

HOUSE DEMOCRATS
**2023 ISSUES
CONFERENCE**

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Issues Conference Agenda

Wednesday, March 1st

2:30 p.m.

Opening Program

Constellation Ballroom

- Invocation: Rep. James E. Clyburn, Assistant Democratic Leader
- Welcome Remarks:
 - Rep. Pete Aguilar, Chairman, House Democratic Caucus
 - Rep. Ted Lieu, Vice Chair, House Democratic Caucus
 - Rep. Kweisi Mfume, 7th District of Maryland, Baltimore
 - The Honorable Brandon M. Scott, Mayor of Baltimore

3:00 p.m.

Plenary: Looking to the Future – An Agenda to Lower Costs, Grow the Economy, and Expand Opportunity

Constellation Ballroom

- Introduction: Rep. Lori Trahan
- Moderators:
 - Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus
 - Rep. Annie Kuster, Chair, New Democrat Coalition
- Speakers:
 - The Honorable Wally Adeyemo, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury
 - The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, Secretary, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U. S. Small Business Administration
 - Sean McGarvey, President, North America's Building Trades Unions
 - Dr. Mark Zandi, Chief Economist, Moody's Analytics

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4:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Winning the Narrative on Safety, Accountability, and Justice – Leading with Solutions, Not Scare Tactics

Columbia Room

- Moderator: Rep. Steven Horsford, Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Nicholas Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice; President, Vera Action
 - Insha Rahman, Vice President of Advocacy & Partnerships, Vera Institute of Justice; Vice President, Vera Action

What Does the Heartland Mean to Us?

Frederick Room

- Moderator: Rep. Debbie Dingell, Chair, Heartland Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Jamal Simmons, Former Communications Director for Vice President Kamala Harris
 - Sarah Smarsh, Journalist and Author
 - Fred Yang, Chief Executive Officer, Hart Research Associates

5:30 p.m.

Evening Program – The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland

Constellation Ballroom

- Introduction: Rep. Steny H. Hoyer

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6:00 p.m.

Evening Keynote – The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States

Constellation Ballroom

- Introduction: The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Democratic Leader

7:30 p.m.

Dinner Program

Constellation Ballroom

Invocation: Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi

Plenary: Telling Our Story – People Over Politics

- Introduction: Rep. David Cicilline
- Moderators:
 - Rep. Joe Neguse, Chair, Democratic Policy and Communications Committee
 - Rep. Veronica Escobar, Co-Chair, Democratic Policy and Communications Committee
 - Rep. Lauren Underwood, Co-Chair, Democratic Policy and Communications Committee
- Speakers:
 - Omid Farhang, Founder + CEO, Majority Creative Agency
 - Perry Rogers, CEO, PR Partners, Inc.
 - Tiffany Rolfe, Global Chief Creative Officer, R/GA
 - Dagny Scott, Founder, Fearless Unlimited

9:00 p.m.

Reception Hosted by DCCC Chair Suzan DelBene

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7:00 a.m.

Religious Services

Broadcast Lounge A

- The Reverend Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives

7:45 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Bringing the IRA Home – How to Maximize Historic Climate Investments

Frederick Room

- Moderators:
 - Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
 - Rep. Kathy Castor, Former Chair, Select Committee on the Climate Crisis
- Speakers:
 - Ari Matusiak, Founder + CEO, Rewiring America
 - Tiernan Sittenfeld, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, League of Conservation Voters
 - Jahi Wise, Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Acting Director, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, U.S. EPA

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Gun Violence Prevention – Where We’ve Been and the Challenges Facing our Future Progress to Reduce Gun Violence

Annapolis Room

- Moderators:
 - Rep. Mike Thompson, Chair, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
 - Rep. Lucy McBath, Vice Chair, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Speakers:
 - Angela Ferrell-Zabala, Senior Vice President of Movement Building, Everytown for Gun Safety
 - Christian Heyne, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Brady Campaign
 - Adam Skaggs, Chief Counsel & Vice President, Giffords Law Center

Leaning into the Realities at the Border

Columbia Room

- Moderator: Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán, Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Rep. Henry Cuellar
 - Rep. Veronica Escobar
 - Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva
 - Rep. Gabe Vasquez

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9:00 a.m.

Morning Program

Constellation Ballroom

Invocation: Rep. Sara Jacobs, Caucus Leadership Representative

Plenary: Taking Back the House – The Path to Win Back the Majority in 2024

- Introduction: Rep. Abigail Spanberger, Battleground Leadership Representative
- Speakers:
 - Rep. Suzan DelBene, Chair, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
 - Amy Walter, Editor/Publisher, Cook Political Report

10:00 a.m.

Armchair Conversation with the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States

Constellation Ballroom

- Moderator: The Honorable Katherine M. Clark, Democratic Whip

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Plenary: Democrats Delivered – Implementing Laws that Make Life Better for Everyday Americans

Constellation Ballroom

- Introductions:
 - Rep. Troy Carter, Regional Leadership Council Member
 - Rep. Derek Kilmer, Regional Leadership Council Member
- Moderators:
 - Rep. Angie Craig, Regional Leadership Council Member
 - Rep. Robin Kelly, Regional Leadership Council Member
 - Rep. Grace Meng, Regional Leadership Council Member
 - Rep. Darren Soto, Regional Leadership Council Member
- Speakers:
 - The Honorable Xavier Becerra, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
 - The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - The Honorable Shalanda Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget
 - Mitch Landrieu, Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator

12:45 p.m.

