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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN HORSFORD

On the shoulders of Giants.

The Congressional Black Caucus, the conscience of the Congress, has been leading on important and life impacting issues and legislation since its founding in 1971. Our members have shaped some of the most consequential legislation ever enacted – from voting rights, civil rights, fair housing and so much more. More than 50 years after our founding, the CBC carries on in the tradition of the 13 men and women who sought to make America live up to its promise that all are created equal, challenge the idea of what was possible for Black Americans, and ensure a future worthy of our struggle.

We understand we have ONE objective. To win! We win by focusing on and delivering for the more than 80 million constituents we collectively represent, more than 18 million Black Americans on areas that directly impact their lives from healthcare to housing, from education to jobs and economic opportunity.

We also understand the weight of the moment we find ourselves in today. Direct attacks by an ideological Supreme Court and federal judges working to weaken fundamental protections under the law, extreme politicians in Washington and conservative state legislatures threatening the cornerstones of our democracy and efforts to deny black history and the very existence of black lives who need to be protected from gun violence, police brutality, and poor economic conditions.

As we embark on the work of the 118th Congress we do so with a clear since of purpose and resolve. That we will do everything we can to defend the important legislative wins we have already secured while working to achieve meaningful progress on new legislative wins and issues of importance to black America and the communities we serve.

"We will win the day, win the month, win the issues, win this moment"

Steven Horsford

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EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Chair



Rep. Yvette Clarke
First Vice Chair



Rep. Troy Carter
Second Vice Chair



Rep. Lucy McBath
Secretary



Rep. Marilyn Strickland Whip

ON THE ISSUES

In the 118th Congress, the Congressional Black Caucus is advancing an agenda aimed at winning the day, winning the week, and winning the moment on behalf of the American people.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Bad policing has no place in America. We cannot afford to roll back the progress we have made on police reform because lives are at stake. The CBC is holding the Biden Administration and Department of Justice accountable for fully implementing President Biden's May 25, 2022 Executive Order on Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety. The CBC is advocating for meaningful bipartisan public safety legislation to create safer communities and hold police officers accountable.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Black women have been at the forefront of the fight to advance equality in Congress, and the CBC has been a part of that story. Congresswoman Cori Bush and Ayanna Pressley are carrying on Shirley Chisholm's legacy, launching the first Equal Rights Amendment Caucus in Congress to guarantee equal rights for all Americans regardless of gender.

HEALTHCARE

The CBC is working to expand access to quality and affordable healthcare, and protect programs like Medicaid which has helped to narrow racial disparities in health coverage and provide much needed access to life-saving care in communities of color. The CBC joined a Tri-Caucus letter to HHS urging them to prevent eligible Medicaid families from losing health benefits and close coverage the gap.









ON THE ISSUES

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DEMOCRACY & VOTING RIGHTS

Voting rights is, and has always been, the CBC's north star. The CBC will continue to fight against the voter suppression that plagues our country and impedes access to the ballot box, particularly in Black and brown communities.

We stand strong against any and all efforts to subvert the will of the American people – whether it is the effort to overturn our election on January 6th, or efforts to silence or expel members from state houses who advocate for a better and safer America.



EDUCATION, JOBS & THE ECONOMY

The CBC is working to improve the lives of all Americans and create opportunities for many who have been shut out for too long; who have been treated unfairly for too long; and have been waiting too long for solutions.









IMMIGRATION

The United States is a nation of immigrants. Most Americans trace their lineage beyond our borders. This country was founded on the principle that America is the land of opportunity, and that anyone can achieve success through hard work. This is why the CBC is holding DHS accountable, fighting for comprehensive immigration reform, and addressing the humanitarian concerns of Haitian and Black migrants fleeing to the United States to ensure a fair and just immigration process for all.

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HOUSING

The CBC will continue to fight to expand access to affordable housing and rental assistance, boost wealth-building and homeownership opportunities for all, and combat the homelessness crisis with the urgency it requires.

