



- 12/11/2024 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor to Express Support for Birthright Citizenship](#). Senator Tim Kaine delivered a speech on the Senate floor to express his strong support for the 14th Amendment's birthright citizenship provision and his opposition to then-President-elect Trump's declaration that he would attempt to end birthright citizenship in the U.S. by executive order on the first day of his term.
- 1/08/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor for Second Time on Importance of Birthright Citizenship](#). Sen. Kaine delivered the second in his series of speeches on the Senate floor to express his strong support for birthright citizenship guaranteed by the 14th Amendment and his opposition to then-President-elect Trump's [plan](#) to end birthright citizenship in the United States on the first day of his term.
- 1/14/25 [Kaine Questions Defense Secretary Nominee at SASC Nomination Hearing](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), aggressively questioned Pete Hegseth during his nomination hearing to be Secretary of Defense under President Trump.
- 1/20/2025 [Kaine Statement on Trump's Executive Order to Eliminate Birthright Citizenship](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement regarding President Trump's executive order attempting to eliminate birthright citizenship. He has given multiple speeches explaining the history of the 14th Amendment's citizenship clause.
- 1/21/2025 [Warner & Kaine Issue Statement on President Trump's Executive Order Attacking Federal Workforce](#). Sen. Kaine and Sen. Mark Warner released a statement opposing President Trump's executive order attacking the federal workforce.
- 1/21/2025 [Kaine Statement on Alarming Report on Secretary of Defense Nominee Pete Hegseth](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement regarding an affidavit in which Pete Hegseth's former sister-in-law stated that Hegseth's second wife feared for her safety because of his behavior.
- 1/22/25 [Kaine Questions OMB Director Nominee at Budget Committee Nomination Hearing](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, aggressively questioned Trump's nominee for Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Russell Vought during Vought's nomination hearing before the committee.
- 1/22/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Protect American Families from President Trump's Planned Price Hikes](#). Sen. Kaine, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, and Sen. Ron Wyden introduced the *Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes on Imported Goods Act* to protect American families and business from increased prices due to broad-based tariffs on imported goods. This legislation would keep costs from rising by adding guardrails to the President's authority to establish unlimited tariffs under the IEEPA.
- 1/22/2025 [Kaine Statement After Blocking Extreme Anti-Reproductive Freedom Legislation](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement after voting to block the advancement of the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would have made it harder for women to access health care.
- 1/22/2025 [Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding his Strong Opposition to Secretary of Defense Nominee Pete Hegseth](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor about his opposition to Pete Hegseth's nomination due to Hegseth's pattern of infidelity, his poor management at two Veteran Service Organizations, allegations of sexual assault, lack of candor with President Trump and his team, and his behavior at his confirmation hearing. Sen. Kaine also emphasized that Hegseth's FBI investigation was not thorough enough because the FBI did not interview his ex-wives.
- 1/28/2025 [Warner and Kaine Demand Hold on Vought Nomination to OMB Amid Order to Halt Federal Grants and Loans](#). Sen. Kaine and other members of the Budget Committee demanded that Chairman Lindsey Graham postpone a vote on Vought's nomination to be OMB director until he answers questions regarding the illegal freeze of federal grants and loans.
- 1/28/2025 [Kaine Blasts Trump Order to Illegally Stop All Federal Grants and Loans](#). Sen. Kaine and Sen. Warner released a statement on the illegal halting of all federal grants and loans, emphasizing the effect this freeze could have on many projects and economic developments in Virginia. Kaine also asked the administration to reverse the freeze and allow the money approved by Congress to reach the places where it is needed.

- 1/28/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Colleagues Demand that Trump Exempt Veterans Affairs Employees from Hiring Freeze](#). Sen. Kaine 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 letter expressed the Senators' concerns that the hiring freeze could delay the delivery of benefits and other important resources to veterans.
- 1/28/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding Trump's Pardons of Individuals Found Guilty of Assaulting Police Officers on January 6, 2021](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor in opposition to the President's pardons of those found guilty of assaulting police officers during the attack on the Capitol in 2021. Kaine attempted to pass a resolution condemning these pardons, but Republicans blocked it.
- 2/1/2025 [Kaine Statement on President Trump's Executive Orders to Unleash Senseless Trade Wars](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement after Trump imposed a new 25-percent tax on goods from Canada and Mexico, along with a new 10-percent tax on goods from China. Kaine argued that Virginians want lower prices and pointed out that taxes on America's largest trading partners will raise costs for families.
- 2/3/2025 [Kaine and Heinrich Unveil Legislation to Terminate President Trump's Sham Energy Emergency](#). Sen. Kaine introduced legislation to terminate the national energy emergency President Trump declared [to benefit Big Oil](#). The legislation is privileged, meaning that the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on this proposal in the next two to three weeks.
- 2/3/2025 [Kaine Leads Letter to HHS Officials Demanding Answers and Action on Disruption to Head Start Programs](#). Sen. Kaine led a group of senators in the writing of a letter to Dr. Dorothy A. Fink (Acting Secretary of HHS) and Captain Tala Hooban (Acting Director of the Office of Head Start) to express concern about the acute financial impacts and lingering uncertainty faced by Head Start programs in Virginia and across the country as a result of the OMB memo that imposed a government-wide hiring freeze.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine raises alarm over Trump Administration chaos at critical national security agencies](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, led his colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressing deep concern about the growing chaos and dysfunction at the U.S. Department of State and the Trump Administration's illegal attempt to destroy the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is a critical pillar of U.S. national security strategy, providing lifesaving aid and development support around the world to help ensure stability.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine, colleagues call for reinstatement of Inspectors General illegally fired by President Trump](#). Sen. Kaine 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 IG can be removed. President Trump failed to alert Congress or provide substantive reasoning.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine issues open letter to federal workers urging strength, promising support](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to share an open letter to federal workers in Virginia and across the country, urging them to keep serving everyday Americans and to resist President Trump's sham buyout offer. Kaine promised to do everything in his power to prevent the Trump Administration from gutting the nonpartisan civil service—including by collecting stories from federal workers [through his website](#), which will continue to be updated with FAQs and other helpful resources.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine Joins Senate Democrats in Holding Senate Floor to Protest Russell Vought's Nomination to Lead OMB, Citing Chaos Unleashed on Federal Workers](#). Sen. Kaine joined his Democratic colleagues in holding the Senate floor to protest Russell Vought's nomination to lead OMB, citing stories he has collected from federal workers about the chaos the Trump Administration has unleashed on the federal workforce.
