

ACTIONS AGAINST TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

This list includes lawsuits and motions to intervene against the Trump Administration for its unlawful actions and rollbacks of policies and protections.

Immigration:

- **Challenging the Travel Ban:** March 2017: [Joined Washington's lawsuit](#) against Trump's revised travel ban. (**NOTE:** AG previously [filed suit](#) over first version of the travel ban, voluntarily dismissed its case and joined Washington's)
- **Protecting the Dreamers and DACA:** September 2017: [Sued the Trump Administration](#) following the announcement that it intends to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). [**NOTE:** In [January 2018](#) and in [February 2018](#), federal district judges in California and New York, respectively, ruled that the DACA program should remain in place while legal challenges are pending. In April 2018, a federal district judge in the D.C. ruled that the Trump Administration has to accept new applications to the DACA program.
- **Seeking Information About Immigration Policies:** October 2017: [Filed suit](#) against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for its failure to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request relating to the detention and deportation of immigrants.

Healthcare:

- **The Contraception Rule:** October 2017: [Filed a lawsuit seeking](#) to stop the federal government from enforcing a new regulatory rule that would authorize any employer with a religious or moral objection to contraception to block their employees from receiving health insurance coverage for contraceptive care and services.
- **Defending the Cost Sharing Reduction Payments in the ACA:** October 2017: [Filed a lawsuit](#) seeking an injunction to ensure payments of cost-sharing reduction subsidies continue under the ACA.
 - May 2017: [Filed a motion to intervene](#) in *House v. Price*, a lawsuit filed by Republicans that undercuts the affordability of health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act. (**NOTE:** Motion to intervene was [granted on August 1.](#))

Students:

- **Stopping Corinthian's Accreditor:** January 2017: [Intervened](#) in a lawsuit to defend the Obama administration's decision to terminate a national accrediting agency that facilitated the abuse of student borrowers by predatory, for-profit schools.
- **Suing Betsy DeVos for Canceling a Rule that Protects Defrauded Student Borrowers:** July 2017: [Sued](#) the Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos for violating federal law by rescinding the Borrower Defense Rule.
 - June 2017: [Led multistate coalition](#) in filing a motion to intervene in a lawsuit to prevent critical student protections from being dismantled. The case--*California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools v. Betsy DeVos*—challenges the Department of Education's Borrower Defense Regulations, which provide critical protections for federal student loan borrowers against misconduct by abusive schools.
- **Gainful Employment Rule:** October 2017: [Sued](#) the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos for refusing to enforce the Gainful Employment Rule, a federal regulation designed to protect students and taxpayers from predatory for-profit schools.
- **Failing to Provide Federal Loan Discharges:** December 2017: [Sued](#) the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos for failing to provide federal loan discharges for students victimized by Corinthian Colleges and subjecting them to wage garnishment and tax refund interception.

Consumer Protection:

- **Net Neutrality:** January 2018: [Sued the Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#) to block its illegal repeal of net neutrality protections, which will have dire consequences for consumers and businesses in Massachusetts and across the country that rely on a free and open internet.
- **Census:** April 2018: [Challenged](#) the Trump Administration's last-minute decision to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census.

Environment:

- **Carbon Emissions from Power Plants:**
 - June 2017: [Intervened](#) in a lawsuit against EPA for halting regulations of leaks of methane emissions and other harmful pollutants from new stationary sources (power plants) in the oil and gas industry. **[NOTE: DC Circuit issued order** blocking the EPA from suspending the regulations – a blow to Pruitt's attack on clean air protections)
 - April 2018: [Sued EPA](#) and Administrator Scott Pruitt for ignoring the agency's legal obligation to control methane emissions from existing sources in the oil and natural gas sector.
- **Defending Vehicle Emission Standards:**
 - September 2017: [Sued the Federal Highway Administration](#) and the U.S. Department of Transportation for their illegal delay of a regulation that would lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles on federal highways. **[NOTE: Two days after the lawsuit was filed, the Administration backed down and allowed the regulation to become effective on September 28. However on October 5, FHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register proposing a repeal of the rule and our office has provided comments].**
 - January 2017: [Intervened in case](#) to defend federal vehicle emissions standards for medium and heavy-duty trucks. Any weakening or delay of federal standards would result in greater harms to the states' natural resources, economies, and residents.
- **Stopping the Rollback of Energy Efficiency Rules:**
 - March 2017: [Files lawsuit](#) against the Department of Energy for delaying energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans. **[NOTE: In May, following this lawsuit, the Trump Administration reversed course and finalized the ceiling fan efficiency standards as written]**
 - April 2017: Motion to intervene in a case against the DOE to defend energy standards for general service lamps (energy saving light bulb regulations to help consumers/businesses save on energy bills).
 - June 2017: [Lawsuit](#) filed against the Department of Energy for failing to implement final energy efficiency standards that would save consumers and businesses an estimated \$11.6 billion over a 30-year period. **[NOTE: In July 2017 DOE implemented the standards for walk-in coolers and freezers. In February 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ruled in favor of the coalition of attorneys general and ordered the Trump Administration to implement the energy efficiency standards.**
- **Other Multistate Interventions to Help Defend Existing Rules:**
 - June 2017: Moved to [intervene in lawsuit](#) to challenge the EPA's decision to abandon ban on use of toxic pesticide used on food.
 - July 2017: [Sued Pruitt/EPA](#) over its decision to delay a rule that protects communities from chemical accidents.
 - July 2017: Moved to intervene in lawsuit challenging standards for protective air quality standards for ozone after EPA indicated it would no longer defend them.
 - August 2017: [Sued Pruitt/EPA](#) for illegally delaying actions to address harmful ground-level ozone as required under the Clean Air Act. **[NOTE: Just one day after lawsuit filed, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's decided to reverse** the agency's illegal delay on these actions.]

- December 2017: [Sued Pruitt/EPA](#) for illegally failing to address smog. This is a follow up to the previous smog lawsuit. After withdrawing the agency's illegal delay EPA ignored its deadline to issue smog designations.
- December 2017: [Sued Pruitt / EPA](#) over its refusal to require upwind states to control smog pollution that blows into northeast states.
- February 2018: [Sued Scott Pruitt/EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers](#) over illegal two-year delay of Clean Water Rule.