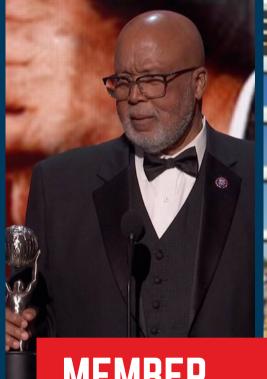


CBC Members in the Spotlight

- Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, elected House Democratic Leader
- Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, visits
 Africa with Vice President Harris
- Rep. Ayanna Pressley, nominated for NAACP Image Award
- Rep. Bennie Thompson, receives NAACP Chairman's Award
- Rep. Bennie Thompson, receives Delta Sigma Theta Congressional Leadership Award
- Rep. Joyce Beatty. receives National Urban League Award

CBC Members in House Leadership

- Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, Leader of the House Democratic Caucus
- Rep. James Clyburn, Assistant Democratic Leader
- Rep. Barbara Lee, Co-Chair of the Steering and Policy Committee
- Rep. Joe Neguse, Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee
- Rep Lauren Underwood, Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett, Freshman Leadership Representative









Committee Ranking Members

- Rep. Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Bobby Scott, Ranking Member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee
- Rep. David Scott, Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee
- Rep. Bennie Thompson,
 Ranking Member of the House
 Homeland Security Committee

- Rep. Maxine Waters, Ranking
 Member of the House Financial
 Services Committee
- Rep. Stacey Plaskett, Ranking Member of the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

Appointments to CBC E-Board

- Rep. Maxwell Frost, Member-at-Large
- Rep. Kweisi Mfume,
 Parliamentarian
- Special Order Hour Anchors
 - Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
 - Rep. Jonathan Jackson

KEY MOMENTS

O3 JAN

MEETING w/ DHS SECRETARY

The CBC meets with DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to discuss the Biden Administrations new restrictions on asylum for Haitian migrants.

> 24 JAN

MEETING w/ the PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

The CBC meets with President Biden and Vice President Harris to discuss policing and public safety after Tyre Nichols' murder.

> 7 FEB

CBC SWEARING-IN

The CBC swears in one of the largest classes in its history with 57 Members.

> 5 JAN

ANNUAL MEMBER RETREAT

The CBC holds 2023 Annual Member Retreat to set legislative priorities for the 118th Congress.

> 2 FEB

HOSTS PARENTS OF TYRE NICHOLS & OTHER FAMILIES

The CBC invites the family of Tyre Nichols and other families affected by police violence to the State of the Union.

KEY MOMENTS

27 FEB

Diplomatic Corp Black History Month Reception

The Diplomatic Corp honors the CBC with the first ever Black History Month Celebration.

> 28 FEB

House Democrats Issues Conference

The CBC convenes to address how to win the narrative on public safety.

5 MAR

White House Black History Month Reception

The CBC celebrates Black History Month at a White House ceremony.

> 27 FEB

Vice President Harris Black History Month Reception

The CBC recognizes Black History Month with Vice President Kamala Harris.

> 2 MAR

COMMEMORATING BLOODY SUNDAY

CBC Members travel to Selma, Alabama to commemorate the 58th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

KEY MOMENTS

7 MAR

CHAIRMAN HORSFORD ADDRESSES NATIONAL URBAN LEAUGE

Chairman Steven Horsford delivers address to the National Urban League Annual Legislative Conference.

> 24 MAR

SWEARING-IN REP. MCCLELLAN

Rep. Jennifer McClellan is sworn in as the first Black woman to represent Virginia in the United States Congress, becoming the 58th Member of the CBC.

> 8 mar

TRI-CAUCUS JOINT INTERVIEW

Tri-Caucus Chairs appear on MSNBC for their first joint interview of the 118th Congress to discuss common goals and priorities.







