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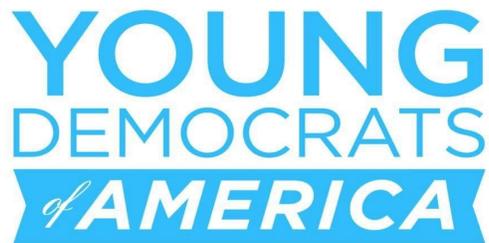
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Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

Email Address: sols@gwmail.gwu.edu

State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 5244

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ilhan Omar MN-05

Topic: Housing

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Homes for All Act of 2019 would allocate new funding for the construction of 10 million new public housing units and create a \$200 billion community control and anti-displacement fund to fight gentrification.

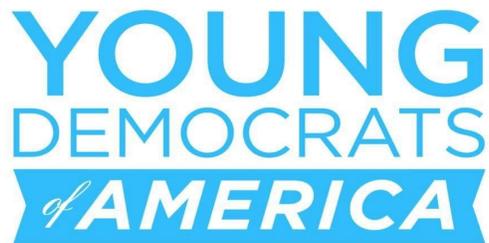
How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Last bill action was 11/21/2019(referred to the House Committee on Financial Services). Bill has no amendments, six cosponsors, and no related bills. Bill also funds construction of Private Market Affordable housing. It will fund 2.5 million private market affordable housing dwelling units over 10 years and must remain affordable housing units for their entire useful life.

Concern about "Market" rate term

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: 15-0



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 4684

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ilhan Omar MN-05

Topic: Public Health

Other topic?: Education

A brief summary of the bill: The Universal School Meals Program Act of 2019 (S. 2609 / H.R. 4684) would ensure that every child has access to free nutritious meals at school, after school, during the summer, and at child care through the child nutrition programs. These critical programs reduce childhood hunger, decrease childhood overweight and obesity, improve child nutrition and wellness, enhance child development and school readiness, and support academic achievement.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Last bill action was 11/08/2019 (referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations). Bill currently has no amendments and 14 cosponsors.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: 18-0



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.2609

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Bernie Sanders-VT

Topic: Education

Other topic?: Public Health

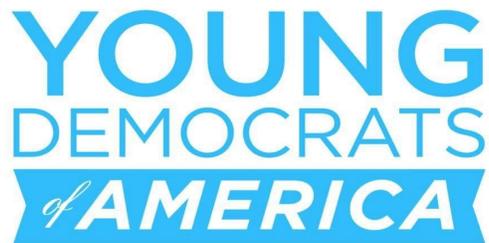
A brief summary of the bill: The Act of (S. 2609 / H.R. 4684) would allow schools, afterschool and summer programs, and child care centers and homes to focus on providing the healthiest and most appealing meals possible instead of spending resources processing applications and completing other administrative work. The Act also would eliminate unpaid school meals fees and the stigmatizing practices that have been linked to school meals debt.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Last action on 10/16/2019(read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry). Bill removes the language “reduced price” lunch to establish free school meals. Bill has 0 cosponsors and 0 amendments.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.1083

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Senator Cory Booker

Topic: Racial Justice

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill would establish a commission to study the impact of slavery and continuing discrimination against African-Americans and make recommendations on reparation proposals for the descendants of slaves. It includes provisions to educate the public on the impact of slavery and subsequent de facto and de jure systems of oppression.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is related to [HR40](#). Bill has 18 cosponsors. Last bill action was 04/09/2019(introduced in Senate and referred to Committee on the Judiciary) The commission will consist of 13 members, who shall be appointed, within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows: three members appointed by the President, three members appointed by the Speaker of House, one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Six members shall be selected from the major civil society and reparations organizations that have historically championed the cause of reparatory justice.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 40

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Sheila Jackson Lee TX-18

Topic: Racial Justice

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The bill creates a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and to educate the public of it's findings.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is related to [S.1083](#). Bill has 128 cosponsors. Last bill action was 6/19/2019 (Subcommittee Hearings held by Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties).The commission will consist of 13 members, who shall be appointed, within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows: three members appointed by the President, three members appointed by the Speaker of House, one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Six members shall be selected from the major civil society and reparations organizations that have historically championed the cause of reparatory justice.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 3448

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ilhan Omar MN-05

Topic: Education

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Student Debt Cancellation Act of 2019 would forgive outstanding Federal and private student loans. This would lift a massive financial burden off of young people and have a considerable stimulative impact on our economy.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is related to [S.1947](#). Last Bill action was 6/24/2019 (Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned). Bill has 15 cosponsors.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.1947

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Bernie Sanders

Topic: Education

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The College For All Act would cancel federal student debt, purchase and cancel private student debt, and create a federal-state partnership to establish tuition-free access to public colleges, universities, and trade/vocational schools. It would also create additional subsidies for HCBUs and other MSIs.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is related to [HR3448](#) and [HR3472](#). Last bill action was on 6/24/2019(introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance). Bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure college for all. Bill has 0 cosponsors.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 3922

