

TAKING ACTION



- 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.
- 1/14/2025 [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.
- 1/22/2025 [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 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 blockage 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.
- 7/10/2025 [**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 21st 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.
- 7/31/2025 [**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.
- 8/6/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Slam Trump Administration's Reported Plan to Terminate \\$156 Million to Lower Energy Costs in Virginia.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner called out Trump Administration plans to terminate \$156 million in federal grant funding to Virginia to help people cut their energy costs by installing solar panels on their roofs. The funding was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which the senators helped pass.
- 8/7/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Push Back Against Trump Over Planned Cancellation of Program to Lower Home Energy Bills in Virginia.**](#) As Virginians continue to struggle to pay their rising electricity bills, Sens. Kaine and Warner pushed 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.
- 8/8/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Slam Rising Health Care Premiums in Virginia.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner highlighted that the Republican tax law allowed enhanced premium tax credits to expire, which the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) reported will cause premiums for Affordable Care Act Marketplace coverage to rise by an average of 20.5% next year.
- 8/8/2025 [**Kaine Slams Trump's Secret Directive to Launch Illegal Wars Across the Western Hemisphere.**](#) Sen. Kaine slammed the Trump Administration following reports of a secret directive by President Donald Trump to the Pentagon to conduct unauthorized military operations within the sovereign territory of our regional partners and allies.
- 8/11/2025 [**Kaine Calls Out Trump's Hypocrisy in Placing D.C. Police Department Under Federal Control and Deploying National Guard.**](#) Sen. Kaine pushed back against President Trump's wasteful and unnecessary executive order to place the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) under federal control and deploy the D.C. National Guard, especially given his failure to promptly do so during the insurrection on January 6, 2021, and the fact that the city's crime rate is at a 30-year low.
- 8/18/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Slam Trump Administration for Ripping Federal Funding Away from Five Northern Virginia School Districts.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner spoke out against the Trump Administration's plans to pull federal funding from the Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William County Public School Districts and raised concerns regarding the devastating impacts to Virginia's students, teachers, and economy.
- 8/20/2025 [**Warner & Kaine Highlight New Report Projecting \\$490 Billion in Manufacturing Losses By 2029 Due to Trump Tariffs.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner 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.

- 8/29/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, and Scott Slam Trump Administration's Withdrawal of More Than \\$39 Million in Funding for Fairwinds Landing**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner and Rep. Scott (D-VA-03) released a statement slamming the Trump Administration's withdrawal of [**\\$39,265,000**](#) in federal funding for the Fairwinds Landing maritime operations and logistics facility in Norfolk. The funding, which the members helped secure, invests in maritime supply chains and port infrastructure to support offshore wind, shipbuilding and ship repair, and transportation.
- 9/4/2025 [**Kaine & Heinrich Refile Legislation to Dismantle Trump's Radical, Cost-Raising, Job-Killing Energy Agenda**](#). Sens. Kaine and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) refiled legislation to challenge President Trump's radical, cost-raising, job-killing national energy emergency, which Trump declared to give Big Oil handouts. The legislation is privileged, meaning that the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on this proposal.
- 9/8/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Grant D.C. Full Control Over Its Police**](#). Sen. Kaine introduced legislation to repeal Trump's federalization of the Metropolitan Police Department and grant D.C. full control and self-governance over its police force.
- 9/8/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Supreme Court's Move to Greenlight Racial Profiling**](#). Sen. Kaine, a former civil rights lawyer, criticized the Supreme Court's decision to allow the Trump Administration to target people for deportation based on their race and language.
- 9/9/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Statement on Augusta Medical Group Decision to Consolidate Locations in Virginia**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement regarding the announced closing of three Augusta Medical Group locations in Virginia. The closures come in response to the passage of President Donald Trump and Republicans 'Big Ugly Bill' that made major cuts to Medicaid.
- 9/9/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Press Trump Administration on Its Decision to Raise Student Loan Payments for Low-Income Americans**](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon demanding detailed answers about the Trump Administration's decision to deny 460,000 low-income student loan borrowers access to lower repayment plans, which cap monthly student loan payments based on income levels.
- 9/9/2025 [**Kaine & Castro Lead Colleagues in Calling Out Trump Administration's Policy Toward El Salvador**](#). Sen. Kaine and U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20) led their colleagues in a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressing deep concern about the Trump Administration's policies toward El Salvador.
- 9/10/2025 [**Kaine Leads Pressure on Trump Administration for Answers on Strike in Caribbean**](#). [**Sen. Kaine led a group of 24 senators in the writing of a letter to the Trump Administration demanding answers regarding the U.S. military strike on a vessel in the Caribbean Sea that reportedly killed all 11 passengers on board**](#). The Trump Administration has failed to provide Congress or the American people with any legitimate legal justification for the strike, or any evidence to support its claims regarding the basis for this strike or the future strikes it has openly threatened to launch across the region.
- 9/11/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Republicans' Procedural Move to Hide Unqualified Nominees from the American People**](#). Sen. Kaine condemned and voted against Senate Republicans' move to destroy decades of precedent by breaking the Senate's long-standing rules to rush the White House's dangerous nominees through the Senate without debate or individual votes.
- 9/12/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Save Social Security from President Trump's Harmful Actions**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner introduced legislation to reverse Trump's disastrous cuts on Social Security, a critical program Americans rely on. This legislation would prevent Social Security offices from shutting down, make it easier for seniors and people with disabilities to apply for benefits, and provide proper resources to the Social Security Administration so it can approve benefits faster.
- 9/15/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Demand Education Department Release Federal Funding for Northern Virginia Schools**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon demanding the immediate release of millions in withheld funding from Alexandria City Public Schools, Arlington Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools, and Prince William County Public Schools.
