



## A Record of Abuse, Corruption, and Inaction

House Judiciary Democrats' Efforts to Document the  
Failings of the Trump Administration & Lack of  
Oversight by the Republican Majority



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Throughout the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, House Judiciary Committee Democrats remained committed to pursuing active oversight of the executive branch. In ordinary times, under the leadership of either party, the Committee would have focused its attention on election security, enforcement of federal ethics rules, breaches of the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, allegations of obstruction of justice, and preserving the rule of law, among other matters.

But these are not ordinary times. The Trump Administration appears to have failed the country on all of these fronts at the same time. Committee Democrats pursued meaningful oversight throughout these past two years by, among other things, writing oversight letters to the Administration and House leadership, requesting minority hearings, seeking to discharge important bills from Committee and the House floor, offering motions to move into executive session, holding and participating in forums, forcing votes on resolutions of inquiry, requesting and releasing reports, introducing oversight-related legislation, and filing lawsuits and *amicus* briefs.

The Committee published an interim report in April 2018, at which time the Democratic Members of the Committee had sent 64 letters to the Administrative and 39 letters to Republican Majority. This final report highlights more than 180 letters to the Administration during the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress regarding oversight of the President and federal agencies, and received responses to less than one-third of these requests. Furthermore, a majority of these responses were not substantive. The Members received no response to any of their correspondence to the Majority, and all resolutions of inquiry were rejected by a party-line vote in Committee. The silence speaks to an Administration run amok.

In November 2018—following the mid-term election—then Ranking Member Nadler sent letters to Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, FBI Director Christopher Wray, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar requesting responses to a number of letters that went unanswered throughout the Congress (oversight letters 168, 176, 177, 178, and 179). These letters addressed the Administration’s immigration and detention policies, its refusal to defend the Affordable Care Act in federal court, President Trump’s continued attacks on the FBI and Department of Justice, as well as a variety of questions regarding the Administration’s antipathy towards voting rights enforcement and failures to counter violent extremism and domestic terrorism.

The oversight efforts of the House Judiciary Committee Democrats during the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress include the following:

- Sent **187 oversight letters** to the Administration (received responses to less than one-third of requests)
- Sent **9 letters** to the Inspector General of the Department of Justice
- Sent **54 letters** to the House Judiciary Committee and House Majority Leadership (no responses)
- Sent **14 oversight letters** to outside entities
- Issued **1 request for a minority day of hearings**
- Sent **2 committee discharge letters pursuant to House Rule XI, Clause (C)(2)**
- Introduced **2 floor discharge petitions**
- Introduced **3 motions to move into executive session**
- Led **14 oversight-related press conferences**
- Held and participated in **20 Democratic forums**
- Released and assisted with **14 Reports**
- Requested **7 Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports**
- Introduced and supported **6 Resolutions of Inquiry**
- Introduced **2 Censure Resolutions**
- Introduced **96 oversight-related bills and resolutions**
- Led or assisted in **2 lawsuits** to preserve the rule of law
- Led **21 amicus briefs**

## 187 OVERSIGHT LETTERS TO THE ADMINISTRATION



1. **On November 16, 2016, Representative David Cicilline and 169 other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including Ranking Member John Conyers and other House Judiciary Democrats**, sent a [letter](#) to President-elect Donald Trump asking him to rescind alt-right leader Steve Bannon's appointment as White House Chief Strategist.
2. **On January 9, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee Ranking Members Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, and Hank Johnson** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Office of Government Ethics Director Walter M. Shaub, Jr. to request they review concerns of nepotism and conflicts of interest regarding President-elect Donald Trump's appointment of his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, as senior adviser to the President.
3. **On January 26, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond** [wrote to](#) President Donald Trump to request (1) if an investigation must be completed in regards to Trump's voter fraud allegations, it must be completed by a non-partisan independent body, and (2) the investigation also focus on voter suppression.
4. **On January 29, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Eliot Engel, and House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson** sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of

Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly to raise concerns about President Donald Trump's immigration executive order and urge for a joint meeting no later than February 1, 2017.

**5. On February 1, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Representative Zoe Lofgren, and Representative Pramila Jayapal along with over 100 House Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to the Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly, condemning the Trump Muslim Ban Executive Order and calling for a full Member-wide DHS briefing. (The Members received an interim response from the Department on March 24, 2017, but never received a follow-up response.)

**6. On February 1, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers joined the Ranking Members of the Oversight, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Armed Services, and Intelligence Committees** to send a [letter](#) to the Department of Defense requesting a review of a potentially serious violation of the Emoluments Clause by Michael Flynn. (The Members received an answer from Acting Secretary of the Army, Robert Speer, concluding that "the Department of the Army has conducted a thorough records search, and has not found any documents responsive to your request.")

**7. On February 2, 2017, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and other House Judiciary Democrats** sent a letter to President Trump expressing concern that issued Presidential Memorandum on the Organization of the National Security Council and Homeland Security Council removes the Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from the regular attendees of the NSC Principals Committee meeting.

**8. On February 3, 2017, Representatives Robin Kelly and Mike Doyle along with 23 other House Members—including Representative Luis Guterrez—** sent a letter to President Trump on his recent Executive Order barring the entry of residents and refugees of seven predominately Muslim countries into the United States.

**9. On February 3, 2017, the Ranking Members of the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Foreign Affairs Committees** sent a [letter](#) to Acting Attorney General Dana Boente requesting answers to reports that President Trump intended to overhaul the government Countering Violent Extremism program in a manner that would target and single out Muslim Americans.

**10. On February 6, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Nadler, Representative Hakeem Jefferies, and other House Judiciary Democrats** sent a letter to President Trump requesting that he rescind his executive order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist entry into the United States" potentially irreparably harming technology firm that create thousands of jobs.

**11. On February 14, 2017, all House Judiciary and Oversight Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and FBI Director James Comey calling for a full Member briefing on Michael Flynn's communications with Russian officials.

**12. On February 15, 2017, the Ranking Members of the Oversight, Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Armed Services, and Intelligence Committees** sent a [letter](#) to

White House Counsel Donald F. McGahn II requesting information about reports that Department of Justice officials warned him that Michael Flynn made false statements about his communications with the Russian Ambassador, and that he was potentially susceptible to blackmail by the Russian government.

**13. On February 15, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and other House Democrats signed a letter spearheaded by Representative Earl Blumenauer** to Secretaries Mattis and Tillerson requesting that they support budget resources for additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. (Representative Lofgren received responses from the Department of State and Department of Defense on March 6, 2018 and March 7, 2018, respectively, regarding Ms. Lofgren's request for additional SIVs in the Administration's Supplemental Defense Department Budget Request for FY 2017.)

**14. On February 22, 2017, over 150 Democrats and Republicans including Ranking Member John Conyers** signed a [letter](#) led by Representatives Stephanie Murphy and Joseph Crowley urging federal agencies such as DHS, DOJ, and the FBI to address threats to Jewish organizations.

**15. On March 1, 2017, over 100 House Democrats, including Ranking Member John Conyers and his House Judiciary Committee colleagues, joined Foreign Relations Ranking Member Eliot Engel** to send a [letter](#) addressed to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson urging him to make every effort possible to counter White House efforts to slash support for diplomacy and international development.

**16. On March 2, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to FBI Director James Comey and U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Channing Phillips calling for a criminal investigation into Jeff Session's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee revealing that he had met with Russian officials.

**17. On March 2, 2017, more than 100 Members of Congress including Ranking Member John Conyers and his House Judiciary Committee colleagues,** sent a [letter](#) to President Trump urging him to reinstate transgender guidance detailing schools' obligations to transgender students under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

**18. On March 6, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Acting Deputy Attorney General Dana J. Boente and White House Counsel Don McGahn II asking the Department of Justice to address the accuracy of assertions made by President Trump accusing President Obama of wiretapping his phones prior to the election.

**19. On March 6, 2017, Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, House Judiciary Committee Members John Conyers, Zoe Lofgren, Luis Gutiérrez, and 142 House Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to DHS Secretary John Kelly formally requesting a briefing on President Trump's executive orders on refugees, travel bans, and immigration policy for caucus Members.

**20. On March 16, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and his Judiciary Committee colleagues Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Hakeem Jefferies** sent a

[letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions asking about his decision to fire all 46 sitting U.S. attorneys without warning or a plan for their replacement, and whether this relates to any matter currently under investigation by a U.S. attorney's office.

**21. On March 22, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond** wrote a [letter](#) to Department of Justice Attorney General Jeff Sessions to express concerns regarding the Department's reversal of crucial criminal justice and policing reform initiatives and to set forth some of the Congressional Black Caucus's most important policy priorities, such as mandatory minimum sentencing, racial profiling, voting rights, and other issues affecting the minority community.

**22. On March 23, 2017, Representatives Luis Gutierrez, Hakeem Jeffries, and Pramila Jayapal, among others,** sent a letter to President Trump demanding that the President apologize for the false claims he made about the Obama Administration wiretapping Trump Tower.

**23. On March 31, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, together with Representatives Ted Lieu and Hakeem Jeffries,** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Session asking him to clarify the scope of his recusal from any investigations of the Trump Campaign. (The Department responded to this inquiry on January 16, 2018, denying their request for additional information due to the Department's "longstanding policy regarding the confidentiality and sensitivity related to pending matters.")

**24. On April 3, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, and House Committee on Education and the Workforce Ranking Member Bobby Scott** sent a [letter](#) to Secretaries DeVos and Kelly—as well as Attorney General Jeff Sessions—to request that the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Education issue statements ensuring that, in spite of other changes in immigration enforcement policy, the sensitive locations policy will remain in effect at schools and other localities. (The Members received an interim response from Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Benjamin Cassidy, on May 16, 2017. They also received a response from the Department of Education and Department of Justice on November 11, 2017, and a follow-up response from the Department of Homeland Security on October 11, 2017.)

**25. On April 6, 2017, Representative Bass, along with several other Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee,** sent a letter to President Trump in order to express deep concern about the allegations made about former National Security Advisor, Ambassador Rice, as well as the accusations of her committing a crime without any evidence.

**26. On April 13, 2017, House Judiciary Democrats Jerrold Nadler, Ted Lieu, and Jamie Raskin, led by Representative Don Beyer,** wrote a [letter](#) to FBI Director James Comey and OPM National Background Investigations Bureau Director Charles Phalen requesting Jared Kushner's security clearance be suspended amid a probe into his contacts with Russian officials.

**27. On April 28, 2017, Representative Pramila Jayapal led a group of more than 30 bipartisan House Members—including Ranking Member John Conyers and**



**Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Sheila Jackson Lee, Luis Gutiérrez, David Cicilline, and Jamie Raskin**—to send a [letter](#) to Secretary of Homeland Security, John Kelly, requesting additional information on immigrant victims of crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and how DHS and ICE plan to protect these individuals in the face of President Trump's recent executive orders concerning border security and immigration. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on June 21, 2018—over a year after the members requested this information. The letter included a 4-page enclosure that responded to each of the questions, in full, that the Members included in their original letter).

**28. On May 3, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Donald McGahn, White House Counsel, to inquire about Ivanka Trump's conflicts of interests and to direct Ms. Trump to recuse herself from any "particular matters affecting her financial interests."

**29. On May 9, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Vice Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, and all House Judiciary Subcommittee Ranking Members** sent a [letter](#) to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe urging the Department of Justice and the FBI to preserve Russia investigation documents and materials related to Mr. Comey's firing. (The Committee did receive a response from the Department regarding preservation of these materials.)

**30. On May 12, 2017, Representatives John Conyers and Elijah Cummings, the Ranking Members of the House Committees on the Judiciary and on Oversight and Government Reform, respectively,** sent a [letter](#) to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to express "grave concerns" about whether Attorney General Jeff Sessions violated recusal requirements with respect to the firing of Mr. Comey, and to request documents and information relating to the Attorney General's involvement in the President's recommendation to fire Director Comey.

**31. On May 12, 2017, Representatives John Conyers and Elijah Cummings, the Ranking Members of the House Committees on the Judiciary and on Oversight and Government Reform, respectively,** sent a [letter](#) to White House Counsel Donald McGahn to request copies of all recordings in possession of the White House relating to communications between President Trump and former FBI Director Comey.

**32. On June 2, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to White House Counsel McGahn urging President Trump not to block former FBI Director Comey's testimony, reminding him that doing so would be a baseless assertion of privilege that would be seen as an effort to obstruct the truth.

**33. On June 12, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** [sent](#) a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions asking him to provide the Committee with information relating to his knowledge of recent charges by Mr. Comey regarding improper conduct by the President, the veracity of his disclosure regarding meetings with Russian officials, and his compliance with the terms of his recusal.

**34. On June 14, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, together with Representatives Levin, Kildee, Dingell, Lawrence, and Moolenaar** wrote a [letter](#) to DHS Secretary Kelly to express concern about Iraqi American immigrants, many of whom are Chaldean, being placed in detention and awaiting deportation to Iraq. They requested that Secretary Kelly send a copy of the U.S. Government's agreement with Iraq and describe the measures being provided to ensure these individuals' safety. (Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Thomas Homan, sent a response to this inquiry on August 16, 2017 providing information regarding the agreement and asserting that "ICE will not exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement.")

**35. On July 6, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Representative David Cicilline, and several other House Democrats** wrote a [letter](#) to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions regarding recent adverse actions he has taken concerning the rights of working people to collectively hold their employers accountable for wage theft, employment discrimination, and other unlawful workplace conduct.

**36. On July 12, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats and several other House Democrats**, sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions requesting information about his decision to abruptly settle *United States v Prevezon Holdings Ltd*, a money laundering case concerning Russian sanctions, New York real estate holdings, and Natalia Veselnitskaya, the Kremlin-linked lawyer who met with Donald Trump Jr. (The Committee received a response from the Department of Justice on November 9, 2017 denying that the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York had any direct communications with Natalia Veselnitskaya regarding the settlement.)

**37. On July 18, 2017, the Ranking Members of the House Oversight and Government Reform, Judiciary, Homeland Security, and House Administration Committees** sent a [letter](#) to Vice President Pence requesting that he call for the resignation of Kris Kobach from his position as the Vice Chair of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, and that he rescind Mr. Kobach's unprecedented request for sensitive voter information.

**38. On July 31, 2017, Representatives Luis Gutierrez, Pramila Jayapal, and Hakeem Jeffries** sent a letter to President Trump to request that he continue Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), engage in a vigorous legal defense of DACA, oppose any efforts to challenge DACA, and that he refuse any settlement that would end DACA.

**39. On August 4, 2017, all House Judiciary Committee Democrats, Members of the Armed Services Committee, and Members of the LGBT Equality Caucus** sent a [letter](#) urging Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Joseph Dunford not to comply with any unconstitutional directive to ban transgender individuals from serving in the United States military.

**40. On August 4, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Sessions to express concerns and objections to his proposal to expand

the Department of Justice's civil asset forfeiture program. The letter urges Attorney General Sessions to reconsider his newly-announced policies.

**41. On August 7, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and Government Operations Subcommittee Ranking Member Gerry Connolly** sent a [letter](#) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Mick Mulvaney and Administrator of the OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Naomi Gao to express concern about the secret meetings held by President Trump's Regulatory Task Force and to request information and documents regarding the nature of these meetings.

**42. On August 10, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, his Judiciary colleagues, and more than 60 Members of Congress** sent an urgent [letter](#) to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to express "profound concern" over the "irresponsible and dangerous statements" made by President Trump on North Korea, and to urge Secretary Tillerson to do everything in his power to ensure that President Trump and other Administration officials understand the delicacy of this national security issue.

**43. On October 26, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Immigration and Government Reform Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a [letter](#) to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine C. Duke expressing concern regarding DHS's detaining of a 10-year-old child with cerebral palsy immediately after being released from surgery.

**44. On November 1, 2017, Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutiérrez, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and Val Demings** signed onto a [letter](#) led by Jimmy Gomez to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine C. Duke urging the Administration renew the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, El Salvador, and Syria. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on February 26, 2018, explaining the Secretary's decision to terminate the TPS programs for Haiti, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. The letter also announced the Secretary's decision to extend Syria's TPS program and that she has yet to make a decision in regard to Honduras' extension.)

**45. On November 3, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and his Judiciary colleagues Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Karen Bass, and Hakeem Jeffries joined Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond and their CBC colleagues** to send a [letter](#) to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine C. Duke to request a full 18-month re-designation of Haiti's TPS designation.

**46. On November 7, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions ahead of the Committee's Department of Justice Oversight Hearing, at which Attorney General Sessions was scheduled to testify. The letter cited various inconsistencies in past testimony and the DOJ's failure to respond to Committee oversight letters, and announced that these topics would be discussed at the November 14, 2017 hearing.

**47. On November 8, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and his Judiciary colleagues Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Luis Gutiérrez, Bradley Scott Schneider, and Pramila Jayapal—along with House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, and Representative Adriano Espaillat—sent a [letter](#)** to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine C. Duke urging the Department to reconsider the applications of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients who applied for an extensions but were rejected due to a delay by the U.S. Postal Service.

**48. On November 9, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Representatives Ted Deutch, Pramila Jayapal, and Jamie Raskin joined Representative John Sarbanes and other Members of Congress** to send a [letter](#) to Acting Assistant General Counsel of the Federal Election Commission, Neven F. Stipanovic. The letter responds to an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding disclaimers on internet communications, and requests the Commission establish regulations to harmonize disclaimer requirements for paid internet communications in light of foreign interests placing paid political advertisements online during the 2016 presidential election.

**49. On November 9, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Representative Jamie Raskin** sent a [letter](#) to Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach expressing concern about the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity's reported violation of federal records retention laws. The letter requests (1) documents related to these concerns, (2) that all Commission Members preserve all personal emails addressing official Commission business, and (3) that Committee Members immediately be given official email addresses from which all future business be conducted.

