

ADDITIONAL ADVANCEMENTS

- On February 4, President Biden released a [memorandum](#) to advance the human rights of LGBTQ and intersex people worldwide.
- On February 4, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Rep. Rosa DeLauro reintroduced (D-CT) the FAMILY Act (HR 804/S 248) bill, which [creates](#) a national paid family and medical leave insurance program. Tell your members of Congress to [support this critical legislation](#).
- On February 8, Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) [introduced the SECURE Act \(S 306\)](#), which provides a path to citizenship for people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS). TPS allows immigrants to live and work in the US if they cannot return to their home nations because of conflict or natural disasters.
- On February 11, the administration announced it would prohibit housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity under the Fair Housing Act. Additionally, the administration announced it would investigate complaints against gay, nonbinary, trans, and other LGBTQ individuals dating back to January 20, 2020 — retroactive for one year under the current statute of limitations. This directive will revoke a proposed rule, [opposed by NCJW](#), under President Trump that was never finalized.
- **American Rescue Plan:** Last week, the House and Senate passed a budget resolution with instructions and House Committees began marking up their pieces of the \$1.9 trillion. NCJW priority issues that are currently present in the draft include:
 - increased vaccine distribution
 - relief checks
 - paid-leave benefits
 - funding for state and local governments

- rental assistance
- \$15 minimum wage
- extended unemployment benefits.

Committees are expected to finish their business this week, with a floor vote in the House on February 22. [Keep up the calls to your lawmakers](#) to ensure NCJW's priorities are in the final package.

Nominations:

- The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Budget Committees held hearings on the nomination of Neera Tanden to lead the Office of Management and Budget. The next steps include votes in both committees. Merrick Garland, President Biden's nominee for Attorney General, has a hearing scheduled in the Senate Judiciary Committee beginning on February 22. The committee will vote to advance Garland's nomination on March 1.

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