

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

2025 Q4 REPORT

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR YVETTE D. CLARKE



As we reflect on the year behind us, the Congressional Black Caucus remains keenly aware of the real pain and challenges Black families and communities have been forced to endure. Policies and decisions from the Trump Administration have placed added strain on household budgets, limited access to health care, and undermined economic stability across our communities.

Over the past several months, families nationwide have made clear that health care affordability and the rising cost of living remain among their most urgent concerns. Yet, instead of offering relief, Republicans have pushed tax cuts for billionaires by advancing the largest proposed cuts to Medicare and Medicaid in our nation's history. Throughout these efforts, the CBC has remained laser-focused on standing up for working families—fighting back against policies that raise costs, deepen inequality, and threaten access to the life-saving care our communities depend on.

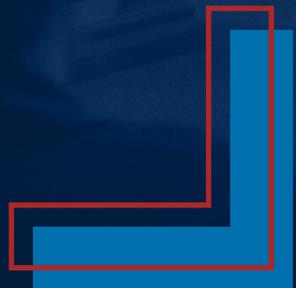
In the year ahead, we will continue to champion policies that lower costs, protect and expand access to quality health care, and ensure Black families have a fair shot at economic security and opportunity.

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U.S. Representative Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09)
Chair, Congressional Black Caucus

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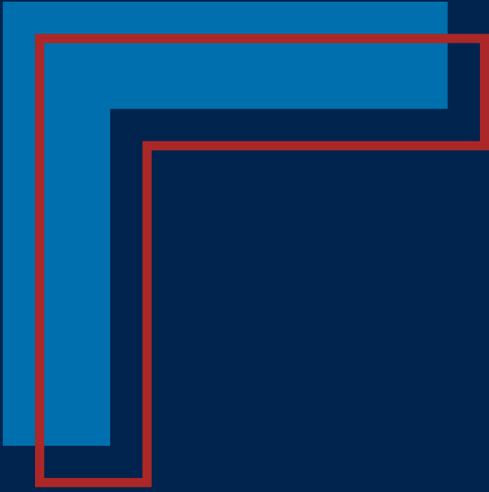
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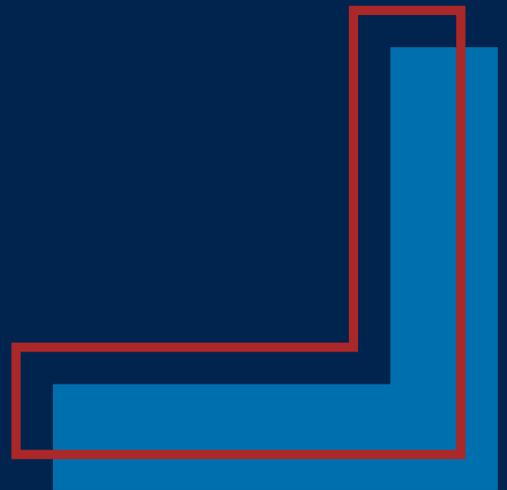
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ON THE ISSUES





THE LONGEST GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN HISTORY

Instead of working to address our nation’s affordability crisis, advancing solutions to lower the high cost of living, and protecting our nation’s health care system, Speaker Mike Johnson and House Republicans shut down the federal government for 43 days—the longest government shutdown in our nation’s history. House Republicans shamelessly abandoned Washington on a paid vacation while their policies made life more difficult and unaffordable for millions of families. They stayed home as essential services stalled in communities and thousands of federal workers were furloughed without pay.

The CBC stood united against the Republican spending bill, which not only failed to address their manufactured health care crisis but also made health care less affordable and less attainable for millions of Americans. When the House returned to session, the CBC and House Democrats made clear that we will continue working to address our nation’s affordability crisis and do everything in our power to protect health care from Republican spending cuts—because the American people deserve better than Republicans’ chaos, cruelty, and corruption.

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST RACIAL GERRYMANDERING

On October 17, the Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments in *Louisiana v. Callais*—a case that puts Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and the right to fair representation, on the chopping block. This case is a dangerous attempt to dismantle one of the last remaining protections against racial discrimination in our electoral system and could have devastating consequences for Black and minority voters across the country.

To be clear: this case isn’t just about Louisiana. It is part of a broader power grab—an all-out assault on fair representation. Combined with Republicans’ mid-decade gerrymandering, a ruling that guts Section 2 could help them lock in as many as 27 additional safe House seats, with at least 19 directly tied to the loss of Section 2 protections.

The CBC made clear that we will fight in the courts, in Congress, and in our communities to protect the sacred right to vote and defend the future of our democracy.





PROTECTING HEALTHCARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

The extended ACA tax credits have ensured that families, seniors, young adults, and workers across the country can afford quality health coverage. Their expiration—set in motion following Republicans’ prolonged federal government shutdown—means that families already struggling with the cost of living will face unaffordable premium spikes or lose coverage altogether. All 214 House Democrats signed a discharge petition to extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits for three years and stood united for more than 40 days to prevent this outcome, while Republicans’ refusal to negotiate left working families to bear the consequences.