**50. On December 1, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions to express concern about the security of our next federal elections and to request a briefing for all House Judiciary Committee Members regarding measures the Department has taken to address vulnerabilities in the federal election system.

**51. On December 1, 2017, Ranking Member Representative Nadler, along with 8 other House Judiciary Democrats,** sent a letter to Acting Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Eric Hagan to express concern about the treatment of undocumented women under the control of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

**52. On December 11, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Elijah Cummings** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein expressing concerns about the Department of Justice's failure to provide documents to Democrats as part of the joint investigation initiated by Chairmen Bob Goodlatte and Trey Gowdy into last year's review by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails. The Ranking Members also requested copies of all correspondence with the Majority related to the investigation, as well as documentation of any Republican document requests.

**53. On December 14, 2017, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Hakeem Jeffries and Jamie Raskin** sent a [letter](#) to Sarah Isgur Flores, the Director of the Office of Public Affairs for the U.S. Department of Justice, inquiring whether the Department of Justice consulted with the Inspector General's office before sharing FBI Agent Peter Strzok's text messages to the media.

**54. On December 15, 2017, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Hakeem Jeffries and Jamie Raskin** sent a follow-up [letter](#) to Sarah Isgur Flores asking her to clarify if FBI Agent Peter Strzok's text messages were leaked to the press prior to their delivery to Congress.

**55. On January 18, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Ted Deutch, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and Val Demings signed onto a [letter](#) led by Representatives Carolyn Maloney, Jose Serrano, and Luis Gutiérrez** to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross to reject the Department of Justice's request to add a question on citizenship status to the 2020 decennial census. (The Members received a response from the Department of Commerce on February 26, 2018, The letter says that the Department is conducting an "orderly review" of the Department of Justice's request and asserted the Department's commitment "to conduct a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census.")

**56. On January 26, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler** signed onto a bipartisan [letter](#) led by Representatives Seth Moulton and Steve Russell to Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen urging the renewal of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Syria. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on February 22, 2018, announcing that the Secretary decided to extend the TPS designation for Syria for 18 months.)

**57. On January 30, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson requesting additional information regarding Executive Order 13,815, the signing of which allowed for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program to partially resume barring individuals from eleven countries from resettlement for an additional 90-days. (These Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on March 19, 2018 expressing the agency's intent to organize a briefing with the Department of State for their committees of jurisdiction on the additional security procedures for USRAP that were recently announced. The Members also received a response from the Department of State on April 12 with information about the Administration's 90-day review of refugee screening procedures for the 11 countries in question.)

**58. On February 1, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to FBI Director Christopher Wray, asking that he appear on an emergency basis before Members of the Committee to brief them on the FBI's concerns regarding the anticipated release of the so-called "Nunes Memo."

**59. On February 6, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and FBI Director Christopher Wray in regards to the letter sent to them by

Chairman Goodlatte on February 1, 2018. Ranking Member Nadler revealed that Chairman Goodlatte's request for materials about alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act against individuals in the Trump Administration was sent without consultation with the Minority, and expressed concern that the purpose of such displays of oversight power could undermine ongoing federal investigations. (The Ranking Member received a response from the Department of Justice on August 20, 2018. The Department's letter ensures that the "Department's general practice is to provide information responsive to formal oversight requests to congressional committees on a bipartisan basis. This has been our intent and will continue to be our practice going forward.")

**60-71. On February 7, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Elijah, Subcommittee on Government Operations Ranking Member Gerry Connolly, and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline** sent [letters](#) requesting that 12 agencies provide the identities of their respective Regulatory Reform Task Force Members, which may play a significant role in proposing regulatory changes during the Trump Administration. These agencies include the Department of Labor, General Services Administration, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, Department of State, Agency for International Development, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, and the Department of Justice. (The Committee has received responses from 9 of these 12 agencies.)

**72. On February 8, 2018, Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard, Pramila Jayapal, Zoe Lofgren, and Bennie Thompson led a [letter](#) signed by 75 Members of Congress—including 9 House Judiciary Democrats—to** Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen expressing profound concern with the Department of Homeland Security's practice of separating immigrant families, both in the United States and at the U.S.-Mexico border. Numerous studies and stories have shown this practice traumatizes those seeking humanitarian relief and limits their ability to lawfully pursue legal relief

**73. On March 12, 2018, U.S Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Representative Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to President Donald J. Trump urging him to use all available resources to extradite the 13 Russian Nationals indicted by the D.C. Grand Jury to justice and stand trial in the United States.

**74. On March 20, 2018, House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings and House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly requesting documents related to the confidentiality pledge "gag orders" that White House staff have reportedly been ordered to sign. The Ranking Members requested that Mr. Kelly produce to the Committees, by April 3, 2018, any non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements; any documents related to those agreements; any information provided to federal employees about communications with Congress; and any documents or communications identifying who in the White House signed a non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement.

**75. On April 11, 2018, a coalition of seven House Democratic national security leaders**—including Committee on Homeland Security Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson, Armed Services Ranking Member Adam Smith, Judiciary Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Oversight & Government Reform Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Homeland Security Border & Maritime Security Subcommittee Ranking Member Filemon Vela, Judiciary Immigration & Border Security Subcommittee Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, and Oversight & Government Reform National Security Subcommittee Ranking Member Stephen F. Lynch—sent a [letter](#) to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Defense Secretary James Mattis to oppose President Trump’s decision to deploy National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border. (The Members received a response from Customs and Border Protection on May 16, 2018. The letter came with an enclosure that addressed each of the questions asked in the Members’ original letter.)

**76. On April 17, 2018, all Democratic Members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions urging him to reject policy changes that would undermine central elements of due process and fairness in the American immigration system, such as imposing numeric quotas and terminating the Legal Orientation Program (LOP).

**77. On April 17, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutiérrez, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and Val Demings** sign onto a [letter](#) led by Rep. Nydia Velázquez to Homeland Security Secretary Kirjsten Nielsen requesting information on recent Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program decisions affecting thousands of immigrants from Sudan, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, and Syria. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on June 8, 2018. The response included minimal information regarding TPS designation decisions, asserting that the Secretary of Homeland Security is responsible for reviewing condition in foreign countries and determining if require conditions are met. The letter directs the Members to view additional information in the *Federal Register* and on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website.)

**78. On April 19, 2018, 102 House Democrats—including House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and 8 of his Committee colleagues**—sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions objecting to the Department of Justice’s decision to terminate the Legal Orientation Program (LOP) and the Immigration Court Help Desk program. These programs provide critical legal assistance to detained immigrants facing deportation, and the Members expressed their expectation that the programs be resumed “consistent with congressional intent.”

**79. On April 25, 2018, Congressman Ted Lieu and Congressman Ruben Gallego** sent a [letter](#) to the White House Communications Agency, U.S. Secret Service, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) urging them to clarify steps the White House is taking to ensure the President’s communications are protected. The letter followed reports that the President still used an unsecured phone that could leave him vulnerable to cyberattacks.

**80. On May 1, 2018, Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr. led 126 Members of Congress—including House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and 13 of his Committee colleagues—in sending a [letter](#) to President Donald Trump questioning the United States’ alarmingly low acceptance rate of refugees during his tenure. The Members asked the Trump Administration to respond to a series of inquiries regarding refugees barred from resettlement due to the President’s executive orders, and the administration’s ability to meet the 45,000 refugee resettlement cap set for 2018. (The Members received a response to this letter on September 4, 2018 from the Department of Homeland Security. In the letter, the Department included an insert that responded to the various inquiries made by the Members in their May 1 letter.)**

**81. On May 1, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Yvette Clarke, Joseph Crowley, Kathleen Rice, Gregory Meeks, Adriano Espaillat, Grace Meng, and Nydia Velázquez sent a letter to U.S. Customs and Immigration Services Director Lee Cissna inquiring about the excessively long processing time for the I-485 immigration form in New York State, and requesting an accelerated processing time for three New York facilities.**

**82. On May 8, 2018, House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte and Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to Administrative Office of the United States Courts Director James Duff proposing efforts to better protect employees in the Judiciary from inappropriate workplace misconduct. The Members asked that the Office respond to various questions about the Federal Judiciary Workplace Conduct Working Group and the processes it has established to protect employees. (The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts responded on May 25, 2018, with thorough responses to Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Nadler’s questions about the Working Group.)**

**83. On May 9, 2018, Senate Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar and House Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David N. Cicilline sent a [letter](#) to Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Makan Delrahim. The letter followed reports that AT&T made payments to a shell company established by Michael Cohen, President Trump’s personal lawyer. The Ranking Members urged the Department to oppose any attempt by any administration officials, or advisers to the president, to interfere with antitrust law enforcements. (The Members received a response from the Department on May 30, 2018, revealing that the Department is “not aware of any influence by the White House on the substance or merits of the AT&T/Time Warner matter or any other matter under review by the Antitrust Division.)**

**84. On May 15, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and Subcommittee Ranking Members David Cicilline and Gerald Connolly sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions requesting relevant documents and information pertinent to AT&T’s proposed acquisition of Time Warner. The Members wrote that this merger may expose President Trump’s potential interference with the Justice Department’s merger review process, undermining the public’s trust in the Department’s independence and credibility.**



**85. On May 16, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal led a letter signed by a group of more than 130 bipartisan House Members—including Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutiérrez, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, and Jamie Raskin—to Secretary of Homeland Security Kirjsten Nielsen, requesting that the Department of Homeland Security maintain the current regulation granting work authorization to certain H-4 dependent spouses of H-1B nonimmigrant workers. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on May 24, 2018. The letter asserted that the Department is “committed to growing the U.S. economy and creating jobs for U.S. workers,” as made apparent by Executive Order 13788. The letter also stated that “the public will be given an opportunity to provide feedback during a notice and comment period on any revisions to regulations that the Department determines appropriate, including revisions relating to the rule providing employment authorization to certain H-4 nonimmigrants”.)**

**86. On May 17, 2018, the Ranking Members of the Judiciary and Foreign Affairs Committees sent a [letter](#) to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross requesting information concerning President Trump’s endorsement of the Chinese phone company, ZTE, after his own administration originally expressed apprehension about allowing the foreign company a position of power in the United States’ telecommunications network.**

**87. On May 23, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, and other members of New York City’s congressional delegation sent a [letter](#) to President Trump asking him to meet with immigrant families in New York instead of holding hateful, unproductive events that demonize America’s immigrant communities.**

**88. On May 24, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats sent a [letter](#) to President Donald Trump urging him to voluntarily submit to an interview, threatening to issue a subpoena for his testimony if his legal team does not stop offering unacceptable conditions of his deposition and subsequently stalling Robert Mueller’s investigation.**

**89. On May 24, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a letter to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray urging the Justice Department and FBI to launch a criminal investigation into how the identity of a FBI source—one who had met with Trump Campaign officials in 2016 to gather intelligence on Russian election interference—was conveyed to the media.**

**90. On May 27, 2018, Representative David Cicilline led more than 60 House Democrats in sending a [letter](#) to Office of Government Ethics Acting Director David Apol, demanding an ethics investigation into President Trump’s potential ties to China following his decision to advocate for Chinese telecommunications firm ZTE.**

**91. On May 30, 2018, Rep. Kathleen Rice and 30 other House Democrats—including House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Reps. Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen requesting information regarding ICE’s**

protocol for LGBT detainees and urging the Department “use preexisting prosecutorial discretion to ensure that, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, LGBT individuals are released from custodial detention and that parole or alternatives to detention, such as supervised release and community placements, are used instead to ensure the safety of this population,” who are particularly vulnerable to abuse while in custody. (The Members received a response to this letter on July 13, 2018, in which the Department ensures their commitment to protecting LGBT detainees and asserting that “ICE places certain individuals in administrative segregation only when it is the last resort.”)

92. **On May 31, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal wrote a [letter](#) signed by Committee Members Jamie Raskin, Luis Gutiérrez, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, David Cicilline, and Val Demings, as well as Ranking Member Jerry Nadler,** to the Acting Director of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USCIS), Thomas Homan, requesting that he designate courthouses as sensitive locations where ICE cannot perform enforcement activities, as using them as enforcement areas may limit what those present can say and affect court representation of undocumented people. (The Members received a response from USCIS on June 26, 2018, asserting that courthouses are not sensitive locations under ICE policy but pursuant to an ICE directive issued on January 10, aliens encountered during a civil immigration enforcement action inside a courthouse will not be subject to civil immigration enforcement action, absent special circumstances.)

93. **On June 1, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Kristjen Nielsen of the Department of Homeland Security and Attorney General Jeff Sessions demanding answers about the Department of Homeland Security’s treatment of refugees and immigrants along the southern border of the United States, including the dramatic increase in family separations caused by the “zero tolerance” policy of the Trump Administration. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on August 23, 2018. In the letter, Secretary Nielsen continues to defend the Administration’s zero-tolerance immigration policies and efforts, assures that the Department “has never had a blanket policy of separating families at the border,” and requesting that Congress pursue legislation to close the “legal loopholes that incentivize criminals, smugglers, and other nefarious actors from exploiting our immigration system to enter the United States illegally.” The Department sent identical responses to various other immigration-related inquiries made by the Committee. )

94. **On June 1, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal led 57 members of Congress—including 8 House Judiciary Committee Democrats**—in sending a letter to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Director Thomas D. Homan to designate courthouses as sensitive locations where immigrants cannot be arrested and detained by ICE.

95. **On June 4, 2018, Representative Espaillat led a letter signed by over 100 members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives—including 13 Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee**—to U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The [letter](#) calls on Secretary DeVos to ensure states and school districts comply with the 1982 Supreme Court decision in [Plyler v. Doe](#) which established that all students, regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents, have a right to a public K-12 education.

96. **On June 5, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Members Jerrold Nadler, Luis Gutiérrez, Steve Cohen, Ted Deutch, Hank Johnson, Hakeem Jeffries, Pramila Jayapal, Ted Lieu, and Jamie Raskin** wrote a [letter](#) to Secretary Kristjen Nielsen of the Department of Homeland Security and Acting Commissioner David Kautter of the Internal Revenue Service to condemn the workplace immigration raid that occurred in Bean Station, Tennessee, and to voice concerns over methods and tactics used, as well as the lack of discretion in operating the raid. (The Members received a response from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on July 16, 2018. In the letter, ICE states: “As a matter of policy, ICE does not comment on investigations or operations because it could reveal investigative techniques, jeopardize ongoing investigations, or impact officer safety.”)

97. **On June 5, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerry Nadler, Representative Jamie Raskin, and Representative Ted Lieu** wrote a [letter](#) to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly regarding grave concerns over the security clearance quickly granted to Ivanka Trump, daughter of the president, as well as continuing concerns regarding Jared Kushner’s security clearance. The letter voices alarm that neither Trump nor Kushner properly applied for security clearance, creating potential security concerns for the White House.

98. **On June 6, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to White House Counsel Donald McGhan asking for information and guidance about the Trump Administration’s view of pardon power, as President Trump continues to wildly and widely wield and speak presumptively about his pardon ability, both with regard to himself and others, often without real precedent.

99. **On June 8, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Members Luis Gutiérrez and Pramila Jayapal joined nine other House Democrats** in sending a [letter](#) to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar expressing vehement opposition to the Administration’s new policy of prosecuting asylum seekers, often outside the due process of law, and requesting a response to questions regarding the holding of children separated from their families due to this prosecution.

100. **On June 8, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Members Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and Ted Lieu joined three other House Democrats** to send a [letter](#) to Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Christopher Wray and Acting Assistant Attorney General John Cronan requesting that an investigation be opened into Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt’s conduct in that role, specifically with regard to his professional ethics relating to using the office for personal or familial gain.

101. **On June 8, 2018, Representatives Don Beyer, Gerald Connolly, Jamie Raskin, Ruben Gallego, Pramila Jayapal, and Ted Lieu** sent a [letter](#) to FBI Director Christopher Wray and Acting Assistant Director of the Department of Justice Criminal Division, John Cronan, requesting that the Department open a criminal investigation into EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for potential violation of corruption laws.

102. **On June 13, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerry Nadler and other top Democrats, including Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Ways and Means Ranking Member Richard Neal, Oversight Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and Education and the Workforce Ranking Member Bobby Scott** sent a [letter](#) to US Attorney General Jeff Sessions demanding an explanation of the Department of Justice's refusal to defend the Affordable Care Act against a constitutionality challenge in Texas, violating decades of Department policy when a defensible position exists. (The Members received an a response from the Department of Justice on June 26, 2018 refusing to provide specific answers due to the pending nature of the litigation, but provided the current status of the case.)

103. **On June 13, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representative Jamie Raskin** sent a [letter](#) to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to inquire about recent reports that a Customs and Border Protection agent approached a national security reporter to inquire about her sources of confidential information. (The Members received a response from Customs and Border Security on June 29, 2018 announcing that the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General will be investigating this matter.)

104. **On June 13, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee** sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen, voicing strong opposition to the Department's plan to build tent cities at military posts around Texas to shelter unaccompanied migrant children.

105. **On June 20, 2018, House Judiciary Members Karen Bass, Sheila Jackson Lee, Val Demings, Pramila Jayapal, Zoe Lofgren, and 54 other House Members** sent a [letter](#) to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen demanding information on the whereabouts of unaccompanied minor immigrant girls who have been separated from their parents, as almost all media coverage has depicted boys, most aged 10 and up, which elicits concerns about the girls from members.

106. **On June 21, 2018, House Judiciary Member Ted Lieu joined Congressman Anthony Brown** to send a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions calling for him to withdraw his request that Judge Advocate Generals (JAGs) be sent to border areas and prosecute immigration cases, calling it an ineffective use of the JAGs and an inappropriate use of resources and requesting a reversal of the policy.

