

Senator Warner – Fighting Back Against Trump

2/24/2026 [Senator Warner walks out of Trump’s State of the Union](#) Senator Warner released a statement after walking out of the State of the Union early. Read more [here](#).

2/21/2026 [Warner releases statement on DOJ firing of interim U.S. Attorney for EDVA](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine released the following statement after the Department of Justice fired James W. Hundley, whom the District Judges of the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA) unanimously chose as the interim U.S. Attorney for EDVA: “The Trump Administration has shown complete disrespect for the longstanding process—which Presidents and Senators of both parties have respected and followed in Virginia for years—for the nomination and confirmation of U.S. Attorneys. Now, Trump’s DOJ is also disregarding the law, which clearly gives district judges the power to select U.S. Attorneys when these positions are vacant. The EDVA judges made an excellent decision in picking James Hundley. Virginians deserve a court system that is fully staffed with qualified personnel—and the Trump Administration’s antics are making our communities less safe.”

2/20/2026 [Warner applauds Supreme Court ruling striking down Trump’s illegal tariffs](#). Senator Warner released a statement on the U.S. Supreme Court voting 6-3 to strike down President Trump’s sweeping tariffs imposed on products Americans buy from other countries. He has been a consistent voice in Congress pushing back on President Donald Trump’s tariff policies, which he has criticized as a tax on American families and small businesses. Warner has joined Sen. Kaine and other colleagues in advancing bipartisan legislation to repeal the administration’s tariffs on Canada imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. The measure passed the Senate with bipartisan support and a version of the bill was subsequently [approved by the U.S. House of Representatives](#), reflecting growing congressional opposition to tariff policies that have raised costs for consumers, strained relationships with key allies, and disrupted cross-border trade. Read the full statement [here](#).

2/20/2026 [Warner demands Department of Education reverse its decision to end federal funding for Minority-Serving Institutions](#). Senator Warner joined Senate colleagues in urging the Department of Education to immediately reverse the Trump Administration’s harmful decision to unilaterally halt federal funding for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). In the letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, the senators criticized the Department of Education’s use of a Department of Justice (DOJ) determination that these programs are unconstitutional. The Trump Administration’s halt of mandatory and discretionary funding for MSIs, which have previously been authorized on a bipartisan basis, threatens the institutions’ ability to serve students of all backgrounds and help them complete their degrees. There are over 800 federally recognized MSIs, including nine in Virginia. “This decision is yet another example of this Administration attempting to circumvent Congress and its obligations to follow the law,” wrote the senators. “Unilaterally deciding that long-standing programs are unconstitutional, absent a ruling from the judiciary, sets a dangerous precedent and disrupts needed support that colleges and students rely on.” Full text of the letter is available [here](#).

2/20/2026 [Senate Intel Vice Chair Warner denounces politicization of intelligence products](#). Senator Warner, Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, issued a statement after the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) retracted and revised 19 intelligence products based on a recommendation from political appointees on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board (PIAB). Read the full statement [here](#).

2/12/2026 [Warner introduces bill calling for study on financial impact of federal firings](#). Senator Warner joined his colleagues in introducing the *Fiscal Harms of Federal Firings Act*, legislation that would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a comprehensive study of the financial impacts of the Trump administration's mass firings on state and local governments. "The Trump administration's reckless large-scale firing of federal workers has created serious harmful effects on the economy at federal, state, and local levels, and this legislation is critical in determining the full breadth of those impacts," said Sen. Warner. "As Trump and his cronies continue to target federal workers and use them as political bargaining chips, I will continue working with my colleagues to defend our country's dedicated civil service." Read the full bill text [here](#) and read more in *The Baltimore Sun* [here](#).

2/12/2026 [Warner presses Commerce Secretary Lutnick on reportedly pushing out key officials working to counter cyber threats posed by China](#). Senators Warner and Warren sent a letter to Howard Lutnick, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, raising concerns about reports that the Trump administration dismissed or forced out senior national security officials responsible for countering China's intelligence and cyber attacks against American technology and communication systems. Read more [here](#).

2/10/2026 [Warner releases statement on Tulsi Gabbard's unexplained presence in Fulton County](#). Senator Warner issued the following statement after an FBI search warrant affidavit regarding the 2020 election results in Fulton County, GA, was unsealed: "The newly unsealed affidavit shows this search originated from the frivolous claims of Kurt Olsen, an attorney who traffics in debunked falsehoods about the 2020 election. It also makes clear there was no foreign intelligence nexus. So why was the Director of National Intelligence there? When the nation's top intelligence official inserts herself into a matter with no connection to a foreign threat, it's hard to escape the conclusion that the objective was political – namely, getting back into Donald Trump's good graces – and that her presence was meant to lay the groundwork for baseless claims of foreign interference. Americans should be deeply concerned about what someone with sweeping authority over the country's intelligence apparatus might do to achieve that."

2/6/2025 [Following Warner and Kaine pressure, DHS Inspector General launches audit of DHS data privacy abuses](#). Following pressure from Sens. Warner and Kaine, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Inspector General has launched an audit of DHS data practices, including those used by ICE, in response to serious concerns about potential data privacy abuses and the misuse of sensitive personal information. In a [letter](#) to the senators, Inspector General Joseph Cuffari confirmed that his office has initiated an audit to assess how DHS components collect, store, use, and share sensitive personal data, and whether those activities comply with the law. Warner and Kaine [previously raised the alarm](#) that DHS may be collecting and utilizing sensitive data about U.S. citizens and non-citizens in ways that may

circumvent civil liberties, including those guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment, while operating with insufficient oversight and accountability. Read Sens. Warner and Kaine's letter to Inspector General Cuffari [here](#). Read Inspector General Cuffari's response [here](#).

2/5/2026 Warner and Kaine slam Trump administration rule to make it easier to fire federal workers. Sens. Warner and Kaine slammed the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) final rule that will allow the Trump Administration to reclassify and fire federal employees without cause or appeals rights. Schedule Policy/Career, previously known as Schedule F, is a policy that President Donald Trump pursued during his first term to strip federal workers of their protections and carry out politically motivated firings. "For decades, our nonpartisan civil service has set us apart from other countries and enabled us to have stability and continuity no matter who is in the White House. The Trump Administration's move to reclassify federal employees to make it easier to fire them for political reasons will hurt these workers and their families, threaten our national security, and make it harder for Americans to access the services they need. If we want to continue to lead the world, then we must have a federal workforce based on merit, not politics. We will continue to do everything we can to protect these dedicated public servants, many of whom live in Virginia." Warner and Kaine, members of the Federal Workforce Caucus that launched earlier this week, have strongly pushed back against the mass firings and politicization of the federal workforce. Last May, Warner and Kaine sent a [letter](#) opposing OPM's rule change. The senators previously introduced the [Saving the Civil Service Act](#), legislation to protect the merit-based federal workforce system and prevent any position in the competitive service from being reclassified to Schedule P/C.

1/30/2026 Warner releases statement on the nomination of Kevin Warsh. Sen. Warner's statement reads: "The independence of the Federal Reserve isn't optional – it's the foundation of our economy. It stabilizes borrowing prices so families can buy homes, afford everyday necessities, and run small businesses. "It is difficult to trust that any Chair of the Federal Reserve selected by this president will be able to act with the independence required of the position, knowing that this administration will levy charges against any leader who makes interest rate decisions based on facts and the needs of our economy rather than Trump's personal preferences."

1/29/2025 Warner, colleagues urge Trump administration to reverse course on rollback of probationary federal employee protections. Senator Warner joined 11 of his Senate colleagues in urging the Trump Administration's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) against implementing a rule that would severely weaken longstanding civil service protections for federal probationary employees. In their letter submitted for OPM's official comment period on its proposed rule regarding probationary and trial period appeals, the Senators expressed concern that the rule would shift the adjudication of termination appeals from the independent Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) to an internal OPM process overseen by a political appointee – a clear conflict of interest in which OPM could both decide which employees are fired and play referee in disputes over those firings. Further, they noted that eroding already limited protections for probationary employees and inviting political interference in workforce matters will harm the recruitment and retention of top talent in the federal civil service. The Senators stressed that these proposed changes are especially dangerous

given the Administration’s recent abuses of probationary employees, including mass firings conducted last year that were deemed illegal by a federal court – and they urged OPM to reject the rule and work with Congress to protect a merit-based, nonpartisan federal workforce. Text of the letter can be viewed [here](#).

1/29/2025 [Warner, Kaine demand investigation into DHS use of surveillance technology](#). Senators Warner and Kaine sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Inspector General Joseph Cuffari urging him to investigate current and future DHS procurements that enable the collection, retention, and analysis of sensitive personal data. As DHS continues a mass deportation campaign across the country, Warner and Kaine raised serious concerns that DHS is collecting and utilizing sensitive data about U.S. citizens and non-citizens in ways that may circumvent Fourth Amendment protections and other constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, while operating with insufficient oversight and accountability. Read the full letter [here](#).

1/29/2025 [Warner: Why is Tulsi Gabbard in Fulton County?](#) Senator Warner issued the following statement on the FBI raid in Fulton County, Georgia: “There are only two explanations for why the Director of National Intelligence would show up at a federal raid tied to Donald Trump’s obsession with losing the 2020 election. Either Director Gabbard believes there was a legitimate foreign intelligence nexus – in which case she is in clear violation of her obligation under the law to keep the intelligence committees ‘fully and currently informed’ of relevant national security concerns – or she is once again demonstrating her utter lack of fitness for the office that she holds by injecting the nonpartisan intelligence community she is supposed to be leading into a domestic political stunt designed to legitimize conspiracy theories that undermine our democracy. Either is a serious breach of trust that further underscores why she is totally unqualified to hold a position that demands sound judgment, apolitical independence, and a singular focus on keeping Americans safe.” For more, watch Senator Warner discuss [here](#) and [here](#).

1/14/2026 [Warner and Democratic colleagues join effort challenging attempts to suppress mail-in voting](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine joined their Senate Democratic colleagues in filing an amicus brief in the case of *Watson v. Republican National Committee*, a landmark mail-in voting case that will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court later this year. The Supreme Court’s decision in the case could determine whether vote-by-mail in Virginia will be thrown into chaos. The full text of the amicus brief is available [here](#).

1/12/2026 [Watch: Senator Warner condemn Islamophobia within the Trump administration](#). Sen. Warner speaks on the Senate floor to condemn the persistent and unconscionable scourge of Islamophobia.

1/11/2026 [Senator Warner releases statement on Trump using Department of Justice to threaten the Federal Reserve](#). An excerpt of Senator Warner’s statement reads: “The Fed was designed to operate independently, insulated from political pressure, so that it can make tough decisions based on data and the long-term health of the economy, not the whims of any one president. That independence provides the stability that markets, investors, and everyday Americans rely on. Using the threat of criminal prosecution to pressure the Fed over

interest rates is a direct assault on that foundation and puts the economic security of millions of Americans at risk. Uncertainty and instability can ripple through the economy, affecting borrowing costs and making it harder for families to buy a home, run a small business, or afford everyday necessities like food, fuel, and diapers.” Read the full statement [here](#).

