



A Record of Abuse, Corruption, and Inaction

House Judiciary Democrats' Efforts to Document the
Failings of the Trump Administration



Interim Report

From President Donald Trump's Election to the Present

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Since the 2016 presidential election, House Judiciary Committee Democrats have 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, obvious breaches of the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, allegations of obstruction of justice, and preserving the independence of the Department of Justice, among other matters.

But these are not ordinary times. Although any one of these subjects should command the attention of the House Judiciary Committee, President Trump appears to have failed the country on all of these fronts at the same time. And although the Committee has an obligation to address these pressing issues without delay, the Republican majority has refused to conduct any meaningful oversight of the Trump Administration.

Committee Democrats have hoped to force action by writing letters to the Administration and House leadership, holding and participating in forums, forcing votes on resolutions of inquiry, releasing reports, and introducing legislation. Unfortunately, nearly all the letters sent by our Members have received no response, and all of our resolutions of inquiry have been rejected by the Majority. The silence speaks to an Administration run amok and a Republican majority willing to turn a blind eye to gross misconduct. Significantly, these oversight efforts help lay the predicate for action by the Committee if the Democrats retake the House majority in the fall.

These oversight efforts include the following:

- Sent **64 letters** to the Administration
- Sent **6 letters** to the Inspector General of the Department of Justice
- Sent **39 letters** to the House Judiciary Committee and House Majority Leadership
- On **4 occasions** moved to convene special committee meetings and floor activity
- Sent **12 letters** to outside entities
- Held and participated in **14 Democratic forums**
- Released and assisted with **11 reports**
- Requested **6 Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports**
- Introduced and supported **5 Resolutions of Inquiry**
- Introduced **2 censure resolutions**
- Introduced **35 oversight-related bills and resolutions**
- Led **one lawsuit** against the President for his violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause with over 200 co-plaintiffs
- Led **15 amicus briefs**

64 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 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.)

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 Sessions's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee revealing that he had met with Russian officials.

14. On March 2, 2016, 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.

15. 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.

16. On March 6, 2017, Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, House Judiciary Committee Members John Conyers, Zoe Lofgren, Luis Gutierrez, 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.

17. On March 16, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and his Judiciary Committee colleagues Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Hakeem Jeffries 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.

18. 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.

19. On March 31, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, together with Representatives Ted Lieu and Hakeem Jeffries, sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Jeff Sessions 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.")

20. 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.)

21. On April 14, 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.

22. 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."

23. 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.)

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. **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.

28. **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.")

29. **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.

30. **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.)

31. **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.

32. **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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. 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.

40. **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.

41. **On November 15, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers and his Judiciary colleagues Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Luis Guterrez, 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.

42. **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.

43. **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.

44. **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.

45. **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.

46. 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.)

47. 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."

48. 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.

49-60. 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 6 of these 12 agencies.)

61. 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.

62. 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.

63. On April 12, 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. Lync—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.

64. 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).

6 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.)
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.

39 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 5th.

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, Gutierrez, 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. Gutierrez, 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 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.

38. 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.

39. 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.

4 EFFORTS TO CONVENE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND FLOOR ACTION



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 observe its gross inaccuracies. Republicans shut down this request by a party line vote of 16 to 12.

2. **On March 21, 2018, in response to mounting concern that President Trump would fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller, Representative 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.

3. **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.

4. **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.”

12 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.

14 OVERSIGHT-RELATED FORUMS

1. On December 6, 2017, 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 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. **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.

9. **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 21st 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.”

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. **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.

14. **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.

11 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.**”

6 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 Gutierrez, 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.

5 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 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 a resolution of inquiry ([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.

2 CENSURE RESOLUTIONS

1. On August 18, 2017, Representative Nadler and over 70 original cosponsors including 11 House Judiciary Democrats introduce [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](#) 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.



35 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 25th 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 Gutierrez—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 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 6th 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 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 25th Amendment which can declare if a President is “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.”

18. 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 Gutierrez, 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.”

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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 25th 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.

26. 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 Safe 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

1 LAWSUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMP FOR HIS APPARENT VIOLATION OF THE EMOLUMENTS CLAUSE



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.

171 Members of Congress:

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

Garamendi
Gomez
A. Green (TX)
G. Green (TX)
Grijalva
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

15 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 17th, 2017, Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. and Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Jerrold Nadler, Steve Cohen, Hank Johnson, Jr., Ted Deutch, Luis V. Gutierrez, 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.