



CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

2025 Q1 REPORT



MESSAGE FROM CHAIR YVETTE D. CLARKE

In the first months of the Trump-Vance Administration, we have seen the extreme MAGA Project 2025 Agenda begin to unfold.

We have witnessed attacks on the 14th Amendment and birthright citizenship; an illegal federal funding freeze; attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion and mass firings in the federal workforce; the GOP Tax Scam; billions of dollars in proposed cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and SNAP; and the beginning of a global tariff war. We have seen Donald Trump hand over the keys of the government and our private information to a corrupt billionaire, Elon Musk. And we have seen Donald Trump sign an executive order to illegally change how federal elections are administered across the country, while openly musing with the idea of running for a third term in office.

We cannot overstate the gravity of the moment we are in. For millions of Black Americans around the country, the Trump Administration's extreme policies pose serious threats to their livelihoods. Whitewashing our history, eliminating critical economic opportunities for our communities, and imposing blatantly racist policies are direct attacks on Black America and we will not stand by and allow this administration to take us back in time. With Republicans in control of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and with a conservative supermajority on the U.S. Supreme Court, the headwinds against us are strong, but we are by no means powerless to fight back.

The CBC began the 119th Session of Congress with 62 members — the largest membership in our nation's history. This quarter, we stood firm against Republican efforts to cut billions from social safety



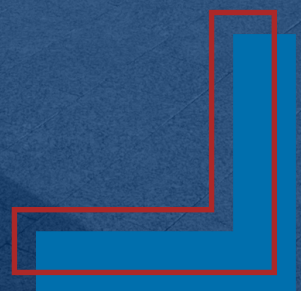
net programs like Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and SNAP. We called out Republicans' harmful economic policies and their failure to lower the cost of living for hard-working families. And we made clear that we will not sit back while they work to dismantle the federal government and make our communities less safe, secure, and prosperous.

As we navigate this chapter in our nation's history, we will be more determined than ever to win on behalf of the communities that we are privileged to serve each day. We will continue working with our colleagues of the House Democratic Caucus to push back against Republicans and their extremist agenda in the Congress, in the courts, and in our communities.

United, we will chart a path forward. We will chart a path forward that ensures our communities have more access to economic opportunities, a path that protects our sacred right to vote, a path that provides access to health care and affordable housing, a path toward an affordable economy, a path that keeps our communities safe, and a path that puts Democrats back in the majority in November 2026.

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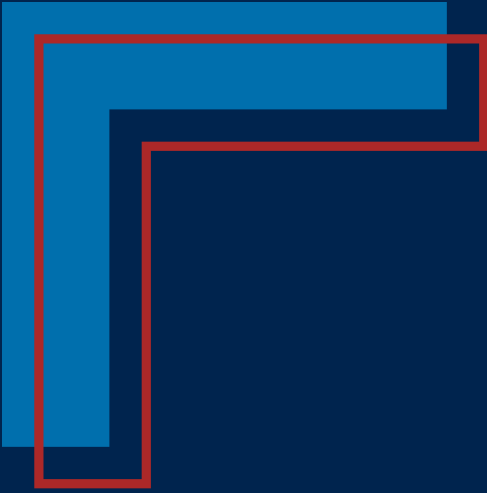
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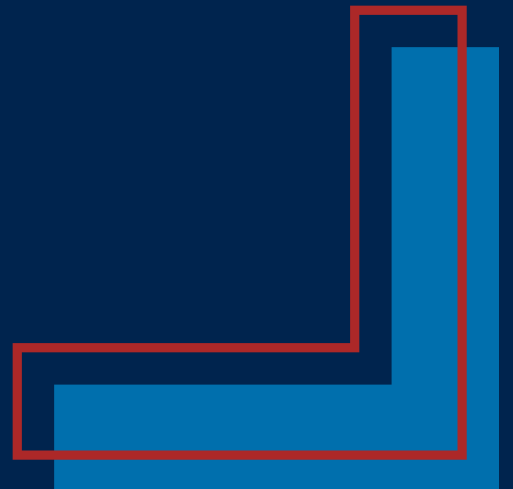
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ON THE ISSUES





FIGHTING TO BUILD AN AFFORDABLE ECONOMY

Republicans have broken their promise to improve the economy and the American people are paying the price. Instead of working to lower the cost of living for hard working Americans on day one, as promised, President Trump and Congressional Republicans' policies have crashed the economy, raised the cost of living, spiked inflation, tanked the stock market, and wiped out savings for middle class families. To make matters worse, Republicans have been working overtime to decimate the social safety net that Americans have earned in order to give tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires like Elon Musk.

The CBC and House Democrats remain committed to lowering the cost of living for everyday Americans and building a more affordable economy where our communities can thrive, not just survive.



PROTECTING THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET

President Trump, Elon Musk, and Congressional Republicans are playing a dangerous game at the expense of the American people. Republicans put forward a budget resolution that cuts nearly a trillion dollars from programs like Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, SNAP, and veterans benefits. These programs are the difference between life and death for many in the communities that we serve, providing critical assistance to families and individuals who are simply struggling to make ends meet under hard economic times. For Republicans, cruelty is the point. They know the harm these cuts will have on everyday Americans, they just don't care.

The CBC made clear that we would stand firm against Republican's proposed cuts to the social safety net. Every member of our caucus in the House and Senate voted against their efforts to jam through a partisan six month continuing resolution, which targets families with cruel cuts to health care, housing, and food assistance. We will always fight to protect Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, SNAP, and veterans benefits for the communities that we serve.



DEFENDING AMERICA'S DIVERSITY

Since the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action, extreme MAGA Republicans have continued their assault on America's diversity. Within the first days of his administration, President Trump signed an executive order to systematically dismantle all diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives within the federal government. As a result, tens of thousands of civil servants whom President Trump maligns as "unelected bureaucrats" have been laid off or fired from their jobs.

These attacks have a direct impact on our communities. 1 in 5 civil servants in the federal government are Black. For decades, federal jobs have provided a pathway to the middle class for many Black Americans in the face of discrimination in the private sector. The purge of civil servants in the federal government is an attack on Black jobs and a blatant attempt to shut our communities out of the middle class.

The CBC made clear that diversity, equity, and inclusion are American values and that we won't allow extremists in our government to cut off access to economic opportunity for our communities. We will continue working to create economic opportunities that will allow Americans to get ahead, build generational wealth, and achieve the American dream.

