

#ROOTOUTRACISM

Congressional Black Caucus
Actions Fact Sheet



- In the wake of the white supremacist protest and violence in Charlottesville, Va., the CBC has decided to redouble its efforts to #RootOutRacism in federal policy, most importantly, as well as the White House and on federal property.

Federal Policy

- The CBC will continue to call out the Trump Administration's racist and discriminatory policies what they are.
- The CBC has sent multiple letters to the Administration about justice, voting rights, education, health care, and other issues.
 - The Administration has only replied to a few of those letters.
- On March 22, 2017, the CBC hand-delivered [a 130-page policy document](#) to President Trump that included policy solutions for the Black community, as well as CBC legislation that, if passed, would codify many of them.

White House

- The CBC has sent two letters to the President asking him to fire White House aides that have ties to White Supremacists and/or share their views.
- Although President Trump fired Steve Bannon on August 18, 2017 and Sebastian Gorka on August 26, 2017, the CBC and other caucuses are urging him to fire White House aide Stephen Miller and to, most importantly, root out racism in the Administration's policies.
- CBC Member Bonnie Watson Coleman has introduced a resolution with two other House Democrats (Nadler, Jayapal) calling on Congress to censure President Trump.
 - The CBC Chairman and other members have signed on to the resolution.

Federal Property

- CBC At-Large Member Yvette Clarke has introduced a bill to remove Confederate names from 10 military bases and other DOD property.
 - The CBC Chairman and other members have signed on to the bill.
- CBC Members Cory Booker and Barbara Lee have introduced a bill to remove confederate statues from the U.S. Capitol.
 - The CBC Chairman and other members have signed on to the bill.
- CBC Member Dwight Evans and another House Democrat (Espaillat) have introduced a bill to prohibit federal funds from being used to create, maintain, or display Confederate statues and symbols.
 - The CBC Chairman and other members have signed on to the bill.
- The CBC filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of a lawsuit before the Supreme Court that challenges Mississippi's inclusion of the Confederate symbol in its state flag.

House Homeland Security Committee

- CBC Member Bennie Thompson, the ranking member on the House Homeland Security Committee, is calling on the Chairman of the Committee, Congressman McCaul, to hold an in-depth hearing on domestic terrorism that is focused on white supremacist groups, but Congressman McCaul is refusing to do it.
- Chairman McCaul says that such a hearing is scheduled for September 12 but that hearing is an annual hearing that was scheduled prior to the domestic terrorism attacks last weekend and it will not allow committee members to go into the depth necessary to address the domestic terrorist threats posed by white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups.