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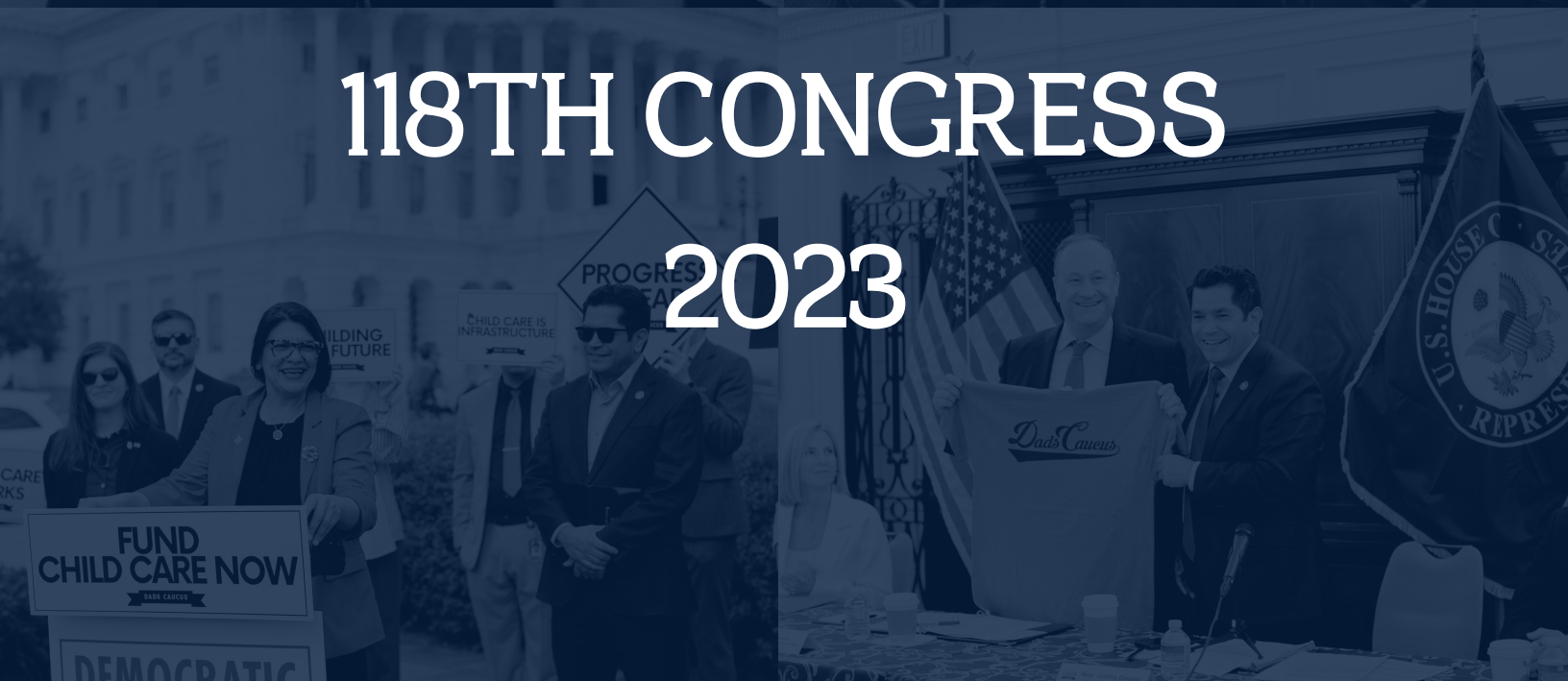