FIGHTING AGAINST EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

On his first day in office, President Trump handed over the keys to the federal government to his biggest campaign donor, Elon Musk, who has used his position to enrich himself and his billionaire friends, while working to destroy institutions and programs that serve the American people. Elon Musk and his cyber criminals at DOGE have targeted agencies like the Department of Treasury, Department of Education, Minority Business Development Agency, and others, while infiltrating government systems and gaining access to the personal information of American citizens without respect for privacy laws or cybersecurity protections. What Donald Trump and Elon Musk are doing is corruption, plain and simple.

The CBC and House Democrats will continue to demand transparency while fighting back in the courts, in the Congress, and in our communities. We will not sit back and allow Donald Trump and Elon Musk to destroy our institutions to enrich themselves with tax cuts and kickbacks.



COMMUNICATING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

While the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans continued their efforts to wreck the economy and cut funding for vital programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, President Trump came to the U.S. Capitol for his first address to the joint session of Congress. Instead of addressing the economic concerns of the American people and the rising cost of living spurred by his policies, President Trump used the address to mislead the American people and lie about critical issues. In response, the CBC worked to communicate directly with our communities to call out these lies and put forward a better vision for America.

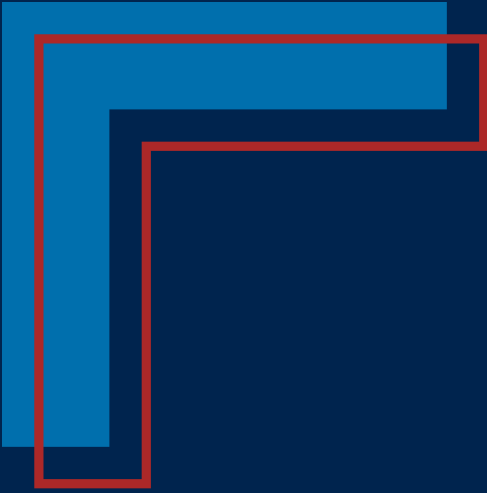
The CBC's Black Media & Creator Row honored the legacy of Rep. Maxine Waters, who pioneered a State of the Union "Millennial Row" to connect congressional members directly with their constituents. Building on this tradition, Chair Clarke and Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove spearheaded this effort, in coordination with the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, to engage CBC Members and the House Democratic Caucus in an effort to amplify our message and provide a platform for Members to counterprogram President Trump's address.

PARTNERING WITH THE TRI-CAUCUS

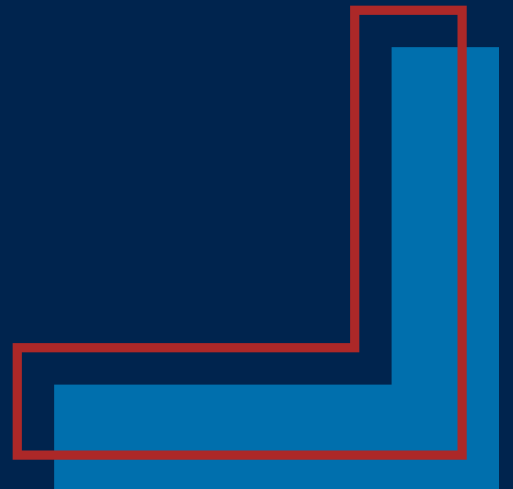
We believe at its best, America can be a thriving, multi-racial democracy where everyone has a fair shot at building a secure life for themselves and their families and has an equal say in who our leaders are and what policies our government promotes. In the past few months, we have seen an unprecedented wave of harmful executive actions from the Trump Administration targeting communities of color.

The CBC, in partnership with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, spoke out against President Trump's proposed travel ban, attacks on birthright citizenship, and other dangerous attempts to take our communities backward. The Tri-Caucus will continue working in coordination to advance the interests of our communities collectively because we believe in building a multi-racial democracy that works for us all.





MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS





- **Rep. Lucy McBath's** "Valentines for Veterans" event collected over 2,800 cards for Georgia veterans receiving care through the Atlanta VA Health Care System. In early February, McBath visited Douglas County High School to speak with JROTC cadets and other students who participated in this event to thank them for their support of Georgia veterans.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath** led the Georgia Democratic Congressional Delegation in demanding answers from Governor Brian Kemp after the state missed another key deadline for federal support to feed Georgia's students during the summer months. A letter sent on February 6th urged swift action to feed the more than 1.2 million low-income children eligible for the Summer EBT program. Existing summer meal programs operated by the state of Georgia did not serve one third of counties in the state last summer.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** penned an op-ed with Rep. Yvette Clark to sound the alarm on the injustices faced by Black immigrants. This op-ed highlighted the dangers of a broken system where legal pathways are closing, deportations are rising, and Black immigrants are disproportionately targeted.
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar** convened the first meeting of the U.S.- Africa Policy Working Group of the 119th Congress. Members of the Working Group heard from a variety of expert briefers on the escalating human rights and humanitarian catastrophes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She raised concerns about the effects of the Trump Administration's dismantling of USAID, illegal mining, and the foreign aid freeze on humanitarian and global health needs in the region.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell** introduced the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) Screening Coverage Act. Named for her mother who passed from pancreatic cancer, the bipartisan bill creates a pathway for Medicare to cover emerging blood-based cancer screenings once FDA-approved. By expanding access to these new screenings, the legislation will help us catch cancer earlier, save lives, and reduce the glaring racial disparities in cancer diagnosis and mortality.
- **Rep. Terri Sewell**, ahead of the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the historic Selma to Montgomery March, introduced H.R. 14, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, with the support of every House Democrat. The legislation would restore and modernize the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and prevent states from erecting new barriers to the ballot box. Sewell was joined by members of

House Democratic leadership and leaders of the Tri-Caucus for a press conference announcing its introduction.