The CBC took to the House floor nearly every week to elevate the stories and lived experiences of our constituents and the tens of millions of Americans who would lose their life-saving health coverage at the end of the year if the ACA tax credits expired. We made clear that allowing the ACA tax credits to expire is a choice—the wrong choice.

DEMANDING ACTION ON THE RISE IN BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT

Black workers across our country are once again bearing the brunt of an uncertain economy. In recent months, unemployment among Black workers has risen sharply under economic



conditions shaped by the policies of the Trump Administration. In November, Black unemployment reached 8.3 percent—the highest level since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Behind this number are families struggling to make ends meet and communities facing unbearable economic hardship.

The CBC believes this moment demands urgent action. Chairwoman Yvette D. Clarke and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley led our Caucus in a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, urging him to address the crisis impacting Black workers and to develop a clear strategy to reverse these trends and ensure that Black workers and families are not left behind.



ENDORISING THE JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR ACT

On March 13, 2020, the Louisville Police Department executed a no-knock warrant at the home of Breonna Taylor, fatally shooting her during the raid. This tragedy should never have occurred, and Breonna Taylor should still be with us today. What happened to Breonna Taylor was a profound failure of our justice system—one that we have a moral responsibility to correct. In the years since her death, the need to confront the use of no-knock warrants has only intensified. No American should fear that, at any moment, law enforcement could enter their home unannounced.

Breonna Taylor’s life mattered, and her story demands action. It is our duty to ensure that what happened to her never happens again—to any family, in any community, anywhere in this country.

The CBC was proud to formally endorse the Justice for Breonna Taylor Act, reintroduced by Congressman Morgan McGarvey; Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Cory Booker (D-NJ); and Representatives Yvette D. Clarke and Jasmine Crockett, which would ban no-knock warrants.

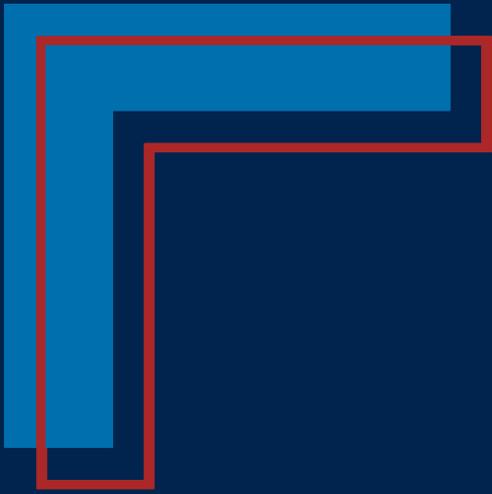
DEMANDING FULL FUNDING FOR SNAP

In blatant defiance of two court rulings, President Trump announced that his Administration would only partially fund SNAP benefits during the Republican government shutdown. Despite

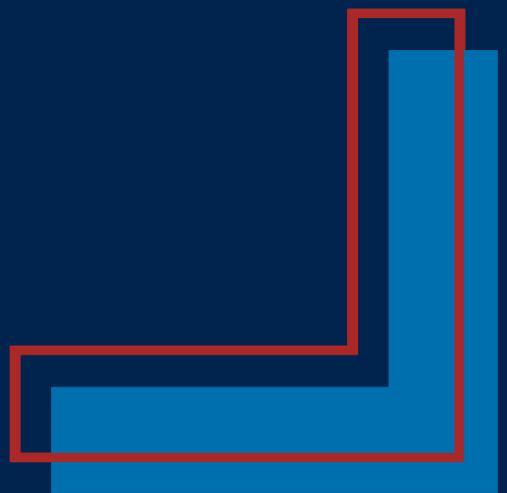
having contingency funds to fully cover SNAP, the Administration instead chose to put 42 million Americans at risk of going hungry as it prolonged a manufactured crisis of its own making. Every day without SNAP funding was another day that a child, a senior, or a person with a disability was forced to go without food simply because the Trump Administration had chosen political gamesmanship over meeting the basic needs of the American people.

The CBC made clear that any further delay in releasing full SNAP funding was unacceptable. Partial funding was wholly inadequate to keep food on the table for families who had already missed critical benefits due to the Administration’s reckless and illegal inaction.





MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS





- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** introduced H.R. 5965, the Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act, to provide student veterans with a more flexible work-study program that considers their unique needs and improves accessibility.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** held multiple virtual and in-person press conferences to discuss the crucial role the Affordable Care Act and the enhanced premium tax credits play in helping families navigate premature births and costly NICU services, afford no-cost contraception, and drive up health care costs that profoundly impact our entire health care system.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** hosted the 5th & Girls conference at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), a day-long seminar to engage, uplift, and empower Black girls in middle and high school.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** announced the reintroduction of legislation to expand healthcare options for expectant mothers. The bill, the Healthy Maternal and Obstetric Medicine (Healthy MOM) Act, would ensure that all women eligible for coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance marketplaces, as well as women eligible for other individual or group health plan coverage, can access affordable health coverage throughout their pregnancies. The bill would do this by establishing a special enrollment period (SEP) for expectant mothers. Right now, marriage, divorce, having a baby, adoption, and changing jobs are considered qualifying life events that trigger a special enrollment period. However, becoming pregnant is not considered a qualifying event.
- **Rep. Ayanna Pressley** unveiled a new, first-of-its-kind report revealing how Donald Trump's use of clemency and pardons has neglected many of the most marginalized and impacted communities. The report, titled "Trump's Clemency Gap," is the first comprehensive analysis of Trump's clemency actions during his current term and details who has benefited and who has been left behind. Following the release of the report, Congresswoman Pressley sent a letter to Trump's "pardon czar" urging her to prioritize clemency for people who have been disproportionately harmed by mass incarceration.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** joined a multi-denominational group of faith leaders, Members of Congress and advocates on Day 9 of the Trump-Republican shutdown for a rally and vigil at St. Mark's Episcopal Church to speak up in opposition to Republican efforts to rip healthcare away from millions of Americans.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** held a press conference on Day 32 of the Trump-Republican shutdown at The Campaign Against Hunger, a food pantry in his Brooklyn district, where he called out the Trump administration for illegally withholding SNAP benefits from the American people.

- **Rep. Maxine Waters**, Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee, introduced the Fair Competition for Small Business Act of 2025, legislation to protect small businesses from anti-competitive pricing practices that favor large retailers. U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Ranking Member of the Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights Subcommittee and a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, introduced the Senate Companion.
- **Rep. Maxine Waters**, received the Uncommon Height Crystal Stair Award at the 90th Annual National Council of Negro Women’s gala, in Washington, DC. This award is the highest honor given by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).
- **Sen. Angela Alsobrooks’** first year in the U.S. Senate was profiled by The Washington Post, highlighting her willingness to challenge the Administration—particularly RFK Jr.—work across the aisle on behalf of Marylanders, and stay focused on her north star: building pathways to wealth for hardworking Maryland families.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** along with Reps. Carter, Ezell, Letlow, Fletcher, and Higgins introduced the National Flood Insurance Program Automatic Extension Act of 2025, a bill that ensures that the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) automatically continues its core operations even if Congress misses a scheduled reauthorization deadline.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** held town halls across the Sixth District in the month of November to keep anxious constituents informed during the 43 day government shutdown.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath** led House Democrats in condemning the Trump Administration’s latest attacks on special education by introducing the Protecting Students with Disabilities Act, legislation to ensure that special education programs within the U.S. Department of Education are administered as Congress intended. The bill safeguards critical services from improper restructuring following the abrupt termination of an adult support program



for students with disabilities, protecting students, families, and educators from harmful administrative overreach and ensuring continuity of services for students with special needs.

- **Rep. Lucy McBath** introduced and led the Affordable Insulin Now Act, bipartisan legislation to extend the \$35 per month insulin cost cap beyond Medicare seniors to include individuals with employer-sponsored health insurance. Building on the insulin affordability provisions enacted through the Inflation Reduction Act, this bill advances Rep. McBath’s ongoing work to lower prescription drug costs and ensure life-saving medications remain affordable for millions of Americans living with diabetes.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** celebrated the passage of her bill, the SAMOSA Act, legislation to lower federal software costs and improve efficiency.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** held a press conference on health care in Cleveland. Three local Northeast Ohio residents joined Brown and shared their stories about how the cuts to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid would impact their health care, finances, and their families. The event took place at the Village of Healing, a health care provider dedicated to serving Black families in Cleveland.

- **Rep. Robin Kelly** introduced the CARE for Moms Act, a comprehensive maternal health legislative package that would reduce pregnancy-related deaths. She also announced plans to introduce the WELLS Act in honor of Mercedes Wells, who was discharged from a hospital while in active labor.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** announced plans to impeach Secretary Kristi Noem for obstructing Congress, violating public trust, and using her office for personal gain. Her announcement comes after the fatal shooting of Renee Nicole Good by an ICE officer in Minneapolis.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** passed two bills into law, securing major wins in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which aim to advance U.S. engagement and accountability in Haiti. The package of bills signed into law by the President includes an amendment to codify the Office of Haitian Affairs at the State Department, ensuring sustained senior-level attention to Haiti's political and humanitarian challenges, and the Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act, which strengthens oversight and shines a light on the corrupt networks fueling violence and instability.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** and Jeff Van Drew honored Veterans Day by introducing the Veterans Bill of Rights Act. The legislation would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide every veteran with a clear and straightforward Veterans Bill of Rights outlining the benefits and services they are entitled to.
- **Rep. Terri A. Sewell** led the effort to pass the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Reauthorization bill in the Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Sewell has long championed AGOA as a tool for advancing both economic development and democratic governance in sub-Saharan African countries. This program has been a key priority of the CBC for over 25 years.
- **Rep. Terri A. Sewell** recognized World Pancreatic Cancer Day by convening lawmakers, advocates, researchers, and survivors to push for passage of H.R. 842, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare



Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. The bill passed unanimously out of the House Ways and Means Committee and has 332 House co-sponsors.

- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** passed three affordable housing bills through the House Financial Services Committee markup as part of H.R. 6644, the Housing for the 21st Century Act. Together, these bills will expand access to foreclosure mitigation counseling, strengthen banks' ability to invest in affordable housing, and improve the HOME program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Who's Who in Black Columbus, honoring her decades of trailblazing leadership and public service. She is the first Black woman to represent Ohio's Third District and previously made history as the first woman to serve as Democratic Minority Leader in the Ohio House of Representatives. In Congress, Rep. Beatty chaired the first-ever Financial Services Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, where she led efforts to expose disparities in the financial industry, from workforce underrepresentation to barriers in access to financial services. She was honored at the organization's November publication celebration for her enduring commitment to equity and opportunity.
- **Rep. Gwen Moore** spoke on the House Floor on the need to extend ACA Premium Tax Credits.
- **Rep. Gwen Moore** joined Rep. Debbie Dingell in penning an opinion piece in Newsweek on federal funding for survivors of domestic abuse.

- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** introduced the Improving SBA Engagement on Employee Ownership Act which sailed out of the House Small Business Committee by unanimous vote. The bipartisan bill, which McIver introduced with Congressman Rob Bresnahan Jr. (PA-08), would create a stronger, fairer economy by ensuring the Small Business Administration fulfills its duty to support Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) and worker cooperative business models.
- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** rushed from surgery in New Jersey to vote ‘no’ on the Republican “deal” that failed to address the healthcare concerns of millions of Americans. McIver spoke about the importance of her continuing fight for better healthcare, her vote, and why showing up for her constituents was “beyond worth it,” with NOTUS and the 19th. She continues to fight for better care.
- **Sen. Reverend Raphael Warnock** offered a unique perspective on the twin spiritual and affordability crises plaguing the United States. The Senator spoke at the Center for American Progress as part of the Path Forward Speaker Series. In his speech, Senator Warnock argued that the ongoing affordability crisis has created a spiritual crisis in America, saying that decades of politicians failing to center the people they serve has undermined the American dream, created a cycle of division and despair, and ultimately led to the deep divisions and economic disparity we see today.
- **Sen. Reverend Raphael Warnock** greeted nearly two dozen Buddhist monks in Decatur, Georgia, during their 2,300-mile walk from Texas to Washington, D.C., to promote peace and unity. During the monks’ stop in Decatur, Senator Warnock delivered remarks commending the monks for putting their faith into action.
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** hosted three press conferences this past October in Albany, Columbus, and Macon, Georgia, highlighting the need to extend the Affordable Care Act enhanced tax credits. He was joined by physicians, medical providers, patient advocates, and patients who shared their stories about how cuts to healthcare — through the “one big, ugly bill” — have hurt hardworking Georgians.
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** toured Feeding the Valley and organized an October roundtable in Midland, Georgia. The event highlighted the importance of SNAP and facilitated a discussion with food banks and other community organizations who explained how the drastic cuts they have faced in 2025 due to Trump Administration cuts to nutrition programs are harming children, seniors, students, and hard-working families across Middle & Southwest Georgia.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** joined Beebe Healthcare in Rehoboth Beach for the ribbon-cutting of their expanded mobile health fleet. Senator Blunt Rochester celebrated the \$3.3 million in federal funding she and her partners in Delaware’s Congressional delegation secured for this project and others at Beebe, all designed to improve community health in Sussex County.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** was honored to receive the Louis L. Redding Lifetime Achievement Award from the Delaware Barristers Association. In her remarks accepting the award, Senator Blunt Rochester reflected on how she is a product of the America that Redding helped build through his pioneering legal career. Senator Blunt Rochester will continue working to advance Redding’s vision of equality and justice for all.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** held a news conference with Philadelphia-area colleagues in early November, calling on the Trump-Vance administration to obey federal district court rulings and fully fund November SNAP benefits during the government shutdown.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** co-led the “Hospital at Home” bill, which passed the House in December. It would renew a program that helps thousands of patients to receive better care from more than 200 hospitals around the country, including some patients in the Philadelphia area — and also saves money.



- **Rep. Wesley Bell** held an African community event to highlight and honor the diverse and growing African population in St Louis.
- **Rep. Wesley Bell** did a WIC Program site visit at People's Health Centers to highlight the crucial role WIC plays in keeping our communities healthy.
- **Rep. Bennie G. Thompson** joined students from the Claiborne County Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center for their "Hour of AI." This hands-on experience created by Code.org allowed students to use AI tools to design and collaborate on projects while learning more about this innovative technology. Rep. Thompson underscored the importance of teaching students how to use AI responsibly. As he put it, "Every child deserves a fair chance to explore, to learn, and to become one of the innovators who shape the future of technology."
- **Rep. Bennie G. Thompson** joined Entergy Mississippi in announcing the next phase of the Superpower Mississippi Plan. It features the construction of the Vicksburg Advanced Power Station, an investment that will strengthen Mississippi's energy infrastructure, create jobs, and ensure a more reliable and efficient power supply for generations to come.
- **Rep. Stacey Plaskett** met with U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Jamison Greer during a Ways and Means Committee roundtable session in December of 2025 to discuss the Trump Administration's ongoing trade negotiations and their impact on her district of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the country.
- **Rep. Stacey Plaskett** delivered remarks at Right to Democracy's "Recognizing Your Leadership Event" in December of 2025, addressing the ongoing fight for full democratic rights and equal treatment for the nearly four million Americans living in U.S. territories.
- **Rep. André Carson** introduced the bipartisan Aviation Funding Solvency Act to ensure that, during any future government shutdowns, the U.S. National Airspace System and those responsible for its safe, efficient operation are protected from any lapses in federal funding.
- **Rep. André Carson** announced his selection as the top Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation, to serve as the Ranking Member. This leadership role encompasses the Subcommittee's oversight of all aspects of civil aviation, including safety, airport infrastructure, labor, international issues, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** introduced a War Powers Resolution to block the Trump Administration from continuing to use U.S. Armed Forces to conduct strikes in the Caribbean and the eastern Pacific, operations the administration has carried out for more than 60 days without congressional authorization.

- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** announced two formal congressional inquiries into the Trump Administration’s escalating attacks on Somali communities in Minnesota and across the country, demanding immediate answers regarding ICE’s Operation Metro Surge, an unnecessary deployment terrorizing Twin Cities communities, and a full explanation of the Administration’s threat to abruptly terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somali nationals in the United States.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** co-lead the introduction of the PROTECT Immigration Act, legislation which would end the deputization of local and state police departments to enforce immigration law and rescind the statutory authority for the federal government’s 287(g) Program.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee**, alongside Reps. Hank Johnson Jr. and Lucy McBath, introduced the Federal Prisons Naloxone Access Act, legislation to ensure life-saving opioid reversal medications are readily available throughout federal correctional facilities to reverse overdoses and prevent overdose deaths. This bill would require federal correction facilities to maintain properly stored, unexpired opioid antagonists in accessible locations and to train all personnel and incarcerated individuals to recognize overdose symptoms and how to administer the medication.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** celebrates hitting the 50-city milestone, building on his trademark for showing up for the people of Northern Colorado.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** fires back at a reporter for mischaracterizing the nature of Trump’s attacks on the federal government. Says the administration’s lawlessness cannot be ignored.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** attended the Algiers Ferry Terminal ribbon cutting. After six years, the Algiers Ferry Terminal is finally on its way back, stronger, safer, and ready for the future! The renovation was made possible by a \$9.7 million upgrade supported by the FTA and funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Congressman Carter proudly helped pass. This project represents a major investment in local infrastructure, job access, and economic growth—and marks a new chapter for the terminal and a renewed commitment to the Algiers community where Rep. Carter was born and raised.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** joined his Congressional Black Caucus colleagues in standing up for Black Louisianians — and people across our nation — as the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Louisiana v. Callais*, a case that could dismantle what remains of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** hosted a tele-town hall and livestream, in October, that drew participation from more than 27,000 NY-09 constituents, providing critical updates on the Republican shutdown and its far-reaching impacts. During the event, participants received information on how the shutdown affects overall healthcare access, including its impact on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and other essential health programs. Rep. Clarke also highlighted that health care providers could lose up to \$32 billion if the ACA-enhanced premium tax credits expire, and warned that small business owners and their employees would face higher health insurance costs as a result.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** introduced the Artificial Intelligence Civil Rights Act of 2025, a bill that would prevent companies from using biased and discriminatory AI-powered algorithms to make critical decisions in Americans’ lives. The legislation would ensure that algorithms are tested before and after deployment and increase transparency regarding the complex algorithms used for critical decisions. The AI Civil Rights Act represents a bold new front in our ongoing battle to protect the rights, dignity, and safety of every American. From developers to deployers, this legislation will place strict, strong, and unambiguous guardrails on the creation and use of artificial intelligence.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** introduced the Airline Passenger Compensation Act, legislation that would require U.S. airlines to provide cash compensation and rebooking assistance to passengers affected by airline-caused flight delays and cancellations.

- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** hosted a naturalization ceremony in Akron, where 46 new American citizens from 30 different countries took the Oath of Allegiance and completed their paths to citizenship.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** hosted her Charlotte Matters webinar series during the government shutdown aimed at providing information and resources to Charlotteans about how the government shutdown was impacting them, focusing on four issue areas – Healthcare, hunger, housing, and education.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** went to Raleigh to speak out against the North Carolina Congressional gerrymandering efforts, calling out Republicans in the General Assembly for caving to political pressure, threatening our democracy, and stripping away Black representation from the Congressional seat with the longest record of Black representation in state history.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** stood up for federal workers during the government shutdown by shining the light of House Republicans for not doing their part to pass ACA Tax Subsidies. He consoled federal workers at a food bank event in his congressional district. Urging each to keep their solidarity of purpose to better serve the American people while urging healthcare coverage for working people.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** shared the spirit of giving at a Thanksgiving food drive highlighting the needs caused by the affordability crisis induced by the Administration’s reckless actions on tariffs, job & SNAP cuts and chaos in the economy.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** ran a TV ad throughout Q4 despite the shutdown touting his support for Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and thrashing the Big Ugly Bill. He spent \$75k to stream the ad in Georgia’s D-4 as a connected TV ad and on Google/YouTube. It received more than 1 million impressions.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** reintroduced the Bivens Act, legislation that allows citizens to recover damages for constitutional violations committed against them by federal officials, including



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice (DOJ), and federal prison officials, among others. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI) introduced the Senate companion.