1/3/2026 [Senate Intelligence Vice Chairman Warner responds to military action in Venezuela](#). An excerpt of Senator Warner’s statement reads: “Our Constitution places the gravest decisions about the use of military force in the hands of Congress for a reason. Using military force to enact regime change demands the closest scrutiny, precisely because the consequences do not end with the initial strike. If the United States asserts the right to use military force to invade and capture foreign leaders it accuses of criminal conduct, what prevents China from claiming the same authority over Taiwan’s leadership? What stops Vladimir Putin from asserting similar justification to abduct Ukraine’s president? Once this line is crossed, the rules that restrain global chaos begin to collapse, and authoritarian regimes will be the first to exploit it.” Read the full statement [here](#).

12/22/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Scott slam Trump administration's sudden halt of Virginia offshore wind project](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine, along with Rep. Bobby Scott issued the following statement: “Despite our senior roles on the Senate Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, the administration has failed to share any new information that supports this sudden and sweeping move to halt all offshore wind development, including a project off the coast of Virginia that is already almost complete and operational. That silence speaks volumes, especially given the president’s longstanding, well-documented opposition to offshore wind – and the promises he’s made to his donors to put his thumb on the scale against certain energy projects. This reckless, haphazard approach puts billions of dollars in private investment at risk, threatens thousands of good-paying American jobs coming to a veteran-heavy area, undermines energy security, and damages the credibility of the United States government. Virginia’s offshore wind project has undergone years of rigorous review and represents a critical step toward strengthening our energy independence, lowering energy costs for American families, growing our clean energy economy, and positioning the Commonwealth as a global leader in this industry. When a project that has met every requirement is suddenly stopped without explanation, it is fair to ask whether this decision is being driven by evidence, or by personal and political grievance.”

12/17/2025 [Warner and Wyden call to improve Medicare Advantage for seniors](#). Sens. Warner and Wyden issued a statement after the Trump administration proposed new steps to make it easier for seniors to switch their Medicare Advantage plan or choose Traditional Medicare if a doctor or hospital they use leaves their insurance plan network. “Navigating the health care landscape is hard enough as is – we shouldn’t be forcing seniors to jump through hoops in order to continue seeing the doctors they know and trust,” said Sen. Warner. “I’m glad to see CMS heed our call by proposing new measures that would allow Medicare Advantage enrollees to change their coverage more easily when they experience mid-year provider network changes. I’ll keep working with CMS to get this proposed rule finalized and ensure that elderly Americans can count on the continuity of care they need.”

12/17/2025 [Warner, colleagues blast FCC efforts to strip broadband price transparency labels for consumers, demand reversal](#) Sen. Warner and seven of his colleagues urged Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Brendan Carr to reverse the agency's decision to weaken broadband label rules that help consumers understand the type of broadband services they are buying before committing to a provider. In a letter to Chairman Carr, the senators expressed strong opposition to the FCC's proposed rulemaking that would scale back key broadband consumer label requirements that the FCC adopted unanimously in 2022. Congress directed the FCC to create broadband labels in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in order to improve consumers' ability to get a better understanding of the broadband services that they are paying for and receiving. The full text of the letter can be found [here](#).

12/11/2025 [Senator Warner applauds House passage of his bipartisan bill to repeal union-busting executive orders](#). Sen. Warner released a statement after the House of Representatives voted to pass the *Protect America's Workforce Act*. The bill would repeal two executive orders issued earlier this year that revoked collective bargaining rights from the majority of federal employees and unilaterally canceled hundreds of thousands of existing union contracts. The legislation has earned broad support from labor unions representing federal workers across the country. Read the full statement [here](#).

12/11/2025 [Senator Warner speaks on failed vote to preserve health care for millions of Americans](#). A portion of the statement reads: "Enhanced Premium Tax Credits have put health insurance within reach for millions of Americans, including small business owners and employees, gig workers, and many other people who cannot count on employer-provided health care. The legislation put forth by Democrats today would have extended these tax credits for three years, providing Americans with certainty while allowing Congress to focus on improving our health care system and fixing its flaws. Today is a sad day for middle-class families, for parents with vulnerable children, and for people whose lives are better because they can buy their medications every month and see a doctor when they need to." Read the full statement [here](#).

12/10/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner calls for transparency into boat strike video](#). Watch Sen. Warner speak about Hegseth and what he saw on the video of the boat strikes off the coast of Venezuela.

12/10/2025 [Ahead of Senate vote, Warner and Shaheen hold forum on the disastrous impacts of ACA tax credit expiration](#). Sens. Warner and Shaheen hosted a spotlight forum underscoring the urgent need for Congress to extend the soon-expiring tax credits that have made health care more affordable for tens of millions of Americans. The spotlight forum, entitled "The Cost of Inaction: Why Congress Must Extend the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits", featured several Democratic Senators and five witnesses and came ahead of a Senate vote Thursday on a Democratic proposal to extend the tax credits. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full forum and click [HERE](#) for media files.

12/9/2025 [Warner releases statement on Trump's greenlighting of Nvidia H200 chips to China](#). Senator Warner, author of the [bipartisan law](#) to invest in domestic

semiconductor manufacturing, released the following statement on the Trump administration's announcement that it would allow American chipmaker Nvidia to send H200 chips to China: "American companies must remain the undisputed leader in AI hardware because our strategic competition with China on AI will boil down to whose ecosystem drives adoption and innovation globally, as NVIDIA has acknowledged. Unfortunately, the Trump administration's haphazard and transactional approach to export policy demonstrates that it does not have any sort of coherent strategy for how we will compete with China, specifically as it relates to whose chips, tools, cloud infrastructure, and ecosystem will influence the most AI developers worldwide. I fear that with no strategic vision for that broader competition across multiple key dimensions of AI innovation, this administration risks squandering U.S. AI leadership and deferring to the People's Republic of China up and down the AI stack."

[12/3/2025 Following IG Report, Warner renews call for Hegseth to resign or be fired.](#) After an investigation by the Department of Defense's (DoD) independent watchdog found that Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth violated DoD policy and endangered the lives of Virginia-based pilots by sharing classified information over an unsecure personal group chat, Senator Warner has renewed calls for his removal. Watch him discuss [here](#) and [here](#), and read the full statement [here](#).

[11/25/2025 Ranking Members Warner, Coons, Murray, Reed, Schatz, and Warren release statement on President Trump's ultimatum to Ukraine.](#) Senator Warner, alongside his colleagues, issued a statement in response to a reported deal the Trump administration proposed to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine that would require heavy Ukrainian concessions. Read the full statement [here](#).

[11/21/2025 Warner, Democratic colleagues introduce legislation to reverse Republican SNAP cuts and restore food security for millions of Americans.](#) Senator Warner, alongside every Senate Democrat in introducing the *Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act of 2025*. The legislation would repeal the devastating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cuts Republicans in Congress approved in July in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans. Read more [here](#).

[11/20/2025 Warner, Wyden call on Trump to help seniors when insurance companies drop doctors from their plans](#) Senator Warner, alongside Senator Wyden, called on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage with more information when a significant number of doctors or hospitals no longer accept their insurance in the middle of the year. The letter calls on CMS to clarify how these special enrollment periods are determined, describe how seniors in Medicare are notified about plan changes, and additional information to improve transparency around these challenging circumstances. The full letter can be found [here](#).

[11/20/2025 Senator Warner raises the alarm about Trump's attacks on national security.](#) Senator Warner delivered a speech on the floor of the U.S. Senate warning that the United States faces a deepening threat to our security as the Trump administration continues a sweeping political purge of the FBI, dismantles America's cyber defenses, and hollows out the institutions responsible for protecting the homeland. Watch the full video [here](#).

11/18/2025 [Sen. Warner statement on the Epstein files.](#) Senator Warner released a statement following the Senate’s unanimous vote to compel the Trump administration to release the Epstein files. A portion of the statement reads: “Make no mistake: Trump can and should have released these files months ago. Now that new details have emerged – including Epstein’s statement that Trump [‘knew about the girls’](#) – it’s easier to see why he decided to break his promise to release them. Instead, he’s rolled out stunt after stunt to try to change the subject. No matter what obstruction Trump tries next, I will keep pressing for justice and accountability for Epstein’s victims and for full transparency with the American people.”

11/13/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine blast Trump administration for skyrocketing energy prices.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine slammed the Trump administration after a [new report](#) showed that energy prices are increasing under the Trump administration. In Virginia, households are paying on average \$130 more– a 7.3 percent increase – in annual energy costs compared to last year. This comes after President Donald Trump declared an “energy emergency” to cancel clean energy projects across the country. “President Trump promised Americans lower costs, energy independence, and more good paying jobs, yet he is canceling energy projects across Virginia and the country, triggering higher utility bills, weakening the American power grid, growing our reliance on foreign energy, and cutting jobs,” said Sen. Warner. “In the Senate, my Democratic colleagues and I are focused on diversifying America’s energy sources, and we’re going to continue doing everything we can to lower utility costs for families.” Read more [here](#).

11/9/2025 [Senator Warner opposes Republican CR.](#) Senator Warner voted NO on the Republican CR, stating “I cannot support a deal that still leaves millions of Americans wondering how they are going to pay for their health care or whether they will be able to afford to get sick. We owe the American people more than a short-term fix that leaves working families staring down a health care crisis, and simply kicking the can down the road is not good enough. Families are already struggling with rising prices on everything from groceries to housing. I will keep working in the Senate to bring costs down and relieve the pressure on working families who are already paying more because of President Trump’s policies that are driving prices up instead of lowering them.” Watch Senator Warner explain his vote [here](#), and read his full statement [here](#).

11/6/2025 [Warner, colleagues demand DHS reinstate ICE oversight staff furloughed during Republican shutdown.](#) Following their [September oversight visit of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\) field office in Chantilly, Virginia](#), Senator Warner and Reps. Walkinshaw, Beyer, and Subramanyam called on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reverse its decision to furlough the civil servants responsible for oversight of ICE detention centers. In a bicameral letter to DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, the lawmakers raised serious concerns over the furlough of the Office of Detention Oversight (ODO), the unit charged with inspecting facilities, investigating abuse, and ensuring humane conditions for detainees. Read the full letter [here](#).

11/6/2025 [Senators act to bar mass layoffs during government shutdown.](#) Senator Warner, alongside Sens. Van Hollen, Schumer, Hirono, Kaine, and Alsobrooks introduced the *Securing Assurance for Federal Employees (SAFE) Act*, legislation to explicitly prohibit the

federal government from carrying out reductions in force (RIFs) during a lapse in appropriations. The bill would also reverse RIF actions taken during the current government shutdown. “Our civil servants take an oath to serve the American people, not a political party or a president. Weaponizing a shutdown to push out career professionals is not only wrong, it’s unlawful and dangerous for our democracy,” said Sen. Warner. “This bill makes clear that no administration can use manufactured chaos as a backdoor way to purge the federal workforce.” Read the full bill [here](#).

