



Black and Jewish Communities Unite: Renewing the Voting Rights Act and Strengthening Bonds

On June 3, 2019, during the AJC Global Forum in Washington, D.C., Representatives Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL), and Lee Zeldin (R-NY) unveiled the bipartisan Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish Relations. Other founding members included Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX) and the late Rep. John Lewis (D-GA). The Caucus will bring together lawmakers from both communities and across party lines to foster mutual learning and advocate for shared concerns. Its goals include: 1. Raising awareness of each community's needs and sensitivities, both in Congress and nationwide. 2. Providing resources for members of Congress to help unite African-American and Jewish communities, combat stereotypes, address hate, and highlight common values.

Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) emphasized the long-standing partnership between the African-American and Jewish communities in advancing social justice and civil rights. She remarked, "Few groups in America have been as dedicated to these struggles as much as these communities." She expressed that the Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish Relations aims to strengthen trust and collectively advance their shared causes.

