



Our webinar will begin shortly.





Welcome!



NETWORK's 2021 Congressional Voting Record

Every Vote Counts

For the Future of Democracy



Welcome

Our Agenda:

- ☀ Importance of NETWORK's Voting Record and Political Ministry
- ☀ A look-back at 2021, the first session of the 117th Congress
- ☀ Voting Rights
- ☀ Build Back Better Act
- ☀ Delivering the Voting Record to your Members of Congress

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The Voting Record & Political Ministry

“Politics, rightfully understood, is a ministry of justice, promoting the common good.”

– *Sr. Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ*



2021 Congressional Voting Record

NETWORK scored ten votes in 2021, **one** in the Senate and **nine** in the House.

NETWORK recommended *Yes* votes on:

- ☀️ COVID-19 relief
- ☀️ Protecting workers' rights and voting rights
- ☀️ Creating a pathway to citizenship
- ☀️ Reforming racist sentencing disparities
- ☀️ Build Back Better Act

Looking Back at 2021

- ☀️ Biden Administration unwinds Trump's Executive Actions
- ☀️ Passage of the American Rescue Plan in March brings real relief to families & communities
- ☀️ Passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package in November



Progress Grinds to a Halt

- ☀️ Action stalls in the Senate on Democracy, Build Back Better & other key bills
- ☀️ Lack of Democratic Unity = Limited Success
- ☀️ All eyes on Senators Manchin & Sinema



Voting Rights

- ☀️ Failed 1/19/22 Senate rules reform votes to pass Democracy bills
- ☀️ “No major legislation passes without dying 1000 times before it passes”
- ☀️ Pause to reset, refocus, recommit
- ☀️ More from Leader Schumer, Senate Dems, and White House on voting rights soon. Legacy civil rights orgs, faith advocacy community strategizing



Build Back Better Act

- ☀️ BBB Act passed the House
November 19, 2021
- ☀️ The Senate currently has the bill
- ☀️ Senator Manchin?
- ☀️ The way forward...



Photo: The Office of Senator Sherrod Brown

Questions?

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into the Q&A Box*



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Deliver the Voting Record

- ☀️ Schedule a virtual meeting with your Member(s) of Congress district office
- ☀️ Email the Voting Record to the district office(s)
- ☀️ Schedule a time to safely drop off the Voting Record—with a cover letter, to the nearest district office(s)

Whichever method you choose, you will need to call your Member's district office ahead of time!



Deliver the Voting Record

Virtual Visit/Message to Democratic Senator

- ☀️ Thank you
- ☀️ Pass a Build Back Better package that includes:
 - Refundable Child Tax Credit
 - Medicaid Expansion
 - Funding for Affordable Housing
 - Pathway to Citizenship for Immigrants

Deliver the Voting Record

Virtual Visit/Message to **Passing** Representative

- ☀️ Thank you
- ☀️ How can we support you?

Message to **Failing** Members of Congress

- ☀️ Express disappointment
- ☀️ Explore opportunities to work together and Build Anew

Deliver the Voting Record

- ☀️ Let us know about your Voting Record delivery ahead of time:
networklobby.org/VotingRecordDelivery/
- ☀️ Download a copy of the Voting Record
networklobby.org/2021VotingRecord/
- ☀️ If you go on a virtual visit, please report back to us – and take a photo (if safe)!



Save the Date

Upcoming Events:

 **Pre-State of the Union Community Conversation**

Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM Eastern/4:00 PM Pacific

 **White Supremacy and American Christianity**

A Conversation with Robert P. Jones and Fr. Bryan Massingale

Saturday, April 9 at 12:30 PM Eastern/9:30 AM Pacific

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