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley MA-07

Topic: Child Welfare

Other topic?: Racial Justice

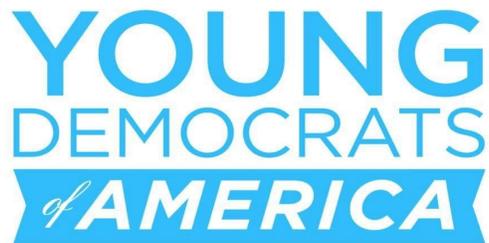
A brief summary of the bill: Under Rep. Pressley and Senator Booker's bill, every newborn would receive an initial endowment of \$1,000. A study by Naomi Zewde of the City University of New York finds baby bonds could reduce the wealth held by young white adults from 15 to 1.6 times the wealth held by young Black adults. According to Urban Institute estimates (using an annual compound interest rate of 2 percent), if today's 18-year-olds from families in poverty had received baby bonds, they could start adulthood with endowments of up to \$42,253.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is an identical bill to [S.2231](#). Last bill action was on 7/23/2019 (referred to the Committee on Finance). Bill has 19 cosponsors. Section 106 of this Bill will establish an American Opportunity Fund Board.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.2231

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Cory Booker -NJ

Topic: Child Welfare

Other topic?: Racial Justice

A brief summary of the bill: Under Rep. Pressley and Senator Booker's bill, every newborn would receive an initial endowment of \$1,000. A study by Naomi Zewde of the City University of New York finds baby bonds could reduce the wealth held by young white adults from 15 to 1.6 times the wealth held by young Black adults. According to Urban Institute estimates (using an annual compound interest rate of 2 percent), if today's 18-year-olds from families in poverty had received baby bonds, they could start adulthood with endowments of up to \$42,253.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is identical to [HR3922](#). Bill has 1 cosponsor. Last bill action was on 7/23/2019(read and referred to the Committee on Finance). See comments of HR3922.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 5325

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley

Topic: Education

Other topic?: Racial Justice

A brief summary of the bill: Across the United States, girls of color are disproportionately likely to be suspended from school at every grade level: beginning as early as preschool, where Black girls account for 54% of all girls suspended despite being only 20% of the girls enrolled; from Kindergarten to 12th grade, Black girls are 7 times more likely to be suspended from school as white girls, and 4 times more likely to be arrested at school; Latina girls are more than 1.5 times as likely as white girls to receive an out of school suspension; Native American girls are suspended at 3 times the rate of white girls.

The Ending PUSHOUT Act: establishes \$2.5 billion in new federal grants to support states and districts that commit to ban unfair and discriminatory school discipline practices and improve school climates; protects the Civil Rights Data Collection and strengthens the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights by investing \$2.5 billion for additional enforcement and monitoring capacity; establishes a Federal Interagency Taskforce to End the School Pushout crisis and its impact on girls of color.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: It was introduced into Congress on December 5, 2019. It was assigned to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 12/5/19. No further movement has happened. Since COVID-19, the House may be looking to appropriate funds elsewhere. Has 16 co-sponsors

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 2602

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley

Topic: Healthcare Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Healthy MOMMIES Act would extend coverage for Medicaid's pregnancy pathway from 60 days to 365 days (a full year after giving birth) and would ensure that eligible new mothers have access to full comprehensive care, including oral health services, rather than services only related to their pregnancy.

Using a health and racial equity approach, the Healthy MOMMIES Act would establish a demonstration project and provide data on outcomes that could be later scaled to include more people across all 50 states. This demonstration project would be used to establish medical care homes, birth centers, and health facilities operated by tribal organizations.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: introduced and assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee on 5/8/19. Assigned to the House Subcommittee on Health on 5/9/19. 42 co-sponsors. Related bill S. 1343; a priority for the democratic platform. Post COVID-19, probably won't move as the Democratic party will likely focus on either projects. Possible Lobby day?

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.1343

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Cory Booker

Topic: Healthcare

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Healthy MOMMIES Act would extend coverage for Medicaid's pregnancy pathway from 60 days to 365 days (a full year after giving birth) and would ensure that eligible new mothers have access to full comprehensive care, including oral health services, rather than services only related to their pregnancy.

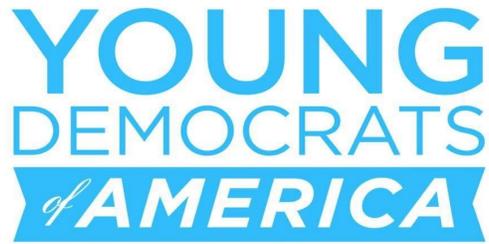
Using a health and racial equity approach, the Healthy MOMMIES Act would establish a demonstration project and provide data on outcomes that could be later scaled to include more people across all 50 states. This demonstration project would be used to establish medical care homes, birth centers, and health facilities operated by tribal organizations.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: bill was introduced in the 115th Congressional session by Sen. Booker on 9/25/18 but did not move on in the legislative process thus it was not enacted. The bill was reintroduced in the 116th Congressional session by Senator Booker in the Senate and Representative Pressley in the House (HR 2602). Bill assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. 7 co-sponsors. With Republican supermajority, unlikely to move and will die at the end of the legislative session.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 4000

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Don Beyer VA-08

Topic: Voting Rights

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Fair Representation Act requires (1) that ranked choice voting (a system in which voters rank candidates in order of preference) be used for all elections for Members of the House of Representatives, (2) that states entitled to six or more Representatives establish districts such that three to five Representatives are elected from each district, and (3) that states entitled to fewer than six Representatives elect all Representatives on an at-large basis. The bill also requires that congressional redistricting be conducted in accordance with a plan developed by (1) a state-established independent commission; or (2) if such a commission fails to enact a plan, a three-judge panel from a U.S. District Court.

