

FROM PLANS TO LAW:

SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN'S RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2013 - 2024



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senator Elizabeth Warren came to the United States Senate in 2013 vowing to fight for a level playing field for working families, to protect seniors' retirement security, to obtain federal investments for infrastructure and cutting-edge research in Massachusetts, and to ensure that the wealthy and giant corporations paid their fair share in taxes.¹

Senator Warren has fulfilled those promises, taking on special interests, fighting for workers and consumers, and working across the aisle to secure a brighter future for the middle class in Massachusetts and around the country. During her nearly 12 years in Congress, she has introduced almost 340 pieces of legislation,² 44 of which were signed into law by Democratic and Republican administrations.³ For more than 60% of those bills enacted into law, she worked with a Republican partner to get it done.⁴ In addition to stand-alone legislation, Senator Warren secured 110 provisions in the annual National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAAs) that were signed into law by Presidents Obama, Trump, and Biden.⁵

Since her election to Congress, Senator Warren has attended hundreds of hearings⁶ and served as the chair of three subcommittees: the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee's (BHUA or "Senate Banking Committee") Economic Policy subcommittee; the Senate Armed Services Committee's (SASC) Personnel subcommittee; and the Senate Finance Committee's Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth subcommittee.⁷ She has chaired 28 subcommittee hearings over the last three and a half years — including three held in Massachusetts⁸ — shedding light on everything from private equity's corrosive influence on the economy,⁹ to the impact of blast overpressure on our servicemembers and veterans,¹⁰ to how pharmaceutical manufacturers and insurance companies squeeze taxpayers and Medicare beneficiaries.¹¹

Senator Warren has also aggressively used the power of congressional oversight to advance her policy agenda. She has written thousands of oversight letters to government officials and private sector CEOs,¹² using the information she obtains to inform her legislative work and push for policy change. And she has released over 40 investigative reports,¹³ spanning a broad range of policy areas including broken promises in U.S. trade agreements,¹⁴ the failure of big banks to rein in scams and reimburse consumers ripped off on Zelle,¹⁵ and the failure of the pharmaceutical industry to meet its promises to provide lower-cost insulin for patients.¹⁶

This new report contains a detailed analysis of Senator Warren's work to get things done for the people of Massachusetts — and for consumers and working families across the country. This includes:

Fighting for a Fairer Financial System

Senator Warren has worked to reform Wall Street, hold big banks and banking regulators accountable, and protect American taxpayers. Her victories include:

• Holding Wall Street accountable when they take advantage of customers, violate banking laws, and pursue anticompetitive mergers.

- Rooting out financial institutions' unfair practices, such as charging excessive overdraft fees and credit card late fees, and failing to reimburse customers defrauded on payment apps like Zelle.
- Defending the *Dodd-Frank Act*, the set of systemic financial protections enacted in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, from Republican attacks to dismantle it.
- Highlighting the risks presented by the growing cryptocurrency market and fighting for stronger crypto regulations.

Pushing for Stronger Antitrust Enforcement & Protecting Consumers

Senator Warren has protected consumers from anticompetitive mergers, price gouging, and other abuses by powerful industries. Her victories include:

- Successfully calling on antitrust enforcers to block dangerous mergers that put consumers at risk.
- Securing resources for antitrust agencies to enforce antitrust laws that protect competition for consumers.
- Calling out price gouging, price fixing, junk fees, and other ways corporations drive up prices without providing more value to consumers.
- Sounding the alarm on ways Big Tech harms users, including by harvesting and profiting off users' data.
- Guaranteeing automatic cash refunds for canceled and delayed flights.

Protecting Student Loan Borrowers

Senator Warren has led the way to help make higher education more affordable, freeing borrowers from crushing student debt, and protecting America's students from predatory for-profit colleges and greedy student loan companies. Her victories include:

- Leading Congress's push for the Biden-Harris Administration to pursue all paths available to cancel student debt and to make it easier for borrowers to discharge student debt in bankruptcy.
- Securing debt relief for victims of predatory for-profit colleges and successfully pushing the Department of Education (ED) to terminate federal recognition for an accreditor that rubber-stamped failing colleges.
- Holding exploitative loan servicers accountable through more robust federal oversight and penalties for servicer misconduct.

Addressing the Housing Crisis

Senator Warren has championed innovative solutions to the housing crisis, with the goal of ensuring that high-quality, affordable housing is available to families in the Commonwealth and across the country. Her victories include:

- Increasing fair housing access by allowing seniors, veterans, and others on fixed incomes to modify the terms of their housing loans through the Federal Housing Administration.
- Holding corporate landlords accountable for anticompetitive tactics by pushing for antitrust enforcement against the website RealPage's price-setting practices.

