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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friend,

It is my great honor and privilege to serve as the 23rd Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

For more than 140 years and before the CBC was founded, African Americans elected to Congress have felt a responsibility to be the voice of the Black community among their peers.

Often faced with violent opposition in Washington, DC and within the communities of which they were a part, Black Members of Congress have relied on a combination of legislative tactics and grassroots, community-based initiatives to bring attention and positive change to issues of social and economic injustice. During the 113th Congress, the CBC will continue to lead this charge.



In the 21st Century, African Americans and other communities of color continue to be disproportionately and disparately impacted by poverty, environmental, justice and healthcare challenges. And though the Constitution granted all Americans the right to vote, we are once again working to protect it. Through a combination of legislative and community efforts, and with your help these obstacles can be overcome.

As you read through this document that outlines the CBC's history and our legislative agenda, I hope it is clear how though times have changed, the commitment to our mission has not. All Members of the CBC are dedicated to maintaining our reputation as the "Conscience of the Congress".

As Chair, I look forward to hearing from you on ways we can better direct the efforts of our Members.

We are here to serve you and we look forward to the progress we'll make together.

Sincerely,

Rep. Marcia L. Fudge (OH-11) Chair, Congressional Black Caucus

113TH CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

MEMBERS OF THE 113TH CONGRESS BY SENIORITY

Hon. Charles B. Rangel, NY - '71

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Hon. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., GA - '93

Hon. Corrine Brown, Fl - '93

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Hon. Alcee L. Hastings, FL – '93

Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson, TX – '93

Hon. Bobby L. Rush, IL - '93

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Hon. Melvin L. Watt, NC - '93

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Hon. Chaka Fattah, PA - '95

Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee, TX - '95

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Hon. Mo Cowan, MA - '13

Hon. Marc Veasey, TX - '13



ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL **BLACK CAUCUS**

OFFICERS OF THE 113TH CONGRESS

CHAIR Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (OH-11)

Duties: Responsible for setting, presenting, and publishing the CBC's legislative agenda and budget priorities for each Congress; serves as CBC chief executive and operating officer and oversees accomplishment of its programs; presides at all meetings of CBC membership, Executive Board and committees.



FIRST VICE CHAIR Congressman G.K. Butterfield (NC-11)

Duties: Chairs CBC meetings in the absence of the Chair; manages special committees as appointed by the Chair; responsible for strategic planning for the Caucus.



SECOND VICE CHAIR Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (NY-09)

Duties: Manages CBC task forces and Caucus messaging; performs duties of the First Vice Chair in his or her absence.



SECRETARY Congressman André Carson (IN -07)

Duties: Keeps minutes of meetings of the membership, of officers and Executive Committee; maintains a file of official documents and records of the CBC; manages all CBC outreach activities: builds and maintains mobilization coalitions.



WHIP Congresswoman Karen Bass (CA-37)

Duties: Manages CBC floor activities; provides vote recommendations; promotes unity on votes.





The legislative agenda of universal empowerment that Members of the Congressional Black Caucus collectively pursue include but are not limited to: the creation of universal access to a world-class education from birth through post secondary level; the creation of universal access to quality, affordable health care and the elimination of racially based health disparities; the creation of universal access to modern technology, capital and full, fairly-compensated employment; the creation and or expansion of U.S. foreign policy initiatives that will contribute to the survival, health, education and general welfare of all peoples of the world in a manner consistent with universal human dignity, tolerance and respect and such other legislative action as a majority of the entire CBC Membership may support.



1971 The Congressional Black Caucus was founded during the 92nd Congress. FFEE Only 27 of the more than 240 women elected or appointed to Congress have been African American. Only one, Carol Moseley-Braun, has served in the Senate. Since 1870, a total of 137 African Americans have served as U.S. Representatives or Senators. NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.

