Our webinar will begin shortly.
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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“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

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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

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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...

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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!*

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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

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Deliver the Voting Record

Let us know about your Voting Record delivery ahead of time:
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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)!

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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

🌞 Check out our Events Calendar for more!
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Thank you!