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When I marched with Dr. King from Selma to Washington on March 7, 1965, we were not just marching for black rights, but also for the rights of everyone in America bestowed by the Constitution

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Americans needed an advocate to stand up to predatory lending companies, and in Richard Cordray, we now have a proven leader, dedicated to doing just that. Nowhere is Mr. Cordray's efforts more needed than in the African-American community.

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By: Pete Kasperowicz

A Democratic lawmaker said Wednesday on the House floor that Republican legislators around the country are purposefully trying to deny blacks the right to vote by pushing for voter identification laws.

“It’s no coincidence that a disproportionate number of these affected voters come from communities of color as well as the poor, the elderly and students,” said Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), a former chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

“Having been born and raised in

Texas, this certainly looks like a poll tax to me, which those of us remember as a way to prevent African Americans from voting. These voter ID laws have a partisan agenda: seeking to disenfranchise and deny specific populations of voters before they have the opportunity to elect their representatives in government.”

She also said the laws are meant to change election outcomes by “turning the clock back to the days of Jim Crow.”

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Since 1971, the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have joined together to strengthen their efforts to empower America's neglected citizens - including but not limited to Americans of color - by more effectively addressing our legislative concerns.

The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to utilizing the full Constitutional power, statutory authority, and financial resources of the Government

of the United States of America to ensure, insofar as possible, that everyone in the United States has an opportunity to live out the American Dream. The legislative agenda of universal empowerment that the Members of the Caucus shall collectively pursue shall include, but are not limited to: the creation of universal access to a world-class education from birth through post secondary level; the creation of universal access to quality, affordable health care and the elimination of racially based

health disparities; the creation of universal access to modern technology, capital, and full, fairly-compensated employment; the creation and or expansion of US foreign policy initiatives that will contribute to the survival, health, education, and general welfare of all peoples of the world in a manner consistent with universal human dignity, tolerance, and respect, and such other legislative action as a majority of the entire CBC membership from time to time may support.

Chairman's Message

By denying the American people opportunities we are denying ourselves full economic recovery. The American Jobs Act is not a hand out, it is a hand up out of poverty, out of debt, out of foreclosure and most importantly, out of hopelessness.

Dear CBC Friends,

I greet you on behalf of the 43 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus. It is my hope that you and your families had a joy filled holiday season and a prosperous New Year. For the third straight month, we have seen improvement in our nation's overall unemployment, which gives us all hope that our economy is slowly, but surely recovering. 200,000 jobs were added last month and the unemployment rate fell to 8.5 percent, the lowest since February 2009. However, African American unemployment rose again from 15.5 percent to 15.8 and African American teen unemployment remains over 40%. We will never fully rebound or recover when a major segment of our nation's population continues to struggle. More importantly, we cannot wait for opportunities to trickle down.

The recent announcement of President Obama's Summer Jobs Initiative could not have come at a more critical time. The Initiative will provide \$1.5 billion for high impact summer jobs and year-round

employment for low-income youth ages 16-24, as part of the American Jobs Act's Pathways Back to Work Fund. Not only does the CBC commend President Obama, but we commend the government agencies, nonprofits, and businesses prepared to offer vital opportunities to those who need them most. When meeting with the President, CBC Members expressed the desperate need for youth jobs and we are pleased that the Obama Administration understands this critical need. Unfortunately, this effort is still not enough.

The Republican Leadership refused to take any real action on jobs for the duration of the first session of the 112th Congress, despite our many efforts from the "For the People" Jobs Initiative, including over fifty pieces of job creating legislation offered by Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and nine job creation recommendations. Most importantly, the Republican Leadership has refused to even consider President Obama's American Jobs Act,



which would provide opportunities, for hard working American families. By denying the American people opportunities we are denying ourselves full economic recovery. The American Jobs Act is not a hand out, it is a hand up out of poverty, out of debt, out of foreclosure and most importantly, out of hopelessness. The Republican Leadership has failed the American people and no matter how well everyone else seems to be doing we cannot ignore the fact that those in our most vulnerable communities continue to suffer. Their sufferings are our own. It is a new year, which creates a new opportunity to do the right thing.

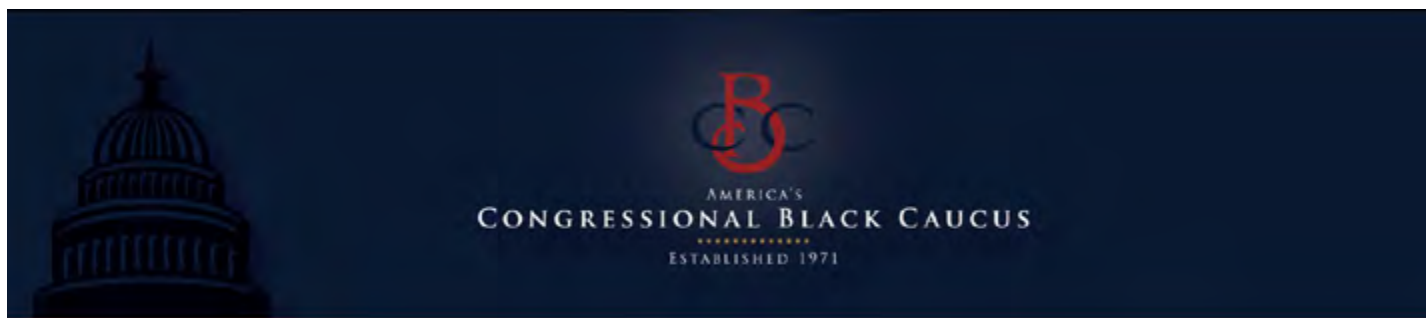
Members of the CBC worked extremely hard for unemployment insurance and the extension of the payroll tax. This victory belonged to the American people. Because of their diligence 160 million hard working American families will continue to receive their payroll tax cuts – about \$1,000 in the pockets of the average family. Millions of citizens hurt by the recession will

receive their unemployment benefits, which serves as a lifeline for many Americans looking for work.

