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Aloha,

Mahalo for contacting me with your opposition to actions taken by President Trump and his administration. I share your great concern.

The Trump administration's actions have not only done immense harm across a range of areas, but have collectively sown confusion and chaos throughout our government, country and world, eroded critical international relationships and our national security, degraded our economy and increased our cost of living, walked away from the most vulnerable among us, and directly attacked the foundations of our government and the rule of law. As we face continued attacks, the actions of the administration and the current Congressional majority must continue to be opposed on multiple fronts.

With your guidance, I have taken and will continue to take many of those actions. My actions include opposition in our federal courts, my votes, my proposed legislation, my speeches in the full House and other public statements, and my joint initiatives with like-minded House colleagues.

Specifics include membership on our House Democratic Caucus Litigation and Rapid Response Group, key votes against the Trump/Republican budget and reconciliation process and other issues, speeches before the full House, public statements and social media on the President's abandonment of Ukraine, attacks on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), and an attempt to eliminate the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team from the Defense Department's website, joint House letters opposing DOGE and attacks on the federal workforce, legislation to protect our environment and womens' rights, and a nationally televised interview on C-SPAN focusing especially on clear breaches of national security by the Trump administration's national security team.

Below and attached is a summary of some of my actions, together with links so that you can review the details for yourself:

**Key Litigation.** Unless and until my Republican majority colleagues in Congress are willing and able to provide an effective check and balance on the President, which thus far they haven't and which we cannot expect, the only real check is our federal courts. It is critical that the courts are defended to do their job, and that claimed violations by the administration of law and our Constitution are promptly and effectively brought before and pursued through our judicial system. Our [House Democratic Caucus Litigation and Rapid Response Group](#), on which I serve, coordinates our collective effort on court opposition and communication.

To date, there have been over 200 lawsuits brought against the Trump administration, and federal courts have issued 122 temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions and other directions to the Trump administration to take or cease taking specific actions. (Click [here](#) to see litigation tracker.) I have also joined my colleagues in formal participation as Members of Congress in various of those actions, especially those that claim the President is usurping the constitutional power of Congress. Some of these “amici curiae” efforts include:

1. Joined [State of New York v. Linda McMahon](#), which seeks to protect the USDOE.
2. Joined [American Foreign Service Association, et al. v. Trump, et al.](#), which opposes effort to close USAID.
3. Joined [Harris v. Bessent and Wilcox v. Trump](#), which opposes efforts to fire the Democratic members of the National Labor Relations Board and the Merit Systems Protection Board.
4. Joined [Slaughter and Bedoya v. Trump, et al.](#), which opposes efforts to fire the Democratic members of Federal Trade Commission.
5. Joined [National Treasury Employees Union \(NTEU\), et al. v. CFPB Acting Director Russell Vought, et al.](#), which was filed in response to a long list of unlawful actions by the Trump Administration to undermine the CFPB.

Key Votes. Some of my key votes include:

1. [H.Con.Res. 14, Republican Budget Resolution](#). Opposed the budget proposal that would lead to massive tax cuts for the wealthy, drastically reduce funding for several critical programs and drive up our federal budget deficits and debt by trillions.
2. [H.Con.Res. 14 \(Amended\), Republican Budget Resolution](#). Opposed the revised budget proposal that would lead to massive tax cuts for the wealthy, drastically reduce funding for several critical programs and drive up our federal budget deficits and debt by trillions.
3. [H.R. 1968, the Fiscal Year 2025 Continuing Resolution](#). Opposed the bill that flatlined almost all federal funding; cut non-defense spending by \$13 billion relative to current levels in violation of the Fiscal Responsibility Act; eliminated \$20 billion in spending for the Internal Revenue Service authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA); and omitted the \$23 billion in advanced funding needed for the Toxic Exposures Fund to care for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances.
4. [S. 5, Laken Riley Act](#). Opposed the bill that would allow for the deportation of legal immigrants, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status recipients, simply by being arresting for certain crimes, without ever having their guilt or innocence determined in our judicial system.
5. [S.J.Res. 18, Congressional Review Act Resolution on Overdraft Rules](#). Opposed the bill to overturn a Biden-era regulation that would prevent banks from charging excess overdraft fees.
6. [S.J.Res. 28, Congressional Review Act Resolution on Digital Transaction Oversight](#). Opposed the bill to overturn a Biden-era regulation that would provide more government oversight over digital consumer payment applications.
7. [H.J.Res. 61, Congressional Review Act Resolution on Hazardous Air Pollutants](#). Opposed the bill to overturn the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants in Tire Manufacturing.
8. [S.J.Res. 11, Congressional Review Act Resolution on Protection of Marine Archeological Resources](#). Opposed the bill to overturn a Biden-era regulation requiring oil and gas producers to submit an archeological report with their development plans on the Outer Continental Shelf.
9. [H.R. 471, the Fix Our Forests Act](#). Opposed the bill which would allow federal agencies to bypass critical environmental reviews and evade legal accountability while carrying out wildfire mitigation, undermining public oversight and environmental protections.

