



February 4, 2022

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn
274 Cannon H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer
1705 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
2468 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Repair Can't Wait - Immediately Pass H.R. 40, the *Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act*

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Whip Clyburn, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Honorable Members of the House of Representatives:

On behalf of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC), Human Rights Watch (HRW), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), organizational members of the *Why We Can't Wait* Coalition,¹ along with the undersigned 365 national, international, state, and local organizations, and over 40 leaders, activists, and celebrities, we urge Congress to immediately bring House Resolution (H.R.) 40, the *Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act*, to a full vote on the House floor.

H.R. 40 has a record 215 members of Congress committed to voting “yes” when the bill comes to the House floor. With this level of support, it should pass the House, so long as Leadership sticks to public

¹ *Why We Can't Wait* Coalition Statement to US Congress, July 30, 2020, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/07/31/why-we-cant-wait-coalition-statement-urges-us-congress-pass-hr-40-reparations-bill>.

promises to get behind it and advance the bill.² People in the US are now more eager than ever to pull back the curtain on institutions to see whether they have helped to advance or stall racial progress, and those institutions include the US Congress. As states, cities, and other institutions, including the state of California; Providence, Rhode Island; Burlington, Vermont; Tullahassee, Oklahoma; Greenbelt, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; Evanston, Illinois; Georgetown University; the Jesuits; and others pursue reparations³ at an accelerated pace, it would be sheer irony for the federal government, which sanctioned the kidnapping and trafficking in human beings that slavery entailed, and maintained subsequent anti-Black laws and institutions, to continue to lag behind.

H.R. 40 would establish an expert commission to study the legacy of slavery and how the failure to address harms stemming from it have resulted in huge racial disparities between white and Black people in: the ability to accumulate wealth; to access health care, education, housing and employment opportunities; environmental outcomes; and policing, among other things. The commission would also recommend proposals for how to provide repair for what the study reveals. This bill does not authorize payments or any specific remedy. It simply creates a commission to study the problem, gather relevant information, extensively consult with impacted communities, and recommend solutions. Like the commission that investigated the forced relocation and wrongful incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, H.R. 40 can help pave the way for a critical and truthful reckoning and accounting for past harms and the present harms that flow from them.

The US Congress made history when, on April 14, 2021, the House Judiciary Committee voted to move H.R. 40 to the House Floor for full consideration, the first time in the bill's 32-year history. Eight months later, as the enduring terror of white supremacy looms, the Covid-19 pandemic widens racial inequality, police continue to heinously kill Black people at alarming rates, and legislators continue to introduce scores of new Jim Crow-like voter restrictions, passing H.R. 40 couldn't be more urgent. While we recognize the importance of symbolic measures, such as the speedy and nearly unanimous vote in the House of Representatives this year to establish Juneteenth as a federal holiday, the House must similarly act without further unjustified delay to bring H.R. 40 to the floor for a vote so that a substantive study can proceed that can bring about real change.

Even amidst battles against truth about the country's founding, there is a growing acceptance that the legacies of settler colonialism and of enslavement can be felt today and that racism impacts everyone. According to a recent Citigroup study,⁴ not addressing the racial wealth gap has cost the US economy up

² Tal Axelrod, "Pelosi says she supports bill to study issue of reparations for slavery," *The Hill*, February 27, 2019, <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/431857-pelosi-says-she-supports-bill-to-study-issue-of-reparations-for-slavery>; Mike Lillis, "Hoyer expects reparations bill to get a Floor vote," *The Hill*, June 19, 2019, <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/449339-hoyer-says-he-expects-reparations-bill-will-get-a-floor-vote>; "House Majority Whip James Clyburn on H.R. 40 and Reparations," Interview with MakeltPlain, March 28, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QusKjt0OPS4&t=327s>.

³ Soumya Karlamangla, "California's Reparations Task Force Meets Again," *New York Times*, December 8, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/08/us/californias-reparations-task-force.html>; Madeleine List, "Providence mayor signs order to pursue truth, reparations for Black, Indigenous people," *The Providence Journal*, July 16, 2020, <https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/2020/07/16/providence-mayor-signs-order-to-pursue-truth-reparations-for-black-indigenous-people/42496067/>; Zuri Hoffman, "The city of Burlington establishes Reparations Task Force," *NBC 5*, November 17, 2020, <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/the-city-of-burlington-establishes-reparations-task-force/34705446#>; Rachel Chason, "Greenbelt residents approve commission to study reparations," *Washington Post*, November 3, 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2021/11/03/greenbelt-maryland-reparations-referendum/>; Candice Williams, "Detroit voters OK launching reparations commission," *The Detroit News*, November 3, 2021, <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2021/11/02/reparations-proposal-leads-early-detroit-returns/8570995002/>; Will Jones, "Evanston, Illinois, to begin pay reparations to some Black citizens this summer," *ABC 7*, June 14, 2021, <https://abc7chicago.com/evanston-illinois-reparations-direct-payments-for-black-americans-white-wealth-gap-restorative-housing-program/10734144/>; Susan Svrluga, "Georgetown students renew push for reparations to descendants of enslaved people," *Washington Post*, December 9, 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2021/12/09/georgetown-reparations-slavery-students/>; Rachel L. Swarns, "Catholic Order Pledges \$100 Million to Atonement for Slave Labor and Sales," *New York Times*, March 15, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/15/us/jesuits-georgetown-reparations-slavery.html>.