107. **On June 26, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Luis Gutiérrez, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Eric Swalwell, Ted Lieu, and Jamie Raskin** signed onto a [letter](#) led by Tony Cardenas requesting additional information about the substantial increase in the number of children placed into the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

108. **On June 28, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to President Donald Trump opposing the Administration's family separation policy at the Southern border and demanding information on the implementation of the policy, and the level of coordination between relevant agencies.

**109. On June 28, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutiérrez, Karen Bass, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal** signed onto a [letter](#) led by Representative Suzanne Bonamici to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, and Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar requesting information on the Administration’s plan for reuniting families that were separated at the border as quickly as possible.

**110. On June 28, 2018, Representative Carolyn Maloney and 53 other Members of Congress—including Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, and Jamie Raskin**—sent a [letter](#) to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, requesting that he explain the contradictory and misleading statements he and other Trump Administration personnel have made regarding the decision to add a question on citizenship status to the 2020 Census.

**111. On June 29, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee led 58 Members of Congress** in sending a letter to President Trump condemning his administration’s role in the inhumane and cruel treatment of migrant families on the U.S.-Mexico border, and urging the administration to reverse the zero-tolerance separation policy immediately.

**112. On June 29, 2018, House Judiciary Member Ted Lieu led 51 Members of Congress** to send a [letter](#) to the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General John Kelly urging him to open an investigation regarding reports that asylum-seekers are being turned away at the U.S.-Mexico border before being referred to an asylum officer.

**113. On June 29, 2018, Representative Zoe Lofgren, Representative Luis Gutiérrez, and 50 other Members of Congress—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Hakeem Jeffries, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal**—sent a [letter](#) to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, L. Francis Cissna, requiring that USCIS commit additional resources and increase capacity to achieve an average processing time for naturalization applications of six months or less. (The Members received a response from Director Cissna on August 6, 2018. In the letter, the Director assured the members that USCIS “remain[s] focused on process improvement and employee development while at the same time combatting instances of fraud, abuse, and other activities threatening the integrity of our nation’s immigration system,” while recognizing the “disparities” in wait times mentioned by the Members in their letter.)

**114. On July 5, 2018, House Judiciary Member Ted Lieu and Congressman Don Beyer** sent a [letter](#) to the Environmental Protection Agency Inspector General to request an investigation into whether Scott Pruitt violated the Federal Records Act.

**115. On July 10, 2018, House Judiciary Member Luis V. Gutiérrez** sent a [letter](#) to Acting Assistant Attorney General John M. Gore in charge of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice demanding that the Civil Rights Division investigate an Anti-Puerto Rican incident in a Cook County, IL park.

**116. On July 13, 2018, House Judiciary Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Members Karen Bass and Pramila Jayapal** joined other members of Congress to send a [letter](#) to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar demanding answers to the grave concerns raised by HHS' use of DNA testing to reunite children taken from their families.

**117. On July 13, 2018, House Judiciary Member Pramila Jayapal led 83 Members of Congress** in sending a [letter](#) to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urging them to redesignate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somalia and extend the program for eighteen months. (The Members received a responses from the Department of State and Department of Homeland Security on July 30 and August 6, respectively, in which the Departments announced Secretary Nielsen's determination to extend the TPS designation for Somalia for 18 months.)

**118. On July 13, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee led 57 Members of Congress** in sending a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, urging Azar to order immediate cessation of the "Zero-Tolerance Policy for Criminal Illegal Entry." In the letter, the Congresswoman also urged the Secretary to reinstate the Family Case Management Program, conduct a census of all accompanied and unaccompanied immigrant children apprehended by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, restore eligibility for asylum status under the Refugee Act of 1980 refugees fleeing lethal violence and domestic abuse, cease and desist the placement of child immigrants in "tent cities," and prohibit federal agencies from assisting in State proceedings to terminate parental rights of any person whose child was removed from his or her care by a federal official.

**119. On July 13, 2018, Representatives Gutierrez, Lofgren, Lieu, Jayapal, as well as other Members of Congress,** sent a letter to President Trump expressing their concern regarding his plan to meet with Vladimir Putin as Russia continues to act in bad faith and against American interests.

**120. On July 17, 2018, Representative Tim Walz led a bipartisan [letter](#) signed by more than 60 Members of Congress—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—to** Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. In the letter, the Members expressed their disappointment in the Administration's failure to meet FY 2018's refugee ceiling of 45,000, and requested information regarding the implementation of the U.S. refugee program. (The Members received a response from USCIS on September 10, 2018 responding to their inquiries about the implementation of the U.S. refugee program. The also received a response from the Department of State on September 14, 2018.)

**121. On July 18, 2018, Representative Lois Frankel and 54 other Members of Congress—including Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutiérrez, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, and Jamie Raskin—sent a [letter](#) to** Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to express their strong opposition to the nomination of Ronald Mortensen for Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

122. **On July 19, 2018, Representative John Sarbanes led a [letter](#) signed by House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and House Administration Committee Ranking Member Robert Brady** to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, calling attention to the Congressional candidate who requested and received damaging information on his or her political opponent from Russian intelligence officials, and urging Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to refer the matter to the Federal Election Commission to investigate it as a potential campaign finance violation.

123. **On July 20, 2018, Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard and Pramila Jayapal, co-chairs of the Women’s Working Group on Immigration Reform,** sent a [letter](#) to Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen requesting she provide information to Congress regarding the status and treatment of pregnant women held in ICE and CBP custody. The letter was written in the wake of a July 9, 2018 BuzzFeed article detailing cases of neglect, mistreatment, and abuse of pregnant women in CBP and ICE facilities.

124. **On July 25, 2018, House Judiciary Democrat Congressman Brad Schneider and all 18 other house members of the Illinois congressional delegation** sent a [letter](#) to Department of Justice Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen to acknowledge and condemn the Russian attempts to influence the 2016 presidential election and request a briefing on all relevant information.

125. **On July 26, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Nadler and his Judiciary colleagues Reps. Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, Luis Guterrez, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal signed onto a [letter](#) led by Rep. Anna Eshoo** to senior officials at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Federal Election Commission (FEC) demanding the agencies launch an investigation of President Donald Trump and the Trump Foundation, and to obtain the president’s tax returns.

126. **On July 26, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar seeking additional information about the Administration’s policies and progress in regards to the number of children who have been separated from their parents at the border. These questions were sent following the July 18 multi-agency briefing of House Judiciary Committee Members regarding the family separation crisis at the border. (The Members received a response from Secretary Nielsen on August 24, 2018. In the letter, Secretary Nielsen continues to defend the Administration’s zero-tolerance immigration policies and efforts, assures that the Department “has never had a blanket policy of separating families at the border,” and requesting that Congress pursue legislation to close the “legal loopholes that incentivize criminals, smugglers, and other nefarious actors from exploiting our immigration system to enter the United States illegally.” The Department sent identical responses to various other immigration-related inquiries made by the Committee.)

127. **On July 26, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Reps. Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin,**

**and Pramila Jayapal, along with more than 45 of their House colleagues,** sent a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen urging that the Administration set the Presidential Determination (PD) for Refugee Admissions for Fiscal Year 2019 to 110,000. (The Members received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on August 26, 2018, and received a response from the State Department on August 24. The Departments assured that the multi-agency process of preparing a recommendation to the President is underway.)

**128. On July 26, 2018, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a letter to Director Cissna of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in order to express deep concern with the agency's new guidance governing the instances in which USCIS adjudicators will issue a Notice to Appear to trigger removal proceedings.

**129. On July 27, 2018,** Representatives Don Beyer, Pramila Jayapal, Jamie Raskin, and Raja Krishnamoorthi led a group of House Democrats today [asking](#) the Acting Director of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) for a review of recent meetings between Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and his former lobbying clients. The inquiry followed [reporting by E&E](#) that Wheeler met with at least three clients of Wheeler's former lobbying firm this summer, which may have violated his Trump Administration ethics pledge.

**130. On July 27, 2018, Representatives Hank Johnson, Luis Gutierrez, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and more than 30 other Democratic Members signed onto a letter led by Representative Nydia Velazquez** to USCIS Director Francis Cissna, encouraging USCIS to designate both Guatemala and Nicaragua Temporary Protected Status (TPS). (The Members received a response from USCIS on September 17, 2018, announcing the Secretary of Homeland Security's decision to terminate Nicaragua's TPS designation and failing to provide any information regarding the agency's consideration of designating Guatemala a TPS state.)

**131. On August 1, 2018 the Ranking Members of the House Judiciary Committee and House Committee on Education and the Workforce, alongside 67 other Members of Congress,** sent a [letter](#) to Mr. Hurwitz, the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to express their concern that the recent changes to its Transgender Offender Manual might be in violation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, making it more likely for violence to be committed against those who identify as transgender. (The Members received a response from the Bureau of Prisons on August 2, 2018. In the letter, the Bureau pledges to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act and the associated Department of Justice regulations concerning transgender offences.)

**132. On August 2, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a [letter](#) to the President Trump asking how and why he issued false statements concerning terrorism-related offenses when addressing the United States before a joint session of Congress.



133. **On August 3, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Reps. Luis Gutierrez, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal sent a [letter](#) with Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney and 40 of their House colleague** to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross demanding that he respond to Congressional inquiries regarding discrepancies between the Secretary’s testimony and documents contradicting his assertion that the Justice Department initiated the request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census.

134. **On August 8, 2018, the Ranking Members of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce** sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions to request a briefing about the new Religious Liberty Task Force established on July 30, 2018 as well as to note the concern the context in which it was established brings.

135. **On August 22, 2018, Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, and Ted Lieu** sent a letter to President Trump demanding a cessation of security clearance revocations without proper cause or the standard legal and administrative processes that occur before the denial or revocation of security clearances.

136. **On August 24, 2018, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a letter to Thomas P. Giles from Los Angeles Field Office of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) in order to express concern about ICE exceeding its detention and removal authority at facilities in Southern California.

137. **On August 28, 2018, House Committee on Education and the Workforce Ranking Member Bobby Scott, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and more than 170 House Democrats—including 15 House Judiciary Democrats—sent a [letter](#) to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos calling on the Department to issue formal guidance prohibiting the use of federal education funding to buy guns for teachers and school staff.**

138. **On September 5, 2018, Representative Luis Gutierrez** sent a letter to President Trump urging him to resign the office of the President of the United States.

139. **On September 7, 2018, Representatives Pramila Jayapal and Lucille Roybal-Allard, the co-chairs of the Women’s Working Group on Immigration Reform, led a group of 64 Members of Congress** in sending a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar urging them to support the Flores Settlement, a 1997 settlement that ensures children are treated humanely and released from detention without unnecessary delay. The letter was sent in light of news that the Departments intend to withdraw from the Flores Settlement by establishing their own set of regulations for the detention of children. (The Members received a response from ICE on December 3, 2018, but it did not substantively address the inquiries posed in the members’ letter.)

140. **On September 10, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee,** sent a letter to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, opposing the proposed rescission of the “Gainful Employment” (GE) rule Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) published in the Federal Register on August 14, 2018, and calling on the Department to reinstate the Gainful Employment rule.

**141. On September 17, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, and House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Eliot Engel** sent a letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of State, opposing the establishment of a third country agreement with the government of Mexico which would deny U.S. protection to asylum seekers who travel through Mexico. (The Members received a response from the State Department on November 8, 2018, though it provided no substantive response to the questions posed in the members' letter.)

**142. On September 18, 2018, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, Representative David Cicilline, Representative Pramila Jayapal, Representative Jamie Raskin and 6 other bipartisan members of the Refugee Caucus** sent a letter to President Donald Trump, urging him to set the refugee admissions level for fiscal year 2019 in a way that “aligns with global need signal to the international community the U.S. will continue to be a global leader in refugee protection.”

**143. On September 18, 2018, Representatives Ted Deutch, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Bradley Scott Schneider, and Val Demings joined more than 100 other Senators and Members of Congress** to send a [letter](#) to President Trump denouncing his statements concerning the fatalities in Puerto Rico from Hurricanes Irma, Maria, and their aftermath.

**144. On September 26, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and all House Judiciary Democrats, along with Senator Harris, Senator Blumenthal, Senator Hirono, Senator Sanders, and Senator Markey** sent a [letter](#) to Acting Inspector General John Kelly requesting that he investigate allegations that Department of Homeland Security employees used coercion and abuse to compel parents who were separated from their children to sign paperwork to forgo their parental rights or rights to pursue lawful asylum claims.

**145. On October 3, 2018, Representative Panetta led 38 Democratic Members of the House, including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and 9 other House Judiciary Democrats,** in sending a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions urging him to provide and uphold basic due process rights to asylum seekers.

**146. On October 5, 2018,** Representative Brad Schneider and David N. Cicilline led more than 119 Democratic Members of Congress in a [letter](#) to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, urging the Trump Administration to reverse its recent decision to impose cruel and discriminatory visa requirements on the same-sex partners of LGBTQ diplomats.

**147. On October 5, 2018,** Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard and Pramila Jayapal, the co-chairs of the Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform, led a group of 72 Members of Congress in a [letter](#) to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar, condemning the Trump Administration's transfer of more than 1,600 children in the dead of

night to an Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) tent city in Tornillo, Texas. The letter also expresses concern that sponsors for these children may face increased enforcement actions and arrests, due to increased sharing of information between HHS and DHS.

**148. On October 7, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler sent a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray**, requesting the FBI preserve all records related to the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. (The Ranking Member received a response to this letter on December 3, 2018, in which FBI Congressional Affairs Office Acting Assistant Director Jill Tyson notified Ranking Member Nadler that the request has been provided to the FBI's Office of the General Counsel).

**149. On October 9, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Raul M. Grijalva, and Representatives Colleen Hanabusa, Steven Cohen, and Donald McEachin** sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Interior Secretary, the Honorable Ryan Zinke, to express their concern with his proposal to charge recovery fees for First Amendment-protected activities that occur on the National Mall, Memorial Parks, and Presidents' Parks in Washington, D.C.

**150. On October 11, 2018, Senator Diane Feinstein and Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Secretary Nielsen, requesting an unredacted copy of the April 23 internal DHS memo regarding the implementation of a family separation immigration policy, and all relevant attachments.

**151. On October 12, 2018, House Judiciary Ranking Member Nadler, along with several other House and Senate Democrats**, sent a [letter](#) to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Secretary Nielsen and Secretary of State Pompeo to urge the immediate cessation of deportation of Mauritanian nationals to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. (The Members received a response from the State Department on November 19, 2018, though the letter did not provide substantive responses to the questions posted in the members' letter.)

**152. On October 18, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson, and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Filemon Vela, and Pramila Jayapal** sent a letter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen, expressing concern about practices that inhibit the processing of asylum seekers along the southern border by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

**153. On October 19, 2018, Senator Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler**, [wrote a letter](#) to President Donald Trump to demand answers about payments the President and the Trump Organization have accepted from the Saudi royal family and government during the President's time in office, in clear violation of the Constitution's Foreign Emoluments Clause.

**154. On October 23, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren, and Representatives Joaquin Castro and Pramila Jayapal** sent a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Alexander Azar and Attorney General Jeff Sessions expressing their concern over a new initiative that would require detained unaccompanied

immigrant children to appear in immigration court proceedings through video, and urging them to terminate it.

**155. On November 2, 2018, House Judiciary Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, along with several other Judiciary Democrats,** sent a [letter](#) calling on Secretary of Defense, James Mattis, to provide answers about his deployment of 5,200 additional U.S. troops to the border, including how much the deployment will cost, how long the deployment will last, and what the rules of engagement will be.

**156. On November 6, 2018, House Judiciary Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member along with 72 other House Democrats,** submitted a comment to the Trump Administration's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding the 1985 Flores Settlement. In the letter to the Assistant Director of the Office of Policy at the U.S. Immigrant and Customs Enforcement expressing their concern of the "Apprehension, Processing, Care, and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children" proposed rule.

**157-165. On November 8, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Intelligence Committee Ranking Member Adam Schiff, Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein** sent letters to top Administration officials demanding the preservation of all documents and materials relevant to the work of the Office of the Special Counsel or the firing of Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Letters were sent to the White House Counsel [Pat Cipollone](#), FBI Director [Chris Wray](#), Director of National Intelligence [Dan Coats](#), CIA Director [Gina Haspel](#), Deputy U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York [Robert Khuzami](#), Treasury Secretary [Steven Mnuchin](#), NSA Director [Paul Nakasone](#), IRS Commissioner [Charles Rettig](#), and Acting Attorney General [Matt Whitaker](#).

**166. On November 8, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats sent a [letter](#) to Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker** demanding clarity on who had been given authority over the Special Counsel given the highly suspect circumstances of Attorney General Sessions' removal, the President's continued pattern of threatening to end the Mueller investigation, and the need for Whitaker to recuse himself from supervising the Special Counsel given his well-documented bias against the investigation.

**167. On November 11, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and other top Senate and House Democrats sent a [letter](#) to the Department of Justice's Chief Ethics Official, Assistant Attorney General Lee J. Loftus.** In the letter, top Senate and House Democrats outline the serious ethical considerations that should prevent President Trump's selection of Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker and that thus require Mr. Whitaker's immediate recusal.

**168. On November, 13, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker and FBI Director Christopher Wray** informing them of his expectation that, when Democrats take the Majority in the new year, the Department of

Justice and FBI will have responded to the backlog of unanswered requests concerning the President's continued attacks on the integrity of the FBI and the Department of Justice.

169-175. **On November 14, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent [seven](#) letters** requesting information concerning Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker's previous experience with World Patent Marketing, a company that has allegedly bilked millions from consumers and suppressed criticisms of their activities. The recipients of these letters included: Acting Attorney General Whitaker; Scott Cooper, the former founder and CEO of the World Patent Marketing; the FTC, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and; the Better Business Bureau serving Metro New York and Southeast Florida and the Caribbean.