Independent research demonstrates that ranked choice voting and multi-member districts lower the barrier to women and people of color running for office, which helps young candidates who do not fit the traditional profile of elected officials.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments:

To establish the use of ranked choice voting in elections for Representatives in Congress, to require each State with more than one Representative to establish multi-member congressional districts, to require States to conduct congressional redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes.

S.2226, Redistricting Reform Act of 2019 - Klobuchar (MN): This bill requires that congressional redistricting be conducted in accordance with a plan developed by (1) a



state-established independent commission; or (2) if such a commission fails to enact a plan, a three-judge panel from a U.S. District Court.

Recommended to be Declined

Committee Response: Not approved for endorsement



Submission Date: 2/24/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 5072

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez NY-14

Topic: Housing

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: AOC's "A Place to Prosper Act" would reform existing housing laws and regulations to expand assistance, strengthen tenant rights, invest \$10 billion in lead abatement, and tie highway funding to equitable development practices.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

A Place to Prosper Act, which includes provisions like universal rent control, just cause evictions, a ban on income discrimination, access to counsel, improving the quality of the housing stock, and a disclosures requirement on corporate landlords to rein in bad actors.

This bill protects tenants, improves the quality of housing stock, reins in corporate landlords, and seeks to ensure that housing is available and affordable for all.

No identified similar bill. Currently in the subcommittee.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 5984

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Rashida Talib MI-13

Topic: Education

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Under this legislation, States are ineligible for federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds unless their school districts' contracts with PCMOs include basic transparency requirements. These transparency measures will require PCMOs to disclose to the Department of Education:

The dollar amount and percentage breakdown of money being used by the PCMO on the operations of the school.

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The dollar amounts every executive is earning in salary from the PCMO.

The identity of any company or organization the PCMO has financial interest in.

Whether the PCMO is for-profit or non-profit.

In addition, school districts contracting with PCMOs will require the PCMOs to:

Hold board meetings that are publicly disclosed and accessible to the public.

Annually disclose the members of the board of directors.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve oversight of private charter management organizations, and for other purposes.

The COAT Act (H.R. 5984) would require private charter management organizations (PCMOs) to disclose the following to the Department of Education in order to receive federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds:



- The dollar amount and percentage breakdown of money being used by the PCMO on the operations of the school and on the operations of the PCMO.
- The dollar amount every executive is earning in salary from the PCMO.
- The identity of any company or organization the PCMO has financial ties to.
- Whether the PCMO is for-profit or non-profit.

In addition, school districts contracting with PCMOs would have to require the PCMOs to:

- Hold board meetings that are publicly disclosed and accessible to the public.
- Annually disclose the members of the board of directors.

The landmark legislation has also received the endorsement of the following national and local advocacy groups: American Federation of Teachers (AFT), National Education Association (NEA), Network for Public Education, The School Superintendents Association (AASA), National Disability Rights Network, Learning Disabilities Association of America, Council of Administrators of Special Education, Mothering Justice, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, AFT – Michigan, and Detroit Federation of Teachers.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 702

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley MA-07

Topic: Criminal Justice

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The People's Justice Guarantee is a new progressive vision for decarceration and justice in America, outlining a framework that will transform the American criminal legal system to one that meets America's foundational promise of justice for all. Specifically, the People's Justice Guarantee calls for:

- Prioritizing Decarceration and Dramatically Reducing Jail and Prison Populations
- Eliminating Wealth-Based Discrimination and Corporate Profiteering
- Transforming the Experience of Confinement
- Investing in Historically Impacted Communities

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bills last action was on 12/18/2019 (referred to the subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security). Bill has 16 cosponsors. HR 702 is a resolution.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.2075

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Elizabeth Warren - MA

Topic: Climate Crisis

Other topic?:

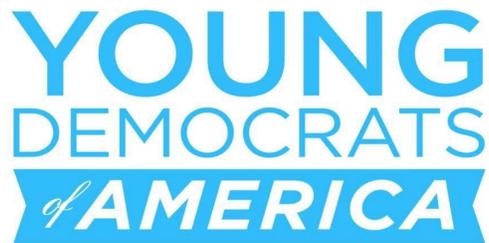
A brief summary of the bill: The Climate Risk Disclosure Act empowers investors to make smart decisions about where to invest their money by requiring that public companies be straight about how climate change and related policies will affect their bottom lines. Shareholders weighing this new information will compel big companies to speed up the transition to a clean energy economy, reducing the odds of an environmental and financial disaster without spending a dime of taxpayer money.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Last bill action was 7/10/2019.(Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs). Bill has 16 cosponsors. Bill is related to [H.R.3623](#).