- 2/7/2025 [Kaine Joins Democratic Colleagues in Demanding the VA Defend Veterans' Private Information from Elon Musk's DOGE](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues wrote a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Doug Collins pushing him to take immediate actions to secure veterans' personal information from Elon Musk and his "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) after Musk's takeover of the U.S. Treasury's payment system.

- 2/7/2025 [Kaine Introduces Legislation to Expand Congressional Oversight of Foreign Assistance](#). Sen. Kaine introduced the *Foreign Assistance Accountability and Oversight Act*, legislation to expand congressional oversight of foreign assistance decision-making and require the State Department's Director of Foreign Assistance to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The legislation would also require that all foreign assistance funding provided to the State Department or U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to be used as directed within 90 days of its appropriation by Congress.
- 2/7/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Unveil Resolution to Condemn the Use of U.S. Military Assets or Personnel to Take Over Gaza](#). Following [President Trump's declaration that the U.S. should "take" the Gaza Strip](#) and refusing to rule out using U.S. servicemembers to do so, Sen. Kaine and his colleagues introduced a resolution to reaffirm that the U.S. shall not engage in another endless war in the Middle East by deploying American military assets or personnel to Gaza.
- 2/11/2025 [Following Kaine's push, National Park Service Create Exemptions to Hiring Freeze](#). On February 10, Sen. [Kaine and his colleagues wrote to Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum](#) urging him to resolve looming staffing shortages at the National Park Service following President Trump's hiring freeze. Following this push, the National Park Service reportedly plans to exempt certain law enforcement positions, including law enforcement rangers and public safety dispatchers, from the federal hiring freeze.
- 2/12/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Press Rubio for Answers on Impact of Foreign Assistance Cuts in the Western Hemisphere](#). Sen. Kaine led his colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio pressing him for answers regarding the Trump Administration's cuts to U.S. foreign assistance programs and its harmful impact on U.S. national security, including the abrupt curtailment of efforts to mitigate narcotics trafficking, migration, and cartel violence in the Western Hemisphere.
- 2/12/2025 [Kaine Delivers Remarks Slamming Republican Budget Bill Teeing Up Tax Cuts for the Wealthy](#). Sen. Kaine slammed Republicans' budget resolution that would tee up tax cuts for billionaires at the expense of middle-class Americans, calling the resolution a "Trojan horse" and emphasizing the Republican plan will cut programs that everyday Americans depend on.
- 2/12/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor in Opposition to RFK, Jr. to Secretary of Health and Human Services](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to share his strong opposition to the confirmation of President Trump's nomination of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, highlight RFK, Jr.'s inability to separate conspiracy from fact and his unethical stake in vaccine lawsuits.
- 2/13/2025 [Kaine Joins Democratic Colleagues in Raising Alarm Over Illegal and Indiscriminate Trump Funding Cuts to NIH](#). Sen. Kaine joined his Democratic colleagues in sending a letter to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary RFK, Jr. expressing serious alarm over the Trump Administration's illegal [decision](#) to cut NIH funding – a move that [threatens](#) to undermine America's biomedical research infrastructure and set us back generations.
- 2/19/2025 [Kaine, Heinrich, and Environmental Leaders Hold Press Conference on Trump's War on Affordable, American-Made Energy](#). Sens. Kaine and Heinrich and environmental leaders held a press conference calling for the end of President Trump's war on affordable, American-made energy, which will raise energy costs for Americans and kill high-quality jobs. Kaine and Heinrich introduced privileged legislation to terminate the national energy emergency, forcing a vote on the Senate floor.
- 2/19/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding Republicans' Bill to Cut Taxes for the Wealthy by Slashing Programs Virginians Rely On](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, spoke on the Senate floor raising alarm about President Trump and Republicans' budget resolution, which tees up tax cuts for billionaires at the expense of middle-class Americans and would cut critical funding for programs that Virginians rely on. Republicans are using a legislative process known as "reconciliation," which allows certain legislation to be expedited and passed in the Senate by a simple majority, avoiding the 60-vote threshold needed for most other legislation.
- 2/20/2025 [Kaine Files Amendments to Republican Budget Resolution](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Budget Committee, filed amendments to the Senate Republicans' budget resolution in an attempt to ensure the bill would support tax cuts for middle-class Americans, protect Medicaid and Medicare benefits, prevent cuts to the Department of Veterans' Affairs workforce and facilities, and more. Kaine voted against the Republicans' resolution that didn't include a single Democratic amendment and failed to support everyday Americans.

- 2/26/2025 [\*\*Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Ahead of Vote to Terminate Trump's Sham Energy Emergency\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to highlight the ways President Donald Trump's war on American-made energy—including through his [\*\*sham\*\*](#) national energy emergency—will raise costs and cost Americans good-paying jobs. Kaine and Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced [\*\*legislation\*\*](#) to terminate the emergency declaration [\*\*that every Republican Senator voted against\*\*](#), thereby rubber-stamping Trump's war on affordable, American-made energy.
- 2/27/2025 [\*\*Kaine, Blumenthal, Colleagues Demand Trump Reinstate Illegally Fired Veterans\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) joined 19 senators in sending a letter calling on President Donald Trump to immediately reinstate all of the estimated 6,000 veterans who were fired under the Administration's mass terminations of federal employees. The letter also demanded the veterans—who make up 30 percent of the federal workforce—receive their full benefits and back pay.
- 2/28/2025 [\*\*Virginia Lawmakers Rip President Trump's Plans to Dissolve or Privatize the Postal Service\*\*](#). Sens. Kaine and Mark Warner, with U.S. Representatives Bobby Scott, Gerry Connolly, Don Beyer, Jennifer McClellan, Suhas Subramanyam and Eugene Vindman (all D-VA), wrote a letter to President Trump urging the halt of any proposal that would alter the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) without congressional consultation and approval.
- 3/4/2025 [\*\*Kaine Brings Fired FAA Veteran to Trump's Joint Address\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine invited Jason King, a disabled veteran from Fairfax, VA who was fired from his position in the Federal Aviation Administration's safety division as a result of the Trump Administration's attacks on the federal workforce, to Trump's joint address. Together, Kaine and King urged Trump to reinstate all veterans who were illegally fired and highlighted the safety implications of mass firings of federal workers from the FAA.
- 3/4/2025 [\*\*Kaine, Senate Armed Services Committee Colleagues Demand Answers on Abrupt Firings of JAG Officers\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), joined 12 of his SASC colleagues in a letter to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth demanding legal justification for the recent abrupt dismissals of several Judge Advocate Generals (JAG) and documentation of the decision-making process.
