



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
DEMOCRATS
RANKING MEMBER JAMIE RASKIN

Second Session of the 118th Congress Accomplishments

During the past year, the second session of the 118th Congress, Ranking Member Jamie Raskin and House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Democrats built on successes in the previous session, fighting to protect Americans from climate change, gun violence, and efforts to strip women and men of their reproductive rights, working to make our government more effective and transparent and exposing Donald Trump's schemes to sell out the government for personal profit, as well as exposing disinformation that damages public discourse.

- **Ranking Member Jamie Raskin led Committee Democrats in combatting Republican efforts to promote Russian disinformation, including the false allegations at the center of Republicans' spectacular failure of an impeachment inquiry into President Biden.**
 - Despite Republicans' efforts to hide important testimony in their impeachment inquiry from the American public, Ranking Member Raskin publicly rebutted cherry-picked information with the truth. Here are Ranking Member Raskin's statements on the interviews with [George Berges](#), [Kevin Morris](#), [Mervyn Yan](#), [Rob Walker](#), [Eric Schwerin](#), [James Biden](#), and [Hunter Biden](#).
 - On March 11, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin [rebuked](#) Chairman Comer for turning the Committee into a "mouthpiece for Russian propaganda and misinformation." In his [letter](#), he demanded Chairman Comer shed more light on his decision to release an FBI memo containing unverified, uncorroborated, and unsubstantiated allegations against President Biden.
 - On March 12, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin called out Republicans' complete [lack of evidence](#) pointing even remotely towards any impeachable offense committed by President Biden. This was in response to Republicans requesting 15 years of Hunter Biden's phone records, after finding no evidence in 100,000 pages of documents, and nearly 20 witness testimonies.
 - On March 20, 2024, Committee Democrats published a [scathing](#) fact-check, dispelling lies told by Republicans surrounding the impeachment inquiry. The fact-check concluded that Republicans' dependence on testimony from "two discredited Trump-tied characters" had "already been thoroughly discredited, and Chairmen Comer and Jordan's impeachment inquiry has already debunked itself."
 - On March 21, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin led Democrats in further [embarrassing](#) Republicans' failed impeachment inquiry, shining a light on the mountain of evidence showing no evidence of an impeachable offense by President

Biden. Committee Democrats underscored how the Ukraine-Burisma lie has been promoted for years by prominent Republicans like Donald Trump, as well as the fact that their sources lack any credibility.

- On April 5, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin [renounced](#) Committee Republicans' repeated promotion of foreign disinformation. Ranking Member Raskin called on Chairman Comer to release relevant information related to his unfounded and baseless claims that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) attempted to obstruct the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Hunter Biden investigation.
- On August 19, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin released Committee Democrats' final [report](#) rebutting the "same old lies and Russian propaganda" that defined Chairman Comer and Committee Republicans' failed political hit job against President Biden.
- **Despite Committee Republicans' determined obstruction, Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats exposed how Donald Trump used the Presidency to line his pockets while endangering national security and selling out Americans' right to clean air and water.**
 - On May 14, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin demanded [answers](#) from nine Big Oil CEOs on their meeting with former President Trump where he allegedly made quid pro quo propositions to scrap environmental regulations in exchange for campaign donations. On September 10, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Sen. Ron Wyden, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, followed up on the request, urging immediate compliance.
 - On September 3, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin [demanded answers](#) from Donald Trump after a bombshell report by the Washington Post raised concerns that the former president may have accepted a \$10 million cash bribe from Egyptian President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi during the 2016 presidential campaign and that appointees in his own DOJ covered it up.
 - On October 23, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin sent a [letter](#) to Donald Trump and J.D. Vance, urging the Republican presidential campaign to stop obstructing the transition process and to sign key documents that ensure continuity of government and help facilitate a peaceful and orderly transition of power.
 - On October 28, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin released a [report](#) revealing how Donald Trump used the Trump International Hotel to unlawfully take hundreds of payments from the U.S. Secret Service and legally and ethically questionable payments from federal and state officials, federal job seekers, and presidential pardon recipients, violating the Constitution's Emoluments Clause.