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 3623

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Sean Casten IL-06

Topic: Climate Crisis

Other topic?:

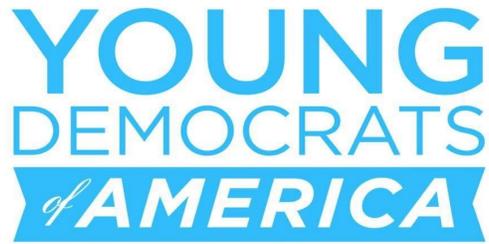
A brief summary of the bill: The Climate Risk Disclosure Act empowers investors to make smart decisions about where to invest their money by requiring that public companies be straight about how climate change and related policies will affect their bottom lines. Shareholders weighing this new information will compel big companies to speed up the transition to a clean energy economy, reducing the odds of an environmental and financial disaster without spending a dime of taxpayer money.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill last action was on 7/16/2019(Ordered to be reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. Bill has 35 cosponsors. Bill is related to [S.2075](#)

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 4928

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Grace Meng NY-06

Topic: Immigration

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The “New Deal for New Americans Act” would establish critical assistance programs for immigrants and refugees to overcome common challenges such as language barriers and employment attainment, and help in breaking down barriers to naturalization.

In particular, it would establish a National Office of New Americans in the Executive Office of the White House to promote and support immigrant and refugee integration and inclusion and coordinate efforts of federal, state, and local governments to support social, economic, and civic integration of immigrants and refugees.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill last action on 10/30/2019.(Referred to 5 committees; Judiciary, Education and Labor, House Administration, Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security). Bill has 41 cosponsors. The Director position shall be appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Senate. Other positions shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Director. Bill is related to [S.3470](#).

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

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State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 5857

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez NY-14

Topic: Climate Crisis

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill phases out hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas. It prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn natural gas or oil. Beginning on February 1, 2021, the bill revokes permits for wells where fracking is, or has been, used within 2,500 feet of inhabited structures. The bill bans all fracking on onshore and offshore land by 2025.

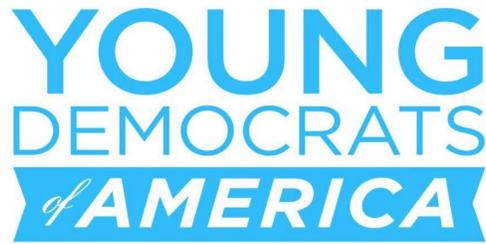
In addition, the bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to complete a survey of all oil and natural gas wells to identify the wells where fracking is, or has been, used. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a Just Transition Committee to make recommendations on ensuring the health and safety of individuals residing in, and the prosperity of, natural gas- and oil-producing regions during the phaseout of fracking.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is named Fracking Ban Act. Bill's last action was on 2/21/2020 (referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources). Bill has 18 cosponsors. Bill currently has no amendments. Bill is identical to [S.3247](#).

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/6/2020

Submitter: Solomon Steen

Email Address: sols@gwmail.gwu.edu

State Chapter: MA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.3247

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Bernie Sanders-VT

Topic: Climate Crisis

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill phases out hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas. It prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn natural gas or oil. Beginning on February 1, 2021, the bill revokes permits for wells where fracking is, or has been, used within 2,500 feet of inhabited structures. The bill bans all fracking on onshore and offshore land by 2025.

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How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill is named Fracking Ban Act. Bill's last action was on 1/28/2020 (referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources). Bill has 1 cosponsor. Bill currently has no amendments. Bill is identical to [HR 5857](#).

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 3/11/20

Submitter: Mackenzie Pope

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State Chapter: AK

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.2833

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Jeff Merkley-OR

Topic: Consumer Financial Protections

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act would cap interest rates for all consumers at 36%—ensuring that no consumer in the US is paying exorbitant interest rates. This might seem niche or boring, but this legislation would prevent under banked, under served (historically diverse communities of color) from being taken advantage of by payday lenders.

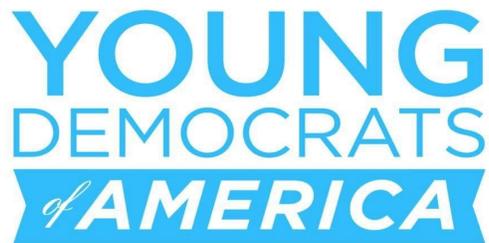
36% might seem high, but in comparison to the current average of over 400% payday lenders are charging, this bill would be a huge step in the right direction.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Bill's last action was on 11/12/2019(referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs). Bill currently has 8 cosponsors. This bill will amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the consumer credit protections provided to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents under title 10 USC, to all consumers. Bill currently has no amendments. Bill is identical to [H.R. 5050](#).