- 9/17/2025 [**With Federal Workers Under Attack, Warner, Kaine, & Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Repeal Union-Busting Executive Orders**](#). Sens. Kaine, Warner, and colleagues introduced legislation to repeal two-union busting executive orders Trump signed that revoke collective bargaining rights and workplace protections for federal workers. This legislation would safeguard and protect federal employees.
- 9/17/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Klobuchar, Warner, & Schumer Refile Legislation to Challenge Trump's Tariffs on Canada**](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues refiled legislation to undo Trump's wildly unpopular tariffs on Canadian goods, which have led to the decline of U.S. distilled spirit exports by 62 percent and a 33.9 percent decline in tourism from Canada to the U.S. This legislation is privileged, meaning that the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on it.

- 9/17/2025 [Kaine Blasts Foreign Relations Committee's Rubber-Stamping of Trump's Ambassador to Belgium Nominee, Despite Nominee's Platforming of Antisemitic & Conspiratory Rhetoric](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released a statement strongly opposing William White's nomination for Ambassador to Belgium due to White's amplification of a convicted white nationalist influencer and Holocaust denier, as well as his trafficking in election conspiracy theories.
- 9/17/2025 [Kaine, Gillibrand, and Booker Lead Colleagues in Opposing Changes to Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#). Sens. Kaine, Gillibrand, and Booker wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon condemning the Department of Education's plan to disqualify certain public service employers from receiving Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) benefits. This proposed change would also make it harder for current PSLF borrowers to access their benefits.
- 9/18/2025 [Kaine & Warner Announce Support for Legislation to Fund Government, Protect Virginians' Health Care, Prohibit Illegal Spending Decisions by Trump Administration](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner announced their support for legislation crafted by Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) and House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03) to continue funding the government through October 31; protect Americans' healthcare by reversing Republicans' Medicaid cuts and preventing ACA insurance premiums from skyrocketing; and prohibit Trump from illegally withholding funds appropriated by Congress.
- 9/18/2025 [Kaine, Paul, Schumer, Shaheen, & Wyden File Legislation to Challenge Trump's Tariffs on Brazil](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues filed bipartisan legislation to reverse Trump's tariffs on billions of dollars of Brazilian goods, which are making everyday goods more expensive for hardworking Americans. This legislation is privileged, meaning the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on it.
- 9/18/2025 [Kaine, SASC Colleagues Call on Chairman Wicker to Hold Hearing on Trump's Military Deployments to American Cities](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), and his fellow SASC Democratic colleagues pressed SASC Chairman Roger Wicker to hold a hearing to evaluate President Trump's ongoing military deployment to American cities and examine his efforts to direct Department of Defense resources away from core military missions to support the Department of Homeland Security.
- 9/19/2025 [Kaine, Schiff to Force Vote Blocking Unauthorized Boat Strikes in Caribbean](#). Sens. Kaine and Schiff introduced a War Powers Act resolution to block the Trump Administration's unauthorized use of U.S. Armed Forces to summarily kill unknown individuals on boats in the Caribbean Sea. The resolution follows multiple unauthorized military strikes on unverified alleged drug trafficking operations in the Southern Caribbean Sea, which the Trump Administration has failed to provide Congress or the American people with any legitimate legal justification or evidence to support its claims for why these lethal actions were necessary.
- 9/19/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Lead Historic Call for U.S. Recognition of Palestinian Statehood](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues called on President Trump to recognize a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside a secure Israel, in accordance with international law and the principles of a two-state solution. This resolution is the first of its kind in the United States Senate.
- 9/19/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Reverse Harmful Trump Admin Actions to Curtail HIV Prevention Efforts](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced legislation to reverse the Trump Administration's dangerous decision to shut down global HIV prevention programs and withhold access to preventative medications for at-risk populations around the world. The legislation would clarify that HIV prevention, including PrEP, is lifesaving humanitarian assistance and ensure the U.S. can prioritize at-risk populations to resume this critical programming.
- 9/19/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Republicans' Failure to Pass a CR](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement condemning Republicans for voting down legislation that would fund the government, protect Virginians' access to health care, and prohibit President Trump from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress.
- 9/22/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Politically Motivated Pushing Out of Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner criticized President Trump's forcing out of Erik Siebert, interim U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. The dismissal follows Siebert refusal to bring criminal charges against Trump's perceived enemies after his office was unable to find incriminating evidence to support Trump's claims.
- 9/23/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Protect Students with Disabilities and Ensure Continued Special Education Programs in Schools](#). Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced legislation to ensure that special education programs within the U.S. Department of Education continue, despite President Trump's repeated efforts to gut the Department.
- 9/23/2025 [Kaine & Warner Statement on Trump's Refusal to Meet with Democrats on Government Funding](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement blasting President Trump for canceling a negotiation meeting with Democratic leadership regarding government funding and protecting Americans' access to health care.

- 9/24/2025 [**Kaine Completes Bipartisan Trade Mission to Ottawa Alongside Virginia FREE**](#). Sen. Kaine joined Virginia FREE on a trade mission with Virginia business leaders and government officials to meet with Canadian businesses and leaders and reaffirm the importance of the U.S.-Canada relationship.
- 9/24/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Condemn OMB Memo to Lay Off Government Employees**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement condemning a memo issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that threatened government employees with mass layoffs if the government shuts down. The memo follows Republicans and President Trump's refusal to work with Democrats to come to a bipartisan agreement to keep the government open.
- 9/25/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Trump's Retribution Against Former FBI Director James Comey**](#). Sen. Kaine slammed the Trump Administration's malicious prosecution of former FBI Director James Comey, one of Trump's perceived enemies, after Trump forced Erik Siebert, interim U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, out because Siebert refused to bring criminal charges against Comey due to a lack of evidence to support Trump's claims.
