

Speaker Bio | Senator Raumesh Akbari

Minority Leader Akbari was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in the fall of 2018 after serving three terms in the State House of Representatives. She serves as vice-president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, vice-president of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, and formerly served as chair of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators. In the Tennessee Senate, Akbari is a member of the Commerce and Ethics committees and serves as second-vice chair of the Education Committee. She was honored to speak at the 2016 Democratic National Convention and again

at the 2020 Democratic National Convention as a “rising star” keynote speaker. Akbari is a graduate of Washington University and the Saint Louis University School of Law. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and The Links, an international volunteer service organization of professional women of African descent.