BY THE NUMBERS





58

CBC MEMBERS



10

NEW MEMBERS



WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETINGS



296+

BILLS FILED



4

PRESS CONFERENCES



MEMBER & STAFF BRIEFINGS/MEETINGS



140k

FOLLOWERS @TheBlackCaucus

IN THE MEDIA

The Hill

Congressional Black Caucus swears in its largest group in history

AFRO News

Congressional Black Caucus announces agenda for 118th Congress

NBC News

House Democrats elect Rep. Hakeem Jeffries as leader, the first Black person to lead a congressional caucus

Jeffries, 52, was elected Wednesday alongside Reps. Katherine Clark, 59, and Pete Aguilar, 43, as the party's new top three.

The Hill

Congressional Black Caucus celebrates Black History Month

The New York Times

Biden, in Selma, Says Voting Rights Are Still 'Under Assault'

The New York Times

Tyre Nichols's Parents to Attend State of the Union Address

"It's important for the listen

The Hill

Congressional Black Caucus invites families impacted by police violence to State of the Union

CBS News

Congressional Black Caucus to push for police reform in White House meeting

NBC News

Seeking a reboot on police reforms, Biden talks "The Talk"

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NBC News

'We know we need Republicans' for police reform: Full Rep. Horsford

ABC News

'Need action': Biden meets with Congressional Black Caucus on policing after Tyre Nichols' death

The Hill

Congressional Black Caucus demands response from DOJ on police accountability

IN THE MEDIA

POLITICO

The Congressional Black
Caucus wants Joe Biden to
say he'll veto another GOP
measure that overturns a D.C.
police accountability bill.

The Washington Post

Congressional Black Caucus holds emergency meeting after Tenn. expulsions

The Root

Congressional Black Caucus Pressures Buttigieg To Reform Racist Traffic Stops That Harm Black People

The Hill

A new wave of Black women are leading the fight for the ERA

MSNBC

Three major caucus leaders on how they are helping people across the U.S.

Congressional Black Caucus calls for expelled state reps. to be reinstated

CBC MEMBERS

118th CONGRESS CBC MEMBERS BY SENIORITY

Eleanor	Holmes	Norton
	DC	

Maxine Waters CA-43

Sanford Bishop GA-02

> Jim Clyburn SC-06

Bobby Scott VA-03

Bennie G. Thompson MS-02

Sheila Jackson Lee TX-18

Danny Davis

Gregory Meeks NY-05

> Barbara Lee CA-13

David Scott GA-13

Emanuel Cleaver MO-05

> Al Green TX-09

Gwen Moore WI-04

Yvette D. Clarke NY-09

Hank Johnson GA-04

Kweisi Mfume MD-07

Andre Carson IN-07

Terri Sewell

Frederica S. Wilson FL-24 Donald M. Payne Jr. NJ-10

> Joyce Beatty OH-03

Hakeem Jeffries NY-08

> Marc Veasey TX-33

Robin Kelly IL-02

Sen.Cory Booker D-NJ

> Alma Adams NC-12

Stacey Plaskett D-VI

Bonnie Watson Coleman NJ-12

> Dwight Evans PA-03

Lisa Blunt Rochester D-DE

> Steven Horsford NV-04

> > Colin Allred TX-32

Jahana Hayes CT-05

Lucy McBath GA-07

Joe Neguse CO-02

Ilhan Omar MN-05

Ayanna Pressley MA-07 Lauren Underwood II.-14

Nikema Williams GA-05

> Cori Bush MO-01

Jamaal Bowman NY-16

Ritchie Torres NY-15

Marilyn Strickland WA-10

Sen. Raphael Warnock D-GA

> Troy Carter LA-02

Shontel Brown OH-11

Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick FL-20

> Jasmine Crockett TX-30

> > Don Davis NC-01

Valerie Foushee NC-04

Maxwell Frost FL-10

Glenn Ivey MD-04

Jonathan Jackson IL-01

Sydney Kamlager-Dove CA-37

> Summer Lee PA-12

Emilia Strong Sykes OH-34

Jennifer McClellan VA-04

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