- 3/4/2025 [\*\*Kaine Demands Answers on Mass Layoffs of Veterans from Federal Workforce\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine joined 11 of his Senate colleagues in a letter to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Charles Ezell to express their serious concern over the significant number of U.S. veterans being fired from the federal workforce as part of the Trump Administration's mass layoff initiative.
- 3/5/2025 [\*\*Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner Unveil Legislation to Undo President Trump's Senseless Taxes on Canadian Goods\*\*](#). Sens. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Warner 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.
- 3/6/2025 [\*\*Kaine joined a call among his Senate Democratic colleagues on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions \(HELP\) Committee for an investigation\*\*](#) into Elon Musk and DOGE's destructive and illegal actions in all agencies HELP oversees. The effort was blocked by the committee's Republican majority.
- 3/11/2025 [\*\*Kaine & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Reinstate Veterans Fired by the Trump Administration\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine joined Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Andy Kim (D-NJ) in introducing the *Protect Veteran Jobs Act*, legislation that would reinstate veterans who were fired from their federal jobs as part of the Trump Administration's indiscriminate and mass layoff federal employees, over 6,000 of whom are veterans.
- 3/12/2025 [\*\*Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner Formally File Legislation to Undo President Trump's Senseless Taxes on Canadian Goods\*\*](#). Sens. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Warner (D-VA) formally filed 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. The legislation is privileged, which means the U.S. Senate will be required to vote on the bill in the coming weeks.
- 3/12/2025 [\*\*Kaine Joins Colleagues in Calling on Trump Administration to Halt and Reverse Contract Cancellations Impacting Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine joined a group of his colleagues in demanding that the Trump Administration reverse its cancellation of 585 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contracts, including those that help veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins access lifesaving health care.
- 3/12/2025 [\*\*Kaine, Warner & Colleagues Demand Answers from department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Collins on His Plan to Cut 83,000 VA Employees\*\*](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues stressed the harmful impact these firings will have on veterans' earned care and benefits, which they helped dramatically expand through legislation such as the [\*\*PACT Act\*\*](#).



- 3/12/2025 [Kaine Raises Concerns About Harmful Impacts of Republican Funding Bill in Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing.](#)
- 3/13/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor to Blast House Republican Funding Bill and Highlight Republican Concerns Over Harmful National Security Impacts of the Bill.](#) Sen. Kaine expresses his strong opposition to the bill and urges his colleagues not to support it.
- 3/14/2025 [Kaine Reiterates that He Will Vote No on the Republican Funding Bill.](#) Sen. Kaine explains that he will vote no on passing a Republican budget that cuts defense, non-defense, hundreds of great Virginia projects, and empowers the Trump Administration and DOGE to continue their illegal and harmful activities.
- 3/17/2025 [Kaine Hosts Roundtable Discussion with Local Veterans in Dumfries, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine hosted a roundtable discussion with local veterans to discuss how the Trump Administration's executive actions are hurting veterans—including the mass firing of VA employees, which will prolong needed health care services for veterans.
- 3/18/2025 [Kaine Attends Roundtable Discussion with Local Farmers in Baskerville, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine attended a roundtable discussion with the National Black Farmers Association Founder and President John Boyd, Jr. and other Black farmers to discuss key issues impacting farmers, including the necessity of the farm bill and how Trump's trade wars and illegal federal funding freeze harm the agricultural industry—a vital part of Virginia's economy that provides hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout the Commonwealth.
- 3/19/2025 [Kaine and Scott Tour New VA Clinic in Chesapeake, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine and U.S. Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA-03) received an update on the progress of the new VA clinic and heard from VA leadership about their plan to provide comprehensive care to veterans and discussed how Trump's hiring freeze, the indiscriminate firing of federal employees, and the Administration's plan to fire as many as an additional 80,000 employees at the VA are impacting staffing.
- 3/20/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Protect and Improve TSA's Frontline Workforce Amid Trump Attacks.](#) Sen. Kaine joined 26 of his Senate colleagues in introducing the *Rights for the TSA Workforce Act*, legislation that would ensure all of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) more than 65,000 employees are afforded the same worker rights, protections, and pay system provided to most other federal workers. The legislation comes on the heels of the Trump Administration's recent moves to cancel TSA workers' current collective bargaining agreement.
- 3/20/2025 [Kaine Statement on Trump's Executive Order to Gut Department of Education.](#) Sen. Kaine released a statement strongly opposing President Trump's executive order gutting the U.S. Department of Education. He voted against U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon, who has pledged to carry out Trump's orders to abolish the Department.
- 3/21/2025 [Warner, Kaine Push USDA to Reverse Decision Cancelling Vital Food Service Programs.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner wrote a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins urging the Trump administration to reverse their decision cancelling the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) and the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS), vital programs that support Virginia's food banks, schools, and other food providers in purchasing food directly from local farms, ranchers and producers.
- 3/21/2025 [Kaine, Warner & Colleagues Demand Answers Over Trump Administration's Illegal Cancellation of Grants to Train and Retain Quality Teachers.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner joined 23 of their colleagues in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon demanding detailed answers about the Trump Administration's illegal cancellation of over \$600 million in federal funding for teacher training grants, and to warn the Secretary of the detrimental effects the cancellation is already having on communities across the nation.
- 3/24/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Demand Answers about Trump Cabinet Officials' Use of Unsecured Group Chat for Military Planning.](#) Sen. Kaine and 13 of his Senate colleagues sent a letter to President Trump demanding answers about several Cabinet officials' accidental adding of a reporter to an unsecured group chat where secret, high-level military planning was occurring, in violation of security protocols and potentially in violation of the law.
- 3/28/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Trump Executive Order Attacking Collective Bargaining Rights for Federal Workers.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement slamming President Trump's executive order targeting collective bargaining rights for the federal workforce.

- 3/28/2025 [Kaine, Klobuchar, and Warner Announce Expected Vote Timing on their Bill to Undo Canada Tariffs that will Raise Costs](#). Sens. Kaine, Klobuchar, and Warner announced an expected vote on their legislation to undo Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods, which will amount to a 25 percent tax on goods imported from one of America's top trading partners and closest allies. [The senators' bill is strongly supported by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, or AFL-CIO](#), among other groups.
- 3/28/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Condemn Trump's Decision to Permanently Eliminate USAID](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues issued a statement against the Trump Administration's illegal, dangerous, and inefficient attempt to 'transition' USAID into the State Department, thus permanently eliminating the independent agency.