Protecting Abortion Access

Senator Warren has identified ways to protect abortion rights through administrative action following the extremist Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and congressional Republicans' efforts to roll back reproductive freedoms across the country. Her victories include:

- Successfully urging the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to safeguard servicemembers' and veterans' access to abortion services.
- Pushing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to make the abortion drug mifepristone available via the mail and at pharmacies and pushing pharmacies to sell the medication.
- Fighting data brokers' practice of selling location data of individuals at abortion clinics.

Delivering Infrastructure Funding

Senator Warren has helped secure over \$50 billion in federal support for hundreds of projects in diverse communities across Massachusetts, including for:

- Improving roads, dredging the Boston Harbor, and repairing and replacing bridges including the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges connecting Cape Cod to the rest of Massachusetts.
- Extending affordable, high-speed broadband to nearly every home and business across the Commonwealth.
- Investing in climate protections through better public transit and electric school buses.
- Preserving Massachusetts as a leader in research and innovation by securing billions of dollars in federal funding for scientific research in the Commonwealth.
- Securing federal grants to support Massachusetts firefighters.
- Bringing home millions more for community projects throughout Massachusetts.

Advocating for National Security, Servicemembers & Veterans

Senator Warren has secured numerous legislative wins through annual bipartisan defense bills (the NDAA) and advanced accountability for key armed services issues through her robust oversight. Her victories include:

- Cracking down on defense contractors that overcharge the U.S. military and fighting corruption in DoD contracting decisions.
- Fighting anticompetitive mergers in the defense industry that risk driving up costs for American taxpayers.
- Improving access to high-quality health care for servicemembers and investigating the health impacts of blast overpressure.
- Fighting for improved quality of life for servicemembers and their families, including by holding housing contractors accountable for their failure to provide adequate housing for military families.
- Securing hundreds of millions in DoD investments in Massachusetts.

Making High-Quality Child Care Accessible for All

Senator Warren has fought to make high-quality child care accessible for every family. Her victories include:

- Securing billions of dollars for critical child care programs, including through a historic increase in Child Care & Development Block Grant funding.
- Leading efforts to prioritize child care support during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in an infusion of \$50 billion in emergency child care funding.

Protecting Workers from Corporate Abuse

Senator Warren has protected workers and retirees from abuses by powerful corporations. Her victories include:

- Protecting retirees from being taken advantage of by retirement account brokers with conflicts of interest by revealing industry abuses and pushing for a Department of Labor rule to hold brokers accountable to fiduciary standards.
- Enabling workers to more easily keep track of their retirement accounts as they change jobs.
- Advancing a ban on anticompetitive noncompete agreements in job contracts.
- Advancing labor rights and other worker-focused priorities in trade negotiations, including by exposing the dangers of a little-known provision in trade deals called Investor State Dispute Settlement.

Crafting a Tax Code for Working Families

Senator Warren has fought for a tax code that is fair for working families rather than tilted to advantage the ultra-wealthy. Her victories include:

- Securing a 15% corporate alternative minimum tax, to avoid multi-billion-dollar corporations exploiting loopholes to pay just pennies on the dollar of what they should owe.
- Leading the charge to secure a historic increase in funding for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to take on wealthy tax cheats and to provide high-quality tax services for Americans.
- Successfully pushing for Direct File so that American taxpayers can file their taxes directly with the IRS for free, rather than paying expensive third-party tax preparation companies.

Improving and Expanding Health Care

Senator Warren has successfully fought to lower health care costs, rein in predatory drug companies and insurance companies, eliminate barriers to care for marginalized populations, and ensure that seniors receive adequate care in nursing homes. Her victories include:

• Helping lead the charge to save the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) from Republican attempts to dismantle ACA health coverage for tens of millions of Americans.

- Permitting tens of millions of Americans with hearing loss to access hearing aids over the counter.
- Lowering prescription drug costs, including by fighting Big Pharma companies' verticalintegration mergers and abuses of the patent system that drive up drug prices, and pushing the federal government to invest in domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing and to challenge drug patents that result in exorbitant prices for patients.
- Investing in the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) medical research.
- Securing funding and policy changes to combat the opioid epidemic, and leading Congress's most ambitious legislation to confront this epidemic.
- Achieving minimum staffing requirements for nursing homes and revealing how private equity companies buy up nursing homes and slash services to maximize profits.
- Challenging anticompetitive mergers in the health care market that engorge corporate profits at the expense of patients.
- Successfully pushing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to crack down on abusive coding practices, unlawful denials of care, and deceptive marketing tactics by private insurers in Medicare Advantage.
- Fighting discrimination in the health care system, including by leading the charge to eliminate bans on men who have sex with men (MSM) donating blood and challenging health clinic algorithms that systematically undermine care for Black patients.
- Aggressively investigating the private equity-fueled collapse of Steward hospitals in Massachusetts, pushing to keep the hospitals open, and fighting to hold Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre and other investors accountable for their failures.

