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City on a Cloud Innovation Challenge

Amazon Web Services recently announced the winners of their City on a Cloud Innovation Challenge. The Dream Big Award goes to NewDEAL Leader Mayor Greg Fischer's city of Louisville, where NewDEAL is holding a roundtable with a group of Leaders today to discuss policies and initiatives that have helped make Louisville one of the most innovative cities in the country. [Read more](#) about Louisville's development of a new traffic flow management system and the other winners of Amazon's challenge.



Third Way on the Road

The NewDEAL's friends at Third Way recently kicked off their "Third Way on the Road" listening series, which will take them all over the country to visit different congressional districts and listen to voters. They started with Illinois's 17th district, represented by [Congresswoman Cheri Bustos](#), a New Democrat, who spoke with NewDEAL Leaders this week about how she connects with constituents in a district that voted for Trump. [Check out](#) the takeaways from Third Way's conversations on issues from manufacturing to immigration.

NewDEALer in the Spotlight: Eric Johnson, Representative (Dallas, TX)



Breaking the School-to-Prison Pipeline

A bill from NewDEAL Leader Dallas, TX Representative Eric Johnson was signed into law this week, making it illegal to punish pre-K to 2nd grade students with out-of-school suspension except in select extreme cases. Research shows that students suspended at a young age are more likely to drop out of high school, face incarceration, and repeat grades. [Read more](#) about how the law requires districts to change discipline practices and the impact this law can have on the school-to-prison pipeline.

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