- **Rep. Sanford Bishop** was the keynote speaker at the 42nd Annual Land Grant Conference hosted by the Federation of Southern Cooperatives in Albany, Georgia. He updated the community about his work on the Farm Bill and the challenges it and U.S. agriculture face in the new Congress and under the new Administration.
- **Rep. Sanford Bishop** attended the United Negro College Fund's 81st Annual Gala where he was presented with the organization's Public Leadership Award. He spoke about his work in Congress to support access to education and resources for HBCUs and concluding that, while progress has been made, there is much more to be done.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** introduced the RESTORE Act to support the approximately 1,200 Freedom Communities founded across the U.S. by formerly enslaved African Americans between 1865 and 1930. Specifically, the legislation establishes the first comprehensive federal program to preserve Freedom Communities by creating a National Park Service program and allocating funding for community-led preservation and development initiatives.
- **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove** published a deeply personal op-ed ahead of House Democrats' nationwide Medicaid Day of Action to highlight the impacts of Republican Medicaid cuts. In the op-ed, she shares the story of her late Aunt Vicki, who suffered from multiple sclerosis (MS) and lived in a long-term care facility funded by Medicaid.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** kicked off her first term in Congress with a celebration of the opening of her District Office in Oregon City. She looks forward to serving her constituents in Oregon's Fifth and fighting for them in Congress to lower costs, create jobs and improve quality of life.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** authored a piece about how kids and families can't afford Trump's cuts to the Department of Education. As a mom of four who has advocated to make sure children with special needs, like her own, have access to the education they deserve, she wrote about how we cannot let our kids fall through the cracks.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** hosted eight town hall meetings throughout his district. Centered around building trust and creating transparency, these town halls attracted hundreds of people across a wide range of ages and life experiences.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** along with Rep. Jonathan Jackson and Rep. Sylvester Turner became co-chairs of the newly founded Congressional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Caucus. The caucus will champion the importance of embracing diversity and protecting individuals' freedoms'.
- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** Introduced the American Teacher Act with 80 cosponsors, a bill that raises teacher salaries across the country to a minimum of \$60,000 to address the nationwide teacher shortage crisis.
- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** hosted a Police and Youth conference through the 5000 Role Models of Excellence in collaboration with the Miami Heat, aiming to alleviate tensions between young boys of color and law enforcement.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** visited a preschool in LA-02 to discuss the need to protect childcare grants for low-income families, National Head Start, and other vital programs serving Louisianians.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.** hosted an informative Medicaid Town Hall with 200 attendees, including community leaders and local elected officials, to reaffirm my commitment to protecting Medicaid from harmful Republican cuts. Medicaid is critical in providing healthcare for millions of Louisianians, and I will continue fighting to protect it.
- **Rep. Bennie Thompson** hosted two in-person town hall meetings in Mississippi's Second Congressional District to engage with constituents and address key issues. The first town hall took place on March 18, 2025, in Warren County, home to the state's largest concentration of federal workers. The second was held on March 19, 2025, in Grenada County. Both

events provided essential "Know Your Rights" information for federal employees and updated the public on Rep. Thompson's ongoing efforts to protect and advocate for MS-02.

- **Rep. Bennie Thompson** joined elected officials, students, the Evers family, and community members to commemorate the unveiling of Charles Evers on the Mississippi Freedom Trail. A civil rights leader, businessman, and the first Black mayor in Mississippi since Reconstruction, Evers dedicated his life to justice and equality. This historic event honored his enduring legacy and brought together those committed to preserving and advancing the civil rights movement.
- **Sen. Angela Alsobrooks** asked Robert F. Kennedy Jr. tough questions about his vaccine skepticism and his seeming ire towards science and facts.
- **Sen. Angela Alsobrooks** introduced her first bill, the Tariff Transparency Act. This legislation will require the United States International Trade Commission to conduct an investigation on the impact that the President's tariffs and the threat of these tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada will have on middle class families and American small businesses.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** held a press conference with state-level legislators as well as patients and providers that rely on Medicaid to discuss the devastating effects that the Republican Medicaid cuts will have on Virginians and their access to lifesaving healthcare.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** spoke at a rally hosted by the AFGE and other civil service organizations on Capitol Hill to fight back against the Trump Administration's senseless attacks on our federal workforce and OMB Director Russell Vought's promise to put the civil servants that keep our country running in "trauma."
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** introduced legislation to codify critical anti-discrimination protections revoked by President Trump. Brown's legislation would restore the Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order back into law, a bedrock civil rights protection first issued by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. The Equal Employment Opportunity order prohibited employment discrimination by federal contractors on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Brown's bill is co-led by Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Rep. Raskin and now has 63 cosponsors.
- **Rep. Shontel Brown** shopped for a week of groceries on a budget of \$42 to highlight the importance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and the challenges that Northeast Ohio families relying on SNAP face.
- **Rep. André Carson** hosted a Virtual Town Hall with over 800 people participating. He discussed key issues such as tariffs, social security, Medicaid, and much more. He also highlighted how Democrats are fighting back and how he is advocating for constituents in his district.
- **Rep. André Carson** and **Sen. Cory Booker** introduced a resolution to designate January as Muslim American Heritage Month to celebrate the contributions of Muslim Americans. Rep. Carson also introduced a bill awarding Muhammad Ali the Congressional Gold Medal, showing the impact Muslim Americans have had on US culture.
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland** joined Abby Phillip on CNN News Night to discuss how President Trump and Elon Musk are continuing to do nothing to lower costs for the American people.
- **Rep. Marilyn Strickland**, during Black History Month, reintroduced the Equal and Uniform Treatment in the Military (EQUITY) Act to codify fairness in the armed forces into law and prohibit discrimination of all kinds. Rep. Strickland's legislation acknowledges the current attacks on DEI initiatives, the recruiting crisis facing the armed forces, and attempts to make careers in the military more appealing to recruitable adults who will be majority people of color in the next four years. The bill also seeks to address retention challenges by

codifying nondiscrimination when considering promotions, advancement, and more.

