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### Ahead of Congressional Diversity in Tech Summit, Sen. Elizabeth Warren & Four House Members Join Bipartisan HBCU Caucus

WASHINGTON, DC— Ahead of the 2nd Annual Diversity in Tech Summit, the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus announced the addition of five new Members from both the House and Senate. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) joined the Caucus, along with Reps. Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Andre Carson (D- IN), Sylvia Garcia (D- TX), and Lucy McBath (D-GA).

The Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus was founded in 2015 by Rep. Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (D-NC) and Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL). The Caucus promotes bipartisan legislation that supports HBCUs and their graduates. Since its inception, the Caucus has secured more than \$200 million in additional federal funding for HBCUs. In 2017, the Caucus launched its landmark HBCU Partnership Challenge that brings together government and industry leaders for quarterly conferences that help forge stronger, more sustainable HBCU and industry partnerships. Thirty-five companies have taken the Caucus' HBCU Partnership Challenge.

“Like many of my colleagues, I wouldn’t be in Congress today if not for an HBCU. Despite being grossly underfunded and undervalued, these institutions continue to provide pathways of opportunity for people of color and many first-generation college students. HBCUs also contribute more than \$15 billion dollars annually to our national economy. These schools matter and every member of this body has a responsibility to help level the playing field for HBCUs and their students,” **said Congresswoman Adams**. “I’m proud to welcome my colleagues to the Caucus. Together, we will continue working across the aisle and within both Chambers to ensure HBCU students have equal access to federal resources and 21<sup>st</sup> century career opportunities.”

“I’m proud to join the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, which has been working closely with institutions, stakeholders, and Members of Congress to advance the priorities that keep them as viable options for over 300,000 students nationwide,” **said Senator Elizabeth Warren**. “HBCUs produce tens of thousands of graduates that go on to become leaders in all fields. I’m going to be fighting alongside my colleagues in the caucus for greater HBCU investments and to help preserve their historic role in graduating tomorrow’s African-American leaders.”

“I am extremely pleased to join the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, which provides another avenue to aid our ongoing efforts in Congress to boost funding and increase recognition for these institutions,” **said Congressman Andre Carson**. “HBCUs have a storied past and dynamic present through their unique role of raising up new academic and workforce leaders despite persistent discrimination and racism. As America faces sustained global competition, we must strengthen HBCUs’ efforts to maintain our

nation's innovation and creativity.”

“As a proud graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, I am honored to join the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus to highlight the value historically black colleges bring to higher education,” **said Rep. Sylvia Garcia.**

“I’m proud to join the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus because of the critical role HBCUs play educating tomorrow’s leaders,” **said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos.** “HBCUs face unique challenges, and Congress needs to ensure our students and schools have the resources they need to both succeed and grow. I’d like to thank Congresswoman Adams for her steadfast leadership supporting the more than 100 HBCUs across the country.”

**Members of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus:** Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC) Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL), Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL), Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC), Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Sen. David Perdue (R-GA), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL), Rep. French Hill (R-AR), Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX), Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC), Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX), Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA), Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH), Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA), Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA) Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD), Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC), Rep. Cheri Bustos, (D-IL), Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), Rep. André Carson (D-IN), Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO), Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC), Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL), Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA), Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN), Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-TX), Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT), Rep. Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-DC), Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC), Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX), Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA), Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS), Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA), Rep. Peter King (R-NY), Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Rep. Al Lawson (D-FL), Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA), Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA), Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA), Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), Rep. Donald McEachin (D-VA), Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Seth Moulton (D-MA), Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ), Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN), Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI), Rep. David Price (D-NC), Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA) Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), Rep. David Scott (D-GA), Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Rep. David Trone (D-MD), Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH), Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR), Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL)

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