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Dear Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries:

As a coalition of civil society organizations focused on fighting the interwoven forces of political corruption and monopoly power across our economy, we were heartened that so many of this cycle's successful candidates from both sides of the aisle promised to tackle the affordability crisis and take on corporate greed. Considering the strong majorities Democrats secured in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives in this year's midterm elections, your party's committee leadership will have an outsized role in determining the oversight and legislative agenda for the 120th Congress.

Democrats across the ideological spectrum elected in 2026 won by promising to lower prices and take on corporate monopolies—now it is time to deliver. **As Democrats prepare their agenda for the next Congress, we believe it is paramount that any lawmaker selected to chair a committee in the new Congress challenge the status quo, fight concentrated corporate power, and deliver real change for workers, consumers, and small businesses.**

Despite a record-setting $646 million in corporate political spending this cycle, Americans from Detroit to Dallas voted against corporate corruption and for a working class-centered agenda.[1] Candidates like Texas' James Talarico, who focused on the divide between the "top versus the bottom," rode waves of economic discontent into historic victories.[2] Talarico's healthcare plan would break up "the Big Medicine monopolies that control our broken healthcare system."[3] Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan called for the FTC to aggressively enforce antitrust law against monopolies that raise consumer prices, stifle innovation, and suppress wages.[4]

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[1] Press Release, Pub. Citizen, New Report Exposes Unprecedented Corporate Spending in 2026 Midterm Elections (Aug. 27, 2026), https://www.citizen.org/news/new-report-exposes-unprecedented-corporate-spending-in-2026-midterm-elections/.
[2] Elizabeth Findell, *What to Know About James Talarico's Policies*, Wall St. J. (Nov. 4, 2026), https://www.wsj.com/livecoverage/midterm-election-results-2026-latest-updates/card/what-to-know-about-james-talarico-s-policies-rUsWNCcmQ4g2fcTQLBqK.
[3] Justin Papp, *Texas Senate hopeful Talarico teams with Mark Cuban on plan to break up healthcare 'monopolies,'* CNBC (Aug. 27, 2026), https://www.cnbc.com/2026/08/27/texas-senate-james-talarico-mark-cuban-healthcare.html.
[4] Video posted by More Perfect Union (@perfect union), Instagram, Abdul El-Sayed explains why breaking up monopoly and oligopoly power, and empowering labor unions, is the key to addressing the affordability crisis (Nov. 3, 2026), https://www.instagram.com/reel/DfSZZKmjrCx/.

Roy Cooper was propelled to a twenty-point victory in North Carolina with his promise to "Make Stuff Cost Less" by blocking corporate mergers among grocery chains, banning targeted pricing, and curbing anti-competitive coordination in housing markets.[5] Annie Andrews ran on a populist platform in South Carolina, pledging to take on "big insurance, big tech, big pharma, and the utility monopolies."[6] And Democrats across the ideological spectrum won competitive House seats with pledges to take on corporate corruption, from North Carolina's Richard Ojeda to Randy Villegas in California, and Rebecca Cooke in Wisconsin to Shannon Taylor in Virginia.

Americans did not just vote for Democrats this year. They sent leaders to Washington with pledges to address the affordability crisis squeezing households across the country, and to improve their lives. Now, Democrats must take advantage of this opportunity and prove their commitment to everyday Americans by working aggressively to dismantle the status quo and tackle the affordability crisis and the monopolies driving it to fill their pockets.

Committee leaders will determine policy and oversight priorities in the 120th Congress. We urge you to listen to the voters who have given a strong mandate to elevate members with a demonstrated commitment to fighting corporate power and building an economy that works for every American. Specifically, we believe leaders in the new Congress must commit to support the following principles.

1. Prevent corporate consolidation across the economy. Any committee leader must aggressively challenge market concentration and oppose megamergers across our economy. Candidates for committee chair positions must commit to conducting vigorous and proactive oversight of potentially illegal deals along with potentially corrupt enforcement from the administration, and challenge those that break our antitrust laws.

2. Hold bad corporate actors accountable through robust enforcement. Committee chairs must be unwavering in their support for robust enforcement of consumer protection and antitrust laws, using full oversight and subpoena powers to expose corporate crime and misconduct. They must commit to funding, building, and improving tools necessary for enforcing the law against corporate wrongdoing, and ensure regulators, enforcers, and courts are holding lawbreakers accountable. Americans need leaders who will stand up to the corporate giants who abuse market dominance to evade regulatory oversight or exploit loopholes to boost their interests at the expense of the

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[5] Emily Spottswood, *Former N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper Wants to 'Make Stuff Cost Less' in U.S. Senate Campaign*, Daily Tar Heel (Mar. 10, 2026), https://dailytarheel.com/313473/city-state/city-roy-cooper-senate-campaign-kickoff/; *Making Health Care Affordable*, Roy Cooper for N.C. (Sept. 5, 2026), https://roycooper.com/costless/health-care/; *Lowering Housing Costs*, Roy Cooper for N.C. (Sept. 5, 2026), https://roycooper.com/costless/housing/.

[6] Sen. Elizabeth Warren, *Senator Elizabeth Warren: Why Democrats Won The Midterms*, TIME, (Nov. 5, 2026), https://time.com/article/2026/11/05/senator-elizabeth-warren-why-democrats-won-the-midterms/.

public. And they need to see that through public testimony from those corporate actors and the advancement of bold legislation.

3. Protect workers, consumers, and small businesses from monopoly power. Leaders in the new Congress must be dedicated to protecting their constituents from the devastating impacts of unchecked monopoly power, putting everyday Americans first and addressing the roots of the affordability crisis.

Many of the Democratic Party candidates who prevailed in this year's midterm election ran – and won – on explicit promises to rein in corporate dominance and prioritize affordability for everyday Americans. It is now critical that the party capitalizes on this opportunity to secure voters' trust and prove that Democrats will put people over profits and hold corporate giants accountable for unfair, illegal, anticompetitive, and corrupt practices.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to reining in unchecked corporate power as you establish your committee leadership for the 120th Congress. We look forward to working with you and stand ready to support your efforts to put American workers, consumers, and small businesses over corporate interests.

Sincerely,

American Economic Liberties Project
American Family Voices
American Grassfed Association
Association for Independent Medicine
Athena Coalition
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment
Center for Digital Democracy
Center for Health and Democracy
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Century Foundation
Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Demand Progress
Diatom Advisory, Inc.
Doctors for America
Economic Action Maryland Fund
Face The Music
Farm Action Fund

Food & Water Watch
Free Press Action
Future of Music Coalition
Groundwork Action
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Indivisible
Infante emergency services
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Kansas Black Farmers Association
KTE Services
Metro Atlanta Urban Farm in College Park, GA
Minnesota Farmers Union
National Consumers League
National Community Pharmacists Association
NextGen Competition
Nirvana Healthcare
Open Markets Institute
P Street
Physicians Against Drug Shortages Inc. (PADS)
Precision Data Partners (PDP)
Private Equity Stakeholder Project
Protect Borrowers
Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN)
Public Citizen
Public Good Law Center
Public Knowledge
R-CALF USA
Revolving Door Project
Rural Coalition
Searchlight Investigative Journalism Foundation
Small Business Majority
The Alliance of Independent Dentists
The Media and Democracy Project
The Patients Union
The Tech Oversight Project