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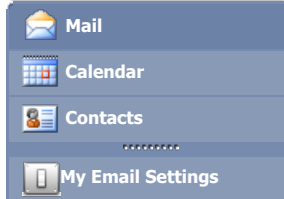
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Fwd: Presidential Candidates Praise Rep. Adams' Landmark Legislation

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Thought the Forum might appreciate this.

Sam

PS - additional quote:

"The FUTURE Act is a significant step in ensuring that Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions are not only strong, but affordable for students. Congresswoman Alma Adams' leadership in securing the \$255 million is historic, and I commend her on this achievement for students in North Carolina and across the United States." - Senator Amy Klobuchar

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PRAISE REP. ALMA ADAMS' LANDMARK LEGISLATION

CHARLOTTE - Congresswoman Alma Adams's bill, the FUTURE Act, passed both the House and the Senate Tuesday and is now on President Trump's desk. The act is a landmark piece of legislation for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), committing a permanent funding stream of \$255 million annually to higher learning institutions.

Democratic candidates for president are ebullient in their praise for Rep. Adams' work:

"I'm glad the House passed Rep. Adams' FUTURE Act to permanently fund historically black colleges and universities, and other minority-serving institutions. As president, I'll invest \$70 billion in these institutions to improve affordability, build new facilities, and support student success." - **Vice President Joe Biden**

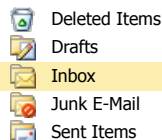
"Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions play a central role in creating pathways to opportunity and empowering Black communities, it's because of their power that I'm here today," said **Senator Cory Booker**. "I'm proud to be working with Congresswoman Adams and my colleagues in the Senate to pass the FUTURE Act to ensure that these institutions are well-funded, affordable, and continue uplifting Black and Brown Americans."

"I applaud the tireless efforts of Congresswoman Alma Adams as well as her co-sponsors in leading the House in passing the FUTURE Act, which provides dedicated funding to our nation's historically Black colleges and universities," said **Mayor Pete Buttigieg**. "For too long, HBCUs have built the Black middle class in this country with little support from our federal government. They deserve to be supported, and it starts with critical legislation like the FUTURE Act. When I'm president, my administration will invest \$50 billion in historically Black colleges and universities to end disparities in critical professions and work to connect graduates with opportunities to serve in areas that need it most. It's not just the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do to ensure a brighter, stronger future for this country."

"For more than one hundred years, HBCUs have created higher education opportunities that open doors for Black students and cultivate leaders who fight for equality, justice, and opportunity, but for far too long we have failed these schools and their students. We need to call out the history of discrimination in higher education and honor the role HBCUs have played in our country. That means really investing in these institutions -- the way we should have been for generations. I'm deeply grateful for Congresswoman Alma Adams' leadership on this issue, and will continue standing shoulder to shoulder with her to make real investments in the next generation." - **Senator Elizabeth Warren**

"This

is one of the proudest days of my career as your Congresswoman," wrote Adams in a statement. "I would like to thank all of the HBCU advocates who helped pass this bill: HBCU students, graduates, faculty, and staff; Divine Nine members; the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC); our bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress and Senators; and organizations like the Thurgood Marshall Foundation, NAFFEO, and the UNCF, which sent tens of thousands of letters to Congress in support of the bill. Furthermore, I'd like to thank our Democratic candidates for President, who have released the most ambitious campaign plans for HBCUs in history."



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In 2014, Congresswoman Alma Adams was elected to Congress representing the 12th Congressional District, which includes parts of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, NC. She is a retired educator with 40 years of experience in teaching and 35 years of experience in public service. She previously taught at Bennett College, a private historically black liberal arts college for women in Greensboro, North Carolina. She is the chair and co-founder of the first bipartisan HBCU Caucus in the United States House of Representatives. She is currently running for reelection as a Democrat.

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