- 9/26/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Urge Appropriators to Block Costly, Risky Relocation of Space Shuttle Discovery from Virginia to Texas**](#). Sens. Kaine, Warner, and colleagues called on Senate appropriators to block federal funding from being used to relocate Space Shuttle *Discovery* from its home in Virginia to Texas. This move follows the passage of Trump's 'Big, Ugly Bill' that wastes taxpayer dollars on a relocation that risks permanent damage to the shuttle and means fewer visitors would be able to visit it.
- 9/29/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Demand Explanation and Reversal of State Department Decision to Suspend Medical & Humanitarian Visas for Civilians in Gaza**](#). Sens. Kaine, Warner, and colleagues pressed Secretary of State Marc Rubio to demand he explain the State Department's decision to suspend the issuance of temporary medical and humanitarian visas for civilians in Gaza.
- 9/30/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Meeting of Military Officials at Quantico**](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement slamming Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and President Trump's remarks before military officers in Quantico. Secretary Hegseth directed all of America's best military leaders to leave their duty stations at the same time for the meeting, posing a major security risk and wasting taxpayer dollars.
- 9/30/2025 [**Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor in Opposition to Trump Nomination of William White to Be Ambassador to Belgium**](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Ranking Member of the SFRC subcommittee responsible for human rights, spoke on the Senate floor to express his strong opposition to President Trump's nomination of William White to be Ambassador to Belgium. White has a history of trafficking in election conspiracy theories and amplifying a convicted white nationalist influencer and Holocaust denier in Belgium.
- 9/30/2025 [**Ahead of Government Funding Deadline, Warner & Kaine Blast Republican Failure to Pass a Bill to Keep Government Open & Protect Health Care**](#). Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement blasting Republicans' failure to pass a bill to keep the government open and prevent Virginians' health care costs from skyrocketing.
- 10/1/2025 [**Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding Republican Government Shutdown**](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor regarding President Trump and congressional Republicans' government shutdown. The speech followed the refusal of Senate Republicans and President Trump to work with Democrats to come to a bipartisan agreement to keep the government open, protect Virginians' access to health care, and prohibit the Trump Administration from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress.
- 10/1/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Call on Trump to Halt \\$20 Billion Bailout of Argentina That Will Harm American Farmers**](#). Sen. Kaine called on President Trump to immediately halt his plan for a \$20 billion bailout—funded by American taxpayers—to Argentina. Trump's bailout comes after Argentina suspended soybean export taxes, directly undercutting American farmers in international markets when they are already struggling because of Trump's trade wars.
- 10/1/2025 [**Kaine Introduces Bill to Support Federal Employees Experiencing Financial Hardship During Shutdown**](#). Sen. Kaine introduced legislation to support federal workers who are experiencing financial hardship during a government shutdown. This legislation would waive penalties for federal employees who have to withdraw funds from their Thrift Savings Plan if a government shutdown is prolonged.
- 10/3/2025 [**Ahead of Confirmation Vote, Kaine Statement on Dangerous Set of Nominations, Including William White to be Ambassador to Belgium**](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released a statement expressing his strong opposition to a Senate vote on a block of 107 nominees, including William White, President Trump's nominee to be Ambassador to Belgium. White has a history of amplifying a convicted white nationalist influencer and Holocaust denier in Belgium and trafficking in election conspiracy theories.

- 10/3/2025 [Amid Government Shutdown, Kaine Joins Colleagues in Introducing Bill to Provide Back Pay for Federal Contract Workers.](#) Sens. Kaine and Tina Smith introduced legislation to secure backpay for the thousands of federal contract workers who face furloughs and missed paychecks during a government shutdown. This legislation would ensure federal contract workers, including low-wage service workers providing security, food, and janitorial services are fairly compensated for the wages and benefits lost during a shutdown.
- 10/3/2025 [ICYMI: Kaine Introduces Legislation to Support Federal Employees and Contractors During a Government Shutdown.](#) Sen. Kaine introduced a number of bills to support federal employees and contractors during a shutdown and continued to urge Republicans to negotiate a deal to reopen the government, protect Americans' access to health care, and prohibit the Trump Administration from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress.
- 10/3/2025 [A Grim New Forecast for Virginia: Monthly Health Care Costs Set to Surge by Hundreds.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner sounded the alarm after reviewing newly-released numbers showing that health care costs for individuals, couples, and families in Virginia are forecasted to surge by hundreds of dollars due to Republicans' failure to pass a bill to keep the government open and prevent Virginians' health care costs from skyrocketing.
- 10/8/2025 [VIDEO: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor in Advance of Vote on His War Powers Resolution Aimed at Ending Unauthorized Boat Strikes in the Caribbean.](#) Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to urge his colleagues to pass his and Sen. Schiff's resolution to block the Trump Administration's unauthorized use of U.S. Armed Forces to summarily kill unknown individuals on boats in the Caribbean Sea. The resolution follows multiple unauthorized military strikes on unidentified vessels in the southern Caribbean Sea, for which the Trump Administration has failed to provide Congress or the American people with any legitimate justification or evidence to support its claims for why these lethal actions were necessary.
- 10/8/2025 [VIDEO: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor in Advance of Vote on Legislation to Stop Trump's Cost Raising Energy Agenda.](#) Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to urge his colleagues to pass his and Sen. Heinrich's legislation to repeal the job-killing, cost-raising, and radical national energy emergency President Trump has used to give Big Oil handouts and bypass environmental laws. Kaine and Heinrich previously introduced this legislation to terminate the emergency declaration that every [Republican Senator voted against](#), thereby rubber-stamping Trump's war on affordable, American-made energy.
