introduce bill aimed to make childcare more affordable”

– 11/25/2025



- **Lower the cost of medicine.** Our *Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Act* will shine a light on how drugs are priced in this country and ultimately drive prices down.

“McDonald Rivet Introduces Bill To Increase Transparency for Prescription Drug Prices”

– 3/27/2025



RELENTLESS FOCUS TO LOWER COSTS

Working to Lower Health Insurance Premiums

While Congress has failed to extend the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* enhanced premium tax credits, families across mid-Michigan have been getting notices that their premiums will rise by hundreds or thousands of dollars per month. I have been working relentlessly to fix it. I continue to work with members of both parties to extend the tax credits and led 36 of my colleagues in demanding a vote. At roundtables in Flint, press conferences in Saginaw, and community discussions in Midland, and from a podium on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, we have lifted up your voices to demand action, and we will keep fighting to get these credits passed and bring down the cost of health care.



“McDonald Rivet calls on Congress to preserve health care tax credits”

– 9/23/2025 Michigan Advance →

Fighting to Fix Cost-Raising Tariff Taxes

Reckless tariff taxes imposed this year have raised costs when we can least afford it. Not only are they making nearly everything more expensive, but they are crushing farmers, manufacturers, and small businesses and threatening countless jobs in mid-Michigan. I voted to restore tariff authority back to Congress, and I will continue to raise hell about the danger these tariffs pose to our working families and work to replace them with trade policy that puts mid-Michigan first.



Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet @repkrmr
A gut punch to working families across our region. Trump's abandonment of long-term investments and chaotic tariff practices are not only raising costs, they just killed 10,000 good-paying jobs.



\$55 billion semiconductor project near Flint canceled due to "economic uncertainty"

REP. MCDONALD RIVET ON TARIFFS

CONGRESSWOMAN KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET (MI-08)



"President Trump's tariffs will raise costs on working class Michigan families at a time when we can least afford it. The far-reaching nature of these tariffs increases..."

Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet @repkrmr

Bottom line: it's people who shower at the end of their work day who are getting screwed by Trump's tariff taxes.



Second Week Jobs Report Undercuts Trump's Claims of a Booming Economy

RELENTLESS FOCUS TO LOWER COSTS

Defending Social Security



“Reps. McDonald Rivet, Nunn Introduce Bill To Protect Seniors from Unfair Social Security Clawbacks”

– 3/14/2025



After paying into the system their entire lives, seniors deserve to have their Social Security benefits waiting for them. So when Social Security Administration mispayments put seniors in thousands of dollars of debt through no fault of their own, that’s not right. I worked with a Republican from Iowa to introduce the *Social Security Overpayment Relief Act*, which will protect seniors by limiting the mispayment clawback period to 10 years.

Fighting Cuts to Health Care



“Congresswoman McDonald Rivet calls on peers to reverse Medicaid cuts, extend ACA premium tax credits”

– 10/6/2025



“Michigan Congresswoman says Medicaid cuts will raise health care costs for all”

– 7/10/2025



Earlier this year, the Big Ugly Bill slashed Medicaid by \$1.1 trillion to pay for tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires like Elon Musk. It is entirely backwards. We brought together local patients, doctors, and nurses to oppose these cuts and the harm they will have on tens of thousands of mid-Michigan residents.

RELENTLESS FOCUS TO LOWER COSTS

Protecting Food Stamps



“SNAP benefits can’t continue to be part of political game,’ McDonald Rivet says”

– 11/3/2025



For me, the logic is simple: when a child is hungry, you feed them. So when out-of-touch Republicans proposed cutting SNAP food assistance by \$200 billion in the same Big Ugly Bill that cuts taxes for the ultra-wealthy, I fought against them every step of the way. Then, when the government shut down and this Administration tried to stop paying food stamps, we fought and won to keep SNAP running. Now, I will not stop until we restore SNAP funding so that no family needs to go hungry.

Securing Hard-Earned Pensions



“McDonald Rivet Helps Restart Push To Restore Pensions of Delphi Salaried Retirees”

– 2/28/2025



When you contribute to a pension with every single paycheck, you count on it being there when you retire. Thousands of Delphi retirees were robbed of their retirement when the company went bankrupt in 2009. It’s unacceptable. I’m continuing the fight for Delphi retirees by leading the introduction of the *Susan Muffley Act of 2025* to get back what’s rightfully theirs.

RELENTLESS FOCUS TO LOWER COSTS

Protecting Veterans Benefits

When men and women sign up to defend our country, we make a promise to take care of them when they get home. Too often, we've fallen short of that commitment. One example is how over 50,000 medically retired veterans are forbidden from receiving their full retirement pay and disability compensation. I am working to pass the *Major Richard Star Act* to rectify this injustice and take care of our veterans.



TAKING ON CORRUPTION

After one year in Washington, one thing is clear: this place is broken.

The wealthy and well-connected have found ways to rig the system for themselves, and places like mid-Michigan pay the price. In order to actually pass policy that puts working people first, we need to clean up Washington. I put forward a commonsense agenda to get self-dealing out of Washington. Here's what I have been calling for.

