

Protecting Our Democracy Act

Senator Adam Schiff

The *Protecting Our Democracy Act* will strengthen the guardrails of our democracy against presidents who seek to abuse their power for personal gain. This comprehensive reform package is a key pillar of Democrats' Democracy agenda – an effort to protect, support, and restore faith in our democratic institutions.

Under the first Trump administration, our nation witnessed how a president could abuse the powers of their office to protect and enrich themselves and their family and friends, target their political opponents, and solicit foreign interference to help their election – all at great cost to our democracy.

Those efforts exposed critical weaknesses in the norms designed to protect the foundation of our democracy and served as a stark reminder that our democracy is not self-effectuating. It takes constant work from each generation to protect it.

Our nation now faces the grave threat of another Trump Administration, making these reforms all the more important.

THE *PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY ACT* IS A PACKAGE OF LANDMARK REFORMS THAT WILL PREVENT PRESIDENTIAL ABUSES OF POWER, RESTORE CHECKS AND BALANCES, STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, AND SAFEGUARD OUR ELECTIONS BY:

- Reinforcing Congress' power to enforce subpoenas, to make government funding decisions, and to conduct oversight over the executive branch
- Preventing the president from granting pardons to family, friends, or themselves, or from using the office to enrich themselves, or utilizing government resources for campaign purposes
- Strengthening protections for federal whistleblowers who report government waste, fraud, or abuse
- Explicitly prohibiting political campaigns and parties from soliciting or accepting foreign assistance to influence an election

A strong, healthy democracy is dependent on enshrining the people's fundamental right to vote, with the faith that those they elect will faithfully and responsibly execute the law.