- 10/8/2025 [Kaine, Warner & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Protect Federal Workers and Their Families from Losing Their Homes, Falling Behind on Paying Bills During Shutdown.](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner introduced legislation to protect federal workers, federal contractor employees, and their families from losing their homes and falling behind on paying bills during a government shutdown. The protections outlined in the bill would last during and 30 days following a shutdown to give workers a chance to keep up with their bills.
- 10/8/2025 [Senate Republicans Block Kaine & Heinrich's Legislation to Stop Trump's Cost-Raising Energy Agenda.](#) Sens. Kaine and Heinrich criticized Republicans for blocking legislation that would have repealed the job-killing, cost-raising, and radical national energy emergency declaration President Trump has used to give Big Oil handouts and bypass environmental laws. Kaine first introduced this legislation in February, but every [Republican Senator voted against](#) it, thereby rubber-stamping Trump's war on American-made energy.
- 10/8/2025 [Senate Republicans Block Sens. Schiff, Kaine's War Powers Resolution Aimed at Ending Unauthorized Boat Strikes in Caribbean.](#) Sens. Kaine and Schiff condemned Senate Republicans for blocking legislation that would have prevented the continued use of U.S. Armed Forces in the southern Caribbean Sea without an Authorization of Military Force (AUMF) by Congress. The vote follows multiple unauthorized military strikes on unidentified vessels in the southern Caribbean Sea. The Trump Administration continues to fail to provide Congress or the American people with any legitimate justification or evidence to support its claims for why these lethal actions were necessary.
- 10/9/2025 [Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Urge Major Utility Companies to Prevent Penalties, Service Shutoffs for Federal Workers During Shutdown.](#) Sens. Kaine, Warner, and colleagues urged 22 major energy, water, and broadband utility companies to avoid imposing service shutoffs and other penalties for late or missed payments for federal government employees who are not receiving pay during the government shutdown. The senators called on the companies to protect federal employees who may be facing financial hardship from utility disconnections during the shutdown, and emphasized that all federal employees are guaranteed back pay due to legislation Kaine [championed](#) during the government shutdown in 2019.
- 10/9/2025 [Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Repeal Trump's Global Tariffs and Lower Prices for Americans.](#) Sen. Kaine and colleagues introduced bipartisan legislation to repeal President Trump's global tariffs and terminate the national emergency Trump declared in order to slap tariffs of up to 40 percent on products Americans buy from other countries. The legislation is privileged, meaning the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on it.

- 10/9/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Statement on Trump's Retribution Against Attorney General Letitia James.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed the Trump Administration's malicious prosecution of New York Attorney General Letitia James, one of President Trump's perceived enemies. Trump forced out Erik Siebert, interim U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia that he nominated, because Siebert refused to bring criminal charges against James. Then Trump replaced Siebert with Lindsey Halligan, a Florida insurance lawyer who is not licensed to practice law in Virginia and had prosecuted exactly zero cases in her life, to lead the Eastern District in order to get the indictment that he wanted.
- 10/9/2025 [**Kaine, Shaheen, Warren Condemn Trump Administration's Abuse of Global Magnitsky Act.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, and Sens. Shaheen and Warren condemned the Trump Administration's support for corruption via his abuse of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. This comes after President Trump removed sanctions on former Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes, absolving Cartes's documented corruption and failing to provide statutorily required advance notice about these actions to Congress.
- 10/10/2025 [**Kaine & Warner: Instead of Keeping Health Care Affordable, Trump & Vought are Holding Federal Workers Hostage.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner released a statement slamming the Trump Administration for mass firing federal workers in the middle of a government shutdown manufactured by Republicans who control the House, the Senate, and the White House. This follows Republicans' repeated failure to negotiate a deal to keep the government open, protect Virginians' access to health care, and prohibit the Trump Administration from illegally withholding funding appropriated by Congress.
- 10/15/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Trump Administration Gutting Special Education Office at Education Department.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, slammed the Trump Administration for gutting and illegally laying off most of the staff in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, which will make it harder for the 7.5 million children with disabilities across the U.S. to get the services they need in school.
- 10/15/2025 [**Kaine, Murkowski, & Van Hollen Lead Colleagues in Urging Administration to Follow Law on Back Pay for Furloughed Federal Workers.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Murkowski, Van Hollen, Alsobrooks, Warner, and Representatives Beyer and Hoyer led their colleagues in demanding Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought follow the law that guarantees furloughed federal employees back pay during a government shutdown, legislation Kaine [championed](#) during the government shutdown in 2019.
- 10/17/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Schiff to Force Vote Blocking Unauthorized War in Venezuela.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, and Sens. Rand Paul and Adam Schiff introduced a bipartisan War Powers Resolution that would block the use of U.S. Armed Forces to engage in hostilities within or against Venezuela. The legislation follows reporting that the Trump Administration is considering unauthorized land strikes inside Venezuela without a specific authorization by Congress.
- 10/20/2025 [**A Pending Health Care Catastrophe: \\$32 Million Loss Projected for Virginia's Community-Based Health Centers.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner sounded the alarm about an impending catastrophe facing Federally Qualified Health Centers, the community-based health care providers that deliver comprehensive primary and preventative health services to low-income families and those who are underserved and uninsured. This follows the passage of President Trump and Republicans 'Big Ugly Bill' that made major cuts to Medicaid and Republicans' failure to prevent enhanced premium tax credits from expiring.
- 10/21/2025 [**New Report: Expiration of ACA Tax Credits Will Have Disastrous Effects on Virginia.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner underscored the urgent need to extend the enhanced premium tax credits under the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) after a new analysis from the Commonwealth Fund showed the expiration of these tax credits will force people off their health insurance, including small business owners and employees, hurt the economy, and have disastrous effects on Virginia. This follows Republicans' failure to pass a bill to prevent Virginians' health care costs from skyrocketing and millions of Americans from losing their health insurance.