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/09/2020

Submitter: Matthew Savage

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State Chapter: VA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: HR 1878

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Jared Huffman CA-02

Topic: Disability Rights

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill provides that the federal government commit to meeting 40% of the cost of special education services for students with disabilities. This bill has over 150 cosponsors, many of them who are Republican but has been held up in the Education and Labor Committee.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

This bill reauthorizes, and makes appropriations for the grant program under, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to assist states and outlying areas in providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Edgar Ortiz

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State Chapter: CA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.1306

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Patty Murray (WA)

Topic: Labor Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Would amend some of the country's decades-old labor laws to give workers more power during disputes at work, add penalties for companies that retaliate against workers who organize and grant some hundreds of thousands of workers collective-bargaining rights they don't currently have. It would also weaken "right-to-work" laws in 27 states that allow employees to forgo participating in and paying dues to unions.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments:

This bill amends the National Labor Relations Act and related labor laws to extend protections to union workers. Specifically, it revises the definition of "employee" and "supervisor" to prevent employers from classifying employees as exempt from labor law protections, expands unfair labor practices to include prohibitions against replacement of or discrimination against workers who participate in strikes, makes it an unfair labor practice to require or coerce employees to attend employer meetings designed to discourage union membership, permits workers to participate in collective or class action litigation, allows injunctions against employers engaging in unfair labor practices involving discharge or serious economic harm to an employee, expands penalties for labor law violations, including interference with the National Labor Relations Board or



causing serious economic harm to an employee, and allows any person to bring a civil action for harm caused by labor law violations or unfair labor practices.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Edgar Ortiz

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State Chapter: CA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.5581

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Pramila Jayapal (WA-7)

Topic: Immigration

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The bill would affirm that people detained by immigration officials in airports, at the border, and under other specific circumstances have the right to access legal help, either in person or remotely. They would, however, still have to find a lawyer independently since the bill doesn't create any obligation on the part of the government to provide counsel or information about how to obtain counsel.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Minimal Impact

Briefing Comments:

The Department of Homeland Security shall ensure that a covered individual subject to secondary or deferred inspection has a meaningful opportunity to consult with counsel and certain related parties, such as a relative, within an hour of the start of the secondary inspection and as necessary during the inspection process. The counsel and related party shall be allowed to advocate on behalf of the covered individual, including by providing evidence and information to the examining immigration officer.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Edgar Ortiz

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State Chapter: CA

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.2214

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Judy Chu (CA-27)

Topic: Immigration

Other topic?:

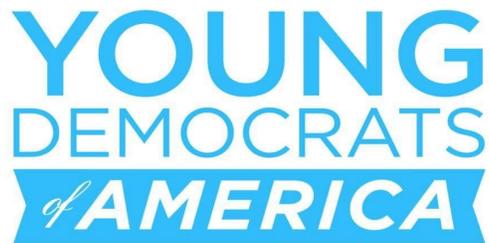
A brief summary of the bill: Would repeal the travel ban on citizens of 13 countries and limit his authority to issue such sweeping bans in the future, while strengthening safeguards against religious discrimination in visa applications.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: House Committee issued a report on March 5th, 2020. Three years after the Muslim Ban, the Trump administration continues to double down on its immigration efforts. Earlier this year the Trump administration further expanded their war on immigration by banning entry to those from Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Eritrea, Nigeria, Sudan, and Tanzania. The ban only restricts people who want to come to live in the United States permanently through family based immigration or the diversity lottery. This bill will repeal the President's Muslim Ban and change the law so that any future ban must be based on evidence. Bill has 219 Co-Sponsors.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Edgar Ortiz

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State Chapter: CA

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.4112

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Patty Murray, WA-7

Topic: Education

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: A \$430 billion package aimed specifically at providing funding for child care, K-12 education, postsecondary education, and workforce development.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: It was introduced into Congress on June 30, 2020. Colleges and K12 schools say it's critical for Congress to provide more aid to cover the new costs of operating campuses, including safety measures such as coronavirus testing and personal protective equipment. There are 4 related bills: HR6563, HR7027, S3690, S3874.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6515

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ilhan Omar (MN-5)

Topic: Housing Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Specifically, the bill suspends rental and mortgage payments for primary residences for a period lasting until 30 days after the termination of the federal emergency declaration relating to COVID-19. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must establish funds to reimburse lessors and lenders for payments suspended under the bill.

In addition, HUD must establish an Affordable Housing Acquisition Fund to support the acquisition of multifamily housing projects by nonprofit organizations, public housing agencies, cooperative housing associations, community land trusts, and state and local governments. For a five-year period, entities that are approved for such assistance shall be provided the first right of purchase with respect to such projects.

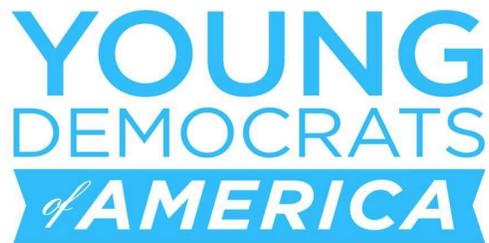
How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: The Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act would eliminate all rent and mortgage payments during the covid-19 national emergency, retroactive to April 1 and extending for 30 days after the national emergency is officially ended. Under the bill, such non-payments could not result in eviction, fines, or a lowered credit score. Introduced on Apr 17, 2020.