Finally, as the CBC continues to focus on job creation, we cannot ignore the fact that throughout the United States, dozens of new voting laws have been proposed and enacted making it harder for citizens to register and to vote. These laws will turn back the clock, reawaken ugly periods in our nation's history where discrimination was commonplace, and the right to vote was only given to a select few. We must act now--and the Congressional Black Caucus will, as the "Conscience of the Congress-- stand united and fight against any laws enacted to suppress the right to vote for millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

Chairman Emanuel Cleaver, II



Comparing the CBC's Job Creation Recommendations, American Jobs Act, and GOP NO Jobs Bill			
	NO Jobs Bill	American Jobs Act	CBC Recommendations
<p><u>Direct Job Creation</u></p> <p><i>Unemployment sits stubbornly at nearly 10%. Americans need Direct Jobs creation NOW.</i></p>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of National Infrastructure Bank • Project Rebuild • Modernizing schools initiative • Teacher and First Responders job protection • Infrastructure investments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of National Infrastructure Bank • Six-year surface transportation reauthorization • Expansion of Community Development Block Grants • Revitalization of COPS program and increased Title I funding for teachers • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-Emergency Contingency Fund • Comprehensive Employment Program for un/underemployed • Protect federal workforce
<p><u>Tax/ Job Creating Incentives</u></p> <p><i>Responsible tax measures and job creating incentives must be implemented to help all Americans NOW.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of payroll tax deduction; • Extension of 100% Business expensing; • Broadband Spectrum auction where public safety dollars are undercut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of payroll tax deduction • Extension of 100% Business expensing • Complete payroll tax holiday for added workers or increased wages • Extending 100% Business expensing • Returning heroes tax credit for hiring unemployed veterans • Tax-credits for hiring long-term unemployed • Invest in low-income adults and youth • Access to Capital for Small Businesses; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditional repatriation tax holiday to create jobs and job training program • Exit tax on companies outsourcing American jobs • tax credits for companies returning jobs to the US • Payroll tax cuts • investments for low-income adults and youth and targeted tax cuts for investors • 20-20 Empowerment areas to target investment in communities • Eliminate Barriers for Small and Medium Business • Access to Capital for Small Businesses
<p><u>Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Training</u></p> <p><i>UI and Job Training programs help sustain millions and help even more find jobs NOW.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted access and shortened term extension of necessary unemployment insurance program • New rules that restrict recipients from accessing TANF dollars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms Unemployment Insurance System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed • Emergency Unemployment Compensation full extension • High-quality education and training service programs • Revive the educational pipeline to ensure critical training for long term economic competitiveness
<p><u>Housing</u></p> <p><i>The Housing Problem has still not been resolved and we need to fix it NOW.</i></p>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform current housing refinance programs to help homeowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for the National Housing Trust Fund • Expansion of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program • Principal reduction to address negative equity • Restructuring of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
<p><u>Jobs Created</u></p> <p><i>With millions of American citizens out of work, jobs must be created NOW.</i></p>	N/A	1.9 million	8 million

States Across the Nation Are Trampling on the Rights of Voters

By: Rep. Alcee Hasting | Florida

Over 30 states have recently enacted or attempted to enact laws that will create barriers to prevent citizens from voting in the upcoming 2012 elections. Among them: Florida's HB 1355, signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott, limiting access to the polls for minorities, seniors, and college students, as well as limiting early voting days and imposing new restrictive regulations on voter registration groups; Alabama and Texas requiring proof of citizenship and government-issued photo identification in order to vote; Maine eliminating same-day registration; and Wisconsin requiring voters to show a government photo identification card at a polling place.

And who do these laws disenfranchise? Mostly minorities, seniors and college students, many of whom turned out to vote for President Obama in the 2008 election. For example, more than 21 million Americans lack a government ID, a disproportionate number of whom are low-income individuals, minorities and the elderly. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) reports: "As many as 25% of African Americans of voting age lack government-issued photo ID, compared to only 8% of their white counterparts. Eighteen percent of Americans over the age of 65 do not have government-issued ID." Ultimately, these bills are nothing more than a

backdoor poll tax designed to keep voters from voting, while seriously undermining the notion of a free and democratic society.

Despite a record number of bills restricting access to voting this year, the Republican-led House of Representatives has held no hearings in the 112th Congress on these changes in voting rights and procedures. Therefore, on November 9th, I along with approximately 40 of my colleagues sent a letter to the House Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on House Administration, expressing concerns with changes states have made to their election laws and requesting that their Committees hold hearings to assess the impact of these changes on voter rights. To date, not one single hearing has been held. This is an outrage, and I urge all Americans to be mindful of what is taking place in their states. Florida has had some of the most degrading experiences through the years, including the 2000 elections. I believe that none of this just mistakenly happened. It is part of a calculated effort to suppress the rights of voters around this nation, and those responsible should be ashamed of themselves.

