

Get Involved in Hip-Hop Icon Tupac 2Pac HR 4210

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Georgia State Representative Cynthia McKinney has introduced a bill, H.R. 4210. the Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection Act, before the United States Congress that would require the National Archives to establish a “Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection.”

Congresswoman McKinney’s newly-introduced bill would allow public access to privileged details of hip-hop culture’s late rap icon’s life and death.

This bill has got much attention, not just among those in the hip-hop culture and among the fans of the late rap icon Tupac Shakur but also among a lot of the nation. People want to know what the government knows about the murder of Tupac (2Pac).

If you go on the web to <http://thomas.loc.gov> and search **H.R. 4210. the Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection Act**

you can read the entire bill put forth by Congresswoman McKinney.

The need is to get co-sponsors and public pressure to have hearings and move the legislation. Every Member of Congress should be called and emailed to push for sponsorship and passage, and if the Member is on the House Government Reform Committee, they should push for hearings. For a summary of the bill, contact the DC office. There is a similar bill already introduced, H.R. 2554, the Rev. Martin Luther King Records Act of 2005 to release all the files on the life and death of Dr. King which is gathering co-sponsors now.

H.R. 4210. the Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection Act is completely at the hands of the people outside the government, since Congress is unlikely to move on the bill without public pressure Congresswoman McKinney told us. Members of Congress can be lobbied to support the bill, sponsor the bill, push for hearings and speak out for passage to their constituents. If they know young people won’t vote for them unless they act on the Tupac or Dr. King Records Acts they will be inspired to move on it.

Read more on Cynthia McKinney's Tupac Shakur Legislative Primer <http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=2214>

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H.R. 4210. the Tupac Amaru Shakur Records Collection Act is something everyone needs to act on now if they want to get the documents released. Purposed changes to the National Archives and Records Administration could effect what records will be available to the public.

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Shakur Legislative Primer at -

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. The House Government Reform Committee needs to be pushed by its members to hold hearings so you need to get involved if you are interested.

Visit and Support **Cynthia McKinney / Congresswoman** - <http://www.house.gov/mckinney/>

Allen Weinstein who is an archivist of the United States hosted a meeting with Federal agency officials to discuss issues related to the withdrawal of documents from the open shelves at the National Archives and Records Administration.

In his opening remarks, Professor Weinstein thanked the agencies for cooperating with the moratorium. "I place a very high value on maintaining public credibility, trust and respect, which must be earned and cannot be finessed by protecting documents from release," he said.

In the hour-long meeting, Professor Weinstein and J. William Leonard, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, (ISOO), a part of the National Archives, stressed the following points:

-- The commitment of the National Archives to maintain a balanced approach, by acknowledging the importance of protecting national security and at the same time recognizing the public interest in having archival records available;

-- The commitment of the National Archives to continue to work cooperatively with the agencies,

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while urging the agencies to move swiftly on returning documents back to the open shelves, when appropriate;

-- The need to establish a protocol and standards for the review of documents that agencies feel have been incorrectly placed on the open shelves;

-- The proposal to create a National Declassification Initiative which could replace an agency-centric approach to declassification. This proposed pilot program would address the bureaucratic structure, resources and policies needed to create a centralized declassification program coordinated by the National Archives, using pooled resources.

For their part, the Federal agencies thanked the Archivist for hosting the meeting and taking a leadership role. They unanimously agreed to support the moratorium on identifying for withdrawal any new material that is currently on the open shelves at the National Archives. They also agreed to work towards creating new procedures for the review of materials and were supportive of the concept of a National Declassification Initiative. Many agencies, however, acknowledged the challenge of meeting the December deadline for declassification of documents, in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended and devoting resources to reexamining the previously withdrawn documents.