113TH CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS RANKING MEMBERS

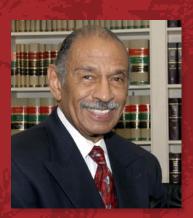




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Rep. Al Green Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations



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and Maritime Security Rep. Cedric Richmond Subcommittee on Transportation Security

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Rep. Donna Edwards Subcommittee on Space

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Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

Rep. Corrine Brown Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS





Rep. Charlie Rangel Subcommittee on Trade

Rep. John Lewis Subcommittee on Oversight

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

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Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Sanford Bishop

Rep. Chaka Fattah

Rep. Barbara Lee

Committee on Armed Services

Rep. Hank Johnson

Rep. Marc Veasey

Committee on the Budget

Rep. Barbara Lee

Rep. Gwen Moore

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries

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Rep. Marcia L. Fudge

Rep. Bobby Scott

Rep. Frederica Wilson

Rep. G.K. Butterfield

Rep. Donna Christensen

Rep. Bobby Rush

Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Donna Christensen

Rep. G.K. Butterfield

Rep. Bobby Rush

Committee on Financial Services

Rep. Joyce Beatty

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver

Rep. William Lacy Clay, Jr.

Rep. Keith Ellison

Rep. Al Green

Rep. Gregory Meeks

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Rep. David Scott

Rep. Maxine Waters

Rep. Mel Watt

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Rep. Karen Bass

Rep. Gregory Meeks

Committee on **Homeland Security**

Rep. Yvette Clarke

Rep. Donald Payne Jr.

Rep. Bennie Thompson

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee

Rep. Cedric Richmond

Committee on the Judiciary

Rep. Karen Bass

Rep. John Conyers

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries

Rep. Hank Johnson

Rep. Cedric Richmond

Rep. Bobby Scott

Rep. Mel Watt

Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Steven Horsford

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr.

Rep. Elijah Cummings

Rep. Robin Kelly

Committee on Rules

Rep. Alcee Hastings

Committee on Science, Space and Technology

Rep. Donna Edwards

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Rep. Frederica Wilson

Rep. Robin Kelly

Committee on Small Business

Rep. Yvette Clarke

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

Rep. Corrine Brown

Rep. Elijah Cummings

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Rep. Corrine Brown

Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Charlie Rangel

Rep. Danny K. Davis

Rep. John Lewis

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Rep. Terri Sewell

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

TASKFORCES

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Rep. Gregory Meeks (NY-05), Co-Chair

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Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01)

Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Rep. Keith Ellison (MN-05)

Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04)

Budget, Appropriations, and **Taxation Taskforce**

Rep. Charlie Rangel (NY-13), Co-Chair

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Rep Sanford Bishop (GA-02)

Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-04)

Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02)

Civil Rights and Judiciary Taskforce

Rep. John Conyers (MI-13), Co-Chair

Rep. John Lewis (GA-05), Co-Chair

Rep. Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-DC)

Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA-02)

Rep. Corrine Brown (FL-05)

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)

Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03)

Rep. Mel Watt (NC-12)

Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS-02)

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18)

Rep. Donna Christensen (D-VI)

Rep. Danny Davis (IL-07)

Rep. William Lacy Clay (MO-01)

Rep. G.K. Butterfield (NC-01)

Rep. Al Green (TX-09)

Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-04)

Rep. Keith Ellison (MN-05)

Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04)

Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02)

Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL-24)

Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. (NJ-10)

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)

Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)

Diversity Taskforce

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Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA-02)

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Rep. Mel Watt (NC-12)

Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS-02)

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05)

Economic Development and Wealth Creation Taskforce

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Rep. Al Green (TX-09), Co-Chair

Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01)

Rep. Mel Watt (NC-12)

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18)

Rep. Gregory Meeks (NY-05)

Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02)

Rep. André Carson (IN-07)

Education and Labor Taskforce

Rep. Chaka Fattah (PA-02), Co-Chair

Rep. Danny Davis (IL-07), Co-Chair

Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01)

Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03) Rep. David Scott (GA-13)

Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-04)

Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04)

Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL-24)

Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Taskforce

Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01), Co-Chair

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18), Co-Chair

Rep. Alcee Hastings (FL-20)

Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS-02)

Rep. Al Green (TX-09)

Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02)

Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05)

Foreign Affairs and National **Security Taskforce**

Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS-02), Co-Chair

Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33), Co-Chair

Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA-02)

Rep. Gregory Meeks (NY-05)

Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04)

Rep. Keith Ellison (MN-05)

Healthcare Taskforce

Rep. Donna Christensen (D-VI), Chair

Rep. John Conyers (MI-13)

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)

Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03)

Rep. Danny Davis (IL-07)

Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Rep. David Scott (GA-13)

Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. (NJ-10)

Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)

Immigration Reform Taskforce

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Rep. Steven Horsford (NV-04), Co-Chair

Rep. Hakeem Jefferies(NY-08), Co-Chair

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Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01)

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18)

Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS-02)

Rep. Al Green (TX-09)

Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)

