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# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN HORSFORD



## We have ONE objective. To win.

More than 50 years ago, 13 men and women sought to make America live up to its promise that we are all created equal. As our Caucus has grown to a historic 60 Members, representing more than 120 million Americans, including 20 million Black Americans, we have carried on in their tradition. **It is on the shoulders of giants** that we have continued the fight to dismantle barriers, create opportunities, and protect the rights of every individual, regardless of their circumstances, because we believe in a future where everyone can thrive and achieve their full potential.

This past quarter, we stood up for our values both domestically and internationally. In the presence of unrest in the Middle East, we denounced terror and worked to secure bipartisan passage and delivery of critical humanitarian aid to civilians trapped in Gaza because we value innocent life. We made clear that Islamophobia and antisemitism have no place in America or around the world. And while efforts were successful in creating additional majority Black congressional districts in Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana, we saw new threats to the Voting Rights Act. We made clear that we will not stop fighting to protect our sacred right to vote because **we won't be silenced and we aren't going back.**

We end this year with a record of accomplishments: the National Summit on Democracy and Race, a first-of-its-kind convening to address many of the most pressing issues facing Black people and democracy; the Democracy for the People summer of action, which took place in 14 cities around the country; and a successful Annual Legislative Conference, where we brought together civil rights and business leaders, local officials, advocates, and stakeholders to organize towards finding solutions to multigenerational issues facing the Black community.

In the year to come, the CBC will encounter new challenges and issues to address. New opportunities will emerge and new battlelines will be drawn. And just as we have with every issue we've faced before, we will meet those challenges with grit and tenacity. We will work hard to promote our legislative accomplishments and messages on student debt forgiveness, broadband connectivity, child care stabilization, and more, while working to achieve meaningful progress on new issues important to Black America and the communities that we serve. We will work to hold corporate leaders accountable, and we will hold the line on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in the corporate sector, on college campuses, and throughout the federal government. And soon, we will put forward a Black economic prosperity and wealth agenda to provide opportunities to those who have been held back for too long.

As we head into 2024, we have ONE objective. To win. We will win the day, win the week, and win in November because **we are stronger than ever.**

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# 01 EXECUTIVE BOARD



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# ON THE ISSUES

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN CORPORATE AMERICA

**Diversity is our greatest strength.**

In the wake of the death of George Floyd, many major corporations pledged more than \$50 billion towards addressing racial economic inequities across the country. Now, more than three years later, and in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action, corporate DE&I initiatives are under attack. More than a dozen conservative attorneys generals have issued letters threatening legal action for corporations' diversity initiatives.

The CBC issued a letter to Fortune 500 companies urging them to reaffirm their commitments to diversity and inclusion, and to provide an update on their pledges to racial justice and equity in America.



## JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

**We are working to grow the economy and create Black wealth.**

The CBC has continued to work with the Biden-Harris Administration to bring more well-paying jobs to the communities that we serve and to stimulate economic growth. Soon the CBC will put forward a Black economic prosperity and wealth agenda to provide opportunities to those who have been held back for too long.

## CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**Islamophobia and anti-semitism have no place in America or around the world.**

The CBC made clear that we stand firm in our values of protecting innocent lives and working towards a long-term solution that respects Palestinians and Israelis alike. We condemned the attack by Hamas terrorists on October 7, and called for the immediate release of hostages. Additionally, the CBC called for a humanitarian pause and de-escalation in the region, and worked tirelessly to secure bipartisan passage and delivery of critical humanitarian aid to the innocent civilians trapped in Gaza.



## VOTING RIGHTS AND REDISTRICTING

**Voting rights is, and has always been the CBC's North Star.**

While we have seen progress wherein federal courts have issued rulings to create additional majority Black congressional districts in Georgia and Alabama, our right to vote is still under attack. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that there is no "private right of action" for Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act which, if allowed to stand, would be a death knell for the law and would limit the ability of private individuals and civil rights organizations to bring lawsuits under Section 2 to protect Black voters from racial discrimination in voting in seven states.

The CBC made clear that the 8th Circuit decision is ill-advised, cannot stand, and should be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. We will not stop until Congress passes the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act.



## STABILIZING CHILD CARE FOR BLACK FAMILIES

**We are working to keep costs low for Black families.**

With funding for the American Rescue Plan's Child Care Stabilization program running out, the child care industry faces the threat of destabilization. This would significantly raise

child care costs for Black families. To shoulder the rising costs, Black parents would have to spend well beyond their budgets, find cheaper or lower-quality care, or even pull out of the labor force altogether.