- **Rep. Robin Kelly** co-led a letter with **Rep. Joyce Beatty**, **Rep. Shontel Brown** and **Rep. Mike Quigley** to Secretary Kennedy Jr. and the Trump administration urging them to reverse their recent announcement to shut down six regional offices in the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of General Counsel. The Office of General Counsel protects patients from fraud and bad actors, and in Fiscal Year 2023, the office returned more than \$3.4 billion to the federal government and individuals from civil health care fraud settlements and judgments.
- **Rep. Robin Kelly** hosted a press conference with the University of Chicago Crime Lab's Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy to support community violence intervention funding. The Trump administration is threatening CVI funding, despite CVI being a proven, evidence-based solution to reduce gun violence in our communities.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** was appointed Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee in the 119th Congress.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** held a virtual tele-town hall for District NY-09 constituents to address President Trump's unconstitutional actions. Rep. Clarke's town hall garnered over 13,000 participants via phone and 2,000 social media views.
- **Rep. Maxine Waters** introduced the Mamas and Babies in Underserved Communities Act, which would establish a new initiative to expand and improve maternal and infant health services in minority, low-income, rural, and medically underserved communities.
- **Rep. Maxine Waters** led several rallies both in DC and in her district, including at the Department of Education, Department of Treasury, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Space X Headquarters in Hawthorne, CA to fight back against Trump and Elon Musk's mission to gut federal agencies, fire thousands of federal workers, and undermine our democracy.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** introduced the Compassion for Vulnerable and Struggling Workers Act, which would ensure that fired federal workers continue to receive health coverage. During a recent district work period, Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick had met a woman who shared that she is three months pregnant and was fired unexpectedly from her federal job.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** hosted four town halls that allowed constituents to share their direct concerns on Social Security, Medicaid, SNAP, and veterans' health care.
- **Rep. Danny K. Davis**, along with Rep. John Larson, and Rep. Steven Horsford introduced the Keep Our Field Offices Open Act, a bill to protect benefits for the 70 million beneficiaries for whom field offices serve as a lifeline to access retirement, disability, and death benefits. The bill would keep the Trump Administration from closing any Social Security field or hearing offices until January 21, 2029, with requirements that the Commissioner must maintain the total number of offices after the moratorium that existed on January 20, 2025.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** held a pop-up rally at the Decatur Social Security Office calling out the Musk-Trump administration's plan to illegally fire up to half of Social Security staff. Field offices throughout Georgia are slated for closure, including Columbus, Gainesville, Vidalia, Brunswick, and Thomasville.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** hosted a roundtable discussion on the importance of Medicaid to Georgians with community experts and stakeholders. The roundtable highlighted the importance of Medicaid in our communities for sick children, people with disabilities, seniors in nursing homes, veterans, those with chronic conditions, mental health and other special needs.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** hosted an education roundtable with local school district superintendents and state education officials to discuss the Trump Administration's recent executive order that will dismantle the U.S. Department of Education. During the discussion, the officials expressed concern over the

potential funding gaps for school districts and their programs, as well as the direct impacts on students and their families.

- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** led over 100 House Democrats in a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin opposing the drastic proposed cuts to staffing and funding at the agency, and called for an immediate reversal of any planned cuts at the EPA. The proposed 65% cut would undermine the agency's ability to protect the public health of all Americans through research, regulation, education, and enforcement. Any large-scale cuts would also exacerbate staffing issues, dissuade potential civil servants from joining the agency, and severely impact the agency's vital work in safeguarding public health and the environment.
- **Rep. Gregory Meeks**, together with Rep. Barrett, introduced the Proper Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Inauguration Day Act. The purpose of the bill is to amend US Code so that should MLK Day and Inauguration Day fall on the same date, Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on the Tuesday following the third Monday in January. Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors the legacy of Dr. King and encourages a day of service and reflection on the ideals that guided his work during the civil rights movement. It is important that this day stands alone so Martin Luther King Jr. gets fully recognized for his work throughout our nation's history.
- **Rep. Gregory Meeks**, along with the United States Postal Service, honored Constance Baker Motley with her very own stamp. Motley was the first African American woman elected to the New York State Senate and appointed to the federal judiciary. This stamp honors Constance Baker Motley's unwavering commitment to our justice system.
- **Rep. James E. Clyburn** delivered a speech at Georgetown University Law Center in light of the mass firings and the impending cuts to federal programs. His remarks defended the importance of public service and government services now more than ever.
- **Rep. James E. Clyburn** hosted an Ash Wednesday Press Conference with faith leaders and Members of the Democratic Faith Working Group to speak out against the Congressional Republican Budget plan, which lacks compassion for millions of vulnerable Americans.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott** hosted a Medicaid roundtable to highlight the House Republicans' plans to cut Medicaid.
- **Rep. Bobby Scott** introduced the PRO Act, a comprehensive proposal to protect workers' right to come together and bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer workplaces.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** delivered opening remarks and presented a Congressional Recognition to the Summit County Black Chamber of Commerce. This event marked the Chamber's official launch and celebrates its establishment while acknowledging the leadership behind the organization.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** attended the Black History Girls in S.T.E.A.M. event, Expressions of Empowerment. Girls from Ohio's 13th Congressional District had the opportunity to learn and hear from local artists and small business owners about their careers, and had the opportunity to create their own art.
- **Rep. Marc Veasey** held a Medicaid-focused roundtable with health stakeholders from across Texas where Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries connected with the experts who are on the frontlines of the healthcare crisis in the midst of looming cuts to Medicaid.
- **Rep. Marc Veasey** made his way across North Texas where he heard from constituents in every corner of his district. He held four in-person town halls and one virtual town hall; where he connected with federal workers, veterans and their families.
- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** hosted 2 community stakeholder roundtables in the Virgin Islands that included non-profits and all government agencies with over 60 participants. During the meetings, they discussed President Trump's recent executive orders, the federal funding freeze and how these developments have been

impacting their organizations. Rep. Plaskett also had a representative from Democracy Forward present to answer questions.

- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** and her Republican colleague, Rep. Russ Fulcher reintroduced legislation, known as the “DiasporaLink Act” to request an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of developing a Trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable which will connect the East Coast of the United States, via the United States Virgin Islands, with Nigeria and Ghana. The DiasporaLink Act is envisioned as both a national security instrument and a digital commerce expressway to boost America’s global, political, economic, and military advantages and influences. This act will ensure the region is not forgotten as it confronts increasing regional political instability and transnational criminal activity.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** joined Sen. Chris Coons and Rep. Sarah McBride to host a press conference in Wilmington to denounce the Republicans’ proposed plan to cut Medicaid funding by \$880 billion. They brought together patients, providers, advocates, federally qualified health centers and hospital leaders to stand up for our kids, working families, seniors, and people with disabilities in Delaware and across the nation.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** spent a day in Dover, where she visited Delaware State University (Delaware's HBCU), Modern Maturity Center, local small businesses, and the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council to shine a light on how the Trump administration’s actions are already impacting Delawareans. She spoke to constituents who are concerned about the harmful impact the President’s executive orders and reckless funding freezes are having on them and their loved ones.
- **Rep. Jonathan Jackson**, in collaboration with Co-Chair **Rep. Cleo Fields**, created the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Caucus. The caucus comprises members working to protect worker's rights, amplify and protect DEI, and raise awareness among legislators about the importance of embracing diversity.
- **Rep. Jonathan Jackson** introduced the Sanctions Sea Pirates ACT 2025, which would place sanctions on foreign persons involved in piracy globally.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** led 22 members of Congress in urging the Trump administration to undo a \$90 million cut to the Affordable Care Act Navigators program. In addition to helping people find ACA coverage, Navigators help hundreds of thousands of eligible consumers to receive Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage. Rep. Evans said, “President Trump recently promised not to touch Medicaid, and keep people who qualify for Medicaid from getting covered breaks that promise, as far as I’m concerned.”
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** released his State of the District report, which includes information on \$4.5 million his office returned to or saved for constituents in 2024 and \$13.3 million in federal funding he secured for 15 Philadelphia community projects.
- **Rep. Gwen Moore** hosted several Congressional Cafes in her district and heard from her constituents on a variety of federal matters.
- **Rep. Herb Conaway** introduced the Expanding Child Care Access Act, which is a bill that will provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 to cover the startup expenses of new family childcare businesses once they receive a state family childcare license or registration.
- **Rep. Herb Conaway** was named Vice Ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. In this leadership role Rep. Conaway will work closely with the Ranking Member, committee members, and stakeholders to advance policies that improve healthcare, access to education, economic opportunities, and overall quality of life for veterans.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** led and participated in a variety of conversations throughout the day and evening on the state of the nation in anticipation and response to President Trump's Joint Address to Congress, after weeks of devastating and chaotic executive actions and orders from the