Empowering Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples

Senator Warren has urged the federal government to grapple with centuries of violence against Indian Country, to ensure that Indian Country receives additional federal funding, and to push for Washington to uphold its promise to consult with Tribes on key issues affecting them. Her victories include:

- Advancing her bill to allow survivors of Indian Boarding Schools and their communities to tell their stories and seek redress, and persuading DoD to review the medals of honor awarded to perpetrators of a massacre of Native American men, women, and children.
- Improving Tribes' access to stockpiled medical supplies and fighting for historic increases in federal funding for Indian Country.
- Pushing federal agencies and States to better consult and collaborate with Tribes on matters that impact them, such as Treasury Department policies and suicide prevention interventions.

Supporting New Arrivals and Host Communities

Senator Warren has fought to protect asylum seekers' rights and ensure robust federal support for the host communities around the country that receive them. Her victories include:

• Relentlessly pushing for increased shelter funding to support Massachusetts in providing safe housing for newly arrived families, resulting in over \$27 million in Shelter and Services Program (SSP) funds for FY2024, compared to \$2 million in SSP funds in FY2023.

- Successfully pressuring the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reduce wait times for work permits so that newly arrived immigrants can more quickly work legally and support themselves.
- Exposing the inhumane conditions and abusive practices in detention facilities through sustained oversight.

Strengthening Ethics Standards Across Government

Senator Warren has tirelessly pushed to toughen ethics standards for all branches of government. Her victories include:

- Securing ethics commitments from numerous high-level Biden-Harris nominees, helping to shut the revolving door and to avoid conflicts of interest.
- After the biggest ethics scandal in Federal Reserve (Fed) history, persuading the Fed to impose stricter investment rules on its officials and securing robust ethics commitments from Fed nominees.
- Enacting into law stronger conflict-of-interest guardrails for Pentagon officials and preventing certain DoD officials from owning stock of DoD's top 10 contractors.

INTRODUCTION

As a United States Senator, Elizabeth Warren has fought hard to rebuild the middle class and hold the most powerful corporations accountable. She has ensured that government officials aggressively enforce the laws passed by Congress and that they are working for the American public, not well-connected corporate lobbyists and special interests.

As a consumer protection expert and former bankruptcy law professor, Senator Warren has developed robust plans to craft and implement policies that help working families. Her proposals have been passed into law and signed by presidents of both parties. They have been implemented by Democratic and Republican administrations throughout the executive branch, from ED, to the DOJ, to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), to the Department of Transportation, and beyond.

Senator Warren has successfully used every lever of power to push these plans forward. She finds bipartisan partners to advance legislation and uses her positions on committees to embed her legislative proposals in larger bills moving through the Senate. She has built the most robust oversight operation of any congressional personal office to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal government, and identify and address misconduct by the private sector. She has also leveraged her oversight to present detailed, progressive policy proposals to the Obama and Biden Administrations — and she fought tirelessly to hold the line against the Trump Administration's dangerous policies. Senator Warren uses her public megaphone to explain the real-world stakes of wonky and complex policy issues, including many that powerful corporations and special interests have sought to keep off of the public's radar.

Senator Warren is known for her persistence. Year after year, she has tirelessly pushed new policies forward until they become mainstream and are eventually adopted as core policy priorities that benefit all Americans. Senator Warren is relentless in seeing the most ambitious proposals through to the end — for the people of Massachusetts, and the entire country.

SENATOR WARREN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fighting for a Fairer Financial System

For over a decade, Senator Warren has been the leading voice in Congress to reform Wall Street, hold big banks and financial regulators accountable, and protect American taxpayers. She has leveraged her power on the Senate Banking Committee to fight abusive practices by financial institutions and make the financial system work for all families.

Senator Warren has introduced 50 pieces of legislation referred to the Banking Committee¹⁷ and cosponsored 274 others.¹⁸ She has chaired 17 hearings since becoming Chair of the Subcommittee on Economic Policy in March 2021.¹⁹ She has been an aggressive investigator of corporate misconduct, sending hundreds of oversight letters seeking accountability on key banking and financial services issues.