176. **On November, 15, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to Acting Attorney General Whitaker, DHS Secretary Nielsen, and FBI Director Wray** informing them of his expectation that the DOJ, DHS, and FBI will have responded to the backlog of unanswered requests that Judiciary Committee Members have made concerning voting rights, election security, and specific foreign threats to the integrity of the election system when the Democrats take the Majority in the new year. (The Ranking Member received a response from the Department of Homeland Security on December 13, 2018, citing to previous responses to Congressional inquiries on the subject of election security rather than addressing the Ranking Member's specific inquiries directly.)

177. **On November, 19, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to Acting Attorney General Whitaker** requesting that the DOJ reply to the backlog of requests sent by Democratic Members of the House Judiciary Committee on matters relating to DOJ's decision to abstain from defending legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

178. **On November, 20, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to Acting AG Whitaker, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen** informing them that the Judiciary Committee will be conducting long-overdue oversight regarding the Trump administration's family separation and migrant detention policies and of Rep. Nadler's expectation that their respective departments will respond to the backlog of unanswered requests. (The Ranking Member received a response from the Department of Homeland Security, alerting him that the Department is currently drafting responses to the inquiries mentioned in his letter.)

179. **On November 27, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [letter](#) to Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen, and FBI Director Christopher Wray.** Rep. Ranking Member Nadler's letter reminded its recipients of matters relating to domestic terrorism, domestic surveillance, and the unjust profiling of racial, religious, and ethnic minority groups. Additionally, it called for greater transparency from the Trump administration as well as for the administration's prudent action.

180. **On November 29, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led a [letter](#) to HHS Secretary Alex Azar** reiterating concern over the released Health and Human Services Inspector General Report, which concluded that the migrant children facility in Tornillo, TX—the largest

detention center in the nation—failed to conduct the required background checks for its employees and also failed to have the “sufficient” number of staff to provide adequate mental healthcare for children separated from their families. Ranking Member Nadler requested an immediate briefing be provided for members and demanded that the former head of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Scott Lloyd, be available to testify in the new Congress.

**181. On November 29, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal sent a [letter](#) alongside other Washington delegation members to ICE** demanding answers concerning the recent death of Mergensana Amar, a Russian asylum seeker who was detained in the custody of ICE at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington.

**182. On December 4, 2019, Ranking Member Nadler and his Judiciary Committee colleagues Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Karen Bass, Luiz Gutierrez, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal joined a [letter](#) led by Representative Jimmy Gomez to Department of Homeland Security Acting Inspector General John Kelly.** The letter requests that Acting IG Kelly conduct an immediate investigation into irregularities and potentially unlawful actions stemming from the administration’s decision to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations for over 315,000 people.

**183. On December 6, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler co-signed a [letter](#) to the Department of Justice’s Chief Ethics Official, Assistant Attorney General Lee J. Loftus,** which demanded an in-person meeting and renewed the Nov. 11, 2018 request to be notified in writing as to whether Assistant AG Loftus or any ethics official at the DoO has advised Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker to recuse himself from the Special Counsel investigation.

**184. On December 7, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Members Elijah Cummings, and Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Bennie Thompson [letter](#) to the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General** to investigate the death of Mariee Juarez days after leaving DHS custody earlier this year. Specifically, the letter asked the Office of the Inspector General to conduct a review into the medical care provided by ICE to 18-month-old Mairee and whether any of ICE’s actions contributed to Mairee’s death.

**185. On December 12, 2018, top Senate and House Democrats, including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, sent a [letter](#) to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** demanding an immediate briefing on his meeting with Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Jose Valencia, specifically concerning whether the future of WikiLeaks editor Julian Assange’s presence in the Ecuadorian embassy in London was discussed.

**186. On December 14, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren led a [letter](#) to the DHS Acting Inspector General John Kelly** following the news of the death of a 7-year-old girl who died while in Customs and Border Protection custody. The death raised serious questions about the conditions of the Customs and Border Protection’s short-term holding facilities. The letter

requests the IG's office to begin an immediate formal investigation on how and why this death was allowed to occur.

**187. On December 20, 2018, Representative Ted Lieu led a group of fifty-four members of Congress in a [letter](#)** urging the U.S. DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to immediately end the policy of deterring migrants from applying for asylum at U.S. ports of entry. The letter followed reports that two Honduran children were killed in Tijuana, highlighting the dangers experienced by the increasing numbers of Central Americans stranded in Mexican border towns. Ranking member Nadler and other members of the House Judiciary Committee signed this letter.

## 9 LETTERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INSPECTOR GENERAL



1. **On November 4, 2016, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. of the House Judiciary Committee and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform** sent a [letter](#) calling on the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct an immediate investigation to determine the source of multiple authorized leaks from within the FBI to the benefit of presidential candidate Donald Trump. (On January 12, 2017, the Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz announced the launch of an investigation into the FBI’s conduct leading up to the 2016 elections. The Justice Department released this report on June 14, 2018, entitled, “A Review of Various Actions by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice in Advance of the 2016 Election.”)
2. **On February 17, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats**, sent a [letter](#) to Inspector General Michael Horowitz calling for an investigation into possible threats by the Trump Administration against potential whistleblowers regarding the Administration’s Russian ties, as well as an investigation into Attorney General Jeff Session’s possible conflicts of interest and whether he should recuse himself from the investigation given his close connections to the Trump campaign.
3. **On May 11, 2017, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline** sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz requesting that he investigate whether the Trump administration has engaged in a pattern of politically motivated firings within the DOJ.
4. **On June 29, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats and all Oversight and Government Reform Democrats**, sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Justice Inspector requesting an investigation into whether Attorney General Sessions violated his recusal requirements from the



Russia investigation as result of his participation in the decision to fire FBI Director James Comey. (Inspector General Horowitz responded on December 8, 2017 denying the request for an investigation into Attorney General Sessions’s recusal because of its “potential to parallel an ongoing criminal investigation.”)

**5. On December 14, 2017, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Hakeem Jeffries and Jamie Raskin** sent a [letter](#) to the Inspector General inquiring whether the Department of Justice consulted with the Inspector General’s office before sharing FBI Agent Peter Strzok’s text messages to the media. (The Committee received a [response](#) from the Inspector General’s office on December 15, 2017 stating that they the Department did not consult with the IG’s office before releasing the content of those texts to the media.)

**6. On January 24, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings** sent a [letter](#) to Inspector General Michael Horowitz asking him to investigate the White House and Department of Justice’s efforts to discredit career investigators and the traditional independence of the FBI.

**7. On June 29, 2018, the Ranking Members of the House Judiciary Committee, House Oversight Committee, House Committee on Homeland Security, House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce** sent a [letter](#) to the Inspectors General of the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Health and Human Services, requesting an investigation into the Trump Administration’s “zero-tolerance” immigration prosecution policy.

**8. On August 1, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings** sent a letter to **Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz** in regards to the IG Office’s investigation into the government’s use of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to conduct surveillance of Trump campaign advisor Carter Page, the use of confidential human sources to investigation alleged links between the Trump campaign and the Russia investigation, and the unauthorized disclosure of information by the FBI to the press and to elements of the Trump campaign. In their letter, the Ranking Members urge Inspector General Horowitz to provide them with all findings and conclusions on each issue as quickly as possible, rather than waiting to package all findings into a single report.

**9. On September 7, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler joined the Ranking Members of the House Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Homeland Security, and House Administration—as well as Reps. David Price, G.K. Butterfield, and Alma Adams—to** send a [letter](#) to Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz and Department of Homeland Security Inspector General John Kelly. In the letter, the Members voiced their opposition to the scope of recent Trump Administration subpoenas demanding millions of North Carolina voter records and called for an investigation into the legality and political motivation behind this unprecedented request for private voter information.

## 54 LETTERS TO HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND HOUSE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP



1. **On November 30, 2016, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte requesting committee hearings on federal conflicts of interest and ethics laws that may apply to President-elect Donald Trump.
2. **On January 12, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, and the top Ranking Democratic Members of 21 House Committees** sent a [letter](#) to House Speaker Paul Ryan urging him to join them in demanding documents about President-Elect Donald Trump's worldwide business dealings.
3. **On January 24, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte requesting a hearing on President Trump's potential violations of the Foreign Emoluments Clause.
4. **On February 6, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, along with 63 House Members,** signed a letter addressed to Speaker Ryan asking him to join them in opposing President Trump's Muslim ban executive order.
5. **On February 21, 2017, Representative Brad Schneider** sent a letter to House Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee leaders, Chairman Sensenbrenner and Ranking Member Lofgren, requesting a hearing to investigate the legality and potential impact on Trump's immigration executive orders.
6. **On March 9, 2017, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee** sent a letter to Chairman Goodlatte requesting a hearing to discuss allegations that senior Trump Administration officials improperly influenced the intelligence community to produce a post-hoc justification for the Muslim ban.

7. **On March 10, 2017 all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging him to conduct greater oversight of the Trump Administration with respect to ongoing connections between his associates and the Russian government.

8. **On April 4, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers joined a letter spearheaded by Representatives David Cicilline and Zoe Lofgren** to House Appropriations Committee Homeland Security Subcommittee leaders, Chairman John Carter and Ranking Member Lucille Roybal-Allard, requesting that no FY-18 funds be used to further any policy that would separate immigrant children from their families for the purpose of deterrence. This letter responds to the position of Secretary Kelly, who confirmed that the Department of Homeland Security was considering a plan to separate children from their parents when apprehended at the border, in order to deter immigration from Central America through Mexico.

9. **On May 2, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Ted Lieu, and Pramila Jayapal joined Representative Mark Pocan and 11 other Members of Congress** to send a [letter](#) to Secretary of State James Mattis urging the Administration to brief Congress before the U.S. approves or assists military action by Saudi Arabia in Yemen.

10. **On May 11, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging him to schedule a hearing on the firing of FBI Director James Comey.

11. **On May 16, 2017 all House Judiciary Democrats and all Oversight and Government Reform Democrats** [sent letters](#) to Chairmen Goodlatte and Chaffetz, respectively, urging a joint investigation into the actions of President Trump, Attorney General Sessions, and other top White House aides in association with Russian influence in the 2016 election.

12. **On May 24, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers** issued a [statement](#) calling on Chairman Goodlatte to convene a hearing to discuss Attorney General Sessions's failure to disclose his contacts with Russian officials as part of his security clearance.

13. **On June 21, 2017, sixteen House Judiciary Democrats** sent [a letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging him to schedule a hearing to examine events related to any investigation into Russian influence in the 2016 election and other matters, including the firing of FBI Director James Comey and the inconsistent application of the Attorney General's recusal from these and related matters.

14. **On July 14, 2017, Representative Hakeem Jeffries** sent a letter to Chairman Goodlatte urging that he hold a hearing to examine the efforts of the Russian government to influence the 2016 presidential election.

15. **On July 20, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte requesting a hearing with senior leadership of the Department of Justice regarding President Trump's contempt for the Department, as expressed by his complaints about Attorney General Jeff Sessions's recusal from the Russia investigation and attacks on the credibility of Deputy

Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, and Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

**16. On July 28, 2017, Representatives John Conyers, David Cicilline, and Pramila Jayapal** sent a letter to Chairman Goodlatte expressing concern over the Majority's unfair handling of the disposition of H. Res 446, a resolution of inquiry seeking information relating to the recusal of Attorney General Sessions and the removal of former FBI Director Comey.

**17. On August 23, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging that he hold a hearing on the tragic events in Charlottesville, a formal condemnation of the alt-right extremists responsible for these events, and the censure of President Trump for his shocking and divisive response.

**18. On August 30, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent [a letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging that he schedule a hearing on President Trump's pardon of Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

**19. On September 7, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, as well as Representative Jimmy Gomez, Ranking Member Elijah Cummings of the House Oversight Committee, and Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security** [wrote to](#) Chairman of the Oversight Committee Trey Gowdy and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee Bob Goodlatte asking that hearings be held "to review the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the President's decision" to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

**20. On September 14, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Ranking Member Sheila Jackson Lee** wrote a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte to request that he assert jurisdiction over H.R. 3668, the "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act."

**21. On September 15, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte expressing concern with his decision to "move the previous question" on H. Res. 488, the Jayapal-Cicilline resolution of inquiry.

**22. On October 2, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Ranking Member Sheila Jackson Lee** wrote a follow up [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte regarding H.R. 3668, the "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act." In wake of the deadly shooting in Las Vegas and the Natural Resources Committee's consideration of this bill, Ranking Members Conyers and Jackson Lee requested that Chairman Goodlatte schedule hearings on this issue before the legislation is considered by the House.

**23. On October 30, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers** sent a [letter](#) to Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte, questing that he include within the scope of the joint with Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy the firing of former FBI Director James Comey, foreign interference in American elections, and related issues.

24. **On November 1, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte requesting hearings on the issue of gun violence and the adoption of legislation that strengthens our nation's gun laws in the wake of the mass shooting in Las Vegas.

25. **On November 6, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Ranking Member Sheila Jackson Lee** sent another [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte regarding gun violence urging him to investigate gun law reform in response to the killing of 25 individuals in a Texas church on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

26. **On November 14, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline** sent a letter to Chairman Bob Goodlatte requesting a hearing on competition in the telecommunications and media industries and to examine the White House's role in AT&T's proposed acquisition of Time Warner.

27. **On December 14, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings** sent a [letter](#) to their respective Chairmen urging them to issue subpoenas for documents from Cambridge Analytica and Giles-Parscale—two Trump Campaign data consultants—after they refused to deny communications with foreign actors during the 2016 presidential election.

28. **On December 18, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte urging him to hold hearings on President Trump's threat to abuse his pardon power.

29. **On January 9, 2018, the Ranking Members of the House Judiciary Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, Financial Services Committee, Homeland Security Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and House Administration Committee** sent a [letter](#) to Speaker Paul Ryan regarding future risks of interference in our national elections and requesting a meeting with leaders of both parties to discuss this matter.

30. **On January 23, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte after reviewing the so-called "Nunes Memo," urging him to ask the Department of Justice to make the source materials of the memo available to all House Judiciary Committee Members, and requesting that he ask Chairman Nunes to grant the Department of Justice and the FBI access to his memo.

31. **On February 1, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte asking that the Committee call on FBI Director Christopher Wray to appear on an emergency basis before Members of the Committee to brief them on the FBI's concerns regarding the anticipated release of the so-called "Nunes Memo."

32. **On February 5, 2018, House Judiciary Democrats Representatives Nadler, Lieu, Jackson Lee, Jayapal, Cohen, Cicilline, Lofgren, Raskin, Swalwell, Jeffries, and Johnson** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Goodlatte expressing their concerns regarding Attorney General Sessions's measures to rescind the Department of Justice marijuana enforcement guidance issued during the Obama Administration and requesting a full Committee hearing on this topic.

33. **On February 8, 2018, all House Judiciary Committee Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte calling for immediate hearings examining the U.S. election infrastructure after a senior U.S. Department of Homeland Security official revealed that Russia hacked American election infrastructures. The letter asks the Majority to hold emergency hearings to look into potential vulnerabilities of our election infrastructure, foreign threats posed, and to examine what steps the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, and the State Department are taking to ensure the integrity of future state and federal elections.

34. **On February 14, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Lofgren, Jackson Lee, Cohen, Deutch, Gutiérrez, Bass, Cicilline, Raskin, and Jayapal** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte urging him to hold a hearing for the purpose of examining the ongoing opioid epidemic in America.

35. **On February 21, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte following the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida, urging him to bring gun violence legislation before the House Judiciary Committee for a vote.

36. **On March 14, 2018, 83 House Democrats including House Judiciary Committee Members Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Luis V. Gutiérrez, Ted Deutch, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Hakeem Jeffries, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, Ted Lieu, and Val Demings** sent a [letter](#) to House Leadership in both parties, and to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, calling for the Dream Act to be included in the Omnibus spending bill.

37. **On March 19, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal led 50 other Members of Congress—including House Judiciary Committee Representative Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, Cedric Richmond, and Luis Gutiérrez—sent a letter** to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Homeland Security, urging them to reject the separation of families at the border and instead restore funding for alternatives to detention, such as the Family Case Management Program (FCMP).

38. **On March 20, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte urging him to investigate attacks on Special Counsel Robert Mueller and the FBI investigation, and to call in the Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie for a transcribed interview with the Committee.

39. **On April 10, 2018, the Ranking Members of the House Judiciary Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House Administration Committee, Homeland Security Committee, and Foreign Affairs Committee** sent a [letter](#) to Speaker Paul Ryan to seek assistance in obtaining documents that the Trump Administration has been withholding from Congress regarding Russian interference into the 2016 presidential election.

40. **On April 17, 2018, sixteen House Judiciary Committee Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte following President Donald Trump’s pardon of I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby to request a hearing on the President’s potential use of pardon power.
41. **On June 7, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Members Pramila Jayapal and Zoe Lofgren led a [letter](#) signed by Ranking Member Nadler and Representatives Luis Gutiérrez, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, David Cicilline, Cedric Richmond, Ted Lieu and Jamie Raskin** to Chairman of the Subcommittee on Homeland Security Committee on Appropriations John Carter and the Committee’s Ranking Member Rep. Lucille Royball-Allard. The letter requests the Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations to restrict the Department of Homeland Security’s policy of separating families at the border by withholding funding from the Department.
42. **On June 21, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, denouncing Goodlatte’s most recent subpoena issued to the Department of Justice on March 22 as “defective,” as it does not comply with Committee rules and is therefore not a valid subpoena under the Rules of the House.
43. **On June 27, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte following the Committee markup on June 26, during which the Majority used an unprecedented procedures such as overturning a correct parliamentary ruling by the Chair in disregard of Committee and House Rules, and moving to previous question while Democrats still had four pending amendments at the desk. In the letter, the members expressed their concern regarding the Committee’s fairness with respect to markups and related matters under the guise of so-called “emergencies.”
44. **On July 6, 2018, House Judiciary Member Ted Lieu joined House Members Gerald Connolly and Dina Titus** to send a [letter](#) to House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce requesting a hearing on reports that the North Korean regime is stepping up its production of nuclear missiles.
45. **On July 11, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte requesting an oversight hearing with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, after the Committee majority abruptly postponed a hearing with Secretary Nielsen in June.
46. **On July 11, 2018: House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings** sent a [letter](#) to Chairmen Gowdy and Goodlatte criticizing Committee Republicans’ treatment of the Minority and compliance with Committee rules. In the letter, the Members call for release of transcripts of the Committees confidential interview with Peter Strzok and criticize other procedural abuses perpetrated by the Majority. The Ranking Members also released a [press statement](#) on this day explicitly asking for the Strzok interview to be released.

