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**Left:** Congressman Cedric L. Richmond (D-LA-02) is the 25th Chairman of the CBC. He represents the 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana, which includes parts of New Orleans and Baton Rouge.



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# MESSAGE

The year-end report summarizes the actions Chairman Richmond and the Executive Committee have taken to advance the mission of the bicameral, bipartisan 48-member CBC from the beginning of the second session of the 115th Congress through January 2, 2019. While the CBC's mission has remained the same since it was established 47 years ago by 13 founding members, the tools used to advance the mission have not.

This Congress, the CBC was focused on using aggressive legislative strategies and old and new communications strategies to expand engagement, economic empowerment, and equity in the African-American community. The CBC was also focused on strengthening and streamlining the day-to-day administrative actions of the Caucus.

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## *A Ceremonial Swearing-In*



## *The Congressional Black Caucus 115th Congress*



# **SWEARING-IN**

**Above:** On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, the CBC swore in 49 members – 47 Representatives and Delegates, including one Republican, and two Senators – making it the largest CBC in history. In fact, this Congress, the CBC makes up almost one-fourth of the House Democratic Caucus.

# BY THE NUMBERS

Below is a by-the-numbers summary of what the CBC did in 2018

**1031** NUMBER OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

**130** NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

**75** NUMBER OF PRESS RELEASES ISSUED

**30** NUMBER OF EVENTS HOSTED FOR MEMBERS AND STAFF

**1** NUMBER OF AMICUS BRIEFS FILED

# LEGISLATIVE

## CRITICIZED REPUBLICANS FOR THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

On Sunday, January 20, 2018, the government shut down because Congress failed to pass an appropriations bill. The reason why Congress failed to do this is because Republicans and Democrats could not agree on whether to include language in the bill that would 1: allow DREAMers, young people who were brought to this country illegally as children, to stay in the United States longer, and 2: fund a border wall between Mexico and the United States, which was one of President Trump's campaign promises.



**Above:** Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) speaks at a CBC press conference a few days after the government shutdown.

President Trump agreed to sign an appropriations bill that included this language, which a majority of Democrats agreed on, and then reneged on that promise and said he would only sign such a bill if it ended the Diversity Visa Program, which primarily benefits African and Asian immigrants. During a press conference outside the Capitol while appropriations negotiations were still ongoing, CBC criticized Republicans for the government shutdown.

**“There should be no question about who is to blame for this government shutdown: Republicans control the White House, Republicans control the Senate, and Republicans control the House. Since the beginning of this Congress, Republicans have proved two things to the American people: they are unable to govern and will follow this president over a cliff.”**

**– Chairman Richmond**

Later that day, Congress passed a bill that temporarily funded the government [\*but a majority of the CBC did not support the bill\*](#) because it cut funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, community health centers, and Disproportionate Share Hospitals – hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients.



## SECURED FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT HELP THE WORKING POOR

The CBC [secured](#) funding for a number of programs that help the working poor in the FY 2018 appropriations bill that passed the House on Thursday, March 22, 2018, including \$610 million for Head Start, \$5.4 billion for community health centers, \$3.6 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, \$6 million for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, among a number of other programs.

**“Today, Congress passed a \$1.3 trillion spending bill that funds our government through the end of the fiscal year and provides meaningful investments across the country and around the world. I am proud of all 48 members of the Congressional Black Caucus who worked hard on various congressional committees to secure funding for policies and programs that help all communities – rich and poor, Black and white, urban and rural.”**

**– Chairman Richmond**

## APPLAUDED THE APPOINTMENT OF SEN. BOOKER AND SEN. HARRIS TO SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) announced that Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) would be appointed to the Senate Judiciary Committee making them the 2nd and 3rd African Americans to serve on the Committee in its 200-plus-year history. The announcement came a month after Chairman Richmond sent a letter to Minority Leader Schumer urging him to appoint at least one CBC member to the Committee after Senator Franken (D-MN) announced his intent to resign.

**“Today, Senator Booker and Senator Harris, two great attorneys who are committed to 21st century criminal justice reform, were appointed to the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming the 2nd and 3rd African Americans to serve on the Committee in its 200-plus-year history,”** [Chairman Richmond said](#). **“The Congressional Black Caucus could not be more proud of both of our Senate members and know the experience and expertise they bring to the Committee will be beneficial for all Americans, especially those disproportionately targeted by the criminal justice system.”**



**Above:** Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

## INTRODUCED RESOLUTION TO CENSURE TRUMP FOR “SHITHOLE” COMMENTS

On Thursday, January 18, 2018, the CBC and House Judiciary Committee Democrats introduced [a resolution to censure](#) President Trump for the racist “shithole” comments he made about African countries, Haiti and El Salvador during a bipartisan Thursday, January 11, 2018, meeting on American immigration policy. During the meeting, President Trump said that he wanted more immigrants from predominately white countries like Norway and less immigrants from “shithole” countries like those in Africa, Haiti, and El Salvador. More than 161 Democrats co-sponsored the resolution.

“We were deeply disturbed and offended by President Trump’s remarks regarding Haiti and African countries. The countries he called ‘shitholes’ produce immigrants that are remarkable and make significant contributions to our country. A high percentage of those immigrants have college

degrees and when they get here they create businesses and jobs.”

– **Chairman Richmond and House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler (D-NY-10)**

## CRITICIZED TRUMP TWEET ON WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN FARMERS

On Wednesday, August 22, 2018, President Trump [tweeted](#) the false claim that the black South African government was stealing land from white South African farmers.

“Here is the real story behind President Trump’s tweet: Every time he is caught in a lie or the Mueller investigation gets closer to the truth, he tries to play the race card so he can distract the American people from the fact that his actions and the actions of his fellow Republicans have put our democracy in flames.”

– **The CBC**



**Above:** The CBC and House Judiciary Democrats introduce a resolution to censure President Trump for his “shithole” comments about African countries, Haiti and El Salvador.

## COMMEMORATED 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MLK ASSASSINATION

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, at a bipartisan congressional ceremony in the U.S. Capitol, the CBC commemorated the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Chairman Richmond and Congressman John Lewis (D-GA-05) delivered remarks, and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO-05) delivered the invocation and benediction.

During the ceremony, Congressman Lewis, who was a friend of Dr. King and fought for change alongside him, said:

“For many of us, Dr. King was a breath of fresh air. His strength and his dignity inspired us. His message of peace, his message of love and non-violence, helped us find a way to get in the way. His faith and his teachings moved a generation to act, to get in good trouble – necessary trouble.”