Recommended for Endorsement



Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6347

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Chuy Garcia (IL-14)

Topic: Housing Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill establishes a moratorium on the initiation of eviction proceedings, except with respect to tenants who have perpetrated certain criminal acts, for a period that lasts until six months after the termination by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the presidential emergency declaration relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

Recommendation: In favor of this bill, but Rep. Garcia's 7402 is a better bill with the same goal. I would recommend endorsing 7402 over 6347.

Recommended for Endorsement (see 7402)

Committee Response: Endorsed 7402 and removed from package



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.5383

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Rep Chuy Garcia (IL-14)

Topic: Immigration

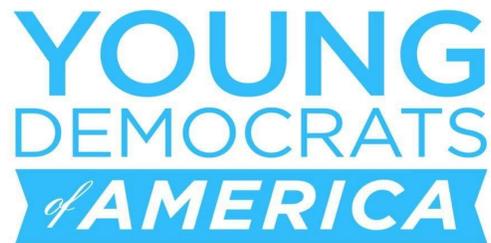
Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill makes changes to immigration enforcement, including ending mandatory detention in certain cases. The bill removes mandatory detention requirements for certain migrants, such as asylum seekers with a credible fear of persecution. The bill also removes certain crime-related grounds of inadmissibility and deportability. The bill gives immigration judges discretion to provide relief from removal if the removal is not based on certain crime-related grounds. The bill repeals provisions providing criminal penalties for improper entry or reentry into the United States

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Minimal Impact

Briefing Comments: The New Way Forward Act would implement reforms in seven sections, according to its legislative text. These include:

- Ending private prisons or private detention centers for immigrants, starting three years after the bill's potential enactment.
- Banning Department of Homeland Security officials including Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from considering race, national origin, ethnicity, and English fluency when interrogating people.
- Limits the categories of "serious crimes" under which an immigrant is currently barred from qualifying for asylum, changing the banned category to only felonies with a jail sentence of at least five years.
- Repeals or limits decades-old laws that limit immigration judges' discretion, instead allowing it "if the immigration judge finds such an exercise of discretion appropriate in



pursuit of humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest.”

- Prevents state or local law enforcement from the “investigation, apprehension, transport, or detention” of undocumented immigrants, as some law enforcement particularly in red states are doing.
- Repeals the existing law which makes crossing the border illegally a potentially imprisonable offense.

Possible interest to add this to the YDA Platform committee for the upcoming National Convention in 2021.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.51

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district:

Topic: Other

Other topic?: Citizens Rights

A brief summary of the bill: This bill provides for admission into the United States of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. The commonwealth shall be admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the other states.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Indirect Impact

Briefing Comments: Introduced in the House on January 3rd, 2019. DC Statehood bill. Passed the House by a vote of 232-180 on June 26th, 2020. YDA Hosted a DC Statehood advocacy day.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

Email Address: kimagyekum@gmail.com

State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.3784

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district:Kamala Harris, CA

Topic:

Other topic?: COVID Relief

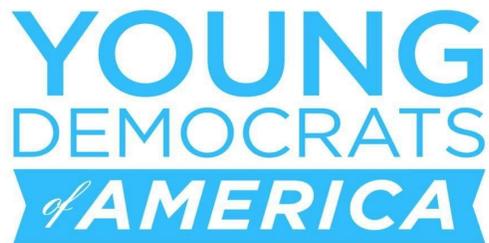
A brief summary of the bill: This bill provides for a monthly rebate to individuals and their dependents for the period beginning March 2020, and ending on the third month after the date on which the Department of Health and Human Services determines that the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency has ended. The rebate is \$2,000 per individual (\$4,000 for individuals filing a joint tax return) plus \$2,000 for each dependent of such individual, not exceeding three dependents. The rebate is reduced for individuals whose adjusted gross income exceeds specified levels. Rebates are not subject to garnishment or set offs by financial institutions.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: Introduced on May 20th, 2020. Bill does not include undocumented immigrants. Can use a previous years tax return to be considered eligible. Similar to multiple COVID-19 Stimulus check bills.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.4193

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Gary Peters, MI

Topic: Sen. Gary Peters, MI

A brief summary of the bill: To increase awareness and understanding of African American history across our schools through expanded access to programming from the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The 1619 Act would provide federal funding to support African American History educational programs through workshops and professional development activities for educators.

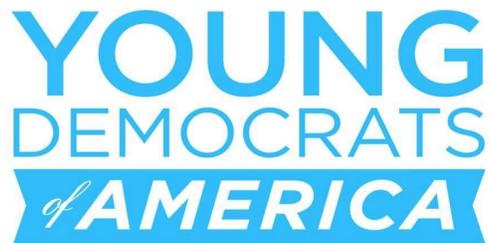
Other topic?: Funding for African- American history

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Minimal Impact

Briefing Comments: Currently 7 States (Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island) require by law that schools, in collaboration with special K–12 Black history oversight committees, teach students about African-American history. More schools and teachers, including those in underserved communities, can and should deliver quality African-American history education. Not later than February 1 of each year, the Director shall submit to Congress a report describing the activities carried out under this Act. Considering the social justice climate in Today's America, this bill is recommended for passage.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.4142

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ed Markey (MA)

Topic: Criminal Justice/Corrections Reform

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill eliminates the defense of qualified immunity in civil actions for deprivation of rights. Qualified immunity is a judicially created doctrine that protects government employees or those acting with state authority from being held personally liable for constitutional violations.

