

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR YVETTE D. CLARKE



Under the shadow of the Donald Trump Administration, we face a pivotal chapter in our history—one that demands action. The challenges before us are complex and deeply rooted: racial wealth gaps that span generations, underinvestment in Black and marginalized communities, and ongoing threats to our citizenship, voting, and civil rights. Yet, we are not powerless. We are organized, committed, and prepared to meet this moment.

Our vision for an equitable future is one where every child—no matter their race or where they live—has access to a high-quality education and a safe community; where economic opportunity is available to everyone; where health outcomes are not determined by race; and where justice is fair and equal. Reaching that future requires strong legislative action, collaboration across sectors, and a commitment to policies that put people over politics.

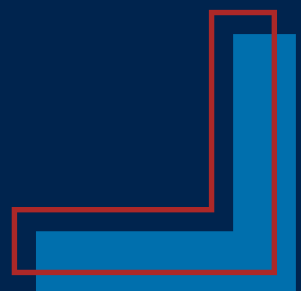
The Congressional Black Caucus is using our collective power in Congress to advance policies that center the needs of Black America. We are pushing back against racial injustice, defending hard-won civil rights protections, and working to ensure that opportunity is not limited by race, ZIP code, or circumstance. While progress has been made, the work continues. As we head toward this critical midterm election, we have one objective: to win on behalf of the communities that sent us to Washington to be their voice.

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

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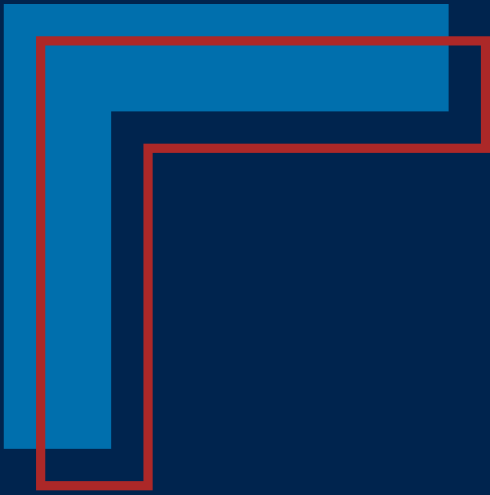
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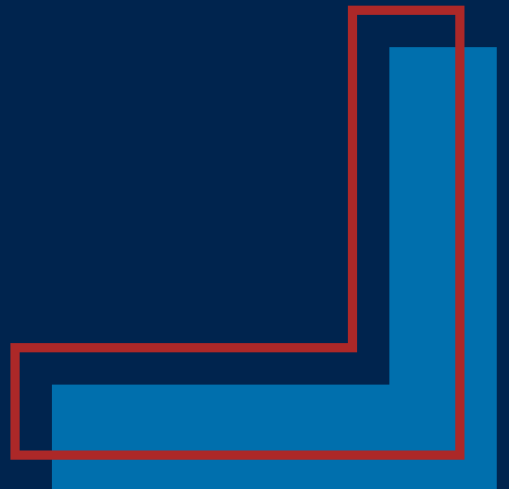
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ON THE ISSUES





PASSAGE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXTENDED TAX CREDITS

The Affordable Care Act’s Enhanced Premium Tax Credits have helped families, seniors, young adults, and workers nationwide access high-quality, affordable health coverage. However, Congressional Republicans allowed these credits to expire, forcing many Americans already facing rising living costs to confront steep premium increases or risk losing coverage altogether.

As Republicans continued to undermine our nation’s health care system and dismiss concerns about affordability as a hoax, the Congressional Black Caucus and House Democrats remained focused on advancing solutions to lower costs, strengthen health care, and deliver meaningful relief to working families.

The Congressional Black Caucus was proud to unanimously support a clean, three-year extension of the ACA tax credits on behalf of the communities we serve. We also commend Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries for his leadership in bringing this legislation to the House floor through a rare bipartisan discharge petition. Despite significant opposition, House Democrats ultimately compelled a vote, and the measure passed with bipartisan support.

CONVENING THE VOTING RIGHTS AND REDISTRICTING SUMMIT

We began this quarter knowing that, at any moment, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue its decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* — a consequential congressional redistricting case that could decimate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the cornerstone provision that outlaws racial discrimination in voting practices and procedures nationwide. Our Caucus made clear that we would not stand back while extremists in government launched an all-out assault on fair representation and access to the ballot box for Black communities.

The Congressional Black Caucus convened leading experts from the civil rights, voting rights, and legal communities in Washington, D.C., for the Voting Rights & Redistricting Strategy Summit. The Summit provided a critical forum for CBC



Members and experts to assess the evolving legal landscape, examine the imminent threat to the survival of majority-minority districts, and develop a unified response should Section 2 of the VRA be further weakened or nullified. As we await an imminent ruling, the CBC is preparing to lead the Democratic congressional response to advance a coordinated strategy alongside civil rights organizations and allied stakeholders following the Court’s decision.

HOLDING KRISTI NOEM AND DHS ACCOUNTABLE

Under the leadership of Secretary Kristi Noem, the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have been out of control and operating with impunity. For months, our communities have been terrorized by masked immigration agents who are funded by taxpayer dollars yet accountable to no one. We have even witnessed innocent Americans killed in cold blood. It is clear that the presence of the Trump Administration’s immigration forces in our

communities is not about public safety—it is about stoking hatred and fear, silencing peaceful dissent, and turning Americans against one another.

