

Senator Warner – Fighting Back Against Trump

3/28/2025 Senator Warner and Senator Kaine stand up for federal workers' collective bargaining rights. Sens Warner and Kaine released a statement on Trump's latest attack on the federal workplace; "This is just another attempt by President Trump to 'traumatize' and illegally fire federal workers. Collective bargaining makes the federal workforce stronger, and undermining these rights does nothing to improve our national security. In fact, this order will only make us less safe, as this executive order is only Donald Trump and Elon Musk's latest gambit to make it easier to fire the people who ensure public safety, prepare for pandemics, respond to natural disasters, and much, much more. This political attack on our civil servants must not stand."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2/11/2025 Senator Warner blasts Trump administration decision to shutter CFPB and hurt Military Families, consumers. Sen. Warner joined Senate colleagues in a letter demanding that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) perform its essential work supervising and investigating violations of consumer financial protection laws and taking

forceful enforcement actions against scammers and payday lenders. This letter comes on the heels of an ill-advised move by the Trump administration to shutter the CFPB, which collects, investigates, and monitors consumer complaints about financial products and services, and provides relief to consumers who have been wronged by unscrupulous financial providers.

2/11/2024 Senator Warner requests answers from FAA, expresses serious concern over DOGE interference.

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

2/7/2025 Senator Warner demands that the VA protect Veterans from Elon Musk’s DOGE.

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

2/6/2025 Senator Warner leads colleagues in raising concerns about Virginia Community Health Centers’ delay in accessing funding.

Sens. Warner and Kaine led 20 of their colleagues in writing a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Acting Secretary Dorothy A. Fink, M.D. regarding reports that Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grantees, including community health centers, are experiencing significant delays in accessing funding.

2/5/2025 Senator Warner joins colleagues in holding the Senate floor all night, protesting Vought nomination.

Senator Warner spoke up against Trump’s OMB Nominee, taking part in an all-nighter with colleagues to showcase opposition.

2/5/2025 Senator Warner sounds the alarm about DOGE risk to national security and American privacy.

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

2/5/2025 Senator Warner unites with Democratic colleagues, demands Bessent to meet regarding “DOGE” chaos.

Sen Warner joined Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, Appropriations Committee Vice Chair Patty Murray, Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee Ranking Member

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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