



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

- 1/28/2025 [Warner, Kaine, Colleagues Demand that Trump Exempt Veterans Affairs Employees from Hiring Freeze](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues wrote a letter to President Trump demanding that the Department of Veteran Affairs be exempt from the President's executive order freezing the hiring of civil servants. The letter expressed the Senators' concerns that the hiring freeze could delay the delivery of benefits and other important resources to veterans.
- 1/28/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Regarding Trump's Pardons of Individuals Found Guilty of Assaulting Police Officers on January 6, 2021](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor in opposition to the President's pardons of those found guilty of assaulting police officers during the attack on the Capitol in 2021. Kaine attempted to pass a resolution condemning these pardons, but Republicans blocked it.
- 2/1/2025 [Kaine Statement on President Trump's Executive Orders to Unleash Senseless Trade Wars](#). Sen. Kaine released a statement after Trump imposed a new 25-percent tax on goods from Canada and Mexico, along with a new 10-percent tax on goods from China. Kaine argued that Virginians want lower prices and pointed out that taxes on America's largest trading partners will raise costs for families.
- 2/3/2025 [Kaine and Heinrich Unveil Legislation to Terminate President Trump's Sham Energy Emergency](#). Sen. Kaine introduced legislation to terminate the national energy emergency President Trump declared [to benefit Big Oil](#). The legislation is privileged, meaning that the Republican-controlled Senate will be required to vote on this proposal in the next two to three weeks.
- 2/3/2025 [Kaine Leads Letter to HHS Officials Demanding Answers and Action on Disruption to Head Start Programs](#). Sen. Kaine led a group of senators in the writing of a letter to Dr. Dorothy A. Fink (Acting Secretary of HHS) and Captain Tala Hooban (Acting Director of the Office of Head Start) to express concern about the acute financial impacts and lingering uncertainty faced by Head Start programs in Virginia and across the country as a result of the OMB memo that imposed a government-wide hiring freeze.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine raises alarm over Trump Administration chaos at critical national security agencies](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, led his colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressing deep concern about the growing chaos and dysfunction at the U.S. Department of State and the Trump Administration's illegal attempt to destroy the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is a critical pillar of U.S. national security strategy, providing lifesaving aid and development support around the world to help ensure stability.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine, colleagues call for reinstatement of Inspectors General illegally fired by President Trump](#). Sen. Kaine and 38 of his Senate colleagues issued a letter to the White House strongly condemning the [President's recent order to remove inspectors general](#) (IGs) from at least 18 government agencies, and called on the President to immediately reinstate these officials. According to the *Inspector General Independence and Empowerment Act*, which was signed into law in 2022, the President is required to provide a 30-day notice and substantive reasons for removal in writing to Congress before an IG can be removed. President Trump failed to alert Congress or provide substantive reasoning.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine issues open letter to federal workers urging strength, promising support](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to share an open letter to federal workers in Virginia and across the country, urging them to keep serving everyday Americans and to resist President Trump's sham buyout offer. Kaine promised to do everything in his power to prevent the Trump Administration from gutting the nonpartisan civil service—including by collecting stories from federal workers [through his website](#), which will continue to be updated with FAQs and other helpful resources.
- 2/4/2025 [Kaine Joins Senate Democrats in Holding Senate Floor to Protest Russell Vought's Nomination to Lead OMB, Citing Chaos Unleashed on Federal Workers](#). Sen. Kaine joined his Democratic colleagues in holding the Senate floor to protest Russell Vought's nomination to lead OMB, citing stories he has collected from federal workers about the chaos the Trump Administration has unleashed on the federal workforce.
- 2/7/2025 [Kaine Joins Democratic Colleagues in Demanding the VA Defend Veterans' Private Information from Elon Musk's DOGE](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues wrote a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Doug Collins pushing him to take immediate actions to secure veterans' personal information from Elon Musk and his "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) after Musk's takeover of the U.S. Treasury's payment system.