The Congressional Black Caucus joined the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), the Democratic Women’s Caucus (DWC), the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), the New Democrat Coalition (NDC), and the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) in leading over 50 members of the House Democratic Caucus to call for the firing of Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem outside ICE headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Together, we called out ongoing ICE abuses, including violations of due process, inhumane detention conditions, the killings of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and Keith Porter Jr., and the lack of meaningful accountability for agents who violate the law. Following Secretary Noem’s ouster, we made clear that a personnel change without systemic reform is not enough and pledged to continue working to hold DHS and immigration enforcement agencies accountable for any and all wrongdoing.





ADDRESSING TRUMP'S IMPACT ON BLACK COMMUNITIES

Under President Trump's historically unpopular leadership, Black unemployment has surged above eight percent—the highest level since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic—undoing progress made through intentional investment and inclusive economic growth.

Instead of creating more well-paying jobs and lowering the rising cost of living, the Trump Administration and rubber-stamp Republicans in Congress have advanced policies that increase financial strain and deepen racial inequality. The Trump Administration's attacks on the diversity of the federal workforce and reckless tariffs have cost hundreds of thousands of hardworking Americans their jobs while driving up the cost of everyday essentials like groceries, childcare, and utilities—hitting Black families, who pay a higher share of their income on these necessities, the hardest.

At this year's House Democratic Caucus Issues Conference, the Congressional Black Caucus made clear that we will continue working to make life better for our communities. We are working to bring down grocery prices, utility bills, rent and mortgage payments, and childcare and elder care costs so that hardworking families can breathe a little easier. And we are committed to winning in November to restore accountability in Washington, protect our rights, and build an economy that works for everyone—not just the wealthy and well-connected.



MOBILIZING OUR COMMUNITIES AHEAD OF NOVEMBER

Today, our democracy, economic prosperity, fundamental freedoms, and access to the ballot box are under unprecedented attack. Over the past year of the Trump Administration, we have seen a concerted effort to roll back civil rights, undermine voting access, dismantle social programs, and concentrate power in the hands of the wealthy and well-connected at the expense of our communities.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Black History Month, the Congressional Black Caucus convened leaders of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and national civil rights organizations on Capitol Hill to address the impact of the Trump Administration's policies and rhetoric on Black Americans and to highlight how Black leadership is working collectively to fight back. Together, we made clear that we will continue working to legislate, organize, and mobilize ahead of the midterm elections because too much is at stake for Black communities.



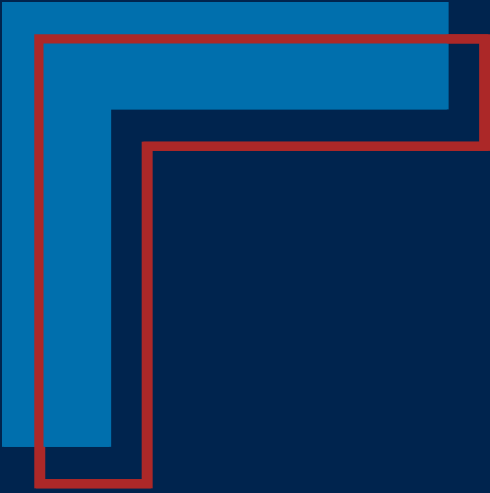
ENDORING UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHATTEL ENSLAVEMENT

Ahead of the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Transatlantic Trafficking of Africans, the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed a United Nations General Assembly resolution introduced by the Republic of Ghana, declaring the trafficking and racialized, intergenerational chattel

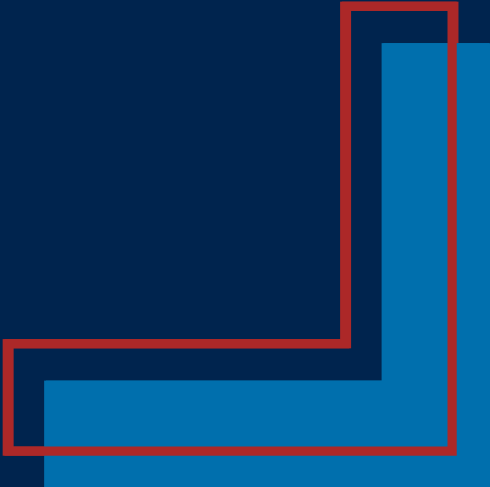
enslavement of Africans among the gravest crimes against humanity.

The Congressional Black Caucus called upon UN Member States to seize this historic moment, adopt the resolution, and affirm their commitment to building a more just, equitable, and unified world free from the enduring legacies of transatlantic enslavement, colonialism, and apartheid, which were classified by the African Union at its latest summit in Addis Ababa as crimes against humanity.

“We can no longer delay reparatory justice, assuming that we are determined to build a future free from the enduring legacies of enslavement, colonialism, and the mistakes of our past.” — Rep. Yvette D. Clarke



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS





- **Rep. Steven Horsford** and **Rep. Janelle Bynum** introduced the RELIEF Act, bipartisan legislation that would provide automatic refunds to small and independent businesses following the Supreme Court’s ruling that certain tariffs were illegally imposed, ensuring businesses can recover costs without lengthy litigation.
- **Rep. Steven Horsford** joined tipped workers and Culinary Union members to introduce the TIP Improvement Act, legislation designed to raise wages, strengthen protections, and provide permanent, fair tax relief for tipped workers by eliminating the subminimum wage and ensuring tips are fully protected.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** spoke at a January news conference in Philadelphia in support of restoring tax credits that helped 500,000 Pennsylvanians afford their health care coverage.
- **Rep. Dwight Evans** secured \$7.4 million in a February 2026 appropriations law for eight Philadelphia community projects, including three School District of Philadelphia projects, as well as projects at the Community College of Philadelphia, Temple University, and the EMIR (Every Murder Is Real) Healing Center.
- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.**, broke ground on the Algiers Indoor Covered Swimming Facility, made possible by \$4 million in federal funding that he secured. Rep. Carter grew up in Cut Off, swimming in the Mississippi River, so it is especially meaningful to help bring a space like this to his community—a place where families can have fun, stay active, and make great memories for years to come.