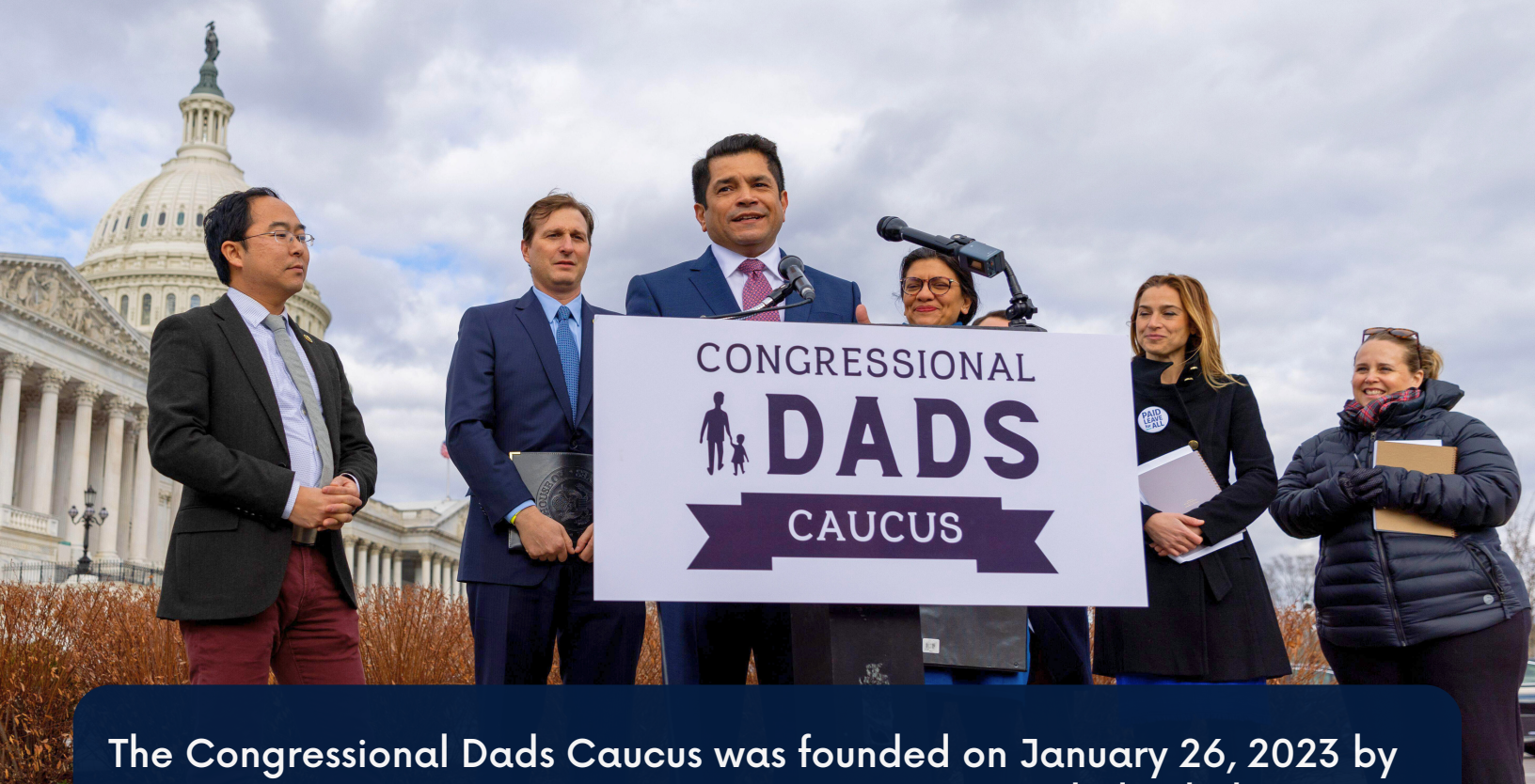
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The Congressional Dads Caucus was founded on January 26, 2023 by Representatives Representatives Jimmy Gomez, Rashida Tlaib, Joaquin Castro, Andy Kim, Jamaal Bowman, Rob Menendez, Dan Goldman, Eric Swalwell, Ruben Gallego, Colin Allred, Mike Levin, Josh Harder and Raul Ruiz.

Since then, the Dads Caucus has grown to 33 members and become one of the most active caucuses on Capitol Hill. The caucus holds monthly meetings, roundtable discussions, press conferences, and leads letters and endorses legislation.

The mission of the Dads Caucus is to provide a forum for members of Congress to advocate for legislation that supports mothers, fathers and children.