- **Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats exposed the ongoing ethics crisis at the Supreme Court.**
 - On June 11, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin, Vice Ranking Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and other Democratic Committee Members hosted a [roundtable](#) with expert panelists to examine how Supreme Court Justices beholden to right-wing dark money networks and unencumbered by any binding code of ethics are imposing an extremist agenda to undermine American democracy, deprive Americans of basic civil rights, and gut environmental protections.
 - On June 20, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Vice Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, calling on him to make clear what steps, if any, he is taking to investigate allegations of serious ethical misconduct by conservative Justices on the Supreme Court.
 - On October 4, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Vice Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez sent a [letter](#) to Chief Justice John Roberts, demanding an explanation for his decision to replace Justice Samuel Alito as the author of the Supreme Court's opinion in *Fischer v. United States*, a case involving the January 6 insurrection, just days after the public learned that he repeatedly flew flags and banners supportive of the January 6 insurrectionists while paradoxically allowing him to remain on the case.
- **Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats continued to fight for Americans' civil rights, including defending reproductive rights and working to protect Americans from gun violence.**
 - On May 16, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin [pressed](#) health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) on how they would comply with revised federal guidance designed to improve patient access for no-cost birth control, guidance that was recommended by the three Departments that regulate contraceptive coverage (Health and Human Services, Labor, and Treasury) following a Committee Democrats' 2023 staff analysis showing that as many as 49 million women of reproductive age could potentially benefit from revised federal guidance.
 - On June 28, 2024, Vice Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez led Oversight Committee Democrats in [safeguarding](#) basic civil rights while Republicans worked to rollback nondiscrimination protections.
 - July 11, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost [requested](#) information from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on federal funding for fraudulent anti-abortion Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) that have a long history of both deceiving women and mishandling patient data.
 - On September 20, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin, Rep. Frost, and Rep. Jared Moskowitz led Committee Democrats in holding a [roundtable](#) on the long-term consequences and costs of gun violence with a panel of school leaders, policy

advocates, and legal experts. The roundtable followed Democrats [call](#) for Chairman Comer to hold hearings on the urgent crisis of gun violence plaguing the country.

- **Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats continued their efforts to promote transparency and good government.**

- On March 6, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Chairman Comer [introduced](#) the Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act, which focuses government resources on increasing transparency, oversight, and responsible use of federal AI systems while protecting the public's privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. The bill was reported favorably by the Committee with bipartisan support.
- On March 13, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and bipartisan leaders [released](#) the findings of a GAO report entitled "Freedom of Information Act: Additional Guidance and Reliable Data Address Agency Backlogs," showing the Freedom of Information Act request backlog rose sharply over the last decade and highlighting a pathway to regaining public trust.
- On April 15, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin [introduced](#) the Government Spending Oversight Committee Act, which would place federal inspectors general (IGs) at the center of fraud reduction.

- **Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats rebutted Republican attacks on the federal workforce and the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to deliver for the American people.**

- On March 21, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Sen. Brian Schatz introduced a [bill](#) to codify federal labor-management forums, empowering workers to communicate efficiently with agency officials and improving overall workplaces.
- On May 1, 2024, Oversight Committee Democrats stood with the Office of Management and Budget and highlighted their [attempts](#) to increase transparency and accessibility and deliver vital services.
- On May 7, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Committee Democrats sought to make the federal government more [accessible](#) to military and civilian spouses and their families, requesting information about each agency's efforts to eliminate barriers and advance employment opportunities.
- On May 23, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Oversight Committee Democrats [fought back against](#) former President Trump's dangerous plan to destroy the federal workforce under Project 2025 and replace nonpartisan experts with political lackies.
- On December 5, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin sent a [letter](#) to IGs, reaffirming his support for their work ahead of the upcoming presidential transition.