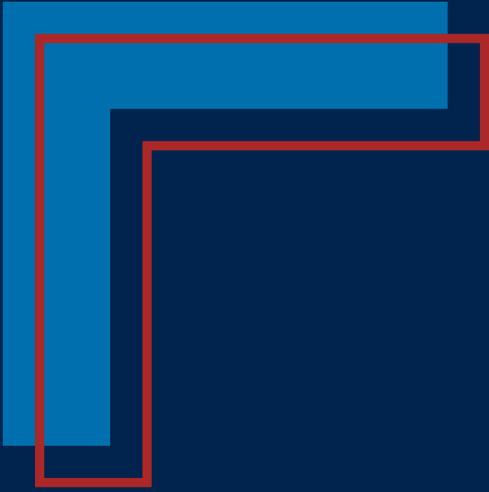
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** and his office resolved more than 2,500 constituent cases and returned more than \$6 million in monetary relief back to the people in his district.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott**, the Dean of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, gave remarks at the unveiling ceremony of Virginia’s newest statue in the U.S. Capitol — Barbara Rose Johns — on December 16, 2025. This statue replaces the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, which was removed from the Capitol in 2020. Barbara Rose Johns was a remarkable young woman and civil rights activist in Virginia, who helped lead the fight against segregation in Virginia’s public schools. Her lawsuit *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward, Co. Virginia* ultimately became a part of the landmark Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, KS*.

- **Rep. Bobby Scott**, the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, along with Ranking Members Frank Pallone and Richard Neal, introduced the Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act. The bill builds on the progress of the Inflation Reduction Act, which gave Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices and capped insulin at \$35 per month for seniors. Specifically, the bill would allow Medicare to negotiate more drug prices each year, making those lower prices available to the commercial insurance market, capping people's annual out-of-pocket costs on prescription drugs and insulin at \$35 per month, and closing loopholes made by the Trump Administration that allow manufacturers to avoid negotiating prices for years.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Accelerating Home Building Act to make housing more affordable in Oregon and across the country.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** and Congresswoman Emilia Sykes (OH-13) introduced the Junk Fee Prevention Act. The bill cracks down on deceptive, excessive, and hidden fees that drive up prices for consumers across the country. This bill creates new transparency requirements to ensure families know the real cost of the services they rely on. The Senate version of the bill is being introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Senator Ruben Gallego (D-AZ).
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove**, Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on South and Central Asia, met with the presidents of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan at the C5 + 1 summit.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** highlighted the terror DHS is inflicting upon our communities—including the disappearance of her constituent, Vicente Ventura Aguilar, while in DHS custody—at field hearings on immigration in Chicago and Los Angeles.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** introduced a Congressional Resolution with 109 members declaring abortion as a human right. The resolution, introduced on International Human

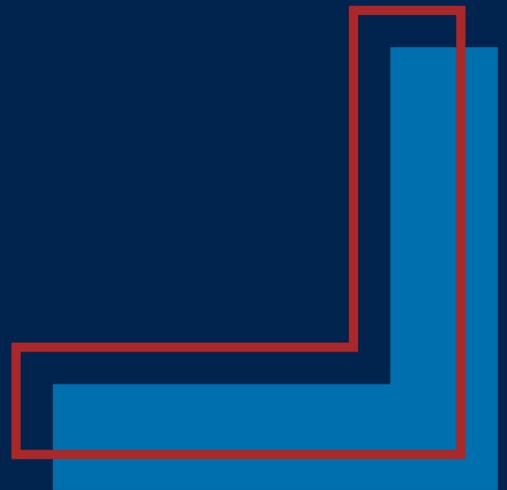


Rights Day, also commends state and local jurisdictions for introducing similar measures to protect reproductive freedom.

- **Rep. Nikema Williams** led a letter to President Donald Trump demanding an end to baseless attacks on voting by mail and no executive orders targeted at curtailing mail-in voting.
- **Rep. Al Green** filed H.Res.939 to impeach Donald John Trump for making threats and vitriolic comments against Democratic lawmakers and federal judges, putting their safety and well-being at risk and undermining the independence of our judiciary.”
- **Rep. Al Green** spoke in solidarity against the privatization of the VA with Veterans, VA employees, and union workers at the ‘VA Not For Sale Rally and March’ in Houston Texas.”
- **Rep. Emanuel Cleaver**, along with Reps. Waters, Flood and Hill, introduced the Housing for the 21st Century Act to lower housing costs by updating outdated federal housing programs, removing regulatory roadblocks, and increasing local control. The legislation was advanced by the House Committee on Financial Services with overwhelming bipartisan support and awaits a vote in the full House of Representatives later this year.
- **Rep. Emanuel Cleaver**, Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Tech Initiative, along with Representative LaMonica McIver, introduced the Workforce of the Future Act. The legislation would require a detailed study to grow our understanding of artificial intelligence (AI), its impact on the economy and workforce, and determine the skills necessary for workers to succeed, while also providing workers, teachers, and students with resources to develop integral skills necessary to participate in the workforce of the future.



