Our webinar will begin shortly.
Welcome!
Advancing Justice in the 118th Congress
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Welcome

Our Agenda:

- Our vision of a truly representative, multiracial democracy
- Overview of the 118th Congress
- Economic Justice
- Immigration
- Voting & Election Protections/Policing & Sentencing
- The Journey Ahead
- Q&A

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Our vision of a truly representative, multiracial democracy is informed by our values.
We are telling a different story
Welcome to the 118th Congress

2023 - Start of Speaker McCarthy's House of Representatives

- How did we get here?
- How many votes before a Speaker is elected?
- Pound of Flesh!
- House Republican Conference not Singing from Same Hymnal
- Lean on the Senate and President Biden's Veto Pen

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Big Picture - 2023

Defense, Defense, Defense!

Our Priorities

- Economic Justice: Medicaid, SNAP, Housing
- Immigration
- Democracy & Criminal Legal System Reform

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The debt ceiling is upper limit of what the U.S. can borrow to pay our bills.

This is usually a non-controversial vote.

There is zero relationship to it and the nation’s fiscal health

Commitments made by both Democrats and Republicans

Playing with fire.
We Can’t Repeat History...

In 2011, Republicans demanded the *Budget Control Act* in exchange for a debt ceiling vote

- 10 years of cuts in human needs programs
What’s at Risk?

Health Care
  – Cuts to Medicaid
  – Cuts to tax credits that help people pay for coverage

Housing
  – Cuts to public housing programs
  – Cuts to vouchers

Food
  – Cuts to SNAP
  – Cuts to WIC
We Must Fight Back

We call for a clean debt ceiling bill!

It is immoral for Congress to balance the budget on the backs of struggling families and communities.

Bringing down the deficit must include:

• Raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations so they pay their fair share
• Cut waste, fraud, and abuse in the Pentagon or funding for the border

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House State of Play

- Mayorkas Impeachment

Senate State of Play

- Focus on election 2024

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Populations to focus on

- Asylum Seekers
  from the Border to the Interior
- DACA Recipients/Dreamers

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Objectives for 118th Congress

- Prevent any asylum bans from becoming law
- Preclude sending more funds to the border through CBP
- Protect Dreamers
Voting and Election Protections

Administrative Goals
- Mar. 7, 2021 Voting Access Executive Order: Ensuring full implementation of protections across agencies
- Campaign Finance Protection: New DISCLOSE Act Executive Order

Advocacy Goals
- Senate defensive work to thwart bad bills
- All-in offensive work/Building consensus for 119th Congress

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Policing and Sentencing

Administrative Goals

- Ensure full implementation of Safer America Plan, other actions
  - May 25, 2022: Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety
  - Dec. 16, 2022: A.G. Merrick Garland EQUAL Act directive to all Fed prosecutors

Advocacy Goals

- Senate defensive work to thwart bad bills; House defensive work against continued "tough on crime" militarization
- Sentencing: EQUAL Act, Sentencing package of bills, Marijuana reform bills

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The Journey Ahead

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Next week –
Asylum Rule Comment Period (March 9-27)
President Biden's Budget comes out (March 9)

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— Our work is for a lifetime, not just a Congress!
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2022 Congressional Voting Record

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