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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN HORSFORD

This is what good looks like.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to rollback 60 years of precedent and end race-conscious admission programs on college campuses in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard College* was a flashpoint in the history of this country – a flashpoint that shifted our political, economic, and social landscape giving way for an onslaught of attacks that now threaten the tools of economic opportunity in corporate America, on college campuses, and in government agencies and federal programs.

In response to these attacks, the Congressional Black Caucus worked to advance a defensive strategy to protect diversity initiatives and the tools of economic opportunity in corporate America, and an offensive strategy to remove barriers and create generational Black wealth in America.

This past quarter, I am proud that the CBC, with the leadership of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, released *“What Good Looks Like”: A Corporate Accountability Report on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* to hold Fortune 500 companies accountable to their commitments post-George Floyd.

It is the goal of our Caucus that the months of engagement, research, and data analysis compiled in, and in preparation of this report, will serve as a guide for corporate diversity efforts as we set our sights on the work ahead.

This report is the beginning of an effort ongoing – one that we hope will lead to a long term, sustainable partnership between the public and private sectors aimed at closing the racial wealth gap and protecting and expanding access to opportunities of advancement for Black Americans.

In addition to our efforts to hold corporate America accountable, the CBC worked to protect our communities from the proliferation of artificial intelligence technologies, push back against misinformation targeting Haitian communities, and educate our communities of the harm of the Republican's extreme Project 2025 Agenda. And during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference, we put forward bold legislative solutions to the issues that our communities are facing and recommitted ourselves to protecting our democracy.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, we are ready to put forward our wages, work, and wealth agenda for the start of a Harris-Walz Administration, with Speaker Hakeem Jeffries, and Democrats in the majority in the House and Senate.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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HOLDING FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

In December 2023, the CBC issued our corporate accountability letter to Fortune 500 companies that pledged to promote racial equity and workplace diversity, equity, and inclusion in the wake of the death of George Floyd. Our letter urged these corporations to stand firm in their commitments despite right-wing attacks in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action.

Over nearly 10 months, the CBC responded to hundreds of emails from corporations who received our letter, held more than 50 meetings with corporate leaders, convened meetings with industry trade associations, and held briefings with over 330 Fortune 500 company representatives to discuss how we can work together to achieve our shared goals of advancing racial equity.

The CBC was proud to release, *“What Good Looks Like?”: A Corporate Accountability Report on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* – a first-of-its-kind report to hold Fortune 500 companies – across all sectors – accountable to their diversity, equity, and inclusion commitments and racial equity investments. This report is the initial step in a strategic effort to ensure the tools of economic opportunity are protected as we work to advance the Black Wealth and Economic Opportunity Agenda and close the Black-white wealth gap in America.

ADVANCING THE BLACK WEALTH AGENDA

Following the release of our Corporate Accountability Report, the CBC continued to promote our Black Wealth and Economic Prosperity Agenda in our offensive strategy to remove barriers to capital and create generational wealth for Black Americans.

At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 53rd Annual Legislative Conference, Chairman Horsford convened a panel event with leading experts, stakeholders, and conference attendees to discuss the urgent need to close the Black-white racial wealth gap in America, and to provide an update on the CBCs Black Wealth Agenda.





FIGHTING FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Since the beginning of the 117th Congress, the CBC has been working tirelessly to advocate for safer communities and reform policing in America.

The CBC, in partnership with civil rights and personal injury attorney, Benjamin Crump, stood with the families of Breonna Taylor, Tyre Nichols, Sonya Massey, and others, to address the urgent need for criminal justice reform and to renew calls for the passage of federal legislation to keep communities safe and hold police who violate the law accountable.

ADDRESSING MISINFORMATION TARGETING HAITI

In recent weeks, leaders within the Republican Party have spewed dangerous rhetoric and misinformation targeting Haitian communities that threaten violent consequences in Springfield, Ohio, and across the country. This effort to denigrate Haiti and Haitians with racist, vile, and demeaning terms for political gain goes against a foundational principle of our country: that America is a nation of immigrants where all are welcome.

The CBC, led by Chairman Steven Horsford and House Haiti Caucus co-chairs, Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Rep. Yvette Clarke, and Rep. Maxwell Frost worked to bring together leaders in this space to discuss the ways in which we can protect Haitian communities and put an end to this unacceptable behavior. On the House Floor, Chairman Horsford introduced a privileged resolution on behalf of the CBC to censure a Republican congressman for his vile public remarks and to make clear that hate has no place in the U.S. Congress or anywhere in our country.