KEY MOMENTS





OCTOBER 2025

- **October 1:** The CBC condemned Republican’s extremist spending bill and government shutdown.
- **October 7:** The CBC remembered former CBC Chair Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick.
- **October 8:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **October 10:** The CBC condemned the Trump-pressured indictment of NY Attorney General Letitia James.
- **October 15:** The CBC held a press conference to address the Supreme Court case in *Louisiana v. Callais*.
- **October 17:** The CBC vowed to fight back against Republican efforts to gut Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.
- **October 21:** The CBC condemned the bogus charges and smear campaign against Rep. LaMonica McIver.
- **October 29:** The CBC joined faith leaders on Capitol hill for a press conference on cuts to SNAP and healthcare.

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- **November 3:** The CBC called for the Trump Administration to release full funding for SNAP.
- **November 4:** The CBC called out the Trump Administration for illegally withholding SNAP funding.
- **November 5:** The CBC demanded Republicans return to Washington on day 36 of their historic shutdown.
- **November 12:** The CBC vowed to continue working to address our nation’s affordability crisis and protect our health care system upon returning to session after the Republican shutdown.
- **November 17:** The CBC held a special order hour on the human costs of ACA subsidies.
- **November 18:** The CBC fought back against the baseless attempt to censure Del. Stacey Plaskett.
- **November 19:** The CBC pushed back against the nomination of John DeLeeuw to the NTSB.
- **November 19:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.



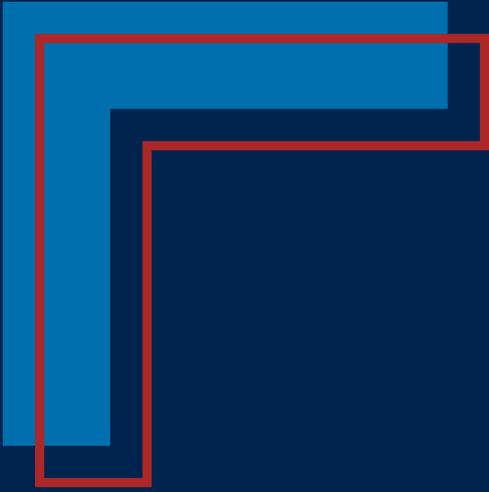
- **November 19:** The CBC condemned two anti–D.C. home rule bills introduced in the House.
- **November 20:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration’s efforts to dismantle the Department of Education.
- **November 21:** The CBC and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation conducted a staff briefing on the importance of using district-specific health data to inform policy.

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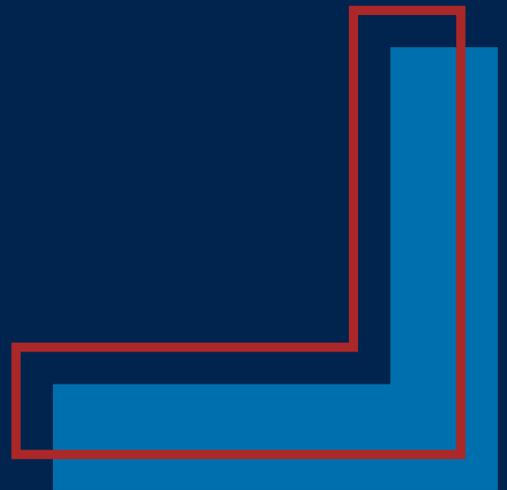


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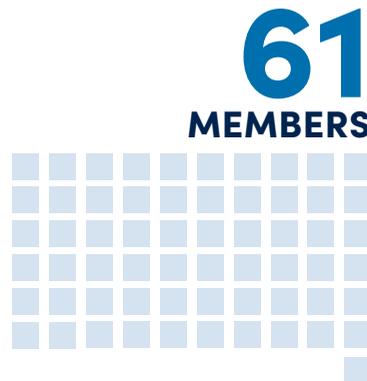
- **December 1:** The CBC held a special order hour on the human costs of ACA subsidies for the second week.
- **December 3:** The CBC formally opposed the SCORE Act.
- **December 3:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **December 4:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's termination of TPS for Haitian migrants.
- **December 4:** The CBC pushed back on the Trump Administration's racist attack on Rep. Ilhan Omar and Somali immigrants.
- **December 5:** The CBC condemned the Supreme Court's ruling upholding racially-gerrymandered Texas maps.
- **December 9:** The CBC held a special order hour on the human costs of ACA subsidies for the third consecutive week.
- **December 10:** The CBC joined the Tri-Caucus Chairs in a letter condemning anti-DEI provisions in the NDAA.
- **December 10:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **December 10:** The CBC participated in a press conference for the introduction of the Justice for Breonna Taylor Act.
- **December 12:** The CBC and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conducted a staff briefing focused on opportunities to strengthen the educator workforce, with an emphasis on actionable federal policy solutions that support and elevate the teaching profession.
- **December 15:** The CBC formally endorsed the Justice for Breonna Taylor Act.
- **December 15:** The CBC held a special order hour on the human costs of ACA subsidies for the fourth consecutive week.
- **December 17:** The CBC celebrated the unveiling of the Barbara Rose Johns Statue.
- **December 17:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **December 18:** The CBC issued a statement on our pathway forward in 2026.
- **December 18:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's removal of Black leaders from independent agencies.
- **December 19:** The CBC urged Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell to address the rise in Black unemployment.
- **December 22:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's attempt to silence Rep. Joyce Beatty in Kennedy Center renaming.

