

Briefing on African Americans' Attitudes on Abortion, Contraception, and Reproductive Justice

From: The Honorable Donna F. Edwards

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Dear Colleague,

As a representative who is committed to women's health and reproductive rights, as well as improving health equity for racially diverse communities, we encourage you to attend a briefing on **African Americans' Attitudes on Abortion, Contraception and Reproductive Justice: From Public Opinion to Policymaking**. This informative briefing is co-hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus and the Pro-Choice Caucus and will be held on **Thursday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in HVC-201 in the Capitol Visitor Center**.

Evidence has shown that African Americans experience numerous challenges to accessing quality, affordable reproductive health care. These challenges have been exacerbated by campaigns targeting the African American community. To further demonstrate the need for our collective efforts, this briefing will provide research on the latest attitudes and concerns of African Americans relating to reproductive justice. The briefing will also share key messaging as a response to attacks and threats to reproductive rights.

We are pleased to be joined by a distinguished panel of experts and reproductive justice leaders that include Eleanor Hinton Hoytt, president and CEO, Black Women's Health Imperative; Nancy Belden, partner, Belden Russonello Strategists; Toni Bond Leonard, co-founder, Trust Black Women Partnership; and Belle Taylor-McGhee, communications chair, Trust Black Women Partnership.

We hope a member of your staff will be able to participate in this important briefing. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Jean-Marie at angie.jean-marie@mail.house.gov or 5-8699 or Marisa Spalding with the Black Women's Health Imperative at mspalding@blackwomenshealth.org.

Sincerely,

/s

Donna F. Edwards

Member of Congress

Please join the Black Women's Health Imperative and the Trust Black Women Partnership for a briefing on African Americans' Attitudes on Abortion, Contraception, and Reproductive Justice: From Public Opinion to Policymaking Thursday, May 10 • 10:00 am—11:00 am Capitol Visitor Center • HVC 201

HONORARY CO-HOSTS:

Representatives Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) and Barbara Lee (D-CA)

Congressional Black Caucus

Representatives Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY)

Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus

The Black Women's Health Imperative and the Trust Black Women Partnership (TBW) will present key findings and messages from extensive opinion research on the attitudes of African Americans related to reproductive health and justice. This briefing will also highlight promising opportunities for protecting abortion access and reproductive justice in the African American community. TBW is a coalition of reproductive justice organizations with the mission of fighting for the human rights of Black women.

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