- **Rep. Troy A. Carter, Sr.**, proudly introduced the Raising Awareness for Youth Suicide (RAYS) Prevention Act to help curb suicide. Suicide is the leading cause of death among young people in the United States, and our youth deserve to know they are not alone and that help is available.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** announced that the House-passed FY26 appropriations bills included more than \$12 million in Community Project Funding for local roads, public safety facilities, water systems, parks, and environmental restoration projects across Ohio’s 13th Congressional District.
- **Rep. Emilia Sykes** led two bills that were included in the bipartisan NASA Reauthorization Act passed by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Both bills focus on workforce development and new aviation technology. One of the bills, H.R. 5122, the NASA Talent Exchange Program Act, would create a program allowing NASA employees to temporarily work with private companies, universities, and nonprofits—and vice versa. The goal is to share expertise, strengthen the aerospace workforce, and encourage innovation. The legislative package also includes Rep. Sykes’ H.R. 6898, the AIRSHIP Act, which supports research into modern airship technology. The bill explores ways airships could be made safer, more sustainable, and useful for operations such as disaster response and humanitarian missions.



- **Rep. Terri Sewell** welcomed Members of Congress and dignitaries from across the nation to Alabama to commemorate the 61st anniversary of Bloody Sunday. The delegation visited the historic cities of Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma to witness firsthand the people and places of the Civil Rights Movement. Rep. Sewell also celebrated the passage and signing of her bill, the Nancy Gardner Sewell MCED Act. Named for her late mother, the bill would ensure that Medicare beneficiaries gain timely access to multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests once they are approved by the FDA. It would help seniors catch cancer early and reduce racial disparities in cancer mortality.
- **Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II** introduced the Fair Wages for Incarcerated Workers Act, along with **Senator Cory Booker** and **Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove**, to ensure incarcerated workers are paid at least the federal minimum wage, eliminate excessive wage deductions, and extend basic labor protections to workers in correctional facilities nationwide. Rep. Cleaver also hosted Kris Williams, President and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines), along with senior bank officials and local housing leaders, for a roundtable discussion on strategies to expand affordable housing opportunities across Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. The conversation brought together representatives from local financial institutions and housing organizations to discuss housing affordability challenges, access to financing, and the role of the Federal Home Loan Bank system in supporting community development.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath** pressed former Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on homeland security oversight regarding the reported treatment of a Georgia man in ICE custody. Rep. McBath raised concerns about Rodney Taylor, a Liberian-born barber and double amputee from Gwinnett County, who has reportedly experienced worsening health conditions while detained at the Stewart Detention Center since January 2025. She emphasized the urgent need for accountability and humane treatment, noting that Taylor's family was present during the hearing as she called attention to his lack of mobility and access to adequate care while in detention.
- **Rep. Lucy McBath** introduced legislation alongside Reps. David Valadao, **Troy Carter**, and Laurel Lee to combat human trafficking by strengthening prevention, prosecution, and victim protection efforts nationwide. The bill highlights evidence-based strategies to address both sex and labor trafficking, enhances coordination across federal, state, and local agencies, and improves data collection to better identify and disrupt trafficking networks. It also prioritizes survivor support by expanding access to economic stability, legal remedies, and critical services, while implementing safeguards to protect vulnerable populations and hold perpetrators accountable.
- **Rep. André Carson** hosted his annual Youth Opportunities Fair, with attendance from over 70 vendors. This event provided students and parents with a variety of year-round and summer jobs, internships, and volunteer

opportunities for youth of all ages. Rep. Carson also secured \$13.08 million for Indiana’s 7th Congressional District to support housing, workforce development, public health, infrastructure, and crime prevention initiatives across Indianapolis. He joined leaders from Shepherd Community Center and the City of Indianapolis to highlight how these investments will directly benefit local communities.

- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** hosted an emergency virtual meeting titled “What Chicago and Minneapolis Taught Us” for members of the clergy, featuring elected leaders, advocates, and experts with experience opposing unlawful immigration enforcement. As the Trump administration’s Department of Homeland Security prepares ICE and CBP agents to enter New York City and other sanctuary cities nationwide, Congresswoman Clarke convened the briefing to ensure that churches in Brooklyn have the resources and support needed to protect their congregations.
- **Rep. Yvette D. Clarke** launched a Central and Southwest Brooklyn listening session tour beginning in February and continuing through April to hear directly from constituents about the impacts of the Trump administration’s policies. As part of the tour, she will visit multiple Community Boards representing the diverse communities across her district. Constituents are encouraged to share how tariff policies, immigration actions, conflict with Iran, cuts to Department of Education programs and funding, restrictions on infrastructure investments in certain states, and the rising cost of living are affecting their daily lives.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** celebrated the historic Senate passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. The bipartisan package included two bills she authored: the Accelerating Home Building Act and the Community Investment and Prosperity Act. This legislation comes just a year after she joined the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and months after she introduced her comprehensive policy agenda to address America’s housing crisis.
- **Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester** spoke at a “Stop the SAVE Act” rally outside the Capitol Building. During her remarks, she highlighted how the bill would disenfranchise millions of voters, including women, people of color, and Americans in rural communities. After committing to use all available tools to oppose what she described as modern-day voter suppression, she concluded her speech by declaring, “We’re not going back!”
- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** celebrated the House passage of the Territorial Student Access to Higher Education Act, bipartisan legislation championed by the congresswoman and her territorial colleagues, which guarantees in-state tuition rates for students from the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.
- **Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett** attended the University of the Virgin Islands’ (UVI) 64th annual Charter Day as a keynote speaker. The theme was “In Pursuit of Dreams: Celebrating Leadership and VI Excellence.” In her remarks, she highlighted that UVI is the only HBCU in the Caribbean region and serves as a powerful nexus connecting the United States, the Caribbean, and the broader African diaspora.
- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** addressed constituents at her first State of the District address, highlighting key moments from her first full year representing New Jersey’s 10th District in Congress. She celebrated achievements such as securing over \$10 million in federal funding for community projects and shared her vision for the year ahead.