new Trump administration. She delivered a direct video response on her YouTube channel, “The Republican Rip Off and the Democratic Response,” and joined a livestream with Rep. James Clyburn and Ken Martin to discuss protecting democracy. She also participated in conversations with Black leaders on national platforms, including Angela Rye and Joy Reid’s 24-hour State of the People livestream and Roland Martin Unfiltered’s State of Our Union special.

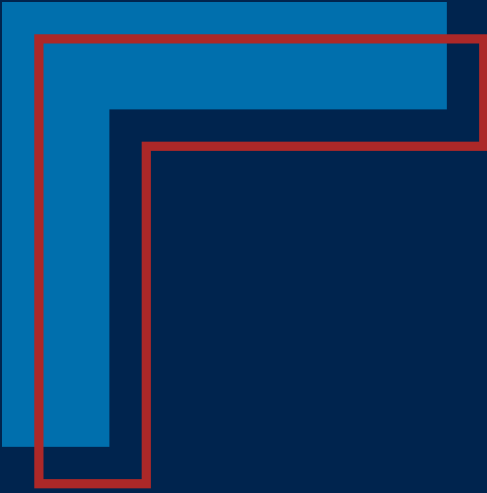
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** joined House Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Rep. Maxine Waters, House Democrats, and housing advocates to sound the alarm on MAGA & Musk’s reckless plan to gut the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by 50% as part of their extreme hostile takeover. Congresswoman Beatty called on Americans to contact their elected officials and demand they protect affordable housing, HUD funding, and critical housing services for families, seniors, and vulnerable communities.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** held a district town hall, inviting Charlotteans across the district to attend. The town hall was attended by an estimated 500 people who discussed their concerns around the recent attacks on their rights by the Trump Administration and ways they can get involved to fight back at this pivotal time in our country.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** led the push to reinstate the 1890 National Scholars Program following the Trump Administration’s suspension of the program in February. The push by House Democrats led to the program’s reinstatement and extension of the deadline, ensuring HBCU scholars can continue to access the program.
- **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries** hosted the Demand Diversity Roundtable at the Capitol for a clear-eyed, robust conversation about a joint legislative and advocacy strategy to combat the Trump administration’s attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion.
- **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries** invited Brooklyn’s Mo Better Jaguars to the Capitol in celebration of their Pop Warner Super Bowl victory and delivered congratulatory remarks on the House Floor, enshrining them in the Congressional record for all time.
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** stood in solidarity with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) at the Baltimore Main Post Office to rally against privatization of the United States Postal Service.
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** delivered impassioned remarks at a protest outside of the Social Security Administration Headquarters in Baltimore to rally around protecting the integrity of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid following reports that the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) had accessed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- **Rep. Lateefah Simon** conducted a site visit with Whip Katherine Clark at the University of California’s Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland . During the tour, they met with health care professionals and patients in the neonatal intensive care unit, the pediatric intensive care unit, and emergency room, and held a joint roundtable with local health care leaders to discuss the need to expand access to high-quality, affordable healthcare, affordable drug prices, and protect Medicaid funding. Seventy-percent of the patients receiving care at BCH Oakland are on Medicaid.
- **Rep. Lateefah Simon** visited the Nobel Prize winning lab at UC Berkeley to see NIH-funded research that is helping to cure sickle cell disease, ALS, Lou Gherings, and other mRNA related diseases.
- **Rep. Al Green** hosted a press conference with the NAACP Houston Branch President Bishop James Dixon, Houston City Controller Chris Hollins, and Postal Unions to challenge USPS job cuts and elimination of watchdog oversight.
- **Rep. Al Green** visited a local clinic for Medicaid Day of Action. To speak about how vital Medicaid is for millions of families, children, seniors, & underserved communities.

- **Rep. Lauren Underwood** appeared before the House Veterans Affairs Committee during a hearing on her legislation, the Copay Fairness for Veterans Act. This bill would make health care more affordable for veterans by eliminating copay requirements for preventive health services.
- **Rep. Lauren Underwood** held a Town Hall in her district with over 600 participants where she answered questions and provided updates on what's happening in Congress.
- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** introduced the Model Employee Reinstatement for Ill-advised Termination (MERIT) Act in the House to reinstate federal employees who were unjustly fired by Donald Trump and Elon Musk's DOGE initiative that targeted federal workers. In addition to rehiring these workers, the MERIT Act gives them the back pay they deserve. The bill currently has 90+ cosponsors and received an endorsement from 6 unions.
- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** hosted a town hall to discuss Republican attacks on Medicaid and take questions on the impact these cuts will have on New Jersey. McIver was joined by a panel of local health experts and advocates from across the district. This was McIver's first in-person town hall—and third town hall overall—since taking office. More than 200 constituents attended.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** reintroduced the Tipped Income Protection and Support (TIPS) Act to eliminate the unfair subminimum wage of \$2.13 an hour, end federal income tax on tips for workers, and close a loophole that allows millionaires and billionaires to dodge taxes by falsely claiming large gifts as tips. It's the only bill in this Congress with real guardrails to protect working people and ensure the ultra-wealthy from exploiting the system.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford**, joined fellow lawmakers and participants from the University of Chicago Crime Lab's Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy (CVILA), shared his personal connection to gun violence during a press conference to call on lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to fund evidence-informed community violence intervention and prevention programs.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** led a press conference with fired federal employees and families at risk of losing SNAP and Medicaid benefits, essential lifelines at risk because of Donald Trump and Elon Musk's reckless gutting of the Federal government.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** introduced a measure that would set a higher bar for bringing expulsions and censures to the House floor. Right now, any one member can force a vote on these measures because of how House rules are written, and it has become too common for Members more concerned with their time on TV and base-riling fundraising moves to force Congress to waste time on doomed censure votes. Specifically, this would protect members like Al Green, who was censured simply for exercising his right to free speech, and the resolution was brought to the floor only because a single member decided to do so.
- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** hosted a conversation with senior citizens at the Riverdale Y on the Republican refusal to permanently extend Medicare coverage for telehealth services.
- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** hosted a press conference alongside Bronx environmental groups decrying the Trump administration's termination of 400 EPA grants worth \$1.7 billion in the Bronx.
- **Rep. Gabe Amo** emphasized the danger of Republican funding cuts and highlighted the critical role that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) plays in supporting health and nutrition across Rhode Island's First Congressional District. Starting in Newport, Congressman Amo visited the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center — a community center and food pantry that works to fight hunger, promote health, educate children, and support families and seniors. Following this visit, Congressman Amo gathered with food assistance organizations at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank to discuss how the Republican-proposed budget cuts would likely target SNAP,