- 10/22/2025 [**Kaine & Warner: Virginians are Seeing Higher ACA Health Insurance Rates this Open Enrollment Season.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner sounded the alarm after the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) began sending out notices to Virginians that showed their 2026 health care premium rates skyrocketing due to Republicans' refusal to extend critical *Affordable Care Act* tax credits.
- 10/22/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Urge Administration to Reinforce Opposition to West Bank Annexation.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Warner, and 44 Democratic Senate colleagues urged President Donald Trump to reinforce his opposition to Israel's annexation of territory in the West Bank. The letter followed Vice President JD Vance's trip to Israel to shore up a cease-fire deal and the Israeli Knesset's passage of a preliminary reading of a bill to annex the West Bank.

- 10/23/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Colleagues Demand USDA Immediately Release November SNAP Benefits.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Warner, and 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 Assistant Program (SNAP) benefits continue in November. In Virginia alone, more than [800,000 people](#) are at risk of losing their SNAP benefits if the USDA does not utilize available funding to distribute resources to states for the program.
- 10/23/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Pay All Federal Employees, Servicemembers, & Contractors During Shutdown.**](#) Sen. Kaine and 21 Senate colleagues introduced legislation to pay all federal employees – both those excepted and furloughed – as well as servicemembers and federal contractors, and prevent the Trump Administration’s attempts at mass firings (Reductions in Force or RIFs) during the current Republican-led shutdown.
- 10/24/2025 [**Kaine, Over 60 Lawmakers Press Administration to Reinstate Furloughed Federal Workers at Agencies Unaffected by Republican Shutdown, Resume Their Pay.**](#) Sen. Kaine and more than 60 lawmakers in the Senate and House urged Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought to immediately reinstate any furloughed employees of agencies funded entirely by collected user fees and to resume their paychecks. The lawmakers stressed that fee-funded agencies are unaffected by the lapse in appropriations caused by the current Republican-driven shutdown, and that they should continue to deliver services to the American people uninterrupted as they have during past shutdowns.
- 10/28/2025 [**Kaine & Warner: New Data Proves Average ACA Premium Costs Are Way Up in Virginia.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner sounded the alarm after new data from the Virginia health care marketplace showed that Virginians are facing huge increases in 2026 health care premiums because Republicans are blocking an extension of the enhanced tax credits that have helped keep coverage affordable. This follows the passage of President Trump and Republicans ‘Big Ugly Bill’ that made major cuts to Medicaid and after Republicans’ failure to prevent enhanced premium tax credits from expiring.
- 10/28/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Schumer, Shaheen, & Wyden Legislation Challenging Trump’s Tariffs on Brazil Passes Senate.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Paul, Schumer, Shaheen, and Wyden led their Senate colleagues in successfully passing Kaine’s bipartisan legislation in a 52-48 vote to challenge President Trump’s *International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEPPA)* tariffs on billions of dollars of goods from Brazil. The vote came shortly after newly released inflation data showed that consumer prices rose in September at their fastest pace in eight months due to Trump’s tariffs.
- 10/29/2025 [**Kaine & Warner Introduce Legislation to Pause Student Loans for Federal Workers, Contractors, and Military.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Sen. Warner introduced 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, the legislation would take immediate effect for the current Republican shutdown.
- 10/29/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Klobuchar, Warner, & Schumer Legislation Challenging Trump’s Tariffs on Canada Passes Senate.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Paul, Klobuchar, Warner, and Schumer led their Senate colleagues in successfully passing bipartisan legislation in a 50-46 vote to challenge President Trump’s *International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEPPA)* tariffs on Canada.
- 10/30/2025 [**As Trump Withholds Snap Funding, Kaine, Warner Introduce Legislation to Protect Nutrition Assistance for Virginia Families.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner joined their colleagues in introducing legislation to keep the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funded as President Trump withholds existing funding for vital nutrition programs during the Republican government shutdown.
- 10/30/2025 [**Kaine Applauds Passage of Bipartisan Legislation to End Trump’s Global Tariffs.**](#) Sen. Kaine, alongside Sens. Wyden, Paul, and Schumer, led their Senate colleagues in successfully passing bipartisan legislation in a 51-47 vote to challenge President Trump’s tariffs on global tariffs and to terminate the emergency Trump declared in order to slap tariffs on up to 41 percent of products Americans buy from other countries.
- 11/04/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Call Out Trump Administration’s Illegal Move That Harms Students with Disabilities.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, joined 29 of his Senate colleagues in pressing the Trump Administration to halt its illegal efforts to shut down the Department of Education’s administration and enforcement of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*, which guarantees educational opportunities and protections for individuals with disabilities. This follows [reporting](#) that the Administration is working to move enforcement of IDEA to another agency.

- 11/05/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Supreme Court Hearing Arguments on Cases Challenging Trump's Tariffs.**](#) Sen. Kaine released a statement ahead of the Supreme Court's first day of oral arguments in cases challenging President Trump's authority to impose broad-based tariffs on goods imported into the United States. Kaine continues to call on the House of Representatives to pass his bipartisan legislation to undo President Trump's IEEPA tariffs on Canada and Brazil, as well as President Trump's global tariffs. This legislation has already been passed by the Senate.
- 11/06/2025 [**Senators Act to Bar Mass Layoffs During Government Shutdown.**](#) Sen. Kaine and a group of his Senate colleagues 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 by the Trump Administration during the government shutdown.