Key Legislation. I have introduced or co-sponsored several bills (proposed legislation), including:

1. H.R. 17, the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), which would strengthen the Equal Pay Act to address gender-based wage discrimination.
2. H.R. 15, the [Equality Act](#), which would extend federal civil rights protections to LGBTQ+ Americans.
3. H.R. 2881, the [COAST Anti-Drilling Act](#), which would prohibit offshore drilling on the East Coast Outer Continental Shelf.
4. H.R. 2086, the [Rights for the Transportation Security Administration Workforce Act](#), which would ensure that all 65,000 Transportation Security Administration employees are afforded the same worker rights, protections and pay system afforded to other federal workers.
5. H.R. 14, the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#), which would modernize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act by strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies and practices.
6. H.R. 2412, the [Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act](#), which would create an Office for Indigenous Affairs at the Department of State promoting diplomacy and engagement with indigenous peoples.
7. H.R. 1307, [Office of Gun Violence Prevention Act](#), which would legislatively create a gun violence prevention office to replace the one President Trump eliminated.
8. H.R. 1101, the [Taxpayer Data Protection Act](#), which would ensure that anyone who accesses the federal government's central payment system with a personal financial conflict faces criminal penalties.
9. [H.Res. 155](#), which would reaffirm the United States' unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.
10. [H.Res. 94](#), which would express support for our nation's local public K-12 schools and condemning any actions that would defund public education or weaken or dismantle the USDOE.
11. [H.J.Res. 80](#), which would allow for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
12. H.R. 211, the [Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act](#), which would provide women veterans access to the same no-cost contraceptive care as their non-veteran counterparts.
13. [H.Res. 68](#), which would express disapproval of the President's announcement to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.
14. H.R. 588, the [Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act](#), which would permanently protect 234,328 acres of federal lands and waters within the Superior National Forest from risky sulfide-ore copper mining.
15. H.R. 664, the [American Seabed Protection Act](#), which would prohibit mining activities on the deep seabed and Outer Continental Shelf.
16. H.R. 585, the [Supporting Veteran Families in Need Act](#), which would provide financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families.
17. H.R. 535, the [Inaugural Fund Integrity Act](#), which would establish limits on donations to presidential inaugural funds and require the disclosure of donations.
18. H.R. 492, the [Saving the Civil Service Act](#), which would strengthen protections for our federal workforce.
19. H.R. 562, the [BLUE Pacific Act](#), which would expand U.S. engagement in the Pacific Islands by building off the development framework developed by these countries.

Joint Efforts. I have signed over sixty joint letters and other statements with my House colleagues opposing various actions, including:

1. [Withdrawal of grant funding opportunities for the Office on Violence Against Women](#)
2. [Cancellation of international family planning and reproductive health programs](#)

