

CQ Congress Collection

Making Sense of Representative Democracy

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Authoritative Information

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Powerful database-driven research tools allow patrons to generate unique perspectives about members of Congress. For example, in:

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