



Congressman Bud Cramer

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E-Newsletter

I hope that you and your family are having a wonderful new year. This month, members of the U.S. House of Representatives returned to Washington to begin work on the second session of the 109th Congress. In this session, I will once again serve on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. As you know, I have served on these committees for a few years and believe they help me better serve North Alabama in Congress.

In early February, President Bush will propose his Fiscal Year 2007 budget recommendations and soon thereafter, the Appropriations Committee will begin holding hearings and debates on each of the eleven appropriations bills. In addition, Congress may debate immigration reform, homeland security, tax relief, the War in Iraq, and many other issues important to people across the country. I'm looking forward to discussing these issues and to also hearing your thoughts and comments.

As always, for the most up-to-date information on these and other pieces of legislation, as well as activity in Washington and Alabama, please visit my website, <http://www.cramer.house.gov>.

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District Update

U.S. Representative Bud Cramer joined Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Huntsville entrepreneur Jim Hudson, and other Alabama officials this month to break ground on the Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. Representative Cramer, who is closely involved with the economic development of North Alabama, worked with founder Jim Hudson and others at the Hudson-Alpha Institute to locate the Institute in Huntsville. "I am excited about the potential the Institute holds for our community," said Cramer. "The Institute will not only be a welcomed addition to our strong scientific and research community already in place throughout North Alabama, but could also be an engine for future economic development and growth across the Tennessee Valley."