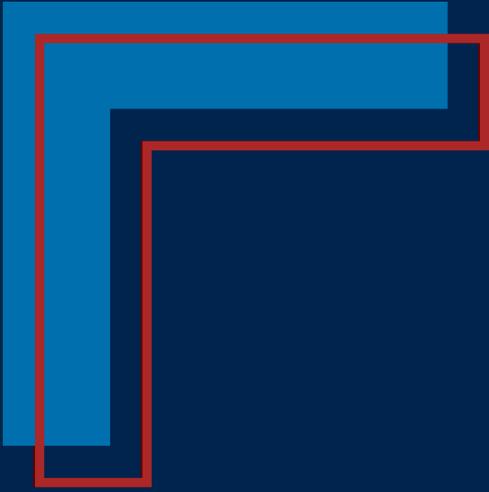


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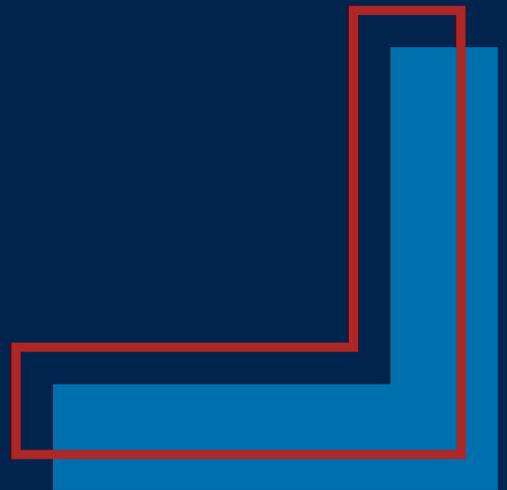


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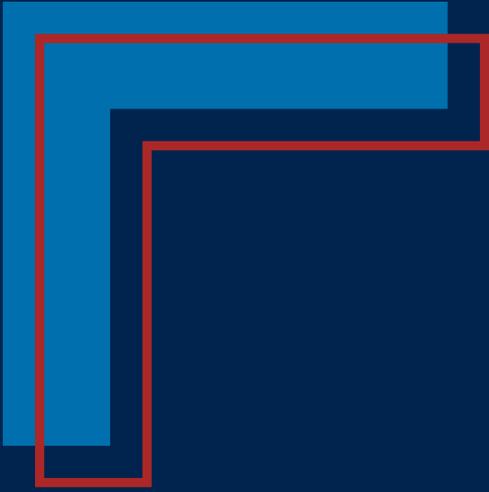
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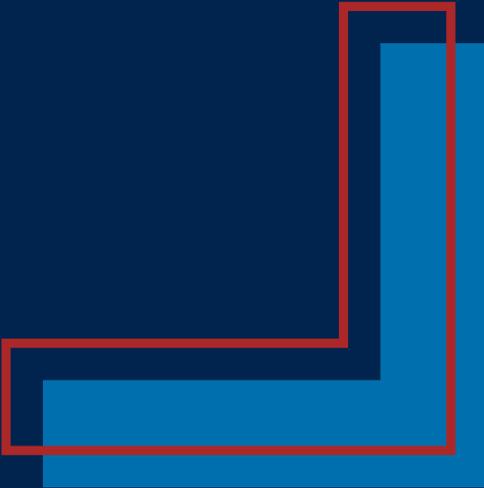
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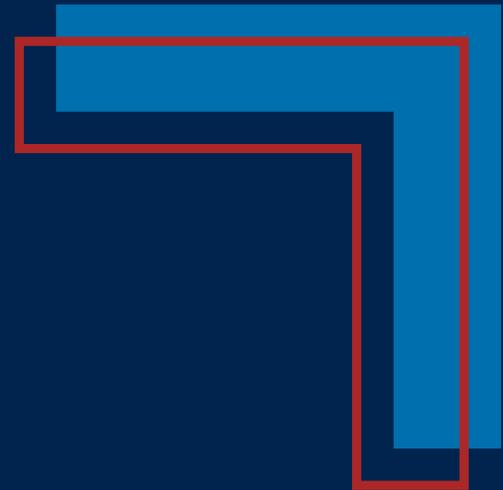
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