10/30/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine introduce legislation to protect nutrition assistance for Virginia families](#). As President Trump withholds existing funding for vital nutrition programs, Sens. Warner and Kaine joined their colleagues in introducing the *Keep SNAP and WIC Funded Act of 2025* to keep the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funded during the GOP’s government shutdown. Read more [here](#).

10/29/2025 [Warner, colleagues press Sec. Kennedy on how families will be pushed into medical debt-induced bankruptcy by Trump's health care cuts](#). Senator Warner, alongside 21 of his Senate colleagues, sent a letter to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. pressing him for answers about how many families will be pushed into medical debt-induced bankruptcy nationwide by the Trump administration’s massive health care cuts and failure to address soaring health insurance premiums. Read the full letter [here](#).

10/29/2025 [Warner blasts Trump administration for holding partisan national security briefing](#). Senator Warner issued a statement blasting the Trump administration for holding a partisan military briefing and withholding legally requested information from Democratic senators. A portion of the statement reads: “Shutting Democrats out of a briefing on U.S. military strikes and withholding the legal justification for those strikes from half the Senate is indefensible and dangerous. Decisions about the use of American military force are not campaign strategy sessions, and they are not the private property of one political party. For any administration to treat them that way erodes our national security and flies in the face of Congress’ constitutional obligation to oversee matters of war and peace.” Read the full statement [here](#).

10/29/2025 [Warner and Kaine introduce legislation to pause student loans for federal workers, contractors, and military](#). Senators Warner and Kaine introduced *The Shutdown Student Loans for Feds Act*, legislation that would require the Department of Education to pause student loan payments for federal workers – including federal contractors and military personnel – in the event of a federal government shutdown lasting longer than two weeks. If passed, this legislation would take immediate effect for the current Republican shutdown, which has lasted 29 days. “Virginia’s federal workers – including federal contractors and servicemembers – are the backbone of the services Americans depend on,” said Sen. Warner. “They shouldn’t be forced to shoulder financial hardship because of a shutdown they did nothing to cause. This legislation would pause federal student loan payments for our public servants and give them the relief they need while they weather this shutdown.” Read the full bill text [here](#).

10/23/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner debunk Republican lies.](#) Watch as Senator Warner debunks as many lies as he can in under 90 seconds.

10/23/2025 [Senator Warner, colleagues demand USDA immediately release November SNAP benefits.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine, alongside 44 Senate colleagues, sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to release the billions of dollars at its disposal to ensure Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits continue in November. “We were deeply disturbed to hear that the USDA has instructed states to stop processing SNAP benefits for November and were surprised by your recent comments that the program will ‘run out of money in two weeks.’ In fact, the USDA has several tools available which would enable SNAP benefits to be paid through or close to the end of November,” the senators wrote, raising the alarm about the USDA’s failure to use available funding to continue SNAP. Read the full letter [here](#).

10/23/2025 [Senate Finance Committee Democrats sound alarm over Trump weaponization of the IRS against the free speech rights of Trump opponents.](#) Senator Warner, alongside other Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee in demanding answers about the Trump administration’s reported plans to weaponize the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criminal-investigative division in an attack on the free speech rights of progressive individuals and groups the President sees as opponents. The senators noted that politically motivated interference in the administration of tax law is prohibited under federal law and can result in criminal penalties, including incarceration. They sought to learn who has directed and participated in this IRS weaponization, what changes the Administration intends to make to IRS policy, and what individuals and groups the Administration is targeting as part of this abusive, illegal weaponization scheme. Read the full letter [here](#).

10/23/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner push for passage of the True Shutdown Fairness Act.](#) Senator Warner spoke on the floor of the U.S. Senate pushing for passage of the *True Shutdown Fairness Act*, legislation he introduced alongside Sens. Van Hollen, Alsbrooks, Kaine, and a number of colleagues to pay all federal employees – both those excepted and furloughed – as well as service members and federal contractors during the current Republican-led shutdown and would also prevent the Trump administration’s attempts at mass firings (Reductions in Force or RIFs) while the government is shut down. Read more [here](#).

10/23/2025 [Senator Warner introduces legislation to pay all federal employees, servicemembers, and contractors during shutdown.](#) Senator Warner joined over 20 Senators in introducing the *True Shutdown Fairness Act*, legislation to pay all federal employees – both those excepted and furloughed – as well as our servicemembers and federal contractors during the current Republican-led shutdown. The legislation would also prevent the Administration’s attempts at mass firings (Reductions in Force or RIFs) while the government is shut down. Full text of the legislation is available [here](#).

10/15/2025 [Warner and colleagues urge administration to follow law on back pay for furloughed federal workers.](#) Senator Warner, alongside colleagues, wrote a bipartisan letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought urging OMB to follow the

law—which President Donald Trump signed in 2019—that requires furloughed federal employees to receive back pay during a government shutdown. The members underscore that the *Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019*, which was [passed](#) and signed into law during the last shutdown under President Trump, is clear that all federal employees, whether they are excepted or furloughed, are entitled to back pay after a government shutdown ends.

10/14/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner rally with federal workers.](#) Watch Senator Warner speak on the Republican government shutdown and illegitimate attacks on the federal workforce [here](#).

10/10/2025 [Senator Warner blasts Trump's mass firing of federal workers.](#) Senators Warner and Kaine released a statement after the Trump administration announced “substantial” layoffs of federal workers amid the government shutdown. An excerpt of the statement reads: “Donald Trump and Russ Vought are once again showing us exactly who they are: reckless ideologues willing to inflict real pain on hardworking Americans to score political points. They have repeatedly treated federal employees not as partners in serving the American people, but as punching bags for their political agenda. Now, in the middle of a shutdown manufactured by Republicans – who control the House, the Senate, and the White House – they’re doubling down by laying off federal workers, turning their own failure to govern into a direct attack on the people who keep this country running and jeopardizing vital government services.” Read the full statement [here](#).

10/9/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine criticize Trump's retribution against Attorney General Letitia James.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine released a statement regarding the Trump administration’s malicious prosecution of New York Attorney General Letitia James. An excerpt of the statement reads: “To prosecutors across America: the integrity of our justice system depends on your courage to resist political interference. History will remember those who stood firm in defense of the rule of law, and those who allowed themselves to be complicit in corrupt, politically-motivated prosecutions.” Read the full statement [here](#).

10/8/2025 [Warner, colleagues introduce legislation to protect federal workers during shutdown.](#) Senator Warner, alongside Senator Kaine and Democratic colleagues, introduced the *Federal Employee Civil Relief Act*. This legislation would protect federal workers, federal contractor employees, and their families from foreclosures, evictions, and loan defaults during a government shutdown. “Through no fault of their own, hundreds of thousands of dedicated public servants in Virginia have been furloughed or are currently working without pay. That creates real financial strain for families trying to keep up with mortgages, student loans, and other bills. This legislation will help ensure federal workers and contractors aren’t forced to bear the cost of a shutdown they didn’t cause,” said Sen. Warner. Read more [here](#).

10/7/2025 [Senator Warner calls for removal of political propaganda from official government web sites and communications.](#) As the Trump administration blatantly tries to weaponize federal funding and misuse official government communications channels for partisan propaganda purposes, Senator Warner and 23 Senate colleagues sent a letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought demanding the Trump administration immediately remove unprecedented partisan political messages from official government

websites and other official communication accounts that violates federal law. Read the full letter [here](#).

10/3/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine sound the alarm on surging health care costs](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine have released a statement after reviewing [newly-released numbers](#) from the Commonwealth's health insurance marketplace. These numbers paint a grim picture for Virginia, forecasting a dramatic surge in monthly insurance payments for individuals, couples, and families across a wide variety of income levels. Read the full statement and more on the report [here](#).

9/30/2025 [Warner and Kaine blast Republican failure to pass a bill to keep government open](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine released a statement after Republicans blocked passage of a bill to fund the government and protect Virginians' access to health care. A portion of the statement reads "Donald Trump once said, 'If there is a shutdown, I think it would be a tremendously negative mark on the president of the United States. He's the one that has to get people together.' By his own standard, this looming shutdown is a failure of President Trump's leadership." Read the full statement [here](#).

9/30/2025 [Democrats introduce CRA resolution to overturn harmful ACA marketplace rule](#). Senator Warner, alongside Democratic colleagues, introduced [a Congressional Review Act \(CRA\) resolution](#) to overturn a Trump administration rule making it harder and more expensive for Americans to enroll for health care coverage on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces. Read more [here](#) and watch Senator Warner explain the harmful ACA marketplace policy [here](#).

9/29/2025 [Senator Warner responds to partisan attack on CISA](#). Senator Warner released a statement in response to a partisan report from the Senate Commerce Committee attacking the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): "This new report is a cynical effort to distract from the Trump administration's ongoing unconstitutional efforts to intimidate broadcasters, social media platforms, and everyday Americans. Biden officials' good faith efforts to tip social media platforms to foreign influence campaigns targeting our election and COVID response have no parallel in the sustained and coercive efforts of Donald Trump, JD Vance, and Brendan Carr to devastate our nation's history of independent media and free debate."

9/26/2025 [Warner, Beyer, Subramanyam & Walkinshaw release statement following visit to Chantilly ICE Field Office](#). An excerpt of the statement reads: "We take seriously our responsibility to provide oversight and ensure that all federal agencies meet their obligations under the law. Today, we visited the ICE field office in Chantilly, Va., after a month of attempting to gain access following serious reports of troubling conditions and severe overcrowding at this facility. ICE field offices are not designed or equipped to safely hold individuals for more than 12 hours, which was the long-standing policy until June, making the dangerous overcrowding both disturbing and wholly predictable. We are relieved to report that as of today, conditions appear to have improved from the horrifying reports we received just weeks ago." Read the full statement [here](#).

9/25/2025 [Warner and Kaine respond to Trump's shutdown threats.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine released a statement on the memo issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) last night regarding agency preparations for a potential government shutdown: “America deserves a leader focused on solving problems, not someone who treats chaos and disruption as tools of governing. Instead of threatening government employees and the American public with even more mass layoffs and federal dysfunction, President Trump should come to the table and negotiate a funding bill that prevents health care premiums from skyrocketing for families and keeps the government operational. If President Trump truly cares about the American people, he will work with Congress to avoid a shutdown of his own making.”

9/23/2025 [Senator Warner criticizes Trump's refusal to meet with Democrats on government funding.](#) An excerpt of the statement reads “President Trump instructed Republicans to craft a budget bill without dealing with Democrats. Now he’s canceled a negotiation meeting with Democratic leadership that he just agreed to Sunday. President Trump’s unwillingness to engage with Democrats on a path forward underscores how little he cares about the American people.” Read the full statement [here](#).

9/19/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine condemn Republican failure to pass a CR.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine issued a statement after Republicans voted down legislation to fund the government, protect Virginians’ access to health care, and prohibit the Trump administration from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress. Read the full statement [here](#).