The CBC requested \$16 billion in supplemental funding to sustain the child care sector so that we can support our nation's child care providers,

keep costs down for Black families, and keep Black women in the workforce who would be disproportionately removed due to rising costs and fewer child care options.

## FUNDING THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

**We are working to close the racial digital divide.**

The CBC supported President Biden's \$6 billion request to replenish the Affordable Connectivity Program in any government funding package so that we close the digital divide and keep Black communities in rural, urban, and suburban communities connected to affordable high-speed internet service for work, school, healthcare, government services, and more.



# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



- **Rep. Joe Neguse** and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark surveyed the rebuilding efforts in areas destroyed by Marshall Fire in Boulder County, Colorado.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** spoke out against the “Do Nothing Congress” at the House Democratic Caucus Weekly Press Conference.
- **Rep. Barbara Lee** led the CBC in a press conference on the reauthorization of PEPFAR on World AIDS Day.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott** introduced the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act, a bipartisan bill that creates opportunities for students and workers looking to gain skills in high-demand fields by allowing Pell Grants to support students enrolled in high-quality, short-term workforce programs that will lead to career advancement.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott**, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, introduced the Stronger Workforce for America Act, a bipartisan bill that makes critical improvements to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) that will expand the skills development provided under the law, strengthen the relationship between employers and the workforce system, and put more Americans on the pathway to successful careers.
- **Rep. Marilynn Strickland** introduced the Land-Grant Research Equity and Accountability Act alongside Senator Sherrod Brown, **Senator Raphael Warnock**, and **Rep. Alma Adams**. This legislation would help ensure states provide Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) 1890s land-grant institutions with their fair share of state funding.
- **Rep. Marilynn Strickland** led a letter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) urging for investigations on whether digital-only coupons are worsening the economic divide for older Americans and working-class citizens. This letter was cosigned by over a dozen Members.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** introduced the Brittany Clardy Missing And Murdered Black Women And Girls Act, critical legislation to address the nationwide crisis of missing and murdered Black women and girls.

- **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** struck a major bipartisan deal on supply chain resiliency legislation, passing the legislation unanimously through the Energy & Commerce Committee.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell** held a press conference with **CBC Chairman Steven Horsford and Rep. Joyce Beatty** urging support of the Rosa Parks Day Act which would designate December 1st as a federal holiday commemorating the arrest of Rosa Parks. This would be the first federal holiday to ever honor a woman.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** and Members of the Congressional Black Caucus held a press conference at the U.S. Capitol to highlight National Diabetes Month, discuss the impact of diabetes on their constituents and the communities they represent, and call attention to the importance of the Inflation Reduction Act's \$35 per month cap on insulin.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown, Rep. Bobby Scott, and Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** filed legislation to improve reporting requirements for federal reentry grant programs and encourage more federal agencies to help formerly incarcerated individuals reintegrate into society. The Recidivism Reduction Transparency Act would establish clear reporting requirements for Department of Justice (DOJ) adult and juvenile offender reentry grants and require the publication of best practice guides by the DOJ to encourage the development of similar demonstration projects.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** joined members of the Berkley Square neighborhood in Las Vegas, the neighborhood he grew up in, for a community resource and neighborhood beautification block party.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** hosted her inaugural annual Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair, with the Dallas VA providing information and updates on the PACT Act, as well as numerous other community partners that work to benefit the lives and livelihoods of North Texas veterans.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** hosted an ACP Fair and Community Office Hours event to increase enrollment in the money-saving program, as roughly just one-third of eligible households in Texas' 30th District have signed up for internet savings.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** joined the United States Department of Health and Human Services M.O.M.S. Tour during its October stop in Chicago. The nationwide M.O.M.S. Tour seeks to improve maternal health outcomes, particularly among Black women. In Chicago, the tour brought together mental health professionals, birth workers, medical professionals, and community members, to engage in meaningful discussions on maternal health disparities and provide resources and support for women at risk.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** organized a roundtable of veterans and veteran service organizations in her district to address the needs of her local veteran population. Rep. Kelly's roundtable touched on topics such as veteran mental health, improving the GI Bill, and implementing the PACT Act to help veterans across IL-02 get the health benefits they need.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** hosted a press conference with experts from AARP Virginia, Virginia's Insurance Marketplace, the Virginia Community Health Care Association, and the Capital Area Health Network to discuss health care options and new resources available to Virginians during Open Enrollment. Among those resources included the Virginia Insurance Marketplace, a new state-regulated health exchange under the Affordable Care Act, that McClellan established while in the Virginia General Assembly.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** joined Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark Warner and Reps. Gerry Connolly, Don Beyer, and Abigail Spanberger to announce \$729 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support the completion of a second Long Bridge. The bridge will connect Virginia and Washington, D.C.



- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** attended the grand opening of the Domestic Violence Project, Inc. (DVPI)'s newly renovated Founding Mothers' Room and Community Space, which will offer resources to survivors of domestic violence in Stark County. Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Rep. Sykes introduced the Safer Homes and Families Act legislative package.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** hosted a roundtable discussion with Deputy Assistant Secretary for Caribbean Affairs and Haiti Barbara Feinstein on the recent United Nations Security Council resolution authorizing a multinational security mission in Haiti. This roundtable served as an opportunity for the Haitian Diaspora to discuss a path forward for Haiti and define the multinational security mission's rules of engagement and safeguards.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** launched the Congressional Bipartisan Unified Voices Caucus to advocate for individuals facing communication challenges, with a primary focus on stuttering. He was joined by Change & Impact Founder & CEO and NBA veteran Michael Kidd-Gilchrist.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** joined U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm to celebrate a \$100 million Battery Materials Processing Grant for Koura Flour, Inc. in St. Gabriel, Louisiana. This was made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- **Rep. Gabe Amo** was sworn in on November 13, 2023. Following his swearing-in, Congressman Amo shared his Rhode Island story and introduced himself to his new colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **Rep. Yvette Clarke** welcomed U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge to tour the Bishop Philius & Helene Nicolas Senior Housing Complex in Flatbush to discuss access to affordable housing.
- **Rep. Frederica Wilson**, Chairperson of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, hosts a panel on Preventing Crime in the Black Community with special guests, Rep. Troy Carter, Rep. Steven Horsford, Rep. Maxwell Frost, Rep. Lucy McBath, and Rep. Hank Johnson.
- **Rep. Alma S. Adams** paid tribute to on the House floor on Dec 6 to recognize the homecoming and re-interment of MIA Tuskegee Airman 2nd Lt. Fred Lorenzo Brewer, Jr. whose remains were returned from Italy to Charlotte after 79 years and interred at the Salisbury National Cemetery in North Carolina. Rep. Adams presented the Brewer family with a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in 2nd Lt. Brewer's honor on November 30, the day his remains were received in Charlotte.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** joined the EPA in Durham County to highlight the \$3.3M SWIFR Grant awarded to the county to renovate local recycling infrastructure.



## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** joined **Rep. Shontel Brown's** National Diabetes Month press conference to end the stigma and raise awareness about diabetes to create a healthier future for all.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** hosted The Power of One event, the 18th Annual Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks in her district, commemorating Rosa Parks' pivotal decision to retain her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. The program included reflections on Parks' legacy in a community leaders forum and a panel of local Black journalists moderated by Ed Gordon of BET, that discussed advancing social justice through media.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** welcomed **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** to Colorado for a community conversation on gun violence prevention.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** and The Democratic Women's Caucus co-hosted Power By the Numbers: Women in Leadership at the Capitol. The event celebrated the progress women have made in leadership roles while noting the challenges that remain to equitable gender representation and leadership. Congresswoman Beatty moderated a distinguished panel of Biden-Harris Administration Cabinet members: U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, and Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary Evan M. Ryan in this uplifting and insightful conversation. RAISE Grants that are making there way to different transportation projects across the country.



# 04 KEY MOMENTS *(Since October 1, 2023)*



## 02 OCTOBER

The CBC applauded the historic appointment of Laphonza Butler to the U.S. Senate.

## 03 OCTOBER

The CBC held a ceremonial swearing-in for Senator Laphonza Butler as the Caucus' historic 59th Member.

## 05 OCTOBER

The CBC applauded a federal court ruling to create an additional majority-Black congressional district in Alabama.

## 07 OCTOBER

The CBC condemned the attack carried out in Israel by Hamas.

## 10 OCTOBER

The CBC held a special meeting with the Black Economic Alliance and stakeholders to discuss Black wealth creation.

## 14 OCTOBER

The CBC issued a statement on the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza.

## 16 OCTOBER

The CBC condemned the rise in Islamophobia following the murder of Wadea Al-Fayoume in Illinois.

## 25 OCTOBER

The CBC condemned the election of U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson.

## 26 OCTOBER

The CBC applauded a federal court ruling to create an additional majority-Black congressional district in Georgia.

## 02 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a special convening with Black clergy members to discuss the Israel-Hamas conflict.

## 03 NOVEMBER

The CBC issued a statement calling for a humanitarian pause in Gaza and for the immediate release of hostages and de-escalation throughout the Middle East.

## 03 NOVEMBER

The CBC and Tri-Caucus Chairs joined the Congressional Progressive Caucus in denouncing attempts to add border policy to supplemental and government funding bills.

