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# Congressional Black Caucus Statement on Senator Cory Booker's Historic Filibuster

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Today, Congressional Black Caucus **Chair Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09)** and members of the **Congressional Black Caucus** issued the following statement:

“Today, the CBC is proud of the profound fortitude of our friend and colleague, Senator Cory Booker, who, in the spirit of ‘good trouble,’ has now held the longest speaking filibuster in history by a lone Senator to disrupt Republicans’ agenda and defend our communities from the corruption and abuse of the Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans. It is a sobering contrast that this previous record was held by Senator James Strom Thurmond Sr., a staunch supporter of racial segregation, who took to the Senate Floor for 24 hours and 18 minutes in protest of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1957.

“Senator Booker understands that during a time when President Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and Congressional Republicans have made it their mission to dismantle the federal government and cut programs that are the difference of life and death for millions of Americans like Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and SNAP, we must challenge extremism with unconventional measures.

“As the conscience of the Congress, we are honored to stand alongside Senator Booker in centering the voices of the American people who are suffering under the cruelty of the Trump Administration. The CBC will continue fighting every day to keep our communities safe from MAGA extremists who are hellbent on inflicting harm to our communities.”

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