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## Statement of Purpose

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to aid and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding at Howard University in 1913, more than 300,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college-educated women. The Sorority currently has over 1000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Jamaica, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Liberia, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, and the Virgin Islands.

The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness, and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

## 2023 Federal Legislative Priorities

### VOTING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- ▲ H.R. 239 Same Day Registration Act of 2023  
To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration. Committee
- ▲ The Sorority supports legislation that restores Sections IV and V of the Voting Rights Act like the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2021.
- ▲ H.R. 51 & S. 51 Washington, D.C. Admission Act  
To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

### REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

- ▲ H.R. 561 Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act of 2023  
The bill requires federal health care programs to provide coverage for abortion services and requires federal facilities to provide access to those services.
- ▲ H.R. 782 Ensuring Women's Rights to Reproductive Freedom Act  
To prohibit the interference, under color of State law, with the provision of interstate abortion services, and for other purposes.

## EDUCATION

▲ H.R. 703                      Black History is American History Act  
To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of African descent in the settling and founding of America.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

▲ S. 96                              Justice for Black Farmers Act of 2023  
To address the history of discrimination against Black farmers and ranchers, to require reforms within the Department of Agriculture to prevent future discrimination, and for other purposes.

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

▲ H.R. 1313 & S. 203      Healthy Food Access for All Americans Act  
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new tax credit and grant program to stimulate investment and healthy nutrition options in food deserts, and for other purposes.

## HEALTH EQUITY

▲ H.Res. 185                      Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis  
This resolution declares racism a public health crisis and supports efforts to address health disparities and inequities across all sectors.

▲ H.R. 982                         Pregnant Women in Custody Act  
To address the health needs of incarcerated women related to pregnancy and childbirth, and for other purposes.

## REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

▲ H.R. 698                         Assault Weapons Ban of 2023  
To regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

▲ The Sorority supports legislation that increases accountability of law enforcement misconduct, restricts the use of certain policing practices and enhances transparency and data collection, and establishes best practices and training requirements like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021.

▲ H.R. 613                         Wayne Ford Racial Impact Statement Act of 2023  
To establish a process for the creation of minority impact assessments to determine whether pending bills, if enacted, are likely to create or exacerbate disparate outcomes among racial or ethnic minority groups, and for other purposes.

## HONORING SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

▲ H.R. 1073                         To direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to obtain a statue of Shirley Chisholm for placement in the United States Capitol. The bill requires the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to Congress.

▲ H.R. 1088                         Shirley Chisholm Congressional Gold Medal Act  
To posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.