- 4/1/2025 [Kaine, Merkley Launch Effort to Protect and Strengthen Federal Student Loan Repayment Options](#). With affordable student loan repayment options at risk under the Trump Administration, Sens. Kaine and Merkley Introduced the *Savings Opportunity and Affordable Repayment (SOAR) Act* to create a new Income-driven repayment (IDR) plan to better protect borrowers from unaffordable payments, runaway balances due to rapidly accruing interest, and offer a clearer path to debt relief after at least a decade of payments.
- 4/2/2025 [Industry Support Grows Ahead of Vote on Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner's Bill to Undo Trump's Canada Tariffs](#). Following an endorsement from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Sens. Kaine, Klobuchar, and Warner issued a statement welcoming additional support for their bipartisan legislation to undo President Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods.
- 4/2/2025 [Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Ahead of Vote on Resolution to Undo Trump's Taxes on Canadian Goods](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to urge his colleagues to pass his bipartisan resolution challenging President Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods ahead of the Senate vote, highlighting the tariffs' harmful impact on costs, Virginia businesses, and our relationship with one of our closest allies and trading partners.
- 4/2/2025 [Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner Issue Statement Following Passage of Their Bill to Undo Trump's Canada Tariffs](#). Sens. Kaine, Klobuchar, and Warner released a statement after the Senate passed their bill in a 51-48 vote to undo President Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods—Congress' first successful rebuke of President Trump's dangerous economic policies—to thank colleagues on both sides of the aisle who voted against Trump's deranged mission to bypass Congress to enact these new taxes. The senators also strongly encouraged colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to take up the legislation.
- 4/3/2025 [Kaine, Gillibrand, and Courtney Lead Colleagues in Condemning Education Department Changes to Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#). Sens. Kaine and Gillibrand and Rep. Courtney led a bicameral group of their colleagues in sending a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon expressing their strong opposition to President Trump's directive for changes that would limit eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program.
- 4/4/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Kiggans Lead Virginia Colleagues in Effort to Reinstate Funding for Food Banks, Hungry Families](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a bipartisan, bicameral letter to Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins pushing back against the cancellation of \$500 million in previously-approved funding for food banks and other emergency food providers in Virginia.
- 4/4/2025 [Kaine Leads Colleagues in Calling on Trump Administration to Reinstate Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a letter urging Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem to reconsider the Trump Administration's termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelans who applied for TPS in 2023. The Administration's decision has been temporarily put on hold by a court order, postponing the harm it will cause to approximately 350,000 people who remain at risk of losing TPS.
- 4/4/2025 [Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor to Oppose 'Economic Idiocy' of Tariffs, Program Cuts to Pay for Billionaire Tax Breaks](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to highlight his strong opposition to Republicans' budget reconciliation plan, which proposed using the revenue from tariffs and massive, across-the-board cuts to programs that Virginians rely on—including Medicaid—to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.
- 4/5/2025 [Warner & Kaine Statement on Budget Resolution Slashing Programs that Virginians Rely on to Pay for Tax Cuts for Billionaires](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner issued a statement speaking out after Senate Republicans voted to advance a budget plan that would slash programs Virginians rely on. They filed amendments that would have protected federal employees, veterans, and Virginians on Medicaid, and held the Trump Administration accountable for its harmful actions, including its reckless, sloppy handling of classified information; however, Senate Republicans refused to incorporate any of them.

- 4/7/2025 [Warner & Kaine Join Colleagues in Letter Emphasizing Immense Harm Shuttering Department of Education will have on Students with Disabilities](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon to emphasize the detrimental effect shuttering the Department of Education will have on approximately 9.5 million students with disabilities and their families.
- 4/8/2025 [Kaine, Schumer, and Wyden Demand House Vote on Senate-Passed Tariff Legislation Ending Trade War with Canada](#). Sens. Kaine, Schumer, and Wyden sent a letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson demanding that he schedule a vote in the House of Representatives on Senate Joint Resolution 37, legislation led by Kaine to reverse President Trump's tariffs on Canada. The legislation passed in the Senate by a 51-48.
- 4/8/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Announce Intent to File Legislation to Challenge Trump's Senseless Trade Wars](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues announced their intent to file legislation to repeal the cost-raising, across-the-board tariffs President Donald Trump announced on April 2, which will cost the average American household nearly \$4,000 a year and have already led to significant market declines and raised the odds of a recession. The legislation will be privileged, meaning it will receive a vote before the full Senate.
- 4/8/2025 [Warner, Kaine, & Colleagues Question HHS Secretary RFK Jr. on Decision to Fire Workers Tasked with Protecting Coal Miner Health and Safety](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. pushing back on his decision to fire nearly 900 employees of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), including 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](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a letter to 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 and sent to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador.
- 4/9/2025 [Warner, Kaine & Griffith Welcome Major Disaster Declaration for Southwest Virginia Following February Winter Storms](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner and Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA-09) issued a statement on the formal approval of the Commonwealth of Virginia's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in response to the February winter storms that caused widespread flooding and damage to Southwest Virginia. The approval came more than six weeks after the Senators and Rep. Griffith originally wrote to President Trump in favor of the request.
- 4/11/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Raise Concerns Regarding Closure of 35 Mine Safety and Health Administration Offices](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote to Secretary of Labor Lori Chavez-DeRemer regarding the efforts by the "Department of Government Efficiency" to close 35 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) field offices. The senators requested specific information regarding how the office closures will impact personnel and inspections of underground mine and asked how MSHA will comply with the new silica standard [that Kaine, Warner, and Fetterman have previously pushed for](#).
- 4/11/2025 [Warner, Kaine, and Fetterman Statement on Department of Labor Announcement Pushing Back Enforcement of Silica Rule that Protects Coal Miners from Breathing in Toxic Chemicals on the Job](#). Sens. Kaine, Warner, and Fetterman released a statement strongly opposing the decision by the Department of Labor (DOL) Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to pause enforcement of its final rule to better protect America's miners from health hazards related to exposure to respirable crystalline silica, or silica dust.
- 4/14/2025 [Kaine Statement on President Bukele's Visit to the White House](#). Sen. Kaine slammed President Trump for hosting El Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele, an aspiring dictator, for a meeting in the White House. The visit came amid the Administration's continued refusal to return Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Maryland father who was living legally in the United States, to his family after the Administration admitted to imprisoning him in a megaprison in El Salvador by mistake.