- 11/06/2025 [**Senators Slam Senate's Failure to Pass Bipartisan Legislation to Stop Unauthorized War Against Venezuela.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Rand Paul (R-KY), and Adam Schiff (D-CA) criticized their Senate colleagues for blocking a bipartisan War Powers Resolution that would have stopped the Administration from starting a war with Venezuela without public debate or authorization from Congress. The vote followed the massive buildup of U.S. military assets in the Caribbean and [reports](#) that the Trump Administration is considering [land strikes](#) inside the country. The Trump Administration also told lawmakers that there is [no legal justification](#) to launch attacks in Venezuela.
- 11/09/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Funding Deal to Reopen Government, Protect Federal Employees, and Vote to Protect Health Care.**](#) Kaine announced that he would support a bipartisan deal to reopen the government, protect federal employees, and set an upcoming vote on protecting Americans' health care.
- 11/13/2025 [**Kaine and Warner: New Report Shows Energy Prices Skyrocketing Under Trump.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Warner slammed the Trump Administration after a new report showed that energy prices are increasing under President Trump. In Virginia, households are paying \$130 more in annual energy costs on average compared to last year, a 7.3 percent increase. This comes after Trump declared an "energy emergency" to cancel clean energy projects across the country.
- 11/13/2025 [**Kaine Joins Bicameral Effort Urging Court to Uphold Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, joined a bicameral group of lawmakers in submitting an amicus brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the case of *National TPS Alliance et al. v. Noem*, urging the reversal of the Trump Administration's baseless decision to vacate and terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Venezuela.
- 11/14/2025 [**Warner, Kaine & Colleagues Raise Alarm Over Trump Administration Efforts to Restrict Mifepristone.**](#) Sens. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Mark R. Warner (both D-VA), and Patty Murray (D-WA) joined all of their Democratic Senate colleagues in sending a letter to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Marty Makary expressing alarm over the Trump Administration's plans to reexamine the safety and effectiveness of mifepristone. The Trump Administration's announced plan to review derives from a non-peer-reviewed and unsubstantiated "report" published by the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), a think tank known for its anti-abortion views.
- 11/18/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Block Senators from Accessing \\$500,000 Personal Windfalls of Taxpayer Money.**](#) Sen. Kaine joined his Democratic colleagues in introducing legislation to repeal a provision from the Senate government funding bill that would allow senators to collect \$500,000 for each instance when their phone records were obtained in accordance with the law by law enforcement. The provision was quietly added into the funding bill by Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) at the last minute, following reporting that eight Senate Republicans' phone records were reviewed as part of a Justice Department criminal investigation into President Trump's involvement in the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.
- 11/18/2025 [**Kaine, Paul & Wyden Push Speaker Johnson to Follow Intent of Law, Schedule Votes on Senate-Passed Legislation to Undo Trump's Cost-Raising Tariffs.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Rand Paul (R-KY), and Ron Wyden (D-OR) pushed House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA-04) to bring up for a vote three pieces of bipartisan legislation that the Senate passed last month to undo President Trump's cost-raising *International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEPPA)* tariffs on goods from Canada, Brazil, and countries from around the world. The senators' letter rails against procedural stalling tactics Johnson has used—despite the fact that roughly 65 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's tariffs—to flout provisions in the National Emergencies Act that intend for the House to vote on the legislation.
- 11/18/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Trump's Meeting with Saudi Crown Prince and Refusal to Condemn Murder of Jamal Khashoggi.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, slammed President Trump for defending Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to the press when asked about the murder of journalist and Northern Virginia resident Jamal Khashoggi. U.S. intelligence assessments have found that the Crown Prince approved the operation to kill Khashoggi.

- 11/18/2025 [**Kaine, Warner Call on Leader Thune to Quickly Bring the Epstein Files Transparency Act to Floor for Vote.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Mark R. Warner (D-VA) joined their Senate Democratic colleagues in calling on Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) to immediately bring the *Epstein Files Transparency Act* to the Senate floor for a vote, without delay or unnecessary process distractions. Their letter follows the U.S. House of Representatives' overwhelming bipartisan approval of the measure by a vote of 427-1.
- 11/18/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Senate Passage of Bill to Release Epstein Files.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a former civil rights attorney, released a statement after the Senate unanimously passed the *Epstein Files Transparency Act*, legislation requiring the U.S. Department of Justice to release case files related to the late convicted child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Kaine strongly encouraged Congress and the American people to watch closely to ensure the Justice Department complies with the letter and spirit of this legislation in good faith and without attempting to protect powerful people – including President Trump – whose names may appear in the case files.
- 11/19/2025 [**Kaine, Van Hollen, Meeks, & Castro Lead Colleagues in Raising Alarm About Use of U.S. Taxpayer Funding to Hold People In El Salvadoran Torture Center.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and fellow Democratic lawmakers sent a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem pressing the Trump Administration on its use of U.S. taxpayer funding to send and hold people at Centro de Confinamiento del Terrorismo (CECOT), El Salvador's notorious megaprison and torture center. This follows a Human Rights Watch and Cristosal report published on November 12 that found a systemic pattern of abuse and torture at CECOT.
- 11/19/2025 [**Senate Blocks Passage of Kaine's Legislation to Demand Accountability for Saudi-Sponsored Murder of Virginia Resident Jamal Khashoggi.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke on the Senate floor, asking unanimous consent for the passage of his resolution to commemorate the seventh anniversary of journalist and Northern Virginia resident Jamal Khashoggi's murder, which was directed by Saudi government officials. The legislation's passage was blocked by an objecting senator. Kaine's push came the day after President Donald Trump hosted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) in the White House and defended the Crown Prince when asked by the press about Khashoggi's murder.
