

# Rep. Cedric Richmond picks top aides

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Freshman Rep. **Cedric Richmond**, D-New Orleans, has picked Virgil Miller, 29, as his chief of staff. Miller came highly touted by both Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn, D-S.C., and Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the senior Democrat in the House, for whom Miller worked on the Energy and Commerce Committee.



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U.S. Rep.-elect Cedric Richmond, right, with aide Enix Smith, explains the office lottery process to reporters in a House Committee room on Nov. 23, the last day of freshman orientation.

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Miller received a bachelor's of science in biology and master's of public health from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Richmond chose Zach Butterworth, an associate with Smith & Fawer in New Orleans, to be his counsel.

Butterworth, 28, a graduate of LSU and Loyola Law School, previously spent two summers in Washington, one working for then-Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., and the other working for the Livingston Group lobbying firm. It was while doing work on behalf of the Angola 3 at the Livingston Group that

he got to know Richmond, who as a state representative was a leader in the campaign on behalf of the three inmates who have spent decades in solitary confinement.

Richmond has also named Raena Davis, who turns 26 Tuesday, as his scheduler. Davis is a Miami native who, on graduating from Brandeis University, went to work on Joe Biden's 2008 presidential campaign, and then worked as a scheduler for former Rep. Kendrick Meek, D-Fla., in his congressional office and Senate campaign.

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