Holding Wall Street accountable: Since day one, Senator Warren has forced banks to answer for their misconduct and successfully pushed regulators to act. One of the worst offenders, Wells Fargo, has a nearly two-decade-long record of swindling its customers, including by: creating millions of fake bank and credit card accounts in customers' names without their knowledge; illegally repossessing cars from military servicemembers; closing customers' accounts without authorization and continuing to charge them overdraft fees; and — as an investigation by Senator Warren's office found — placing as many as 1,600 customers into forbearance on their mortgages without their consent.²⁰ Senator Warren sent dozens of oversight letters highlighting these harmful practices and urging the bank's primary regulator, the Fed, to take action, including by removing members of the bank's Board of Directors.²¹ In 2018, the Fed did just that: it announced that it would freeze Wells Fargo's growth and that four board members would have to step down.²² *The New Republic* noted that the Fed's action was "directly attributable to one woman: Senator Elizabeth Warren."²³

Senator Warren has also held Wells Fargo's top executives personally accountable for harms to consumers. During a Senate BHUA hearing in 2016, Senator Warren questioned John Stumpf, then-CEO of Wells Fargo, about his failure to take accountability for Wells Fargo's fake accounts scandal.²⁴ Shortly thereafter, the bank announced that Stumpf would give back \$41 million in compensation — but Senator Warren pushed for tougher penalties.²⁵ After a month of her relentless advocacy, Stumpf resigned.²⁶ Three years later, after Wells Fargo was discovered to have charged college students excessive fees, Senator Warren called on then-CEO Tim Sloan to resign.²⁷ Within a month, Sloan resigned and Wells Fargo announced that it would roll back excessive campus debit card fees altogether.²⁸

Senator Warren has also called on the Fed to rein in taxpayer-funded bank bailouts by responsibly limiting the Fed's emergency lending ability. In bipartisan legislation, she pushed to require those emergency programs to be truly broad-based by preventing the Fed from lending to single firms and requiring them to only be available to firms that are solvent. The Fed took action in 2015, adopting a rule that pulled directly from Senator Warren's legislation.²⁹

Senator Warren has also led the charge in scrutinizing big bank mergers that stymie small business growth, cost jobs, and threaten financial stability. She has repeatedly called on bank regulators to block anticompetitive mergers, taken regulators to task in Senate hearings for rubber-stamping 100% of bank-merger applications over the last 15 years,³⁰ and introduced legislation that would strengthen regulators' scrutiny of the anticompetitive and anti-consumer effects of bank mergers.³¹ Following years of Senator Warren sounding the alarm about bank consolidation, in 2021 President Biden issued an Executive Order directing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to strengthen merger guidelines for banks. The DOJ subsequently issued comprehensive merger guidelines, including an addendum describing how the DOJ will enforce antitrust laws against big banks.³²

Rooting out unfair practices and protecting low-income consumers: Senator Warren has worked to root out financial institutions' unfair practices, such as junk fees that disproportionately harm low-income consumers. In 2021, Senator Warren co-led the introduction of the *Stop Overdraft Profiteering Act*, a bill to ban egregious overdraft fees.³³ She repeatedly slammed four of the biggest banks — JPMorgan, Wells Fargo, CitiBank, and Bank of America — for collecting \$4 billion in overdraft fees in 2020, despite regulatory guidance recommending that banks pause these fees as Americans struggled at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.³⁴ Following a Senate BHUA hearing in which Senator Warren questioned big bank CEOs and slammed JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon as the "star of the overdraft practices.³⁵ As the *Financial Times* noted, "[Senator] Warren's exchange with Dimon . . . drew renewed attention to the issue."³⁶ In 2024, the CFPB proposed a rule that will substantially limit the amount banks can charge in overdraft fees.³⁷

Senator Warren has also cracked down on another financial junk fee: credit card late fees. Through an investigative report, oversight letters, and hearings in 2022 and 2023, she helped build the case for a CFPB rule capping the amount credit card companies can charge for late payments.³⁸ In 2024, the CFPB finalized that rule, lowering the average fee for late credit card payments from \$32 to just \$8.³⁹

Senator Warren has also held exploitative financial services to account. In 2022, she opened an investigation into the payment app Zelle and its big bank owners, culminating in a report revealing rampant fraud and theft on the app.⁴⁰ The investigation also revealed that banks were not refunding the vast majority of defrauded consumers, breaking their promises to customers and potentially violating federal law.⁴¹ Under pressure from Senator Warren and others in Congress, Zelle changed its policy to begin reimbursing defrauded customers.⁴² The CFPB later proposed a rule to rein in abuses like this and protect consumers.⁴³

