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*She leads the effort with Rep. Anthony G. Brown (MD-04) and Over 20 Members of the U.S. House and Senate*

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12), along with Congressman Anthony G. Brown (MD-04) and 27 colleagues in the House and Senate, is urging congressional leadership to ensure that our nation's historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have equitable access to federal research and development funds in upcoming COVID-19 relief packages.

“HBCUs have always generously served their communities, despite limited means, because they understand the critical role they play in advancing equity – something that could not be more dire as communities of color face disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic,” **said Congresswoman Adams.** “However, we cannot afford to continue to underfund these essential institutions, and the critical research they produce, as they struggle to cope with the impacts of this public health crisis. Now, more than ever, HBCUs cannot be subjected to further systemic neglect. In providing for COVID-19 research funds and relief, it is critical that Congress advances equity for HBCUs.”

In the face of an ongoing pandemic, these funds would be a critical lifeline for HBCUs, ensuring their ability to continue their critical research and development efforts.

Congresswoman Adams and her colleagues are requesting a set-aside for these institutions of at least \$1.56 billion in research relief funding provided for IHEs through federal agencies and institutes.

**[A copy of the letter is available here.](#)**

Today, Congresswoman Adams is hosting the Second Annual HBCU Day. This year's virtual event will showcase the culture, character, and excellence of HBCUs, and celebrate their impact on students and communities.

**[Registration for HBCU Day is available here.](#)** More information is available at [adams.house.gov/HBCU-Day](https://adams.house.gov/HBCU-Day).

**Congresswoman Alma Adams** represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. In 2015, she founded the first bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus in Congress.

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