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Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), and Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02), co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus**, announced that **T-Mobile** is joining the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Partnership Challenge. **The HBCU Partnership Challenge is an effort to promote greater engagement and support between private companies and HBCUs.**

"I am excited to announce that T-Mobile is joining the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus' HBCU Partnership Challenge," said Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12), founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus. "Right now, our HBCUs are facing a major challenges due to the pandemic and a need for capital infrastructure improvements. I applaud all of our private partners for taking the pledge at such a critical time, and leaning in to create 21st century opportunity for the institutions and students who need our help the most."

"I appreciate the engagement from all of the companies participating in the HBCU Caucus' HBCU Partnership Challenge – including recent addition T-Mobile," **said Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02), Co-Chair of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.** "Each of these companies is working hard to provide more hard-working HBCU students with access to opportunity in the workforce, and I applaud their commitment – especially now as our economy continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic – because ensuring that HBCUs maintain these important partnerships is critical to providing career opportunities for young and ambitious students."

T-Mobile is excited to meet its inaugural class of Magenta Scholars this fall, through

a partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Eighteen HBCU students will be selected to receive scholarships and will have the opportunity to join T-Mobile as summer interns.

"T-Mobile is honored to join the HBCU Partnership Challenge. HBCU students and graduates are among the best and brightest, and we are eager to welcome them into the Team Magenta family," **said John Saw, EVP of Advanced & Emerging Technologies at T-Mobile.** "T-Mobile is building a 5G network that spans the U.S. and lifts up all of our communities, fueling innovation and economic growth. It is critical that we have a diverse workforce to make this a reality, and we look forward to creating opportunities and growth for HBCUs."

The Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus' Partnership Challenge encourages participating organizations to make greater investments in HBCUs. In addition to the Partnership Challenge, the Caucus hosts numerous events every year including HBCU STEAM Day of Action, HBCU Day, and the Diversity in Tech Summit. For more information, please contact Sam Spencer (Sam.Spencer@mail.house.gov).

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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