Defending Dodd-Frank: Following the worst U.S. financial crisis since the Great Depression, Congress passed the *Dodd-Frank Act*⁴⁴ to protect consumers and ensure that giant banks could never again tank the economy and devastate millions of Americans. Senator Warren has been the top defender of Dodd-Frank's protections in Congress. With hundreds of letters and hearing exchanges, Senator Warren has fought hard to prevent Wall Street lobbyists from quietly dismantling bank regulations, and she has called out regulators' failures to use their tools to safeguard consumers. One of Senator Warren's first major fights came early in her tenure, when she fought Wall Street lobbyists' efforts to quietly repeal the "swaps push-out" rule, a Dodd-Frank provision that protected taxpayers from big financial institutions' risky swaps trades, in an end-of-the-year government spending bill.⁴⁵ Congress partially eroded the swaps pushout rule, but Senator Warren mobilized staunch opposition and continued her oversight work; a subsequent investigation by Senator Warren found that this rollback allowed big banks to keep an additional \$10 trillion in risky assets on their books.⁴⁶ In the end, Wall Street lobbyists and consumer advocates agreed that her opposition shined a spotlight on the fight and made it more difficult for future rollbacks to go unnoticed.⁴⁷ When the next annual must-pass funding bill came around, it contained no measures rolling back the reform — with industry lobbyists and political observers crediting Senator Warren's work as the principal reason. As Vox wrote: "Senator Elizabeth Warren fought Wall Street in last year's omnibus. This year it paid off."⁴⁸

In 2018, President Trump and Senate Republicans advanced a bill to gut Dodd-Frank even further and deregulate the biggest banks.⁴⁹ As a member of the Senate BHUA Committee, Senator Warren led the charge against the bill. She introduced 17 amendments to preserve Dodd-Frank's protections for consumers and delivered six floor speeches over the course of one week, warning that the bill would significantly increase the risk of another financial crisis.⁵⁰

The bill passed, with Senator Warren warning that Washington was making it "easier for the banks to run up risk, make it easier to put our constituents at risk, make it easier to put American families in danger, just so the C.E.O.s of these banks can get a new corporate jet and add another floor to their new corporate headquarters."⁵¹

Senator Warren's warnings about the 2018 deregulatory bill came to fruition in early 2023. The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (then the country's 16th-largest bank by total assets) — immediately followed by the failures of Signature Bank and First Republic Bank — marked the third, fourth, and second biggest bank failures, respectively, in American history.⁵² Senator Warren led the response to hold financial regulators and bank executives accountable for the failures, with 19 of her colleagues joining her bill to reinstate the tougher bank regulations that Republicans had scrapped. Senator Warren also wrote numerous oversight letters directed at regulators and the failed banks' executives, led a bipartisan coalition on legislation to claw back big bank executives' pay when their banks go under, and more.⁵³ As *The Boston Globe* noted, "A decade after the 2008 financial crisis, then-President Trump and congressional Republicans pushed to loosen regulations on midsized banks in response to complaints from industry lobbyists. Warren and many Democrats said it was a bad idea."⁵⁴ The *Globe* added: "After all, she had warned five years ago that this was coming."⁵⁵

Plugging holes in our consumer protection and money laundering laws: Senator Warren has highlighted the risks presented by the growing cryptocurrency market, including the dangers of rogue nations, drug traffickers, terrorists, and other bad actors using crypto to evade sanctions and finance their crimes,⁵⁶ and the risks to consumers, financial stability, and our environment.⁵⁷ In 2022, she introduced a bipartisan bill and grew the coalition to tighten up our anti-money laundering laws to crack down on crypto illicit finance.⁵⁸ Provisions from this bill were then reflected in the Department of the Treasury's November 2023 request to Congress for stronger

anti-money laundering authorities.⁵⁹ Senator Warren has also worked with colleagues across the aisle to highlight the scourge of crypto-fueled ransomware attacks on our hospital systems and on the distribution of child sexual abuse materials,⁶⁰ and has warned of the harms of crypto scams, particularly those targeting older Americans.⁶¹ Furthermore, Senator Warren has led oversight on the environmental impact of cryptomining, investigating large cryptomining companies for their extraordinarily high energy usage and calling on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency to require reporting by cryptominers of their emissions and energy use.⁶²

Pushing for Stronger Antitrust Enforcement & Protecting Consumers

In industry after industry, a handful of companies control the lion's share of the market. When competition declines, consumers have less choice and face higher prices, while workers are handed lower wages and weaker workplace protections.⁶³ After years of Senator Warren discussing the importance of antitrust,⁶⁴ it has emerged as a policy priority in Congress and in the Biden-Harris Administration — which has worked to implement its 2021 whole-of-government Executive Order promoting competition.⁶⁵

