



State Representative Renitta Shannon Bio

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Representative Shannon is a well-known progressive whose legislative work has focused on reducing disparities for communities of color and other marginalized groups. She was raised by two hard working parents who always stressed to both her and her sister the importance of being invested in issues that affect working families. In January 2017, she was sworn into the Georgia State House of Representatives to represent the 84th district making her one of eight LGBTQ lawmakers current serving. She is the owner of Courage for Progress, an issue-based communications firm. Since 2017, Renitta has served on the following House Committees - Governmental Affairs which deals with state election law, the Insurance Committee, and the Small Business Development Committee. She has consistently fought voter suppression efforts in Georgia and was part of a group of lawmakers that defended Georgia against an aggressive effort to overturn our accurate 2020 Presidential Election Results. She was awarded "Most Valuable Legislator" for her work on sexual assault policy. Renitta is a committed reproductive justice advocate and was physically removed from the House floor in 2019 trying to filibuster a bill to effectively outlaw abortion in Georgia. Her proudest accomplishment is having led the successful effort to expand postpartum Medicaid in Georgia to reduce the state's high maternal mortality rate.