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Unanswered Letters from House of Representatives to Trump Administration

April 2017

- 1) **April 3, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kaptur et al. urging the administration to include funding for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) in the FY18 Budget.
- 2) **April 4, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kilmer et al. on the proposed EPA budget which would defund geographic programs including the Puget Sound, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay.
- 3) **April 4, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Doggett et al. urging the President to use the Taxpayer Protection Law to lower prescription drug prices.
- 4) **April 4, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Lieu Rice and Plaskett to Acting Deputy AG Boente requesting the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to investigate any Trump campaign collusion with Russia.
- 5) **April 4, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Welch et al. to President Trump calling on the administration's support and use of the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) and Utility Energy Service Contracts (UESCs).
- 6) **April 5, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kathleen Rice et al. requesting that Acting Deputy Attorney General Dana Boente to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate any Trump campaign collusion with Russia.
- 7) **April 5, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro et al. to President Trump on economic policy related to China.



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- 8) **April 5, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Rush to AG Sessions expressing opposition to his memorandum regarding a review of existing or contemplated consent decrees, specifically as it will affect the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department.
- 9) **April 6, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell to Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Semonite regarding a proposal to ship large quantities of hazardous, contaminated material waste from Ohio to Michigan for disposal.
- 10) **April 6, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Transportation Committee Democrats to GSA Acting Administrator Horne regarding a new policy that allows the agency to ignore democratic requests.
- 11) **April 6, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Lieu et al. to Secretaries Mattis and Tillerson requesting information related to the operational conduct of the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) in Yemen.
- 12) **April 6, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Bass and Frankel to President Trump calling on the President to retract his outrageous and offensive allegations against former National Security Advisor, Ambassador Susan Rice.
- 13) **April 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Crist to Edward Belk of the Army Core of Engineers regarding funding for infrastructure projects in Sand Key, Long Key, and Treasure Island.
- 14) **April 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Lee, McGovern, Pocan and DeFazio to President Trump urging him to brief Congress on the scope of his campaign in Syria and his exit strategy within 48 hours.



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- 15) **April 7, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Slaughter et al. to Secretary Tillerson urging him to reverse the Trump Administration’s recent decision to eliminate funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- 16) **April 10, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Pallone and others to President Trump demanding that the Administration mark April 24 as a day of American remembrance of the Armenian Genocide.
- 17) **April 10, 2017** – [Letters](#) from House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Pallone to the Inspectors General of the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting information on the impact of the Trump administration’s proposed budget cuts to their offices within the agencies.
- 18) **April 11, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. DeFazio and Larsen to Transportation Secretary Chao requesting any findings from the agency’s review of the April 9th incident that occurred on United Airlines Flight 3411.
- 19) **April 12, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Gallego and Boyle to President Trump requesting clarification on whether it is now US policy to seek ouster of Syrian President Assad.
- 20) **April 12, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Grijalva to BLM Acting Director Nedd expressing his deep disappointment in the agency’s plans to prioritize leasing and permitting for oil, gas, and coal above all other uses on America’s public lands.
- 21) **April 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Lee to President Trump calling on the immediate removal of Steven Bannon from the White House staff.



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- 22) **April 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Hastings to Secretary Tillerson renewing his request that the U.S. Department of State do all that it can to ensure the return of Ms. Daniela Torres to the United States, in order to face trial in the deaths of Ms. Deborah Peterson and Mr. Andrew Carr.

- 23) **April 13, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Beyer et al. to the FBI and Office of Personnel Management requesting that they suspend White House Senior Advisor Jared Kushner’s security clearance due to his omission of meetings with foreign officials on an FBI questionnaire.

- 24) **April 19, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell to President Trump concerning reports of proposed cuts to federal funding for the Federal Vehicle and Fuel Standards and Certification Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and, if implemented, the subsequent closure of the National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

- 25) **April 19, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Democratic Leader Pelosi and House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Pallone to FCC Chairman Pai urging the FCC not to restore a loophole that would further concentrate television station ownership and raise cable costs for consumers.

- 26) **April 20, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking member Pallone to EPA Administrator Pruitt to request a briefing from EPA on the proposed draconian cuts to the Agency.

- 27) **April 20, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Dingell to FRA Acting Administrator Warren urging him to expedite an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the city of Ann Arbor’s new Amtrak station.



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- 28) **April 20, 2017** – [Letter](#) from House Natural Resources Committee Democrats to Secretary Zinke asking him to provide the first set of reports outlined in the March 29, 2017, Secretarial Order on “American Energy Independence” to all Members of the House Natural Resources Committee.
- 29) **April 21, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Carolyn Maloney to Secretary DeVos urging her to uphold prevention measures and protections for victims of sexual assault and requesting information on the Department’s plans to combat this significant problem.
- 30) **April 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Susan Davis, Sarbanes, Meeks, and Grijalva to Secretary DeVos calling on her to review the Department of Education’s implementation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program to ensure that it is consistent, transparent and impartial for all student-loan borrowers employed in public service.
- 31) **April 24, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Watson Coleman to Secretary Kelly requesting clarification on policies toward individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- 32) **April 25, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Schiff and Sen. Kaine to President Trump asking that he detail the legal basis for the strike against the Shayrat airbase in Syria on April 6th.
- 33) **April 25, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Cicilline to DOJ Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz to request an investigation into the firings of former acting Attorney General Sally Yates and former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara.



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- 34) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Higgins to Secretaries Chao, and Carson, as well as EPA Administrator Pruitt formally putting federal agencies on notice about the hazardous conditions creating alarming lead contamination rates in Buffalo, Western New York and thousands of other “hotspots” reported in a recent Reuters special report.
- 35) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Kind to Secretary Perdue, Secretary Ross, and Acting Trade Representative Vaughn requesting that by May 1st, when the Grassland contracts expire, they create a plan to address the situation.
- 36) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Panetta and others to President Trump urging him and his administration to collaborate with Congress to improve our nation’s immigration system.
- 37) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro and Sen. Blumenthal to Secretary Mattis expressing ‘grave concern’ regarding delays in replacing Vietnam-era UH-1N helicopters and urging the Secretary of Defense to expedite the fielding of new helicopters.
- 38) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro to ICE Director Thurlow asking to reconsider the decision to deport Luis Barrios.
- 39) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Gallego to Secretary Mattis seeking more information about Russian aid to the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- 40) **April 26, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats to Secretary Zinke to request a briefing on DOI’s impending review of national monument designations.
- 41) **April 27, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Gallego et al. to President Trump urging him to take immediate action to identify and nominate qualified candidates to fill positions in his administration vital to the national security of the United States.



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- 42) **April 27, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. DeLauro to Board of Immigration Appeals Chairman Neil asking to reconsider the decision to deport Luis Barrios.
- 43) **April 27, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Reps. Kildee and Upton to Administrator Pruitt urging the federal agency to not close a regional office serving the Great Lakes region.
- 44) **April 27, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Norcross and others to Secretary Acosta asking about his plans for the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.
- 45) **April 28, 2017** – [Letter](#) from Rep. Richmond to AG Sessions raising additional concerns about the lack of transparency in the civil rights investigation into the death of Alton Sterling.