



# Democracy Reform Task Force

## Unanswered Letters from House of Representatives to Trump Administration

January 23 – March 17, 2017

- 1) **January 23, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone and Representative Mike Doyle to FCC Chairman Pai asking him to make several commitments that will increase the likelihood of a successful term.
- 2) **January 23, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Stephen Lynch to President Trump calling for an operational bipartisan Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.
- 3) **January 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kildee, and Senators Stabenow and Peters to President Trump urging him not to jeopardize much-needed federal funding for Flint following his directive to halt all Environmental Protection Agency grants and agreements.
- 4) **January 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tim Ryan to President Trump outlining the importance of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- 5) **January 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Brendan Boyle to President Trump asking he discuss with British Prime Minister Theresa May the importance of the “Good Friday Agreement” in its relation to “Brexit” negotiations.
- 6) **January 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Waters and the Congressional Black Caucus to President Trump urging that he not remove Richard Cordray as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.



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- 7) **January 25, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Oregon Congressional Delegation to President Trump opposing the Trump Administration's freeze of EPA grants.
- 8) **January 25, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative J. Luis Correa to President Trump requesting the White House reinstate the Spanish language option for the White House webpage.
- 9) **January 26, 2017** – Letter led by Ranking Members Tim Walz and John Tester to President Trump urging him to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs and all veterans seeking federal employment from the federal hiring freeze.
- 10) **January 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Betty McCollum and other Dems to President Trump demanding more information about his freeze on EPA grants.
- 11) **January 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Chellie Pingree and other Dems to President Trump for answers on a freeze on grants and contracts at the EPA.
- 12) **January 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone and Ranking Member Cummings to White House Counsel McGahn requesting immediate action to remedy the Trump Administration's implementation of gag orders.
- 13) **January 29, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DelBene to Acting Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection Kevin McAleenan seeking an explanation for why so little information was communicated to members of Congress during her visit to Seattle–Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) on Saturday.



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- 14) **January 29, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Members Bennie Thompson, John Conyers, Jr., Eliot Engel and Zoe Lofgren to Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly regarding President Trump’s executive order on refugees and immigration.
- 15) **January 29, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Engel and other Dems to DHS Secretary Kelly to raise concerns about President Donald Trump’s recent immigration executive order and urge for a joint meeting as soon as possible and no later than February 1.
- 16) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro to Acting Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Acting Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) asking for an update on the Trump Administration’s anti-refugee executive order.
- 17) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro to President Trump regarding the White House’s statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the decision to exclude Jewish victims in its statement.
- 18) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Grijalva to US Customs and Border Patrol Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan requesting information about individuals in CBP custody as a result of Donald Trump’s executive order targeting immigrants, refugees and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) traveling to the United States from seven majority-Muslim nations.
- 19) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone, Representative Green and Representative DeGette to President Trump to express concern regarding the impact of the federal hiring freeze on the user fee program at the FDA.



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- 20) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Karen Bass to the President regarding his Executive Order concerning refugee resettlement in the United States.
- 21) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Davis to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requesting information on any people with visas or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status who might be detained at San Diego International Airport.
- 22) **January 30, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Members Bobby Scott, Frank Pallone, Jr., and Richard Neal to HHS Acting Secretary Cochran regarding the Trump Administration’s decision to stop advertising and outreach for Healthcare.gov in the final days of open enrollment.
- 23) **January 31, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Cummings, Raskin, and Connolly to Homeland Security Secretary Kelly regarding potential failures of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents to comply with federal court orders staying actions relating to the President’s Executive Order banning refugees overall and travelers from seven specific Muslim-majority nations
- 24) **January 31, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Cummings and Connolly to White House Counsel McGahn regarding reported threats to fire Inspector Generals of agencies.
- 25) **January 31, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Peter Welch and 70 cosigners to President Trump urging him to include rural broadband investment in his infrastructure proposal.



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- 26) **January 31, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Foreign Affairs Democrats to President Trump expressing concern about White House policy, specifically to ensure that those with dissenting points of view are protected by law, and sought assurances that State Department personnel would not be subject to harassment or retribution for offering dissenting viewpoints.
- 27) **February 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Donald Norcross to President Trump urging him to continue the use of project labor agreements in future federal construction projects as a tool to raise wages for workers and save taxpayers funds.
- 28) **February 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tim Ryan and Senator Chris Coons to President Trump to utilize the Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Council to support his Manufacturing Job Initiative.
- 29) **February 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Lee and Congressional Quad-Caucus leadership to President Trump calling for the removal of Steve Bannon from the NSC.
- 30) **February 1, 2017** – Letter from Ranking Member Grijalva to the Acting Administrator of NOAA Benjamin Friedman regarding the impact of the hiring freeze.
- 31) **February 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kilmer and other House members to the Office of Personnel Management requesting clarity on whether the hiring freeze prevents the U.S. Forest Service from hiring seasonal firefighters for wildfire season.
- 32) **February 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone to White House Counsel McGahn raising questions regarding the Administration's use of private RNC email servers and the Administration's cybersecurity practices.