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

- 2/26/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor Ahead of Vote to Terminate Trump's Sham Energy Emergency](#). Sen. Kaine spoke on the Senate floor to highlight the ways President Donald Trump's war on American-made energy—including through his [sham](#) national energy emergency—will raise costs and cost Americans good-paying jobs. Kaine and Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced [legislation](#) to terminate the emergency declaration [that every Republican Senator voted against](#), thereby rubber-stamping Trump's war on affordable, American-made energy.
- 2/27/2025 [Kaine, Blumenthal, Colleagues Demand Trump Reinstate Illegally Fired Veterans](#). Sen. Kaine and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) joined 19 senators in sending a letter calling on President Donald Trump to immediately reinstate all of the estimated 6,000 veterans who were fired under the Administration's mass terminations of federal employees. The letter also demanded the veterans—who make up 30 percent of the federal workforce—receive their full benefits and back pay.
- 2/28/2025 [Virginia Lawmakers Rip President Trump's Plans to Dissolve or Privatize the Postal Service](#). Sens. Kaine and Mark Warner, with U.S. Representatives Bobby Scott, Gerry Connolly, Don Beyer, Jennifer McClellan, Suhas Subramanyam and Eugene Vindman (all D-VA), wrote a letter to President Trump urging the halt of any proposal that would alter the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) without congressional consultation and approval.
- 3/4/2025 [Kaine Brings Fired FAA Veteran to Trump's Joint Address](#). Sen. Kaine invited Jason King, a disabled veteran from Fairfax, VA who was fired from his position in the Federal Aviation Administration's safety division as a result of the Trump Administration's attacks on the federal workforce, to Trump's joint address. Together, Kaine and King urged Trump to reinstate all veterans who were illegally fired and highlighted the safety implications of mass firings of federal workers from the FAA.
- 3/4/2025 [Kaine, Senate Armed Services Committee Colleagues Demand Answers on Abrupt Firings of JAG Officers](#). Sen. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), joined 12 of his SASC colleagues in a letter to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth demanding legal justification for the recent abrupt dismissals of several Judge Advocate Generals (JAG) and documentation of the decision-making process.
- 3/4/2025 [Kaine Demands Answers on Mass Layoffs of Veterans from Federal Workforce](#). Sen. Kaine joined 11 of his Senate colleagues in a letter to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Charles Ezell to express their serious concern over the significant number of U.S. veterans being fired from the federal workforce as part of the Trump Administration's mass layoff initiative.
- 3/5/2025 [Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner Unveil Legislation to Undo President Trump's Senseless Taxes on Canadian Goods](#). Sens. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Warner unveiled legislation to undo President Donald Trump's wildly unpopular tariffs on Canadian goods, which amount to a 25 percent tax on goods imported from one of America's top trading partners and closest allies.
- 3/6/2025 [Kaine joined a call among his Senate Democratic colleagues on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions \(HELP\) Committee for an investigation](#) into Elon Musk and DOGE's destructive and illegal actions in all agencies HELP oversees. The effort was blocked by the committee's Republican majority.
- 3/11/2025 [Kaine & Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Reinstate Veterans Fired by the Trump Administration](#). Sen. Kaine joined Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Andy Kim (D-NJ) in introducing the *Protect Veteran Jobs Act*, legislation that would reinstate veterans who were fired from their federal jobs as part of the Trump Administration's indiscriminate and mass layoff federal employees, over 6,000 of whom are veterans.
- 3/12/2025 [Kaine, Klobuchar & Warner Formally File Legislation to Undo President Trump's Senseless Taxes on Canadian Goods](#). Sens. Kaine, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Warner (D-VA) formally filed legislation to undo President Donald Trump's wildly unpopular tariffs on Canadian goods, which amount to a 25 percent tax on goods imported from one of America's top trading partners and closest allies. The legislation is privileged, which means the U.S. Senate will be required to vote on the bill in the coming weeks.
- 3/12/2025 [Kaine Joins Colleagues in Calling on Trump Administration to Halt and Reverse Contract Cancellations Impacting Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits](#). Sen. Kaine joined a group of his colleagues in demanding that the Trump Administration reverse its cancellation of 585 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contracts, including those that help veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins access lifesaving health care.
- 3/12/2025 [Kaine, Warner & Colleagues Demand Answers from department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Collins on His Plan to Cut 83,000 VA Employees](#). Sen. Kaine and his colleagues stressed the harmful impact these firings will have on veterans' earned care and benefits, which they helped dramatically expand through legislation such as the [PACT Act](#).

- 3/12/2025 [Kaine Raises Concerns About Harmful Impacts of Republican Funding Bill in Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing.](#)
- 3/13/2025 [Kaine Speaks on Senate Floor to Blast House Republican Funding Bill and Highlight Republican Concerns Over Harmful National Security Impacts of the Bill.](#) Sen. Kaine expresses his strong opposition to the bill and urges his colleagues not to support it.
- 3/14/2025 [Kaine Reiterates that He Will Vote No on the Republican Funding Bill.](#) Sen. Kaine explains that he will vote no on passing a Republican budget that cuts defense, non-defense, hundreds of great Virginia projects, and empowers the Trump Administration and DOGE to continue their illegal and harmful activities.
- 3/17/2025 [Kaine Hosts Roundtable Discussion with Local Veterans in Dumfries, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine hosted a roundtable discussion with local veterans to discuss how the Trump Administration’s executive actions are hurting veterans—including the mass firing of VA employees, which will prolong needed health care services for veterans.
- 3/18/2025 [Kaine Attends Roundtable Discussion with Local Farmers in Baskerville, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine attended a roundtable discussion with the National Black Farmers Association Founder and President John Boyd, Jr. and other Black farmers to discuss key issues impacting farmers, including the necessity of the farm bill and how Trump’s trade wars and illegal federal funding freeze harm the agricultural industry—a vital part of Virginia’s economy that provides hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout the Commonwealth.
- 3/19/2025 [Kaine and Scott Tour New VA Clinic in Chesapeake, VA.](#) Sen. Kaine and U.S. Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA-03) received an update on the progress of the new VA clinic and heard from VA leadership about their plan to provide comprehensive care to veterans and discussed how Trump’s hiring freeze, the indiscriminate firing of federal employees, and the Administration’s plan to fire as many as an additional 80,000 employees at the VA are impacting staffing.