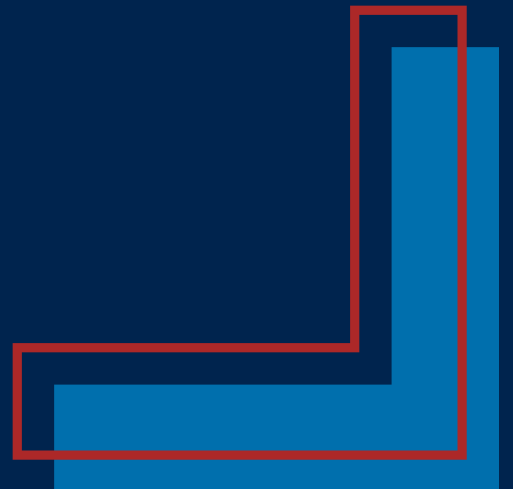
a program that provides critical assistance to vulnerable Rhode Islanders, supports farmers, and promotes our state's economy.

- **Rep. Gabe Amo** received Wheaton College's 2025 Otis Social Justice Award. Amo asked those in attendance what they can do to address this deficit, suggesting that each individual can play a role through their connections with others. He said, "I do this job because I think there's something I can find to make somebody's life better ... because, to me, that's how we arrive at social justice ... [by finding] the opportunity to invest ourselves in others." Other recipients of the award include Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund; activist and voting rights advocate and author Stacey Abrams.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** hosted a resource fair for federal workers and contractors affected by the Trump administration. The resource fair featured federal employee labor unions, Democracy Forward, financial counseling & advice, hiring organizations, and other tabling organizations that provided important & timely information to constituents. Close to 1000 individuals attended this event.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey**, Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, and Assistant Democratic Leader Joe Neguse reintroduced the Raise the Age Act, which would increase the age from 18 to 21 to purchase a semiautomatic rifle, the same legal age to purchase a handgun.
- **Rep. Wesley Bell** held a labor roundtable in February to discuss issues surrounding labor rights under the Trump Administration including threats to the right to organize and collectively bargain, and how Congressional Democrats are fighting back and working to protect the right to unionize.
- **Rep. Wesley Bell** led a letter with 34 Members of Congress urging Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to reject proposed cuts to our national emergency and weather response services, emphasizing the severe risks to public safety demonstrated by the deadly storms that devastated communities across the country in March 2025.





KEY MOMENTS (SINCE JANUARY 1, 2025)





JANUARY 2025

- **January 3:** The CBC began the 119th Congress with 62 Members – the largest in our history.
- **January 6:** The CBC recognized the fourth anniversary of the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.
- **January 9:** The CBC hosted a special meeting with civil rights organizations.
- **January 15:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **January 16:** The CBC applauded President Biden's 50 years of public service following his farewell address to the nation.
- **January 17:** The CBC applauded President Biden's historic clemency action.
- **January 20:** The CBC honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **January 20:** The Tri-Caucus condemned President Trump's executive order to eliminate birthright citizenship.

- **January 22:** The CBC condemned President Trump's executive order to dismantle diversity, equity, and inclusion in the federal government.
- **January 22:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **January 30:** The CBC condemned President Trump's racist rhetoric following the tragic plane crash in Washington, D.C.

FEBRUARY 2025

- **February 3:** The CBC hosted day one of our Annual Member Retreat.
- **February 4:** The CBC hosted day two of our Annual Member Retreat.
- **February 5:** The CBC, led by Rep. Terri Sewell, held a press conference to announce the introduction of the Rosa Parks Day Act.
- **February 5:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **February 7:** The CBC joined Caucus Chairs in condemning

President Trump's efforts to undermine the civil rights protections and enforcement for workers.

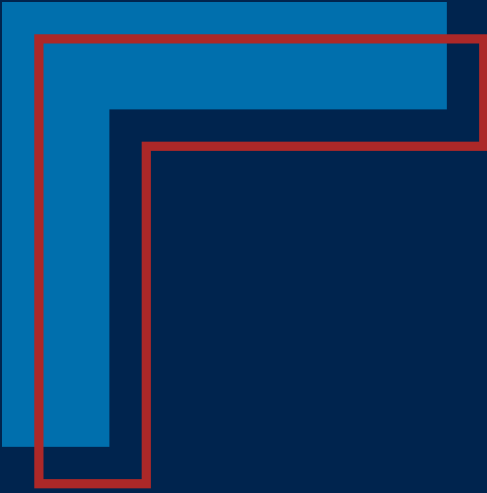
- **February 12:** The CBC, led by Rep. Ayanna Pressley, held a press conference to announce the reintroduction of H.R.40.
- **February 12:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **February 14:** The CBC held a staff briefing hosted by Johnson & Johnson.
- **February 21:** The CBC condemned President Trump's suspension of USDA 1890 Scholars Program.
- **February 21:** The CBC condemned President Trump's rescission of Temporary Protected Status for Haitians.
- **February 24:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour honoring Black History Month.
- **February 25:** The CBC and House Democratic Caucus held a Black History Month Event Radio Forum.

- **February 26:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.