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- 33) **February 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Committee on Education and the Workforce Democrats to President Trump inquiring whether he will respect the Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly employment study in light of his past false characterizations of the report.
- 34) **February 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Thompson, Ranking Member Engel, and Ranking Member Conyers to Acting Attorney General Dana Boente expressing concern over reports that the Trump Administration planned to overhaul government program to counter violent ideologies.
- 35) **February 7, 2017** – Letter from Ranking Member Peter DeFazio to President Trump offering suggestions for his infrastructure proposal.
- 36) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Huffman and members of Senate and House Natural Resources Committees to President Trump to blast the Trump Administration's approval of a final easement to build the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) and their failure to undertake meaningful consultation with Native American tribes.
- 37) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Oversight Democrats to GSA Acting Director Saul Japson regarding the GSA's lease of the Old Post Office Hotel.
- 38) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Members John Yarmuth, Richard Neal, Frank Pallone, Jr. and Bobby Scott to Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Norris Cochran, Acting Secretary of Labor Edward Hugler and Acting Secretary of the Treasury Adam Szubin regarding implementation of the Executive Order, "Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal."



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- 39) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Serrano & House Democrats to Homeland Security Department asking for an investigation into the implementation of the Executive Order restricting refugee resettlement.
- 40) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kilmer, Rep. Sewell, Rep. Cummings, and other Dems to President Trump, calling for an investigation into voter suppression in the 2016 Presidential election as part of any investigation he conducts into voting irregularities.
- 41) **February 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Betty McCollum to President Trump urging him to exempt the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies that serve the needs of Native communities from his federal hiring freeze.
- 42) **February 9, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell and Rep. Pocan to President Trump urging him to address the serious trade impediments facing American manufacturers in the Japanese market.
- 43) **February 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Langevin to National Security Advisor Michael Flynn urging him to seek modifications to the Wassenaar Arrangement as it relates to intrusion software.
- 44) **February 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone to White House Counsel McGahn requesting additional information regarding DOE rule titled “Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities.”
- 45) **February 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Thompson and House Members to General Flynn asking for confirmation as to whether the State Department will make changes to the 2013 control on cybersecurity intrusion and surveillance software in the Arrangement’s 2017 plenary.



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- 46) **February 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representatives Mark Pocan to President Trump urging the full declassification of the Intelligence Community report “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections.”
- 47) **February 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Bobby Rush to Attorney General to reopen the Emmett Till murder case in light of new information which suggests a witness may have provided false testimony to federal authorities.
- 48) **February 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Oversight & Judiciary Democrats to US Attorney General Sessions and the FBI asking for briefing on General Flynn’s communications with Russia.
- 49) **February 14, 2017** – Letter from Ranking Member Grijalva to the Comptroller General of the GAO Gene Dodaro regarding the BLM online auctions of oil and gas leases.
- 50) **February 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Susan Davis to President Trump urging the Administration to reinstate a USDA webpage that provides details on whether animals are being treated humanely under federal law.
- 51) **February 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representatives Collin Peterson, Rodney Davis, Kristi Noem, and Dave Loebsack to President Trump about the importance of a strong Renewable Fuel Standard.
- 52) **February 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DelBene and other Dems to DHS Secretary Kelly cautioning against the existing proposal requiring implementation of biometric screening at Land Ports of Entry (LPOE).



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- 53) **February 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone, Representative Green and Representative DeGette to President Trump expressing concern about the potential impacts of the federal hiring freeze on biomedical research.
- 54) **February 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Democrats to Acting Secretary of the Army expressing concern about exclusive patents for Zika vaccine.
- 55) **February 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Cummings, Conyers, Engel, Thompson and Schiff to White House Counsel McGahn regarding reports that White House Counsel warned President Trump of General Flynn’s communications with Russia.
- 56) **February 16, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Heck to President Trump urging him to nominate board members to the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
- 57) **February 16, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kennedy to the DHS and ICE demanding the release of the details of their current immigration enforcement and deportation policies.
- 58) **February 16, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kelly and other members to the DOJ and Chicago Police Dept. demanding the continuation of negotiations for a consent decree following January’s Pattern and Practice Report.
- 59) **February 17, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Sander Levin, Tim Ryan, and Bill Pascrell Jr to President Trump urging him to go beyond executive action and support legislation that would direct the Department of commerce to treat currency manipulation as a subsidy.



