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This legislation would curtail the known playbook of authoritarian governments, oppose the rise of authoritarianism in the U.S., protect our Democratic principles, and counter the erosion of government under the second Trump Administration. ***This bill would:***

1. Defend the Referees:

- Bolsters protections and guardrails preventing political removal of Inspectors General. ([Inspectors General Independence Act](#) - Sen. Duckworth)

2. Protect the Independent, Non-Partisan Civil Service:

- Requires Congressional review of all reduction-in-force decisions. ([Reduction in Force Review Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Requires express consent from Congress to change an agency's purpose, shutter it altogether, or merge federal agencies.

3. Celebrate One Nation, Indivisible:

- Bans both Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from deploying and using facial recognition technology. ([ICE Out of Our Faces Act](#) - Sens. Markey and Merkley)
- Allows anyone within U.S. jurisdiction to sue ICE and CBP officers who violate their constitutional rights. ([ICE and CBP Constitutional Accountability Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Bans racial profiling by all federal law enforcement agents.

4. Reaffirm Equal Justice Under Law:

- Ensures due process for all minor children in immigration detention. ([Children's Safe Welcome Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Establishes a new independent immigration court system separate from the Department of Justice and within the Judiciary system. ([Real Courts, Rule of Law Act](#) - Sen. Gillibrand)

5. Strengthen Free Speech:

- Prohibits the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from revoking business licenses or taking action against broadcasters based on the viewpoints they broadcast and reaffirms the importance of the independence of the FCC, including that the President should not mandate the FCC's agenda. ([Broadcast Freedom and Independence Act](#) - Sen. Luján)

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6. Reassert Congress's Power of the Purse:

- Prohibits appropriated funds from being rescinded except through appropriations legislation.
- Prohibits federal funds and private donations from being used for the East Wing Modernization Project without Congressional approval.

7. Fight Government Corruption:

- Ensures that the President, Vice President, President-elect, and Vice President-elect are covered by additional existing bribery, graft, and conflict of interest statutes.
- Prohibits the President and Vice President from accepting remunerations or emoluments of any value where the official has substantial influence or control.
- Limits use of image, likeness, or name of any sitting President or Vice President on federal buildings or passports.
- Creates an Inspector General within the Executive Office of the President with provisions to ensure its independence. ([Bringing Executive Accountability, Clarity, and Oversight Now \(BEACON\) Act](#) - Sen. Schiff)
- Requires Special Envoys to submit financial disclosure reports and other ethics requirements. ([Transparency in the Administration's Business Opportunities Overseas \(TABOO\) Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits elected government officials from buying, selling, or trading event contracts and bans senior executive branch officials from trading event contracts related to their agency. ([End Prediction Market Corruption Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits elected government officials, senior executive branch officials, and their immediate family members from issuing, trading, or endorsing digital assets. ([End Crypto Corruption Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits and applies criminal penalties for any state and local public officials soliciting, offering, or accepting gratuities of more than \$5,000. ([Stop Corrupt Gratuities Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits any sitting President from having their likeness, image, or signature on U.S. coins or currency. ([Change Corruption Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits event contracts on elections, sports, military actions, and government activities without an economic hedging need. ([STOP Corrupt Bets Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits the use of living political figures from being used on the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass. ([Prohibit Partisan Park Passes Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Prohibits GSA from buying or selling federal property, including federal buildings, where there are conflicts of interest, or there is undue influence.

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8. Ensure Liberty and Justice for All:

- Requires disclosure of all White House correspondence to the Department of Justice regarding past, current, or future court cases.
- Prohibits payments from the Anti-Weaponization Fund without Congressional approval.

9. Prevent Authoritarian Policing Tactics on America's Streets:

- Limits the use of federal law enforcement officers for crowd control. ([Preventing Authoritarian Policing Tactics on America's Streets Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Narrows presidential authority to deploy armed forces domestically by making it an action of last resort and requires the President to consult with Congress prior to invoking the Insurrection Act. ([Insurrection Act of 2025](#) - Sen. Blumenthal)

10. Safeguard Free and Fair Elections:

- Bans knowingly distributing false or AI-generated content aimed at suppressing votes, strengthening protections against wrongful voter removals. ([Fraudulent Artificial Intelligence Regulations \(FAIR\) Elections Act](#) - Sen. Merkley)
- Extends existing protections that prevent the President from deploying federal law enforcement to polling places to include ballot drop-boxes and ballot processing centers, strengthens these protections, allows for private right of action for violations, and prohibits federal law enforcement from seizing ballots before a federal election is certified.