

# *Videos, Meetings, and Townhalls*



Meeting with UCF Students

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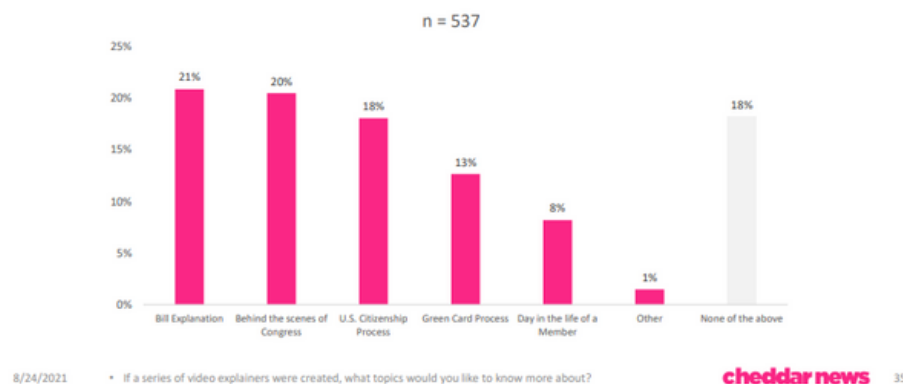
This year, Cheddar News asked Gen Z and Millennial-aged social media users about their willingness to engage with lawmakers and advocacy groups online. This research may be instructive for Future Forum members and their goals moving forward.

## INTERESTING FINDINGS

- 14% believe that their interests are being heard by the current administration
- 73% said they would interact with an advocacy group on Instagram
- 44% said they would engage with a TikTok that covered policy

**Among the tested topics for a potential video explainer series, 21% of the audience showed interest in a video explaining bills.**

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**Read More:** [cheddar.com/media/how-gen-z-and-millennials-use-social-media-and-what-they-want-to-see-next-cheddar-survey](https://cheddar.com/media/how-gen-z-and-millennials-use-social-media-and-what-they-want-to-see-next-cheddar-survey)

# Newsletter – Q1

## #FutureForum

The start of the 117th Congress marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Future Forum Caucus.

Under the leadership of **Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09)**, the caucus will focus on the issues that are currently affecting young Americans the most. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose new challenges and opportunities for us to grow as a nation, we are committed to listening to the voices of our youth and advocating for real change in Congress.

We are extremely proud of our progress thus far, and look forward to what we will accomplish during the remainder of this Congress.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information on our work and follow us on [Twitter](#) to stay up to date on our work to boost youth engagement in Congress!

### INTRODUCING NEW LEADERSHIP



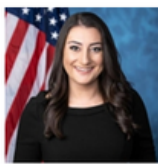
Chairman Darren Soto (FL-09)



Vice Chair Haley Stevens (MI-11)



Vice Chair Colin Allred (TX-32)



Vice Chair Sara Jacobs (CA-53)



Chair Emeritus Stephanie Murphy (FL-07)

## WHAT IS FUTURE FORUM?

Members of our leadership team took to [our Twitter](#) to explain the mission of Future Forum and their reasons for becoming involved in the Caucus.

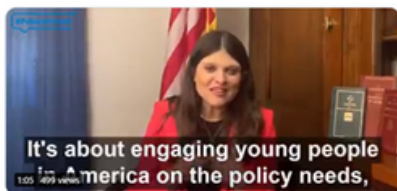


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Future Forum Congress  
@FFCongress

Vice chair @RepHaleyStevens is the first #millennial to represent Michigan at the Congressional level!

She understands the importance of listening to young Americans as we work to create a country that provides equal opportunity for everyone.



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## ADVOCATING FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

### Urging Congressional Leaders to Address Issues Faced by Young Americans in COVID-19 Relief Package

In February, Members of the Future Forum Caucus sent a letter to House and Senate leaders urging them to include provisions that address the [student loan crisis](#) and [economic impact payment eligibility](#) in the next COVID-19 relief package.

[Click here for the full letter](#)

### Supporting the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act

In March, members sent a letter to House leaders expressing their support for passage of [H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021](#) and [H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021](#). They recognize the positive impact that these changes in immigration policy would have on the next generation of leaders and are committed to advocating for the young Americans who would benefit from them.

[Click here for the full letter](#)

## HOSTING MONTHLY TOWN HALLS

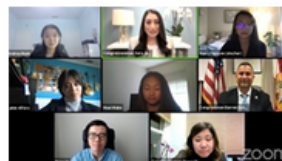
### February Town Hall at Polk State College

Chairman Darren Soto hosted a town hall with Polk State College students to discuss [COVID-19 relief for young Americans](#) and their overall needs during this pandemic. The conversation centered around student loan relief, rental assistance for young people and their families, President Biden's American Rescue Plan, and COVID-19 vaccinations for youth, among other things.



[Click here for a full video of the town hall](#)

### March AAPI Youth Town Hall



Vice Chair Sara Jacobs hosted a virtual town hall centered around the [experiences of Asian American and Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) youth](#). Vice Chair Jacobs and Future Forum members opened the event by speaking about Congressional actions to address the rising trend of anti-

Asian violence in the United States, and Vice Chair Jacobs then moderated a conversation with AAPI leaders in San Diego.

[Click here for a full video of the town hall](#)

## CREATING TASK FORCES

In March, the caucus announced the creation of [six task forces](#) aimed at addressing issues greatly affecting America's youth. Task force members will hold quarterly meetings to review relevant pieces of legislation and discuss ways to further engage young Americans.