I find it excusable that states are implementing measures to suppress the rights of voters. The



unfortunate fact is that there is widespread disregard for voter rights in Florida and around the country and a disturbing failure by some elected officials to fully ensure the validity of their state's electoral process. It is time for Congress to hold hearings to assess what is taking place, before it is too late.

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings represents Florida's 23rd district and serves as a Senior Member of the House Rules Committee, Ranking Democratic Member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and Democratic Chairman of the Florida Delegation.

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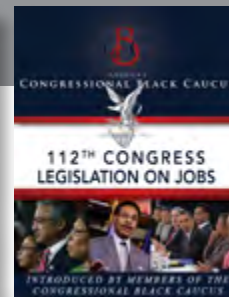
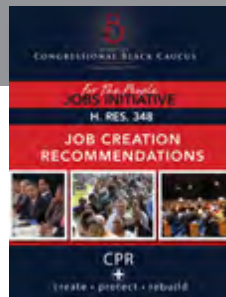
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Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Getty Images)

Obama and Black Caucus reach common ground



By: Shawna Thomas

It wasn't on the president's public schedule, but Tuesday morning he and Valerie Jarrett held a meeting with the Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) and 12 African-American business leaders on job creation. Chairman Cleaver remarked, "I thought that the meeting was as good a meeting as I've ever had with a president and I've been going to the White House for meetings with presidents since the early 1980's" dismissing talk of the occasionally icy relationship between black members of Congress and the White House.

According to a White House official, the group met for about an hour and the president focused on elements of the stalled-in-Congress American Jobs Act that could benefit the African-American community.

According to Cleaver, it was a "feet on the ground meeting" with all of the participants focused on what the president could do to encourage minority hiring that didn't involve congressional action.

Robert Johnson, chairman of The RLJ Companies (full disclosure: He's also a CNBC contributor) said, "This was not a meeting to talk about

political strategy or bemoan the opposition of the Republican Party."

While it is unclear if the multiple presidential executive actions over the last two months under the "We Can't Wait" banner have resonated with the general population, Cleaver said the leaders in the room Tuesday had taken the message to heart. "Everybody realizes that Washington is a city that is broken and nothing of substance will get through the legislative process. So the hope is that things can be done through the power of the Oval Office," the CBC Chairman said. All of the ideas presented during the meeting were thought to be ones that could be implemented by the White House or one of the agencies without congressional approval.

Weldon Latham, a Senior Partner at Jackson Lewis who was also a participant, said everyone in the room, including the President, came into the meeting with the dismal unemployment rate of African-Americans on their minds.

According to the latest Department of Labor data, African-Americans were unemployed at a rate of 15.5 percent in November of this year, compared to an overall unemployment rate for the country of 8.6 percent. And unlike the overall

rate which saw a percentage decline last month, the jobless rate for blacks went up.

During the meeting, Latham complimented the president on his recent executive action that mandates a "government-wide initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the Federal workforce." Latham also said the group, "suggested another number of actions that he might want to consider" because "motivating the federal government to be a leader" when it comes to diversity and inclusion should be a priority.

Latham said this was his first small sit down with the president, but had met with Valerie Jarrett on numerous occasions to talk about jobs and issues in the African-American community. He also dismissed a question about tension between black leaders and the president. "The fact that the president was sitting there with the Chairman of the Black Caucus and ten or more...African-American business leaders across the country... he is doing what the Caucus would like him to do."

Latham was mum on his suggestions to the president, but Johnson said he spoke broadly about getting corporate America to adopt what he calls the "RLJ Rule" It's described as similar to the "National Football League's Rooney Rule, which afforded minority candidates seeking head-coaching or general manager positions within the League to be considered before a final hiring decision."

The White House promised they would follow up after the meeting and have already been back in touch with Rep. Cleaver. "We left the White House feeling very good about having presented solid suggestions to the president and shortly thereafter the White House called us to make sure that we sent them a written compilation of what those suggestions were," the Congressman said.

The overall message from the president according to Latham: "I have to solve all of these urgent problems. Hopefully if I'm around for another term we'll be able to accomplish new goals."

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Obama Rising

Republicans are starting to lose their fight with the president on the economy.

By: Joyce Jones

It has undoubtedly been a year from hell for President Obama, who has literally been at war with congressional Republicans over how to repair the nation's economy and create jobs. He's also received criticism from Democrats, including several members of the ever-loyal Congressional Black Caucus, who've accused him of not fighting hard enough for middle- and low-income Americans and being too conciliatory to GOP lawmakers. The result has been historically low job approval ratings any politician seeking re-election would dread and that conjure up flashbacks of former president Jimmy Carter's failed re-election bid.

That may be changing. According to a new CNN/ORC International poll, 49 percent of voters now trust

Obama to solve the nation's problems, up from 44 percent in March. Seventy-two percent of the people who said they approve of the way the president is handling his job are "non-white" compared to 40 percent of whites. In addition, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll also gives Obama a 49 percent approval rating.

What's different?

Since the summer, the president has taken tough stance on the economy, introducing the American Jobs Act and publically challenging Republican lawmakers to explain to the public why they're for tax cuts and other benefits for the wealthy, but appear to balk at measures designed to help the middle class and unemployed. As the year draws to a close, Obama and House Republicans are once again at a

standoff over a short-term extension of a payroll tax cut and federal unemployment benefits, and he's not backing down, going so far as to delay his trip to join his family in Hawaii for the holidays.

House and Senate Republicans have in the past been remarkably united in their efforts to obstruct Obama's economic proposals, but cracks are starting to appear. On the Senate side at least, it's every man for himself, as several lawmakers voted for the plan instead of going home for Christmas to explain to constituents in an election year why their paychecks could be \$40 short come January.