## CRITICIZED REPUBLICAN TAX BILL

On Thursday, December 22, 2018, President Trump signed the Republican tax bill into law.

While the bill was going through Congress, the CBC was *critical* of it – calling it “morally bankrupt.” In addition, Chairman Richmond *wrote a joint op-ed* with then-President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mitch Landrieu, which argued that the bill would negatively impact cities and communities of color for generations to come.

**“The Republican tax bill was a missed opportunity for real, bipartisan tax reform. 83% of the tax cuts in the bill will go to the wealthiest 1% while only 17% will go to working families, and 86 million working families will see a tax increase as a result of the bill. In addition, the bill paves the way for billions of dollars in cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, makes tax cuts for corporations permanent and those for working families temporary, leaves 13 million more Americans uninsured while raising health care costs for everyone, and fails to close tax loopholes for corporations.”**

**–The CBC**



**Above:** House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI-01) and Congressman John Lewis (D-GA-05) at the bipartisan ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## CRITICIZED TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DECISION TO IMPOSE WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, the CBC criticized the Trump Administration's decision to allow states, for the first time, to impose work requirements for Medicaid.

**“Imposing work requirements on Medicaid recipients is counterproductive and most likely illegal. Medicaid recipients who are able to work are already working, and the law does not allow states to impose work requirements as a condition of receiving Medicaid coverage. The policy announced today is a sad and shameful attack on the most vulnerable among us. The last thing Americans who have fallen on hard times need is to lose their healthcare so Washington Republicans can take a political victory lap at their expense.”**

– **The CBC**

This decision was part of a larger Trump Administration's [effort](#) to restrict access to programs that help the working poor.

## FOUGHT FOR THE DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM

On Monday, February 12, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to President Trump criticizing his immigration proposal as “unreasonable” and “un-American” because it unnecessarily pitted Black and brown immigrants against each other.

Months before the letter was sent, President Trump agreed to sign the DREAM Act into law,

legislation that would primarily benefit young Latino immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children, if and only if Congress funded additional border security measures.

But he later reneged on that agreement and said he would only sign the DREAM Act into law if Congress ended the Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) Program, a program that primarily benefits African and Asian immigrants. The CBC fought tooth and nail to prevent the DV Program from ending up on the chopping block. Fortunately, the Caucus succeeded and President Trump's proposal never became law.

But President Trump's attacks on low-income immigrants of color didn't end there. On Tuesday, September 25, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielson criticizing the Department's proposal to restrict green cards for immigrants who are likely to use public assistance programs such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Medicare Part D.

## CRITICIZED TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY

When the CBC found out that the Trump Administration was separating immigrant children from their asylum-seeking parents, the Caucus criticized the “unjust” policy and called on the Trump Administration to end it. One of the CBC's most vocal critics of the policy was Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA-43).

At a rally in Los Angeles on Saturday, June 23, 2018, Congresswoman Waters encouraged Americans to tell Trump Administration officials who they see out and about in their communities that President Trump's then-policy of separating immigrant children from their asylum-seeking parents was un-American.

As a result of her comments, a backlash followed; conservatives accused Congresswoman Waters of encouraging violence against Trump Administration officials. In response to the backlash, Chairman Richmond released a [statement](#) defending Congresswoman Waters.

“In exercising her constitutional right to freedom of speech at a recent rally, Congresswoman Waters did not, as she has made clear, encourage violence, like President Trump has been doing since the election. She, instead, encouraged Americans to exercise their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly by letting President Trump and members of his Administration know that separating young immigrant children from their parents is not who we are as a country.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

## URGED TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NOT TO WEAKEN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin urging the Department not to weaken the Community Reinvestment Act, a law that helps historically underserved communities attract private-sector investment.

“The Community Reinvestment Act is a critically important economic policy that was created to remedy more than a century of exclusionary economic and financial policy in the private and public sectors. Now is not the time to make it harder for these communities to get ahead.”

– **The CBC**

## URGED NCAA TO CONSIDER REFORMING ITS OPERATING MODEL

On Monday, April 30, 2018 the CBC sent a [letter](#) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), urging the organization to consider reforming its operating model since its current “state of play... may fail to properly serve a large component of the NCAA’s student-athletes.” The letter followed Chairman Richmond’s launch in March of the CBC NCAA Task Force, and a staff-level meeting during the same month between the CBC and the NCAA.

“The NCAA’s operating model has become a liability for the organization, its student-athletes, coaches, member institu-



**Above:** The sign outside of the NCAA headquarters.

tions, alumni, and other important stakeholders. The model has invited serious litigation, under-the-table payments, questionable recruiting practices, and now a criminal probe by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.”

—The CBC

## URGED HUD TO LIVE UP TO ITS FAIR HOUSING MISSION

More than a few times this year, the CBC found itself urging the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to live up to its fair housing mission.

On Friday, March 9, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to HUD Secretary Ben Carson urging the Department to reconsider a proposal to remove anti-discrimination language from its mission statement. Weeks later the CBC [urged](#) the Department to reconsider a proposal to triple the rent for people living in public housing.

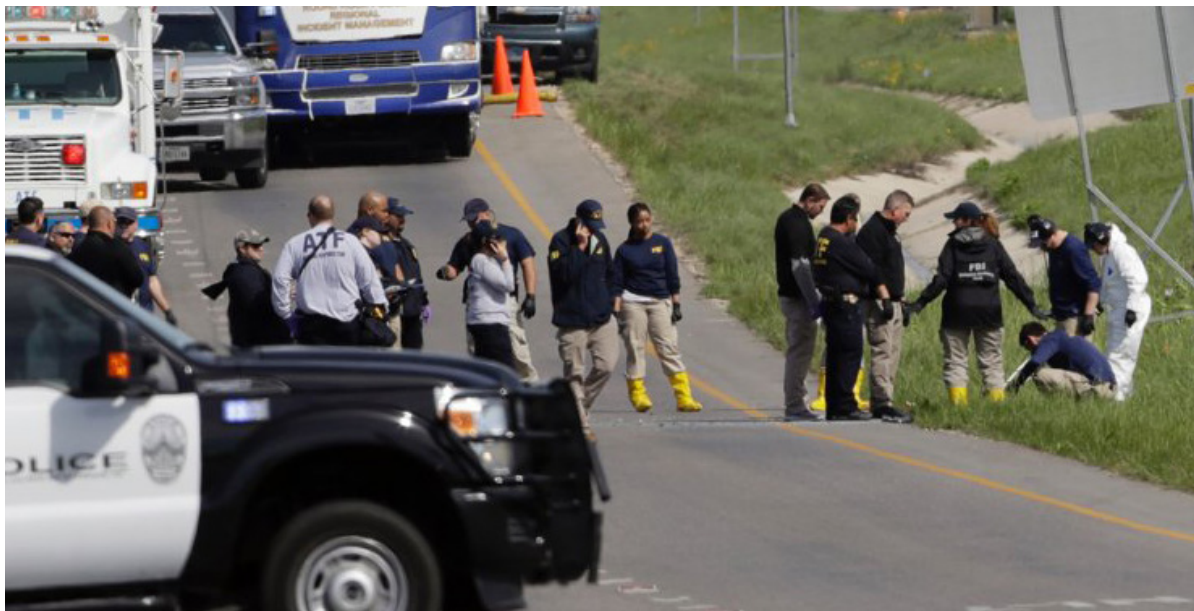
Secretary Carson was supposed to meet with the CBC but canceled the meeting the day before it was scheduled. Secretary Carson never rescheduled the meeting.