COMBATTING THE PROJECT 2025 AGENDA

Drafted by the Heritage Foundation and former Trump Administration officials, the extreme Project 2025 Agenda is a 900-page conservative blueprint for a second Trump Administration aimed at expanding presidential powers, rolling back our civil liberties, and overhauling the federal government with Trump loyalists.

This ultra conservative agenda would eliminate racial equity programs due to “anti-white” discrimination, eliminate agency rules that protect Black families from housing discrimination, ban Black history in schools, criminalize abortion nationwide, and absolve police departments of federal oversight in racial discrimination cases, among other extreme measures.

The CBC worked to educate our communities about the threats the Project 2025 Agenda would pose to Black Americans despite attempts by Republicans to distance their party from this extremist agenda.



CONVENING BLACK LEGISLATORS

At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 53rd Annual Legislative Conference, the CBC convened a roundtable discussion with the

National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, and the African American Mayors Association.

The meeting provided CBC members and legislators from around the country the opportunity to engage in a productive dialogue about transformative legislative, executive, and community-based solutions for the security of our democracy and the prosperity of the Black community.

ORGANIZING BLACK LABOR LEADERS

From defending the right to organize to fighting for equity within the workplace, the Black labor movement has for decades been vital to improving working conditions and protecting workers’ rights for people all over the country.

At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 53rd Annual Legislative Conference, the CBC convened the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and other national labor organizations for a strategy session aimed at developing solutions to enhance the Black workforce.





- **Rep. Lucy McBath** led a letter for the Democratic Congressional Delegation of Georgia requesting more information on Governor Kemp's decision to opt out of the Summer EBT program that would help feed more than 1 million children in Georgia.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath's** Federal Prison Oversight Act became law in July with President Biden's signature. The bipartisan H.R.3019 establishes new, independent oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).
- **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** hosted his Third Annual Senior Picnic for older constituents across the Eighth Congressional District. The event featured music, food, games, live performances, and information and resources from local organizations and nonprofits.
- **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** delivered remarks at a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Dr. Christine Darden, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson and the thousands of 'human computers' who helped the United States win the space race.
- **Rep. Cori Bush** and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark hosted a reproductive health roundtable featuring local elected officials and community organizations in St. Louis. The roundtable explored the state of reproductive health care in Missouri following the Dobbs decision and subsequent statewide abortion ban, as well as how right-wing attacks on reproductive health care continue to endanger marginalized communities like those in St. Louis.
- **Rep. Cori Bush** hosted a Federal Job and Resource Fair at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL). During the job and resource fair, constituents had the opportunity to network with over 30 agencies and organizations such as the St. Louis Fire Department, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, U.S. Agency for International Development, Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT).
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** presented Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney Anita R. Howard with a ceremonial check representing the \$240,000 he secured through Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for the Restoring Inspiration by Success in Education (R.I.S.E.) initiative. The program helps protect youth from violent crime by providing positive experiences like mentorship, counseling and summer camps.

- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** highlighted three National Science Foundation grant awards to Albany State University. The grants, totaling \$3,763,838, will be used to bolster biomedical research as well as help engage and support more people to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professions.
- **Assistant Democratic Leader Joe Neguse** hosted a monthly news conference on the fight to improve health care and benefits for veterans and survivors. Rep. Neguse and leaders from across the Democratic Caucus encouraged folks to file their full claims for PACT Act benefits and make sure no money is left on the table.
- **Assistant Democratic Leader Joe Neguse** welcomed FTC Chair Lina Khan to Longmont, Colorado for a roundtable conversation with local farmers. The Federal officials spoke on the need for federal right-to-repair legislation.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** introduced the PEER (Parents Engaging with Experienced Resilient) Mentors Act (H.R. 9041) with four co-lead sponsors including Rep. Gwen Moore. The bill would promote peer mentorship across the child-welfare system to help parents and caregivers of youth receiving services, foster parents and adoptive parents.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** hosted the 4th & Girls Conference, a day dedicated to uplifting and empowering Black girls in middle and high school. The conference brought together over 100 young Black women who will be the leaders of tomorrow and featured addresses from prominent Black women leaders like New Jersey Lt. Gov. Tahesha Way, Rep. Robin Kelly, and local officials and business executives.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** spoke to a Black youth group at a White House event dedicated to raising awareness of the suicide and mental health crisis impacting young Black people across the country. The event, "Can You Hear Me Now? Black Youth Having Their Say on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention" brought together Black youth from across the country to speak on their own personal experiences and offer potential solutions. Rep. Watson Coleman chaired the CBC Emergency Task Force on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health in 2019, which led to her introduction of the Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** introduced the Tipped Income Protection and Support (TIPS) Act, landmark legislation aimed at eliminating the subminimum wage for tipped workers across the United States. It also ends the income tax on tips these workers receive. The bill seeks to ensure that all workers, regardless of their profession, receive fair wages and are not forced to rely on tips to make ends meet.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** was reappointed to the prestigious House Committee on Ways & Means, the oldest and only committee named in the U.S. Constitution. This critical committee shapes national policies on healthcare, Social Security, Medicare, tax fairness, and trade. Congressman Horsford's reappointment underscores his leadership in crafting policies that directly benefit Nevada's 4th Congressional District and working families across the country.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** celebrated 17 federal awards he has championed for New Orleans East and the 9th Ward. Since his election to Congress, Congressman Carter has supported numerous federal investments for this vital part of Louisiana's Second Congressional District. These grants focus on environmental justice, community and economic development, and building stronger, more resilient infrastructure. Congressman Carter has been instrumental in bringing home over \$146 million in federal grants to these communities over the last three years.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** celebrated with Dillard University and the United Way of Southeast Louisiana in announcing nearly \$20 million to reduce pollution and enhance #CommunityResilience. He also announced \$50 million in Climate Pollution Reduction Grants for the City of New Orleans.

- **Rep. Bobby Scott** toured Newport News Shipbuilding and the Apprentice School with Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su and Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott** introduced the Labor Enforcement to Securely (LET'S) Protect Workers Act, a transformative legislative bill aimed at bolstering protections for America's workers and ensuring accountability for employers who flout labor and employment laws.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** introduced the Shrinkflation Reduction Act, a bill that would require brands to add labels to their packaging noting when they've reduced the amount of product a package contains but kept its price the same.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** hosted a community conversation on Gun Violence prevention in her district with Tennessee State Rep. Justin Jones as one of the panelists. The conversation focused on innovative, community-led solutions to prevent gun deaths and the disproportionate impact of gun violence on communities of color. The Congresswoman emphasized the need for comprehensive gun safety legislation and gave updates on what has been done so far in Congress and in the White House.
- **Rep. André Carson** introduced H.R. 9649, the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act of 2024 with Rep. Pramila Jayapal (WA-07) and Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09). This bill will end the congressionally and administratively mandated pause on funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNWRA).
- **Sen. Laphonza Butler** hosted a panel at the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference about how AI, when leveraged responsibly, can help address wealth disparities, create economic opportunities, and empower Black communities. Panelists included experts in the tech space who are working to pave a way for a more inclusive and equitable future.
- **Sen. Laphonza Butler** hosted an Instagram Live with Sandra Cisneros, author of "The House on Mango Street," during Banned Books Week and Hispanic Heritage Month. The two talked about the importance of reading banned books and sharing stories that challenge audiences' traditional worldviews.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** introduced the Access to Birth Control Act to guarantee patients' timely access to birth control, both prescribed and over the counter, at pharmacies nationwide. Since the overturning of Roe, pharmacists in 26 states have refused to fulfill birth control prescriptions and purchases. Rep. Kelly's bill would protect patients' private decisions to use birth control.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** toured three farms and hosted a Barn Hall to engage directly with farmers and agricultural leaders. Rep. Kelly has more than 4,500 farms in her district and knows that farmers power the agricultural economy and provide healthy food to our communities.
- **Rep. Jim Clyburn** joined South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, Senator Lindsey Graham, and other state, local, and federal officials in celebrating \$175 million in grant funding from the Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to build a new I-95 bridge over Lake Marion. The new bridge will be bigger and safer, support a new water line that will bring clean water to surrounding communities, and spur economic growth in the area and the entire state of South Carolina.
- **Rep. Jim Clyburn** welcomed Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves to Lake City, South Carolina to celebrate a \$13.5M grant from the Economic Development Administration that will improve the city's water infrastructure. This investment will protect homes and businesses from flooding and help the Lake City community flourish for years to come.
- **Sen. Reverend Raphael Warnock** hosted a gun violence prevention panel following the shooting at Apalachee High School during the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference.

