

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Bobby Scott announced today that he will host a panel discussion on Monday, March 26, 2012 to highlight the need for more opportunities, mentoring, intervention, support and education for America's youth. This panel is part of a series of briefings Congressman Scott is hosting to urge Congress to pass the Youth PROMISE Act.

Joining Congressman Scott for the discussion will be:

- Hill Harper: actor (CSI: NY), author of bestselling books Letters to a Young Brother and Letters to a Young Sister, philanthropist, and founder of Manifest Your Destiny, a nonprofit organization that works to empower underserved youth;
- John Prendergast: author, activist and co-founder of the Enough Project, a nonprofit human rights organization affiliated with the Center for American Progress. Prendergast co-authored the book Unlikely Brothers with his mentee;
- Michael Mattocks: co-author of Unlikely Brothers and mentee of John Prendergast;
- Dr. Catherine Gallagher: Director of the Cochrane Collaboration College for Policy & Associate Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University;
- Dr. Jorja Leap: Adjunct Associate Professor of Social Welfare at UCLA and author of Jumped In;
- Bobby Kipper: former Newport News police officer, founder of the National Center for the Prevention of Community Violence, and author of the bestselling book No Colors; and
- Frank Carrillo: restorative justice activist and student.

The discussion will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012 in Room 2141 in the Rayburn House Office Building and will be open to the general public, congressional staff, members of Congress, and the media.

The Youth PROMISE Act:
Preventing Youth Violence and Reducing Incarceration through Opportunities, Mentoring,
Intervention, Support and Education
Monday, March 26, 2012
3:00 - 5:00pm
2141 Rayburn House Office Building

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