As *Vox* noted, "[Senator] Warren took antitrust reform and anti-monopoly power out of relatively small academic and advocacy circles and thrust it into the national conversation... Now there's an administration and a Congress in place that might actually do some of the things she's been pushing for. And Warren is still talking, because she still has a lot of work to do."⁶⁶

Blocking dangerous mergers that put consumers at risk: With a political career that has been described as "defined by advocating for consumers, laborers, and small businesses against the big, powerful companies that make a lot of money at their expense,"⁶⁷ Senator Warren has called out anticompetitive mergers that drive consolidation and put consumers at risk. She has battled some of the most dangerous proposed deals and takeover attempts, including between airlines JetBlue and Spirit, hotel chains Choice Hotels and Wyndham Hotels, health insurers Aetna and Humana, and defense contractors Lockheed Martin and Aerojet.⁶⁸ Amidst Senator Warren's ongoing advocacy, antitrust enforcers investigated, and successfully blocked, many of these mergers — while other mergers were abandoned even before enforcement action, under intense congressional scrutiny. Senator Warren has also pushed enforcers to use the full spectrum of their authority, including by reviving lesser-known antitrust laws like the *Robinson-Patman* Act.⁶⁹ Finally, she has pushed agencies beyond the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and DOJ — such as the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), DoD, and federal banking regulators — to use their competition- and consumer protection-related authority to prevent dangerous mergers and rein in anticompetitive behavior.⁷⁰ As TIME noted, Senator Warren was "the first national elected official to so directly address monopolization in generations. Since then ... restoring antitrust enforcement is no longer a fringe idea in Washington."71

Securing resources to enforce antitrust laws: The DOJ and FTC are at the frontline of enforcing antitrust laws and halting anticompetitive mergers.⁷² To carry out these responsibilities, the DOJ's Antitrust Division (ATR) relies in part on funding from the fees that companies pay when filing mergers. However, the FY2024 Commerce, Science, and Justice (CJS) appropriations bill slashed ATR's resources by preventing the division from accessing merger filing fees above \$233 million.⁷³ Senator Warren, along with Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), led a group of two dozen senators in urging appropriations leadership to allow the division full access to fees.⁷⁴ After Senators Warren and Klobuchar reiterated this priority during the FY2025 process,⁷⁵ Senate appropriators removed the problematic language in the FY2025 CJS appropriations bill reported out of committee.⁷⁶

Preventing price gouging in key industries: Beyond antitrust enforcement, Senator Warren has remained laser-focused on other industry attempts to increase profits at consumers' expense. She has sounded the alarm about grocery and food companies' use of dynamic pricing, junk fees, shrinkflation, price fixing, and price-gouging.⁷⁷ She introduced the *Price Gouging Prevention Act*, the leading proposal to protect consumers through a federal ban on corporate price gouging.⁷⁸

Senator Warren has also fought to protect car owners' ability to service their cars at any repair shop of their choosing rather than being forced to use the more expensive dealership, including by clearing the way for enforcement of Massachusetts' vehicle right-to-repair law.⁷⁹ In February 2024, Senator Warren hosted FTC Chair Lina Khan in Watertown, Massachusetts, to help highlight the importance of the right to repair for local car repair shops and drivers.⁸⁰ In 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration launched a Strike Force on Unfair and Illegal Pricing to crack down on price gouging and junk fees.⁸¹

Holding Big Tech accountable: Senator Warren has led the fight to protect consumers from Big Tech monopolies. She introduced a landmark bipartisan proposal to create a new federal agency to regulate Big Tech.⁸² Senator Warren has also held Big Tech companies accountable for their executives' conflicts of interest, anticompetitive practices, potential abuse of user data, and efforts to dodge antitrust regulators.⁸³ She successfully pressured a major health data company to stop charging customers for data transfers, and helped make sure a 2016 health care law included a study on improving patient data.⁸⁴

Guaranteeing automatic cash refunds for canceled and delayed flights: Consolidation has enabled the airline industry to adopt numerous anti-consumer practices, including making passengers jump through hoops just to get their money back for a canceled flight. In 2024, Senator Warren led a bipartisan amendment to the *Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act*, requiring airlines to guarantee passengers an automatic cash refund for flights that are canceled or significantly delayed — defeating airline lobbyists' attempts to block the provision. Senator Warren's amendment was included in the final bill and signed into law, building on the Biden-Harris Administration's protections for passengers.⁸⁵ *The Boston Globe* reported that the amendment was "a huge win" and that Senator Warren's work "was critical and absolutely essential to protect consumers and passengers."⁸⁶ According to the *Globe*, Senator Warren "launched a quest to fix [airlines' burdensome refund policies] as the complex and meticulously negotiated bipartisan bill . . . headed for quick Senate passage."⁸⁷ She "teamed up

on a bipartisan remedy with an unlikely ally, Republican Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri, and then worked with White House officials, Senate Democratic leaders, and fellow Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey to" codify refund protections. President Biden's Chief of Staff thanked "the partnership of Senator Warren and a bipartisan coalition of senators" for writing the Biden-Harris Administration's pro-consumer policies on automatic refunds into law.⁸⁸