The bill provides that under the statute allowing a civil action alleging deprivation of rights under color of law, it shall not be a defense or immunity to any such action that (1) the defendant was acting in good faith or believed that his or her conduct was lawful at the time it was committed; (2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or laws were not clearly established at the time of their deprivation; or (3) the state of the law was such that the defendant could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

The Department of Homeland Security shall ensure that a covered individual subject to secondary or deferred inspection has a meaningful opportunity to consult with counsel and certain related parties, such as a relative, within an hour of the start of the secondary inspection and as necessary during the inspection process. The counsel and related



party shall be allowed to advocate on behalf of the covered individual, including by providing evidence and information to the examining immigration officer.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: Senate

Bill Number: S.3912

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Cory Booker (NJ)

Topic: Criminal Justice/Corrections Reform

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill:

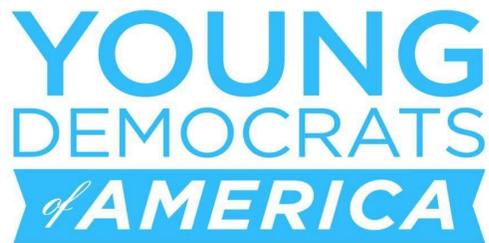
This bill establishes a national standard for the operation of police departments, mandates data collection on police encounters, reprograms existing funds to invest in transformative community-based policing programs, and streamlines federal law to prosecute excessive force and establish independent prosecutors for police investigations.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: A few features of the bill: accountability, removing qualified immunity from police officers. The duty to intervene is included because two of those officers in George Floyd's case participated in the killing while one officer acted as a look out. The bill would require those officers to intervene when they see something like that. It will also include a database. chokehold will also be made illegal. The militarization of police departments is addressed. There is also an accreditation piece in regards to officer training.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6425

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Joe Neguse (CO-02)

Topic: Public Services/Utilities

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill appropriates \$25 billion to the U.S. Postal Service, to remain available through FY2022 for revenue forgone due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The appropriations are designated as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: The Protect Our Post Offices Act would equip USPS to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and help protect the health and safety postal workers. USPS anticipates a significant revenue loss due to COVID-19, with fewer people and businesses sending mail because of the outbreak. Additionally, just like hospitals, post offices are facing critical shortages of personal protective equipment to protect their workers from the virus. Due to the nature of this topic, recommend passage and changing the impact level to “high”.

[Recommended for Endorsement](#)

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

Email Address: kimagyekum@gmail.com

State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.7724

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Grace Meng (NY-06)

Topic: Immigration

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: To prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement, administer, or enforce the Presidential Memorandum on Excluding Undocumented Immigrants From the Apportionment Base Following the 2020 Census

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments: The law requires that everyone in America, whether citizen or not, be counted. President Trump issued a memorandum ordering undocumented immigrants not be counted when it comes to determining states' congressional seats. The U.S. Census is highly important in regards to representation. This is a way for the Trump Administration to prevent states from having full representation in congress and prevent tax-paying communities to receive funds back into their communities. This is also an attempt to telegraph an effort to intimidate people, an effort to scare people into not participating in the census. Recommended for passage.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.7217

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Barbara Lee (CA-13)

Topic: Racial Justice

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Calls for the removal of confederate statues in the United States Capitol

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Moderate Impact

Briefing Comments: Under the legislation, a state would have the right to reclaim any such statue for potential display or housing back home. If a state declines, the statue would be given for the Smithsonian Institution's collection, though presumably not for public display. The House version has attracted 58 cosponsors, all Democrats. It awaits a potential vote in the House Administration Committee. A prior version introduced by Rep. Lee in 2017 attracted 48 Democratic cosponsors, but never received a vote in the then Republican-controlled chamber.

The Senate version has attracted 20 cosponsors: 19 Democrats and one independent. It awaits a potential vote in the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. Odds of passage are lower in the Republican-controlled chamber. A prior version introduced by Sen. Booker in 2017 attracted four Democratic cosponsors, but never received a vote in the Republican-controlled chamber.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R. 7389

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)

Topic: Public Transportation

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Calls for the investment in state and local fare free public transportation

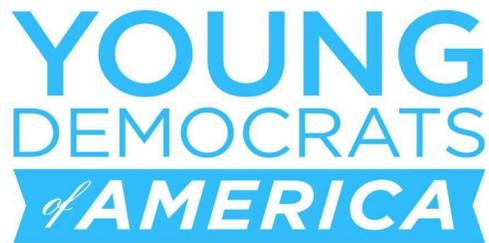
How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program to support efforts to provide fare-free transit service, and other purposes. It has also been cited as the "Freedom to Move Act". These grants will be aimed towards low income areas, rural and city areas. Bill was introduced on 6/26/2020 and is currently in Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6798

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Frederica Wilson (FL-24)

Topic: Immigration

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Bars the deportation of migrants of Haitian descent during COVID-19