Poverty and the Economy Taskforce

Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13), Co-Chair

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05), Co-Chair

Rep. Joyce Beatty (OH-03), Co-Chair

Rep. Bobby Rush (IL-01)

Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03)

Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-04)

Rep. Donna Christensen (D-VI)

Rep. Keith Ellison (MN-05)

Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. (NJ-10)

Technology and Infrastructure **Development Taskforce**

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30), Co-Chair

Rep. Corrine Brown (FL-05), Co-Chair

Rep. Donna Edwards (MD-04)

Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02)

Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL-24)

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

CBC ARM ORGANIZATIONS



THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy, research and educational institute that aims to help improve the socioeconomic circumstances of African Americans and other underserved communities.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS INSTITUTE

The Congressional Black Caucus Institute, incorporated in 2000, is a nonprofit, non-partisan, social purpose organization operating under the IRS designation of 501 (c)(4). Over the past 12 years, the CBC Institute has played a pivotal role in training the next generation of political leaders and providing voters with relevant information regarding issues in their communities.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

To increase the number of African Americans in Congress; to support non-Black candidates who champion our interests; and to promote African American participation in the political process with a special emphasis on young voters.

Congressional Black Caucus PAC

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CBC POLICY AGENDA

For more than four decades, the Congressional Black Caucus Policy Agenda has promoted and advocated legislation that supports social and economic progress, equality and fairness among all Americans and particularly for African Americans and neglected communities. Protecting civil rights legislative victories such as Section 5 the Voting Rights Act and championing policies that protect vital programs to the communities served by Members of the CBC are consistently two of the Caucus's most significant priorities.

With the start of each new Congress and under the leadership of its new Chair, the Congressional Black Caucus commits to focusing on a slate of issues that quide its legislative work. During the 113th Congress, the CBC will continue advocating for changes to policies that adversely impact communities of color and CBC constituencies with a specific focus on:

Voter Protection and Empowerment, including but not limited to:

- Protecting the Voting Rights Act.
- Modernizing the current voting system.
- Eliminating barriers for all eligible voters to cast their ballots.

Poverty and the Economy, including but not limited to:

- Championing policies that help eradicate poverty in America.
- · Advocating for policies that provide parity in access to economic opportunity, particularly within the African American community.
- Championing policies that create and sustain jobs.
- Protecting against cuts to social and economic programs that are vital to African Americans, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

Immigration Reform, including but not limited to:

- Advancing legislation and policies that lead to comprehensive immigration reform.
- Providing a voice for undocumented immigrants of African descent within the comprehensive immigration reform debate.

- Addressing issues of mass detention and unjust criminality of immigrant populations.
- Ensuring policies that are aimed at improving conditions within low-income and vulnerable communities

Through its issue and primary taskforces, the Congressional Black Caucus will also continue its legislative work on:

- Healthcare Reform and Implementation of the Affordable Care Act
- Education Reform and the Achievement Gap
- Justice Reform
- **Immigration Reform**
- Economic Development and Human Rights in Africa
- Budget, Appropriations and Taxation
- Economic Development and Wealth Creation
- Energy, Environment and Agriculture
- Healthcare
- Civil Rights and the Judiciary
- Education and Labor
- Foreign Affairs and National Security
- Technology and Infrastructure Development



113TH CONGRESS **CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FAST FACTS**

- The CBC during the 113th Congress has 42 Members, representing 22 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.
- Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge from the 11th District of Ohio is the 23rd Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.
- The CBC is often referred to as the "Conscience of the Congress" for being the most outspoken and active Congressional Member Organization on issues that disproportionately or disparagingly impact people of color and vulnerable populations.
- Initiatives over the CBC's 42-year history include:
 - The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986
 - Signing the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday into law
 - Civil Rights and Voter Protection
 - Advancement of Economic Opportunity for People of Color
 - The Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Reclamation, Restoration, Reconstruction and Reunion Act of 2005
 - The Trayvon Martin Resolution and calls to Repeal "Stand Your Ground" laws
- Fifteen Members of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 113th Congress are women.
- CBC Members average five terms of experience.
- CBC Members make up nearly 10% of the House of Representatives.
- Two founding Members of the CBC continue to serve in Congress: Rep. John Conyers, Jr (MI -14), and Rep. Charles Rangel (NY -13)
- Six freshman Members joined the Congressional Black Caucus in the 113th Congress.





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