

YVETTE'S PRIORITIES

✓ ADVOCATE FOR ECONOMIC EQUITY

Building on the economic agenda of former CBC Chairs, the Caucus' work to create pathways for economic equity must not waver. There must be a continued effort to fight for resources, funding, and support for Black-owned enterprises and to ensure equitable access to capital for our communities. This is also true for emerging opportunities in this digital age, which is vital to equitable economic participation.

✓ CHAMPION OF EQUITY IN HEALTHCARE

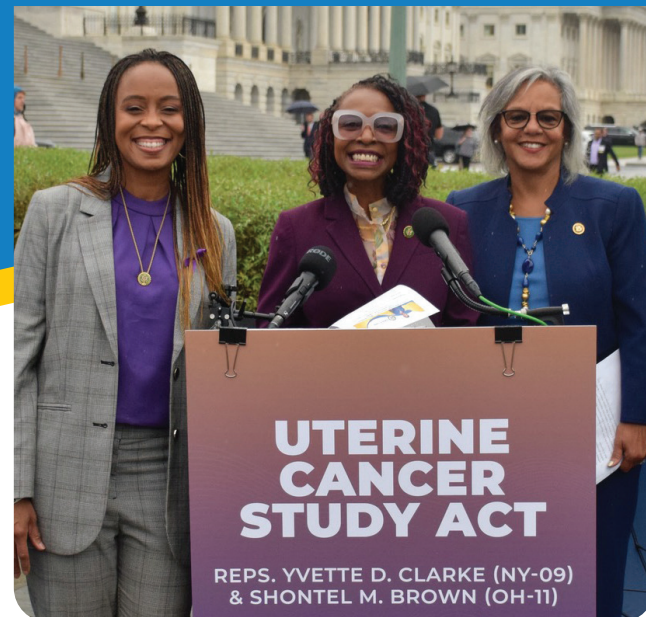
Tens of millions of Americans remain underinsured or without any insurance whatsoever and historically, it is communities of color that have fallen through the cracks. Healthcare disparities – in treatment, research, and the labor force – continue to wreak havoc on our communities and will continue to do so until we can ensure all Americans have equitable access to quality, affordable healthcare.

✓ DEFENDING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Just as we must remain vigilant of bad actors seeking to use advances in technology to flood the digital realm with deepfakes and misinformation intended to inflame societal tensions and mislead. We must now confront growing efforts to weaponize the powers of government to erase our history, recontextualize the horrors of slavery, and roll back social progress at educational institutions across the country. From attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts at universities, to state-mandated book bans at public schools, and attacks on HBCUs, the CBC must be prepared to confront the litany of challenges facing our education systems.

✓ PROTECTOR OF DIGITAL CIVIL RIGHTS

The rapid proliferation of technological advancements presents exciting opportunities for the Black community. However, to capitalize on this progress, we must put forth forward-thinking policies to ensure the inequities of the past are not enshrined in the laws and technologies of the future.



✓ DEFENDER OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: Combatting Mis-, Dis-, and Mal-information

The Biden-Harris Administration's historic investment in broadband deployment and infrastructure allows Americans access to information and communication services at an unprecedented rate. Unfortunately, that also means it is all the more critical to ensure the quality and veracity of information being shared, particularly as it relates to education, housing, health care, and government services targeting immigrant and minority communities. Policymakers must give Americans the tools they need to combat assaults on our shared sense of reality.

✓ DEVOTED ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Climate change continues to disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color. The CBC must push Congressional leadership to prioritize equity in our efforts to transition towards a clean, climate-resilient, zero-emission economy.

✓ VOICE FOR BLACK MIGRANTS IN CONGRESS

The voluntary immigration of people of African descent did not begin in earnest until the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which created our modern-day immigration system and inspired many of the key ideas of the Civil Rights Movement. Today, 1 in 10 Black people in the US are immigrants. Unfortunately, our current immigration system is broken, which has too often led to migrants of color receiving the worst treatment. The CBC must stand at the vanguard in protecting the rights and dignity of Black people across the world.



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CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS



Dear Colleague,

With great humility, I offer myself as a candidate to lead the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) during the 119th Congress.

Since its founding in 1971, our Caucus has remained steadfast in its mission to advocate and implement policy for protecting, preserving, and advancing the Black community – a mission I have shared throughout my tenure in Congress. As you know, I have fought to bridge the disparities that continue to harm our communities. My passion for progress is absolute, from equity in the economy to equity in healthcare, from reform in criminal justice to the integrity of our educational institutions, from our sacred voting rights to our nonnegotiable reproductive rights. And I can say with certainty and pride that you and each of our colleagues in the CBC share the same values and goals that have defined our Caucus since its inception.

I am ecstatic about all of the accomplishments the CBC has made under the leadership and chairmanship of Congressman Steven Horsford. As a caucus, we set out to improve our community by addressing the issues that matter most: democracy and civic participation, education, environmental justice, the future of employment opportunities, healthcare, housing, and public safety. We have achieved so much, despite navigating a House divided by MAGA extremists threatening our democracy and attempting to block our efforts at every turn.

In keeping with the tradition that our founders set forth, I will ensure that we continue to push the CBC's legacy policy agenda is moving forward, tackling each issue area and closing the great digital divide in each initiative for the betterment of our communities.

As a Caucus, we must remain vigilant in fulfilling our mission to address and enact policy that delivers on our promises and uplifts our community. If you grant me the opportunity to lead as chair, I will expound upon my duties as 1st Vice Chair to lead the CBC for the next two years and ensure our goals are reached as a Caucus.

I look forward to working with you in this effort and ask for your support and vote.

Thank you,


Yvette D. Clarke



YVETTE CLARKE'S RECORD OF LEADERSHIP:

CURRENT ROLES:

- ★ 1st Vice Chair, Congressional Black Caucus
- ★ CBCF Sojourner Truth Legacy Project Co-Chair
- ★ Black Women & Girls Caucus Co-Chair
- ★ Caribbean Caucus Co-Chair
- ★ Haiti Caucus Co-Chair
- ★ Multicultural Media Caucus Co-Chair
- ★ Smart Cities Co-Chair
- ★ Senior Member of the Committee on Energy & Commerce
- ★ Senior Member of the Committee on Homeland Security

PAST ROLES:

- ★ 2nd Vice Chair, Congressional Black Caucus
- ★ Secretary, Congressional Black Caucus
- ★ Whip, Congressional Black Caucus
- ★ Regional Whip, Democratic Caucus
- ★ Vice Chair of the Committee on Energy & Commerce
- ★ Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, & Innovation Subcommittee Chair of the Committee on Homeland Security