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- 60) **February 17, 2017** – Letter from Ranking Member Grijalva to the Acting Director of the NPS regarding the NPS Employee Survey.
- 61) **February 17, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Democratic Chairman Joe Crowley & House Democrats to Attorney General Sessions urging his recusal from investigations into Russia interference in the U.S. election.
- 62) **February 17, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Larsen to FBI Director Comey calling for an investigation into Trump ties with Russia
- 63) **February 17, 2017** – Letter from Representative Katherine Clark & House Democrats to Department of Labor Acting Director Hughler asking for information on H-2B visa holders working at the Mar-a-Lago Club.
- 64) **February 17, 2017** – Letter from Representative Katherine Clark & House Democrats to FBI Director Comey regarding security protocols in place at the Mar-a-Lago Club.
- 65) **February 17, 2017** – Letter from Representative Katherine Clark & House Democrats to Secret Service Director Clancy regarding security protocols in place at the Mar-a-Lago Club.
- 66) **Feb 17, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Judiciary Committee Democrats to DOJ Inspector General asking to conduct an investigation into whether Trump administration has engaged in any improper effort to intimidate or threaten whistleblowers under their jurisdiction and whether AG Sessions has any conflicts or recuse himself from investigation into Russian interference with 2017 Election.



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- 67) **February 18, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DelBene and other Dems in House and Senate to DHS Secretary Kelly to express concern that enforcement priorities are now so broad that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, such as Daniel Ramirez Medina, may be caught up in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids.
- 68) **February 21, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Gottheimer and Rep. Pascrell to the EPA urging swift action in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to finalize the Agency’s review of a site and determine if it should be added to the Superfund National Priorities List.
- 69) **February 21, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone and Representative Rush to President Trump urging his reconsideration to remove Secretary of Energy from the Principles Committee of the National Security Council.
- 70) **February 22, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Homeland Security Committee Democrats to Homeland Security Secretary Kelly asking for answers regarding the Trump Administration’s Executive Orders “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement” an “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States.”
- 71) **February 22, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Chairman Joe Crowley and House members urging the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Attorney General, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to immediately investigate recent threats against Jewish Community Centers.
- 72) **February 22, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kennedy and others to President Trump urging him to appoint nominees to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



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- 73) **February 22, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Demings and Rice to the Acting Director of ICE to issue guidance making it clear to ICE personnel that victims of crimes should never have reason to fear that seeking justice in the court system could lead to detention or deportation.
- 74) **February 22, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tom O'Halleran to Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Attorney General, and the Director of the FBI to address the rising number of threats leveled at Jewish Community Centers across the country.
- 75) **February 23, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tom O'Halleran to Secretary of Homeland Security regarding his February 20 memoranda providing guidance for President Trump's immigration enforcement Executive Orders
- 76) **February 23, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Himes and other Dems to the DHS and DOJ calling for swift action by federal law enforcement agencies to address the wave of anonymous telephone bomb threats made against Jewish community centers (JCCs) across the country.
- 77) **February 23, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Grijalva to the Acting Secretary of the DOI regarding Discredited Job Impact Figures of SPR.
- 78) **February 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson to EPA Administrator Pruitt regarding the omissions and factual inaccuracies of a letter sent by Chairman Smith to Administrator Pruitt.
- 79) **February 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell and Rep. Trott to EPA Administrator Pruitt urging him to expedite review of Enbridge's work plan and inspection schedule for the Line 5 Pipeline that runs between the Straits of Mackinac in northern Michigan.



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- 80) **February 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Fudge and other Dems to DHS, FBI, and DOJ urging them to act swiftly and look into the incident at Mandel and at JCCs nationwide.
- 81) **February 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Thompson to Acting Director Homan of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Acting Commission McAleenan of Customs and Border Protection asking for information about an incident at JFK International Airport.
- 82) **February 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Thompson to Homeland Security Secretary Kelly regarding media reports that President Trump demanded the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) build legal standing for his Muslim travel ban.
- 83) **February 27, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell to DHS Secretary Kelly about significant concerns raised by community leaders, state and local officials, law enforcement officers and others throughout the last week as a result of President Trump's recent border security and immigration enforcement executive order
- 84) **February 28, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Ellison to Attorney General Sessions asking him to investigate the recent desecration of Jewish cemeteries as hate crimes
- 85) **February 28, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Grijalva to the Acting Secretary of the DOI regarding ONRR Postponed Final Rule.
- 86) **March 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Democrats to Secretary of State Tillerson expressing concern about proposed cuts to the State Department budget by the Trump Administration.