Now the question is: Will Obama's hard stance widen those emerging



cracks, which could help him soar to victory in November 2012 and perhaps even carry House and Senate Democrats on his coattails?

According to the conservative Wall Street Journal it could happen.

In a scathing editorial today editors wrote, "Given how [Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell] and House Speaker John Boehner have handled the payroll tax debate, we wonder if they might end up re-electing the president before the 2012 campaign even begins in earnest."

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Nothing is more fundamental in our democracy than the right to vote.

Lee is the latest Democrat to charge that laws requiring people to show a valid ID to vote are aimed at suppressing the black vote to get better results for Republicans in the 2012 elections. Republicans including Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) have said ID laws are needed because there are several examples of voter fraud, such as the discovery that ACORN was registering non-legal voters.

Last month, Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz openly accused Republicans of trying to rig the 2012 elections by passing voter ID laws.

On Wednesday, Lee charged that the ID laws would prevent 1 in 4 blacks from voting, and 1 in 5 Hispanics and Asian Americans. She also said the laws are a return to the voter suppression that was seen in the controversial 2000 presidential election.

"I came to this floor years ago, after the stolen presidential elections in Florida and Ohio, to protest the results of those two elections that were filled with voter suppression," she said. "It worked for Republicans before, and so legislators in 42 states in this map of shame have doubled down on these strategies to make it harder for certain communities to vote."

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fifty job creation bills since the beginning of the 112th Congress, launched the For the People national jobs initiative, and provided nine job creation proposals that help our nation's most vulnerable. These proposals and initiatives are closely in line with the President's Americans Jobs Act.

“With African American unemployment stubbornly resting in the double digits, Members

of the Caucus believe that it is imperative to have everyone at the table to help find solutions to mend our economy and get Americans back to work,” added Chairman Emanuel Cleaver. The African American business leaders met with the Congressional Black Caucus immediately following their meeting with President Obama. A full list of participating business leaders is included below.

Participating African American Business Leaders:

- **Robert L. Johnson** — Founder & Chairman, The RLJ Companies
- **Ollie Gates** — President, Gates BBQ
- **Warren Thompson** — President & Chairman, Thompson Hospitality Corporation
- **Weldon Latham** — Sr. Partner, Chair, Corporate Diversity Counseling Practice, Jackson Lewis, LLP
- **Ernest Green** — Partner, Madison Asset Management Group LLC
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Cordray appointment vital for minority communities



Richard Cordray nominated by President Barack Obama (Getty Images)

By: Rep. André Carson

Earlier this week, President Barack Obama stood before an excited crowd in Shaker Heights, Ohio to boldly announce his appointment of former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray as the first Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

This announcement came not a moment too soon. For the last few years, millions of Americans have been struggling to overcome the devastation caused by the abuses of an under-regulated financial system. Hard-working men and women have struggled just to put food on their tables and clothes on their children's backs.

In their desperation to make ends meet, many have

fallen prey to payday lenders, check-cashing outlets, and fly-by-night tax refund companies. Under the guise of offering short-term help, these companies' anti-consumer practices have pushed thousands of families further into debt.

Americans needed an advocate to stand up to these companies, and in Richard Cordray, we now have a proven leader, dedicated to doing just that.

Nowhere is Mr. Cordray's efforts more needed than in the African-American community.

In 2010, the American Sociological Review published a study showing since the 1990s, predatory lending has specifically targeted minority communities. According to the study, which included data from the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas, payday and tax refund lenders, as well as check cashing outlets, have located themselves disproportionately in minority neighborhoods.

Payday loans may be easy to secure but come at a high price. With significant fees and annual interest rates of over 350 percent, families who seek these loans as a “short-term” fix frequently find themselves unable to pay bills after they cover the loan costs. As a result, they have to obtain additional payday loans against future income, resulting in a vicious cycle of despair.

It is not surprising then that, according to the Center for Responsible Lending, most individuals who take out a payday loan are still in debt to the lender

24 months later.

Tax refund anticipation loans wreak equal havoc for our community. Tax filers in African-American communities are 3.5 times more likely to use high-cost loans to get refunds. According to the Woodstock Institute, almost one in four taxpayers living in African-American communities pays hundreds of dollars to receive his or her own money a few days early.

Unfortunately, far too many in African-American communities are unaware of these financial pitfalls, which is why I have introduced the Young Adults Financial Literacy Act. This bill will help ensure that young people learn safe banking practices and other critical skills that will help them avoid unmanageable debt.

But unfortunately my bill cannot help those who are already caught in this trap. We need strong leadership to reign in predatory companies that have gone unchecked in minority communities for far too long. I commend the President on his appointment of Richard Cordray, and I am confident that with him at the helm, the CFPB can now meet its charge of ensuring that the financial markets work for the American people and that companies engaged in improper conduct are held accountable.

Rep. André Carson is a Democrat representing Indiana's 7th District.

Time To Invest in Our Future: More Spending, Not Cuts

Today, as talk of deficit reduction and budget cuts rule Washington, it would be a mistake to assume that our country no longer needs smart, targeted investments.



By: Donna F. Edwards

In the month that President Obama took office, January 2009, the height of the “Great Recession” over 750,000 jobs were being lost each month, unemployment hit 10.1 percent, and our economy was on the brink of financial collapse. It was this environment that required unprecedented stimulus spending to get the economy moving. Today, as talk of deficit reduction and budget cuts rule Washington, it would be a mistake to assume that our country no longer needs smart, targeted investments. The unemployment rate among African Americans remains a full six points higher than the national average. As we face the prospect of \$1.5 trillion in budget cuts, now is not the time to cease making investments in our nation’s future. We must refocus our commitment to make targeted investments that will help our short- and long-term job growth and increase our competitiveness and prosperity in the 21st century global economy.