Member assignments are as follows:

#### [Economy \(including technology and housing\) Task Force:](#)

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Colin Allred (TX-32) and Rep. Haley Stevens (MI-11)  
**Members:** Rep. Angie Craig (MN-02), Rep. Jimmy Gomez (CA-34), Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-53), Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06), Rep. Grace Meng (NY-06), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (FL-07), Rep. Chris Pappas (NH-01), Rep. Katie Porter (CA-45) and Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15)

#### [Climate Change Task Force:](#)

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44) and Rep. Mike Levin (CA-49)  
**Members:** Rep. Sharice Davids (KS-03), Rep. Jimmy Gomez (CA-34), Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03) and Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-02)

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## Healthcare Reform Task Force:

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Lauren Underwood (IL-14) and Rep. Chris Pappas (NH-01)

**Members:** Rep. Angie Craig (MN-02), Rep. Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05) and Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03)

## Education Task Force:

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-53) and Rep. Jimmy Gomez (CA-34)

**Members:** Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-07), Rep. Joaquin Castro (TX-20), Rep. Andy Kim (NJ-03) and Rep. Haley Stevens (MI-11)

## Social Justice Task Force:

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Sharice Davids (KS-03) and Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-02)

**Members:** Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44), Rep. Darren Soto (FL-09) and Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15)

## Immigration Task Force:

**Co-chairs:** Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-07) and Rep. Grace Meng (NY-06)

**Member:** Rep. Darren Soto (FL-09)

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# Newsletter – Q2

## #FutureForum

The Future Forum Caucus began the 117th Congress with the purpose of focusing on issues that affect young Americans the most.

We are very proud of our progress thus far and look forward to continuing our work. Please visit [our website](#) for more information on our work, and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay updated on our work to increase youth engagement in Congress!

### Leadership



Chairman Darren Soto (FL-09)



Haley Stevens (MI-11)  
Vice Chair



Collin Altruda (TX-32)  
Vice Chair



Sara Jacobs (CA-53)  
Vice Chair



Chair Emeritus Stenboeck Murrell (FL-07)

### Advocating for Congressional Action

#### Supporting Compensation of Interns in Committee Offices

In April, members of the Future Forum Caucus sent a letter to the leaders of the Appropriations Subcommittee in the Legislative Branch urging them to include funds for interns who serve in committees in the House of Representatives. Committee offices are unable to compensate interns due to access to funds that member offices have access to.

### Monthly Member Meetings



In April, our members met with Ed Helms to discuss H.R. 1, The For the People Act. Members had the opportunity to discuss the importance of

fighting voter suppression, gerrymandering, dark money in politics, as well as the importance of advocating for important issues in Congress.

[Click here for the full video](#)

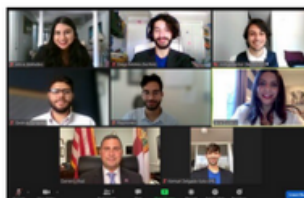
### Youth Engagement

#### Meeting with Young Americans

In April, Chairman Darren Soto visited a virtual UCF classroom to have a discussion regarding issues affecting young Americans during COVID-19. Chairman Soto also discussed his experiences as a member of Congress, and the impact that young people can have on the future.



In April, Chairman Darren Soto participated in a virtual lobby day hosted by March For Our Lives. Chairman Soto met with young people from Orlando and Puerto Rico to discuss gun violence in our communities, bipartisan background checks, the community-based violence prevention program in the American Rescue Plan, along with other ways to prevent violence in our communities.





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## Amplifying Young Voices

Future Forum Congress @FFCongress

Our mission is to amplify the voices of younger Americans, but we can't do that without your help. We want to learn more about your policy priorities, so we've partnered with @Cheddar to create a survey so we can better represent you! Take our survey at



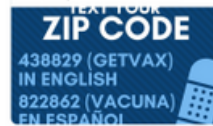
Future Forum  
Take this survey powered by surveymonkeys.com. Create your own surveys for free.  
@surveymonkeys.com

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In April, we partnered with Cheddar News to create a survey to better understand the policy priorities of younger Americans. By understanding the policy priorities of young Americans, we can more efficiently amplify their voices and advocate for them in Congress and in Future Forum Task Forces.

Future Forum Congress @FFCongress · May 10  
Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is easy, safe, and will help us finally defeat the pandemic. We asked for young people to do their part and @surveymonkeys.com as much as possible.

Rep. Gabe Arias @RepGabeArias · May 10  
It's important that we make the COVID-19 vaccine as accessible as possible! Text your ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX) in English or 822862 (VACUNA) in Spanish to receive a text alert when you're eligible for a vaccine, as well as contact info for those sites.



Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect you and your family from COVID-19 and new variants. It's important that young people get vaccinated to fight the spread.

## Follow Us on Social Media







# Newsletter – Q3

## Urging House Leaders to Take Bold Action on Climate Change



In September, members sent a letter to House leaders urging them to take bold action on climate change in the **Build Back Better Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework**. Boosting **clean energy**, **electric vehicles**, and **energy efficiency** will ensure a better future for young Americans.

[Click here for the full letter](#)

## Meeting with Young Americans

### Student Needs Insecurity Town Hall

Chairman Darren Soto, Vice-Chair Sara Jacobs, Rep. Nanette Barragán, and Rep. Jimmy Gomez held a town hall with Southern California students to discuss **student needs insecurity**. They discussed ways Congress can Build Back Better to ensure that no young American has to worry about where their next meal will come from.