- **Sen. Reverend Raphael Warnock** discussed bipartisan efforts to ‘Get Good Things Done for Georgians’ during the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s Politically Georgia Live Show in Savannah.
- **Rep. Stacey Plaskett’s** bipartisan H.R. 6084, the Expediting Disaster Recovery Act, creates a separate funding stream for FEMA, after the declaration of a major disaster, to expeditiously (within 30 days) allocate additional assistance to cover unmet needs as a result of such disaster, successfully passed out of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.
- **Rep. Stacey Plaskett’s** bipartisan H.R. 920, the Caribbean Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act, was included in the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) reauthorization and will provide statutory authority to require a Caribbean Border Counternarcotics Strategy in its National Drug Control Strategy.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** held two roundtables that brought together government agencies, housing developers, and faith communities to advance affordable housing development in Los Angeles.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** hosted an arts funding convening featuring National Endowment for the Arts Chair Maria Rosario Jackson that helped over 100 local arts organizations connect with federal funding and resources, navigate the grant application process, and identify current art-related grant opportunities.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** and **Rep. Alma Adams** introduced the Heirs’ Property Relending Program Progress Act to fix administrative issues within the Heirs’ Property Relending Program (HPRP) that are effectively blocking farmers and producers in Texas from receiving financial assistance to cover the cost of clearing title to heirs’ property. As a result of historic discrimination, disenfranchisement, and disinheritance, these issues disproportionately impact Black farmers in Texas and have made it harder for those producers to retain and profit from land that is rightfully theirs.
- **Rep. Jasmine Crockett** delivered opening remarks to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans.
- **Rep. Bennie Thompson** attended the March On Awards Gala where he presented the 2024 March On Award to Mississippi Actress and Activist Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor. The March On Award is given to changemakers who help tell the untold or mistold stories of the struggle for justice.
- **Rep. Bennie Thompson** held a Civic Engagement Conference for student leaders in Mississippi’s Second Congressional District. He spoke about young people getting involved and investing in the future of tomorrow.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** introduced the Expanding AI Voices Act, bipartisan legislation to facilitate capacity building, promote increased access, and broaden participation in artificial intelligence research, education, and workforce development. The Expanding AI Voices Act will empower the talent of our nation’s MSIs, HBCUs, rural-serving institutions, and TCUs, ensuring we can properly foster, develop, and support a diverse workforce that is ready to take on the rapidly advancing AI landscape.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee**, alongside co-leads Rep. Maxwell Frost and Rep. Don Beyer, introduced the National Gun Violence Research Act, legislation to establish a coordinated national gun violence research program that will examine the nature, root causes, consequences, and prevention of gun violence. The National Gun Violence Research Act takes a whole of government approach that will work in collaboration with federal agencies to support gun violence research and accelerate the translation of research into effective policy interventions aimed at reducing the incidence of injury and death related to firearms.

- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** was appointed to the bipartisan Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump. As the only Congressional Black Caucus member on the task force, he is humbled and honored to work with colleagues across the aisle to further investigate what happened, ensure accountability, and prevent a similar incident from happening again.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey**, joined by co-sponsors Chairman Steven Horsford and Rep. Joyce Beatty, introduced the CONTRACTS Act of 2024, H.R. 9832, to improve opportunities for federal contracting practices for disadvantaged small businesses. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell** hosted her 13th Annual Job Fair in Bessemer, Alabama, on Thursday August 8th. Her largest constituent event of the year, the job fair brought together hundreds of job-seekers and more than 80 employers. It is part of her commitment to bringing jobs and opportunities directly to her constituents.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** introduced the Uterine Cancer Study Act, a bill requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the National Institute of Health (NIH) to coordinate and conduct a study on the relationship between hair straighteners and uterine cancer. She also co-hosted a press conference with Rep. Shontel Brown announcing the bill with support of the Black Women & Girls Caucus.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke**, Haiti Caucus Co-chair, joined her colleagues and advocates to stand together in solidarity with Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio and across America and demand accountability for the harmful and false narratives perpetuated by Republicans. Additionally, the Members announced the introduction of legislation to condemn the racism and bigotry Haitian immigrant communities have faced in the aftermath of the GOP's disinformation campaign, and to celebrate the humanity and contributions of the Haitian community.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** hosted a Voting Rights Roundtable in honor of the 59th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. McClellan, a member of the Task Force on Strengthening Democracy, convened community leaders and voting rights advocates to discuss ongoing threats to the ballot box and her efforts to protect the sacred right to vote. McClellan underscored the pressing need to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan**, a member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, secured major provisions in the House-passed NASA Reauthorization Act. McClellan's priorities include H.R. 8837, the Celestial Time Standardization Act to establish a celestial time standard, H.R. 8118, the ACERO Act to help firefighters leverage manned and unmanned drone technologies to fight wildfires, and a provision to authorize NASA to enter into an agreement with the Town of Chincoteague to replace PFAS-contaminated drinking water wells.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan's** H.R. 7385, legislation to rename a Post Office in Petersburg, Virginia, after Congressman John Mercer Langston was unanimously passed by the House. John Mercer Langston became the first Black American to pass the Bar in Ohio. After the start of the Civil War, Langston helped recruit Black men to fight for the Union's cause. He served as a founding member of the National Equal Rights League, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, and as a law professor and later Dean of the Howard University Law Department.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** introduced a historic resolution to formally recognize the threat of extreme weather to children's health and well-being. The resolution expresses the sense of Congress that solutions must be rapidly and equity deployed to address the unique vulnerabilities and needs of children. The resolution also describes adaptive measures needed, such as language-accessible public alerts, education for health care professionals, educators, and childcare providers, improved air filtration systems, and expanded access to child-friendly green space and cooling centers.

- **Rep. Barbara Lee** introduced the National Food as Medicine Act. Food as Medicine affirms the connection between food and health and recognizes that access to high-quality nourishment is essential for well-being. This legislation would reduce nutrition-related chronic health conditions and food insecurity and improve health and racial equity in the United States, and would increase Americans' access to healthy, nutritious, and affordable foods grown regeneratively or organically, as well as behavioral services such as health coaching and nutrition counseling, especially in low-income communities.
- **Rep. Barbara Lee** received an award from the International Aids Society in Munich, Germany that recognizes the extraordinary contributions of elected officials who have demonstrated significant political leadership and commitment in the fight against AIDS. The award was named in honor of Congresswoman Lee as its first recipient.
- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** hosted a field hearing in New York City with the U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys on the Mental Health of Black Men and Boys. She was joined by Reverend Al Sharpton, Sen. Laphonza Butler, Rep. Lucy McBath, Rep. Hank Johnson, Rep. Jonathan Jackson, Marcus Smith, former NFL Eagles Linebacker, Dr. Jay Barnett, former NFL Green Bay Packers Player and Mental Health Expert, Dr. Arthur Evans, CEO of American Psychological Association, Mr. Daniel H. Gillison, Jr., CEO of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Dr. Anthony Estreet, CEO of the National Association of Social Workers, serving as the witnesses.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** held his annual "Week of H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Elevate)," which is comprised of a four-part grants workshop series, A Day in My Shoes, where the Congressman visited a local nonprofit, and the H.O.P.E Award ceremony that recognized the great work of local nonprofits throughout Georgia's 4th Congressional District.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson**, ranking member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet reintroduced the Judiciary Accountability Act of 2024 (JAA).

The JAA would ensure the more than 30,000 employees of the federal judiciary have strong statutory rights and protections against discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, and other forms of workplace misconduct.
- **Rep. Jahana Hayes**, in honor of National Hunger Month, introduced the School Hunger Elimination Act to expand school meal access to vulnerable students; introduced the bicameral Student Food Security Act to address food insecurity faced by college students; and led a letter from the Democratic Women's caucus to Speaker Johnson urging him to remove the \$30 billion cuts to SNAP included in the Farm Bill that passed out of the House Agriculture Committee in May.
- **Rep. Jahana Hayes**, following devastating flooding in Western Connecticut, hosted storm damage briefings with local leaders, attended a USDA listening session for farmers impacted, and visited residents experiencing flood damage. Alongside the Connecticut delegation, Rep. Hayes wrote to President Biden twice, helping to secure crucial federal assistance for communities and individuals and a federal major disaster declaration on September 20 that will allow FEMA and other agencies to directly contribute to the rebuilding efforts.
- **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** hosted her second Constituent Resource Fair at Wilmington University's New Castle Campus. Delawareans attended the fair to get assistance from over 40 federal and state agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations such as the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Delaware State Housing Authority, and the Wilmington Job Corp. The fair came on the heels of Rep. Blunt Rochester's announcement that her office has officially returned \$2 million to Delawareans through casework, her recent Senior Constituent Resource Fair in Lewes, and her office's Mobile Office Hours held throughout the state.