## CBC DEMANDS JUSTICE

### Called for the Austin Bombings to be Classified as Domestic Terrorism

After several people were injured or killed in their Austin, Texas, neighborhoods by homemade bombs, the CBC [called for](#) the federal government to classify these bombings as domestic terrorism and use its “full investigative force” to stop them. The CBC also called for the House Judiciary Committee and the House Homeland Security Committee to hold hearings on domestic terrorism, something the CBC has been calling for ever since Republicans took control of both Committees.

**“To be clear, these bombings must be classified as ongoing terrorist attacks and should be investigated as such. Also, we need to understand if these attacks are ideologically or racially motivated. The community impacted is now under virtual house arrest and the entire city in a state of fear – which can easily transition into panic. We cannot stand idly by while our communities are under attack. This has become a national security issue and**



**Above:** ATF officials investigate the scene where the Austin Bombing suspect blew himself up.

the full investigative force of the federal government must be focused on stopping these attacks.”

– **The CBC**

### Criticized Police Shooting of Antwon Rose

After teenager Antwon Rose was shot and killed while running away from a Pittsburgh, Pa., police officer, the CBC criticized the shooting.

“If anyone still doubts that there’s a problem with the way that police operate when Black men, Black women, even Black children are involved, they aren’t just not paying attention, they’re ignoring the facts.”

– **Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12), Chair of the CBC Police Accountability Task Force**

A few weeks later, the CBC held a public forum on police accountability, which included experts from George Mason, President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, and Black law enforcement associations. During the forum, the CBC played a video of recent police shootings and beatings.

### Introduced Anti-Lynching Legislation

On Thursday, June 28, 2018, the CBC – led by Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL-02) – introduced legislation that would make lynching a federal crime. The *Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018* would amend the U.S. Code to specify that lynching – “the willful act of murder by a collection of people assembled with the intention of committing an act of violence upon any person” – is a crime in itself warranting an enhanced sentence under existing federal hate crime statutes.

When asked about the legislation, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said, [\*“I certainly would support it.”\*](#)

“It’s a travesty that despite repeated attempts to do so, Congress still hasn’t put anti-lynching legislation on the books. This bill will right historical wrongs by acknowledging our country’s stained past and codifying into law our commitment to abolishing this shameful practice.”

– **Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)**



**Above:** The NAACP’s anti-lynching banner, which flew outside the organization’s Manhattan headquarters.

“Lynching is a dark, despicable part of our history, and we must acknowledge that. It is time for the Senate and the House finally to take up and pass this legislation, and end this stain on American history.”

– **Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA)**

Senators Booker and Harris introduced their legislation a week after Congressman Rush introduced the same legislation in the House. At the time of introduction, Rush’s bill was backed by 36 members of the CBC.

“While many may argue that lynching has been relegated to history, you only need to look at the events in Charlottesville [in 2017] to be reminded that the racist and hateful sentiments that spurred these abhorrent crimes are still prevalent in today’s American society.”

– **Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL-02)**

The bill passed the Senate unanimously on Wednesday, December 19. Since 1882, Congress has tried and failed more than 200 times to pass similar anti-lynching legislation.

#### Demanded Justice for Emmett Till



Above: Emmett Till

On Thursday, July 12, 2018, the Justice Department reopened the investigation into the death of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old boy who was lynched in Money, Miss., in 1955 by two white men who said he flirted with a white woman. Although the two white men who lynched Till were prosecuted for the crime, they were acquitted by an all-white jury after just an hour of deliberation. They later confessed to the lynching in 1956. In response to the FBI’s decision to reopen the investigation, the CBC [demanded justice](#).

“The men who killed Emmett Till confessed years ago and, if reports are true, the woman whose lie led to Till’s killing recently confessed that she lied. Justice for the Till family has been delayed, but it should not be denied. I don’t care if the living perpetrators of this crime are 80 or 180, they should get the harshest punishment possible for lynching a 14-year-old boy.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

According to the Justice Department, the case was reopened “based upon the discovery of new information.” Although the Department didn’t explain what the new information was, many believe it was the recent confession of Till’s accuser Carolyn Donham. According to the author of *The Blood of Emmett Till*, a book that was published in 2017, Donham confessed to him that she lied about Till flirting with her. Donham is now in her 80s.

#### Urged Georgia County to Reconsider Polling Closures

On Thursday, August 23, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to the Randolph County Georgia Board of Elections criticizing their proposal to close more than three-quarters of their polling locations in the predominately Black county, including a polling location that was in a part of the county that was 97 percent African American.

The CBC believed the proposal was yet another attempt to suppress the African-American vote, which violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965.



After an uproar from elected officials, civil rights activists, and constituents, local election officials decided not to proceed with the closing of any of the voting locations.

### Stood Up for Students of Color, Students with Disabilities

More than a few times this year, the CBC found itself standing up for students of color and students with disabilities.

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, a few weeks after the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., the CBC sent a [letter](#) to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-06) criticizing Republican efforts to rollback Obama-era school discipline guidance that helps schools develop discipline policies and practices that are in keeping with federal law, and was intended to put an end to zero-tolerance policies and practices that disproportionately impact students of color and students with disabilities.

Republicans believe the guidance increases the likelihood of school shootings because it makes teachers and administrators think twice before involving the police in school discipline. This belief is misguided and part of a larger Republican effort to [criminalize school disci-](#)

[pline](#) in the wake of the Parkland shooting. The Republican-led House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the guidance on the same day that the CBC letter was sent.

