Congressman Hakeem Jeffries will speak about innovation in New York and his work in Washington developing policies to further innovation nationally. Congressman Jeffries represents New York’s Eighth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, where he serves on the House Judiciary Committee, including the subcommittees on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet and on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law. Recently, Congressman Jeffries introduced H.R. 5108, formalizing the Patent and Trademark Office’s clinical program for law students; his bill was signed into law by President Obama last December.

Congressman Jeffries also serves on the House Education and the Workforce Committee, including the subcommittees on Higher Education and Workforce Training and on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. In January 2015, Congressman Jeffries was appointed as the whip of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was also appointed by Leader Nancy Pelosi to be a member of the influential Steering and Policy Committee.