- **Rep. LaMonica McIver** announced the introduction of her Protect World Cup Attendees Act, one of three bills introduced as part of a package on immigration enforcement during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
- **Rep. Lauren Underwood** introduced the Momnibus Act along with **Rep. Alma Adams**. The act is a package of 14 bills that comprehensively addresses every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States. The Momnibus will make America a safer place to give birth—especially for Black mothers who face disproportionately higher risks—by ending maternal health disparities; growing and diversifying the perinatal health workforce; expanding access to maternal mental health and substance use care; lowering health care costs; investing in technological solutions; closing research gaps; improving data collection; and providing direct federal funding for local, community-based organizations that improve maternal health outcomes.
- **Sen. Angela Alsobrooks** continued her mission to remove Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of the Department of Health and utilized her leadership in the Senate to hold him accountable for his actions. To mark RFK Jr.'s first year in office, Rolling Stone published a profile on Sen. Alsobrooks and her efforts to impeach the sitting DOH Secretary.
- **Sen. Angela Alsobrooks** introduced new legislation along with Sen. Katie Britt, titled the Women's Heart Health Expansion Act, which will expand access to a CDC program that provides heart health risk screenings and other medical support.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** launched her signature “K-30” agenda—a platform focused on supporting young Americans by strengthening the education system, ensuring a strong job market, and lowering the cost of housing. The package includes 16 pieces of legislation—seven of which are bipartisan—that aim to address young Oregonians’ most pressing issues: education, jobs, and housing.
- **Rep. Janelle Bynum** celebrated the passage of her bipartisan, bicameral Accelerating Home Building Act and her bipartisan Appraisal Industry Improvement Act, as part of a broader package, through the Senate, making them one step closer to becoming law. The Accelerating Home Building Act will help build more homes and lower housing costs in Oregon and across the country. The bill is co-led by Reps. Bryan Steil (R-WI), Chris Pappas (D-NH), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). The Appraisal Industry Improvement Act will help address the nationwide shortage of licensed home appraisers to improve access to housing. The bill is co-led by Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL).
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** introduced the bipartisan H.Res. 1107, which urges the President to memorialize Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. by flying the flag of the United States at half-staff. The resolution had 167 cosponsors, including all Democratic leadership and the Congressional Black Caucus.
- **Rep. Joyce Beatty** secured House passage of five legislative measures to advance affordable housing, empower and protect homeowners, and enable community banks to inject more capital into the housing industry. These provisions were included in the House-passed H.R. 6644, the Housing for the 21st Century Act.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** exposed Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem’s corrupt \$220 million ad campaign on March 4, contributing to the termination of her position the following day.
- **Rep. Joe Neguse** also joined CNN’s Jake Tapper after his consequential line of questioning during a House Judiciary hearing with Secretary Kristi Noem in early March.

- **Rep. Shontel Brown** introduced the Healthy Hair Act, legislation designed to effectively ban formaldehyde from hair products. The bill is co-lead by Rep. Nydia Velázquez and **Rep. Ayanna Pressley**, with Congressional Black Caucus **Chair Yvette Clarke** serving as an original cosponsor. These hair products have been marketed extensively to Black women for decades, and formaldehyde and other chemicals have been shown to increase cancer risk.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** visited Maxwell CTE High School in his Brooklyn district for a wide-ranging conversation with student government leaders about their concerns related to the cost of living, democracy, and public safety.
- **Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** joined Rep. Brad Schneider and community leaders in Illinois for a roundtable discussion about how House Democrats plan to make life better for Americans affected by Donald Trump’s policies.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** reintroduced his commonsense Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act of 2026. The legislation would place restrictions and transparency measures on the Department of Defense (DOD) program that transfers excess military equipment to federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.
- **Rep. Hank Johnson** presented eleven women in Georgia’s Fourth Congressional District with “Trailblazer” awards in recognition of their pioneering careers and service to the broader community on Saturday, March 21. He paid special tribute to the memory and legacy of his longtime District Director, Kathy Register, who passed away in October 2025.
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** visited the ICE holding facility in Baltimore on March 9, 2026, for the third time to conduct oversight of the Trump administration’s immigration crackdowns. The facility has repeatedly held people in unsafe, overcrowded conditions and for detention periods that far exceed what temporary holding rooms are designed to accommodate.
- **Rep. Kweisi Mfume** introduced the bicameral African American History Act, which authorizes \$20 million in funding over five years for the National Museum of African American History and Culture to support African American history education programs for students, parents, and educators.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** introduced the HBCU Artificial Intelligence Research Leadership Act as Co-Chair of the House Democratic Commission on AI and the Innovation Economy. The legislation provides federal funding to HBCUs to establish Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes. This bill will help expand access to AI education, research, and career pathways for communities that have too often been left out of major federal investments. By ensuring HBCUs are full partners in the U.S.’s national AI research network, it aims to build a more equitable innovation economy and ensure that the talent and excellence of HBCUs help lead the future of this emerging technology.
- **Rep. Valerie Foushee** also introduced the Ensuring OB-GYN Care in Prisons Act, along with co-leads Reps. **Sydney Kamlager-Dove** and Yassamin Ansari. This legislation would require all Bureau of Prisons facilities with female populations to employ at least one full-time, on-site obstetrician-gynecologist. The bill responds directly to widespread evidence of inadequate and dangerous reproductive health care in correctional settings.
- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** attended a service at Butler Memorial United Methodist Church in the Northeast Bronx in celebration of Women’s History Month, where he recognized three outstanding community leaders for their contributions and service. The leaders included: (1) Mary Magdalene Junior Morton, (2) Doreen C. Pinnock, and (3) Carlene Sylvester.
- **Rep. Ritchie Torres** hosted **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries** at a Black History Month celebration held at the New York Botanical Garden, bringing together community members to honor and reflect on Black history and achievement.

- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** introduced H.R. 7386, which unanimously advanced out of the House Energy & Commerce Committee and now heads to the House floor for a vote. The bill, the First Responder Network Authority Reauthorization Act, extends authorization of FirstNet—a critical, dedicated wireless communications network for public safety agencies and first responders—through 2037, while improving coordination and transparency and removing unnecessary barriers.
- **Rep. Jennifer McClellan** joined the social welfare nonprofit Protect Our Care Virginia for a virtual press conference to mark the 16th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act and hold Republicans accountable for waging an all-out assault on working families’ access to affordable, quality health care.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** introduced the Momnibus Act along with **Rep. Lauren Underwood**. The legislation includes a package of 14 bills addressing social determinants of health, expanding the perinatal workforce, promoting maternal vaccinations, strengthening data collection for maternal health research, improving care for veteran and incarcerated mothers, extending postpartum WIC access, expanding access to maternal mental health care—both pre- and postpartum—and protecting mothers from environmental factors that cause adverse pregnancy outcomes.
- **Rep. Alma Adams** hosted the first-quarter Adams Hunger Initiative meeting on March 23, 2026, convening regional leaders, policy advocates, and community partners for a discussion on hunger, federal nutrition programs, and the policy decisions shaping access to food across North Carolina’s 12th District.
- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** reintroduced the Recognition of Traction Alopecia in Service Women Act on March 12, 2026, along with Reps. **Jennifer McClellan** and **Ayanna Pressley**. This legislation would support and expand medical coverage of traction alopecia in the United States military. In order to maintain a professional appearance and adhere to military



grooming standards, many servicewomen use tight hairstyles and hair products containing chemicals that contribute to permanent damage to the hair and scalp. The use of military headgear can also exacerbate and/or cause permanent damage. The bill would amend U.S. Code 1074(c) to add traction alopecia and wigs as covered medical treatments under TRICARE, the uniformed services health care program for active-duty service members. It would also direct the Secretary of Defense to create regulations and training materials warning of the risk of traction alopecia.

- **Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman** led the House of Representatives in passing two pieces of legislation designed to help America celebrate its semiquincentennial on February 10, 2026. Both bills were introduced by Rep. Watson Coleman and Rep. Rob Aderholt. The first bill, the Semiquincentennial Time Capsule Act, passed the House and now heads to the President for his signature. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to create and bury a time capsule in the Capitol Visitor Center, where it will remain until America’s 500th birthday on July 4, 2276. The second bill, the Two Dollar and Fifty Cent Coin for America’s 250th Act, would authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a collectible \$2.50 commemorative coin and conduct a viability study for the potential circulation of the \$2.50 coin for everyday use.



- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** has remained a leading voice for Haitian families by demanding an immediate TPS extension, speaking out against deportations to conditions of violence and instability, sharing guidance with constituents, and welcoming the court decision blocking TPS termination.
- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** has also led efforts to expand workforce training, create apprenticeship opportunities, and build pathways to good-paying jobs, while supporting a stronger and more reliable transit infrastructure.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** led a peaceful protest march in Hyattsville, Maryland, opposing the proposed placement of a new U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility. The demonstration emphasized community concerns about the facility's impact and called for greater transparency. Rep. Ivey also submitted a formal letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) authorities requesting that members of Congress and local residents be fully informed about the purpose, scope, and projected size of the proposed site.
- **Rep. Glenn Ivey** presented a \$1,031,000 award for a proposed program on AI and Small Business Synergy to the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business as a strategic investment in innovation and workforce development. Joined by University President Darryl Pines, Rep. Ivey emphasized how the funding would support programs integrating artificial intelligence into small business growth and entrepreneurship. The initiative was presented as a means to strengthen regional economic competitiveness while expanding practical training opportunities for students and local enterprises.
- **Rep. Gwen Moore** joined the House Ways and Means Committee in marking up several bills, including her own Survivor Justice Tax Prevention Act (H.R. 2347), written in collaboration with Rep. Lloyd Smucker. This legislation would amend the federal tax code to ensure survivors of sexual abuse and unwanted sexual contact do not have to pay taxes on settlement income when they prevail legally against their abuser.
- **Rep. Gwen Moore** emphasized in an opinion piece that now is the time for the Wisconsin Supreme Court to decide *Bothfeld v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*, urging the court to move with deliberate speed to remedy the wrong committed and to strengthen our democracy.
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** introduced the H-1Bs for Physicians and the Healthcare Workforce Act along with Congressional Black Caucus **Chair Rep. Yvette Clarke**. This bipartisan bill would exempt physicians and other health care workers from the new \$100,000 fee for H-1B petitions. It also prohibits new H-1B fees from being imposed on health care workers that exceed existing fees under the U.S. Code. Furthermore, it would help address workforce shortages that continue to strain hospitals and health systems across the country.
- **Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Unionville Clinic in Macon-Bibb, Georgia. The facility is a partnership between Keyrx Ministries, Inc. and Mercer University Medical School, whose students will provide free care to the surrounding community. The project was funded in part with over \$750,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act, as well as \$400,000 through a Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding grant secured by Rep. Bishop. During his remarks, Rep. Bishop emphasized the importance of investments like these at a time when the Trump administration is making health care more expensive and less accessible.



- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** introduced the Respect for Essential Workers Act to protect workers with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and provide them with a clear path to becoming permanent residents. This bill supports American workers and businesses, strengthens communities, and recognizes the contributions of people who have built their lives here. Protecting these workers is both the right thing to do and important for the economy and public health, especially in sectors facing staffing shortages.
- **Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick** introduced the Housing Opportunity Act of 2026, legislation designed to strengthen the Opportunity Zone incentive and encourage the development of affordable housing in economically distressed communities. This act builds on the promise of Opportunity Zones by encouraging long-term investments while ensuring that development includes affordable housing for working families.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** introduced the Federal Election Intimidation Act, which clarifies and modernizes the U.S. Criminal Code to ban ICE and other armed law enforcement from being deployed to polling places or election administration offices during federal elections. This bill was introduced following President Trump's statements about seizing voting machines, the ordering of a raid on the Fulton County Election Office, and former aide Steven Bannon's claim that ICE would surround polling places in November. The legislation aims to protect voters from intimidation by the federal government.
- **Rep. Nikema Williams** convened the Roundtable on Threats to Voting Rights in January 2026. This event brought together co-chairs of the former Strengthening Democracy Task Force and voting rights experts to discuss ongoing threats to democracy and ways Congress can respond both now and in the future.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** held a series of town hall meetings across Louisiana's 6th Congressional District, highlighting key initiatives, addressing constituent concerns, and celebrating his accomplishments.
- **Rep. Cleo Fields** participated in the National Urban League Empowerment Summit with CEO Marc Morial and other members of Congress.

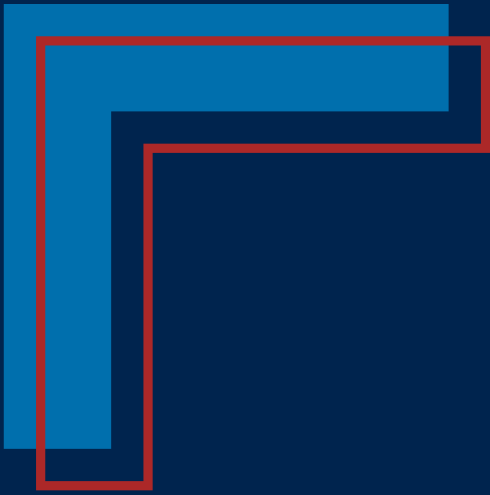




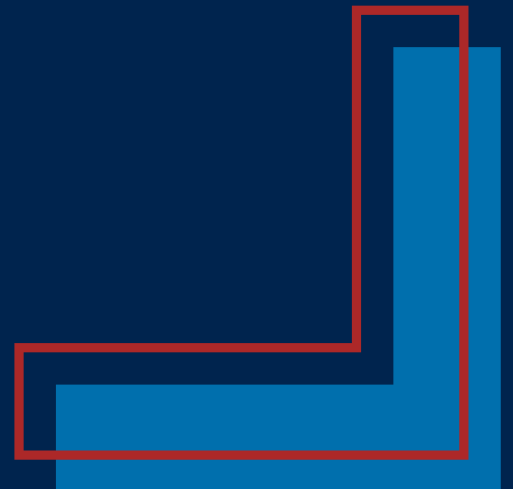
- **Rep. Gregory Meeks** and the United States Postal Service (USPS) unveiled a commemorative stamp in Southeast Queens honoring Muhammad “The Greatest” Ali. In addition to being a boxing legend, Ali was a global icon, cultural influencer, and staunch advocate for justice and equality. He also shared a personal friendship with Congressman Meeks.
- **Rep. Gregory Meeks** held a press conference alongside Rep. Grace Meng and faith leaders, calling on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to immediately cease its operations in Minnesota and stop terrorizing communities nationwide, including in Queens and throughout New York. Rep. Meeks demanded that the Trump Administration end these lawless immigration enforcement tactics due to the danger they pose to American lives.
- **Rep. Gregory Meeks** wrote to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) urging the initiation of a formal study to modernize the country’s air traffic control (ATC) systems. In the letter, he noted that record travel is expected for upcoming events such as America250, the 2026 FIFA World Cup, and the 2028 Summer Olympic Games. As New York airports serve as a global gateway, upgrading ATC systems should be a top priority for the Trump Administration. Modernized systems will help keep New York’s skies safe and efficient amid the anticipated surge in travelers.



- **Rep. Wesley Bell** held the first meeting of his Youth Council for high school students who are passionate about their communities and eager to engage in meaningful projects supporting the St. Louis region of Missouri.
- **Rep. Wesley Bell** introduced the BRIDGE Act to expand employment opportunities for justice-impacted individuals and create new opportunities for youth.
- **Rep. Gabe Amo** announced a \$311,000 allocation in Community Project Funding for Rhode Island’s Nonviolence Institute to support three victim advocates and a case manager providing crisis intervention, home visits, and long-term support for victims of violence.
- **Rep. Gabe Amo** convened faith leaders from diverse religious backgrounds to strategize on how congregations and elected officials can work together to protect communities in response to ICE and Border Patrol operations win cities.



KEY MOMENTS



JANUARY

- **January 3:** The CBC condemned President Trump's illegitimate use of war powers in Venezuela.
- **January 6:** The CBC reflected on the fifth anniversary of the January 6th Capitol insurrection.
- **January 6:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour on the fifth anniversary of the January 6th Capitol insurrection.
- **January 7:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **January 7:** The CBC condemned the murder of Rene Good in Minneapolis.
- **January 8:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's targeting of child federal assistance programs.
- **January 8:** The CBC applauded the House passage of the ACA Tax Credit extension.
- **January 9:** The CBC held the virtual staff briefing: Cancer Screening, Early Detection & Prevention: What Policy Can Do to Save Lives.
- **January 13:** The CBC condemned the closing of civic space in advance of Uganda's elections.
- **January 14:** The CBC urged the Trump Administration to resume food aid to Somalia's most vulnerable populations.