Months later, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos criticizing the Department's two-year-long postponement of an Obama-era regulation addressing racial bias in special education. The CBC also [criticized](#) the Department's decision to end Obama-era Affirmative Action regulations meant to increase diversity in higher education.

### Hosted Briefing on FBI "Black Identity Extremist" Report

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the CBC hosted a briefing on the FBI's August 2017 report titled ["Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers."](#) The briefing included experts from the University of Southern California, Brennan Center for Justice, and the attorney-activist community, and was a follow-up to a meeting the CBC had with FBI Director Christopher Wray about the report.

In October 2017, the CBC met with Director Wray and asked the FBI to rescind the report since its definition of "Black Identity Extremist"



Above: A copy of the FBI's "Black Identity Extremist" report.

was unclear and could put ordinary Black citizens and activists in danger of law enforcement. Director Wray sent a letter to the CBC months later informing the Caucus that the report wouldn't be rescinded.

## CRITICIZED THE FARM BILL

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to House leadership criticizing the latest version of the Farm Bill as “disgraceful” because it included a proposal to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$20 billion dollars and expand eligibility and employment requirements for the program that would result in two million people losing some or all of their benefits. The bill also included a proposal that would result in 265,000 children losing their school lunch benefits.

Fortunately, before Congress passed the bill, the CBC was able to make these bad proposals better and include millions of dollars for HBCUs, Black farmers, and rural communities of color.

## INTRODUCED COMPREHENSIVE 1,300-PAGE JOBS & JUSTICE BILL

On Thursday, May 10, 2018, the CBC introduced [the Jobs and Justice Act of 2018](#), a comprehensive 1,300-page bill that would, if passed, increase the upward social mobility of Black families, and help ensure equal protection under the law. The CBC hopes the legislation will serve as a guiding light for any White House, major legislative caucus, or member of Congress who claims to care about the African-American community, other communities of color, and rural communities. The legislation was co-sponsored by 44 House Democrats.

**“As a result of racism and discrimination in our country, African Americans still face a number of economic and social barriers that the federal government can and should help our community address since it was and still is complicit in build-**



**Above:** Chairman Richmond signs the Jobs and Justice Act of 2018 after a press conference introducing the bill.

ing them. Although we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go, and the Jobs and Justice Act of 2018 will help us get there.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

## PRESERVED & PROTECTED CIVIL RIGHTS LANDMARKS

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018, the African American Civil Rights Network Act was signed into law by President Trump. The bipartisan legislation was sponsored by Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay, Jr. (D-MO-01) and Congressman Jason Smith (R-MO-08) and authorizes the National Park Service to establish a program to preserve and protect the memory of the people and places that were significant in the struggle to secure equal rights for African Americans during the modern civil rights era between 1939-1968 – along with other sites that have a verifiable connection to the civil rights movement that are included in, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

“In too many places across this country, precious historic waypoints along the routes of that still largely untold story are at risk of being lost forever. My hope is that the historic civil rights network and the programs that will grow from this law will honestly tell the full and sometimes painful story of the struggle for civil rights, not just for African Americans, but to foster healing, tolerance and understanding among all Americans.”

– **Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay, Jr. (D-MO-01)**

## FOUGHT TO ENSURE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES LACK IMPLICIT BIAS, PRIVACY CONCERNS

For more than a year, the CBC has been fighting to ensure that artificial intelligence technologies are not being developed with implicit bias built into their operating systems. For example, some facial recognition software is built without the ability to recognize darker skin tones meaning that those with dark skin may be misidentified by the software. [This has been called “algorithmic bias” or “coded gaze.”](#) The CBC has also been fighting to ensure that these technologies are not being used to violate personal privacy.

On Thursday, May 24, 2018, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to Amazon expressing both implicit bias and privacy concerns about Rekognition, facial recognition technology that the company is manufacturing and marketing to law enforcement agencies. In response to the letter, the CBC and Amazon had a staff-level meeting about these concerns. During the meeting, CBC staff asked Amazon if they would sell their facial recognition technology to a police department that was under a Department of Justice consent decree for civil rights violations. Amazon never answered the CBC’s question.

## VISITED SILICON VALLEY TO ANNOUNCE PRINCIPLES FOR AN INCLUSIVE TECH ECONOMY

On Monday, April 30, 2018, through Tuesday, May 1, 2018, the CBC – led by the co-chairs of the CBC Diversity Task Force, Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-01) and Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) – traveled to Silicon Valley to [announce](#) S.M.A.R.T. Investment Principles they developed for an inclusive tech economy.

Butterfield and Lee were joined by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA-43), the Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Com-



**Above:** Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13), the co-chair of the CBC Diversity Task Force and the CBCTECH2020 initiative, speaks at a press conference the CBC held in Silicon Valley. At the press conference, members unveiled five principles for creating an inclusive tech economy.

mittee, and Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-NY-05), who is a member of the same committee. This was the CBC Diversity Task Force's third trip to Silicon Valley, a trip they've taken annually since launching the #CBCTECH2020 initiative.

"During our visit to Silicon Valley in 2017, we were appalled at the slow progress tech companies were making to ensure diversity and inclusion. So, we returned to Silicon Valley in 2018 with specific action items – the S.M.A.R.T. Investment Principles. The goal is for these principles to guide companies in ensuring a strong economy and equal opportunity for all."

– **Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-01), Co-Chair of the CBC Diversity Task Force**

"We founded CBC TECH 2020 in 2015 to address the lack of inclusion and racial equity in Silicon Valley. While we've made some

progress toward techquity recently, the pace of change in the tech sector has been far too slow."

– **Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13), Co-Chair of the CBC Diversity Task Force**

The **S.M.A.R.T.** Investment Principles include five components:

- S**upport STEAM Education & Job Training
- M**ake Tech Available & Affordable
- A**ddress Economic Stability of Communities
- R**ecruit and Retain Black Talent
- T**arget Investments in Diverse Companies & Communities

Read more about the **S.M.A.R.T.** Investment Principles [here](#).



**Above:** A man rolls a marijuana cigarette.

## ANNOUNCED POSITION ON MARIJUANA REFORM

On Friday, June 8, 2018, the CBC [announced](#) its position on marijuana reform. An overwhelming majority of the 48-member caucus voted in support of decriminalizing marijuana, expunging the records of those convicted of marijuana-related misdemeanors, and investing in communities that were ravaged by the failed war on drugs, among other policies.