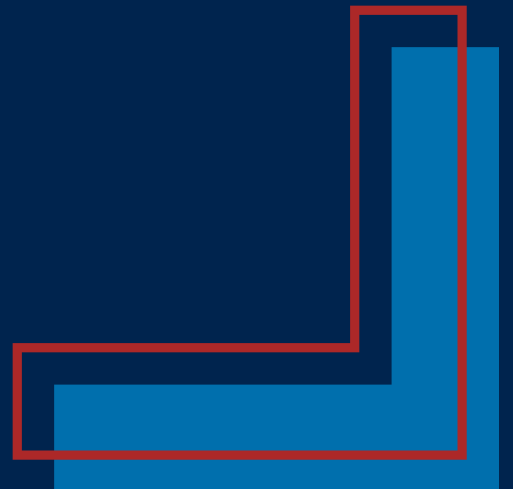
MARCH 2025

- **March 2:** The Tri-Caucus condemned President Trump's executive order declaring English as the official language of the United States.
- **March 4:** The CBC hosted a Black Media and Creators Row for President Trump's Joint Address to Congress.
- **March 4:** The CBC participated in House DPCC's Media Row at the Capitol.
- **March 5:** Rep. Terri Sewell led the CBC and House Democratic Caucus in Reintroducing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.
- **March 5:** The CBC remembered the life and service of Rep. Sylvester Turner.
- **March 5:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **March 7:** The CBC stood in support of Rep. Al Green's advocacy of Medicaid following a censure vote.
- **March 7:** The CBC reacted to President Trump's February Jobs Report.
- **March 7:** The Tri-Caucus spoke out against the Republican Party attack on Rep. Espallat.
- **March 7:** The CBC traveled to Selma, Alabama for the 60th commemoration of Bloody Sunday.
- **March 11:** The CBC condemned Republicans' proposed \$1 Billion cuts to the D.C. local budget.
- **March 13:** The CBC held a press conference on Trump's tariffs, taxes, and terminations at the 2025 House Democrat's Issues Conference.
- **March 14:** The CBC held a staff briefing hosted by the CBC Health Braintrust on Medicaid.
- **March 15:** The CBC unanimously voted against Republican's partisan six-month continuing resolution.
- **March 18:** The CBC participated in House Democrats' "Medicaid Day of Action".
- **March 20:** The Tri-Caucus condemned President Trump's proposed blanket travel ban to the U.S.
- **March 20:** The CBC condemned President Trump's executive order dismantling the Department of Education.
- **March 25:** The CBC held a press conference on protecting SNAP from Republican cuts.
- **March 25:** The CBC remembered the life and service of Rep. Mia Love.
- **March 26:** The CBC condemned President Trump's unlawful election executive order.
- **March 26:** The CBC held a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **March 27:** The CBC issued a letter urging Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to protect the Minority Business Development Agency.
- **March 28:** The Tri-Caucus Chairs participated in their first joint interview on MSNBC.
- **March 28:** The CBC condemned President Trump's attacks on the Smithsonian.
- **March 28:** The CBC condemned President Trump's attempts to silence federal union workers.
- **March 31:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour on voting rights.
- **March 31:** The CBC applauded Sen. Cory Booker in the first hours of his soon-to-be record breaking Senate filibuster.





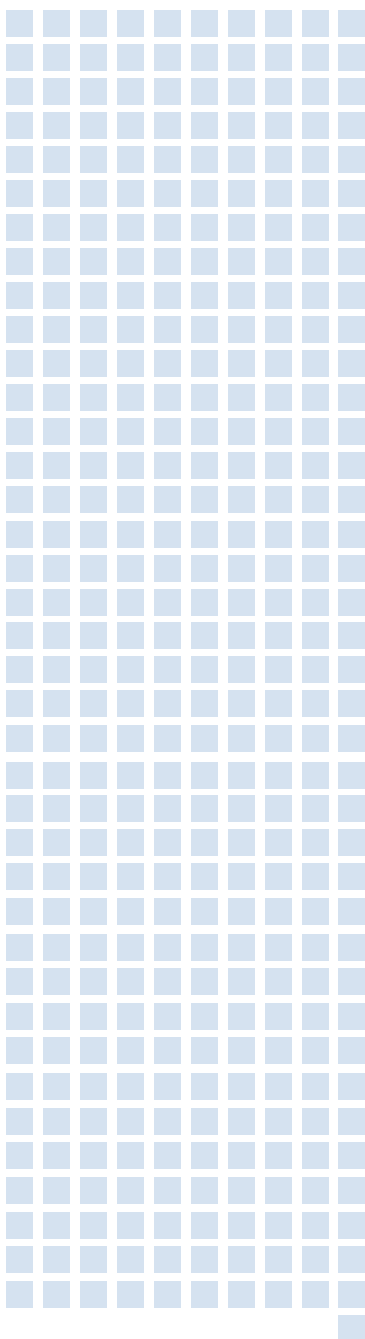
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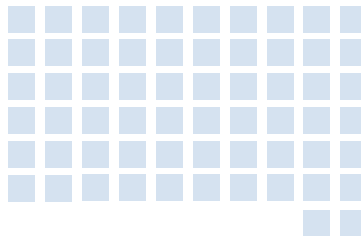
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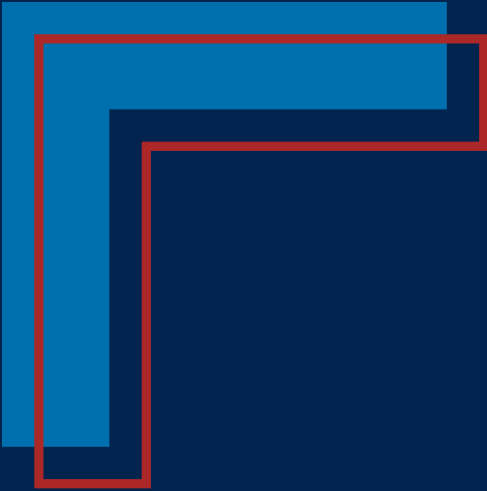
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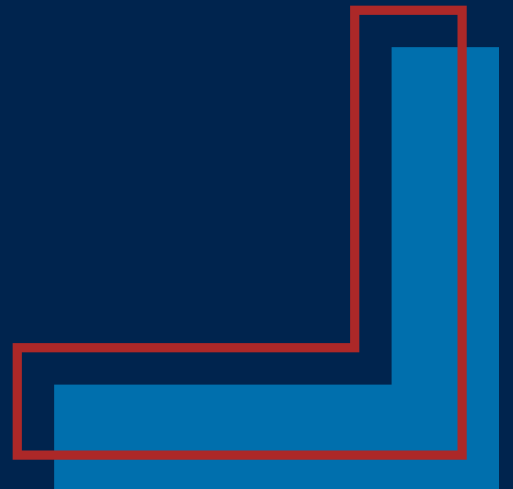
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[Alabama Rep. calls for Rosa Parks holiday to counter Trump's 'attack' on Black history](#)