9/19/2025 [Warner and Kaine release statement on politically motivated pushing out of Interim U.S. Attorney for the EDVA.](#) The joint statement reads ““The American people are begging for lower costs and for the Trump administration to undo its attacks on their health care. But what is Trump focused on? Threatening to pull anyone who criticizes him on TV off the air. And now, pushing out the interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia that we recommended and he himself nominated because Erik Siebert is an ethical prosecutor who refused to bring criminal charges against Trump’s perceived enemies when the facts wouldn’t support it. The Eastern District of Virginia is at the forefront of significant cases essential to our national security, and just like any court in America, should be focused on justice instead of a thin-skinned president’s vendettas.”

9/18/2025 [Senator Warner rallies against intelligence politization.](#) Through a [speech on the Senator floor](#), a [Bloomberg interview](#), and a [discussion held at GMU’s Hayden Center](#), Senator Warner has underscored how President Trump and Director of National Intelligence Gabbard have systematically undermined the independence of the nation’s intelligence community, highlighting how firings, revoked clearances, and retaliatory reassignments have silenced decades of expertise, punished analysts for telling the truth, and endangered America’s ability to confront threats from adversaries.

9/18/2025 [Warner and Kaine announce support for legislation to fund government.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine announced their support for legislation crafted by Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chair Patty Murray and House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro to fund the federal government through October 31; protect Americans’ health care by reversing Republicans’ Medicaid cuts and

preventing *Affordable Care Act* premiums from skyrocketing; and prohibit the Trump administration from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress. Read their full statement [here](#).

9/17/2025 [With federal workers under attack, Warner and colleagues introduce bipartisan legislation to repeal union-busting executive orders](#). Senator Warner, alongside Democratic colleagues, introduced the [Protect America's Workforce Act](#) – bipartisan legislation to repeal two union-busting [executive orders](#) and restore collective bargaining rights and workplace protections for federal workers. This legislation comes in response to two executive orders issued earlier this year by President Trump. These executive orders [revoked collective bargaining rights](#) for a majority of federal employees under a false national security pretext. While federal employee unions do not negotiate pay or benefits, collective bargaining agreements do protect federal employees from retaliation, discrimination, and illegal firings, while promoting resources for whistleblowers and veterans.

9/17/2025 [Warner, colleagues refile legislation to challenge Trump's tariffs on Canada](#). Senator Warner, alongside multiple Democratic colleagues, announced that their legislation to undo President Donald Trump's *International Economic Emergency Powers Act* (IEEPA) tariffs on Canada has been refiled. Since Trump launched his trade war with Canada, exports of U.S. distilled spirits declined by about [62 percent](#), and tourism from Canada to the U.S. fell by [33.9 percent](#). The legislation [passed](#) the Senate in a 51-48 vote in April but has not been taken up by the House of Representatives. It is privileged, so the Senate will be required to vote on it. Full text of the legislation is available [here](#).

9/15/2025 [Senator Warner demands urgent briefing on foreign election threats from Gabbard after intelligence rollback](#). Senator Warner, alongside Senator Padilla, [wrote](#) Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard regarding concerns that she may have directed the Intelligence Community (IC) to cease disclosing attempted foreign interference in U.S. elections and requested she provide an urgent briefing on foreign election threats. The Senators also demanded Gabbard clarify her comments made about alleged “evidence” of vulnerabilities to electronic voting systems and manipulation of election results, which has not been substantiated.

9/15/2025 [Warner and Kaine demand Education Department release federal funding for Northern Virginia schools](#). Sens. Warner and Kaine sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon demanding the immediate reversal of the Department of Education's decision to [withhold millions of dollars in federal funding](#) from Alexandria City Public Schools, Arlington Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools, and Prince William County Public Schools. Read the full letter [here](#).

9/12/2025 [Warner and colleagues introduce legislation to refund small businesses for Trump tariffs](#). Senator Warner and nine of his Senate colleagues introduced the *Small Business RELIEF Act*, legislation to exempt small businesses from global baseline and reciprocal tariffs and to provide refunds to the small businesses that were forced to pay them. Text of this legislation is available [here](#).

9/12/2025 [Warner, Kaine, colleagues introduce bill to Save Social Security from President Trump's harmful actions.](#) Sens Warner and Kaine, along with 27 of their Democratic colleagues, introduced the *Keep Billionaires Out of Social Security Act*, legislation that would reverse the disastrous actions the Trump administration is taking at the Social Security Administration (SSA). The bill would prevent Social Security field offices from shutting down, make it easier for seniors and people with disabilities to apply for benefits, and provide proper resources to the SSA so it can approve benefits quicker. Read more about the bill [here](#).

9/10/2025 [Senator Warner opposes Miran for the Federal Reserve.](#) A portion of Senator Warner's statement reads: "The Federal Reserve was designed to make decisions free from political interference, guided by data and the long-term stability of our economy, not the political agenda of any one president. Donald Trump has made clear he wants to tear down that independence, just as he has with so many of the institutions that have kept our democracy and our economy strong. His nomination of Stephen Miran to the Fed Board is yet another step in that dangerous campaign." Read the full statement [here](#).

9/9/2025 [Finance Democrats call on Crapo to hold hearing on chaos at Social Security.](#) Senator Warner joined Finance Committee Democrats in calling for an immediate hearing to investigate the customer service issues at the Social Security Administration (SSA) – including exposing millions of Americans' personal information that could have resulted in the largest data breach in modern history. "As one of the nation's most popular and effective programs, Social Security provides a foundation of income on which workers can build for their retirement, as well as valuable insurance protection against unexpected hardship. Failing to investigate SSA and hold Commissioner Bisignano accountable for keeping his promise to protect America's data and improve SSA is an abdication of our oversight responsibility and a disservice to our constituents who sent us to Congress to protect this bedrock program," the senators wrote to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID). Read the full letter [here](#).

9/9/2025 [Warner and Kaine release statement on Augusta Medical Group decision to consolidate locations in Virginia.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine released a statement after the Augusta Medical Group [announced](#) the closure of three practice locations—Weyers Cave Urgent Care, Buena Vista Primary Care, and Churchville Primary Care—in response to [Republicans' law](#) that made major cuts to Medicaid. Warner and Kaine strongly opposed the Republican law. Read the full statement [here](#).

9/4/2025 [Watch: Warner & Don Scott sit down with Virginians who rely on rural hospital targeted by Republican budget law.](#) Senator Warner and Virginia House of Delegates Speaker Don Scott traveled to Franklin's Hayden Village Center to sit down with Franklin community members and leaders who rely on Southampton Medical Center – one of the [six rural hospitals in Virginia and more than 300 rural hospitals across the nation](#) that are now at disproportionate risk of closure, conversion, or dramatic service reductions following passage of the "Big Beautiful" Republican budget law. View the clip [here](#).

9/4/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner grills RFK Jr. on vaccine data, rural health care.](#) During a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen Warner pressed Secretary of Health and

Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on his failure to acknowledge basic facts about the COVID-19 pandemic and raised urgent concerns about the future of community health centers and rural hospitals following the massive Medicaid cuts in President Trump's Big Ugly Bill. Warner expressed disbelief that Kennedy, after eight months in office, could not answer how many Americans died from COVID or whether vaccines saved lives. Watch the full video [here](#).

9/2/2025 [Senator Warner releases statement as Trump administration blocks congressional intelligence oversight](#). Senator Warner criticized the Trump administration after a routine visit to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency was canceled following posts by far-right activist Laura Loomer. A portion of the statement reads: "This nakedly political decision undermines the dedicated, nonpartisan staff at NGA and threatens the principle of civilian oversight that protects our national security. Members of Congress routinely conduct meetings and on-site engagements with federal employees in their states and districts; blocking and setting arbitrary conditions on these sessions sets a dangerous precedent, calling into question whether oversight is now allowed only when it pleases the far-right fringe. This should concern Republicans as well as Democrats: if routine oversight can be obstructed for political reasons, no member of Congress is immune." Read the full statement [here](#).

8/29/2025 [Warner, Kaine, and Scott slam Trump administration's withdrawal of more than \\$39 million in funding for Fairwinds Landing](#). U.S. Senators Warner and Kaine, along with U.S. Representative Bobby Scott slammed the Trump administration's [withdrawal](#) of [\\$39,265,000 in federal funding](#) they secured for the Fairwinds Landing maritime operations and logistics facility in Norfolk. Read the full statement [here](#).

8/26/2025 [Senator Warner slams Trump's attempt to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook](#). A portion of Senator Warner's statement reads: "The Fed was designed to operate insulated from political pressure so that it can make tough decisions based on data and the long-term health of the economy, not the whims of any one president. This outrageous and unprecedented attempt to fire a member of the independent Federal Reserve on the flimsiest of unproven pretexts is clearly the latest scheme from a president determined to subvert the institutions that have kept our democracy strong and our economy the envy of the world." Read the full statement [here](#).

8/22/2025 [Senator Warner speaks out on firing of General Jeffrey Kruse](#). Senator Warner released a statement on the firing of General Jeffrey Kruse as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). A portion of the statement reads: "The firing of yet another senior national security official underscores the Trump administration's dangerous habit of treating intelligence as a loyalty test rather than a safeguard for our country. General Kruse is a career military officer with decades of distinguished, non-partisan service to our nation, making this ouster all the more troubling." Read the full statement [here](#).

8/22/2025 [Senator Warner releases statement on Intel Corp](#). Senator Warner, a co-author of the [CHIPS and Science Act](#), released a statement after President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. government would take an equity stake in Intel in exchange for billions in federal funding from the CHIPS law. Read the full statement [here](#).

8/20/2025 [Senator Warner highlights new report projecting \\$490 billion in manufacturing losses by 2029 due to Trump tariffs.](#) Senators Warner and Kaine highlighted a new report from the Joint Economic Committee warning that the Trump administration’s sweeping tariff regime—which has included [almost 100 different policies](#) since April—has directly harmed the American manufacturing sector and could cost the U.S. more than \$490 billion in manufacturing investments by 2029. “If President Trump were actually focused on lowering costs, he would never have never implemented his idiotic, unpopular sales taxes in the form of tariffs,” said the senators. “This report clearly shows the short and long-term damage Trump’s tariffs will have on American manufacturing businesses and consumers. We’re going to keep doing all that we can to pressure Trump to listen to these critical warning signs, reverse course, and put our economy first.” Read the full report [here](#).

8/20/2025 [Statement of Senate Intel Vice Chair on Director Gabbard’s plan to slash intelligence staff.](#) The full statement reads: “Twenty years after it was established, there is broad, bipartisan agreement that the Office of the Director of National Intelligence is in need of thoughtful reform. The Intelligence Authorization Act directs Director Gabbard to submit a plan to Congress outlining her proposed changes, and we will carefully review her proposals and conduct rigorous oversight to ensure any reforms strengthen, not weaken, our national security. But given Director Gabbard’s track record of politicizing intelligence – including her decision just yesterday to revoke security clearances from career national security officials – I have no confidence that she is the right person to carry out this weighty responsibility.”