- **Committee Democrats continued their fight to protect Americans from the effects of the climate crisis and foil Big Oil's climate disinformation campaign.**

- On March 12, 2024, Oversight Committee Democrats [examined](#) the efforts for the U.S. power grid to transition to clean energy.
- On April 30, 2024, Oversight Committee Democrats [released](#) a joint [report](#) with the Senate Budget Committee on Big Oil's decades of disinformation surrounding their renewable energy efforts. The [report](#) revealed the industry's efforts to deliberately avoid accountability for climate change, all while engaging in deception about their practices publicly.
- On May 22, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Sen. Whitehouse [pressed](#) DOJ to investigate Big Oil companies for their long running misinformation campaigns surrounding their efforts to transition to clean energy.
- On May 24, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin led Oversight Committee Democrats in [highlighting](#) the historic investments the Biden-Harris Administration made in combatting the climate crisis.
- On July 11, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin led Committee Democrats in [standing](#) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Administrator Michael Regan to fight the climate crisis, reduce pollution, and safeguard community health.
- On November 4, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin, Rep. Frost, and Rep. Moskowitz [sent](#) letters to state insurance regulators amid concerns that fraudulent industry practices are targeting vulnerable communities in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- On November 21, 2024, at a hearing with FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, Ranking Member Raskin led Committee Democrats in [highlighting](#) the sweeping response by thousands of FEMA employees to assist hurricane victims.

- **Our Committee and subcommittees conducted crucial oversight of agencies across the federal government.**

- On June 11, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Ranking Member Robert Garcia [pressed](#) the U.S. Coast Guard over their failure to cooperate with investigations into their own misconduct and possible coverups.
- On June 28, 2024, Ranking Member Gerald E. Connolly led Subcommittee Democrats in [examining](#) how Project Labor Agreements (PLA) can help deliver major construction projects on-time and on budget.
- On July 15, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Ranking Member Garcia [advocated](#) for the Department of Defense (DOD) to stop using federal tax dollars to subsidize the sale of military-grade assault weapons and ammunition to civilians. On August 7, 2024, Ranking Members Raskin and Garcia, and Rep. Andy

Kim, introduced the [Stop Militarizing Our Streets Act of 2024](#) to prohibit DOD owned manufacturing plants and contractors from selling military-grade assault weapons and ammunition to civilians.

- On July 22, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin and Chairman Comer sent a [letter](#) to the United States Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, calling for her resignation after her complete inability to explain the historic failures under her leadership in preventing the attempted assassination of President Trump, the killing of an innocent victim, and multiple injuries on July 13, 2024.
- On July 25, 2024 Ranking Member Kweisi Mfume led Subcommittee Democrats in [promoting](#) the importance of independent IGs and their oversight structure.
- On December 6, 2024, Ranking Member Raskin led Committee Democrats in [examining](#) the Census Bureau's preparations for the 2030 Decennial Census while condemning Republican efforts to politicize the census to undermine its constitutional mandate to count every person and advance their political agenda.
- On December 11, 2024, amid revenue shortfall, slower delivery times, and increased postal rates, Ranking Member Raskin led Committee Democrats in [examining](#) the U.S. Postal Service's operations and implementation of the Delivering for America plan in a hearing with Trump-appointed Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and Inspector General Tammy Hull.
- On December 13, 2024, Ranking Members Raskin and Garcia [requested](#) a briefing on HHS's efforts to curb the spread of deadly avian influenza among frontline agriculture workers, a population less likely to have access to adequate health insurance, testing, or paid sick leave. In their letter, the Ranking Members highlighted the negative consequences of rising anti-immigrant rhetoric on public health initiatives.
- Throughout 2024, Ranking Member Raskin introduced numerous legislation, including the [Office of National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\) Reauthorization Act of 2024](#), the [Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act](#), and the [Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act of 2024](#).