- **January 14:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **January 16:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's decision to indefinitely suspend immigrant visa processing from 75 countries.
- **January 20:** The CBC convened the Voting Rights & Redistricting Strategy Summit in Washington.
- **January 20:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **January 20:** The CBC condemned the Trump Administration's one year mark.
- **January 20:** The CBC condemned the detention of Liam Conejo Ramos.
- **January 22:** The CBC joined Democratic affinity caucuses in condemning the EEOC's move to rescind workplace harassment guidance.
- **January 22:** The CBC joined House Democrats in demanding reproductive freedom.
- **January 24:** The CBC condemned the murder of Alex Pretti in Minneapolis.
- **January 21:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **January 26:** The CBC condemned the racist and cowardly assault on Congressman Maxwell Frost.
- **January 26:** The CBC urged the Senate to reject funding for ICE.
- **January 27:** The CBC applauded Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton's 35 years of service to our nation.
- **January 27:** The CBC condemned the racist and brazen assault on Congresswoman Ilhan Omar.
- **January 30:** The CBC condemned AG Pam Bondi and the Trump Administration for the arrests of Black journalists and activists in Minnesota.
- **January 30:** The CBC, led by Rep. Ayanna Pressley, convened a stakeholder call regarding Haitian TPS.

FEBRUARY

- **February 1:** The CBC recognized the beginning of Black History Month.
- **February 2:** The CBC held a ceremonial swearing-in for Congressman Christian Menefee (TX-18).
- **February 2:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour commemorating Black History Month.
- **February 3:** The CBC and Democratic affinity caucus rallied at the ICE Headquarters to demand the firing of Kristi Noem.
- **February 3:** The CBC held the virtual roundtable: Dismantling Opportunity: The Impact of Federal Actions on Black Economic Advancement
- **February 4:** The CBC joined the Tri-Caucus in leading 105 House members in a letter to fire Kristi Noem.
- **February 4:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **February 4:** The CBC and House Democratic Caucus convened a Black History Month Roundtable.
- **February 6:** The CBC condemned President Trump's racist attack against President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.
- **February 9:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour honoring Black veterans.

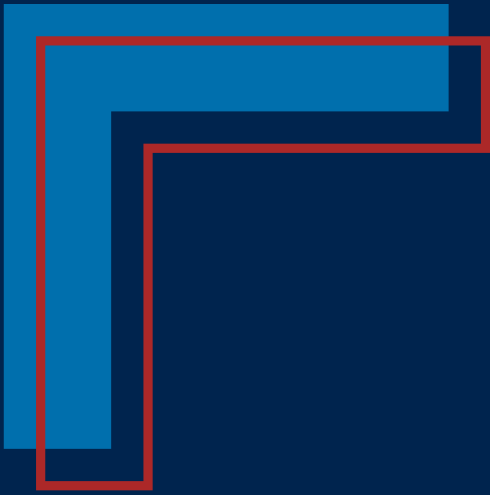


- **February 11:** The CBC joined the NPHC and civil rights leaders for a press conference on Capitol Hill.
- **February 11:** The CBC hosted a Black History Month event with the House Democratic Caucus.
- **February 11:** The CBC condemned passage of the SAVE Act.
- **February 11:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **February 12:** The CBC opposed Trump's nomination of Jeremy Carl to the State Department.
- **February 17:** The CBC remembered the life and legacy of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
- **February 18:** The CBC convened the roundtable on the state of Black farmers and agriculture.
- **February 24:** The CBC held a pen and pad briefing with Black press ahead of President Trump's State of the Union Address.
- **February 24:** The CBC issued a statement on President Trump's failed State of the Union Address.
- **February 24:** The CBC applauded Rep. Summer Lee for delivering the People's State of the Union hosted by MoveOn.
- **February 27:** The CBC condemned President Trump's attempt to nationalize federal elections.
- **February 27:** The CBC held a press conference at the House Democratic Issues Conference.