## 06 NOVEMBER

The CBC and the Congressional Tri-Caucus held a press conference to address racial disparities in Medicaid “unwinding”.

## 08 NOVEMBER

The CBC and the Congressional Tri-Caucus joined the White House in a press conference highlighting President Biden’s supplemental request to Congress.

## 09 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a special meeting with Rev. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network to discuss attacks on corporate DE&I initiatives.

## 09 NOVEMBER

The CBC applauded the General Services Administration for selecting Greenbelt, Maryland to house the new FBI Headquarters.

## 13 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a press conference led by Rep. Shontel Brown to highlight National Diabetes Month.

## 13 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a Special Order Hour to raise diabetes awareness during National Diabetes Month.

## 14 NOVEMBER

The CBC and Congressional Tri-Caucus led 101 Members of Congress in calling for Leadership to replenish the Affordable Connectivity Program.

## 14 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a ceremonial swearing-in for Rep. Gabe Amo as the Caucus’ historic 60th Member.

## 14 NOVEMBER

The CBC hosted Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Isabel Casillas Guzman, for the CBC Weekly Business Meeting.

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## 20 NOVEMBER

The CBC condemned the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals’ ruling against the “private right of action” for Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in seven states.

## 27 NOVEMBER

The CBC applauded President Biden’s work in brokering an extended Israel-Hamas truce.

## 29 NOVEMBER

The CBC held a press conference led by Rep. Terri Sewell to urge the passage of the Rosa Parks Day Act.

## 29 NOVEMBER

The CBC hosted Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, Enoh T. Ebong, for the CBC Weekly Business Meeting.

## 01 DECEMBER

The CBC held a press conference on World AIDS Day led by Rep. Barbara Lee to push Congress to reauthorize PEPFAR.

## 05 DECEMBER

The CBC held a special meeting with Speaker Greg Fergus of the House of Commons of Canada.

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The CBC held a press conference led by Rep. Maxwell Frost to address the rise in book bans and the attacks on our history.

## 06 DECEMBER

The CBC hosted Ariel Investments Chairman and Co-CEO, John Rogers Jr., and Black Economic Alliance CEO, Samantha Tweedy, for the CBC Weekly Business Meeting.

## 11 DECEMBER

The CBC held a Special Order Hour to highlight in-district wins compared to the “do-nothing” Republican majority.

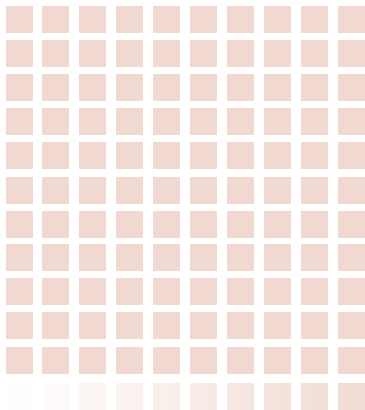
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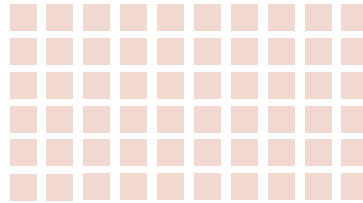


# 05 BY THE NUMBERS

**100+**  
BILLS FILED



**60**  
MEMBERS



**14**  
MEMBER & STAFF  
BRIEFING/MEETINGS



**6**  
PRESS  
CONFERENCES



**7**  
WEEKLY BUSINESS  
MEETINGS





**The Hill:** [Congressional Black Caucus welcomes Gabe Amo as its record-setting 60th member](#)

**The Hill:** [Congressional Black Caucus urges corporate America to recommit to diversity, equity and inclusion](#)

**The Hill:** [This World AIDS Day let's be reminded of the success and further potential of PEPFAR](#)

**MSNBC:** [Rep. Horsford: 'Black voters are the base of the Democratic party'](#)

**CNN:** [US lawmakers push for federal holiday honoring Rosa Parks on the anniversary of her arrest](#)

**Roll Call:** [Court picks new congressional map for Alabama in challenge from Black voters](#)

**Cleveland.com:** [Congressional Black Caucus marks National Diabetes Month by highlighting reduced insulin costs](#)

**BET.com:** [Congressional Black Caucus Blasts House Selection of Mike Johnson As Speaker](#)

**TheGrio:** [Court ruling on Black voters' right to sue under Voting Rights Act is 'unconscionable'](#)

**The19th:** [What will Laphonza Butler do with her power?](#)

**Yahoo News:** [Congress poised to prevent government shutdown that would harm Black communities](#)

## 118TH CONGRESS CBC MEMBERS BY SENIORITY

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