

BONNIE
WATSON
COLEMAN
DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS
NEW JERSEY'S 12TH DISTRICT

Kevin McCabe,

Chair, Middlesex County Democratic Organization

I would like to submit the following as my letter of intent to run for the United States House of Representatives for the 12th Congressional District in the State of New Jersey.

As a qualified voter and resident of the 12th Congressional District, I am seeking the endorsement of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization and the Democratic Party nomination for the United States House of Representatives.

With this letter, I ask that my name, Bonnie Watson Coleman, be placed before the Middlesex County Democratic Organization at the upcoming county convention for consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Watson Coleman

181 Claflin Ave, Ewing NJ

Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12)



Bonnie Watson Coleman, a long-time public servant and advocate for New Jersey families, was elected in 2018 to her third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. The first African American woman to represent New Jersey in Congress, Watson Coleman is passionate about the issues affecting working families of all backgrounds, including criminal justice reform, building an economy that works for all families rather than a wealthy few, and rebuilding infrastructure to improve this country and support job creation. She focuses on these priorities and other critical issues as a member of the House Committees on Appropriations and Homeland Security

The daughter of legendary state legislator John S. Watson, Watson Coleman has continued a family legacy of public service, fighting for women, economically and socially disadvantaged populations, add other vulnerable groups in our society. Prior to her election as a Representative for New Jersey's 12th Congressional District, Watson Coleman served eight consecutive terms in the New Jersey General Assembly and shattered racial and gender barriers to become the first Black woman to serve as Majority Leader, and as the Chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. During her time as Majority Leader, Watson Coleman convened a year-long series of public hearings on reforms to prisoner re-entry programs while shepherding legislation through the Assembly that the New York Times called "a model for the rest of the nation," on prisoner rehabilitation and release.

Since coming to Congress, Watson Coleman has continued champion protections for vulnerable Americans including authoring the Healthy MOM Act, which would allow women to enroll in, or change their health coverage if they become pregnant; the End For-Profit Prisons Act, which would prohibit the federal government from contracting with for-profit prison corporations; the SAFER Pipelines Act that would reform the gas pipeline approval process overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and the Customer Non-Discrimination Act, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in "public accommodations," such as schools, recreational facilities and retail stores.

In 2016, Watson Coleman founded the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls alongside two of her colleagues, the first caucus aimed at bringing both the tremendous challenges and incredible successes of Black women to the fore in Congress's policy debates. Watson Coleman is an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, The Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Watson Coleman's belief in equality is one of the main reasons she first decided to run for Congress and extends to all the matters that shape working families' lives, including the notion that neither income, social status, occupation nor lack thereof should determine someone's access to high-quality, affordable healthcare. Her fight for that access for all Americans became deeply personal in 2018 when a small, cancerous spot was removed from one of her lungs. She is blessed to be cancer-free today, after undergoing treatment and receiving and lifting many prayers. Her experience strengthened her resolve to make healthcare a right in this country.

Watson Coleman is a graduate of Thomas Edison State College, and has received honorary doctorate degrees from the College of New Jersey, Rider University, and Stockton University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and co-chair of the Girl Scouts of America Capitol Hill Honorary Troop. She resides with her husband, William, in Ewing Township. The two are blessed to have three sons: William, Troy and Jared; and three grandchildren: William, Ashanee and Kamryn.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTING NEW JERSEY'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

- HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE, VICE RANKING MEMBER
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SECURITY, VICE RANKING MEMBER
- HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.

NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REPRESENTING NEW JERSEY'S 15TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

- MAJORITY LEADER
- MAJORIST CONFERENCE LEADER

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- ASSISTANT BUREAU CHIEF
- ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

- SENIOR INVESTIGATOR, BUREAU CHIEF

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, CONTRACT COMPLIANCE,
AND MBE/WBE PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATIC STATE PARTY

STATE CHAIR

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)

MEMBER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER

FORMER DEACONESS, SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FORMER MEMBER; PRESIDENT

GOVERNING BOARD ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGE

FORMER MEMBER, PRESIDENT

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA CAPITOL HILL HONORARY TROOP

CO-CHAIR

EDUCATION

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NEWARK

THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE

RECIPIENT OF THREE HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES: THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, RIDER UNIVERSITY,
STOCKTON UNIVERSITY