

2025 WRAPPED

Dear friend,

This was a year of change—in Washington and in our San Antonio community. Despite many challenges, it was also a year that reminded us of what matters:

- A community where we can afford to work, live, and raise a family.
- A country where we can enjoy the freedoms that generations before us fought for.

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. Here are some of the highlights from 2025.

Sincerely,

Joaquin Castro

Congressman Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress



WORD OF THE YEAR: Affordability

The rising costs of groceries, healthcare premiums, and housing are impacting Texans. I will keep working in Congress to lower these prices and make sure the economy works for you.



I visited the Inner City Development food pantry in San Antonio, which helped keep families fed when Republican policies halted SNAP benefits during the shutdown.

PHRASE OF THE YEAR:

Rule of Law

The President's immigration policies are harming the Latino community and bucking the rule of law.

In San Antonio last month, an ICE raid detained over 140 people. Two teen boys—even a baby—were caught up in the chaotic scene. Serious questions remain and I am demanding answers.

Americans want immigration reform—not cruelty. In Congress, I am working toward policies that restore decency and the rule of law.



TOP LOCATION: Military City, USA



In Congress this year, it was my honor to have served those who serve our nation by:

- Successfully protecting veteran jobs.
- Leading the push to protect Joint Base San Antonio's strategic defense role.
- Passing a law to protect civilians from unfair medical bills at hospitals like Brooke Army Medical Center.

Thank you to San Antonio's military heroes!

NEW LOCATION:

Texas-20

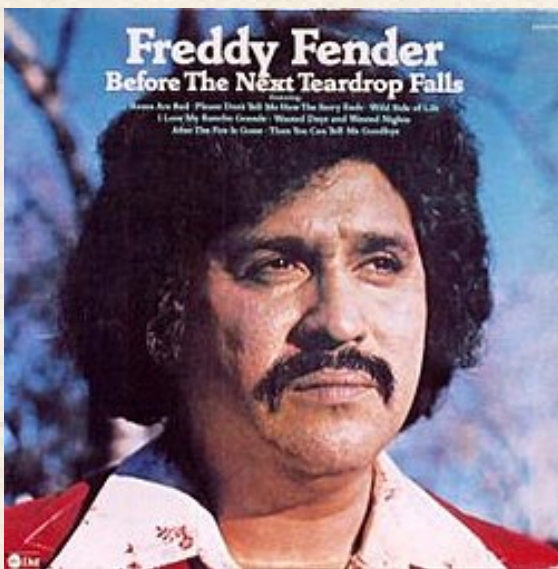


This summer, the President demanded five congressional seats from Texas. Governor Abbott and the Texas State Legislature began mid-decade redistricting. Earlier this month, the conservative Supreme Court approved new maps that take away voter power from minority communities.

Unconstitutional redistricting hurts all Texans and I'll continue to do everything in my power to protect our voting rights.

MUSIC OF THE YEAR: Latino Artists

Media representation matters. That's why I nominated Latino artists to the National Recording Registry at the Library of Congress. Inductions to the prestigious registry this year include:



FREDDY FENDER

Song: Before the Next Teardrop Falls



VICENTE FERNÁNDEZ

Song: El Rey



LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

Album: Hamilton

COMMITTEE WORK:

Preventing Costly Wars



As a senior member on the Committees on Intelligence and Foreign Affairs, I am working to safeguard our national security, protect our troops, and prevent an uncostly regime change war in Venezuela that Americans do not want.