- 11/20/2025 [**Kaine Renews Call for Answers from Trump Administration Over Military Buildup Near Venezuela & Illegal Lethal Boat Strikes.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, criticized the Trump Administration's military buildup off the coast of Venezuela and ongoing unlawful strikes in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean. This comes after Kaine's Senate colleagues [blocked](#) a bipartisan War Powers Resolution that would have stopped the Administration from starting a war with Venezuela without public debate or authorization from Congress.
- 11/20/2025 [**Kaine & Booker Lead Call for Stronger U.S. Diplomacy to Address DRC-Rwanda Crisis.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and Sen. Booker (D-NJ) sent a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio calling for stronger U.S. diplomacy to address the conflict between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. While President Trump has touted a preliminary agreement between the DRC and Rwanda, which was signed on June 27, 2025 in the Oval Office, violence between the M23 rebel group and the Congolese Army has continued since the signing and humanitarian conditions have deteriorated.
- 11/21/2025 [**Kaine, Warner & Democratic Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Reverse Republican Snap Cuts and Restore Food Security for Millions of Americans.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Mark R. Warner (D-VA) joined every Senate Democrat in introducing legislation that would repeal the devastating cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Republicans in Congress approved in July in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans.
- 11/24/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Demand Trump Administration Declassify & Release DOJ Legal Memo on Lethal Caribbean & Pacific Strikes.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, joined his Senate Democratic colleagues in writing to Attorney General Pam Bondi and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth requesting the declassification and public release of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) written opinion on the Trump Administration's strikes in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- 11/24/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Judge's Order Disqualifying Trump's Unlawfully Appointed Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.**](#) Sen. Kaine released the following statement after a federal judge ruled that President Trump [unlawfully appointed Lindsey Halligan](#) as the interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA) since the position can only be carried out in an interim capacity without Senate or District Judges' confirmation for 120 days. The 120-day clock began in January when Trump appointed Erik Siebert, who was forced out and replaced by Halligan after he refused to bring baseless criminal charges against Trump's perceived enemies. As a result of the ruling, the cases brought by Halligan against [New York Attorney General Letitia James](#) and [former FBI Director James Comey](#) were dismissed.

- 11/25/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Urge Trump Administration to Help Address Humanitarian Crisis and Rebuild Medical Infrastructure in Gaza.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, joined a bicameral group of Democratic lawmakers in writing to U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, urging that the United States work with both Israeli authorities and international partners to push toward rebuilding accessible hospitals and medical infrastructure in Gaza. After two years of brutal conflict, Gaza's medical infrastructure lies in ruins, leaving millions unable to seek even basic care and thousands suffering from life-threatening injuries.
- 11/29/2025 [**Kaine Statement on Trump's Pardoning of Former Honduran President who Brought Over 400 Tons of Cocaine into the United States.**](#) Sen. Kaine, who lived in Honduras in 1980 and 1981 and serves as Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, slammed President Trump's decision to pardon drug kingpin and former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, who was [convicted in the U.S. in 2024 for conspiring to traffic more than 400 tons of cocaine and weapons charges](#) and sentenced to 45 years in prison.
- 12/02/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Schumer & Schiff Announce Intent to File War Powers Resolution in Event of Venezuela Strike.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Rand Paul (R-KY), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Adam Schiff (D-CA) announced their intent to file a War Powers Resolution to force a debate and vote in Congress after President Trump's call to start land action against Venezuela "very soon."
- 12/02/2025 [**Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Denouncing Trump's Bizarre Pardon of Drug Kingpin Juan Orlando Hernández and Illegal Strikes in Caribbean.**](#) Sen Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, spoke on the Senate floor to denounce President Donald Trump's [pardon](#) of drug kingpin and former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández.
- 12/03/2025 [**Kaine, Paul, Schumer, & Schiff File War Powers Resolution on Venezuela.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Rand Paul (R-KY), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Adam Schiff (D-CA) filed a War Powers Resolution to block the use of U.S. Armed Forces to engage in hostilities within or against Venezuela unless authorized by Congress. The day prior, President Trump said that strikes on land would occur "very soon." The War Powers Resolution is privileged, and may be called up for a vote on the Senate floor in 10 days.
- 12/04/2025 [**Kaine, Merkley Introduce Bill to Prohibit Federal Funds to Pay for War Against Venezuela.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Jeff Merkley (D-OR), members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced legislation to prohibit the use of federal funds for any use of military force in or against Venezuela without explicit congressional authorization.
- 12/05/2025 [**Video: Kaine, Bennet, Colleagues Reintroduce Medicare-X Choice Act to Make Health Care More Affordable and Accessible.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Michael Bennet (D-CO) reintroduced the *Medicare-X Choice Act*, legislation that would create a public option by building on the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) and Medicare frameworks. The Medicare Exchange (Medicare-X) plan would offer families, individuals, and small businesses affordable health insurance, decrease the number of uninsured Americans, control the cost of health care, and increase competition in the health insurance market. This bill comes as more than 14 million Americans are set to lose their health care coverage as a result of Republicans' \$1 trillion cut to Medicaid and the expiration of critical premium tax credits.
- 12/05/2025 [**Kaine, Colleagues Condemn Trump's Pardon of Ex-Honduran President and Drug Kingpin Juan Orlando Hernández.**](#) Sen. Kaine, who lived in Honduras in 1980 and 1981 and serves as Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and eleven Democratic Senators introduced a resolution condemning President Donald Trump's pardon of drug kingpin and former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández.
- 12/10/2025 [**Kaine Statement on House Passage of Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and Ranking Member of the SASC Subcommittee on Seapower, released a statement in support of the House passage of the Fiscal Year 2026 *National Defense Authorization Act* (NDAA). Kaine also slammed President Donald Trump for threatening to veto the entire bill if it were to include the provision Kaine led to restore a bipartisan commission's names of Virginia's military bases and prevent changes to bases named for Confederates.
