

We work side by side with communities to achieve an equitable future where everyone has a safe place to call home, enough to eat, a quality education, and access to the resources they need. Racial justice guides our work.

As Congress works to keep communities healthy, safe, and secure we urge you to pass budgets that adequately fund key programs that impact the lives of Americans whether they are recovering from a natural disaster, seeking meals for their families, re-skilling for a changing workforce, seeking educational supports for their children, or a myriad of other reasons.

Education and Early Learning

- Pass the Childcare Stabilization Act to extend funding to keep providers' doors open and the Childcare for Working Families Act to make childcare affordable for working families and increase wages.
- Increase funding for opportunity youth through the Open Doors for Youth Act, Youth Build, Reentry Employment, and expanded Department of Commerce youth grants.
- Ensure every school is a safe, thriving environment for students with disabilities by passing the Keeping All Students Safe Act and the IDEA Full Funding Act.
- Strengthening student support, including mentorship programs, tutoring, addressing learning loss, counseling, and equitable access to digital technology.

Housing Stability

- Support housing and affordability legislation that provides new funding and technical assistance for communities to reform zoning and development codes, modernize structures, and create housing action plans.
- Increase tenant protection policies.
- Expand the Housing and Urban Development Department's definition of homelessness to match the Department of Education's definition.
- Address inequities in homeownership by passing and fully funding the Downpayment Toward Equity Act and Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act.
- Expand rental assistance funding and fully fund HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Development Block Grants, and Homeless Assistance Grant programs to keep tenants in safe, affordable homes.

Economic Mobility

- Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit by increasing the size of the credit, expand the age range for eligible workers, and make low-wage working adults with no kids and Individual Tax Identification Number filers eligible for the Credit.
- Pass the Healthy Meals Healthy Kids Act (Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization) including fully funding WIC and keeping the fruit and vegetable benefit.

- Fully fund and strengthen the Farm Bill, including eligibility for college students and increasing benefits to reflect the increased cost of nutritious foods.



Community Resilience

- Pass bills that support access to critical health and social services for immigrants and refugees like the Lift the Bar Act and the Heal Equity Access Under the Law Act.
- Support a legislative solution that provides citizenship and security for the more than 800,000 individuals and families that benefited from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
- Support the legislative priorities of communities of color, including dual/tribal language access, health equity, investing in Black, Indigenous, and people of color educators, and cultural resilience programs.
- Fully fund the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to increase its capacity to serve local communities.
- Increase the federal investment for national service programs and double the education award to encourage participation of members from underserved and low-income communities.
- Fully fund 2-1-1 operations in every state at increased capacity through the Human-Services Emergency Logistics Program and by funding the data and technology infrastructure to create a national database of community needs.