47. **On July 16, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler** sent a letter to Chairman Goodlatte to object to his failure to honor the Minority's request to invite a Minority witness for the hearing on "Facebook, Google and Twitter: Examining the Content Filtering Practices of Social Media Giants," scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

48. **On July 26, 2018 House Judiciary Democrat Congressman Ted Deutch along with 40 other Members of Congress** sent a [letter](#) to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce to schedule a joint hearing between their two committees to examine the recent settlement that allows Defense Distributed to publish instructions for 3-D printed guns.

49. **On July 26, 2018, Reps. Bennie G. Thompson, Robert A. Brady, Elijah E. Cummings, and Jerrold Nadler—Ranking Members of the House Committees on Homeland Security, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, respectively—**sent a [letter](#) to their respective Chairmen requesting a joint hearing on election security to investigate the threats facing elections in 2018 and the Trump Administration's plan to secure our elections from foreign interference.

50. **On August 24, 2017 all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to the House Judiciary Committee Chairman Goodlatte urging him to reach out to the Justice Department and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York to get information on the investigation of Mr. Cohen and Mr. Manafort, to hold hearings on the abuse of presidential pardon authority, and to support H.R. 5476, the "Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act."

51. **On September 6, 2018, House Judiciary Democrats Reps. Zoe Lofgren, Hank Johnson David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal joined 10 of their Democratic colleagues** to send a letter to Senators Chuck Grassley and Diane Feinstein—the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee—expressing their strong opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

52. **On September 17, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutierrez, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal and more than 60 other U.S. Representatives and Senators signed onto a [letter](#) led by Senator Kamala Harris and Representative Adriano Espaillat** to House and Senate Leadership regarding Department of Homeland Security Appropriations for fiscal year 2019. In their letter to Senate Majority Leader McConnell, House Speaker Ryan, Senate Appropriations Chairman Shelby, and House Appropriations Chairman Frelinghuysen, the Members urged leadership to reject any amendment or policy rider for DHS appropriations for the 2019 fiscal year that would expand inhumane and costly family immigration detention or otherwise undermine legal protections for detained immigrant children.

53. **On September 17, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutierrez, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and nearly 100 other Members of Congress signed onto a [letter](#) led by the Democratic Women's Working Group** to all U.S. Senators, urging the Senate delays any vote on the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh until a



thorough investigation of recent allegations of Judge Kavanaugh's history of sexual assault has taken place.

54. **On November 8, 2018, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Bob Goodlatte requesting that the Committee hold emergency hearings in order to investigate the circumstances of Attorney General Sessions' firing and to ensure that Special Counsel Mueller's investigation was free to continue unhindered and without interference from the White House.

## 14 LETTERS TO OUTSIDE ENTITIES

1. **On May 3, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats** sent a [letter](#) to Abigail Klem, CEO of the Ivanka Trump Collection, to inquire about Ivanka Trump's conflicts of interests and to direct Ms. Trump to recuse herself from "particular matters affecting her financial interests." (The Committee received a partial response from Ms. Klem on May 17, 2017.)
2. **On June 1, 2017, Senator Patrick Leahy of the Senate Judiciary Committee, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr., and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** sent a [letter](#) to Laurent Morali, President of Kushner Companies, requesting information regarding their participation in the EB-5 federal immigration program and expressing concerns that Kushner Companies and its latest EB-5 project may be benefitting from the Kushner family's associations with the White House.
3. **On June 12, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Democrats** sent a follow up [letter](#) to Abigail Klem, CEO of the Ivanka Trump Collection, requesting information on their business dealings with foreign countries and Ivanka Trump's involvement with the company. The Committee sent this inquiry after receiving an insufficient response to their previous letter. (The Committee received a partial response to this inquiry on July 5, 2017.)
4. **On June 30, 2017, The Congressional Black Caucus and Judiciary Committee Democrats** sent letters to the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#) and the [National Association of State Election Directors](#) raising concerns that recent requests from the Department of Justice and White House voter fraud commission may lead to voter suppression and privacy violations.
5. **On July 1, 2017, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, and their CBC colleagues** sent [letters](#) to the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors urging them to resist the voter suppression efforts being carried out by the Pence-Kobach commission and the Trump Administration.
- 6-10. **On October 26, 2017, Ranking Members John Conyers, Jr. and Elijah E. Cummings of the House Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform, respectively,** sent a [letter](#) to the leaders of five Trump campaign consultant organizations, including Cambridge Analytica, TargetPoint Consulting, Giles-Parscale, GOP Data Trust, and Deep Root Analytics. The letter requests information regarding their campaign operations, whether they engaged with known hostile foreign actors such as WikiLeaks, cooperated with foreign government, or used misappropriated data during the 2016 election. (The Ranking Members received responses from four of the five organizations, and all respondents refused to answer the inquiries or denied receiving information from the Russian government.)
11. **On March 9, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler, all House Judiciary Subcommittee Ranking Members, Vice Ranking Member Jamie Raskin, and Members of the Democratic Women's Working Group** sent a [letter](#) to the offices of McDermott Will & Emery, Kasowitz Benson Torres, and American Media, Inc. demanding answers about President Trump's so-called

“hush money” payoffs to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels. (The Members received a response from American Media, Inc. on March 19, 2018 declining to participate in a “government inquiry into its editorial decisions.”)

**12. On March 27, 2018, House Oversight Committee Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings and House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler** sent a [letter](#) to Alexander Tayler, the Acting Chief Executive Office of Cambridge Analytica, requesting information about Cambridge Analytica’s reported violation of U.S. election regulations that prohibit high-level strategy or analysis work by foreign nationals in U.S. political campaigns.

**13. On April 25, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Nadler joined Representative John Sarbanes and Elijah Cummings** to send a [letter](#) to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg inquiring as to his perspective on Facebook’s “unprecedented” role in the American political system.

**14. On June 5, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Member Ted Lieu and Congresswoman Kathleen Rice** sent a [letter](#) to the Georgia State Bar requesting that they open an investigation into Jay Sekulow, President Trump’s lawyer, for false statements made regarding his client’s, Donald Trump, involvement in suspicious happenings at Trump Tower during the 2016 election, highlighting that the Georgia Bar’s ethics rules mean that lying or failing to disclose a material fact could lead to disbarment.

## 1 REQUEST FOR A MINORITY DAY OF HEARINGS

1. On July 12, 2018, following the joint hearing with FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok, all House Judiciary and House Oversight and Government Reform Democrats sent a [letter](#) to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte and House Oversight Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy **invoking their right to a Minority day of hearings under House Rule XI, Clause (2)(j)(1) in order to have Steve Bannon testify.** The Members did not received a response to this letter.

## 2 COMMITTEE DISCHARGE LETTERS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RULE XI, CLAUSE (C)(2)

1. **On April 10, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee Ranking Members Sheila Jackson Lee and Steve Cohen sent a letter to Chairman Bob Goodlatte invoking their rights under House Rule XI, Clause (c)(2)** and notifying the Committee and its Clerk to request a special Committee meeting to consider two bills protecting the Office of the Special Counsel. These bills include H.R. 3654, the “Special Counsel Independence Protection Act,” and H.R. 4669, the “Special Counsel Integrity Act.”

2. **On July 20, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, and Representative Steve Cohen** sent a letter to Chairman Bob Goodlatte to invoke House Rule XI, Clause 2(c)(2) to demand an emergency hearing to consider H.R. 5476, the “Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act,” that would limit President Trump’s ability to fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller and interfere in the Russian election meddling investigation.

## 2 FLOOR DISCHARGE PETITIONS

1. **On March 21, 2018, Representative Steve Cohen introduced a [discharge petition](#)** that would bring the Special Counsel Integrity Act (H.R. 4669) to the House Floor. 179 Democrats signed the discharge petition. H.R. 4669 would create a cause of action for the special counsel in the event of his or her removal. A three-judge panel could immediately reinstate the special counsel if it found that he or she had been removed for reasons other than misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause. The bill further clarifies that only an Attorney General confirmed by the Senate—or, if the AG is recused, the most senior Senate-confirmed official at the Department of Justice—may remove or discipline a special counsel.

2. **On March 22, 2018, Representative Jackson Lee also introduced a [discharge petition](#)** to bring the Special Counsel Independence Protection Act (H.R. 3654) to the House floor. 152 Democrats signed the discharge petition. H.R. 3654 would require the Attorney General to work through the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in order to remove a duly appointed special counsel. The Attorney General could only remove the special counsel if a three-judge panel made a finding of misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause.

### 3 MOTIONS TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION



1. **On January 30, 2018, during the Committee markup of the Infrastructure Expansion Act of 2017 (H.R. 3808), Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler called on Chairman Goodlatte to hold an executive session** to allow every Member of the Committee to review the original source materials on which the so-called “Nunes Memo” is based, in order to consider the impact on law enforcement. Republicans shut down this request by a party line vote of 16 to 12.

2. **On July 17, 2018, during the full committee hearing on social media filtering, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler motioned for the Committee to go into executive session** in order to discuss threats to our electoral process from Russia. The motion failed on a party line vote of 12-10.

3. **On September 6, 2018, during a full committee markup of the *Permitting Litigation Efficiency Act of 2018* (H.R. 5468), House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler demanded the Committee immediately proceed to executive session** to discuss an appropriate response to President Donald Trump’s recent comments attacking the Department of Justice and directly calling on the Department to refrain from criminal prosecutions for partisan political purposes. The motion failed on a party line vote of 13-8.

## 14 OVERSIGHT-RELATED PRESS CONFERENCES

1. On December 21, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Luis Gutierrez, and Ted Lieu joined other members of the House Democratic Caucus to hold a [press conference](#) in support of Special Counsel Robert Mueller, during which the Members urged that the Special Counsel's investigation continue and not be meddled with or obstructed.
2. On January 18, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Committee Democrats, along with the Congressional Black Caucus, held a [press conference](#) introducing a resolution to censure President Trump following his racist "shithole" countries comment.
3. On March 5, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler joined Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney and Peter King, comedian and advocate Jon Stewart, and 9/11 victims to hold a [press conference](#) urging Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney to withdraw his proposal to separate the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) from National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) direction.
4. On March 14, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler joined many House Democrats and students at a [rally](#) outside the U.S. Capitol to demand government action on gun violence and voice his support of H.R. 4909, the "STOP School Violence Act".
5. On March 22, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led Committee Democrats in hosting a [press conference](#) discussing President Trump's potential moves against his own Department of Justice, including Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Special Counsel Mueller, among other concerns about President Trump threatening the rule of law.
6. On April 12, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led Committee Democrats in holding a [joint press conference](#) to introduce the Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act, the House Companion to a Senate bill that creates judicial review when necessary to stop interference.
7. On May 24, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led Committee Democrats in holding a [press conference](#) to discuss President Trump's "outrageous" demands of the Department of Justice and attacks against the FBI.
8. On June 14, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler joined Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi to hold a [press conference](#) on the release of the DOJ Inspector General Report entitled, "A Review of Various Actions by the FBI and DOJ in Advance of the 2016 Election."

9. On June 20, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led Committee Democrats, joined by many members of the House Democratic Caucus, in a [press conference](#) **introducing the Keep Families Together Act**, a bill with a Senate Companion, to stop family separation at the border.

10. On July 19, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Nadler joined a bipartisan group of House members, led by House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer, to hold a [press conference](#) **introducing H.R. 6437, the “Secure America from Russian Interference Act,”** which would help expose Russian attacks on U.S. election systems and strengthen U.S. government security.

11. On Jul 20, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal joined other House Democrats for a live [press conference](#) **from the U.S-Mexico border to condemn the Trump administration’s separation of children from their families, and the subsequent abuses that had occurred.** The group described emotional and physical abuse endured by parents and children, and a systematic denial of due process with no apparent plan to reunify the migrant families.

12. On July 26, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal led a [press conference](#) **during which Committee Democrats recounted their firsthand experiences witnessing the cruel and traumatic treatment of migrant families on the U.S.-Mexico border,** including interviewing children and parents in cages, viewing shelters, and observing mass prosecutions. They reminded the public that this day was the court-ordered deadline for the White House to reunite all separated families, and yet hundreds of children remained alone in camps.

13. On July 26, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Ranking Member on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations along with Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer held a [press conference](#) **to introduce the 2018 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).**

14. On September 26, 2018, ahead of planned testimony in the Senate, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler joined Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats at a [press event](#) **in support of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and her courageous decision to come forward to tell her story.**

## 20 OVERSIGHT-RELATED FORUMS

1. On December 6, 2016, Ranking Member John Conyers hosted a [forum](#) entitled “The Electoral College and the Future of American Democracy.” This forum featured bipartisan experts and scholars who discussed different proposed reforms to the current method of presidential selection.
2. On February 2, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and Representative Zoe Lofgren joined Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and other Members of Congress to hold a [forum](#) entitled “Not Who We Are: An Examination of Trump’s Un-American Muslim and Refugee Ban,” at which Members and participants discussed the threat President Trump’s executive order poses to our nation’s values.
3. On March 1, 2017, Representatives Karen Bass, Hank Johnson, and Sheila Jackson Lee joined Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond and other CBC colleagues for a CBC [briefing](#) entitled “The White House, Russian Officials, and National Security” to examine constitutional, ethical, and national security implications of the Trump Administration.
4. On March 9, 2017, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren joined other Members of Congress for a [forum](#) entitled “Ali v. Trump: The Fight for American Values” to examine the critical consequences of President Trump’s immigration policies.
5. On March 29, 2017, Representatives Pramila Jayapal and Lucille Roybal-Allard, the co-chairs of the Women’s Working Group on Immigration Reform, held a forum on the impacts of President Trump’s policies on children and families.
6. On April 6, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond, and Education and Workforce Committee Ranking Member Bobby Scott hosted a [forum](#) entitled “Civil Rights Under the Trump Administration – The First 100 Days.” These Members were joined by Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson, Joyce Beatty, Al Lawson, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Terri Sewell—as well as many civil rights experts and scholars—to discuss the Administration’s efforts to pull back federal enforcement of civil rights protections, including non-discrimination protections.
7. On June 7, 2017, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee hosted a hearing entitled “Special Counsel: What are the next steps? What are the Constitutional responsibilities of the U.S. Congress?” This [forum](#) highlighted the ways in which the U.S. Congress is responsible for oversight of the executive branch and discussed the Special Counsel investigation into possible collusion between the Russian government and Trump campaign officials during the 2016 presidential election.
8. On June 29, 2017, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee hosted a [forum](#) entitled “How to Define Obstruction of Justice in the Constitutional and Criminal Justice Context” in order to better educate Members of Congress and the public on the principles of obstruction of justice.



9. **On July 19, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers convened a [forum](#) on voting rights and privacy under the Pence-Kobach commission**, along with the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and fellow House Judiciary Democrats. This forum examined voting rights and privacy concerns related to recent requests made by the commission’s co-chair, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, to obtain detailed voter-roll information.

10. **On July 24, 2017, Representatives Steve Cohen, Mark Sanford, and John Conyers hosted a bipartisan [forum](#) on freedom of the press entitled “The State of Press Freedom in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,”** which discussed President Donald Trump’s numerous attempts to de-legitimize American mainstream media outlets by calling them “fake news” and “the enemy of the American people.”

11. **On September 8, 2017, Members of the Committees on the Judiciary and on Education and the Workforce hosted a [forum](#) entitled “Affirmative Action, Inclusion, and Racial Climate on America’s Campuses.”** Representatives John Conyers, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Hank Johnson joined their colleagues and faculty and staff from various universities to discuss the role of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act in ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment for students around the country.

12. **On September 12, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. joined Senator Cory Booker to host a bicameral [briefing](#) entitled “Will President Trump undo a signature civil rights movement accomplishment?”** to discuss the important role of the Federal Reserve’s full employment mandate and the threat that the Trump Administration policies’ pose to civil rights laws.

13. **On October 26, 2017, Representatives Pramila Jayapal and Lucille Roybal-Allard, the co-chairs of the Women’s Working Group on Immigration Reform, held a [forum](#)** to discuss the experiences of immigrant women in detention under the Trump Administration’s policies.

14. **On November 29, 2017, Members of the Committee on the Judiciary hosted a [forum](#) entitled “Refugee Resettlement: A Strategic Imperative.”** Representatives Bill Pascrell, Jr., Joe Crowley, Zoe Lofgren, David Cicilline, and Pramila Jayapal joined Madeleine Albright, Stephen Hadley, and David Milliband to discuss the strategic importance of refugee resettlement in the United States, and how it advances U.S. national security interests.

15. **On December 5, 2017, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member David Cicilline spoke to the Open Markets Institute for a briefing entitled, “America’s Monopoly Moment: Work, Innovation, and Control in an Age of Concentrated Power,”** during which he [discussed](#) the misled regulatory priorities of top Trump economic adviser, Gary Cohn.

16. **On February 16, 2018, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Ranking Member and Antitrust Caucus Co-Chair David Cicilline held a [briefing](#) with his Antitrust Caucus colleagues** entitled, “Restoring our Democracy: The

**Impact of Corporate Concentration on Political Inequality.”** House Judiciary Committee Democrat Jamie Raskin also spoke at this event.