3. [Requesting Musk to brief the House on DOGE efforts](#)
4. [Opposing “deferred resignation” offer to federal employees](#)
5. [Firing of National Labor Relations Board member Gwynne Wilcox](#)
6. [Withdrawing from the World Health Organization](#)
7. [National Institute of Health \(NIH\) public-facing work freeze](#)
8. [IRA / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding freeze](#)
9. [USAID shutdown](#)
10. [USAID shutdown in the Pacific Islands](#)
11. [Frozen access to public federal datasets and data-driven tools](#)
12. [Decreased National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) reimbursement rates](#)
13. [“What Did You Do” last week email](#)
14. [Cuts to Tribal programs](#)
15. [Supporting Office of Special Counsel’s mission to protect federal workers](#)
16. [Mass layoffs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#)
17. [Shipbuilding hiring freeze](#)
18. [Department of Energy job cuts](#)
19. [Brown tree snake program cuts](#)
20. [IRA wildfire related funding freeze](#)
21. [President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief funding freeze](#)
22. [Equal Employment Opportunity commissioner firing](#)
23. [Workforce reduction at the Federal Advisory Committee for Science Quality and Integrity and U.S. Geological Survey](#)
24. [Attack on U.S. Institute of Peace \(USIP\)](#)
25. [Freezing educational and cultural exchange programs](#)
26. [National Endowment for the Humanities \(HEW\) funding cuts](#)
27. [USDOE workforce reductions in force](#)
28. [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau shutdown impact on seniors](#)
29. [Community Development Financial Institutions Fund elimination](#)
30. [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\) elimination](#)
31. [Title X Family Planning Program funding freeze](#)
32. [Limiting eligibility to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#)
33. [Terminating collective bargaining at the Department of Defense Education Activity](#)
34. [Effect on Impact Aid from dismantling the USDOE](#)
35. [Eliminating the Manufacturing Extension Program grant](#)
36. [Effect of TRIO Programs from dismantling USDOE](#)
37. [Impact from Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) deregulation on climate change rules](#)
38. [Termination of Fair Housing Grants](#)
39. [Call to reinstate agricultural inspectors](#)
40. [Frozen climate change funds \(Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund\)](#)
41. [Government Accountability Office access to database tracking IRA and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds](#)
42. [Frozen Urban and Community Forestry Grants](#)
43. [EPA cuts](#)
44. [Potential conflicts of interest with Starlink and the Federal Aviation Administration](#)
45. [NOAA layoffs](#)
46. [Office of Community Development and Planning staffing reductions](#)
47. [U.S. Forest Service staffing reductions](#)
48. [Support for NOAA](#)
49. [Frozen for wildfire mitigation funds](#)
50. [U.S. Institute for Peace firings](#)
51. [U.S. Agency for Global Media shutdown](#)

52. [Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program freeze](#)
53. [National Fire Academy class cancellations](#)
54. [Support for abortion access for veterans](#)
55. [Removal of the history of various diverse men and women from military archives](#)
56. [Public access to federal datasets and tools](#)
57. [NIH indirect cost cuts](#)
58. [Tribal self-determination executive order](#)
59. [Ending federal collective bargaining executive order](#)
60. [Office of Minority Health closure](#)
61. [Dismantling of the Office of English Language Acquisition](#)
62. [Terminating grants and employees at the NEH, National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\) and the IMLS](#)
63. [Opposing deep sea mining](#)
64. [Delaying the appointment of the board of the Office of Congressional Conduct \(OCC\)](#)

Speeches, Media Appearances and Other Public Statements. These include:

1. Full House speech: “Three-Year Anniversary of Russia's Brutal Attack on Ukraine,” addressing the negative effects worldwide of abandoning Ukraine ([February 25, 2025](#))
2. C-SPAN Interview: Signalgate/breaches of national security ([March 27, 2025](#))
3. Press Release: “Case Leads Effort in Congress Calling on President to Rescind Executive Order Permitting Deep Seabed Mining” ([April 25, 2025](#))
4. Social Media: Opposing assaults on our environment ([April 17, 2025](#))
5. Social Media: Opposing cuts to Social Security workforce ([April 15, 2025](#))
6. Social Media: Statement on Signalgate security leak ([March 25, 2025](#))
7. Press Release: “Case Decries Trump Attempt to Dismantle U.S. Department of Education” ([March 20, 2025](#))
8. Social Media: Statement on call to impeach judges ([March 20, 2025](#))
9. Press Release: “Case Questions Secretary of the Army on Deletion of Web Page Devoted to the Legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team” ([March 14, 2025](#))
10. Press Release: “Case Statement on President Trump’s Address to Congress” ([March 4, 2025](#))
11. Social Media: Statement opposing Trump/Republican budget resolution ([February 25, 2025](#))
12. Social Media: Statement opposing effort to close USAID ([February 6, 2025](#))

Please be assured that I will continue these and other efforts to oppose the Trump administration and current Congressional majority wherever and however warranted. If you have any questions or comments on any of these efforts or further comments and guidance on others, please contact me further at [ed.case@mail.house.gov](mailto:ed.case@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again, and please continue to let me know of your views. Please also sign up for regular updates from me and my office through my e-newsletter and social media outreach at <https://case.house.gov/contact>.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Case". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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