“Some of the same folks who told African Americans ‘three strikes and you’re out’ when it came to marijuana use and distribution, are now in support of decriminalizing the drug and making a profit off of it. The Congressional Black Caucus supports decriminalizing marijuana and investing in communities that were destroyed by the War on Drugs – which, in addition to be a failed war, was a war on Black and brown communities. We also support expunging the records of those

previously convicted of misdemeanors for marijuana-related offenses.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

In April 2018, Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) introduced a bill in the Senate that would decriminalize marijuana and Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) introduced companion legislation in the House.

## CRITICIZED A NUMBER OF SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

In June, the Supreme Court issued 5-4 rulings in favor of removing inactive voters from registration rolls ([Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute](#)) and stripping unions of their right to collect dues from non-union members who benefit from the union’s work ([Janus v. AFSCME](#)). The CBC criticized both of these rulings since they would disproportionately hurt African Americans and other marginalized communities.

Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute

“The Supreme Court has dealt yet another blow to voting rights. As result of this

decision, the voice of too many voters will be silenced, especially since other states plan to follow Ohio's lead. A voter's decision to vote should be their decision to make – not an election official who is tired of seeing the voter's name on the rolls.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

Janus v. AFSCME

“This is yet another attack on working Americans – the backbone of our country. Unions give workers the power they need to negotiate higher wages and stronger workplace protections, and have historically been one of the only ways that African Americans and other communities of color could reach and remain in the middle class.”

– **Chairman Richmond**

## URGED SENATE TO REJECT TRUMP JUDGES

Almost all of President Trump's judicial nominees are white, male, and extreme, and, in some cases, many of them lacked the talent and temperament needed to be a judge.

As part of its response to these concerns, the CBC sent a [letter](#) to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) on Friday, November 17, 2018, urging him to uphold the Committee's longstanding “blue slip” policy, which prevents the Committee from considering a judicial nominee without the approval of both senators from the nominee's state. Chairman Grassley decided not to uphold the policy after agreeing to do so.

More than a few times, the CBC wrote letters to the Senate and held press conferences and sit-ins urging the Senate to reject specific nominees: judicial nominees [Eric Dreiband](#), [Thomas Farr](#), [Stuart Kyle Duncan](#), and [Andrew Oldham](#) and Supreme Court nominees [Neil Gorsuch](#) and [Brett Kavanaugh](#). In all of these cases, the nominees had a record of



**Above:** Thomas Farr takes the oath during his nomination hearing.

opposing civil rights, voting rights, police accountability and/or other laws intended to protect African Americans and other marginalized communities.

Farr, in particular, had a decades-long record of defending voter suppression tactics such as voter intimidation, voter ID laws, and racial gerrymandering. In 1990, as the lawyer for former segregationist Senator Jesse Helms' (R-NC) reelection campaign, Farr participated in the campaign's voter intimidation efforts when the campaign sent postcards to 100,000 Black voters saying they were ineligible to vote and could be arrested for doing so. He later defended these actions when the Department of Justice charged the campaign with violating the Voting Rights Act.

## AFRICA

### Met with Nigerian Senators, Representatives

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the CBC met with Nigerian Senators and Representatives to discuss Nigeria's domestic affairs and relations with the United States.

“During the discussion, our delegations focused on improving the relationship between our two countries and expanding business opportunities. Not only did we discuss how the Congressional Black Caucus could be helpful in this effort, but also the



**Above:** Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA-37), the Ranking Member on the House Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and a co-chair of the CBC Foreign Relations Task Force, meets with senators and representatives from Nigeria.

larger role that the Nigerian diaspora and African Americans throughout the country can play in enhancing this relationship.”

– **Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA-37), Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa.**

#### Met with President of Ghana

On Friday, September 28, 2018, the CBC met with President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana to discuss ways the Caucus and the country can collaborate on capacity building, economic partnerships, and enhancing the perception of the continent of Africa.

“It was an honor to host President Akufo-Addo here in the Capitol. Ghana has one of the world’s fastest growing economies and has a strong democratic tradition. The President offered a number of insights and suggestions on economic development and non-military solutions to conflict that we intend to follow

up on. As the President said during the meeting, we must continue to strengthen the ties between not only our two countries, but also the entire continent and I look forward to accomplishing that.”

– **Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA-37), Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa.**

# IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- ▶ **January 11, 2018**  
Forum on Lack of Diversity Among President Trump's Judicial Nominees
- ▶ **January 30, 2018**  
Member-Level Briefing with EdBuild on School Segregation
- ▶ **February 2, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing on Foreign Assistance and Food Security Programming in Haiti
- ▶ **February 2, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing on Investing in Black Cities for Future Growth
- ▶ **February 7, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing with the National Minority AIDS Council on HIV
- ▶ **February 14, 2018**  
Meeting with Civil Rights Organizations, & Democratic Organizations
- ▶ **February 15, 2018**  
Meeting with NABTU on Pathways to Building Trades Jobs
- ▶ **February 20, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing on DC Statehood with DC Vote
- ▶ **February 27, 2018**  
Panel Discussion with House Committee on Agriculture Democrats on the Impact of Food Insecurity on Communities of Color
- ▶ **March 8, 2018**  
Member-Level Meeting with Agriculture Secretary Purdue
- ▶ **March 15, 2018**  
Briefing with ABFE on Federal Policy and Black Communities
- ▶ **March 20, 2018**  
Briefing on the FBI's "Black Identity Extremist" Report
- ▶ **April 11, 2018**  
Follow-up Briefing on the FBI's "Black Identity Extremist" Report
- ▶ **April 12, 2018**  
Briefing on the Life-Saving Preventative Health Care Black Women Deserve
- ▶ **April 12, 2018**  
Tri-Caucus Briefing on the "Bare Minimum" Economic Security Report
- ▶ **April 23, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing with API Natural Gas on Energy Policy
- ▶ **April 25, 2018**  
Briefing with the National Urban League on Black Mothers Combatting the Maternal Mortality Crisis
- ▶ **May 1, 2018**  
Briefing on Native American Engagement
- ▶ **May 8, 2018**  
Roundtable on Women in Agriculture
- ▶ **May 9, 2018**  
National Bar Association Lobby Day on the Hill



# IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- ▶ **May 9, 2018**  
Twitter Town Hall on Police Accountability
- ▶ **May 10, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing on Compassion & Choices
- ▶ **May 17, 2018**  
Member-Level Hearing on the Kerner Report
- ▶ **May 18, 2018**  
Briefing on the Growing Absence of Black Men in Medicine and Science
- ▶ **June 7, 2018**  
Member-Level Meeting with Mrs. Rosalind Brewer, Chief Operating Officer of Starbucks
- ▶ **June 7, 2018**  
A Staff-Level Meeting with Spotify on Diversity and Inclusion
- ▶ **June 13, 2018**  
Member-Level Meeting with Danielle Brown, VP of Diversity and Inclusion at Google
- ▶ **June 15, 2018**  
Meeting with Business Software Alliance Foundation and HBCU Trades
- ▶ **June 26, 2018**  
Member-Level Meeting with Budget Committee Ranking Member John Yarmuth
- ▶ **July 10, 2018**  
Briefing on Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ **July 10, 2018**  
Member-Level Meeting with Nigerian Senators and Representatives
- ▶ **July 25, 2018**  
Forum on Police & Community Relations
- ▶ **September 6, 2018**  
Presentation on Financial Capability
- ▶ **September 27, 2018**  
Hearing with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on the Status of Voting Rights
- ▶ **November 1, 2018**  
Staff-Level Briefing on the Community Reinvestment Act

# COMMUNICATIONS

## USED OLD MEDIA STRATEGIES

The CBC has used old media strategies to increase the Caucus's visibility to both African-American and non-African American audiences. Strategies include: speaking with high-profile news outlets, placing op-eds, issuing strong statements, holding press conferences, and rapidly responding to breaking news.

### Spoke to High Profile News Outlets

Chairman Richmond spoke to a number of high profile news outlets in 2018, including BuzzFeed AM to DM, The D.L. Hughley Show, MSNBC's All in with Chris Hayes, CNN Tonight with Don Lemon, and CBS News.

### Delivered State of the Union Pre-Buttal on CNN Tonight

On Monday, January 29, 2018, Chairman Richmond, Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC-06), Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH-11), and Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL-02) delivered a State of the Union pre-buttal on CNN Tonight with Don Lemon. During the 30-minute special segment, the members discussed the CBC's first and only meeting with President

Trump the year before, whether President Trump cares about the African-American community, and why his policies hurt the African-American community.



**Above:** CBC members get ready for a special State of the Union segment of CNN Tonight with Don Lemon.

### Protested President Trump's State of the Union Address

As a result of the "shithole" comments President Trump made about African countries, Haiti and El Salvador during a bipartisan meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018, the CBC decided to protest his first State of the Union Address by wearing Kente cloth, which is a West African



**Above:** CBC members wear Kente cloth at President Trump’s first State of the Union Address to protest his “shithole” comments about African countries, Haiti and El Salvador. The photo went viral.

cloth native to present-day Ghana. A photo of the members sitting together in the House chambers wearing Kente cloth neckties, bowties, stolls, and scarves went viral on social media, online print publications, and television.

Members also wore red “Recy” pins in honor of Recy Taylor, an African-American woman from Alabama who was gang raped by six white men in 1944. Taylor died in December 2017 a few days shy of her 98th birthday, and her story received national attention after Oprah honored her at the 2018 Golden Globes. Several members chose to wear both the Kente cloth and the “Recy” pin but not attend the address because of President Trump’s “shithole” comments, and other actions.

### Placed Op-Eds

In response to the Republican tax bill, Chairman Richmond [wrote a joint op-ed](#) with then-President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mitch Landrieu, which argued that the legislation would negatively impact cities and communities of color of generations to come. The op-ed was pitched and placed on CNBC.com in order to increase the likelihood that the business community would see it.

### Held Press Conferences

On Thursday, September 6, 2018, the CBC and civil rights advocates held a press conference to

urge the Senate to reject the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be an associate justice on the Supreme Court. During the press conference, CBC members and advocates held protest signs that said: “Kavanaugh is a threat to equality and justice,” “Of course Trump’s SCOTUS nominee thinks presidents shouldn’t be indicted,” “We’ve never allowed alleged criminals to pick their judges,” and “Kavan-NAH!”. The press conference was held right outside of Kavanaugh’s nomination hearing. Days later, three women accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault.

The CBC also held press conferences on the State of the Union address, government shutdown, and President Trump’s “shithole” comments.

### Issued Strong Statements

One of the strongest statements the CBC issued this year was an open letter.

On Tuesday, May 30, 2018, the CBC published an [open letter](#) by Chairman Richmond titled “Dear White People” that was about the over-policing of African Americans. The letter was covered by MSNBC anchor Chris Hayes. During an interview with Joy Reid on MSNBC’s “All In with Chris Hayes” Chairman Richmond intentionally wore a baseball cap, t-shirt, and puffy vest to make a point about racial biases and the everyday racism of folks like President Trump, Rosanne Barr, and



**Above:** Chairman Richmond speaks at a press conference urging the Senate to reject the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The press conference was held outside of Kavanaugh’s nomination hearing.

police officers and citizens who kill unarmed Black people.



**Above:** Chairman Richmond wears a puffy vest, t-shirt, and a baseball cap to make a point about racism on MSNBC’s All in with Chris Hayes. MSNBC anchor Joy Reid guest hosted the show.

One of the CBC’s other strongest statements was a tweet.

On Friday, October 5, 2018, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) announced that he was going to vote for President Trump’s Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, even though Kavanaugh lied under oath during his nomination hearings and was accused by three women of sexual assault. In response to his announcement, the CBC tweeted the following:

“In 2017, he voted to confirm Jeff Sessions. Today, he announced that he will vote to confirm [#VoteNoOnKavanaugh](#). At this point, why would anyone in West Virginia who believes in justice & equality continue to support [@Sen\\_JoeManchin](#)?”



**Above:** A tweeter responds to the CBC’s tweet about Senator Joe Manchin’s (D-WV) decision to vote for President Trump’s Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh. With friends like these, who needs enemies?”

Judge Kavanaugh was confirmed by a vote of 50-48, and Senator Manchin was the only Democrat who voted for him.

In addition to the tweet about Senator Manchin, the [statement](#) that Chairman Richmond released after Kavanaugh was confirmed was strong.

“Some votes more than others require an elected

official to put politics aside completely and do what is right for the country — and today's vote was such a vote. Some votes more than others are a window into an elected official's conscience and character — and today's vote was such a vote. Some votes more than others show you whether an elected official is willing to do what is courageous or comfortable in moments of conflict and controversy — and today's vote was such a vote."

**"Sadly and shamefully, 50 senators, including one Democrat, failed this test of leadership and a man who has credible sexual assault allegations against him and lied repeatedly under oath, will be a justice on the highest court in the land. These senators can and should have done better for the Court and the country."**

**– Chairman Richmond**

## USED NEW MEDIA STRATEGIES

The CBC has used new media strategies to increase the Caucus' visibility to both African-American and non-African American audiences. Strategies include: releasing videos,

hosting Twitter town halls, hosting tweetstorms, and designing strong graphics.