⁴ Citigroup, "Closing the Racial Inequality Gaps: The Economic Cost of Black Inequality in the U.S." September 2020, <https://www.citivelocity.com/citigps/closing-the-racial-inequality-gaps/>.

to \$16 trillion over the past 20 years. Revealing, through a federal commission, how federal policy has contributed to creating these inequities and their profound impact, could unify people across demographics and make clear that addressing and repairing these harms will benefit everyone.

The world is waiting to see how the US government makes amends and repairs the harm stemming from slavery, but every year the same message gets sent: Black votes matter, but not Black lives. Continued investments in good public policy measures, such as tax cuts for families with children and investments in affordable housing in the Build Back Better Act, are important, but public policy alone does not address past harm and has never been enough to end contemporary forms of racism, dehumanization, and exclusion.⁵ Undoing racial injustice and achieving racial healing requires remedy and repair, a principle well established in international human rights law.⁶

We, the undersigned organizations, firmly believe that addressing pervasive anti-Black racism and providing reparations, long overdue, cannot wait another day, month, year, or decade. We are in a once-in-a-lifetime moment that we cannot let slip away if we are to begin the process of righting the country's wrongs. Voters will remember what Congress did and did not do when it had the power to act. It has that power now. It should ask itself: How do we want history to remember us?

We hope that we can count on you to be on the right side of history and move Congress to take this meaningful first step in the right direction. We ask that you bring H.R. 40 to the House floor for a vote as soon as possible.

We appreciate your time and consideration. If you have additional questions or need additional information, please contact Laura Pitter, Deputy Director of the US Program at Human Rights Watch, at pitterl@hrw.org and Kenniss Henry, Legislative Commission Chair for N'COBRA at ncobralegiscom@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

AAPI Equity Alliance
Action for Racial Justice
ADL (the Anti-Defamation League)
Adorers of the Blood of Christ, US Region
Advancement Project, National
African American Community Service Agency
African American Redress Network
African Ancestral Society
AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS NOW!
Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School
Alliance of Baptists
All Souls Movement

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), adopted December 16, 1966, G.A. Res. 2200A (XXI), 21 U.N. GAOR Supp. (No. 16) at 52, U.N. Doc. A/6316 (1966), 999 U.N.T.S. 171, entered into force March 23, 1976, ratified by the United States September 8, 1992, art. 2; International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), adopted December 21, 1965, G.A. Res. 2106 (XX), annex, 20 U.N. GAOR Supp. (No. 14) at 47, U.N. Doc A/6014 (1966), 660 U.N.T.S. 195, entered into force January 4, 1969, ratified by the United States November 20, 1994, art. 6. UN Human Rights Committee, General Comment No. 31: The Nature of the General Legal Obligation on States Parties to the Covenant (Eightieth session, 2004), U.N. Doc. CCPR/C/21/Rev.1/Add.13 (2004), para. 15. See also, "Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law," UN General Assembly Resolution 60/147 of 16 December 2005, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/remedyandrepairation.aspx>.

AmericanAbolitionists.com
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
American Constitution Society
American Friends Service Committee
American Humanist Association
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Americans for Financial Reform
American Muslim Voice Foundation
AmericanSlaveryReparations.org
Amnesty International USA
ANC5E03
ANC5E08
Antenna Cloud Farm Music Festival
API Equality-LA
Arise For Social Justice
AshNa WP, LLC
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – DC
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – Inland Empire
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – Maryland
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – Philadelphia
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – Sacramento
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO – Seattle
Asian Pacific Islander Christians for Social Justice
Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL)
Athlete Ally
Batrice & Associates
Beloved Community Cville
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bethel Business Machines, Inc
Black Food Sovereignty Coalition
Black Jewish Justice Alliance
Black Jewish Justice Alliance, Los Angeles
Black Music Action Coalition
Blacks in Law Enforcement of America
Black Women’s Leadership Forum
Bread For the World
#breathewithme Revolution
The Bridge Community Outreach
Bridge4Unity
Bronx Basketball Association, Inc
Brown Grove Preservation Group – Ashland, VA
Brown Grove Preservation Group – Richmond, VA
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Human Rights & International Justice, Boston College
Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research (CLEAR)
The Center for Reparatory Justice, Transformation, and Remediation
Ceremony Heals
Charlottesville NOW (National Organization for Women)