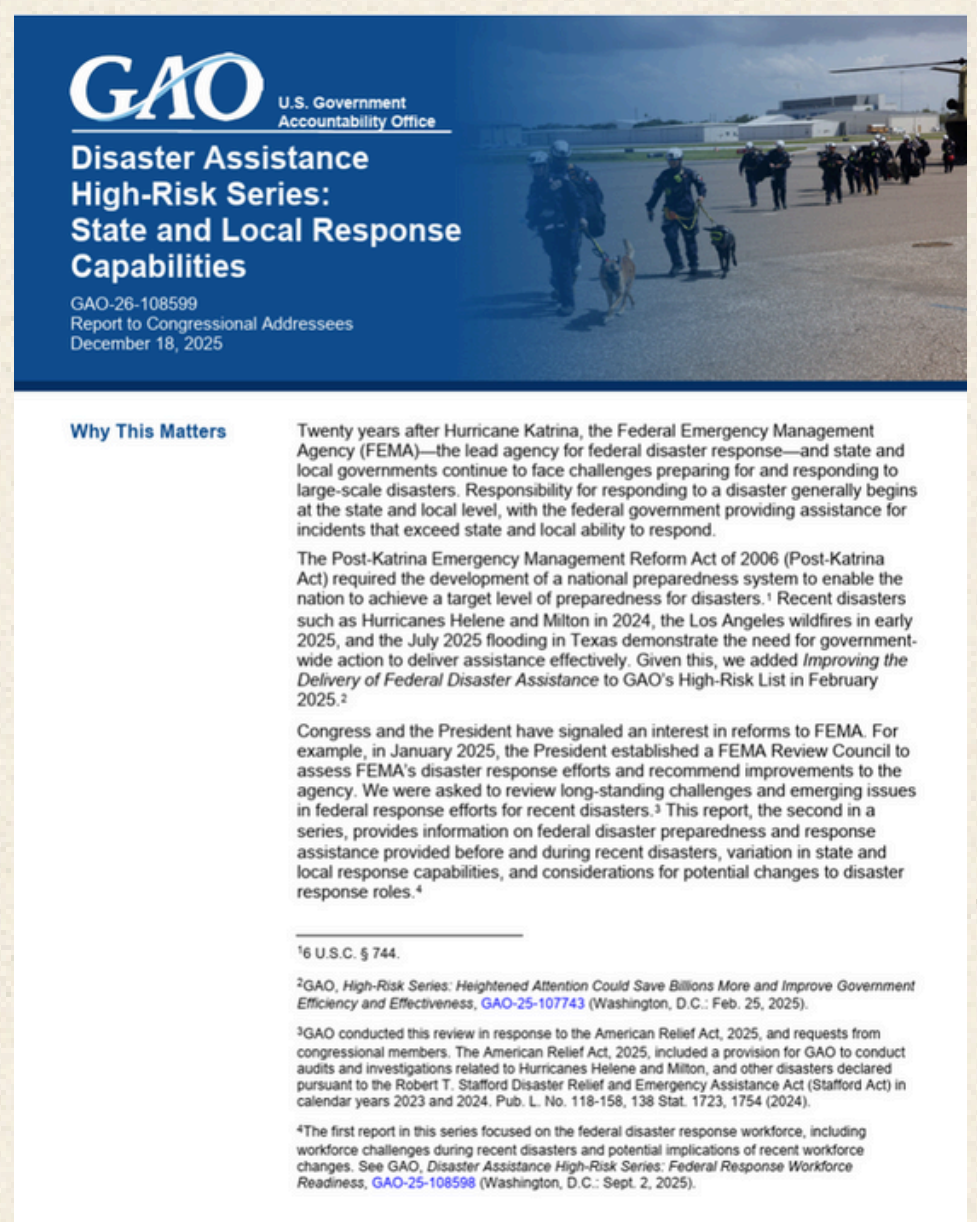
I will continue to advocate for my War Powers Resolution in Congress to block the President's policies that are leading us to war with Venezuela.

OVERSIGHT WORK:

Disaster Readiness

Many of us have cherished memories in the Texas Hill Country. So when deadly flooding took the lives of more than 130 people, our entire state and nation mourned. Just a month prior, a flash flood in San Antonio took the lives of 13 people.

I led an oversight effort to strengthen emergency management readiness at the local, state, and federal level. The U.S. Government Accountability Office delivered the final report I requested with recommendations to improve disaster readiness and save lives.





By the Numbers

Federal benefits recovered: \$5,702,488.28

Constituent cases closed: 625

Grant dollars secured: \$52,307,194.00

Constituent letters written: 64,416

Constituent call answered: 6,126

Named Most Effective Lawmaker

I was honored to be recognized by the Center for Effective Lawmaking as the most effective Democratic House member in the 118th Congress.

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