Lunch Plenary: Better Know a District – A Data-Driven Way to Get to Know the Democratic Caucus

Constellation Ballroom

- Introductions:
 - Rep. Jasmine Crockett, Freshman Leadership Representative
 - Rep. Robert Garcia, Freshman Class President
- Moderator: Rep. Pete Aguilar, Chairman, House Democratic Caucus
- Speakers: Members of the House Democratic Caucus

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2:15 p.m.

Plenary: Tools to Be Successful in the Minority – Questioning Witnesses

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- Introduction: Rep. Robert C. Scott, Ranking Member, Committee on Education and the Workforce
- Moderator: Rep. Ted Lieu, Vice Chair, House Democratic Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Rep. Maxine Waters, Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services
 - Rep. Madeleine Dean
 - Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
 - Phil Barnett, Co-Founder, Co-Equal
 - Phil Schiliro, Co-Founder, Co-Equal

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Off-Site Activities (optional)

Camden Yards

Join colleagues on a behind-the-scenes tour of the operations inside the newly renovated Camden Yards. Get a deeper understanding of the “business of baseball” as we taste their new concessions and learn about working with local vendors to improve the fan experience.

National Aquarium

Join colleagues on a private tour of one of the best family attractions on the Eastern Seaboard. In 1979, it was designated the National Aquarium by the U.S. Congress, and to this day people come from all over to admire the exhibits and marine wildlife.

On-Site Activities (optional)

Members Give Back to Our Military Families with USO

Atrium

Members can drop by for a hands-on activity to support our military families through the United Service Organization (USO).

Representation in the 118th Congress: Office Hours with the House Chief Diversity Officer

Broadcast Lounge B

Members are invited to meet with Dr. Sesha Joi Moon, Director of the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion, for a strategic human capital consultation on how to advance representation in your office.

6:00 p.m.

Pre-Dinner Reception

Foyer

Reporters & Representatives Reception

Pisces Room

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7:00 p.m.

Dinner Program

Constellation Ballroom

Invocation: Rep. Susan Wild

Plenary: National Security - A Discussion of the Evolving Landscape

- Speakers:
 - The Honorable Dr. Colin H. Kahl, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, U.S. Department of Defense
 - Amos Hochstein, Special Presidential Coordinator for Global Infrastructure and Energy Security, U.S. Department of State

Off Message with Jordan Klepper and the House Democratic Leadership

- Introduction: The Honorable Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi, Speaker Emerita
- Moderator: Jordan Klepper, Comedian, Contributor, The Daily Show
- Speakers:
 - The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Democratic Leader
 - The Honorable Katherine M. Clark, Democratic Whip
 - The Honorable Pete Aguilar, Chairman, House Democratic Caucus

9:00 p.m.

Reception Hosted by the House Democratic Caucus

Atrium

Featuring live music

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6:30 a.m.

Faith and Politics Pilgrimage Bus Call Time

Columbia Room

8:00 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Abortion 101 – Fighting Back for Reproductive Freedom

Annapolis Room

- Moderators: Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Chair, Pro-Choice Caucus Abortion Rights and Access Task Force
- Speakers:
 - Jacqueline Ayers, Senior Vice President, Policy, Campaigns, & Advocacy, Planned Parenthood Action Fund
 - Dr. Kristyn Brandi, OBGYN, Board Chair, Physicians for Reproductive Health
 - Margaret Conway, CEO & President, ConwayStrategic and Strategist, COMS Project
 - Lourdes Rivera, Senior Vice President, U.S. Program, Center of Reproductive Rights
 - Mini Timmaraju, President, NARAL Pro-Choice America

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Combating Anti-Asian Hate through Policy and Rhetoric

Columbia Room

- Moderator: Rep. Judy Chu, Chair, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Rep. Mark Takano, Second Vice-Chair and Education Task Force Chair, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
 - Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director, AAPI Equity Alliance
 - John Yang, President & Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Defending LGBTQI+ Equality and Pushing Back on GOP Attacks

Frederick Room

- Moderator: Rep. Mark Pocan, Chair, Congressional Equality Caucus
- Speakers:
 - Rodrigo Heng-Lehtinen, Executive Director, National Center for Transgender Equality
 - Sean Lund, Messaging Research Director, Movement Advancement Project
 - JoDee Winterhof, Senior Vice President for Policy and Political Affairs, Human Rights Campaign

8:00 a.m.

Democratic Spouses Forum Reception

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Morning Program

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Invocation: Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester

Plenary: Finishing the Job For Women – Delivering the Policies Women Need to Thrive

Constellation Ballroom

- Introduction: Rep. Lois Frankel, Chair, Democratic Women’s Caucus
- Moderator: Gloria Riviera, Host, “No One is Coming to Save Us” Podcast
- Speakers:
 - The Honorable Dr. Jasmine Clark, Georgia State Representative; Co-Host, “Suburban Women Problem” Podcast
 - Marianna Pecora, Deputy Communications Director, Voters of Tomorrow
 - Ai-jen Poo, President, National Domestic Workers Alliance
 - April Verrett, Secretary-Treasurer, Service Employees International Union
 - Dr. Cheryl E. Woodson, MD, FACP, AGSF, Board of Directors, National Council on Aging

Closing Remarks

Constellation Ballroom

- Speaker: Rep. Pete Aguilar, Chairman, House Democratic Caucus

11:00 a.m.

Boxed Lunch Pick Up

Atrium

11:30 a.m.

Departure Call for BWI and Capitol

Charles Street