Chicago Benedictines for Peace
Children's Defense Fund
The Church of St Luke and St Matthew, Brooklyn NY
Church World Service
City of New Bern
Clean, Healthy, Educated, Safe & Sustainable Community, Inc.
Coalition for Economic Empowerment, Jackson, MS
Code Switch: Restorative Justice for Girls of Color
Collaborating Voices Foundation
Color Of Change
Coming To The Table
Coming to The Table – Virginia Historic Triangle
Common Talks Consulting
Community Change Inc
Community Of Hope AME Church
Congregation B'nai Israel Tikkun Olam Committee
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Congregation of St. Joseph - Justice Team
Creative Acts
Decolonizing Wealth Project
Democrats Abroad Reparations Task Force
Densho
Drug Policy Alliance
18 Million Rising
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
The Episcopal Church
European Network of People of African Descent (ENPAD)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faith Action Network
Faith for Black Lives
Faith in Action Bay Area
Faith in Action National Network
Faith in New Jersey
Family Equality
Fellowship of Reconciliation, Atlanta/Georgia Chapter
FirstRepair
First Unitarian Society of Denver, Racial Justice Project
Franciscan Action Network
Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart
François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University
The Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends of Minidoka
Fund for Reparations Now
George Jackson University
Georgia NOW
The Graduate Assembly of the University of California, Berkeley
Granite State Organizing Project
Haley House, Inc.
Harriet Tubman Center for Freedom and Equity
Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights
Hue of My Brown

Human Rights Watch
ICNA Council for Social Justice
Incarcerated Nation Network
Indigenous Solidarity Network
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti
Institute of the Black World (IBW)
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center - Seattle, WA
International Black Women's Congress
International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma
International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
Irish for Racial Justice
IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center
Jacobson/Kuehner Fund
Jade Jewel Education Associates
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Berkeley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Boise Valley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Cincinnati Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Dayton Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), DC Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Florida Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Idaho Falls Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Philadelphia Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Portland Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Puyallup Valley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), San Diego Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), San Jose Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Seabrook Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Seattle Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Sequoia Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), St. Louis Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Twin Cities Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter
Japanese American Families for Justice
Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages
Japanese American National Museum
Japanese American Service Committee (JASC)
Johnson & Klein, PLLC
Justice & Beyond
Justice or Greenwood
Justis Connection
KC Reparations Coalition
King Boston/ TBF
Know Thyself, PC
Lake Street Church
Lamar Legal PLLC
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America
LEAD Filipino
League of Conservation Voters
Let My People Vote

Liberation Ventures
Loat River Racial Justice
MakeItPlain.com
Manzanar Committee
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
The Massachusetts Against Solitary Confinement (MASC) Coalition
The Matthew Shepard Foundation
Meriden Congregational Church, UCC
Messiah Baptist Church, Yonkers NY
Mihara Associates
Missouri Faith Voices, A Faith in Action Federation
MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
Morgan State University
NAACP
National Action Network (NAN)
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC)
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National Black Cultural Information Trust, Inc.
National Black Justice Coalition
National CAPACD – National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA)
N'COBRA – Atlanta
N'COBRA – Baton Rouge
N'COBRA – Chicago
N'COBRA – Cincinnati
N'COBRA – Dallas
N'COBRA – Detroit
N'COBRA – Evanston
N'COBRA – Indianapolis
N'COBRA – Kansas City
N'COBRA – Miami
N'COBRA – Milwaukee
N'COBRA – New England
N'COBRA – Philadelphia
National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL)
National Consumers League
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Federation of Filipino American Associations
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Homelessness Law Center
National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)
National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF)
National LGBT Cancer Network
National LGBTQ+ Bar Association

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
National Organization for Women
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
National Urban League
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network NOVA
New American Leaders Action Fund
New Mexico & El Paso Interfaith Power and Light
Next Generation Action Network (NGAN)
The Nia Foundation
Nihonmachi Outreach Committee
Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress
Nikkei Progressives
North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)
North Carolina Council of Churches
Northshore Social Justice Action Group
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership in Ohio
Our Revolution
The Outgivers Ministries
OutNebraska
Pacific Community Ventures
Pax Christi USA
People For the American Way
PFLAG National
Positive Women's Network-USA
Powerful Community Church
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), Office of Public Witness
Progressive Democrats of America
Project Access To A-Free-Ka
Racial Justice Rising
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Reimagining America Project
Renton Regional Community Foundation
Reparation Education Project
Reparations Circle Denver
Reparations4Slavery.com
Reparations Pledge
The Reparations Project
RESULTS
Revitalization Strategies
Richmond Hill
RocACTS
Sacred Heart Community Services
St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church and Pro Cathedral
Saint Paul's Carroll Street (Episcopal)
San Francisco Bay Area Day of Remembrance Organizing Committee
San Francisco Black & Jewish Unity Coalition
San Francisco Friends, Sisters of Mercy
San Jose Nikkei Resisters
Scepter Of Righteousness Inc.