8/19/2025 [Senator Warner releases statement on Director Gabbard’s abuse and politicization of the security clearance process.](#) Senator Warner released the following statement after Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard arbitrarily and unilaterally revoked security clearances of 37 current and former national security and intelligence officials: “Gabbard’s move to yank clearances from a seemingly random list of national security officials is a reckless abuse of the security clearance process and nothing more than another sad attempt to distract from the administration’s failure to release the Epstein files. National security should never be weaponized for political revenge. That’s why I have introduced [bipartisan legislation](#) that would explicitly prohibit exactly this kind of political abuse and ensure clearance decisions are based only on established criteria.”

8/15/2025 [Ahead of Trump-Putin meeting, Warner calls for firm stand on Ukraine.](#) An excerpt of Senator Warner’s statement reads: “Today, President Trump will once again sit down with Vladimir Putin. While we should all hope this meeting produces a genuine step toward a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, given his track record of cozying up to the Kremlin, refusing to confront Russian election interference, and even taking Putin’s word over the assessments of our own intelligence agencies, I fear this meeting could once again end with America ceding ground to an autocrat who has spent his career undermining democratic values.” Read the full statement [here](#).

8/12/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine applaud Senate passage of three funding bills.](#) “Especially after Congress failed to pass a full-year FY25 funding bill last year, I am encouraged to see the Senate move to pass legislation to fund key parts of the government for

Fiscal Year 2026 and deliver federal dollars for important community projects across Virginia,” said Sen. Warner. “As the president continues to try to encroach on Congress’ power of the purse, I will continue working with my colleagues to fund our nation’s most critical priorities as the Constitution intended.” Through strong advocacy, the senators secured funding in the relevant spending bills for many Virginia projects. For more information, click [here](#).

8/7/2025 [Read Senator Warner’s statement on further political purges of experienced FBI agents](#). Sen. Warner released a statement on press reporting that more experienced FBI leaders – including a former acting FBI director and the acting director of the Washington field office – have been fired without explanation by FBI Director Kash Patel and Deputy Director Dan Bongino. Read the full statement [here](#).

8/6/2025 [Warner & Kaine push back against Trump over planned cancellation of program to lower Virginia home energy bills](#). As Virginians continue to struggle to pay their rising electricity bills, Sens. Warner and Kaine are pushing back against the Trump administration’s plans to terminate a program designed to lower energy costs and support the deployment of affordable solar power to communities hardest hit by skyrocketing costs. Read the full letter the senators wrote to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin and OMB Director Russell Vought [here](#).

8/1/2025 [Read Senator Warner’s statement on Trump’s firing of the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). Senator Warner issued a statement after President Trump announced he fired Dr. Erika McEntarfer, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, following a troubling jobs report. An excerpt of the statement reads “With each passing day, President Trump shows he is willing to sacrifice American workers, families, and now even the integrity of our economic data in order to cover up the consequences of his failures. Firing the ump doesn’t change the score. Americans deserve to know the truth about the state of the Trump economy.” Read the full statement [here](#).

7/31/2025 [Senator Warner introduces new legislation to increase transparency in immigration enforcement](#). Senator Warner, alongside Senators King, Bennet, Hickenlooper, and Kaine, introduced the *Immigration Enforcement Identification Safety Act*. This legislation would prohibit law enforcement officers from obscuring their faces and require that they clearly display their agency, their name and a unique identifier while conducting immigration enforcement functions, with some commonsense exceptions for select tactical missions and officer health and safety. This legislation also provides federal law enforcement agencies with the authority to better protect law enforcement officers and their families from doxing. Watch Senator Warner’s explain the bill [here](#).

7/31/2025 [Senator Warner joins Democratic colleagues to restore the Voting Rights Act](#). Senator Warner, alongside all Senate Democrats, reintroduced the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*, legislation to update and reinforce safeguards in the *Voting Rights Act of 1965* that have been eroded in recent years by federal court rulings. The legislation would strengthen our democracy by re-establishing preclearance for jurisdictions with a pattern of voting rights violations, protecting minority communities subject to discriminatory voting practices and defending election workers from threats and intimidation. It is named in honor of

voting rights champion and former Congressman John Lewis. Text of the legislation is available [here](#).

7/30/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine introduce bill to repeal health care provisions in Republican "Big Ugly Bill"](#). On the 60th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, Senators Warner and Kaine introduced legislation to repeal the health care provisions in President Donald Trump and Republicans' 'Big, Ugly Bill' and permanently extend the *Affordable Care Act's* enhanced tax credits, which expire at the end of the year. The law, which Warner and Kaine strongly opposed, will result in more than 15 million people losing their health insurance under Medicaid and the *Affordable Care Act* and many rural hospitals losing federal funding from Medicaid, putting them at risk of closure.

7/30/2025 [Warner, colleagues, raise the alarm on President Trump's steep concessions to Beijing](#). Senator Warner, joined by Democratic colleagues, released a statement about public reporting that President Trump is pausing export controls on critical technology sold to China as part of an effort to secure a trade deal with Beijing. Read the full statement [here](#).

7/30/2025 [Senator Warner joins legislative effort to publicly release Epstein files](#). Senator Warner, alongside Senate colleagues, introduced the *Epstein Files Transparency Act*, legislation directing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to publicly release all files relating to the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein and his associates.

"President Trump promised transparency and accountability, but what we got instead was more secrecy and flimsy excuses," said Sen. Warner. "The American people deserve to know the full truth about Jeffrey Epstein and the individuals who enabled his horrifying crimes." A copy of the legislation is available [here](#).

7/30/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner speak on Senate floor in opposition to Trump nominee Joe Kent](#). Prior to the vote to confirm Joe Kent as head of the National Counterterrorism Center, Senator Warner raised the alarm on the Senate floor. Watch the full speech [here](#).

7/28/2025 [Senator Warner sounds alarm on administration's decision to resume AI chip sales to China](#). Senator Warner, alongside Sens. Schumer, Reed, Coons, and Warren, sent a letter to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick expressing "grave concern" over the Trump administration's decision to reverse course and allow U.S. companies to sell certain advanced semiconductors to the People's Republic of China (PRC). The full text of the letter is available [here](#).

7/25/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner demand release of Epstein Files](#). Watch Senator Warner's definitive timeline of the Trump administration's plot to mislead, distract and deceive the American people from finding out the truth about the Epstein List.

7/24/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner discuss Trump administration actions against former President Obama](#). Senator Warner joined Pod Save America to discuss recent actions by DNI Gabbard attempting to distract from the Epstein List.

7/23/2025 [Senator Warner speaks on DNI Gabbard's release of partisan HPSCI Russia Report.](#) Senator Warner issued a statement on DNI Gabbard's release of a partisan report prepared by Republicans on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence regarding Russia's intervention in the 2016 presidential election. An excerpt of the statement reads: "It seems as though the Trump administration is willing to declassify anything and everything except the Epstein files. The desperate and irresponsible release of the partisan House intelligence report puts at risk some of the most sensitive sources and methods our Intelligence Community uses to spy on Russia and keep Americans safe. And in doing so, Director Gabbard is sending a chilling message to our allies and assets around the world: the United States can no longer be trusted to protect the intelligence you share with us." Read the full statement [here](#).

7/22/2025 [Warner and Kaine release statement on Republican megabill adding more than \\$4 trillion to the deficit over the next 10 years.](#) Senators Warner and Kaine released a statement regarding the [official score](#) from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) that President Trump and Republicans' megabill will add \$3.4 trillion to the budget deficit through 2034, before accounting for added interest costs. Including additional interest, the bill will increase borrowing by \$4.1 trillion. Read the full statement [here](#).

7/18/2025 [Senator Warner releases statement on DNI Gabbard's sham claims about a "treasonous conspiracy" at the highest levels of government.](#) An excerpt of the statement reads: "It is sadly not surprising that DNI Gabbard, who promised to depoliticize the intelligence community, is once again weaponizing her position to amplify the president's election conspiracy theories. It is appalling to hear DNI Gabbard accuse her own IC workforce of committing a 'treasonous conspiracy' when she was unwilling to label Edward Snowden a traitor." Read the full statement [here](#).

7/17/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner speak on the Epstein Files.](#) Watch Senator Warner's call for release of the files [here](#).

7/17/2025 [Senator Warner and Democratic colleagues force hours of votes to fight back against Republican rescissions bill.](#) Senator Warner and Democratic colleagues spent the night bringing amendments to the Senate floor, pushing back against the harmful Republican rescissions plan. Watch his [10:30PM update](#), his [1:45AM update](#), and read his statement on the bill [here](#).

7/16/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner explain the Republican rescissions package.](#) Watch Senator Warner explain how Republicans are working to gut public media and important foreign aid.

7/16/2025 [Warner and Kaine slam Republican rescissions package for cutting national security funding and making Americans less safe.](#) Senators Warner and Kaine released a joint statement on the Republican rescissions package, which cancels \$3.8 billion in federal funding previously appropriated by a bipartisan majority in Congress for national security programs. Read the full statement [here](#).

7/13/2025 Senator Warner speaks on DNI Gabbard's appearance at a political rally. Senator Warner released a statement after Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard addressed the Turning Point USA political summit: "What we have here is a Director of National Intelligence willing to break decades of precedent to attack her own workforce and weaponize American intelligence at a political rally. Director Gabbard is unable to adhere to her oath. Her claims that she cares about depoliticizing intelligence are incompatible with reality. When will my Republican colleagues, who claim to care about national security, finally speak up? Our intelligence community deserves better."

7/4/2025 Senator Warner releases statement on partisan megabill being signed into law. Senators Warner and Kaine released a statement as President Trump signed into law the GOP's partisan budget megabill: "Donald Trump and congressional Republicans have made it clear that they are willing to sell out millions of Americans in order to give tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy. This legislation is cruel and reckless – tearing health care away from millions of Americans, slashing critical assistance programs, killing jobs, and exploding our debt. Virginians deserve better, especially on a day that is meant to be about celebrating the promise of America and freedom from tyranny."

7/1/2025 Watch: Senator Warner does a "Ask Me Anything" to answer constituent questions. Senator Warner answered constituent questions overnight during a vote-a-rama on social media. Topics included the Republican budget bill, the Trump administration, and more.

7/1/2025 Senators Warner and Kaine release statement on Senate passage of Republican budget megabill. After voting no on the Republican budget megabill, Senators Warner and Kaine released a statement on its passing. The senators have been sounding the alarm about the effects of the GOP plan on Virginia families, noting that the GOP bill would strip health insurance from about 323,000 Virginians, saddle families with medical debt, cut SNAP benefits for more than 204,000 Virginians, and devastate rural communities. The bill would also explode the deficit, jeopardize more than 20,000 Virginia jobs, raise energy costs, give the richest 0.1% a \$255,125 tax cut, and eliminate a program allowing Americans to file federal taxes for free.

7/1/2025 Senator Warner participates in 27-hour long vote session, fighting GOP megabill. Senator Warner and Democratic colleagues spent all night bringing amendments to the Senate floor, pushing back against the harmful Republican budget plan. Watch his [1:00AM](#), [3:00AM](#), and [7:00AM](#) updates, and read about the amendment he introduced [here](#).