**17. On April 13, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Democrats and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Democrats held a forum entitled, “Media Consolidation and Eroding Public Trust: Protecting Journalism in the Age of Trump,”** to discuss the Trump Administration’s actions to encourage media consolidation, and the wave of local broadcasters acquired by national broadcasters during the Trump era.

**18. On April 19, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler participated in Georgetown University Law Center’s forum on “Congressional Oversight of the DOJ and FBI in the Trump Era.”** Along with his fellow panelists, Ranking Member Nadler discussed the importance of ensuring an independent Justice Department and FBI, and the abnormality of the President’s recent attacks on his own Justice Department.

**19. On May 17, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Democrats and House Committee on Education and the Workforce Democrats joined Democratic leadership to hold a [forum](#) examining enforcement of the Civil Rights Act in schools.** The forum placed particular focus on civil rights attacks and rollbacks under the Trump Administration, and served as a venue to unveil a new GAO report entitled, “K-12 EDUCATION: Better Use of Information Could Help Agencies Identify Disparities and Address Racial Discrimination.”

**20. On June 21, 2018, Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard and Pramila Jayapal held a Women’s Working Group on Immigration Reform [shadow hearing](#)** to discuss President Trump’s policy of family separation at the U.S.-Mexico border. They were joined by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and other House Democrats.

## 14 OVERSIGHT-RELATED REPORTS

1. On March 1, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Ranking Member Steve Cohen released a [report](#) entitled “**Alternative Facts’ v. Reality: Ethics, Conflicts of Interest, and the Emoluments Clause.**” This documents highlights 15 facts rebutting the myths President Trump and others in his administration have perpetrated regarding the applicability of ethics and conflicts of interest laws.
2. On April 27, 2017, Representatives John Conyers, Jr., Karen Bass, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Jr., and Hakeem Jeffries joined Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond and their CBC colleagues to publish their [report](#), “**What Did Trump Do? The First-100-Days, #StayWoke List.**” The report discussed 100 problematic actions and remarks by the Trump Administration.
3. On April 27, 2017, the Democracy Reform Task Force (with assistance from House Judiciary Committee Democrats and other committees) published a [report](#) entitled “**Swamped’: 100 Way in 100 Days – How the Trump Administration Has Flooded the Swamp in Washington.**”
4. On August 8, 2017, the Democracy Reform Task published a follow-up [report](#) to its April report, entitled “**200 Ways in 200 Days: How the Trump Administration Continues to Flood the Swamp in Washington.**”
5. On October 12, 2017, the Democracy Reform Task Force published a special [report](#) entitled, “**Trump’s High-Flying Cabinet,**” which catalogues the inappropriate use of taxpayer-funded private jets by Trump Administration cabinet officials.
6. On November 16, 2017, the Democracy Reform Task Force published a follow-up [report](#) to its April and August reports, entitled “**300 Ways in 300 Days: How the Trump Administration Keeps Flooding the Swamp in Washington.**”
7. On December 7, 2017, the Democracy Reform Task Force released a [mini-report](#) entitled, “**Republicans Take Truth Serum: The GOP is Accidentally Telling the Truth about Their Tax Scam.**”
8. On January 30, 2018, the Democracy Reform Task Force released a [report](#) entitled, “**Profiting off the Presidency,**” which highlights the amount of time the President has spent at his personal properties during his first year in office.
9. On February 3, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler sent a [legal analysis](#) of the so-called “Nunes memo” to his Democratic colleagues, entitled “**House Judiciary Committee Analysis of the Nunes Memo.**”
10. On February 14, 2018, the Democracy Reform Task released a [report](#) entitled, “**Republican Cash In On the #GOPTAXSCAM,**” which shows how Republicans in Congress are raking in campaign donations and political support from wealthy and well-connected campaign donors who personally benefitted from the GOP Tax Scam that passed Congress in late 2017.

11. On February 26, 2018, the Democracy Reform Task Force continued its series of reports on milestones in the Trump presidency by releasing its [fourth installment](#), entitled, **“400 Ways in 400 Days: How the Trump Administration is Flooding the Swamp in Washington.”**

12. On June 5, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler sent a **“Special Counsel/Investigation Update”** to his democratic colleagues. The Dear Colleague included information regarding: President Trump’s claim that the Special Counsel’s investigation is unconstitutional, and his claims that he has the “absolute” right to pardon himself; developments in the investigation into Michael Cohen; and federal prosecutors’ allegations that Paul Manafort was involved in witness tampering. Ranking Member Nadler also invited his colleagues to sign on as original cosponsors to the Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act (H.R. 5476).

13. On June 6, 2018, the Democracy Reform Task Force continued its series documenting President Trump’s corrupt actions by releasing its [fifth installment](#), entitled, **“500 Ways in 500 Days: How the Trump Administration’s Culture of Corruption is Swamping Washington.”**

14. On September 18, 2018, the Democracy Reform Task Force continued its series documenting President Trump’s corrupt actions by releasing its [sixth installment](#), entitled, **“The Republican Culture of Corruption: 600 Ways in 600 Days.”**

## 7 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO) REPORT REQUESTS

1. In July of 2017, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren requested that the Government Accountability Office issue a report reviewing the scope of current **interior immigration enforcement priorities** and the extent to which Immigration and Courts Enforcement (ICE) has, or has not, exercised prosecutorial discretion in relation to immigrations without criminal records. This report has yet to be released.
2. In July of 2017, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren ALSO requested that the Government Accountability Office issue a report reviewing the extent to which the Department of Justice **has prioritized prosecution of immigration-only offenses**, and the impacts of that prioritization on federal law enforcement resources. This report has yet to be released.
3. In November of 2017, House Judiciary Committee Democrats John Conyers, Karen Bass, Steve Cohen, Luis Gutiérrez, Pramila Jayapal, Hakeem Jeffries, Jerrold Nadler, and Jamie Raskin requested that the Government Accountability Office issue a report reviewing **the health and safety of incarcerated women and their children in prisons and ICE facilities**. This report has yet to be released.
4. On November 6, 2017, Ranking Members John Conyers of the House Committee on the Judiciary, Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Bobby Scott of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce released a Government Accountability Office GAO [report](#) entitled, “**Faith Based Grantees: Few Have Sought Exemptions from Nondiscrimination Laws Related to Religious-Based Hiring.**”
5. On March 22, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren released a GAO [report](#) with Representatives Earl Blumenauer, Doris Matsui, and Seth Moulton entitled, “**Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrants: More Information on Their Resettlement Outcomes Would Be Beneficial.**”
6. On April 4, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler of the House Committee on the Judiciary and Ranking Member Bobby Scott of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, released a Government Accountability Office [report](#) entitled, “**Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys, and Students with Disabilities.**” The ranking Members requested that the GAO investigate disparities in discipline policies and practices applied to students of color, boys, and students with disabilities.
7. On July 20, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and House Committee on Education and the Workforce Ranking Member Bobby Scott requested that the GAO conduct a report to examine **school safety and the impact of school safety programming.**

## 6 RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY INTRODUCED AND SUPPORTED BY JUDICIARY DEMOCRATS

1. **On February 28, 2017, Representative Jerrold Nadler introduced a resolution of inquiry (H. Res. 111).** H. Res. 111 would have directed the DOJ to provide the House of Representatives with information related to the President's financial practices and the ties between his campaign advisors and the Russian regime. The Republicans rejected the resolution during a markup on March 9, 2017.
2. **On March 9, 2017, Representative Hakeem Jeffries introduced a resolution of inquiry (H. Res. 184).** H. Res. 184 would have requested the President and the Attorney General to provide the House of Representatives with certain documents relating to communications between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. The Republicans rejected the resolution during a markup on March 29, 2017.
3. **On March 16, 2015, Representative Mike Quigley introduced the first resolution of inquiry considered by the House in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (H. Res. 203)** directing the President and the Attorney General to provide the House of Representatives with certain documents relating to President Trump's allegation that President Obama wiretapped Trump Tower during the 2016 election. The Republicans rejected the resolution during a markup on April 6, 2017.
4. **On July 14, 2017, Representatives Pramila Jayapal and David N. Cicilline introduced a resolution of inquiry (H. Res. 446).** H. Res. 446 sought information from the White House and the Department of Justice related to the recusal of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the removal of former FBI Director James Comey, and any recordings the White House may have made of conversations between Director Comey and President Trump. During a markup on July 26, 2017, the Republicans voted to strike the content of the resolution and substitute a request for information on a wide range of allegations concerning Hillary Clinton.
5. **On July 28, 2017, Representatives Pramila Jayapal and David N. Cicilline introduced a resolution of inquiry (H. Res. 488).** H. Res. 488 was nearly identical to H. Res. 446. During a markup on September 7, 2017, Chairman Goodlatte "called the previous question," shutting down debate and denying Democrats an opportunity to discuss or amend the resolution further.
6. **On June 8, 2018, Representative Ted Lieu and Representative Bill Pascrell introduced H.Res. 928,** "Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the President's use of pardon power under article II, section 2 of the Constitution." On June 26, 2018, the Committee considered Representative Lieu's resolution, and the Republican Majority voted to report the resolution unfavorably to the House floor.

## 2 CENSURE RESOLUTIONS

1. On August 18, 2017, Representative Nadler and over 70 original cosponsors including 11 House Judiciary Democrats introduced [H. Res. 496](#), “**Condemning and censuring President Donald Trump**” for his inadequate response to the violent events in Charlottesville and urging him to fire any White House advisers encouraging him to “cater to” white supremacist groups.

2. On January 18, 2017, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond introduced a [resolution of censure \(H.Res. 700\)](#) regarding President Trump’s racist remarks about “shithole” or “shithouse” countries. The resolution has nearly 150 Democratic cosponsors, including House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn, House Democratic Chairman Joe Crowley, and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.



## 96 OVERSIGHT-RELATED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. On January 6, 2017, Representative Eric Swalwell, for himself and over 190 other House Democrats, introduced the **“Protecting Our Democracy Act” (H.R. 356)**, which seeks to establish a National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election in order to examine attempts by the Russian government or other entities to interfere with the Presidential Election of 2016.
2. On January 9, 2017, Representative Katherine M. Clark and 150 House Democrats, including Ranking Member Conyers and other House Judiciary Democrats, introduced the **“Presidential Conflicts of Interest Act of 2017” (H.R. 371)**, which would require the President and Vice President to disclose and divest certain potential financial conflicts of interest.
3. On January 10, 2017, Representative Marcy Kaptur and 32 original cosponsors, including Ranking Member Conyers and Representatives Cohen, Jackson Lee, and Nadler, introduced **H.J.Res 26** entitled **“No Congressional Consent for President Donald Trump Jr. To Accept Foreign Emoluments of Any Kind Whatsoever.”**
4. On January 13, 2017, Representative Eliot L. Engel and over 60 original cosponsors, including Ranking Member Conyers and other House Judiciary Democrats, introduced the **“Safeguard our Elections and Combat Unlawful Interference in Our Democracy Act,”** or the **“SECURE Our Democracy Act” (H.R. 530)**. This legislation would sanction any foreign individual or entity found to have unlawfully meddled with a federal election, and would bar entry to the United States and freeze U.S.-based assets of anyone involved in such interference.
5. On January 30, 2017, Representatives Zoe Lofgren and John Conyers, Jr. introduced the **“Statue of Liberty Values Act,”** or **“SOLVE Act” (H.R. 724)**. The bill seeks to defund and rescind President Donald Trump’s Executive order banning travel from Muslim countries and suspending the refugee program.
6. On February 2, 2017, Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham introduced the **“Build Bridges Not Walls Act” (H.R. 837)**, which has over 80 cosponsors, including 9 House Judiciary Democrats. The bill would prohibit construction of President Trump’s proposed continuous wall or fence between the United States and Mexico.
7. On February 3, 2017, Representative Don Beyer introduced the **“Freedom of Religion Act of 2017” (H.R. 852)**, which is cosponsored by 11 House Judiciary Democrats and over 100 other House Democrats. The bill seeks to prohibit the use of religious “litmus tests” as a way to ban immigrants, refugees, and international visitors from entering the United States.
8. On February 7, 2017, Representative Zoe Lofgren and 31 original cosponsors, including Ranking Member Conyers and several other of her Democratic colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee, introduced the **“Protecting our Border Communities Act of 2017” (H.R. 920)**. The bill declares President Trump’s January 25<sup>th</sup> executive order threatening to eradicate funding for sanctuary cities “null and void,” that it “shall have no force and effect, and may not



be implemented or enforced,” and prohibits federal funds from being used to implement such change.

9. On February 7, 2017, Representative Zoe Lofgren and 26 original cosponsors, including Ranking Member Conyers and other House Judiciary Democrats, introduced the “**Community Trust Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 921](#)) to nullify President Trump’s January 25, 2017 executive order that threatens to take away grant funds from sanctuary cities. The bill would also prohibit the use of any federal funds to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out the executive order.

10. On February 7, 2017, Representative Jerrold Nadler and more than 40 original cosponsors, including all House Judiciary Democrats, introduced [H.Res. 105](#), “**Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives that an Independent Judiciary is Fundamental to American Democracy.**” The introduction of this bill followed various attacks by President Trump on the judicial branch, such as *ad hominem* attacks on judges and other dangerous rhetoric aimed at judicial independence that threatens the public’s confidence in our nation’s courts.

11. On February 13, 2017, Representative Pramila Jayapal introduced [H.R. 1006](#), “**To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.**” The bill has 60 cosponsors, including all House Judiciary Democrats. The bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide an individual in any removal, exclusion, or deportation proceeding with a right to representation by counsel of such individual’s choosing, including remote counseling if counsel cannot personally meet with the individual.

12. On February 27, 2017, Representative Mike Quigley and 13 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Democrats Representatives John Conyers, Jr., Pramila Jayapal, Zoe Lofgren, David Cicilline, and Luis Gutiérrez—introduced the “**Protecting the Rights Of Towns against federal Enforcement contrary to Constitutional Tenets for Immigration Act of 2017**” or the “**PROTECT Immigration Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 1236](#)). This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that the authority to inquire about or verify immigration or citizenship status and to investigate, apprehend, arrest, or detain an individual for a violation of such Act is restricted to immigration officers and authorized employees of the Department of Homeland Security and subject to limits set forth in other provisions of law.

13. On March 8, 2017, Representative Brenda Lawrence and 13 original cosponsors—including Representatives John Conyers, Jr., Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, and Jamie Raskin—introduced [H.Res. 179](#), “**To uphold the protections of the freedom of the press,**” in response to President Trump’s claims of “fake news,” proclamation of the press as “enemy of the people,” and other attacks against the press.

14. On March 17, 2017, Representative Raskin introduced, for himself and 27 original cosponsors including House Judiciary Members Representatives Conyers, Cohen, Jayapal, Jeffries, Johnson, and Lofgren, introduced the “**Get Foreign Money Out of U.S. Elections Act**” ([H.R. 1615](#)). The bill would close a campaign finance loophole that allows foreign-owned, foreign-controlled, and foreign-influenced corporations to funnel unlimited cash into U.S. elections.

15. On March 10, 2017, Representative Lofgren and over 150 original cosponsors introduced the “**SOLVE Act 2.0**” ([H.R. 1503](#)), which seeks to nullify President Trump’s March 6<sup>th</sup> travel ban executive order and to prevent U.S. tax dollars from being used to fund the implementation of this order.

16. On March 24, 2017, Representative Mike Quigley introduced the “**Making Access Records Available to Lead American Government Openness Act**” or the “**MAR-A-LAGO Act**” ([H.R. 1711](#)), which directs the President to establish and update, every 90 days, a publicly available database that contains records of the name and purpose of each visitor at the White House, residence of the Vice-President, or any other location at which the President or Vice President regularly conducts official business.

17. On April 5, 2017, Rep. Louise Slaughter and 25 original cosponsors—including Reps. Steve Cohen and Eric Swalwell—introduced the “**Supreme Court Ethics Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 1960](#)), which would require the Supreme Court to promulgate a code of ethics for the Justices of the Supreme Court that shall include the five canons of the Code of Conducts for United States Judges adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, with any amendments or modifications that the Supreme Court determines appropriate. On March 25, 2018, Rep. Hank became the first sponsor of this legislation.

18. On April 6, 2017, Representative Raskin, as well as Ranking Member Conyers and other Democratic Members of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced the “**Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity Act**” ([H.R. 1987](#)), a bill which pursues the creation of a nonpartisan, permanent “body” authorized by Section 4 of the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment which can declare if a President is “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.

19. On May 11, 2017, Representative Ted Lieu and Representative Jerrold Nadler introduced the “**SWAMP Act**” ([H.R. 2414](#)), which would require the President, Vice President, President-elect, Vice President-elect, or an immediate family member of such an official, whom the U.S. Secret Service is authorized to protect and who, while traveling, stay in a hotel or other establishment providing daily-rate accommodation in which that person has an ownership or financial interest, to reimburse to the Treasury: (1) any amount expended by the Secret Service for such protection, and (2) any amount expended for other costs incurred by the government pertaining to that stay.

20. On June 12, 2017, Representative Mike Quigley introduced the “**Communications Over Various Feeds Electronically For Engagement Act of 2017**” or the “**COVFEFE Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 2884](#)), which currently has 25 cosponsors including House Judiciary Members Representatives Ted Lieu, Steve Cohen, Hakeem Jeffries, Jerrold Nadler, Luis Gutiérrez, Bradley Scott Schneider, and Zoe Lofgren. The bill amends the Presidential Records Act to include the term “social media” as a documentary material, ensuring additional preservation of presidential communication and statements while promoting government accountability and transparency.