When Democrats joined with President Obama and passed the Recovery Act in 2009, Republicans claimed it would fail to spur economic growth and create jobs. In fact, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the Recovery Act raised gross domestic product by between 1.1 percent and 3.1 percent, and created or saved between 1.2 million and 3.3 million jobs. Despite Republican opposition, it is clear that without these measures, this recession would have been much deeper and longer.

Today, even after 19 months of consecutive job growth, economic indicators continue to show the economy is recovering slowly.

Nonetheless, unemployment among African Americans remains dangerously high at 16 percent, the proof we need that this Congress should focus on job creation like a laser beam. Instead, since Republicans took control of the House of Representatives, the only jobs bills to come to the floor are Democratic proposals, and Republicans voted against each one. Republican’s focus in Washington has been purely ideological: slashing spending, reducing the debt, and using the debt ceiling – needed to pay off our bills- as blackmail. The Republican proposals for the Super Committee have been more of the same -- disastrous spending cuts, a nod to tax reform while flatly refusing to consider tax revenue increases. And once again, nothing on job creation.

Republicans seem to have forgotten the big message that brought them to power: create jobs and get the economy back on track. My Republican colleagues have worked relentlessly to protect tax breaks for the rich and for big oil companies, roll back public health regulations, and end Medicare. We need a different strategy, one that actually creates jobs. We should invest right now in America’s future and should start with education and infrastructure – jobs for today and a strong workforce for tomorrow.

A quality education is the foundation for success in the 21st Century. However, according to the College Board, the United States ranks currently 12th among 36 developed nations with adults 25 to 34 years who possess a college degree. The situation is dire for African American students. The college graduation rate is 41 percent, according to the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education. We can and we must do better. Let’s prioritize investments to increase graduation rates; expand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields; and protect Pell grants and student loans. I applaud President Obama’s continuous efforts to protect Pell grants and his proposal for a partnership between private-sector manufacturing, community colleges, and the National Association of Manufacturing to provide 500,000 community college students with industry-recognized credentials. These types of job training programs will make

American workers more competitive in the global economy.

Our nation’s crumbling infrastructure is another opportunity for investment. According to a report released by the McKinsey Global Institute, “US infrastructure is inadequate to meet the needs of a dynamic, growing economy. At the same time, the quality of infrastructure from transportation to water systems has been in relative decline in the United States, which currently ranks 23rd in the quality of its overall infrastructure, undermining competitiveness.” As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I know it is critical that Congress make long-overdue investments in our nation’s infrastructure, lay the groundwork for American competitiveness, and help create thousands of new jobs across the country. For every one billion we invest in infrastructure, we create 35,000 jobs across many sectors of our economy. The President’s American Jobs Act presents us with a great opportunity, although not surprisingly it continues to be stymied by Republicans at every turn. In my state of Maryland, the President’s proposal would mean \$625,000,000 in highway and transit modernization projects, supporting at least 8,100 local jobs.

The approximate number of U.S. jobs lost in the “Great Recession” was eight million. The financial crisis we faced was even more critical than anyone understood at the time, and the stimulus programs played a key role in avoiding financial and economic disaster. But now is the time for smart, targeted investments that will serve as a down payment on our nation’s future: transforming our education system, rebuilding our infrastructure, and growing our economy to ensure job creation and economic prosperity for generations to come.

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By: Rep. Hank Johnson

Sweeping new state voter laws – including an end to same-day registration, cuts to early voting and measures making it harder to register large groups of voters – could create barriers for millions of voters trying to cast a ballot in 2012.

The most controversial voter suppression measures are the government photo ID laws, which have been proposed in 35 states. Nearly a dozen states, including Georgia, have passed strict voter ID laws that have been pushed overwhelmingly by Republican-led legislatures.

Georgia and Indiana – the first states with government voter ID requirements – are considered the birthplace for many of these laws. Proponents say they prevent voter fraud, although most have difficulty showing there are large numbers of people – if any – voting under a false identity. From 2002-2007, the Justice Department conducted an investigation of voter fraud and failed to prosecute anyone for going to the polls and impersonating an eligible voter.

Opponents, like me, believe minorities, the poor, elderly, students and the disabled – groups less likely to have a government ID – are disproportionately affected. Nationwide, it's estimated 11 percent of U.S. citizens – 21 million people – do not have a current, government-issued photo ID. The numbers are even higher for African Americans, Hispanics and other minorities.

One of the most egregious exam-

Across the country, our Constitutional right to vote is under attack.

ples of these laws comes from Texas, where a concealed-weapon permit qualifies as a voter ID, while a student ID does not.

Now a series of Associated Press investigations in South Carolina, which passed a similarly strict law to Georgia's, bear this out. The results are somewhat surprising given that it shows both traditional Democrats as well as Republicans are affected.

Older white voters, who have higher incomes, are reliably Republican and live in retirement homes are just as likely to be affected by the voter ID law as other groups, the analysis said. Roughly a third of South Carolina eligible voters who do not have proper IDs are 65 or older – and a third of them live in the wealthy enclave in Beaufort County along South Carolina's southern shore.