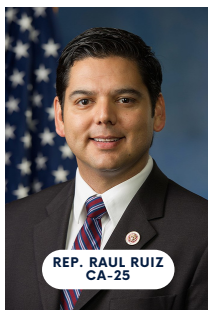
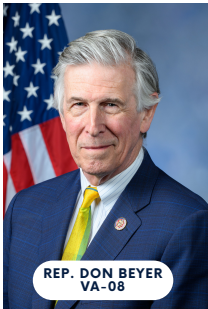
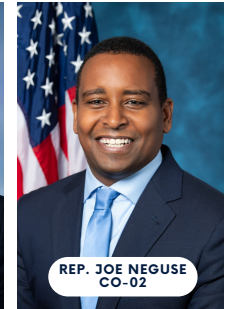
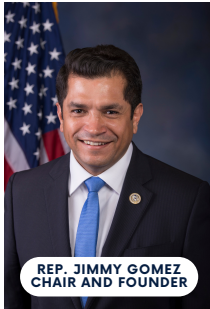
Caucus members believe in policy solutions that help working families thrive, including:

- Paid family and medical leave policies for all
- Expanding the Child Tax Credit
- Increasing access to affordable, quality child care
- Supporting policies that reduce poverty & help working parents



# DADS CAUCUS MEMBERS

Our members serve on numerous committees of jurisdiction including: Ways & Means, Energy & Commerce, Education & Workforce, Oversight, Appropriations, Budget, Financial Services and more.



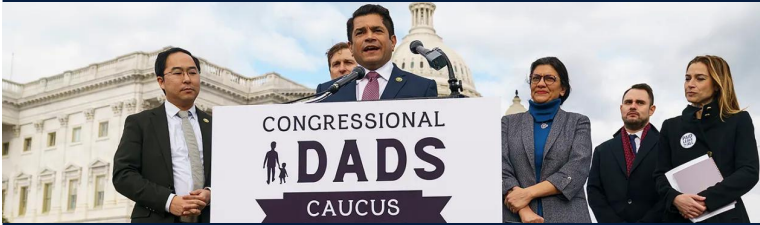
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# DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



The New York Times



## They're Not Just Dads, They're Congressional Dads

By Marc Tracy - February 02, 2023

"The Congressional Dads Caucus, which was formed in January by Democrats, urged the committee to take action, saying, "Ensuring diaper changing tables are present and accessible in all restrooms is a commonsense addition to our buildings that will help our growing number of Members of Congress and staff who are parents to young children."



National Public Radio



## With an eye on working families, Democrats launch the Congressional Dads Caucus

By Ximena Bustillo - January 28, 2023

"Texas Rep. Joaquin Castro, who joined Gomez in forming the caucus, said men have a role to play in supporting policies that help working families. Launched alongside other Democrats including Reps. Andy Kim and Dan Goldman, Gomez said the caucus will focus on key policy proposals like expanding the child tax credit, paid national family leave and child care program funding."



Spectrum News



## Congressional Dads Caucus focuses on gun violence, mental health

By Cassie Semyon - July 27, 2023

The Congressional Dads Caucus is expanding its portfolio to try and address two issues impacting the United States: mental health and gun violence. Rep. Jimmy Gomez, founder and chair of the first-ever Congressional Dads Caucus, announced this week that founding members Reps. Rob Menendez, D-N.J., and Dan Goldman, D-N.Y., would chair the Mental Health Task Force and the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, respectively."



Pennsylvania Capital Star



## Deluzio highlights child care center at Pittsburgh Airport as a model

By Steve Mellon - December 02, 2023

Child care is a sector in crisis. Facilities struggle to retain talented workers because the pay is so low. Raising the pay often means increasing tuition — and that's a problem, since the cost of child care is already a barrier for many working parents. This "death spiral" for child care facilities is avoidable if the federal government steps in, Deluzio said.



The Hill



## It's time to talk unapologetically about fathers and their needs

By Tova Walsh and Alvin Thomas - June 14, 2023

"Still in its infancy, the Dads Caucus is already making an impact by raising awareness of challenges that parents face and advocating for family-friendly policies. Recently, the caucus announced its first bill endorsements: the American Family Act and the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act."