- 4/14/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Scott, McClellan Push DHS to Reverse Cancellation of Crucial Infrastructure Funding](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner, with Reps. Bobby Scott (D-VA-03) and Jennifer McClellan (D-VA-04), wrote to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem urging DHS to reverse its decision canceling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) program, which included millions in funding for major projects in Richmond, Portsmouth, and other communities across the Commonwealth.

- 4/15/2025 [Kaine & Warner Demand Answers from Departments of State and Homeland Security on Sudden and Unexplained Revocations of Virginia Students' Visas](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner sent a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem demanding information and action on the growing number of Virginia college and university students whose visas or records have been abruptly terminated without due process, a means of seeking recourse, or even notification to the students or their schools.
- 4/24/2025 [Van Hollen, Warren, Kaine Press Hegseth on High Civilian Casualties in Yemen Strikes and Trump Administration's Dismantling of Safeguards Against Civilian Harm](#). Sen. Kaine joined Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) in writing to U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth concerning reports that U.S. strikes against the Houthis at the Ras Isa fuel terminal in Yemen killed dozens of civilians and asking about the current status of civilian harm mitigation procedures, among others.
- 4/25/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Colleagues Blast Trump Administration's Attacks on Head Start, Demand RFK, Jr. Release Funding and Reverse Firings](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner joined 40 of their colleagues in a letter to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., calling out the Trump Administration's direct attacks on Head Start and highlighting the secretary's legal obligation to administer the program. The senators also demanded that HHS immediately release Head Start funding and reverse the mass firing of Head Start staff.
- 4/29/2025 [Kaine Leads Colleagues in Releasing Report Highlighting Harm to Seniors and People with Disabilities During Trump's First 100 Days](#). Sen. Kaine joined Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD), all members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee, in releasing a report detailing Trump and Republican attacks in the first 100 days of his presidency that have severely harmed older Americans and people with disabilities. The report includes attacks on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security; mass layoff of federal employees at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Education (ED), and Social Security Administration (SSA); and proposals to further to cut funding for programs that Americans rely on.
- 4/30/2025 [Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor in Advance of Vote on His Bipartisan Legislation to End Trump's Global Tariffs](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor ahead of the Senate's vote on his bipartisan legislation to repeal President Trump's across-the-board tariffs that the White House announced on April 2. These tariffs are a national sales tax – in total, Trump's tariffs will cost the average American household nearly \$5,000 per year. All but three Republicans voted against this bill, and Vice President J.D. Vance broke the tie, voting against the legislation to reinforce Trump's harmful tariffs.
- 5/1/2025 [Kaine, Van Hollen, Schumer & Padilla to Force Senate Vote Demanding Answers on Trump Administration's Compliance with Court Orders and El Salvador's Horrific Human Rights Record](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the lead Democrat on SFRC's Western Hemisphere subcommittee, together with U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY), and U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA), introduced legislation to require the Trump Administration to produce a report detailing any steps the Administration is taking to ensure compliance with court orders applicable to U.S. citizens or residents wrongfully deported by the U.S. to El Salvador; confirming whether U.S. security assistance has been used to support the illegal detention of U.S. residents; and assessing El Salvador's human rights record.
- 5/2/2025 [Warner & Kaine Statement on President's Budget Request](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement in reaction to President Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 discretionary budget request to Congress, in which the senators strongly condemn Trump's proposal to cut important government programs Americans rely on.
- 5/5/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Demand DOJ Reverse Cancellation of Hundreds of Public Safety Grants](#). Sen. Kaine and 28 Senate colleagues wrote to the Department of Justice (DOJ) urging U.S. Attorney General (AG) Pam Bondi and Deputy Assistant AG Maureen Henneberg to reverse the abrupt cancellation of hundreds of public safety grants that serve crime victims and improve public safety in communities across the nation. The letter demanded the immediate restoration of the funding.
- 5/6/2025 [Kaine Statement on President Trump's Threats to Use Military Force in Mexico and Greenland](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the lead Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Western Hemisphere subcommittee, released a statement criticizing President Trump's statements threatening to use U.S. military force to violate Mexican sovereignty and invade Greenland, a NATO ally.



- 5/8/2025 [Virginia Delegation Blasts Trump Administration's Attacks on CDC Programs that Address America's Maternal Health Crisis](#). Sen. Kaine led a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. expressing grave concerns about President Trump's efforts to undermine the mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which have resulted in the dismantling of CDC programs aimed at addressing America's maternal health crisis. The letter also urged the Trump Administration to protect these vital programs and strengthen the CDC's public health efforts.
- 5/14/2025 [Kaine, Warner, Van Hollen, Alsobrooks, & Connolly Lead Colleagues in Letter to OPM Opposing Trump Administration's Revival of Schedule F](#). Sen. Kaine led a letter to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Charles Ezell opposing President Trump's move to revive 'Schedule F,' a policy to reclassify federal workers, stripping them of their protections and making it easier for the Administration to carry out politically motivated firings.
- 5/14/2025 [Virginia, Maryland Senators Urge House to Pass D.C. Budget Fix](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues urged House Republican leadership to take up and pass the bipartisan legislation, which Kaine successfully pushed to pass in the Senate, to allow the District of Columbia to use its own local funding.
- 5/15/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Force Senate Vote on Legislation to Demand Answers on Trump Administration's Dealings with El Salvador](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) and the lead Democrat on SFRC's Western Hemisphere panel, and his colleagues forced a Senate vote on their privileged legislation to demand answers on El Salvador's human rights record and the Trump Administration's compliance with court orders applicable to U.S. citizens or residents wrongfully deported to El Salvador. Senate Republicans voted [against](#) the legislation.
- 5/15/2025 [Kaine Condemns Trump's Comments on Birthright Citizenship Supreme Court Case](#). Sen. Kaine, a former civil rights lawyer and constitutional law professor, criticized President Trump for his comments in which he urged SCOTUS to side with the Administration's efforts to roll back birthright citizenship.
- 5/15/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Demand Trump Administration Use Diplomatic Tools to End Blockade of Food and Aid for Gaza](#). Sen. Kaine joined 28 of his Senate colleagues in introducing legislation calling on the Trump Administration to use all diplomatic tools at its disposal to bring an end to the blockade of food and lifesaving humanitarian aid to address the needs of civilians in Gaza.
- 5/16/2025 [As Trump Racks Up Corrupt Deals, Kaine & Colleagues File Joint Resolutions of Disapproval to Block \\$3.5 Billion in Arms Sales to Qatar and the UAE](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues filed four joint resolutions of disapproval (JRD) to block a \$1.9 billion arms sale to Qatar and three arms sales—totaling \$1.6 billion—to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as President Donald Trump racks up corrupt deals with those countries. The Senate is required to vote on JRDs.