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[Trump moves to close Department of Education, Congressional Black Caucus reacts](#)

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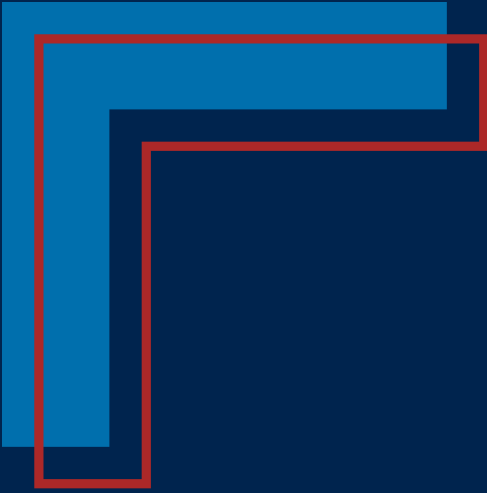
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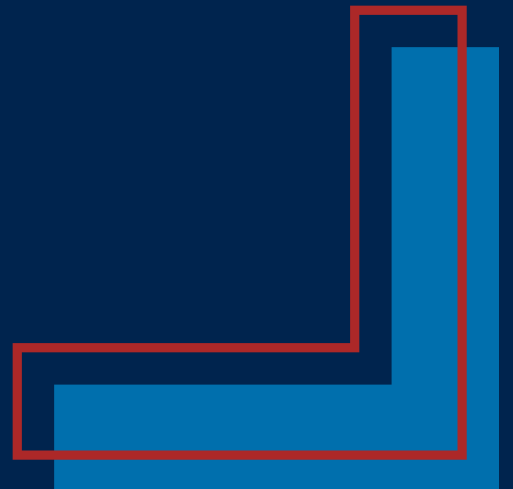
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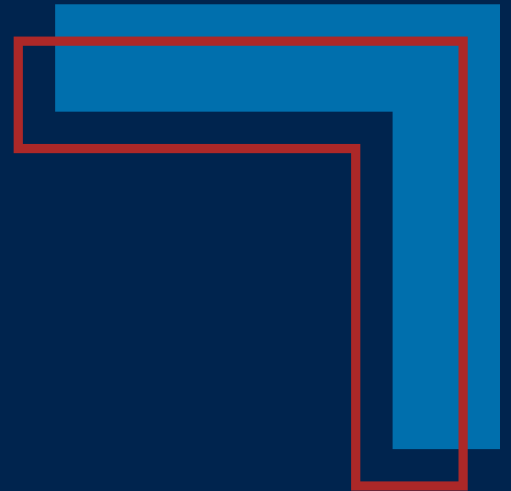
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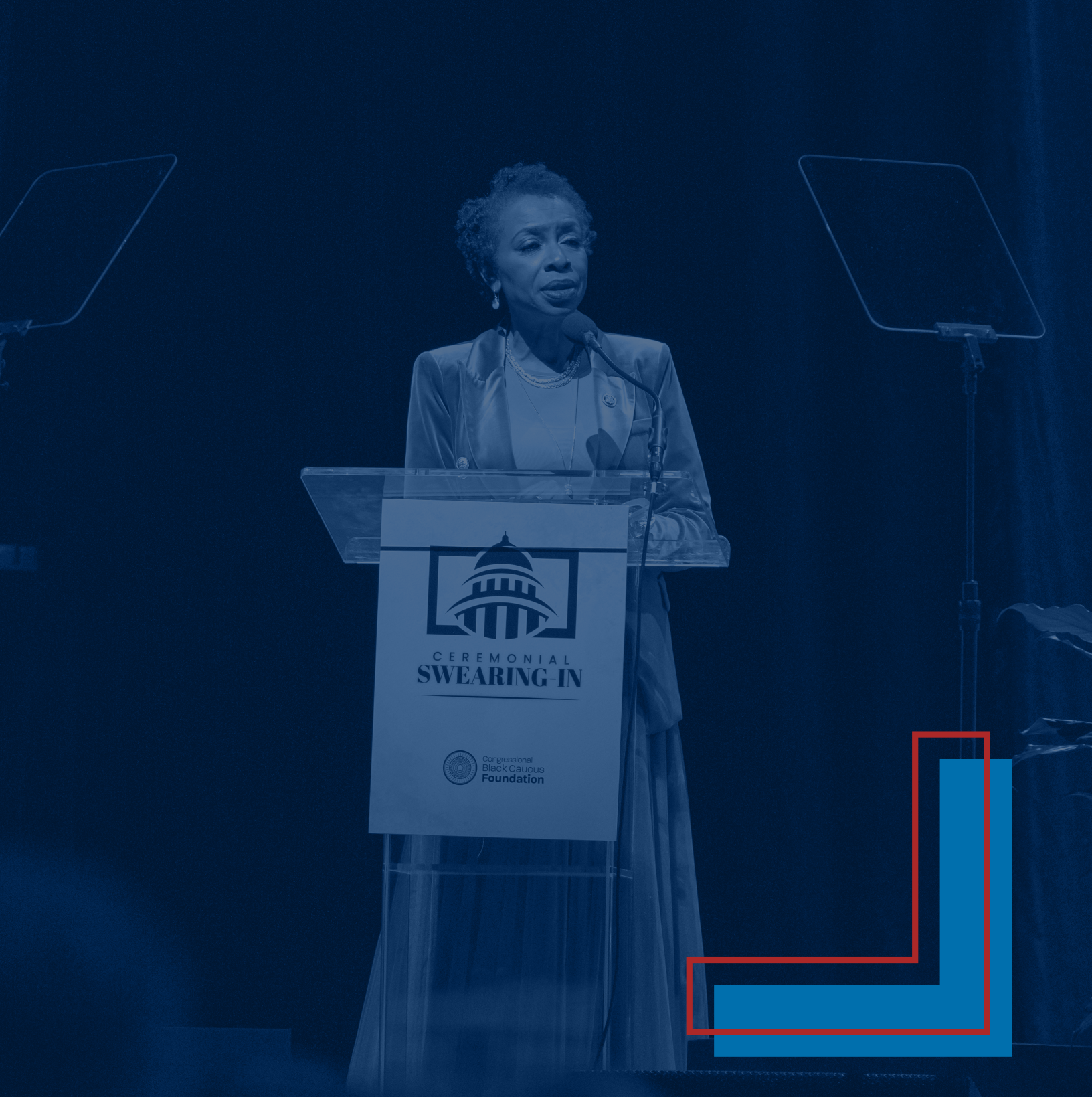
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