

**Midterm Elections Statement
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Yes, America, exhale.

The menacing red wave of extremism that was supposed to sweep MAGA Republicans into power hit the rocks of reality on Election night. Voters exercised their power to slam the door on a Trumpian takeover of midterm outcomes.

While key races are still up for grabs, it is clear that millions of voters delivered a stinging rebuke to the election-deniers, the unfit candidates, and the fear-mongers. Candidates who stood against extremism and for reproductive choice, voting rights and worker rights, climate justice, humane immigrant policies -- all won or are locked competitive races -- from New York, to Pennsylvania, to Wisconsin, to Georgia.

Black voters and candidates were central to bolstering Democratic hopes on Election night. Mandela Barnes ran an inspiring race for a Senate seat from Wisconsin. Wes Moore became the first Black person elected Governor in Maryland. CBTU congratulates Brother Moore on his historic victory. Parren Mitchell would be so proud today.

CBTU will also take a bow, along with our other labor allies, for galvanizing a quiet but mighty "Black Wave" of voters who defied expectations and showed up -- big. Much praise goes to our CBTU staff and volunteers who made hundreds of thousands of calls into key battleground states, like Pennsylvania and Georgia. Other volunteers gave thousands of voters rides to the polls. Special shoutout to CBTU's incomparable political guru, the "retired", Petee Talley, who threw herself into devising a ground game for CBTU.

About Georgia...

It seems likely that the race between Senator Raphael Warnock and Trump mascot Hershel Walker is headed to a Dec. 6 runoff election. The fact that Walker is even within a few thousands of votes of going to Congress is incredible -- and frightening. But you can believe CBTU will, as we did before in the GA senate runoff race in 2021, commit whatever resources necessary to re-elect Sen. Raphael Warnock.

Justice must and will be served.