6/27/2025 Watch: Senator Warner speak on the resignation of Jim Ryan as UVA President. Watch Senator Warner's recap of the forced removal of President Ryan [here](#) and read his full statement [here](#).

6/27/2025 Senator Warner votes in favor of Senator Kaine's War Powers Resolution. An excerpt of the statement reads: "I applaud my friend Tim Kaine for his leadership on this resolution, which makes clear that President Trump does not currently have the congressional authorization needed for further U.S. insertion into hostilities with Iran." Read the full statement [here](#).

6/26/2025 Senator Warner hosts five constituent town halls across Virginia.

Senator Warner has been traveling across Virginia to host community conversations, where constituents had the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns. The Senator has hosted town halls in [Virginia Beach and Chesapeake](#), [Winchester](#), [Charlottesville](#), and [Henrico](#).

6/25/2025 Senator Warner, colleagues introduce bill to protect access to reproductive health care.

On the third anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Senators Warner joined Senators Kaine, Baldwin, Blumenthal, and Murray in introducing the *Women's Health Protection Act*, legislation to guarantee access to abortion care across the country. The bill's introduction comes as the Trump Administration and Republicans continue to attack reproductive freedom. Virginia is the last southern state where abortion is still legal, and Virginia has seen an [increase in demand](#) for abortions after other states have passed laws restricting access.

“In the three years since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, we've seen the consequences unfold in real time: women denied lifesaving care, doctors forced to navigate confusing and dangerous legal gray areas, and families left to deal with the fallout. Decisions about pregnancy should be made between a woman and her doctor, not by politicians,” said Sen. Warner. “This bill would once and for all restore the constitutional right to abortion, permanently making it safe and legal nationwide.”

6/23/2025 Senator Warner introduces legislation to limit presidential authority under the Insurrection Act.

Senator Warner joined Senators Blumenthal, Padilla, Schiff, and 18 Senate colleagues in introducing legislation to restrict the president's authority under the 217-year-old *Insurrection Act*.

The legislation would reform the centuries-old *Insurrection Act* that gives the president broad and vague authority to deploy troops – either with or without the request of a state – to suppress “any insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination, or conspiracy.” The current law has been used sparingly by other presidents given the potential for the military to escalate tensions, rather than restore order, during a domestic crisis.

6/21/2025 Senator Warner releases statement on Trump's decision to launch direct strikes on Iran. Read the full statement [here](#).

6/20/2025 Senators Warner and Kaine decry GOP Plan's devastating impact on rural Virginia communities. Read the statement: “The big GOP plan is a direct threat to families in rural Virginia who rely on Medicaid to access care and keep their community hospitals open. This bill would strip health care from thousands of Virginians, gut funding for struggling rural hospitals, and undo decades of progress. Almost forty percent of kids in rural Virginia are covered by Medicaid. Without that lifeline, families would face impossible choices, and many local hospitals wouldn't survive. For rural Virginia, this bill might mean the difference between a hospital that's five minutes away and one that's 50. It is a slap in the face to the health care workers, parents, and local leaders doing everything they can to keep their communities afloat. We refuse to stand by while Republicans gamble with Virginians' lives.”

6/18/2025 [Senator Warner releases statement on President Trump’s Actions in the Middle East.](#) Senator Warner, along with Senators Coons, Schumer, Murray, and Reed, released a statement as President Trump considered taking additional action in the Middle East. Read the full statement [here](#).

6/17/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Scott urge EPA to reinstate funding for canceled Community Resilience Grants.](#) Senator Warner, along with colleagues, sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin urging the agency to reverse its decision to terminate two major Community Change Grants in Virginia. The canceled grants – approximately \$40 million – would have supported dozens of community projects aimed at strengthening flood resilience, reducing pollution, and improving energy efficiency in Hampton and across Southwest Virginia.

The grants, funded by the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA), were intended to support projects that increase resilience to major weather events, reduce pollution, and build community capacity.

6/13/2025 [Senator Warner questions President Trump over decision to fire NTSB Vice Chair.](#) Senator Warner, along with several Senate colleagues, wrote to President Trump questioning his administration’s decision to remove National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Vice Chair Alvin Brown. The move is especially alarming given that NTSB plays a critical role in investigating transportation accidents like the deadly January 29th collision that killed 67 people. In their letter the senators highlighted the independent nature of NTSB and stressed the need to have qualified individuals serve on the board.

6/10/2025 [Senators Warner and Kaine sound the alarm on GOP tax plan that would cause 302,000 Virginians to lose health insurance.](#) Read the statement: “This new report estimates that the Trump tax plan would cause over 302,000 Virginians, including low-income children and people with disabilities, to lose their health insurance—all to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. That’s over 302,000 Virginians who will be forced to forgo a trip to the doctor’s office or get the critical medication they need. These cuts will have long-term, negative consequences for the health and wellbeing of our communities and our already overburdened health care system. We are committed to doing everything we can to stop this bill that will do real harm to communities across Virginia and the country.”

6/9/2025 [Senator Warner presses DNI Gabbard over illegal interference with independence of the ICIG.](#) Senator Warner, alongside several of his Senate colleagues, wrote a letter strongly objecting to Director Gabbard’s decision to unilaterally terminate the Acting Counsel to the ICIG and to appoint a “Senior Advisor” to work within the ICIG’s office while reporting directly to the Director herself. The letter notes that these actions were taken without the approval of the Acting ICIG, in direct contravention of federal statues designed to protect the independence of the Inspector General’s office. Director Gabbard’s actions were brought to Congress’s attention in a letter the Acting Inspector General sent to lawmakers on May 28. The lawmakers underscored that Director Gabbard’s appointment of a Senior Advisor inside the ICIG’s office compromised the ability to carry out its statutory mission of identifying and preventing waste, fraud, and abuse in the intelligence community.

6/3/2025 Warner and Kaine fight Republican bill that makes tax filing more expensive. Senators Warner and Kaine released the following statement regarding a provision in the megabill Republicans are ramming through Congress that would eliminate Direct File—a pilot program that allows Americans to file their taxes without making extra payments to tax preparation services—all so that Republicans can slash taxes for the wealthiest Americans:

“If it were up to us, we’d be debating ways to put money back in the pockets of working Virginians. But the megabill Republicans are ramming through Congress does the opposite. Not only will it raise taxes for millions of working Americans, it will cut off a new, successful service that allows people to file their taxes directly to the IRS without having to pay a middleman’s fees. We should be strengthening programs that lower costs, not eliminating them.”

5/30/2025 Warner and Kaine slam Department of Homeland Security for issuing erroneous list of ‘Sanctuary Jurisdictions’ in Virginia. Senators Warner and Kaine issued a statement slamming an erroneous list released by the Department of Homeland Security that includes 20 counties—including Martinsville County, which does not exist—and 13 “cities”—including Duffield, a town with roughly 70 residents and no dedicated police department—as being “sanctuary jurisdictions defying federal immigration law.” There are no sanctuary cities in Virginia and various jurisdictions, including Martinsville and Tazewell County, have released statements to share their confusion regarding being included on the list.

5/30/2025 Warner, colleagues call on DHS to reestablish Cyber Safety Review Board. Senator Warner, joined by Senators Wyden, Blumenthal, and Slotkin, wrote to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem urging her to reestablish the Cyber Safety Review Board (CSRB) after the Trump administration dismissed members earlier this year. The CSRB, established in 2022 under President Biden, convenes cybersecurity experts from across multiple government agencies and the private sector to investigate serious cybersecurity breaches and make recommendations for businesses, government agencies, and individuals to better protect themselves. In January of this year, the board was disbanded.

5/30/2025 Warner and Kaine condemn Department of Labor's abrupt closing of Job Corps Centers, including two in Virginia. Senators Warner and Kaine condemned the Department of Labor’s decision to shut down contractor-run Job Corps centers across the country, which will abruptly eliminate crucial job training for thousands of young Americans and cut nearly 13,000 jobs across the program’s 99 centers.

Two affected Job Corps centers in Virginia – Old Dominion and Blue Ridge – serve 163 students between them, many homeless or aging out of foster care. Job Corps students aged 16-24 receive education, vocational training, and job placement assistance through the program, and more than 80 percent of program graduates are employed within six months – which in turn leads to as much as a 20 percent reduction in unemployment in areas with a Job Corps center.

5/23/2025 Senator Warner presses ICE to require agents to properly identify themselves and limit use of face coverings during enforcement operations. Senators Warner and Kaine wrote a letter pressing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to follow U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations requiring law enforcement to

properly identify themselves and limit use of face coverings during official operations. This letter comes following repeated instances of unidentified ICE agents making arrests across the country, including in Virginia, causing panic and danger during arrests.

5/21/2025 [Watch: Senator Warner's breakdown of Trump's Tax Bill](#). Watch Senator Warner's recent explainer on the GOP Tax Bill, which would raise taxes on the lowest-income Americans while handing six-figure windfalls to the wealthiest 0.1% of taxpayers.

5/21/2025 [Senator Warner slams Trump administration attempt to politicize intelligence](#). Read Senator Warner's full statement including comments on Joe Kent, Trump's nominee to lead the National Counterterrorism Center.

5/20/2025 [Warner leads colleagues in legislative push to combat DOGE's unsafe retention of personal information](#). Sen. Warner led a group of colleagues in introducing the *Defending Our Government's Electronic data: Bolstering Responsible Oversight & Safeguards (DOGE BROS) Act*, legislation to hold Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) accountable for their continued efforts to improperly access, and retain, individuals' personally identifiable information (PII) including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security numbers, and other financial information.

5/20/2025 [Warner, colleagues demand Trump lift hold on high-speed internet funding](#). Sen. Warner joined 11 of his Senate colleagues in demanding that the Trump administration release funding for states under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. This program, which was created by the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* – landmark legislation authored and negotiated by Sen. Warner – connects families in the hardest-to-serve communities to high-speed internet and works to close the digital divide.

5/16/2025 [Warner, Coons, Shaheen, Reed, Kelly, Himes, Krishnamoorthi on Trump's middle east AI giveaway](#). Read Senator Warner's statement in response to President Trump's artificial intelligence deals that were announced with the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

5/14/2025 [Senator Warner and colleagues write letter to OPM opposing Trump administration's revival of Schedule F](#). U.S. Sens. Warner, Kaine, Van Hollen and Alsobrooks, along with U.S. Rep Connolly, led their colleagues in a letter to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Charles Ezell opposing President Trump's move to revive 'Schedule F.' Schedule F, now called Schedule Policy/Career, is a policy Trump pursued during his first term to reclassify federal workers, stripping them of their protections and making it easier for the administration to carry out politically motivated firings.

5/13/2025 [Warner joins colleagues in resolution to condemn Trump's \\$400 million airplane gift from Qatar](#). Sen Warner joined 26 of his colleagues in introducing a resolution to condemn the gift of a luxury airplane, valued at \$400 million, President Donald Trump announced he will receive from the government of Qatar. According to reports, Trump intends to designate the plane as Air Force One while in office and then transfer it to a foundation for personal use following the end of his term.