Protecting Student Loan Borrowers

At the heart of Senator Warren's work to champion working families are her efforts to create more educational opportunities for young people, and protect students from predatory for-profit colleges and greedy student loan companies.

Fighting for student debt cancellation: Senator Warren has relentlessly fought for student debt cancellation for the 40 million Americans who collectively owe over \$1.6 trillion in student debt.⁸⁹ These borrowers are disproportionately low- and middle-income and people of color whose debt traps them in cycles of financial precarity — sometimes for decades.⁹⁰ The first piece of legislation she introduced in the Senate was the *Bank on Students Loan Fairness Act*, which would have allowed borrowers to refinance their student loans at significantly lower rates.⁹¹ Throughout her tenure in the Senate, she has introduced bills to cancel debt and improve student debt programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness.⁹²

In 2022, Senator Warren led a coalition of almost 100 members of Congress in urging the Biden-Harris Administration to engage in broad-based debt cancellation.⁹³ She has issued more than 20 letters and reports detailing the Administration's authority to cancel debt, the populations that should be prioritized, and the special interest groups working to block cancellation.⁹⁴

In August 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration announced historic debt relief for more than 40 million Americans.⁹⁵ As *The New York Times* noted, Senator Warren had been "among the most enthusiastic backers of student debt cancellation" leading up to the Administration's announcement.⁹⁶ Even as far-right Justices on the Supreme Court blocked the President's early attempts at cancellation, a Warren-led coalition in Congress doggedly pushed the Administration to pursue every alternative path to cancellation, including issuing relief for borrowers who have been in repayment for over a decade, public servants, defrauded students, and more. Despite obstruction from Republicans in Congress and extremist court decisions, as of September 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration has canceled student debt for almost 5 million Americans, more than any other presidential administration in history.⁹⁷ This includes relief for almost 70,000 borrowers in Massachusetts.⁹⁸

Senator Warren also helped protect the millions of Americans receiving debt relief from a surprise tax bill through her work on the *Student Loan Tax Relief Act*, which excluded canceled student debt from taxable income.⁹⁹ The bill passed in 2021 as part of the historic *American Rescue Plan*.¹⁰⁰ Additionally, beginning in 2018, she pushed the DOJ to ease the process for borrowers to discharge their student loans in bankruptcy.¹⁰¹ In 2022, the DOJ issued new guidance to do so.¹⁰² Senator Warren continues to work with the DOJ and ED to make sure as many eligible borrowers as possible can benefit.¹⁰³

Holding exploitative colleges and loan servicers accountable: Senator Warren has also tackled one of the root causes of unfair student debt burdens: exploitative practices by for-profit colleges and college accreditors. Predatory colleges have gotten countless students to take on costly loans, then denied them legitimate educational services — padding colleges' profits while leaving borrowers drowning in debt without marketable degrees. For over a decade, Senator Warren has led oversight to push ED to hold Corinthian Colleges and other predatory schools accountable, and to protect defrauded borrowers.¹⁰⁴ As *The New York Times* noted, she "took the Department of Education to task . . . for what she called a lack of transparency and failure to protect students from dangerous student loan servicers and for-profit colleges."¹⁰⁵ She succeeded in getting ED to issue stronger protections for victims of predatory schools in 2016, and again in 2022.¹⁰⁶ Additionally, in 2017, Senator Warren helped secure relief for 4,500 students in Massachusetts who had been defrauded by the failed American Career Institute.¹⁰⁷

Senator Warren also pushed ED to terminate federal recognition of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), which rubber-stamped accreditations for failing colleges.¹⁰⁸ In large part due to Senator Warren's work, ED and the accreditation advisory committee recommended terminating ACICS as a gatekeeper to federal funds, leading ED to officially withdraw its recognition of ACICS in 2016.¹⁰⁹ The Trump Administration later overturned this decision — but in 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration reinstated the withdrawal of ACICS's recognition.¹¹⁰