Bloomberg News



## Congressional Dads Band Together to Fight for Paid Leave, Affordable Child Care

By Kelsey Butler & Ella Ceron - January 26, 2023

"Their agenda includes supporting legislation on issues like national paid family and medical leave and affordable child care...More than half of parents of children younger than 15 spend 20% or more of their household income on child care. The group is also fighting to revive the expanded Child Tax Credit, which provided households monthly cash payments in 2021. After the credit ended, 3.7 million kids fell into poverty."



# DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



## **New Congressional Dads Caucus to focus on working families**

By Dareh Gregorian - January 26, 2023

The group is the brainchild of Rep. Jimmy Gomez, D-Calif., who said the caucus "is rooted in a simple idea: Dads need to do our part advancing policies that will make a difference in the lives of so many working families across the country."



## **GROUP OF DADS IN CONGRESS PUSHING FOR POLICIES TO SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES**

By Jake Tapper - June 18, 2023

"CNN's Jake Tapper explains how fathers in the U.S. Congress are trying to support working families."



## **Kentucky's Democratic Rep. McGarvey joins Congressional Dads Caucus**

By Julia Bembrook - August 25, 2023

"I think it's necessary to highlight the role of working parents in a body like Congress," said Rep. Morgan McGarvey, D-Ky., a member of the group. "We have these priorities from Universal Pre-K to paid parental leave to pay equity."



## **Congressional Dads Caucus focusing on policies for working families**

By Alicia Menendez - June 17, 2023

"The new Congressional Dads Caucus is paving the way forward to create family-friendly policies. American Voices' Alicia Menendez sat down with Congressmen Brendan Boyle, Jimmy Gomez, Morgan McGarvey, and Kevin Mullin to discuss a father's role at home and at work."

## FEATURED IN:



# DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



Good Morning America



## Dads Caucus on capitol hill

By Jay O'Brien - June 16, 2023

ABC News' Jay O'Brien spoke to a group of dads and Democratic representatives who got together to take on fatherhood and politics on Capitol Hill.



Telemundo



## EL FAMOSO BEBÉ QUE SE ROBA LA ATENCIÓN EN EL CONGRESO

By Telemundo - March 24, 2023

"No es primera vez que acude al Capitolio el hijo del congresista demócrata por California Jimmy Gómez. Este jueves el político volvió con su bebé a una de las sesiones del Congreso para concientizar sobre el cuidado de los niños por parte de sus padres."



The Washington Post



## Dads in Congress form a caucus to push for family-friendly policies

By Caitlyn Gibson - January 26, 2023

"The caucus, its members say, will advocate for policies and legislation to help support American working families — including the expansion of the Child Tax Credit, as well as increased access to affordable child care, health care and paid family leave. The members of the caucus each bring their own personal experiences to the group's work, they say."



The Hill



## Congressional Dads Caucus calls for more baby changing stations in Capitol complex

By Judy Kurtz - February 02, 2023

The Congressional Dads Caucus, which was formed in January by Democrats, urged the committee to take action, saying, "Ensuring diaper changing tables are present and accessible in all restrooms is a commonsense addition to our buildings that will help our growing number of Members of Congress and staff who are parents to young children."



Now This



## This rep is changing the convo about what it means to be a dad and serve in Congress

By Tom McKenna, and Xavier Wang - April 27, 2023

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# DADS CAUCUS POLICY

## BILL ENDORSEMENTS

### BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH MOMNIBUS

The Dads Caucus endorsed U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood's Black Maternal Health Momnibus, which is a package of 13 bills to address the Black maternal health crisis through historic investments that comprehensively address every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States. The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country and significant disparities in outcomes—and the crisis is only worsening: the maternal mortality rate in 2021 was 89 percent higher than the rate in 2018.