School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province
 Sealing Records
 Self Grow
 The Sentencing Project
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Biddeford-Saco
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Boston
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Buffalo
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Central Vermont
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Clackamas Co., Oregon
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Historic Triangle Chapter
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Indianapolis
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Kansas City
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Lakes Area
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Marin
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Midcoast
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – North Central Mass
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Northeast Ohio
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Northern New Mexico
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – NYC
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – ROC
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Sacramento
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Sacred Heart
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – San Francisco
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Santa Barbara
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Santa Cruz County
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – San Diego
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Southern Maine
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Springfield-Eugene
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Southeast PA
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – St. Johns Chapter, Portland, OR
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Westchester, NY
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Whatcom
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Tucson
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Twin Cities (SURJ-TC)
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Vashon-Maury
 Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Ventura County
 SIREN
 Sisters of Bon Secours, USA
 Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation
 Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
 Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
 Sisters of Charity of New York
 Sisters of the Humility of Mary
 Sisters of Mercy
 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
 Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
 Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
 Sisters of St Joseph, Brentwood
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnuts Hill, Philadelphia, PA
 Srs. of St. Joseph of Cluny USA

Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, NY
Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Society of Helpers
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Bay Progressive Alliance
South Bay Youth Changemakers
South Carolina Christian Action Council
The Southern Poverty Law Center
SSJ-TOSF Social Justice Committee
Street Meet Company
Success Capital Organisation
Tadaima
The Taifa Group
Terence Crutcher Foundation
Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY
Tikkun Olam Committee and Reparations Committee of the Jewish Community of Amherst
Tule Lake Committee
3GEN Construction Services
TopNotch Strategies, LLC
Treatment Action Group
Tsuru for Solidarity
Ubuntu Village Works LLC
UMass Amherst
UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab | People of African Descent & SDGs E-Team
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Church of Christ
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
United Parents Against Lead (UPAL)
University Network for Human Rights
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
USC Gould School of Law International Human Rights Clinic
USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture
Vera Institute of Justice
VOICE Buffalo
Wesley United Methodist Church
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
We The Village, Inc.
Where Is My Land
White People 4 Black Lives
Why We Can't Wait Coalition
Woke Vote
Women's Initiative Supporting Health
Women's Law Project
Woodhull Freedom Foundation
W Pa Black Political Assembly
Young Initiative on the Global Political Economy

Individuals

Father Cincere Allah, NGE

Thelma Bataille
Carol Beck, Elementary level Educator, Denver Green School
Natalia Cordova, Actor
Ms. Rosario Dawson, Actor
Jeffrey L. Edison, Attorney and Counsellor, National Conference of Black Lawyers, Michigan Chapters
The Robert G Fasick Jr Family
Dr. Jeffrey Fishman, Ph.D.
Frances Fisher, Actress/Activist
Mr. Bruce Folsom, San Francisco Friends Meeting
Danny Glover, Actor
Kathryn Guta, R.N.
Chelsea Handler, Comedian
Justin Hansford, Executive Director, Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center
Robin Harris, Candidate, N'COBRA and Green Party of Florida
Meghan Harwood, Student, Organizer, Public Servant, Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
Gerald Hunt, Treasurer, South Bay Progressive Alliance
Ms. Jennifer J Jones
Bridget Keaveney, Norman Y. Mineta Policy Fellow, Japanese American Citizens League, San Francisco
Mrs. Tamika Mapp, New York Democrat State Committeewoman 68th AD
Ms. Jo Elaine Akemi Matsumoto, Seattle JACL
Ms. Anne McAndrew
Sister Donna McGartland, Sisters of St Francis
David Pickett, Ruling Elder
Martha Porter, Teacher, Manzanar Committee
Alyssa Milano, Actor
Sister Rosemary Riggie, Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Mark Ruffalo, Actor
Brother Todd Saddler, Ithaca Catholic Worker
Ajamu Sankofa, Activist, NY Chapter: National Conference of Black Lawyers
Susan Sarandon, Actor
Laurie Schecter
Dr. Geoffrey Shaskan, Poor People's Campaign
Melisande Short-Colomb, AA Redress Network
Robin Rue Simmons, First Repair
Sister Donna Stephenson, Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities
George Takei, Actor
Rev. Adam Russell Taylor
Mr. James B. Thompson
Shirley Thompson
Professor Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Mrs. Lois Williams-Norman, Shades of Sisterhood
Sister Veronica Wood, Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities
Sharon Yamato, Writer/Filmmaker
Mr. Ryan Yoshikawa, Japanese American Citizens League