At a historically black college precinct in Columbia, nearly half the voters who cast a ballot there lack a state-issued ID, and could face problems voting in next year's election, the AP said. Nearly a dozen other precincts in South Carolina show that almost all those affected by the voter ID law are minorities.

It would be interesting to see what a similar independent investigation of Georgia's voter ID law would find.

To offer proof these laws do not affect minorities here, the Georgia Secretary of State's office says a higher percentage of blacks voted in 2010 after voter ID law was put in place than in 2006, when the laws did not exist.

This growth, they say, proves these laws do not affect minority turnout. But mistaking simple correlation for causation does not tell the whole story.

In North Carolina, where there are no voter ID laws, the percentage of African Americans who voted in 2010 compared to 2006 grew at a much higher rate than in Georgia. Claiming that because more minorities voted in elections after voter ID laws were in place dismisses a myriad of other factors that could be at play.

As the Brennan Center for Justice said, "the assertion that Georgia's voter ID requirement didn't suppress turnout is meaningless – at best unscientific and at worst just plain wrong."

I'm not here to bash our Secretary of State's office, which I applaud for working hard to ensure our elections are conducted in a secure and fair manner.

But my concern is that with strict photo ID requirements more people will be excluded than the amount of fraud it prevents. All fraud is not the same. The vast majority of documented cases of voter fraud occur with absentee ballots. If we have a problem with absentee fraud, then let's create a new set of tools to deal with it. Voter IDs are not the answer.

And in a democracy that considers 50 percent an excellent voter turnout, shouldn't we be making the ballot more accessible, not less? It seems unreasonable to require people who are the least mobile or who have the least means to have to go get a government ID to vote. On Dec. 10 the NAACP, along with other minority and labor groups will hold a nationwide protest against these voter suppression efforts. I think the Justice Department should more vigorously challenge these photo voter ID laws – especially in states covered by the Voting Rights Act.

Nothing is more fundamental in our democracy than the right to vote. We must reject any attempts

to curb citizens' access to the ballot. It's not right, it's not fair and it's un-American.

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Notes:

Evidence voters reject this partisan attack on voter suppression

Take Maine for instance. For nearly 40 years, Maine voters could walk into a polling place on Election Day, register and vote – a policy that encourages a more robust participatory democracy. But in 2010, Republicans put up a barrier that voters must register 2 days before an election, all in the name of fighting voter fraud.

On Nov. 4, Maine voters roundly rejected that tactic and returned to same-day registration. The Boston Globe reported that in 2010, Maine registered 60,000 new voters on election day and there were no proven claims of voter fraud Republicans claimed it was combating.

In Georgia, an eligible voter has to register 30 days before an election. Wouldn't same-day registration encourage more voters to participate?

Evidence of how difficult these laws make it for people who do not have a government-issued photo ID

Recently, 96-year-old Dorothy Cooper of Tennessee was denied a voter ID because she did not have a copy of her marriage certificate. Voting without incident since her 20s, Ms. Cooper suddenly hit a wall.

In her decades going to the polls she never had a problem, not even before the Voting Rights Act, the Chattanooga Times reported.

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While the issue was eventually resolved, Ms. Cooper had to spend hours at a state driver service center to get her valid ID, not to mention the time spent securing transportation.

States like South Carolina and Georgia issue voter IDs for free. But what if voters like Ms. Cooper need to obtain a birth certificate or marriage license from another state, which would then charge for the documents?

General thoughts

Our constitutional right to vote, which is protected by six amendments, should not subject citizens to pay anything to secure that right.

Republican leadership and Tea Party activists have made it perfectly clear – they will do whatever is necessary to get President Barack Obama out of office. It appears the litany of voter laws is integral to

that strategy.

Given any new evidence that these laws restrict some groups from voting, I think the Justice Department should more vigorously challenge these laws – especially in states covered by the Voting Rights Act.

Nothing is more fundamental in our democracy than the right to vote. We must reject any attempts to curb citizens' access to the ballot. It's not right, and it's un-American.

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State Legislature Efforts on Voter Suppression

By: *Eddie Bernice Johnson | Texas*

With elections less than one year away, you may have seen Television campaign ads and news coverage of the various races. Yet through this campaign coverage, the topic of Voter Suppression has gone slightly unnoticed and many are unaware of how this is affecting the state of Texas and our nation.

During the 2010 Texas Legislative Session Governor Rick Perry and the Republican controlled state house pushed through the most stringent voting ID policy in the country, the passage of Senate Bill 14. The policy is more commonly known as the Voter ID Bill, which mandates that every Texan show a photo ID before they can cast their ballot. It is being touted by Republican legislators as the solution to voter fraud that would restore integrity to our elections. However, these laws do nothing to address the existing threats of fraud and instead target select groups of eligible voters by preventing them from casting their ballots. This bill will disenfranchise over 600,000 Texas registered voters, who currently do not have a driver's license or state issued identification card.

As part of my opposition efforts, my Texas democratic colleagues and I have sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice to consider denying Texas the pre-clearance needed to implement the photo ID mandate, a process required under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The last presidential election marked an unprecedented turnout in the number and diversity of students, seniors, minorities, and others at the polls. It is sickening that we are seeing a range of laws promoted to restrain these same groups from essentially voting. It was these same groups that came out in record numbers to elect our country's first African-American President. Additionally, many of these voters make up the majority of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, which I am honored to represent.

I will continue to fight hard so that these law-abiding citizens are not barred from casting their ballots and exercising their constitutional right. These calculated tactics are contrary to everything that democracy stands for in this country. Discouraging participation in the political process is not only counter-productive, it is un-American. I urge you to stand with me as I



continue to oppose these mandates in Texas and throughout the country.

