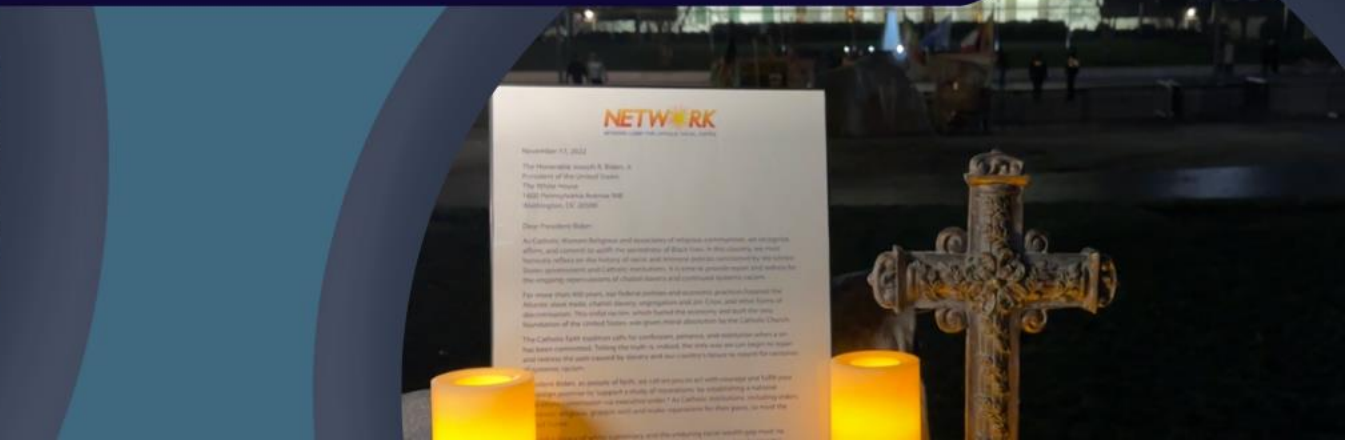


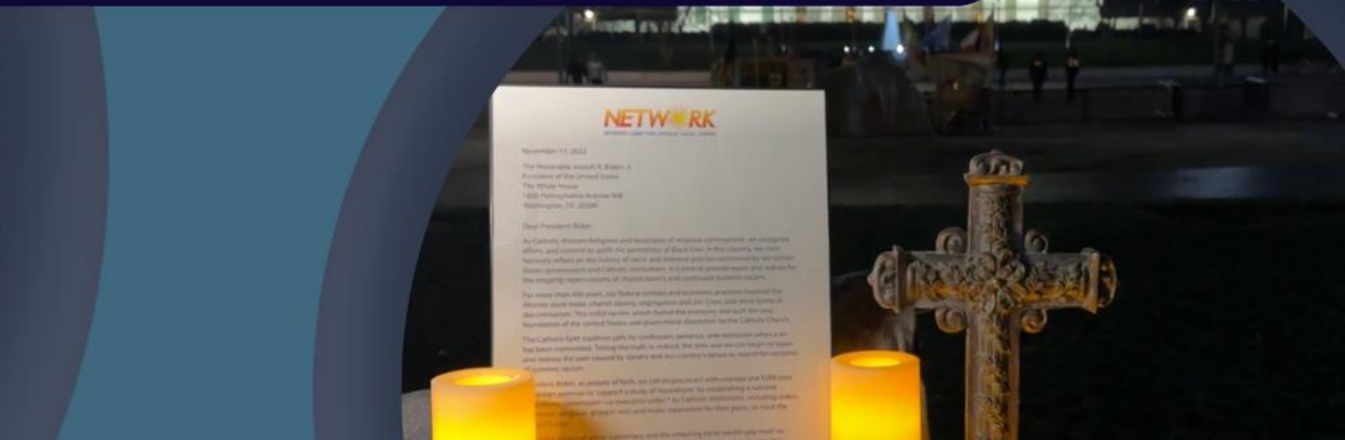


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Advancing Justice in the 118th Congress



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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



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

Big Picture - 2023

Defense, Defense, Defense!

Our Priorities

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



Lifting the Debt Ceiling

- ☀️ 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

Immigration

House State of Play

☀️ Mayorkas Impeachment

Senate State of Play

☀️ Focus on election 2024



Immigration

Populations to focus on

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



Immigration

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

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

The Journey Ahead

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Next week –

Asylum Rule Comment Period (March 9-27)

President Biden's Budget comes out (March 9)

The Journey Ahead

Keep on keeping on!

- YOU make wins possible!
- Our work is for a lifetime, not just a Congress!



Left to right: Marie Copeland, Lady of Charity; Catherine Darcy, RSM; Congressman Paul Tonko;
Faith Colligan, DC; Danielle Bonetti, CSJ.

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