### AMERICAN FAMILY ACT

The Dads Caucus endorsed U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro's American Family Act, which will make the expanded and improved Child Tax Credit (CTC) permanent. The expanded CTC that was included in the American Rescue Plan Act reached more than 61 million children and lifted nearly 4 million out of poverty in 2021 alone. It was the largest tax cut for working families in generations. The monthly delivery of the CTC payments helped families get ahead and provided financial security.



## BILL INTRODUCTIONS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOMEZ submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

### RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the third Sunday in June as "Father's Day".

Whereas Father's Day recognizes and raises awareness of the importance of fathers in the United States;

Whereas Father's Day was established in 1966 by then-President Lyndon Johnson issuing a proclamation setting aside the third Sunday in June to honor fathers;

Whereas Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972, when then-President Richard Nixon signed a law making it a permanent national holiday;

Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, whether in their homes, workplaces, schools, and communities,

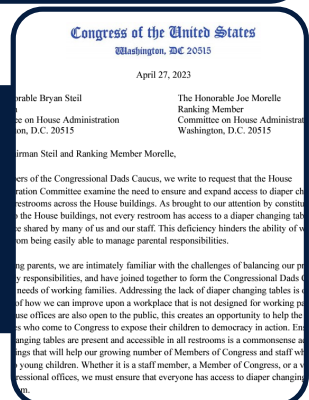
### FATHER'S DAY RESOLUTION

The Dads Caucus introduced a Father's Day resolution honoring dads and calling for support of their three key pillars: paid family leave, affordable child care, and the expanded Child Tax Credit. The resolution was announced at a press conference days ahead of Father's Day.

## LETTERS

### ACCESS TO CHANGING TABLES

The Dads Caucus wrote to the House Administration Committee urging expanded access to diaper changing tables in restrooms on Capitol Hill. "Every staff member, Member of Congress, and visitor to our Congressional offices deserves basic access to a place to change their child's diaper," said Chair Gomez.



Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

September 20, 2023

Dear Kevin McCarthy, The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

McCarthy and Leader Jeffries:

The Congressional Dads Caucus, we write to emphasize the critical need for expanded funding for child care as our country faces a caregiving face two deadlines on September 30 when funding for Child Care State, as well as the regular fiscal year ends along with appropriations for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). As you are regarding federal funding, we urge you to provide increased funding to help millions of Americans afford this critical necessity.

The Congressional Dads Caucus to bring fathers' voices to the fight for child care, such as affordable and accessible high-quality child care. The Dads Caucus is a diverse group of fathers and mothers who represent districts from across the country. For working parents, child care is not just an abstract issue to us. We have constituents, businesses, and advocates from across the country about the challenges face affording and even finding child care, and many of us have experienced this firsthand.

### CHILD CARE FUNDING CLIFF

The Dads Caucus called on House leadership to avoid a child care funding cliff and pass emergency and permanent funding, joining with the Democratic Women's Caucus, Whip Katherine Clark, and Senators Murray and Sanders.

# DADS CAUCUS WORKING GROUPS



**REP. DAN GOLDMAN**  
Gun Violence Prevention  
Working Group Chair

## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

The Dads Caucus launched the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group to address the leading cause of death for children in the U.S.—gun violence. The working group is led by U.S. Rep. Dan Goldman, who has a strong history of advocating for commonsense gun safety policies.

## MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

The Dads Caucus launched the Mental Health Working Group as a platform to advance policies and ideas that make health care more accessible and affordable for every person. The working group is led by U.S. Rep. Rob Menendez, who believes all families deserve resources to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy both physically and mentally.



**REP. ROB MENENDEZ**  
Mental Health  
Working Group Chair



# DADS CAUCUS AT WORK





# DADS CAUCUS PARTNERSHIPS



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**FIRST FOCUS ON CHILDREN**

**FIRST FIVE YEARS FUND**

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**HOME GROWN**

**MARCH OF DIMES**

**MOMSRISING**

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR  
CAREGIVING**

**NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR  
WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER**

**NEW AMERICA**

**PAID LEAVE FOR ALL**

**SMALL BUSINESS MAJORITY**

**THE CENTURY FOUNDATION**

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**YOUNG INVINCIBLES**

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