### Designed Strong Graphics

Be it a CBC member's birthday or a policy issue, the CBC has worked hard to improve the look and feel of all of the Caucus' social media graphics.

### Released a Mini Documentary about Trump

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, the CBC released a three-minute, 26-second [mini documentary](#) titled "We Have Lost A Lot" that explained what African Americans have lost as a result of President Trump and why it was important for them to vote in the November 2018 midterm election and future elections. The documentary was a follow-up to the ["We Have a Lot To Lose"](#) policy document that the CBC hand-delivered to President Trump during its first and only meeting with him on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The mini documentary detailed how African Americans have lost safety and security, equality and justice, healthcare, economic security, voting rights, the federal judiciary, and trust in the presidency as a result of President Trump's policies. In order to promote the mini documentary, the CBC launched a #WeHaveLostALot social media campaign and hosted a tweetstorm. The video currently has over 200K views.



**Above:** One of the CBC #WeHaveALotToLose social media graphics.

## LAUNCHED SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

In addition to the #WeHaveLostALot social media campaign, the CBC launched a #JobsAndJustice social media campaign to highlight its comprehensive, 1,300-page bill that would, if passed, increase the upward social mobility of Black families, and help ensure equal protection under the law. The CBC also launched a #TheNewCOINTELPRO social media campaign to highlight the FBI’s “Black Identity Extremist” report.



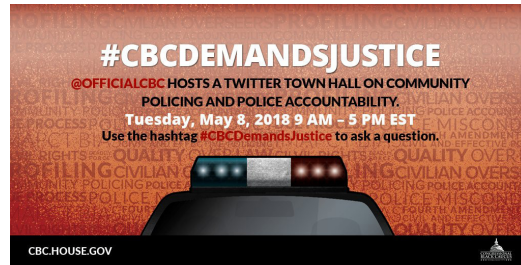
**Above:** One of the CBC’s #TheNewCOINTELPRO social media graphics.

In addition, the CBC launched an “Incompetent, Ignorant, and Inhumane” social media campaign to highlight both Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’ positions and policies.



**Above:** One of the CBC’s “Incompetent, Ignorant, and Inhumane” social media graphics.

## Hosted Twitter Town Hall on Community Policing, Police Accountability



**Above:** One of the CBC’s #CBCDEMANDSJUSTICE graphics used for CBC’s Twitter Town Hall.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, the CBC hosted “CBCDemandsJustice – A Twitter Town Hall on Community Policing and Police Accountability.” During the town hall, CBC members took over the [@OfficialCBC](#) Twitter account using Twitter’s video-reply technology and responded to questions and comments from constituents, celebrities, activists, and advocates. The CBC reached over 500K people during the town hall.

## Worked with HBO on a Documentary

For the past year, the CBC has been working with Vice HBO on a documentary about the Caucus. This was the first time in recent memory that the CBC has allowed a national news outlet to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Caucus.

## Social Media By-The-Numbers

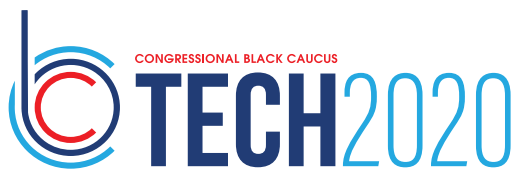
As a result of using the CBC’s social media platforms to break news, improving the look and feel of these platforms by updating profile and background images, and ensuring that photos, graphics and other content posted on these platforms are strong, the Caucus has significantly increased its followers on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Social Media Platform	Beginning of Congress	End of 2017	End of 2018
TWITTER	20K	68K	84K
FACEBOOK	212K	225K	231K
INSTAGRAM	7K	20K	41K

# ADMINISTRATIVE

## REDESIGNED THE CBCTECH2020 LOGO

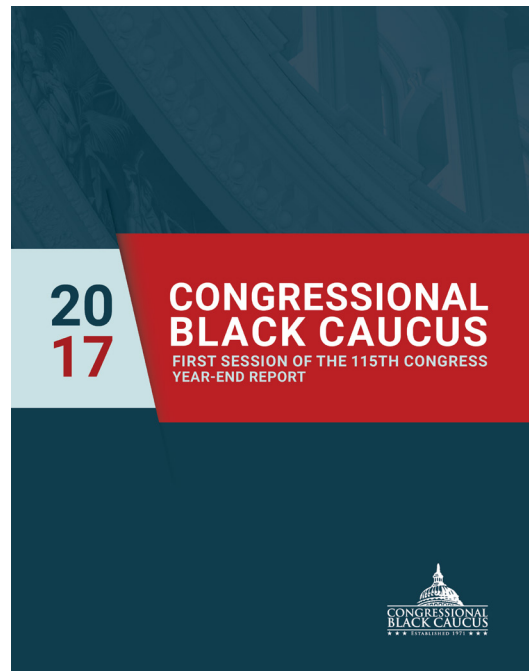
As part of CBC's effort to strengthen its brand across all platforms and programs, the CBCTECH2020 logo was redesigned. The new logo is more contemporary and characteristic of the CBCTECH2020 mission.



**Above:** The CBC's new CBCTECH2020 logo.

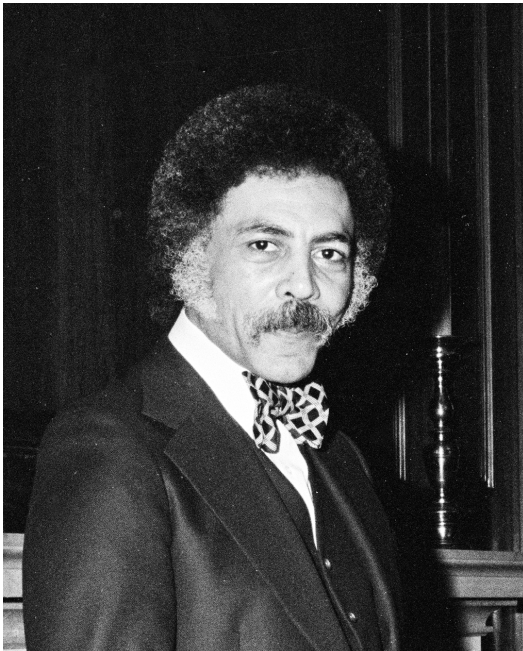
## IMPROVED THE YEAR-END REPORT

Every CBC chair is required to submit a year-end report to the Caucus. This Congress, the CBC improved the look and feel of the year-end report, as well as the content included in the report.