How does this bill impact young Democrats? Minimal Impact

Briefing Comments:

Bill is currently in Judiciary as of 5/8/2020. No other substantial info available.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

Email Address: kimagyekum@gmail.com

State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6142

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Lauren Underwood (IL-14)

Topic: Healthcare Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other agencies to address maternal health outcomes among minority populations. HHS must (1) establish task forces to address social determinants of health, maternal mental and behavioral health, and other topics; and (2) award grants for maternal mortality review committees, innovative maternity care models, and other purposes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must establish a perinatal payment demonstration project. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation must report on the impact of housing and transportation during prenatal and postpartum periods, respectively. The Department of Veterans Affairs must submit a plan for maternity care coordination for women veterans, and the Bureau of Prisons must establish programs and award grants to certain prisons and jails to improve maternal health outcomes among incarcerated individuals.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

[Recommended for Endorsement](#)

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.7711

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district:Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14)

Topic: Criminal Justice/Corrections Reform

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Mandates that law enforcement must show certain forms of identification at all times

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

Text has not been received for the bill yet. No info available. Introduced on 7/20/20 and referred to Judiciary.

No action recommended at this time

Committee Response: Not approved



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.7402

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Chuy Garcia (IL-04)

Topic: Housing Policy

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: This bill expands the moratorium on evictions to include all tenants, as opposed to tenants of federally assisted properties, and extends the moratorium until March 27, 2021 (the current moratorium expires on July 25, 2020).

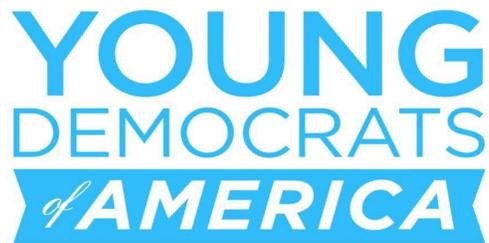
How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

To provide a temporary moratorium on eviction filings, and for other purposes.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.7281

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Rashida Tlaib (MI-13)

Topic: Criminal Justice/Corrections Reform

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: To require States and units of local government to certify a commitment to release certain individuals from jails and prisons, and for other purposes.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

Allows for correctional facilities to release inmates who are at high risk of contracting and/or the negative effects of coronavirus. The bill also establishes the definitions and guidelines for proper record maintenance when releasing incarcerated Americans.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6745

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Peter DeFazio (OR-04)

Topic: Climate

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers must promulgate a regulation defining waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act. The EPA and the Corps must ensure that such definition includes categories of water bodies that affect the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of traditionally navigable and interstate waters, based on the best available scientific evidence. In addition, the EPA and the Corps must ensure that implementation of the Clean Water Act using such definition will prevent any degradation of surface water quality, increased contaminant levels in drinking water sources, increased flooding-related risks to human life or property, or disproportionate adverse impacts on minority or low-income populations.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

The Clean Water For All Act would block the administration's reckless Dirty Water Rule, which jeopardizes the rivers, lakes, streams, and other vital water bodies our families, communities, and economies depend on.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6800

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district:Nita Lowey (NY-17)

Topic: COVID-19 Relief

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Provides extended relief through out the COVID-19 pandemic, including another stimulus, extended family leave, COVID-testing, and more

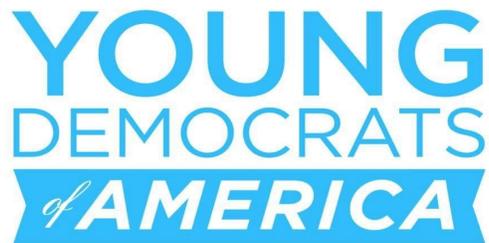
How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

This is the house package that has already passed through the House.

No action needed

Committee Response: Due to HR 6800 being the Heroes Act it was approved for endorsement



Submission Date: 7/24/2020

Submitter: Kimberly Agyekum

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State Chapter: OH

Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R.6363

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)

Topic: Student Loan Relief

Other topic?:

A brief summary of the bill: Amendments made to the requirements for student loan debt repayment including loan forgiveness of \$30,000

How does this bill impact young Democrats? High Impact

Briefing Comments:

A bill that would protect student loan borrowers during public health emergencies and forgives \$30,000 of student loan debt.

Recommended for Endorsement

Committee Response: Approved via consent calendar



Which Chamber: House

Bill Number: H.R. 4

[Bill Link](#)

The introducer, including district: *Terri Sewell, AL-07*

Topic: Voting Rights

A brief summary of the bill: The John Lewis Voting Rights Act establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices in these areas may take effect. The bill specifies practices jurisdictions meeting certain thresholds regarding racial minority groups, language minority groups, or minority groups on Indian land, must preclear before implementing. These practices include changes to methods of election, changes to jurisdiction boundaries, redistricting, changes to voting locations and opportunities, and changes to voter registration list maintenance.

How does this bill impact young Democrats? *High Impact*

Briefing Comments:

The bill was recently renamed by Rep.

Jim Clyburn (SC-06) the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, in honor of the late Congressman and civil rights activist. Senate companion S.561 has been introduced into the Senate by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT).

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