The Power of US: The Congressional Landscape

Implications for Latino Policy Priorities
• Welcome (Susan Collins, UnidosUS)
• Overview of the 118th Congress, the Senate’s agenda, and advice on how to effectively engage Congress (Cietta Kiandoli, Director of Engagement, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer)
• Panel:
  • Immigration policy in the 118th Congress (Laura Vazquez, UnidosUS)
  • UnidosUS HOME Initiative and housing policy in the 118th Congress (Sam Kenney, UnidosUS)
  • Congressional visits 101: Recap (Alvaro Zarco, UnidosUS)
• Q&A
Immigration in the 118th Congress

• Congress must pass a pathway to citizenship
• Reject ‘enforcement only’ bills that alone don’t modernize our immigration system
• Invest in programs that facilitate the inclusion of immigrants, like the USCIS Citizenship and Integration program that provides funding for community-based organizations that support eligible permanent residents applying for U.S. citizenship
Homeownership in the 118th Congress

- Homeownership Means Equity (HOME) Campaign: Transform the economic trajectory of Latinos through homeownership by creating millions of new Latino homeowners by 2030.
- Congress must act and provide funding to support the homeownership lifecycle:
  - Improve homebuyer readiness
  - Expand access to credit
  - Increase housing supply
  - Preserve homeownership
Congressional Visits 101: Top Tips

1. Be prepared for your meeting.
2. Keep agenda tight and crisp.
3. Make an ask.
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And when you post, tag @weareunidosus, use #AffiliatesUnidos, use #Changemakers23, and our social media team will amplify your work on UnidosUS social media channels.
UP NEXT:
Changemakers Welcome
Reception
6:30 – 8:30 pm

National Museum of the American Latino,
Molina Family Latino Gallery at the
National Museum of American History

Shuttles available starting at 6:15 PM