- **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** participated in a moderated discussion titled “A Competitive America: Supply Chains, Jobs, and Consumers” during the U.S. Department of Commerce and Council on Foreign Relations’ inaugural Supply Chain Summit with Rep. Larry Bucshon. They highlighted their bipartisan and bicameral Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act, legislation to create a strategic, whole-of-government approach to proactively prevent supply chain shocks and disruptions. Last year, the bill was passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee in a unanimous vote. In May 2024, it passed the full House of Representatives in an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 390-19. A companion bill was recently introduced in the U.S. Senate.
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland** and Congressman Blake Moore introduced the Low Income Housing for Defense Communities Act of 2024, a bipartisan piece of legislation to address military housing affordability by diversifying housing options for service members serving in high-cost areas.
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland** announced \$2,500,000 in federal funding for Pierce Transit’s Bus Shelter Modernization project.
- **Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II**, Ranking Member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee on the House Committee on Financial Services, reintroduced the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act, landmark legislation to tackle the housing crisis, bring down costs for renters and buyers, and help working families everywhere find a decent place to live at a decent price.
- **Rep. Don Davis** introduced legislation aimed at addressing critical needs in underserved rural areas. The Rural Housing Assistance Act, H.R. 9816, seeks to enhance the USDA’s Sec. 504 Home Repair program by doubling the maximum grant from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and the maximum loan from \$40,000 to \$80,000, providing essential support for low-income homeowners facing costly repairs.
- **Rep. Don Davis** organized a listening session to hear from Black farmers who are part of Nature for Justice (N4J) about their experiences in agriculture, climate-smart agricultural practices, and how the Farm Bill supports their work.
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** announced \$1.5 million in Community Project Funding he secured to construct the Penn-North Community Violence Prevention After and Out-of-School Youth Center, in West Baltimore, which will offer no-cost after-school and out-of-school programming in a safe and productive learning environment.
- **Rep. Lauren Underwood** and **Rep. Alma Adams** hosted the 2024 Black Maternal Health Caucus Stakeholder Summit in Joliet, Illinois. The event highlighted progress in improving maternal health outcomes, spotlighted opportunities to advance the Momnibus, and fostered partnerships to end the maternal health crisis. Panelists for the event included advocates such as acclaimed actress Tatyana Ali, and government officials such as Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This was the 4th annual summit since the Caucus was founded by Reps. Underwood and Adams.
- **Rep. Lauren Underwood’s** legislation, H.R. 8995 “Baby Changing on Board Act” was marked up and favorably reported out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bipartisan bill would require every Amtrak train to be outfitted with baby changing stations in all accessible restrooms and to post adequate signage indicating their availability.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** introduced a bipartisan resolution honoring Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams-Earley, the first Black officer in the U.S. Army’s Women’s Army Corps (WAC). The resolution encourages the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative

- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** hosted top officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson and Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) Director Andrea Gacki, for an important dialogue with Columbus small business owners on the Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) Reporting Rule. This rule, effective January 1, 2024, helps prevent criminals from using shell companies to hide illegal funds by requiring businesses to disclose their true owners.
- **Rep. Gregory W. Meeks**, Ranking Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, held a fireside chat with U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on the importance of inclusion in foreign policy. The discussion detailed the role of Black voices in foreign policy and how our country's foreign policy is best served when leveraging America's diversity of backgrounds and perspectives.
- **Rep. Gregory W. Meeks** introduced legislation to lower flood insurance costs for New Yorkers. The Community Flood Coverage Savings Act co-sponsored with Rep. Andrew R. Garbarino (R-NY-02) would create a community-based flood insurance pilot program at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), allowing communities to group together to purchase coverage that residents may not be able to afford on their own.
- **Rep. Al Green** hosted the historic Prince Hall Slavery Remembrance Day 2024 program in the United States Capitol auditorium. This event honored abolitionist and human rights advocate Prince Hall and commemorated the lives of the enslaved African economic foundational mothers and fathers whose lives were sacrificed for 246 years to make America great.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** celebrated the 100th birthday of Booker T. Washington High School with its first graduating class. The school has a rich history and a legacy that includes notable alumni such as civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was the first and only public high school for African American students in the state of Georgia and southeast of the Mississippi until 1947.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** received the inaugural Sapphire Award from the American Investment Counsel and the hosts of Earn Your Leisure, Rashad Bilal and Troy Millings.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Rep. Yvette Clarke, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Rep. Maxwell Frost, Rep. Steven Horsford, and Rep. Frederica Wilson** held a press conference to condemn the hateful misinformation that has been spreading about the hardworking Haitian community in Springfield, Ohio.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr., Rep. Jonathan Jackson, Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Rep. Abigail Spanberger** and Sen. Kaine co-hosted African Diaspora Day on the Hill to commemorate the cultural and economic contributions of Africans across the globe and explore how the African diaspora can strengthen U.S. cultural and economic diplomacy with Africa and the Caribbean.

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Chairman Horsford spoke at the NAACP National Town Hall

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JULY

The CBC denounced the fatal shooting of Sonya Massey

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The CBC and the ACLU held an immigration and public safety briefing

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AUGUST

The Tri-Caucus hosted a briefing with the Treasury Department on the Treasury Advisory Council for Racial Equity

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AUGUST

The CBC applauded President Biden's Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument Proclamation

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The CBC applauded Vice President Kamala Harris during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago

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SEPTEMBER

The CBC released *"What Good Looks Like": A Corporate Accountability Report on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

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The CBC marked the beginning of the 2024 CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC, in partnership with YouTube, convened the Black Creators Roundtable during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC convened national Black labor leaders during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC convened the Gun Violence Prevention Roundtable during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC held a press conference with Ben Crump and the Mothers of the Movement

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The CBC convened Black legislators during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC convened the Artificial Intelligence Roundtable during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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The CBC convened the Black Wealth Creation Roundtable during the CBCF's 53rd Annual Legislative Conference

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Chairman Horsford spoke about the corporate accountability report at an event with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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President Biden and Vice President Harris spoke at the Annual CBCF Phoenix Dinner Awards

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The CBC welcomed Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III to the Weekly Business Meeting

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The CBC and House Haiti Caucus held a press conference to denounce racist rhetoric targeting Haitians

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The CBC held a ceremonial swearing-on for Rep. LaMonica McIver

25**SEPTEMBER**

The CBC welcomed the Prime Minister of Grenada Dickon Mitchell to the Weekly Business Meeting

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The CBC denounced racist remarks by Rep. Clay Higgins

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The CBC welcomed National Cyber Director Harry Coker, Jr. to the Weekly Business Meeting

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The Tri-Caucus and Haiti Caucus issued a joint statement denouncing racist rhetoric targeting Haitians

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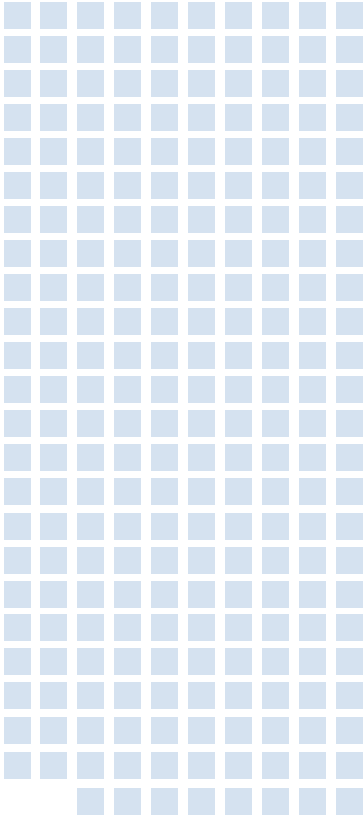
The CBC convened a virtual meeting with Haitian community leaders and advocates



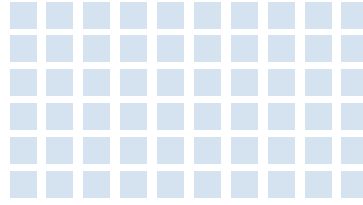
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