[5/2/2025 Senators Warner and Kaine release statement on President Trump's budget request.](#) Read the statement on Trump's cruel budget, which takes a chainsaw to important government programs that Americans rely on.

[5/2/2025 Senate Democrats demand investigation into Elon Musk's alleged abuse of White House position for personal gain.](#) Sen. Warner led a coalition of senior Senate Democrats in sending a letter to President Trump demanding an investigation into reports that senior White House advisor Elon Musk has used his government role to improperly advance his personal business interests abroad. The lawmakers called on President Trump to launch a full investigation into Musk's conduct, to publicly disclose the findings, and to provide Congress with a complete account of Musk and his associates' use of government positions for personal benefit.

[4/29/2025 Video: 100 days of Trump.](#) Watch Senator Warner recap the first 100 days of Trump's presidency, full of costs, chaos, and corruption.

[4/14/2025 Senator Warner fights for DHS to reverse cancellation of crucial infrastructure funding.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine, joined by Reps. Scott and McClellan, wrote to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem urging the Department to reverse its decision canceling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities program, which included funding for two major projects in Richmond and Portsmouth, as well as tens of millions in funding for other communities across the Commonwealth. The lawmakers highlighted how the cancellation of this funding will impact vulnerable residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure in Virginia, specifically underscoring that these projects are already underway.

[4/11/2025 Warner, Kaine, Fetterman on DOL announcement pushing protections for coal miners.](#) Read the statement: "Coal miners deserve to go to work every day and come back healthy, and the recent decision by the Mine Safety and Health Administration delaying enforcement of their landmark rule to better protect miners from silica dust is an alarming abdication of responsibility. Silica dust has caused severe black lung disease in young coal miners, and as the Trump administration continues to cause chaos through their indiscriminate funding cuts and firings, it's our miners who are being left behind. We expect the Mine Safety and Health Administration to begin enforcement of this rule no later than their August 18, 2025 deadline."

[4/8/2025 Warner and colleagues question HHS Secretary RFK Jr. on decision to fire workers tasked with protecting coal miner health and safety.](#) Sen. Warner, joined by Sens. Kaine, Fetterman, and Sanders, wrote to Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. pushing back on his decision to gut the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, firing nearly 900 employees. [Recent reporting has indicated](#) that these firings include all employees tasked with protecting the health and safety of coal miners.

[4/8/2025 Warner, Kaine, colleagues demand answers and return of Maryland father wrongfully deported to El Salvador.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine joined 23 of their Senate colleagues in urging U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Acting Director Todd Lyons to return Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a father who was living legally under protected status in Maryland with his family until he was wrongfully deported without due process by the Trump administration last month and sent to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador. The Trump administration has admitted Abrego Garcia's deportation was the result of an "administrative error" but has not returned Abrego Garcia to his family and home in Maryland.

[4/8/2025 Video: Senator Warner questions Trump's USTR Nominee at Finance Committee Hearing.](#) Watch Senator Warner question Jamieson Greer, Trump's nominee for United States Trade Representative, on dangerous Trump administration trade policies.

[4/4/2025 Senator Warner and Virginia delegation colleagues fight to reinstate funding for food banks.](#) Sens. Warner and Kaine, joined by Reps. Kiggans, Beyer, Connolly, McClellan, Griffith, Scott, Subramanyan, Vindman, and Wittman, wrote a letter to Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins. The letter pushes back against the cancellation of \$500 million in previously approved funding through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for food banks and other emergency food providers.

[4/4/2025 Senator Warner slams Trump's firing of general Tim Haugh.](#) Sen. Warner released a statement on Gen. Tim Haugh; "General Haugh has served our country in uniform, with honor and distinction, for more than 30 years. At a time when the United States is facing unprecedented cyber threats, as the Salt Typhoon cyberattack from China has so clearly underscored, how does firing him make Americans any safer? It is astonishing, too, that President Trump would fire the nonpartisan, experienced leader of the National Security Agency while still failing to hold any member of his team accountable for leaking classified information on a commercial messaging app – even as he apparently takes staffing direction on national security from a discredited conspiracy theorist in the Oval Office."

[4/2/2025 Video: Senator Warner speaks before forcing a vote to repeal Trump's tariffs.](#) Senator Warner spoke on the Senator floor to fight against the Trump tariffs.

[4/2/2025 Senator Warner releases statement on harmful Trump Tariffs.](#) Read Senator Warner's full statement: "These tariffs are nothing more than an enormous tax hike on American consumers, who will soon be left footing the bill as they pay more for groceries, electronics, clothes, and cars. Tariffs should be targeted wisely, not applied to practically all goods in a way that eliminates jobs, alienates our closest partners, and evaporates the retirement savings of hardworking Americans. I look forward to a vote tonight on [our Senate resolution](#) to remove misguided tariffs against Canada and take a strong first step towards reasserting Congressional authority over trade policy."

[3/28/2025 Senator Warner and Senator Kaine stand up for federal workers' collective bargaining rights.](#) Sens Warner and Kaine released a statement on Trump's latest attack on the federal workplace; "This is just another attempt by President Trump to 'traumatize' and illegally fire federal workers. Collective bargaining makes the federal workforce stronger, and undermining these rights does nothing to improve our national security. In fact, this order will only make us less safe, as this executive order is only Donald Trump and Elon

Musk's latest gambit to make it easier to fire the people who ensure public safety, prepare for pandemics, respond to natural disasters, and much, much more. This political attack on our civil servants must not stand.”

[3/27/2025 Senator Warner and DMV colleagues announce MERIT Act to Reinstatement Recently Terminated Probationary Federal Employees.](#) Sens. Warner, Kaine, Alsobrooks, and Van Hollen introduced the Model Employee Reinstatement for Ill-advised Termination (MERIT) Act. This timely legislation would reinstate recently terminated probationary federal employees and provide them back pay.

[3/26/2025 Senator Warner Pushes FBI Director to confirm investigation into misuse of Signal by senior Trump officials.](#) Sen. Warner wrote Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Kash Patel requesting he confirm that the FBI will open an investigation into the Signal group chat that senior Trump administration officials used to discuss classified information, including information revealing that the United States was preparing to conduct airstrikes against Houthi targets in Yemen.

[3/26/2025 Video: Senator Warner speaks at Intelligence Committee hearing, questions Trump administration group chat leak.](#) Sen Warner delivered opening remarks at the Intelligence Committee's annual Worldwide Threats Assessment hearing.

[3/21/2025 Warner Pushes Trump administration on alarming immigration arrest of U.S. Citizen and Virginia Resident.](#) Sen. Warner wrote to leadership at the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding their enforcement practices, specifically highlighting a March 5th incident where a U.S. citizen and Virginia resident was stopped and interrogated by ICE. The individual reports that he made multiple attempts to prove his citizenship, but despite these efforts, was handcuffed and questioned about his immigration status.

[3/19/2025 Warner, Crapo lead letter to the Trump administration emphasizing bipartisan support for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund \(CDFI Fund\).](#) Sens. Warner and Crapo, co-chairs of the Senate Community Development Finance Caucus, led a bipartisan letter to the Trump administration highlighting support for the CDFI Fund, following an executive order that targeted the fund. The CDFI Fund boosts economic growth in largely underserved communities that lack traditional access to financing, creating a public-private partnership to promote access to capital. Since 1994, the CDFI sector has grown to over 1400 institutions, located in every state and territory in the nation — and leveraging at least \$8 in private sector investment for every \$1 in public funding received.

[3/19/2025 Warner, Colleagues push to save task force combating threats to election officials.](#) Senator Warner, alongside 30 of his Senate colleagues, wrote a letter urging Attorney General Pam Bondi to continue the essential work of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Election Threats Task Force, which directs the Department's efforts to protect election officials from rising threats and acts of violence. The senators' letter comes as the Trump administration has significantly rolled back the federal government's capacity to fight against foreign and domestic election security threats.

3/15/2025 Warner, colleagues release statement on Putin rejecting Trump administration's 30 day ceasefire agreement. Senator Warner, along with colleagues, released a statement criticizing President Trump's actions on Ukraine. An excerpt of the statement reads, "We all want peace. We're not going to get to peace unless the president starts putting pressure on Putin and demonstrates strength and support for Ukraine so that they are able to pursue a ceasefire with Russia and negotiate a just and sustainable end to Putin's war."

3/14/2025 Warner and Kaine release statement on the Continuing Resolution. Sens. Warner and Kaine released a statement on the Republican funding bill; "While the government will remain open, we are frustrated that this funding bill gives a blank check to Donald Trump and Elon Musk to continue attacking the federal workforce and dismantling the services Virginians rely on. This bill lacks the meaningful proposals we offered as amendments to rein in and defund DOGE and protect our veterans from being indiscriminately fired – because Republicans blocked them all. As Donald Trump and Elon Musk continue to seek giant tax cuts for billionaires while laying off workers, slashing services, and tanking our economy, we will keep standing up for everyday Virginians, who have had enough of this chaos and lawlessness. That means we are already gearing up for our next fight: forcing a Senate vote on our legislation to challenge Trump's senseless trade war with Canada, which will only raise costs for Virginians."

3/12/2025 Warner, Van Hollen introduce legislation to protect probationary federal employees impacted by Elon Musk's DOGE. Sens. Warner and Van Hollen have introduced the *Protect Our Probationary Employees Act*, legislation aimed at protecting recently fired federal workers. The legislation would ensure that if and when employees are reinstated, they will not need to restart their probationary period for the same job they previously held.

3/12/2025 Senator Warner slams Trump tariffs that will make life more expensive for Virginians. Sen. Warner issued a statement criticizing the Trump tariffs that went into effect on March 12th. These 25 percent tariffs will target foreign steel and aluminum, triggering additional tariffs and retaliatory fees and hurting consumers.

3/05/2025 Senator Warner fights Trump plan to cut over 80,000 employees from Veterans Affairs. Sen. Warner committed to fighting this move by the Trump administration to cut Department of Veterans Affairs employees, stating "Eliminating over 80,000 jobs would not only decimate our workforce, but would hurt the veterans who too often struggle to access the benefits they have earned. To put it simply: our veterans deserve better, and I'm going to fight this move tooth and nail."

3/05/25 Warner, Kaine, and Klobuchar introduce legislation to undo Trump's senseless taxes on Canadian goods. Sen. Warner, along with Senators Kaine and Klobuchar, unveiled legislation to undo President Donald Trump's wildly unpopular tariffs on Canadian goods, which amount to a 25 percent tax on goods imported from one of America's top trading partners and closest allies.

3/04/2025 Senator Warner releases statement on President Trump's address to a joint session of Congress. Sen. Warner's released a statement after Trump's address; "Tonight, President Trump touted policies that are raising prices for Americans, draining our federal workforce, illegally threatening government programs and benefits, and terrorizing the immigrant communities that have shaped Virginia. The president bragged about his reckless plan to isolate America from its allies, turn our back on long-kept partnerships, raise taxes on hardworking families, and reverse historic advancements in U.S. innovation and competition. Our country can – and should – do better. I will continue doing everything I can to fight for Virginians."