21. On July 17, 2017, Representative Raul M. Grijalva introduced the “**LGBT Data Inclusion Act**” ([H.R. 3273](#)), the House counterpart to a bill introduced by Senator Tammy Baldwin (S. 1570). The bill has over 100 cosponsors, including 12 House Judiciary Democrats. The bill responds to the Trump administration’s lack of desire to maintain population-based data on the LGBT community.
22. On July 19, 2017, Representative Steve Cohen introduced a “**Resolution of No Confidence in President Donald Trump**” ([H. Res. 456](#)) objecting to Trump’s refusal to release his tax returns divest from private business assets, his “inappropriate” use of Twitter in a way that could “adversely impact” foreign policy, his treatment of the press as “fake news,” and overall conduct as President of the United State.
23. On July 25, 2017, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee introduced [H. Res. 474](#), “**Expressing disapproval of any action by the President to remove the Special Counsel investigating Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election.**” The resolution opposes the granting of pardons to any person for offenses against the United States arising out of Russia’s activities to bring about the election of Donald J. Trump as President of the United States.”
24. On July 28, 2017, Representative Don Beyer and 21 cosponsors—including Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and Representatives Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Zoe Lofgren, David Cicilline, Pramila Jayapal, and Sheila Jackson Lee—introduced the “**Security Clearance Review Act**” ([H.R. 3564](#)). This bill amends the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation to revoke, or prohibit the renewal of, a security clearance of a political appointee in the Executive Office of the President if necessary for national security purposes.
25. On August 15, 2017, Representatives Jayapal introduced [H. Con Res. 77](#), “**Condemning fear-mongering, racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and violence perpetrated by hate groups.**” The resolution urges President Trump to condemn White supremacist groups and disavow any support received by such groups.
26. On August 15, 2017, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee introduced the **Special Counsel Independence Protection Act** ([H.R. 3654](#)), the House counterpart to a bill introduced by Senators Cory Booker and Lindsey Graham (S. 1735). This bill sets forth requirements and limitations with respect to the removal from office of a special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or of another official appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of independence from the Department of Justice chain of command.
27. On August 18, 2017, Zoe Lofgren introduced [H. Res. 497](#), “**Urging the Vice President and the Cabinet to fulfill their duties pursuant to Section 4 of the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.**” This resolution currently has 10 cosponsors and seeks to have the President examined by medical and psychiatric professions in order to determine whether he is unfit and unable to fulfill his Constitutional duties.
28. On August 22, 2017, Representative Hank Johnson, along with original cosponsors Representatives Nadler, Cohen, Jackson Lee, and Jayapal, introduced “**FBI Integrity Act**”

[\(H.R. 3664\)](#), to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Sage Streets Act of 1968 to provide that the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation may only be removed for certain causes, and for other purposes.

29. On September 14, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers and Representative Walter Jones (R-NC-3) introduced the “**Special Counsel Integrity Act.**” If the special counsel is removed, the legislation allows the special counsel to challenge the removal in court, which would be heard and determined by a panel of 3 federal judges within 14 days of the filing of the action. Following the resignation of Ranking Member Conyers, Representative Steve Cohen reintroduced this legislation ([H.R. 4669](#)) with Representative Jones on December 18, 2018.

30. On September 28, 2018, Representatives Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, and Ruben Gallego introduced the “**SWAMP FLYERS Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 3876](#)), which would prohibit the use of federal funds for the official travel of a senior political appointee on a non-commercial, private, or chartered flight, unless: (1) a commercial flight was unavailable for the travel in question, or (2) the aircraft is owned or leased by the government. This legislation would also require an appointee who travels on a non-commercial, private, or chartered flight provide a statement to Congress certifying that no commercial flight was available, and makes it a crime for an appointee to knowingly and willfully make such a statement that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent.

31. On October 3, 2017, Representatives Adam Smith and Pramila Jayapal—along with original cosponsors Representatives John Conyers, Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutierrez, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, and Jamie Raskin—introduced the “**Dignity for Detained Individuals Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 3923](#)). This legislation would implement robust oversight, accountability, and transparency mechanisms in the detention system; creates dignity and due process in the by eliminating mandatory detention; eliminates the use of private prisons and county jails; and creates a presumption of release.

32. On October 11, 2017, Representative David N. Cicilline and original cosponsors Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and Representatives Peter DeFazio, Raul Grijalva, Gerry Connolly, and Lloyd Doggett introduced the “**Determining if Regulatory Actions are in the Interest of the Nation or the Swamp Act,**” or the “**DRAIN the Swamp Act of 2017**” ([H.R. 4014](#)). This bill would require agencies to report any conflicts of interest for President Trump or senior Members of his administration when changing major rules.

33. On October 31, 2017, Representative Steve Cohen introduced [H.J. Res. 120](#), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President. The proposed amendment would prevent the President from granting pardons to any Member of his family, any current or former Member of his staff, or to anyone who was paid to work on the President’s campaign. The bill has eleven cosponsors, including Judiciary Committee Members Representatives Jayapal, Johnson, Lieu, and Raskin.

34. On November 14, 2017, Representative Jamie Raskin introduced the **Free Flow of Information Act** ([H.R. 4382](#)) of 2017. The bill would provide conditions for federally mandated

disclosure of information by certain people connected with the media in order to maintain the free flow of information to the public.

35. On December 4, 2017, Representative Karen Bass introduced [H.Res.644](#), a resolution **“Strongly condemning the slave auctions of migrants and refugees in Libya, and for other purposes.”** The resolution calls upon the President to ensure the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development are adequately staffed to monitor and develop strategies to rapidly respond to the migrant and refugee situation in Libya.

36. On February 14, 2018, Representative Bennie Thompson and original cosponsors Representatives Lofgren, Richmond, and Demings of the House Judiciary Committee introduced [H.R. 5011](#), the **“Election Security Act,”** to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections.

37. On February 14, 2018, Representative Ted Lieu and 34 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Democrats Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Luis Gutierrez, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—introduced the **“CLEARANCES Act of 2018”** ([H.R. 5019](#)). This bill requires the President to submit quarterly reports to Congress on security clearance information with respect to individuals working in the White House or in the Executive Office of the President. Requires the President to report on instances in which the WH overrules an adverse recommendation from the FBI or other investigative body.

38. On March 26, 2018, Representative Gerry Connolly and original cosponsors Representatives Bass, Cicilline, Deutch, Lieu, and Schneider of the House Judiciary Committee introduced [H. Res. 749](#), calling upon the President to exercise relevant mandatory sanctions authorities under the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, in response to the Government of the Russian Federation’s continued aggression in Ukraine and forcible and illegal annexation of Crimea and assault on democratic institutions around the world, including through cyber-attacks.

39. On April 11, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee and Steve Cohen introduced [H.R. 5476](#), the **“Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act,”** which is a companion bill to the bipartisan Senate legislation which would limit President Trump's ability to fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller and interfere in the Russian election meddling investigation.

40. On April 28, 2018, Representative Adam Schiff and original cosponsors Representatives Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, and Jamie Raskin introduced the **“Abuse of the Pardon Prevention Act”** ([H.R. 5551](#)). This legislation which would direct the Attorney General to submit to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees any investigative materials necessary for those Members to review a presidential pardon or sentence commutation. This is intended to prevent the abuse of the President’s power of pardon, adding legal oversight to that component of the judicial system.

41. On May 15, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal and Senator Kamala Harris introduced the **“Detention Oversight Not Expansion Act”** ([H.R. 5820](#)). In light of the Trump

Administration's efforts to increase funding for Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) civil immigration detention system by \$2.7 billion in next year's budget, this bill proposes increasing oversight of ICE detention centers and halting funds for construction or expansion of new facilities.

42. On May 21, 2018, Representative Jamie Raskin and original cosponsors Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Hank Johnson introduced the “**Executive Branch Comprehensive Ethics Enforcement Act**” ([H.R. 5902](#)). This legislation would strengthen the oversight capabilities of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) by granting the Director subpoena power, clarifies that the scope of OGR's rules and regulations extend to White House and executive agency personnel, and protecting the independence of the OGE by establishing clear requirements for the Director's removal.

43. On May 22, Representatives Val Demings, Ted Lieu, and Elise Stefanik introduced the “**Defend Against Russian Disinformation and Aggression Act**” ([H.R. 5910](#)), which expresses the sense of Congress that Russia has engaged in the spread of disinformation and codifies the State Department's Coordinator of Sanctions Office to oversee the diplomatic aspects of U.S. and U.N. sanctions with respect to Russia. The office was closed by the administration last year. It also expresses that Executive Order 13800, issued by President Trump last year to strengthen federal cybersecurity, should be implemented and directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct more NATO naval exercises in the Baltic and Black Sea and conduct joint research to enhance military capabilities to deter Russian aggression in those regions.

44. On May 23, 2018, Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard and original cosponsor Representative Pramila Jayapal introduced the “**Humane Enforcement and Legal Protections (HELP) for Separated Children Act**” ([H.R. 5950](#)). This legislation would allow individuals detained by U.S. immigration authorities to arrange for the care of their children and participate in family court proceedings while they are detained, and require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to consider the best interests of children when making detention, release, and transfer decision affecting their parents.

45. On June 7, 2018, Representative Eric Swalwell and 16 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Democrats Steve Cohen, Ted Lieu, Hakeem Jeffries, Cedric Richmond, Zoe Lofgren, and Sheila Jackson Lee—introduced the “**Duty to Report Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 6046](#)). This legislation would require candidates for election for public office to notify the FBI upon receiving unsolicited information about other candidates in the election from a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power.

46. On June 7, 2018, Representative Rose DeLauro and more than 120 original cosponsors—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutiérrez, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—introduced [H.Res. 927](#), “**Condemning the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy.**”

47. On June 8, 2018, Representative Ted Deutch and Representative Ros-Lehtinen introduced the “**Stops Sanctions Violators Act**” ([H.R. 6053](#)). This legislation would prohibit the president from

modifying any civil penalties, including denial orders, with respect to a Chinese telecommunication company that has violated an export control or sanctions law of the United States unless he provides adequate information to Congress to justify such a decision.

48. On June 19, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler led more the 190 House Democrats in introducing the “**Keeping Families Together Act**” ([H.R. 6135](#)). This legislation would prohibit Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, or Department of Health and Human Services agents from removing a child who is under the age of 18 and has no permanent immigration status from his or her parent or legal guardian at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the U.S. border unless they fall into qualifying categories. This bill was offered as a motion to recommit. Separately, on two occasions, it was the basis of a vote on ordering the previous question.

49. On June 19, 2018, Representative Bobby Scott, along with original cosponsors Representatives Jerrold Nadler and Sheila Jackson Lee, introduced the “**Fairness in Employment Background Checks Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 6145](#)). This legislation would provide safeguard with respect to the FBI criminal background checks prepared for employment purposes, ensuring that accurate records and information exchanged for employment-related purposes is released efficiently and promptly. It would also require the Attorney General to immediately verify or correct any information that is incomplete or cannot be verified.

50. On June 21, 2018, Representative Brendan Boyle and original cosponsors Representatives Steve Cohen and Henry Johnson introduced the “**Reunite Children With Their Parents Act**” ([H.R. 6172](#)). The legislation would require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General to reunite immigrant parents

51. On June 22, 2018, Representative Eliot Engel and original cosponsors Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, David Cicilline, Pramila Jayapal, Ted Deutch, Jamie Raskin, and Luis Gutiérrez introduced the “**Central American Family Protection and Reunification Act**” ([H.R. 6193](#)). This legislation would direct the Secretary of State to help keep Central American families together, given the family separation practices occurring at the U.S.-Mexico border, along with the Attorney General’s decision to revoke asylum protections for Salvadoran women who are victims of sexual, physical, or emotional abuse.

52. On June 27, 2018, Representative Karen Bass and 76 original cosponsors – including House Judiciary Committee Democrats Cedric Richmond, Ted Deutch, Sheila Jackson Lee, Jamie Raskin, Hakeem Jeffries, Henry Johnson, David Cicilline – introduced the “**Family Unity Rights and Protection Act**” ([H.R. 6236](#)). This legislation would require the reunification of families separated upon entry into the U.S. as a result of the “zero-tolerance” immigration policy requiring criminal prosecution of all adults apprehended crossing the border illegally.

53. On June 27, 2018, Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz and original cosponsors Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee and Jamie Raskin introduced the “**Congressional Access to Children’s Detention Facilities Act**” ([H.R. 6256](#)). This legislation would require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow Members of Congress to tour detention facilities that house immigrant minors.

54. On June 27, 2018, Representative David Cicilline led 165 Democrats in introducing the **“DISCLOSE Act of 2018”** ([H.R. 6239](#)), which would amend the FEC Act of 1971 to create additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities. This legislation would ban contributions and expenditures by foreign nationals to domestic corporations that are foreign-controlled, influenced or owned. It would also provide other requirements for campaign-related disbursement to create greater transparency and protection from foreign involvement in U.S. democracy and elections.

55. On June 27, 2018, Representative Marcy Kaptur and original cosponsors Representatives Ted Deutch, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal introduced the **“REFUSE Act”** ([H.R. 6249](#)). This legislation would amend the FEC Act of 1971 to treat certain foreign-owned corporations and business organizations as foreign nationals for purpose of the ban on campaign activity in order to prohibit foreign-affiliated section 501(c)(4) organizations from making contributions to super PACs or disbursing funds for independent expenditures. Such legislation would maintain transparency and prevent foreign involvement and meddling in U.S. elections and campaigns.

56. On June 28, 2018, Representative Joaquin Castro and original cosponsors Representatives Karen Bass, Henry Johnson, and Eric Swalwell introduced the **“Restoring Oversight for Members of Congress Act”** ([H.R. 6260](#)). Several Members of Congress had attempted to visit Federal facilities to witness the results of family separation, but were denied access to such facilities. This legislation would ensure that Members of Congress have access to Federal facilities in order to exercise their Constitutional oversight responsibilities.

57. On June 28, 2018, Representative John Sarbanes and 160 original cosponsors—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Sheila Jackson Lee, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutiérrez, Karen Bass, Hakeem Jeffries, David Cicilline, Eric Swalwell, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal, Bradley Scott Schneider—introduced the **“By the People Resolution”** ([H.Res. 975](#)), “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Americans have a right to fair representation and that America’s democratic institutions are in urgent need of repair to provide greater responsiveness and accountability to the people through critical reforms that empower the American voter, strengthen our Nation’s ethics laws, and fix our broken campaign finance system.”

58. On July 10, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, along with original cosponsors Representatives David Cicilline and Pramila Jayapal, introduced the **“Continue American Safety Act (CASA)”** ([H.R. 6325](#)). This legislation would extend the period of designation for certain countries for purposes of providing temporary protected status to nationals of those countries. This would specifically allow individuals from Haiti, El Salvador, Syria, Nepal, Honduras, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Nicaragua, South Sudan, and Guatemala to receive temporary protected status for safe refuge if they are unable to safely return to their home country. This legislation would continue to promote inclusion and tolerance of immigrants, rather than the strict and harsh immigrant positions put into place by this Administration.

59. On July 10, 2018, Representative Sean Maloney and original cosponsors Representatives Steve Cohen and Karen Bass introduced the **“Preventing Family Separation for Immigrants**



**with Disabilities Act” (H.R. 6232).** This legislation would limit the separation of families, including those with a developmental disability. The legislation would serve to protect families targeted by the “zero tolerance” policy enacted by Attorney General Sessions.

60. On July 11, 2018, Representative Jan Schakowsky and 77 original cosponsors—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Ted Deutch, Luis Gutiérrez, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—introduced [H.Res. 987](#), **“Condemning the Attorney General’s decision in ‘Matter of A-B-’ seeking to declare domestic violence and gang violence as invalid grounds for seeking asylum.”**

61. On July 17, 2018, Representative Brad Schneider introduced legislation **“To amend the Trade Act of 1974” (H.R. 6396)** in order to provide adjustment assistance to firms adversely affected by reduced exports resulting from tariffs imposed as retaliation for United States tariff increases. Such legislation would serve to limit the detrimental effects of the trade war occurring between the United States and other nations.

62. On July 18, 2018, Representative Steve Cohen introduced legislation **“To impose sanctions with respect to certain Russian financial institutions” (H.R. 6423)** in response to Russia’s continued occupation of Ukraine after the February 2014 invasion and annexation of Crimea.

63. On July 18, 2018, Representative Jamie Raskin and original cosponsor Representative Zoe Lofgren introduced the **“Election Vendor Security Act” (H.R. 6435).** This legislation would prohibit States from entering into agreements with vendors for the provision, support, or maintenance of election systems if the vendors are owned or controlled by persons who are not citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States or do not meet cybersecurity best practices. Such legislation would better protect and defend U.S. elections and democratic processes from interference and meddling by foreign governments.

64. On July 19, 2018, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer and 24 original cosponsors—including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives Steve Cohen and Val Demings—introduced the bipartisan **“Secure America from Russian Interference Act” (H.R. 6437).** This bill would hold Russia accountable for its malign activities and safeguard our country by exposing Russian misdeeds and holding President Vladimir Putin accountable; strengthening U.S. government security and preventing election interference; bolstering U.S. alliances, especially those of our NATO partners, to combat the Russian threat; and seeking constructive dialogue with the Russian people. Within the section entitled, “Actions to Counter Russian Aggression Against United States Allies,” the bill proposes imposing sanction on certain Russian individuals and entities, positioning the bill squarely within the Judiciary’s jurisdiction.

65. On July 25, 2018, Representative Donald McEachin, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, and Representatives Lofgren, Cohen, Gutierrez, Richmond, Jeffries, and Jayapal, Raskin—along with 30 other Members of Congress, introduced the **“Funding Attorney’s for Indigent Removal (FAIR) Proceedings Act” (H.R. 6527),** a piece of legislation that would improve access to counsel for children and other vulnerable populations during certain immigration proceedings, and improve immigration court efficiency and reduce costs by increasing access to legal information.