- 5/16/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam Republican Efforts to Gut Health Care in Order to Pay for Tax Cuts for the Wealthiest Americans](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner issued a statement on findings by the Joint Economic Committee that more than 262,000 Virginians are set to lose their health insurance under the cuts being proposed by President Donald Trump and Republicans in the tax bill to provide tax breaks to billionaires.
- 5/20/2025 [Warner & Kaine Warn: Republican Effort to Gut Clean Energy Investments Will Endanger Virginia Jobs, Increase Costs for Virginia Households](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner strongly condemned Republican-led efforts to roll back key provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as part of their proposed budget reconciliation bill to cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans and warned that the GOP's plan would jeopardize thousands of clean energy jobs, threaten billions in private investment, and raise energy costs for families across Virginia.
- 5/20/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Combat DOGE's Unsafe Retention of Personal Information](#). Sen. Kaine introduced legislation to hold Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) accountable for their continued efforts to improperly access and retain Americans' personal information, including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and other financial information.
- 5/21/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam GOP Tax Bill for Raising Taxes on Working Families to Fund Windfalls for the Ultra-Wealthy](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner issued a statement blasting the GOP's partisan tax bill that would raise taxes on the lowest-income Americans by more than 50% while handing six-figure tax cuts to the wealthiest 0.1% of taxpayers.
- 5/22/2025 [Warner and Kaine Statement on the House GOP Bill to Gut Medicaid to Pay for Tax Cuts for Ultra-wealthy](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner shared their strong opposition to Republican legislation to slash Medicaid and nutrition assistance, raise taxes on working families, and explode the national debt, while cutting taxes for the ultra-wealthy.

- 5/23/2025 [Warner & Kaine: Under GOP Tax Plan, Virginia Children will Go Hungry to Pay for Tax Cuts for Billionaires.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner condemned GOP efforts to make drastic cuts to SNAP food assistance program—a vital nutrition lifeline to over 200,000 Virginians, including children—in order to fund tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Nationwide, nearly 11 million people, including 4 million children and more than half a million adults aged 65+ and adults with disabilities, would lose food assistance.
- 5/23/2025 [Kaine & Warner Push ICE to Require Agents Identify Themselves, Limit Use of Masks and Face Coverings During Enforcement Operations.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner pressed 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 the use of face coverings during official operations following repeated instances of unidentified ICE agents making arrests in Virginia and across the country.
- 5/28/2025 [Kaine and Colleagues Blast Trump Administration's Call for Agencies to Max Out Pay for Political Appointees Amid Firings of Civil Servants.](#) Sen. Kaine and his colleagues sent a letter to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) criticizing its recent memo encouraging agencies to ignore the recommendations of agency human resources offices and offer the maximum available salary to Schedule C political appointees—while the Administration continues to mass fire civil servants.
- 5/28/2025 [Kaine & Warner Condemn GOP Tax Plan for Driving Up Costs for American Families.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed House Republicans for passing legislation to provide massive tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans by adding \$3.8 trillion to the deficit, even after the U.S. credit rating was downgraded due to mounting government debt.
- 5/28/2025 [Kaine and Colleagues Press Trump Administration on Firings of Constituent Services Liaisons.](#) Sen. Kaine and colleagues pressed the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for answers regarding the firing of civil servants who work with congressional offices to assist constituents currently or previously serving in the federal government.
- 5/30/2025 [Kaine & Warner Condemn Labor Department's Abrupt Closing of Job Corps Centers.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner condemned the Department of Labor's decision to shut down Job Corps centers across the country, which will abruptly eliminate crucial job training for thousands of young Americans, including at two Virginia centers in Marion and Monroe that serve hundreds of students.
- 5/30/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam Department of Homeland Security for Issuing Erroneous List of 'Sanctuary Jurisdictions' in Virginia.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for issuing a mistake-riddled 'sanctuary jurisdictions' list of counties and cities in Virginia, including a county that does not exist. Following pressure from the senators and others in the media, DHS removed the list.
- 6/3/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam House-Passed Republican Bill to Make Tax Filing More Expensive.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner condemned House Republicans for passing a tax bill that would eliminate Direct File—a pilot program that allows Americans to file their taxes without making payments to tax preparation services—in order to create tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy.
- 6/4/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Press Trump Administration for Answers and Demand Reversal of Termination of Temporary Protected Status for Afghans Living in the U.S.](#) Sen. Kaine and almost 100 congressional colleagues wrote to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and Secretary of State Marco Rubio demanding the reversal of the termination of temporary protected status for Afghans, including nearly 20,000 in Virginia. In the letter, the lawmakers also highlighted the important support many Afghans provided during the war in Afghanistan and the significant danger they may face upon return.
- 6/4/2025 [Kaine & Warner Blast GOP Plan After New CBO Report Shows 16 Million Americans Would Lose Health Coverage.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner blasted Republicans' tax plan following the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's new report revealing that 16 million Americans would lose their health insurance under the plan.
- 6/5/2025 [Kaine Condemns Trump Administration's Revival of Travel Ban Policy.](#) Sen. Kaine strongly condemned Trump's revival of his travel policy, which Trump has said is meant to target Muslims. Kaine also strongly condemned Trump's first travel ban policy in his first presidency.
- 6/5/2025 [Kaine & Warner Condemn Provisions in GOP Tax Plan that would Eliminate Gun Safety Measures.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner blasted provisions in the Republican tax plan that would weaken gun safety measures that have been in place since 1934 regarding gun silencers. Gun silencers make it harder and more dangerous for law enforcement officers to respond to active shooters.

- 6/6/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam House GOP's Effort to Help Trump Ignore Court Orders](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner blasted a provision in the Republican tax proposal that would make it harder for federal judges to hold government officials accountable when they act lawlessly.
- 6/9/2025 [Kaine Statement on Trump's Activation of National Guard in California Over Local Officials' Objections](#). Sen. Kaine condemned President Trump's activation of National Guard members in California, over the objections of the Governor and Los Angeles Mayor, in response to immigration protests.
- 6/10/2025 [Kaine & Warner: New Report Shows Over 302,000 Virginians Will Lose Health Insurance Under GOP Tax Plan](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner reaffirmed their commitment to do everything they can to stop Trump and Republicans' tax plan, which would cause over 302,000 Virginians, including low-income children and people with disabilities, to lose their health insurance.
