

# Democrats Are **FIGHTING BACK**

## Against the Trump and Musk Chaos

*After only one month in office, President Trump and Elon Musk are wreaking havoc on students, workers, and their families. Here is a timeline of actions Democrats have taken to fight back.*

### JANUARY

#### January 20

Donald J. Trump is sworn into office as the 47th President of the United States.

#### January 25

**Ranking Member Scott joined House Democratic leadership to rebuke the late-night purge of twelve Inspectors General (IGs) by President Trump, which appears to have violated federal law designed to protect their work from political interference and intimidation.**

IGs play a critical role as nonpartisan federal watchdogs that serve as a check on federal government power and work to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in the government. The Members demanded the Administration immediately reinstate the IGs.

Learn more [here](#).



### FEBRUARY

#### February 5

**Ranking Member Scott joined forces with House Democratic health leaders to demand transparency and accountability in Medicare's drug price negotiation program, ensuring lower costs for all Americans.** The Democrats' letter follows alarming testimony from then-nominee for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. declining to commit to faithfully implement the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program. Learn more [here](#).

**Committee Democrats also gathered at the Department of Labor (DOL) to stand up against the Trump Administration and Elon Musk's attacks on American workers and unions.** See photos [here](#).

## February 6

**Ranking Member Scott, alongside senior congressional Democrats, urged the Trump Administration and Elon Musk to protect critical educational programs and student data privacy.** The lawmakers asked the acting Secretary of the Department of Education (ED) for answers on recent actions taken by the Trump Administration to put federal workers on administrative leave, coerce employees into leaving their jobs, provide access to students' sensitive data, and illegally freeze vital funding. Learn more [here](#).

## February 7

**Ranking Member Scott requested the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to immediately assess the security of information technology (IT) systems at ED, HHS, and DOL following reports of President Trump and Elon Musk's unsanctioned Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) illegally accessing data from various government agencies.** This is a constitutional emergency. Insofar as the Inspectors General of both the Departments of Education and Labor have been fired by President Trump, there is now a void of oversight for a very young and inexperienced team and their leader, the world's richest man who operates with 'autonomy almost no one can control,' as they gain dangerously broad powers. Learn more [here](#).

## February 12

**Committee Democrats joined teachers and parents to protest Republicans' plan to dismantle the ED and confirm Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education.** Watch Ranking Member Scott's remarks [here](#).



**February 13**  
**Ranking Member Scott**  
**demanded**  
**President Trump reverse**  
**his unlawful firing of the**  
**National Labor Relations Board**  
**(NLRB) Member Gwynne Wilcox**  
**and produce documents and**  
**communications showing who**  
**was involved in this decision**  
**to violate federal law.**

Without Member Wilcox,  
the NLRB lacks a quorum to  
continue its vital work protecting  
American workers from

harassment and coercion by union-busting companies. Member Wilcox's firing effectively prevents the NLRB from acting on pending cases, including ongoing workplace rights litigation involving a corporation run by the world's richest man and "DOGE" ringleader, Elon Musk. Learn more [here](#).



**Ranking Member Scott and Workplace Protections Subcommittee**  
**Ranking Member Omar demanded answers from the Trump**  
**Administration's DOL amidst reports that vital documents on worker**  
**safety were being destroyed.** These documents may have been destroyed simply because of their use of words related to "diversity" and "gender," regardless of the context in which those words were used. By eliminating guidance to help employers comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, the Trump Administration is putting workers' lives at risk. Learn more [here](#).

**Ranking Member Scott voted no on the House Republican proposal that**  
**could raise student loan payments and cut school meal programs during**  
**a Budget Committee markup.** These cuts, aimed at funding tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans, come at a time when millions of American families are struggling with rising prices for everyday essentials like eggs. Learn more [here](#).



### February 19

**Ranking Member Scott and Workplace Protections Subcommittee Ranking Member Omar demanded answers from the Trump Administration's HHS about reductions in capacity at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), after concerning reports of staffing cuts.** NIOSH plays multiple important roles in ensuring the health and safety of American workers and providing scientific guidance to inform workers' compensation programs. Learn more [here](#).

### February 21

**Committee Democrats object to Elon Musk gutting federal education research, evaluation, statistics, and technical assistance efforts at the Institute of Education Sciences (IES).** Terminating these contracts undermines the ability of the ED to effectively administer and oversee federal education programs and funds, exposing them to increased risk for waste, fraud, and abuse. Learn more [here](#).