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- 87) **March 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Alan Lowenthal, and Dems to Secretary of State to push the government of Vietnam to respect the rights of its own citizens by allowing for religious freedom, freedom of the press, and free speech and assembly.
- 88) **March 1, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representatives Donald Norcross, and David McKinley to President Trump in detailing national infrastructure priorities to rebuild our country and create jobs.
- 89) **March 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Cummings to Attorney General Sessions asking questions regarding his communications with the Russian ambassador and calling for his resignation.
- 90) **March 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Deutch and other co-chairs of the Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism to President Trump urging him to prepare and implement a comprehensive strategy to combat anti-Semitism.
- 91) **March 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Judiciary Democrats to FBI Director James Comey and US Attorney for the District of Columbia Channing Phillips calling for criminal investigation of Jeff Sessions regarding his comments to the Senate Judiciary Committee denying that he spoke with Russian official.
- 92) **March 2, 2017** – [Letter](#) led by Ranking Members Susan Davis and Bobby Scott to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos regarding the Administration's decision to undo protections for transgender students.
- 93) **March 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative John Lewis, Sen. Sherrod Brown to Secretary of Transportation to continue their efforts to encourage the federal government to implement safety improvements to busses in America.



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- 94) **March 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tim Ryan to President Trump to convene a meeting with Administration and General Motors officials to find an agreement that will prevent the termination of GM Lordstown’s third shift.
- 95) **March 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kaptur Rep. Bishop Rep. Huizenga, and other members to the Trump Administration calling for the release of an Army Corps of Engineers evaluation intended to determine the possibility of establishing preventative measures against an invasion of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes.
- 96) **March 6, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Judiciary Democrats to White House Counsel Donald McGahn II and FBI Director James Comey, asking them to provide information about contacts between the White House and Department of Justice regarding FBI review of Russian government influence on the U.S. presidential election.
- 97) **March 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Grijalva to Lt. General Todd Smonite of the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the NEPA Review Process for the Florida Power and Lights Construction Projects (Biscayne Bay).
- 98) **March 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tim Ryan and other Dems to President Trump to include full funding of \$9.3 billion to fight the opioid and prescription drug epidemic in the U.S.
- 99) **March 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Langevin and Rep. Thompson to President Trump to highlight the important role career and technical education can play in bringing American workers into the 21st Century and closing the skills gap.



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- 100) **March 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kaptur, Rep. Tim Ryan and other members to President Trump urging action on America’s multiemployer pension crisis.
- 101) **March 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Foster and other Dems to President Trump, urging him to preserve the Iran Nuclear Deal.
- 102) **March 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Stephen Lynch & House Democrats to President Trump asking he reconsider his federal hiring freeze for veteran job applicants.
- 103) **March 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Grijalva to Secretary Zinke of the DOI regarding Overturning National Monuments.
- 104) **March 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Cummings, Senator Warren, and Senator Carper to Deputy White Counsel Passantino regarding Jared Kushner’s potential conflicts of interest.
- 105) **March 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Karen Bass and other House Dems to Homeland Security Secretary Kelly expressing deep concern and opposition to DHS immigration enforcement plan and urging its reconsiderations.
- 106) **March 8, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Homeland Security Ranking Member Thompson, Rep. Vela, and Rep. Payne Jr. to Homeland Security Secretary Kelly expressing concern about his comments on DHS’s consideration of separating children from their parents at the border.
- 107) **March 9, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DelBene and other Dems to HHS and MedPAC urging them to look into improving access to genetic testing and patient outcomes through precision medicine.



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- 108) **March 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Tom O’Halloran and Representative Gallego to Secretary of Defense requesting information regarding President Trump’s travel expenses and the demands places upon the Department of Defense.
  
- 109) **March 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Garamendi and other CA Congressional delegation members to President Trump asking him to “rapidly declare a Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of California as a result of an atmospheric river storm system that affected the State of California from January 18 through January 23, 2017.”
  
- 110) **March 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Foreign Affairs Committee Members to President Trump asking that he maintain and prioritize the appointment of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. State Department.
  
- 111) **March 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Members Bobby Scott and Patty Murray to Education Secretary DeVos regarding the revision of templates for state plans to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.
  
- 112) **March 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Member Pallone & Energy Commerce Democrats to EPA Inspector General Elkins requesting an investigation into policies and procedures conflicts of interest and potential violations by Director Pruitt.
  
- 113) **March 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Ranking Members John Yarmuth and Richard Neal to President Trump urging him to not default on the United States’ debt obligations.
  
- 114) **March 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Ellison and other Dems to Attorney General Sessions asking for the Department of Justice to investigate the recent murders of trans women around the country as hate crimes.



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- 115) **March 14, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kilmer to President Trump to increase the purchasing power of federal Pell Grants to make college more affordable.
- 116) **March 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Demings, Murphy and Soto to the White House Budget Director outlining regional transportation infrastructure priority projects in Central Florida.
- 117) **March 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Lee and Rep. Ros-Lehtinen to President Trump urging the administration to continue the longstanding American commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and abroad.
- 118) **March 15, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Representative Annie McLane Kuster to Secretary of Defense James Mattis seeking additional information on the reports that as many as 30,000 Marines are being investigated as part of their involvement in a distributing and commenting on obscene photos of female Marines.