- 6/10/2025 [Kaine Delivers Opening Remarks at SASC Navy Posture Hearing](#). Sen. Kaine discussed his strong opposition to the Trump Administration activating thousands of National Guard members and 700 Marines in California in response to immigration protests.
- 6/11/2025 [Kaine Statement on Pentagon Review of AUKUS](#). Sen. Kaine reaffirmed his strong support for the Australia-U.K.-U.S. (AUKUS) submarine deal after it was reported that the Department of Defense has launched a review of the deal.
- 6/11/2025 [Kaine, Warner, & Vindman Slam Proposal to Move FBI National Academy from Quantico to Huntsville](#). Sen. Kaine and his Virginia colleagues slammed a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) proposal to move the FBI National Academy from Quantico, VA to Huntsville, AL.
- 6/12/2025 [Kaine, Van Hollen, Padilla Introduce Legislation to Sanction Salvadoran Officials for Human Rights Abuses, Collusion with Trump Administration in Violation of Constitutional Rights](#). Sens. Kaine, Van Hollen, and Padilla introduced legislation to sanction Salvadoran officials for human rights abuses and its collusion with the Trump Administration to imprison people living in the United States without due process.
- 6/13/2025 [Kaine, Warner, & Colleagues Press Trump Administration to Resume Processing DACA Applications](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues urged U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to resume processing more than 100,000 pending applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- 6/16/2025 [Kaine Announces the Filing of a War Powers Resolution to Prevent War with Iran](#). Sen. Kaine introduced a war powers resolution to prevent a U.S. war with Iran. The resolution requires that any U.S. participation in offensive hostilities against Iran be explicitly authorized by Congress and does not prevent the U.S. from defending itself from an imminent attack. It is privileged, so the Senate is required to promptly consider and vote on it.
- 6/17/2025 [Kaine Hosts Forum to Speak and Share Stories About Harmful Impacts of GOP Tax Bill](#). Sen. Kaine hosted a spotlight forum with Senator Murphy to highlight how President Trump and Republicans' bill would make major cuts to vital programs that families rely on, including Medicaid and SNAP, in order to pay for massive tax breaks for the wealthy. Kaine invited subject-matter experts, as well as individuals who could be impacted by the Republican cuts to critical programs.
- 6/17/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding His War Powers Resolution to Prevent War with Iran](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor about a war powers resolution he filed to prevent a U.S. war with Iran.
- 6/18/2025 [Kaine, Warner, Scott Urge EPA to Reinstate Funding for Cancelled Community Resilience Grants](#). Sen. Kaine and his Virginia 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 that would have supported dozens of community projects to strengthen flood resilience, reduce pollution, and improve energy efficiency in Hampton and across Southwest Virginia.
- 6/18/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Provide Legal Permanent Residency to TPS and DED Recipients Following Trump Attacks on Protections](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced the *Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency (SECURE) Act*, legislation to provide qualified Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) recipients a path to legal permanent residency. This comes as the Trump Administration and the Supreme Court undermine TPS, a program that has for years provided refuge to those living in America who have fled natural disasters, violence, and political insecurity.
- 6/20/2025 [Kaine & Warner Decry GOP Plan's Devastating Impact on Rural Virginia Communities](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed Republicans' bill that would devastate rural communities across Virginia by gutting Medicaid and accelerating hospital closures. This bill would strip health care from thousands of Virginians, gut funding for struggling rural hospitals, and undo decades of progress.

- 6/23/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Highlight Trump Administration Hypocrisy on National Debt While It Guts IRS, Pushes Giant Tax Cuts for Billionaires](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues sent a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner Billy Long regarding the hypocrisy of their claims that they want to cut the deficit while simultaneously slashing the IRS workforce and cutting taxes for the ultra-wealthy.
- 6/23/2025 [Kaine & Warner Call on GOP to Drop Health Care Cuts that will Saddle More Working Families with Medical Debt](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner urged their colleagues to reject Medicaid cuts proposed by Republicans, which would inflict severe harm on millions of families by pushing 5.4 million people into medical debt and increasing the total medical debt that Americans owe by \$50 billion—a 15 percent jump.
- 6/25/2025 [Kaine & Warner Introduced Bill to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care](#). On the third anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced legislation to guarantee access to reproductive health care across the country. The bill's introduction comes as the Trump Administration and Republicans continue to attack reproductive freedom.
- 6/27/2025 [Kaine Statement on Senate Vote on His War Powers Resolution on Iran](#). Sen. Kaine condemned Senate Republicans' refusal to advance his war powers resolution that would ensure any U.S. participation in offensive hostilities be explicitly authorized by Congress, consistent with the Constitution.
- 6/30/2025 [Kaine Files Amendments to Dangerous Republican Budget Megabill](#). Sen. Kaine filed amendments to Trump and Republicans' budget megabill in an attempt to thwart the legislation's most catastrophic impacts, including amendments to protect SNAP, rural hospitals, and veterans in the federal workforce from being fired. Republicans blocked them.
- 7/01/2025 [Kaine & Warner Condemn Senate Passage of Republican Budget Megabill](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner condemned Republicans' successful jamming through of a partisan megabill that slashes Medicaid, nutrition assistance, and other critical programs that Virginians rely on in order to pay for massive tax breaks to the very rich.
- 7/02/2025 [Kaine & Warner Blast Trump Administration For Illegally Withholding \\$108 Million From Virginia Schools](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed the Trump Administration for withholding \$6.2 billion in federal K-12 funding, including \$108 million for Virginia schools to support teacher training, after school programming, mental health resources, and more.
- 7/10/2025 [Kaine Statement on Virginia's Slip in 'Top States for Business' Ranking](#). Sen. Kaine called out the Trump Administration for creating chaos and uncertainty caused by President Trump's tariffs, the slashing of federal funding, and the hollowing out of the federal workforce, which led to Virginia dropping in CNBC's Top States for Business report for 2025.
- 7/10/25 [Kaine Slams Trump's New Taxes on Americans to Protest Anti-Corruption Efforts in Brazil](#). Sen. Kaine condemned Trump's pledge to place a 50 percent tariff on goods from Brazil in an effort to pressure the country to stop prosecuting its former president—a friend of Trump—accountable for attempting a coup.
- 7/11/2025 [Kaine Statement on Trump Administration's Gutting of the State Department Workforce](#). Sen. Kaine slammed the Trump Administration for plans to fire nearly 15 percent of the State Department's domestic workforce, who are essential to U.S. national security.