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Chairman Cleaver's Statement On the Republican Leadership's Rejection of a House Vote on the Bipartisan Senate Bill

“We ought to be listening to our better selves.”

Washington, DC - Chairman Emanuel Cleaver, II released the following statement on the Republican Leadership's rejection of a House vote of the bipartisan Senate bill:

“The Republican Leadership has proven their allegiance does not lie with the American people.

Today, they denied a vote on the Bipartisan Senate bill, that 90% of the Senate supported, which would have extended the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits. This not only hurts hard working American families, but further compromises our fragile economy. This is beyond preposterous and most importantly, unfair to the

American people. The Republican Leadership shut the door to a much needed legislative solution, which would have provided the American people with some relief during this holiday season. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have worked diligently to ensure that those who have suffered the most from the recession receive

necessary protections. The bill they are failing to consider would have extended unemployment benefits through the end of February for millions of American families, reduced taxes for the middle class, and extended Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs (TANF). Enough is enough.

“I am proud of the Congressional Black Caucus's hard work on this issue. We sent a letter to House Leadership urging for the extension of unemployment insurance for millions of Americans. We offered 18 amendments to the Republicans Leadership's “no-jobs” bill to ensure those in our most vulnerable communities were not forgotten. We led Special Order Hours on unemployment and took action by bringing a point of order to an unfunded mandates provision to the Floor. I know our work is not in vain because we never cease to fight on behalf of the American people.

“I am troubled by what I have seen today, and I can only hope that the Republican Leadership realizes what is at stake, the livelihood and the future of the American people.”

Chairman Emanuel Cleaver, II



Chairman Cleaver discusses the latest numbers indicating that nearly half of Americans are poor or low income.

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Rangel Remembers: Lessons to be Learned from the Montgomery Bus Boycott and 13th Amendment

By: Congressman Charles Rangel

This week marks the anniversaries of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the ratification of the 13th Amendment. Separated by almost a century, these two events are forever intertwined in signifying America's ongoing endeavor to be a truer nation of equality and freedom.

The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution officially abolished and continues to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude. It was passed by Congress on January 1, 1865 and adopted on December 6 of that year, while America began to mend its many wounds caused by years of bloody civil war.

The Amendment solidified President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and gave true meaning to the words in his Gettysburg Address: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." During the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which began on December 5, 1955, blacks throughout Montgomery, Alabama, a city flooded with racism, refused to ride the city's segregated

public bus system. During the 381 day boycott, the homes of civil rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy, along with four black Baptist churches in the city were fire-bombed. Dr. King was imprisoned and peaceful boycotters were beaten. Despite these threats, the brave men and women of the Montgomery Bus Boycott remained resilient and courageous for the sake of justice.

On November 13, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that Alabama's racial segregation laws for buses were unconstitutional. The Montgomery Bus Boycott's victory resonated throughout the United States, igniting the Civil Rights Movement and greatly inspiring me as a young black man in Harlem to become a lawyer, and later an Assistant U.S. attorney to fight to uphold the true meaning of our Constitution — that all men are created equal.

When I marched with Dr. King from Selma to Washington on March 7, 1965, we were not just marching for black rights, but also for the rights of everyone in America bestowed by the Constitution. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 had been passed a year before, but we knew there was still more to be done. There were moments during the 54-mile journey when I had doubts, but I had faith



and hope that if we kept on our course of peace and conviction we were marching toward racial equality in our nation. Ultimately, on August 5 of that year, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which banned discriminatory practices that silenced black voters across the country. While we have overcome many injustices over the past 50 years, in our current state of economic inequality, blacks continue to be at a disadvantage. Recent unemployment reports showed black unemployment has risen to 15.5% in November while the national unemployment rate dropped to 8.6%. We have much more strides to make to ensure blacks are not left behind as our country attempts to regain economic stability.

Although The 13th Amendment came at the sacrifice of countless American lives, the Montgomery Bus Boycott proved that even in one of the most racist and segregated places in America, nonviolent protest and determination could trump violence and hatred. When we marched from Selma to Washington we never raised a hand in anger, yet changed the course of democracy in America.

Today, 99% of Americans face economic inequality. It doesn't make sense that top 1% of the richest Americans own 42% of our nation's wealth. How can millionaires pay lower taxes than middle class families who work hard every day to make ends meet? We must come together to uphold the rights our past generations have fought for. For America to take another step towards being truer nation of equality and freedom, everyone must pay their fair share. We can transcend our nation's faults once again and echo the famous words, "we shall overcome."

Congressman Charles B. Rangel represents the 15th District of New York, now serving in his 20th term. He was the first African American to Chair the House Ways and Means Committee and is a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Around Town with the Congressional Black Caucus



Congressman Charles Rangel (NY) at the Unemployment Insurance Extension Press Conference



Rep. Hank Johnson receives the 2011 Veterans Champion Award from Mike Sauls, chair of the DeKalb County Veterans Advisory Board, for his work on veterans' issues as a member of the Armed Services Committee and for his advocacy on behalf of veterans in his district.



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke hosted a Small Business Round Table with Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Dr. Winslow Sargeant and key small business stakeholders in the 11th Congressional District of New York. Photos Courtesy of Photographer Errol Anderson.



Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA) at World AIDS day event with Bono



Congresswoman Karen Bass (CA) on Worlds AIDS Day hosting a 24 Hour Tweet Blast

The CBC worked diligently to help block the mandates against unemployment insurance in HR 3630.

