

# Report: 55 House Democrat 'Deadbeats' Skip Paying Dues to DCCC as Midterm Red Wave Builds

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Fifty-five powerful and influential House Democrats are reportedly financially stiffing the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), failing to pay the dues they owe because of the

likelihood that Republicans will retake the chamber.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC), and DCCC Chair Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) reportedly pleaded with members on Tuesday to pay up. But many members are not paying their dues, perhaps because Democrats perceive the 2022 midterm election as a lost cause. "The House Democratic majority is in deep trouble, with both history and the polls against them; and Republicans have overtaken what's been traditionally a large lead by the DCCC in fundraising, thanks in part to a huge spurt in online fundraising," Punchbowl noted.

One congressional Democrat told the publication Pelosi is trying her best to force the "deadbeats" to cough up the money by keeping a list of those who have not paid.

"The speaker is very focused on exactly who's paid dues and who hasn't. You really don't want to be on the wrong list right now," the member said.

Many of those who are stiffing the committee are some of the most powerful and influential members in the caucus, such as Oversight Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Cori Bush (D-MO), and Jamaal Bowman (D-NY).

Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC) has \$685,000 in a campaign account, yet refuses to pay any dues. Others stiffing the committee include Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Natural Resources Chair Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ).

Many members who are running for different political positions or are

retiring from Congress after the midterms also have unpaid dues. Those reportedly include Reps. Peter Welch (D-VT), Tim Ryan (D-OH), Conor Lamb (D-PA), Val Demings (D-FL), and Charlie Crist (D-FL), among others.

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