- 12/11/2025 [**Kaine Statement Ahead of Critical Health Care Vote.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, released a statement calling on his Republican colleagues to vote in favor of simple legislation to extend *Affordable Care Act* premium tax credits and prevent health care costs from sky-rocketing for millions of Americans and nearly four hundred thousand Virginians. The credit are set to expire at the end of the year after Republicans failed to extend them as part of the budget bill they passed this summer to cut taxes for billionaires.

- 12/15/2025 [**Kaine Slams Trump Administration's Scheme to Eliminate 35,000 Health Care Positions at Veterans Affairs Clinics.**](#) Sen. Kaine released a statement slamming the Trump Administration's scheme to abruptly eliminate 35,000 health care positions at Veteran Affairs Clinics. This comes after Senate Democrats proposed legislation in July to prevent the Trump Administration from baselessly firing veterans from the federal workforce, and Senate Republicans blocked it.
- 12/16/2025 [**Kaine & Warnock Lead Colleagues in Condemning Trump Administration Policy Change That Harms Federal Workers with Disabilities.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee and Sen. Rev. Raphael Warnock (D-GA) led a group of Democratic Senate colleagues in writing to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to push back on new HHS guidance that rescinds telework as a reasonable accommodation for qualified employees with disabilities. This policy change has already directly harmed HHS employees, including an employee with a high-risk pregnancy and a disabled veteran.
- 12/16/2025 [**Kaine Slams New Coast Guard Policy Downgrading Definition of Swastikas, Nooses.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released a statement slamming the new Coast Guard policy downgrading the definition of swastikas and nooses from their previous classification as hate symbols to 'potentially divisive.' Kaine called for the policy to be reversed immediately.
- 12/18/2025 [**Video: Kaine Slams Trump's Reckless & Corrupt Decision to Allow Nvidia to Sell Advanced Chips to China.**](#) Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to sound the alarm about the Trump Administration's decision to allow Nvidia to sell advanced H200 chips to Chinese commercial customers and the threat this poses to United States national security.
- 12/22/2025 [**Kaine, Warner, Scott Slam Trump Administration's Sudden Halt of Virginia Offshore Wind Project.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Mark R. Warner (D-VA) and U.S. Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA-03) slammed the Trump Administration's reckless, haphazard decision to suddenly halt Virginia offshore wind development, a move which has jeopardized billions of dollars in private investment, threatened thousands of good-paying American jobs in a veteran-heavy area, undermined energy security, and damaged the credibility of the U.S. government.
- 01/03/2026 [**Kaine Statement on Trump Administration's Unauthorized Military Attack on Venezuela.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), slammed President Donald Trump's unauthorized military attack on Venezuela to arrest President Nicolás Maduro.
- 01/06/2026 [**Kaine Statement on Fifth Anniversary of Jan. 6 Capitol Attack.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a former civil rights attorney, released a statement on the fifth anniversary of the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, condemning President Donald Trump for instigating the attack as part of his efforts to block the peaceful transfer of power after the 2020 election.
- 01/06/2026 [**Video: Kaine Honors Five Virginia Police Officers Lost as a Result of Jan. 6 Insurrection and Condemns Trump's Efforts to Rewrite History.**](#) Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor about the fifth anniversary of Jan. 6 and commemorated the five law enforcement officers from Virginia who died because of the attack.
- 01/06/2026 [**Video: Kaine Slams Trump's Illegal, Unpopular, Likely Corrupt War Against Venezuela on Senate Floor.**](#) Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor at length about President Donald Trump's illegal, confusing, dangerous, unnecessary, unpopular, and likely corrupt war against Venezuela.
- 01/08/2026 [**Kaine, Schumer & Schiff Applaud Senate Advancement of Bipartisan War Powers Resolution to Prevent Illegal War with Venezuela.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), and Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) applauded the Senate's advancement of their bipartisan [War Powers Resolution](#) by a 52-47 vote to block the use of the U.S. Armed Forces to engage in hostilities within or against Venezuela unless authorized by Congress.
- 01/12/2026 [**Kaine Statement on Trump Justice Department's Attempt to Bully the Federal Reserve.**](#) Sen. Kaine released a statement condemning the Department of Justice's [criminal investigation](#) into the Federal Reserve and subpoena of Chair Jerome Powell following an unprecedented [year-long](#) pressure campaign from the Trump Administration.
- 01/13/2026 [**Video: Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Ahead of Vote to Undo Trump Administration Rule That Adds Red Tape to ACA Enrollment Process.**](#) Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, spoke on the Senate floor ahead of a vote on legislation he sponsors to repeal a Trump Administration rule that adds red tape to the *Affordable Care Act* enrollment process, making it harder for Americans to enroll in health coverage.
- 01/14/2025 [**Kaine, Warner & Democratic Colleagues Join Effort Challenging Attempts to Suppress Mail-In Voting.**](#) Sens. Kaine and Mark R. Warner (both D-VA), 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.

- 01/14/2026 [**Kaine, Schumer, & Schiff Slam Use of Procedural Motion to Sidestep Their Venezuela War Powers Resolution.**](#) Sens. Kaine, Senate Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA) slammed Republicans' procedural motion to sidestep their War Powers Resolution to block the use of the U.S. Armed Forces to engage in hostilities within or against Venezuela unless authorized by Congress. Republicans' efforts to dodge the resolution came after President Donald Trump lashed out at the Republicans who crossed the aisle to vote for it.
- 01/16/2026 [**Kaine, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Block Taxpayer Reimbursements for Corporate Oil Investments in Venezuela.**](#) Sen. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), and Senate colleagues introduced the *No Taxpayer Funds for Corporate Investment in Venezuela Oil Act*, which prohibits the usage of tax reimbursements for oil companies investing in Venezuela.

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