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1. A letter was signed by every Member of the CBC to extend unemployment insurance
2. Members of the CBC offered 15 amendments to HR 3630. (Rules Committee 5pm)
3. Led Special Order Hour on Monday Night on the Issue (2nd hour, likely began around 8:15pm)



4. Led an Unfunded Mandates Provision on Tuesday (around 12:15 pm)
5. Released a Jobs Creation Comparison Chart
6. Sent out a Dear Colleague to all Democratic Staffers



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December 1, 2011

John A. Boehner
 Speaker of the House
 U.S. Capitol, Room H-222
 Washington, DC 20515

Nancy Pelosi
 Democratic Leader
 U.S. Capitol, H-204
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

We write to urge House leadership to put politics aside and act now to protect the unemployed and create jobs. The American people cannot wait.

The U.S. economy continues to struggle to recover from the recent recession. The pace of the nation's job growth has been anemic, causing unemployment rates to remain consistently high. In fact, the growth of both employment and output has been the slowest when compared to all recession recoveries since World War II.

In October 2011, the Chairmen of the Federal Reserve referred to long-term unemployment as a "national crisis" that should be a top priority of the Congress. We fervently agree. Congress must show leadership to protect citizens and stimulate our economy so that our nation can weather this protracted period of economic hardship. As Members of Congress, it is our job to help and protect people. As we near the end of 2011, it is more than necessary that we enact legislation that helps those most in need. Therefore, to address the national unemployment emergency that exists, we must:

1. Extend current federal unemployment insurance programs through 2012;
2. Enact policies to aid those who have exhausted federal benefits, such as by allowing an additional 14 weeks of benefits; and
3. Create jobs.

Congress must immediately extend current unemployment insurance programs and provide full extended benefits through 2012. With persistently high unemployment numbers, the need for federal unemployment assistance remains a critical lifeline to help our citizens who are suffering. There are approximately 6.4 million fewer jobs now than at the beginning of the Great Recession, and the Department of Labor data show that there are over 4.2 unemployed Americans for every job. Needing unemployment assistance is about being unable to find work in a weak economy with limited job opportunities. Even if every job was filled, 8.9 million citizens would remain unemployed. Federal long-term benefits are essential supports for workers who have paid into the insurance program. The Census Bureau and the Congressional Research Service found that unemployment insurance benefits kept 3.2 million out of poverty—861 thousand of whom were children. A one-year



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Department Of Defense

Dept of the Army -- Materiel Command
Department of Defense Forensic Research and Development Program
Modification 5
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=126233>

Office of Naval Research
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND
Request For Information: Permittee Responsible Compensatory
Mitigation
for Impacts to Aquatic Resources in the Puget Sound Area Grant
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Living Foundries: Advanced Tools and Capabilities for Modification 3
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Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Fiscal Year 2012 Basic Research Initiative (BRI) Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=129053>

Department Of Energy

National Energy Technology Laboratory
Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by
Historically
Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions
(HBCU/OMI) Grant
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Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Fish and Wildlife Service
State Wildlife Grants Competitive Grant Program Modification 1
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Fish and Wildlife Service
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=129215>

Fish and Wildlife Service
White-Nose Syndrome Research
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=129014>

National Park Service
Exploration of Acoustic Environments – Natural Sound Field Activities
Focused on Diverse and Undeserved Youth
Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=129133>

Fish and Wildlife Service
State Wildlife Grants Competitive Grant Program Grant
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Department of Transportation

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home
DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FY 2012 Performance
and Information System Management (PRISM) Grant Opportunity
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DOT Federal Highway Administration
Center for Environmental Excellence
Modification 2
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DOT Federal Highway Administration
Every Day Counts Innovation Initiatives - Request for Information Grant
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Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health
Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (STTR) [R41/R42] Modification 1
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National Institutes of Health
Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (SBIR) [R43/R44] Modification 1
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National Institutes of Health
Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (SBIR) [R43/R44] Grant
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National Institutes of Health
Improving Access to Hearing Health Care (STTR) [R41/R42] Grant
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National Institutes of Health
NIDDK Interconnectivity Network Coordinating Unit (U24) Grant
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Nuclear Receptor Signaling Atlas (NURSA): Hub (U24) Grant
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NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators (K22) Grant
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National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute Program Project (P01) Applications Grant
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National Institutes of Health
Environmental Influences on Stem Cells in Development, Health, and Disease (R21) Modification 1
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National Institutes of Health
Type 1 Diabetes Mouse Resource (UC4) Grant
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Molecular Imaging of the Lung- Phase 1 (R01) Grant
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National Institutes of Health
Collaborative Research on the Transition From Acute to Chronic Pain: New Models and Measures in Clinical and Preclinical Pain Research (R01) Modification 1
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Paul B. Beeson Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award in Aging (K23) Modification 1
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National Institutes of Health
Mentored Career Award for Faculty at Institutions That Promote Diversity (K01) Modification 1

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National Institutes of Health
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National Institutes of Health
Mentored Career Development Award to Promote Faculty Diversity/Re-Entry in Biomedical Research (K01) Modification 1
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National Institutes of Health
T32 Training Program for Institutions That Promote Diversity (T32) Modification 1
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National Science Foundation

Improvements in Facilities, Communications, and Equipment at Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories Grant
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Algorithms for Threat Detection Grant
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Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Grant
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Network for Computational Nanotechnology (NCN) Grant
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National Institute of Food and Agriculture Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Sustainable Bioenergy Modification 3
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