- 7/15/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam Republican Attempts to Defund Public Broadcasting](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed efforts by Republicans to defund public media and revoke more than \$1.07 billion in funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, including \$100 million for Virginia—cutting federal support for more than 1,500 public radio and TV stations, nearly half of which serve rural communities.
- 7/16/2025 [Kaine & Warner Slam Republican Rescissions Bill Cutting National Security Funding and Making Americans Less Safe](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner denounced the Republican rescissions package that cancels \$8.3 billion in federal funding previously appropriated by a bipartisan majority in Congress for national security programs.
- 7/16/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor to Slam Republican Defunding of Faith-Based Organizations](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor, criticizing President Trump and congressional Republicans' rescissions package, which includes massive cuts to funding for faith-based organizations.
- 7/16/2025 [Kaine Grills Trump Administration Over Incineration of Food for Starving Children](#). Sen. Kaine grilled Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Michael Rigas over the Trump Administration's order to incinerate 500 metric tons of emergency food, which the U.S. had already purchased to feed starving children.



- 7/16/2025 [Kaine Statement on Trump Administration Illegally Withholding \\$140 Million in Federal Funding to Address Fentanyl Crisis](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement condemning the Trump Administration's illegal withholding of \$140 million in federal funding passed by Congress to support fentanyl overdose response efforts.
- 7/17/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Republican Rescissions Bill Defunding Public Broadcasting and National Security Programs](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner sounded the alarm regarding Senate Republicans' rescinding of federal funding for public broadcasting and national security programs, which had been appropriated by a bipartisan majority in Congress.
- 7/18/2025 [Kaine & Warner Issue Statements After Trump Administration Heeds Demands to Release Funding for Boys and Girls Clubs](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner issued statements after the Trump Administration heeded the senators' demands that it release funding it was illegally withholding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, such as the Boys and Girls clubs.
- 7/21/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Republican Megabill Adding More Than \\$4 Trillion to the Deficit Over the Next 10 Years](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner condemned the \$3.4 trillion that Trump and Republicans' megabill will add to the budget deficit through 2034. This figure does not account for added interest costs; including interest, the bill will increase borrowing by \$4.1 trillion.
- 7/23/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Press FAA on Federal Workforce Cuts and Use of AI on Aviation Safety](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues sent a letter to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Bryan Bedford seeking answers on the impact FAA layoffs will have on aviation safety, including among analytical staff who proactively identify safety risks. The senators also inquired about comments by FAA officials suggesting the agency is using artificial intelligence (AI) to analyze safety data to identify risks.
- 7/23/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Introduce Bill to Restore Illegally Withheld Support for Students with Disabilities in Spotsylvania County](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced legislation to restore a federal program that was abruptly discontinued by the Trump Administration to help students with disabilities succeed in adulthood, which has impacted 13 school districts across 11 states, including Spotsylvania County Public Schools.
- 7/24/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Exempt Small Businesses from Trump Tariffs on Canada](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced the *Creating Access to Necessary American-Canadian Duty Adjustments (CANADA) Act*, legislation that would exempt American-owned small businesses from President Donald Trump's senseless tariffs on Canada.
- 7/26/2025 [Kaine & Warner Issue Statements After Trump Administration Heeds Demands to Release Funding for Virginia's K-12 Schools](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement after the Trump Administration [heeded the senators' demands](#) to release the full \$108 million in federal funding the Administration was illegally withholding from K-12 schools across Virginia.
- 7/29/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Call on Trump Administration to Halt Funding for Group Tied to Deadly Violence Against Starving People in Gaza](#). Sen. Kaine joined Senate colleagues in pressing the Trump Administration for answers on the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), a private group connected to deadly violence against starving people seeking food in Gaza, and called on the Administration to restore support for existing United Nations aid distribution mechanisms, immediately cease funding for GHF, and provide much-needed transparency around GHF's funding and operations.
- 7/29/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Call for Large-Scale Expansion of Humanitarian Aid in Gaza and Resumption of Diplomatic Efforts to Secure a Ceasefire and End the War](#). Sens. Kaine, Warner, and 37 Senate colleagues expressed unified alarm in a letter to Trump Administration officials about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, called for the large-scale expansion of humanitarian aid, and urged the Trump Administration to resume diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire agreement and end the war.
- 7/30/2025 [Kaine Applauds Committee Passage of Bipartisan Legislation, Including Bill to Improve Access to Care in Rural Communities](#). Sen. Kaine applauded the committee passage of his *Improving Care in Rural America Reauthorization Act*, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize programs to improve access to health care in rural communities. Kaine has pushed to expand rural health care access following the passage of Trump's 'Big, Ugly Bill' which will devastate rural hospitals.
- 7/30/2025 [On Anniversary of Medicare And Medicaid, Kaine & Warner Introduce Bill to Repeal Health Care Provisions in Republican 'Big, Ugly Bill'](#). On the 60th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, Sens. Kaine and Warner 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.

- 7/31/2025 [Kaine, Schumer, Shaheen, & Wyden Announce Intent to Challenge Trump's Tariffs on Brazil](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues announced their intent to file privileged legislation to challenge President Trump's tariffs on goods from Brazil in response to steps Brazil is taking to hold friend of Trump and former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro accountable for attempting a coup. These senseless tariffs will raise costs for Americans on basic household goods.
- 7/31/2025 [Kaine & Warner Join Colleagues to Restore the Voting Rights Act](#). Amid partisan attempts to gerrymander Texas, Sen. Kaine joined colleagues in reintroducing 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.
- 7/31/25 [Kaine, Warner, & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Increase Transparency in Immigration Enforcement](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner introduced the *Immigration Enforcement Identification Safety Act*, which 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. The bill would also help to protect these officers and agents and their families from doxing and physical harm by giving them the tool to take their personal information, such as their home addresses, off the internet.
- 8/1/2025 [Kaine to Force Up to Six Votes Demanding Human Rights Reports After Trump's Cruel Deportation of Immigrants to Random Countries](#). Sen. Kaine filed privileged legislation to force up to six votes to require the Trump Administration to produce assessments of the human rights situations in Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Eswatini, following reports that the Trump Administration deported immigrants having no connection with those countries. The legislation will require reports detailing the treatment of individuals the U.S. deported to those countries, including risk of torture; provide oversight of actions the Administration is taking to ensure compliance with court orders to facilitate the return of wrongly removed individuals; and any analysis done by the Administration prior to making determinations to send individuals to these countries.