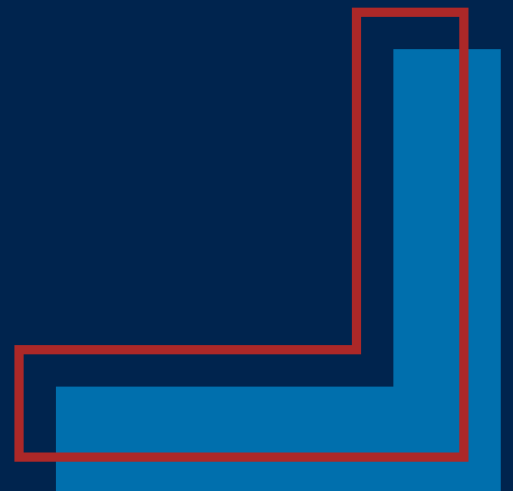


MARCH

- **March 1:** The CBC recognized the beginning of Women's History Month.
- **March 5:** The CBC sent a letter demanding the reversal of Trump policies impacting Black immigrant communities.
- **March 5:** The CBC, in light of Kristi Noem's ouster, vowed to continue working to hold DHS and ICE accountable for the killings of Alex Pretti, Rene Good, Keith Porter, Jr. and others.
- **March 8:** The CBC convened in Selma, Alabama for the 61st Anniversary of Bloody Sunday.
- **March 8:** The CBC held a press conference in Selma, Alabama to commemorate Bloody Sunday.
- **March 17:** The CBC joined Democratic affinity caucuses for a press conference condemning deportations of DACA recipients.
- **March 17:** The CBC celebrated the kick-off of Black Press Week.
- **March 18:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **March 18:** The CBC held a meeting with the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana.
- **March 23:** The CBC sent a letter urging Ambassador Michal Waltz to vote for the UN resolution on trafficking and racialized chattel enslavement of Africans.
- **March 24:** The CBC endorsed the UN resolution declaring trafficking and racialized chattel enslavement of Africans as the gravest crime against humanity.
- **March 24:** The CBC and House Agriculture Committee held a briefing on the Farm Bill.
- **March 25:** The CBC convened for a Weekly Business Meeting.
- **March 25:** The CBC held a Special Order Hour recognizing trailblazing Black women in history.
- **March 27:** The CBC joined DWC in condemning Secretary Hegseth's attack on Black and women military officers.
- **March 27:** The CBC joined the Tri-Caucus in hosting a briefing on Crimmigration.
- **March 30:** The CBC sent a letter urging the Federal Reserve to act on rising Black unemployment.
- **March 31:** The CBC sent a letter to President Trump and Secretary Rubio regarding enforcement of the Washington Accords in the DRC.



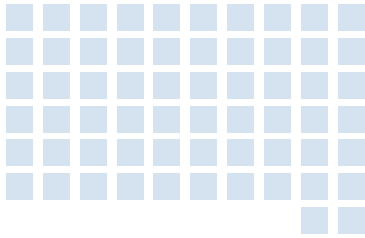
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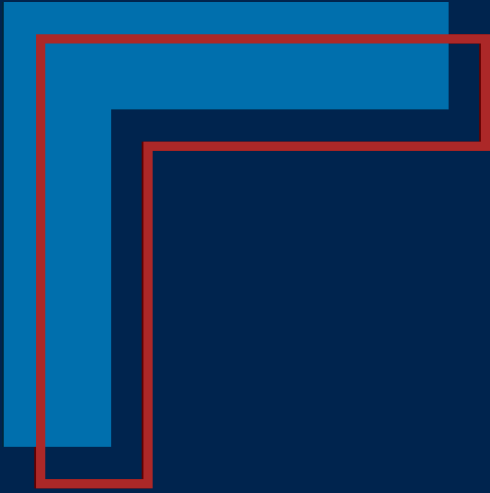


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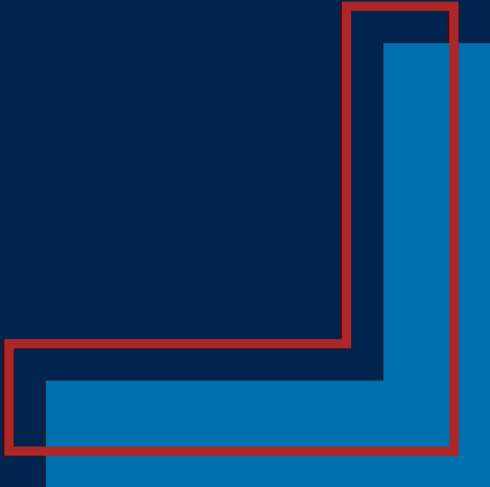


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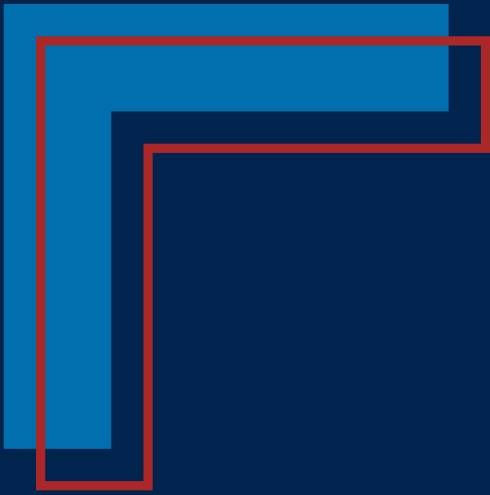
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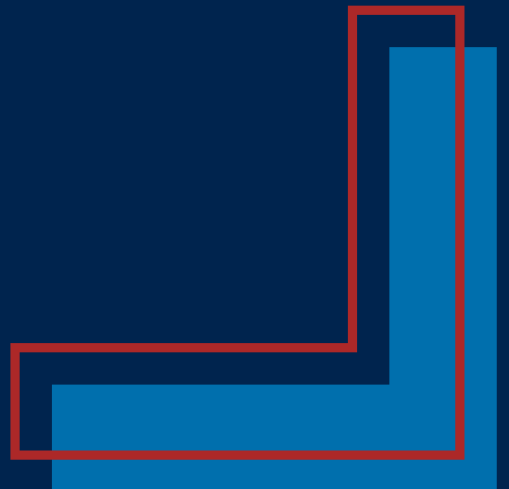
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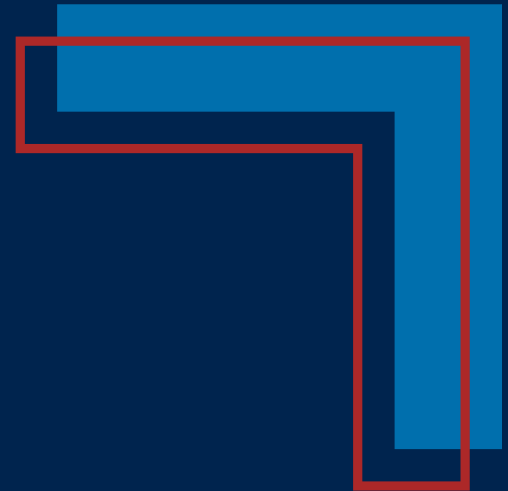
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