MY ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENDA

- 1 Ban Members of Congress from trading stocks:** When members of Congress vote, they should weigh only one thing: what's best for you. But when members from both parties trade stocks — with prices that go up and down based on laws we pass — it's a massive problem. It's time to pass our bipartisan bill to end it.
- 2 Get conflicts of interest out of the White House:** President Trump promised to drain the swamp, but since he took office, things have gotten worse. We need to ban conflicts of interest, no matter which party controls the White House — let's start with the *Stop Millionaires Using Service for Kickbacks Act*.
- 3 Clean up the Supreme Court:** Recently, U.S. Supreme Court justices have accepted lavish vacations, gifts, and even school tuition for relatives from the well-connected, with business before them. So, when the court rules in their favor, Americans rightly question whether that was for the law or their friends and boosters. Let's pass the *Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act* to create a basic code of ethics.
- 4 Clamp down on money in our politics:** Billions of unaccountable dollars flood our elections. We need to get the money out of the dark and into public view. Let's pass the *DISCLOSE Act* which shines sunlight on political donations and spending, and takes critical measures to keep foreign money out of our elections.



“Kristen McDonald Rivet on release of Epstein files”

– 11/18/2025



“McDonald Rivet censures fellow Democrat over ‘shady behavior’”

– 11/18/2025

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“McDonald Rivet backs legislation to ‘drain the swamp’ in Washington”

– 9/23/2025



AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR MID-MICHIGAN

MOST BIPARTISAN MEMBER IN MICHIGAN

—CQ Vote Watch

In Congress, I work for you, not any political party. I am rated Michigan's most bipartisan member because I work hard to build consensus wherever we can find it, vote our mid-Michigan priorities, and stand up for what's right.

Repealed California's EV Mandate



“McDonald Rivet, Republicans Vote Down EV Mandate”

— 5/1/2025



California's EV mandate would have raised costs on families, taken away their choices, and killed auto jobs, including many here in mid-Michigan. I voted with members of both parties to repeal the mandate because you should get to choose what kind of car is right for you.

Keeping Mid-Michigan Safe



“Federal funding requested for local police depts.”

— 5/12/2025



“McDonald Rivet outlines plan to tackle drug trafficking, secure the border and support law enforcement”

— 6/19/2025



We need to stand with men and women who put their lives on the line every day to keep our community safe. That means making sure they have the equipment, technology, and training necessary to go home safe at the end of the day. This year, I have voted with both parties to support law enforcement and have been working on bills to increase funding for police, stop the flow of drugs in our country, and increase penalties for drug dealers and smugglers.

AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR MID-MICHIGAN

Standing Up to China



“U.S. Reps. McDonald Rivet, Feenstra Introduce Bill To Protect Farmland from National Security Risks”

– 3/9/2025

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We need to get tough on China, or we risk falling behind. And it’s going to take an all-of-the-above approach. Here are three places I have been leaning in:



- **Protect Our Farmland:** If we allow China or other foreign competitors to buy up large swaths of farmland, that puts our national security at risk. I introduced the *FARMLAND Act*, which would protect one of our greatest resources from falling into the hands of enemies.



- **Stop the Flow of Fentanyl:** Synthetic drugs are killing our loved ones. To crack down on the bad actors responsible for fentanyl reaching our streets, I helped pass the *Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act*.



- **Protect Michigan Jobs:** We need to support American workers as we compete for the manufacturing jobs of the 21st century. The microchip supply chain is especially important to mid-Michigan, so I’ve worked to bring home grant funding for local manufacturers and fought to improve access to critical resources like silicon.

CASEWORK: MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU



**\$9
million+**

**Returned to
Mid-Michigan
Constituents**

840

**Constituent
Cases Closed**

2

**Offices Opened
in Mid-Michigan**

46K+

**Letters and Emails
Sent Answering
Your Questions**

OUR TEAM IS HARD AT WORK TO MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER.

YOUR STORIES

“Earlier this year, the VA withheld \$16,000 from me over a clerical error on my DD214 form. I drafted a response explaining why they were wrong. With the help of Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet’s office, we successfully appealed to the Army Review Board and got my money. If you’re a local veteran and you need help, please reach out to her office. They will do everything they can to get it taken care of.”

Seth S., veteran, Essexville, MI

Ashley from Bay City was missing months of Social Security Disability payments due to a coding error. After our team took action, she received over \$99,000 in back pay.

“I had a wait of three to four months to get into the dental clinic, and from there it was just time-consuming. After I reached out to the congresswoman’s office, I got into the dental clinic a week later. Don’t give up hope. Contact your local congressman or congresswoman’s office. They can help you.”

Dana Beasley, veteran, Flint, MI

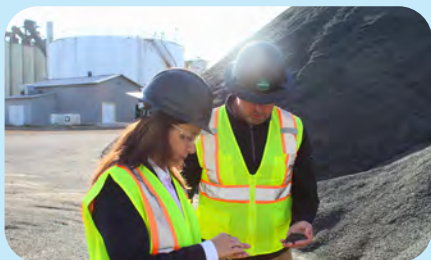
A family from Flint approached our team after Medicare claimed their grandmother owed \$22,500 from services provided in 2001 after an injury. After our team intervened, Medicare corrected the case and dropped her debt.

“When our facility was unexpectedly blocked from billing Medicare due to a clerical error on our end, we found ourselves stuck in a cycle of delays and unreturned calls. After weeks of trying to resolve the issue with no success, we reached out to Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet’s office. Her team jumped in right away, cutting through the red tape and getting things moving. Thanks to their support, our downtime was minimal, and we were able to continue serving our patients without major disruption. We’re incredibly grateful for their responsiveness, persistence, and genuine willingness to help when we needed it most.”

Jordan from Amigo Mobility, Bridgeport, MI

EVENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

There are many things that make mid-Michigan special, but most of all, it is our people. Across Genesee, Bay, Saginaw, and Midland counties, we all want to make mid-Michigan an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. While dealing with chaos in Washington, my conversations with you keep me grounded and focused on what matters.



OVER 140
EVENTS
ACROSS
MID-
MICHIGAN



GET IN TOUCH

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