66. On July 25, 2018, Rep. Jacky Rosen and 107 cosponsors—including House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Reps. Zoe Lofgren, Steve Cohen, Luis Gutierrez, Karen Bass, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, and Val Demings—introduced [H.Res. 1031](#), “**Authorizing certain Committee of the House of Representatives to interfere in the case of Texas v. United States,**” a lawsuit aiming to strike down the Affordable Care Act’s protections for people with preexisting conditions.
67. On July 26, 2018, Representative Adriano Espaillat and Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, along with 33 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Democratic Representatives Lofgren, Cohen, Johnson, Gutierrez, Raskin, and Jayapal—introduced the “**REUNITE Act**” ([H.R. 6594](#)) in order to ensure and expedite the immediate and proper reunification of families separated at near ports of entry.
68. On July 26, 2018, Representative Donald McEachin and Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, along with 7 other original cosponsors, introduced the “**Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 6607](#)). This legislation seeks to protect voters and preserve the integrity of the electoral process by prohibiting deceptive practices in federal elections.
69. On July 26, 2018, Representative Eric Swalwell, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Representative Steve Cohen, Representative Luis Gutierrez, Representative Jamie Raskin, and 11 other Members of Congress introduced the “**No Guns for Abusers Act**” ([H.R. 6629](#)), which would authorize the Attorney General to make grants to States in order to issue relinquishment orders with respect to individuals convicted of a crime of domestic violence.
70. On July 26, 2018, Representatives Norma Torres, Hank Johnson, Jamie Raskin, and 5 other Members of Congress introduced the “**Maria Butina NRA Transparency Act**” ([H.R.6630](#)). This piece of legislation would require the Director of National Intelligence to investigate whether the National Rifle Association benefitted from Russia’s involvement in the United States presidential election of 2016.
71. On July 26, 2018, Representative Maxine Waters, Representative Steve Cohen, Representative Karen Bass, Representative Hank Johnson, and 7 other Members of Congress introduced [H.Con.Res.132](#) “**expressing the sense of Congress that the President does not have the authority under the Constitution to grant himself reprieve or pardon for offenses against the United States.**”
72. On July 31, 2018 Representative David Cicilline and 13 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and his Democratic colleagues Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Ted Deutch, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—introduced the “**Untraceable Firearms Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 6643](#)). This legislation seeks to ensure that all firearms are traceable and to ban any untraceable, undetectable and downloadable 3D “ghost” guns.
73. On August 10, 2018, Representative Matsui, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe

Lofgren, and Representative Earl Blumenauer introduced the “**Afghan and Iraqi Allies Resettlement Improvement Act**” ([H.R. 6667](#)) in order to require certain actions to better serve the resettlement of certain Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants. These actions include a survey on long-term outcomes for certain Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants, improved delivery of information about resettlement to prospective Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants, and actions related to the employment of resettled Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants.

74. On August 2, 2018, Representative Frederica Wilson, Representative Hank Johnson, and 3 other original cosponsors introduced [H.Con.Res.127](#), “**condemning gun violence and its impact on youth by supporting the enactment of legislation to prevent future school and neighborhood shootings.**”

75. On September 9, 2018, Representative Bradley Scott Schneider introduced the “**Ethics in Public Service Act**” ([H.R. 6732](#)), a piece of legislation that would reverse changes in the Trump Administration Ethics Pledge that now allow former appointees to communicate with the agency where they worked, and that permit former lobbyists to join an executive agency that they lobbied within the previous two years. Schneider’s Ethics in Public Service Act would prohibit both of these practices by reverting to the previous standards of the Obama-era Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees.

76. On September 12, 2018, Representative Ted Lieu introduced the “**E. Scott Pruitt Accountability for Government Officials Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 6788](#)), which would impose criminal penalties for abuse of public office for private gain for certain senior government officials.

77. On September 20, 2018, Representative Hank Johnson and more than 50 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Committee Democrats Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Luis Gutierrez, Karen Bass, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—introduced [H.Res. 1073](#), “**Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Presidential Determination of the annual refugee admissions limit in fiscal year 2019 shall be no less than 110,00 and that President Trump and his administration must operate the United State Refugee Admissions Program (USARP) in good faith.**”

78. On September 25, 2018, Representatives Judy Chu, Ted Deutch, and Grace Napolitano introduced [H.Res. 1076](#), “**Encouraging the House of Representatives to pass laws to prevent gun violence.**”

79. On September 26, 2018, Representative Gerry Connolly and more than 60 original cosponsors—including House Judiciary Committee Democrats Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson Ted Deutch, Luis Gutierrez, Karen Bass, David Cicilline, Ted Lieu, Jamie Raskin, Pramila Jayapal—introduced the “**Lady Liberty Act**” ([H.R. 6909](#)), which would require the President to set a goal of admitting no less than 110,000 refugees annually.

80. On October 1, 2018, Representative Swalwell introduced [H.R. 6629](#), the “**No Guns for Abusers Act of 2018**” along with 5 other Judiciary Democrat cosponsors, The bill would

provide incentives for States and local governments to issue relinquishment orders with respect to individuals charged with or convicted of a crime of domestic violence.

81. On October 2, 2018, Ranking Member of the Judiciary Representative Nadler as well as Representatives Lofgren, Cohen, Gutierrez, Jayapal, and Demings cosponsored the “**Prevent CHILD Harm Act of 2018**”, ([H.R. 7030](#)), which would protect information obtained by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the placement of unaccompanied alien children from being used for any purpose other than providing safe and secure placements.

82. On October 2, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee introduced the “**PLASTIC Act**” ([H.R. 7016](#)) in order to establish a task force to address the national security and safety issues presented by the manufacturing of 3-D printed firearms, and to prohibit the manufacturing and sale or transfer of a 3-D printed firearm.

83. On October 5, 2018, Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard and Luis Gutierrez introduced the “**Child Trafficking Victims Protection and Welfare Act**” ([H.R. 7047](#)) in order to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable unaccompanied alien children.

84. On October 5, 2018, Representative Jeffries introduced the “**Ex-Offender Voter Registration Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7040](#)), which would direct the Bureau of Prisons to provide any voter registration or application forms that the prisoner will need to complete in order to vote to Federal prisoners upon their release.

85. On October 9, 2018, Representative Judy Chu, along with Ranking Member Nadler, and 5 other House Judiciary Democrats introduced the “**No Federal Funds for Public Charge Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7052](#)), which states that no Federal funds may be used to carry out the proposed “Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds” rule that would impede access to essential food, medical care, and housing for many families and incoming immigrants.

86. On October 19, 2018, Representative Annie Kuster and House Judiciary Representatives Jayapal, Bass, and Cicilline introduced the “**Corrections Public Health and Community Re-entry Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7079](#)), which increases the possibility of incentives for States and local governments to cultivate programs to provide medication-assisted treatment for incarcerated opioid addicts.

87. On October 30, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler introduced the “**Restoring Justice for Workers Act**” ([H.R. 7109](#)), which would prohibit forced arbitration in employment disputes.

88. On November 6, 2018, Representative Hakeem Jeffries introduced the “**Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7118](#)) to amend section 242 of title 18, United States Code, to forbid the use of chokeholds by persons subject to that provision’s prohibitions.

89. On November 14, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler, Representative Pramila Jayapal, Representative Don Beyer, and 38 other members of Congress introduced the “**Keeping All Students Safe Act**” ([H.R. 7124](#)) which would prohibit and prevent seclusion and to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint in schools.

90. On November 16, 2018, Representative Pramila Jayapal introduced the “**Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Act**” ([H.R. 7140](#)), the House counterpart to Senator Elizabeth Warren’s bill, seeking to improve the anti-corruption and public integrity through eliminating the dominance of money in federal decisions and making sure our government once again works for American families.

91. On November 20, 2018, Representative Ted Lieu introduced the “**Restoring the Public Trust Act**” ([H.R. 7167](#)) to strengthen transparency and accountability within the Federal Government.

92. On December 6, 2018, Representative Zoe Lofgren introduced the “**No Guns for Terrorists Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7219](#)), a bill that seeks to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale of firearms to individuals suspected of terrorism.

93. On December 13, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representatives David Cicilline, Zoe Lofgren, Eliot Engel, Alan Lowenthal, Nita Lowey, and Mark Takano introduced the “**GLOBE Act of 2018**” ([H.R. 7291](#)) aiming to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTI people around the world.

94. On December 19, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee introduced **the Protect American Taxpayers and Secure the Border Act** ([H.R. 7332](#)) to prohibit taxpayer funds from being used to build a wall between Mexico and the United States.

95. On December 20, 2018, Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Steve Cohen, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, Val Demings, Don Beyer, and more than 70 other members of Congress introduced the **Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act** ([H.R. 7368](#)), a bill seeking to provide compensation of Federal employees furloughed during a Government shutdown.

96. On December 21, 2018, Representative Sheila Jackson Lee introduced the **Violence Against Women Extension Act** ([H.R. 7390](#)) seeking to extend the various programs authorized under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

## 2 LAWSUITS TO PRESERVE THE RULE OF LAW



1. House Judiciary Democrats spearheaded a [lawsuit](#) against the President for his apparent violations of the Emoluments Clause. The lawsuit had over **200 co-plaintiffs**, including **171 Members of Congress** and **30 Senators**. It was originally filed in federal district court on Wednesday, June 14 2017.

### 169 Members of Congress:

Conyers	Brady	DeFazio
Nadler	Breyer	DeGette
Lofgren	Brown (MD)	Delaney
Jackson Lee	Brownley	DeLauro
Cohen	Butterfield	DelBene
Johnson (GA)	Capuano	Demings
Deutch	Carbajal	DeSaulnier
Gutiérrez	Cardenas	Dingell
Bass	Carson	Doggett
Richmond	Castor	Doyle
Jeffries	Castro	Ellison
Cicilline	Chu	Engel
Swalwell	Clark (MA)	Eshoo
Lieu	Clark (NY)	Espallat
Raskin	Clay	Evans
Jayapal	Cleaver	Foste
Schneider	Clyburn	Frankel
Adams	Coleman	Fudge
Aguilar	Connolly	Gabbard
Barragan,	Cooper	Gallego
Beatty	Courtney	Garamendi
Bera	Crist	Gomez
Blumenauer	Crowley	A. Green (TX)
Blunt Rochester	Cummings	G. Green (TX)
Bonamici	Davis (IL)	Grijalva
Boyle	Davis (CA)	Gutierrez

Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Heck  
Higgins  
Himes  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Johnson (TX)  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster  
Langevin  
Larsen  
Larson  
Lawrence  
Lawson  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis  
Loeb sack  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lujan  
Luhan Grisham  
C. Maloney

S. Maloney  
Matsui  
McChollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan  
Norcross  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascrell  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price  
Quigley  
Rice (NY)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sanchez

Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sewell  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Titus  
Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
Walz  
Wasserman-Shultz  
Waters  
Welch  
Wilson  
Yarmuth

### **30 Senators**

Blumenthal  
Franken  
Klobuchar  
Cardin  
Sanders  
Schatz  
Cortez Masto  
Coons  
Van Hollen  
Murphy  
Booker

Markey  
Warren  
Reed  
Merkley  
Harris  
Gillibrand  
Cantwell  
Heinrich  
Hirono  
Bennet  
Leahy

Murry  
Durbin  
Wyden  
Whitehouse  
Duckworth  
Kaine  
Udall  
Carper

2. Rep. William Lacy Clay led a [lawsuit](#) filed on February 21, 2017 against the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), the government office which had removed a painting depicting police officers and protests in Ferguson, Missouri, alleging that the painting's removal violated his First Amendment free speech rights and those of the artist. Rep. Clay, together with Rep. Jamie Raskin, had previously sent a [letter](#) to House Speaker Paul Ryan on January 11, 2017 challenging the removal of the painting as an "act of vigilante censorship" and a violation of the First Amendment. On April 14, 2017, a federal judge upheld the removal the painting from the U.S. Capitol, but the Congressman has [appealed](#) the decision and the appeal remains pending.



## 21 AMICUS BRIEFS

1. **On February 16, 2017, all House Judiciary Democrats and 150 other Members of Congress led by Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren** filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of plaintiffs in *Darweesh v. Trump*, a case challenging President Trump's executive order banning travel to the United States from seven Muslim-majority countries. The brief explained how the order violated the INA's prohibition on nationality-based discrimination as well as the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the Constitution.
2. **On April 19, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren led 165 Members of Congress** in filing an [amicus brief](#) with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the challenge brought by the International Refugee Assistance Project to the second iteration of Trump's travel ban.
3. **On April 21, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers and Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren led 165 Members of Congress** in filing an [amicus brief](#) with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the State of Hawaii's challenge to the second iteration of Trump's travel ban.
4. **On May 25, 2017, 165 Members of Congress, including 16 House Judiciary Democrats,** submitted an [amicus brief](#) for International Refugee Assistance, asserting that President Trump's revised Travel Ban is unconstitutional as it discriminates on the basis of religion and national origin.
5. **On August 11, 2017, Ranking Member Conyers, along with Senator Blumenthal (D-CT),** filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington's (CREW) effort to hold President Trump accountable for his ongoing violations of the Foreign Emoluments Clause.
6. **On September 5, 2017, 13 House Judiciary Democrats joined 26 other former and current Members of Congress from both parties** to submit an [amicus brief](#) with the U.S. Supreme Court in pending case *Gill v. Whitford* case before the High Court that could stop the undemocratic partisan gerrymandering of political districts and challenged the Wisconsin state legislature's 2011 redistricting map in federal court as an excessively partisan gerrymander barred by the Constitution.
7. **On September 18, 2017, Representatives Conyers and Lofgren led 138 Members of Congress** in submitting an [amicus brief](#) to the U.S. Supreme Court in opposition to the second iteration of Trump's travel ban. (This case combined the suits brought by the State of Hawaii and the International Refugee Assistance Project.)
8. **On September 25, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers joined 26 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as former Department of Justice Officials and Ohio state officials,** to file an [amicus brief](#) urging the Supreme Court to strike down Ohio's

Supplemental Process—an illegal voter purge practice that removes eligible voters from the rolls for failure to vote, in violation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

**9. On September 27, 2017, fourteen Judiciary Democrats and 19 other Members of Congress** filed an [amicus brief](#) in opposition to Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s motion to vacate his conviction for criminal contempt of court, arguing that President Trump’s pardon of Sheriff Arpaio was an unconstitutional violation of the separation of powers.

**10. On October 25, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr., Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer—as well as eight other Democratic House Members—joined a group of sixteen state Attorney Generals** in filing an [amicus brief](#) to enjoin President Trump’s decision to terminate cost-sharing reduction payments relating to the Affordable Care Act.

**11. On October 30, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. joined Representative Sean Patrick Maloney, Senator Tammy Baldwin, and more than 100 other Members of Congress** to file an [amicus brief](#) in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* regarding whether public accommodations can discriminate against Members of the LGBTQ community and other historically marginalized groups.

**12-13. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Jerrold Nadler, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Jr., Ted Deutch, Luis V. Gutiérrez, Eric Swalwell, Jamie Raskin, and Pramila Jayapal—along with more than 30 other Members of Congress—filed an amicus brief** with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to defeat President Trump’s most recent Muslim ban executive order. The *amicus* was also filed with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on November 22, 2017.

**14. On January 4, 2018, twelve Senators and 33 Representatives, including Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and all Democratic Members of the House Judiciary Committee** filed an [amicus brief](#) before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals supporting the City of Chicago in its lawsuit against Attorney General Sessions, who was seeking to block critical violence prevention funds from American cities in order to boost the Trump Administration’s immigration agenda.

**15. On March 30, 2018, fourteen House Judiciary Committee Democrats, 30 U.S. Senators, and over 100 U.S. Representatives** filed an [amicus brief](#) before the Ninth Circuit Court of appeals supporting the State of Hawaii in its lawsuit against Donald J. Trump’s latest executive order banning travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

**16. On June 15, 2018, Representative Carolyn Maloney led 120 current House and Senate Democrats—including Leader Pelosi, House Judiciary Democrats Jerrold Nadler, and 10 other House Judiciary Committee Democrats—filed an amicus brief** in support of the State of New York in their suit against the United States Department of Commerce seeking to stop the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census.

**17. On June 27, 2018, Ranking Member Nadler and other members of the New York Congressional Delegation** signed on to an *amicus* brief that defends the rights of immigrants

and non-citizens, specifically within the state of New York, to exercise their right to free speech without fear of reprisal, as some may feel unsafe due to actions taken by the executive branch. With the uptick in deportations and detainments, assuring Constitutional protections with additional case law is crucial.

**18. On June 28, 2018: House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerry Nadler and Representatives Zoe Lofgren and Hakeem Jeffries** filed an [amicus brief](#) that calls for the Executive Branch to honor the language, wording, and intention of the Immigration and Nationality Act's Special Immigrant Juvenile Status which provides for young immigrants, without a specific age cap, to be treated as Juveniles as determined by the state, not the federal government in judicial or administrative proceedings.

**19. On July 26, 2018, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and Representative Pramila Jayapal, Barbara Lee, Diana DeGette, and Judy Chu** filed an *amicus* brief supporting Multnomah County's lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services and Secretary Alex Azar and reaffirming that the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) has a congressional mandate to fund "medically accurate and age appropriate programs that reduce teenage pregnancy," and direct resources towards "replicating programs that have been proven effective through rigorous evaluation."

**20. On August 24, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and the Democrats of the New York Congressional delegation** filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of the New York State and the City of New York's lawsuits against the Trump Administration to fight against their unconstitutional attacks on state and local jurisdictions that chose not to engage in Federal immigration enforcement and opt, instead, to be a "sanctuary city."

**21. On November 15, 2018, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler and 13 of his Judiciary colleagues** filed an additional *amicus* brief to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals supporting the City of Chicago in its lawsuit against the Attorney General who had sought to block critical violence prevention funds (the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant Program) from American cities in order to boost the Trump Administration's immigration agenda.