**Above:** The CBC's 2017 year-end report.

# IN MEMORIAM



## CONGRESSMAN RON DELLUMS 1935-2018

On Monday, July 30, 2018, former Congressman Ron Dellums, one of the founding members of the CBC, passed away at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 82. In response to his death, Chairman Richmond released a [statement](#), and several current and former CBC members attended his funeral.

During his 27 years in Congress, Congressman Dellums worked to pass anti-Apartheid legislation that imposed economic sanctions on the South African government and led to the end of the racist regime. In addition, he was the first Black chairman of the House Armed Services Committee where he fought to reduce excessive military spending, limit gratuitous military activity abroad, and repeal the ban on gay and lesbian service members.

“A legacy that will endure long after today’s tragic news, Ron Dellums is a profile in courage, conviction, and compassion that we have all learned from over the years. As the people of Oakland can attest to, his career epitomizes the adage ‘think globally, act locally.’”

– **Chairman Richmond**



# IN MEMORIAM



## ARETHA FRANKLIN 1942-2018

On Thursday, August 16, 2018, Aretha Franklin, known worldwide as the Queen of Soul, passed away at her home in Detroit. She was 76. In response to her death, Chairman Richmond released a [statement](#), and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14) and other CBC members attended her funeral.

“Today, the Queen of Soul has left this world; but her life and legacy have left us all with something we can truly feel. Aretha Franklin was soul personified and she gave us the gift of her voice, her truth and her unapologetic passion to demand compassion, love and R-E-S-P-E-C-T for women everywhere. An iconic entertainer, powerful civil rights leader and a beautiful spirit who I am privileged to call friend. She will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.”

– **Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14)**

# IN MEMORIAM



## GEORGE WILSON 1947-2018

On Saturday, March 17, 2018, veteran African-American reporter George Wilson passed away at a hospital in Washington, D.C. He was 70. For decades, he covered the CBC when other media outlets wouldn't, and, because of that, earned the respect of many current and former Caucus members.

"But for George Wilson who covered the Congressional Black Caucus day in and day out for decades, the work of our members would not have gotten as much news coverage as it did. George Wilson's life and legacy are a testament to why having the Black Press and African-American reporters at major news outlets is so important. He worked hard to make sure the country knew about African Americans' ongoing struggle for justice and equality, and trained many other talented African-American journalists to follow in his footsteps."

– **Chairman Richmond**

# NOTABLE PRESS CLIPS

*The Washington Post*

Democrats add Harris, Booker to Senate Judiciary Committee

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2018/01/09/democrats-add-harris-booker-to-senate-judiciary-committee/?utm\\_term=.06369cbd048f](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2018/01/09/democrats-add-harris-booker-to-senate-judiciary-committee/?utm_term=.06369cbd048f)

**POLITICO**

Black caucus chairman pushes to censure Trump over 'shithole' remark

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/18/trump-censure-congressional-black-caucus-346282>



Member Of Congressional Black Caucus: Trump Has Brought Normalized Racism To White House

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/20/579443004/member-of-congressional-black-caucus-trump-has-brought-normalized-racism-to-whit>



Richmond: Black caucus members will 'stare racism in the face' by attending Trump's SOTU

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/30/politics/cedric-richmond-racism-trump-sotu/index.html>



GOP 'double taxation scheme' leaves 'cities and communities of color behind'

<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/12/15/gop-tax-bill-leaves-cities-and-communities-of-color-behind-commentary.html>

# NOTABLE PRESS CLIPS



Black lawmakers will visit Silicon Valley next week to talk to Apple, Square, PayPal and others about workplace diversity

<https://www.recode.net/2018/4/26/17279354/congressional-black-caucus-silicon-valley-diversity>



BLACK LEADERS UNITE TO BRING JOBS AND JUSTICE TO BLACK AMERICA

<https://www.blackenterprise.com/black-leaders-jobs-justice-black-america/>



Congressional Black Caucus And The National Urban League Launch Jobs And Justice Tour

<https://newsone.com/3823529/congressional-black-caucus-national-urban-league-jobs-and-justice-tour/>



Black Caucus raises concerns over Amazon facial recognition software

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/389267-black-caucus-blasts-amazon-facial-recognition-software>



Black caucus lawmakers want Austin bombings classified as 'ongoing terrorist attacks'

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/19/politics/congressional-black-caucus-members-austin-explosions/index.html>

# NOTABLE PRESS CLIPS



Ron Dellums, former California congressman and founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, dies

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/07/30/ron-dellums-founders-congressional-black-caucus-has-died/865627002/>



Congressional Black Caucus seeks a top Democratic leadership spot

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/01/politics/black-caucus-leadership-fight/index.html>



Powerful minority bloc ready to assert clout in Democratic-controlled House

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2018/11/12/lawmakers-color-ready-assert-clout-historically-diverse-house/1921118002/>



Democrats Try to Derail Judicial Nominee They Call a Vote Suppressor

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/27/us/politics/thomas-farr-judicial-nominee.html>

Thomas A. Farr, 64, a Raleigh-based attorney with a focus on employment law, would fill the nation's oldest federal judiciary vacancy, left open since 2005. But Democrats, led by Senator Chuck Schumer and the Congressional Black Caucus, are outraged at Mr. Farr's nomination and are spearheading a campaign against him. A coalition of progressive groups, including the N.A.A.C.P. and Demand Justice, have joined the fray.

"It is no exaggeration to say that had the White House deliberately sought to identify an attorney in North Carolina with a more hostile record on African-American voting rights and workers' rights than Thomas Farr, it could hardly have done so," the Congressional Black Caucus wrote to the Judiciary Committee.

# NOTABLE PRESS CLIPS

**ESSENCE**

CBC Documentary Blasts Trump; Urges African Americans To Vote

<https://www.essence.com/news/politics/cbc-documentary-blasts-trump-urges-african-americans-to-vote/>

**MARIJUANA  MOMENT**

Congressional Black Caucus Calls For Major Marijuana Reforms

<https://www.marijuanamoment.net/congressional-black-caucus-calls-for-major-marijuana-reforms/>

**McClatchy** DC BUREAU

A predatory situation': Congressional Black Caucus seeks ways to protect NCAA athletes'

<https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article205291344.html>

**THE ROOT**

Hakeem Jeffries Elected to Lead Democratic Caucus, Karen Bass to Chair Congressional Black Caucus

<https://www.theroot.com/hakeem-jeffries-elected-to-lead-democratic-caucus-kare-1830721783>



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