3/04/2025 Senator Warner slams Trump tariffs for raising costs on Virginia families. Sen. Warner released a statement on Trump's tariffs which will jack up costs for American families; "President Trump's reckless tariffs on our neighbors in Canada and Mexico are nothing more than a tax on American families. At a time when Virginians are already struggling with the cost of living, President Trump's irrational tariffs on our allies will raise prices on everything from groceries to cars to houses, and they will kill American jobs. President Trump was elected on a promise to bring down rising prices, but these tariffs do the opposite."

3/04/2025 Senator Warner calls on President Trump to continue U.S. Aid to Ukraine. Sen. Warner released a statement on Trump's decision to end U.S. aid; "Ukraine has been bravely fending off Vladimir Putin's cruel and unjust invasion for over three years. U.S. assistance – supported by Congress on a bipartisan basis – has helped Ukraine resist and hold its ground against a Russian army that was supposed to take Kyiv in weeks or even days. Now President Trump threatens those hard-fought gains and imperils the lives of the Ukrainian people by unilaterally cutting off the aid that has helped Ukraine maintain its freedom in the face of aggression. Cutting off arms now only undermines the prospect of a peace deal that depends on Ukraine's ability to negotiate from a position of strength. I call on President Trump to reverse this short-sighted decision, which weakens the United States' credibility on the global stage."

2/28/2025 Senator Warner blasts Trump's plans to dissolve or privatize the U.S. Postal Service. Sen. Warner and Sen. Kaine, with U.S. Reps. Scott, Connolly, Beyer, McClellan, Subramanyam, and Vindman sent a letter to the Trump administration in support of the USPS. Wrote the lawmakers, "Any effort to ignore federal law and fire all members of the USPS's Board of Governors – Republicans and Democrats who have been appointed by presidents and confirmed by the U.S. Senate – and move this independent agency under your control, will be met with fierce opposition. Furthermore, we request that you provide a full accounting of any changes that is being explored to alter USPS service, leadership, and personnel."

2/27/2025 Senator Warner stands up for federal workers forced to relocate. Sen. Warner, along with his Democratic Virginia delegation colleagues, released a statement slamming the Trump administration agenda to relocate offices and bureaus out of the National Capital Region.

2/27/2025 Video: Senator Warner fights for scammed consumers, questions Trump's CFPB Nominee. Sen. Warner forced Jonathan McKernan, Trump's nominee for the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to put his inability to stand up for scammed consumers on the record.

2/24/2025 Senator Warner, colleagues question Transportation Secretary Duffy on FAA personnel firings and safety concerns. Sens. Warner, Kaine, Blumenthal, Van Hollen, and Cortez Masto sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy, expressing deep concerns about the recent firings of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) personnel and the troubling involvement of unaccountable entities, including SpaceX, in critical aviation safety decisions. The letter urges Duffy to prioritize the safety of America's air travel system and to reverse recent cuts to essential FAA safety roles.

2/21/2025 Senator Warner demands a reversal in Trump administration Park Service staffing cuts. Sen. Warner, joined by his Democratic Virginia Delegation colleagues, pushed the Trump administration to reverse staffing cuts at the National Park Service (NPS), outlining the effect directives to eliminate employees and rescind and delay job offers will have on safety at Virginia's 22 national park units, which serve 22 million visitors and contribute \$1.5 billion to local economies each year.

2/20/2025 Senator Warner files 21 Amendments to Republican budget plan, forcing Republicans to vote on the record. Senator Warner filed 21 amendments to the GOP budget proposal, working to address the needs of working Americans and taking aim at the Trump administration's lawlessness.

2/20/2025 Senator Warner participates in all-night vote session, fights for affordable housing. Senator Warner and Democratic colleagues spent all night bringing amendments to the Senate floor, pushing back against the GOP budget plan that only serves billionaires.

2/14/2025 Senator Warner writes searing letter to RFK demanding answers on NIH funding cuts. Sen. Warner was joined by a number of Senate colleagues in expressing serious alarm over the Trump administration's decision to cut NIH funding – a move that threatens to undermine America's biomedical research infrastructure and set us back generations. These illegal cuts would create a serious funding shortfall for research institutions nationwide, undermining progress on lifesaving scientific advancements, and potentially costing the U.S. economy billions of dollars and threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of workers.

2/11/2025 Senator Warner blasts Trump administration decision to shutter CFPB and hurt Military Families, consumers. Sen. Warner joined Senate colleagues in a letter demanding that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) perform its essential work supervising and investigating violations of consumer financial protection laws and taking forceful enforcement actions against scammers and payday lenders. This letter comes on the heels of an ill-advised move by the Trump administration to shutter the CFPB, which collects,

investigates, and monitors consumer complaints about financial products and services, and provides relief to consumers who have been wronged by unscrupulous financial providers.

2/11/2024 Senator Warner requests answers from FAA, expresses serious concern over DOGE interference. Sen. Warner, with colleagues, requested answers and commitments from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on its plans to protect the flying public in the wake of the January 29 DCA collision. Sen. Warner writes that he is “extremely concerned that an ad hoc team of individuals lacking any expertise, exposure, certifications, or knowledge of aviation operations being invited, or inserting themselves, to make ‘rapid’ changes to our nation’s air traffic systems. This the wrong course of action to take.”

2/7/2025 Senator Warner demands that the VA protect Veterans from Elon Musk’s DOGE. Sens. Warner and Kaine joined Ranking Member of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee Richard Blumenthal, and 23 of their Senate Democratic colleagues in a letter to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Doug Collins. The letter pushes Collins to take immediate actions to secure veterans’ personal information provided by the VA or other agencies to Elon Musk and DOGE. There are millions of veterans’ medical records stored in VA’s computer systems. These confidential records include veterans’ prescriptions, diagnoses, and procedures they have undergone. Access to these medical records could give Musk and DOGE the ability to identify veterans who have received abortions or abortion counseling in the past.

2/6/2025 Senator Warner leads colleagues in raising concerns about Virginia Community Health Centers’ delay in accessing funding. Sens. Warner and Kaine led 20 of their colleagues in writing a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Acting Secretary Dorothy A. Fink, M.D. regarding reports that Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grantees, including community health centers, are experiencing significant delays in accessing funding.

2/5/2025 Senator Warner joins colleagues in holding the Senate floor all night, protesting Vought nomination. Senator Warner spoke up against Trump’s OMB Nominee, taking part in an all-nighter with colleagues to showcase opposition.

2/5/2025 Senator Warner sounds the alarm about DOGE risk to national security and American privacy. Senator Warner, with Senate Intelligence Committee colleagues, wrote to White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles about the risks to our national security of allowing unvetted DOGE staff and representatives to access classified and sensitive government materials. The Committee members demanded that the administration provide details to Congress about how DOGE staff and representatives are being vetted, which systems, records and information are being shared, and what steps the administration is taking to safeguard them from misuse or disclosure.

2/5/2025 Senator Warner unites with Democratic colleagues, demands Bessent to meet regarding “DOGE” chaos. Sen Warner joined Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, Appropriations Committee Vice Chair Patty Murray, Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee Ranking Member Elizabeth Warren, and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Ranking

Member Gary Peters, in a letter to the new Treasury Secretary, Scott Bessent, after the Treasury Department's inadequate responses and evasive answers to a request for information following the hostile takeover of the Treasury Department by Elon Musk and the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" ("DOGE"). Specifically, the Senators are concerned about "DOGE" having access to the management and disbursement of trillions of dollars and the highly sensitive information of millions of Americans.

2/5/2025 [Video: Senator Warner joins USAID protests](#). Senator Warner rallied with USAID workers to fight for 10,000 American jobs and the important work USAID carries out.

2/4/2025 [Senator Warner shares stories of fired FBI officials](#). Sen. Warner utilized his platform to share the personal stories of some of the senior FBI officials that had their positions terminated, and how they served our country.

2/4/2025 [Senator Warner calls for reinstatement of Inspectors General illegally fired by President Trump](#). Sen Warner and 38 of his Senate colleagues issued a letter to the White House strongly condemning the President's recent order to remove inspectors general (IGs) from at least 18 government agencies, and called on the President to immediately reinstate these officials. According to the *Inspector General Independence and Empowerment Act*, which was signed into law in 2022, the President is required to provide a 30-day notice and substantive reasons for removal in writing to Congress before an Inspector General can be removed. President Trump failed to alert Congress or provide substantive reasoning.

2/1/2025 [Sen. Warner slams Trump tariffs for raising costs on Virginia families](#). Sen. Warner called out President Trump for his tariffs that could cost a typical family \$1,200 per year.

1/31/2025 [Warner raises alarm on the Trump administration's purging of the FBI](#). Sen. Warner, Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, released a statement blasting Trump for forcing out senior FBI personnel, our nation's first line of defense.

1/29/2025 [Video: Warner speaks on the Senate floor regarding Trump's reckless attempts to freeze federal funding](#). Sen. Warner refers to Trump's actions as "chaos on steroids," stating, "President Trump got hired because he promised to bring down prices. None of this is going to bring down grocery prices. None of this is going to bring down consumer prices. None of this is going to make our government more efficient or effective... This is day 10 of the Trump administration. We have chaos on steroids... In the meantime, I implore the administration: get your act together. Don't put out two separate statements totally contradicting each other. It just makes chaos and stress go up."

1/29/2025 [Video: Warner questions HHS Director Nominee at Finance Committee hearing](#). Sen. Warner aggressively questioned RFK on Medicaid, the federal funding freeze, and his pledge to fire 2,200 HHS Employees.

1/28/2025 [Senator Warner puts Trump's order to illegally stop all federal grants and loans on blast](#). Sen. Warner, along with Sen. Kaine, released a statement on the illegal halting of all federal grants and loans. Warner asked the administration to reverse the freeze,

stating that this reckless order will have an immediate and profound impact on projects and economic developments in every corner of Virginia.

1/28/2025 [Warner, Kaine, colleagues demand that Trump exempt Veterans Affairs employees from hiring freeze](#). Sen. Warner and his colleagues wrote a letter to President Trump demanding that the Department of Veteran Affairs be exempt from the President's executive order freezing the hiring of civil servants. The Senators raised concerns that the hiring freeze could delay the delivery of health care and resources to veterans.

1/22/2025 [Video: Warner fights for federal workers during OMB Nominee's hearing](#). Senate Intelligence Committee Vice Chairman Warner assertively questioned President Trump's nominee for Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Russell Vought. Reflecting on Vought's previous experience and statements, Sen. Warner summarized: "I looked at what you said from just the management standpoint, and it seems like what you want to do is... how many federal workers can you get to quit? How many federal work offices can you get to relocate? And I got to tell ya... your words, 'We want the bureaucrats to be traumatically affected because they are increasingly viewed as villains. We want to put them in trauma.' I got to tell you, you want to be OMB Director and help oversee this workforce... and you want to put the workforce in trauma? Sir, that would be management malpractice."

1/21/2025 [Warner & Kaine issue statement on President Trump's Executive Order attacking federal workforce](#). Sen. Warner and Sen. Kaine released a statement opposing President Trump's executive order attacking the federal workforce.