The Deep Need for Repair

Unpacking the 2022 Congressional Voting Record
Welcome

Our Agenda:

- The hard work of transforming our politics
- A legislative look-back at 2022, the 2nd session of the 117th Congress
- A discussion about what NETWORK scored in the Voting Record
- How to deliver the Voting Record to your Member(s) of Congress
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The Hard Work of Transforming Our Politics

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Looking Back at 2022

Great progress – and deep frustration:

- Remarkable progress in the 117th Congress across issue areas.
- Tight margins in both Houses drove what was possible.
- Dem leadership alignment on Build Anew Agenda.
- Your work back home made so much possible.
Lessons from 2022

- Plant seeds early and often.
- Look for opportunities in each bill to score a victory.
- Bipartisanship is still the name of the game.
- Unlikely partnerships are advantageous for progress.
- When all else fails, pivot for success.
Why we don't score some wins

- Bill too big
- Defense is a win
Wins Not Scored

**POLICY ISSUE CHECK LIST**
- **☑** Advances social and economic transformation
- **☒** Does not advance social and economic transformation

- ✓ Electoral College reforms
- ✓ Increased funding for housing support
- ✓ Increased funding for the Second Chance Act
- ✓ Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act of 2021
- ✓ Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022
- ✓ Funding to end Black maternal health care crisis, including 12 months post-partum coverage
- ✓ Increased funding to shelter migrants
- ✓ Increased funding for legal services for unaccompanied migrant children
- ✓ Increased funding for reentry employment
- ✓ Title 42 Policy blocked from becoming law
- ✓ Increased funding for healthcare in Puerto Rico
- ✓ Continuous health coverage for children for 12 months regardless of family income
- ✓ Funding for pandemic preparedness
- ✓ No tax credits for businesses without expanding the CTC
- ✓ The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- ✓ Expanded Child Tax Credit or Earned income Tax Credit
- ✓ DACA Protections
- ✓ The EQUAL Act
- ✓ Substantive voting rights reforms
- ✓ Sentencing Reform Package Provisions

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Bills that are too big

☀ Mix of wins & losses
  • Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

☀ Defensive wins
  • Keeping out
    —Title 42 expulsion policy not codified
NETWORK scored 13 votes in 2022, five in the Senate and eight in the House.

NETWORK recommended Yes votes on:
- Protecting voting rights and elections
- Workers' rights
- Reforming the criminal legal system
- Preventing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or race
- Confirming Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court...
  and more!
2022 Congressional Voting Record

The Deep Need for REPAIR

In his 2022 State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama outlined an agenda to improve the country's economic conditions. He called for a $3.3 trillion infrastructure plan, an expansion of healthcare coverage, and the creation of a national paid leave program. Obama also proposed increasing the minimum wage to $15 per hour by 2022.

House 100th Votes

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- Respect for Marriage Act  (Passed 267-157)
- Inflation Reduction Act   (Passed 220-207)
- Presidential Election Reform Act  (Passed 229-203)
Confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson
(Passed 53-47)

Freedom to Vote: John Lewis Act
(Passed House – Failed in Senate)
What bills are these? Strong consensus in Washington limits the need for mobilizing the NETWORK.

When we ask for help, it is because we need it to win.

Keep on keeping on

— Our work is for a lifetime, not a Congress!
The Journey Ahead in 2023

Not Yet Successful Legislative Advocacy Campaigns

- Substantive Voting Rights Reforms/Presidential Election Reform Act, DISCLOSE Act
- EQUAL Act, Child Tax Credits/Earned Income Tax Credits
- Protection for Dreamers, H.R.40 Reparations Commission

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- Again, YOU make wins possible!
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Deliver the Voting Record

- Set up a meeting with the State or District Director, either in-person or virtually
- Arrange a time to drop off the Voting Record at the nearest office
- Email the Voting Record to the district office(s)

Whichever method you choose, you will need to call your Member’s district office ahead of time to schedule a meeting or obtain the correct email address.

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- Invite other advocates to go with you
- Let NETWORK know about your commitment to make a delivery
- Download a copy of the Voting Record
- Please report back to NETWORK — and share pictures!

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Message to Members who scored 100%

- Thank you! (Give them their 100% certificate)
- Focus on the Inflation Reduction Act
- Legislation we still need:
  - Expanded Child Tax Credit
  - EQUAL Act
  - Voting Rights
  - Presidential Election Reform Act

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Virtual Visit/Message to **Passing** Representative
- Thank you for where you voted with NETWORK
- How can we support you?

Message to **Failing** Members of Congress
- Express disappointment
- Explore opportunities to work together and Build Anew

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Upcoming Events:

- **January Community Conversation**
  Monday, Jan. 23 at 7:00 PM Eastern/4:00 PM Pacific

- **Look at the 118th Congress Webinar**
  Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM Eastern/4:00 Pacific
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