In addition to experiencing exploitation by for-profit colleges and accreditors, too many students are ripped off by the companies that service their loans. Servicers too often steer borrowers away from more cost-effective payment plans or fully into forbearance, fail to accurately process income-driven-repayment and PSLF applications, overcharge borrowers, and more.¹¹¹ Senator Warren is one of the most active members of Congress working to hold servicers accountable. As *Business Insider* noted, "[f]or nearly a decade, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren [worked] to enforce oversight over Navient," MOHELA, PHEAA, and other servicers for their misconduct and urged ED to take action against them. Months after bringing in PHEAA's and Navient's CEOs to Congress for her first Banking subcommittee hearing, PHEAA and Navient exited the federal student loan system.¹¹² After the COVID-19 emergency student loan payment pause ended, Senator Warren led hearings and oversight pushing servicers to ease borrowers' return to repayment and called out avoidable errors, such as erroneous bills.¹¹³ Senator Warren also demanded more robust servicer oversight by President Biden's nominee to lead ED's higher-education policy work.¹¹⁴

This pressure has resulted in real accountability for servicers, such as CFPB's recent settlement with Navient for its exploitative practices, leading to \$100 million in relief for consumers and a permanent ban on Navient servicing federal student loans.¹¹⁵ In April 2023, ED issued new contracts to student loan servicers with much stronger accountability standards after pressure from Senator Warren.¹¹⁶ Senator Warren also led — and successfully passed — the bipartisan *Student Loan Servicer Performance Accountability Act*, to promote competition in the loan servicer market and impose accountability standards for servicers.¹¹⁷

Addressing the Housing Crisis

Housing in America is too expensive. Forty years ago, a typical home in Boston cost four and a half times the salary of a Boston Public School teacher. Now, that same home costs approximately \$950,000 — nearly 10 times that teacher's salary.¹¹⁸ Key causes of high housing costs are insufficient housing supply, unfair housing policies, and declining competition in the housing market. Senator Warren has championed innovative solutions to the housing crisis to ensure high-quality, affordable housing is available to families in the Commonwealth and across the country.

Pressing to increase housing supply and for fair housing access: Senator Warren introduced historic legislation, the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act (AHEM), to confront America's housing crisis, namely by adding three million new housing units to the market over the next decade and reversing decades of discriminatory housing policy. *The Atlantic* wrote that Senator Warren's legislation is "perhaps the most far-reaching assault on housing segregation since the 1968 Fair Housing Act."¹¹⁹

Senator Warren has similarly fought for fair housing access for seniors and veterans. In 2013, she led a letter and legislative amendment to protect seniors, veterans, and people with fixed incomes from foreclosure by ensuring their eligibility for the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) loan modifications.¹²⁰ Less than one month later, the FHA issued new guidance allowing those on fixed incomes to modify their loans.¹²¹

Holding corporate landlords accountable for anticompetitive tactics: Senator Warren has held corporations accountable for potentially illegal collusion in the housing market. In 2022 and 2023, Senator Warren conducted an investigation revealing the ways in which the real estate software and data firm RealPage facilitates collusion between landlords — and called on the DOJ to block this anticompetitive practice.¹²² After Senator Warren issued this call, the DOJ — along with eight states — responded by filing an antitrust lawsuit challenging RealPage's price-setting scheme.¹²³

Senator Warren has also pushed the Biden-Harris Administration to combat rising housing prices in other areas. In January 2023, she led almost 50 of her colleagues in Congress in sending President Biden and Vice President Harris a set of policy ideas for protecting renters and addressing price gouging in the rental market. As *Yahoo Finance* noted, she also was instrumental in pushing the Biden-Harris Administration to issue its Blueprint for a Renters Bill of Rights, through a letter "urging the president to take executive action to protect tenants from rising rents."¹²⁴

Protecting Abortion Access

As soon as the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* leaked in May 2022, Senator Warren sprang into action to identify ways the Biden-Harris Administration could protect reproductive rights, using the power of the executive branch.¹²⁵

Safeguarding servicemembers' and veterans' access to abortion services: Senator Warren worked with Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) to build a coalition of almost two dozen senators to urge the VA to permit its health providers to provide abortion services and counseling to veterans and eligible dependents.¹²⁶ One month later, the VA announced that it would initiate abortion counseling for these groups and offer abortion services in cases of rape, incest, or to protect the life or health of the mother — a critical development for the roughly 50% of reproductive-aged women veterans living in states that were poised to restrict abortion access.¹²⁷ Just one week after the Supreme Court's decision was leaked, Senator Warren also pushed DoD to protect servicemembers' abortion rights, which Secretary Austin did by issuing a memorandum authorizing travel and transportation allowances for servicemembers and their dependents who may need to travel outside of the servicemember's duty station to access noncovered reproductive health care.¹²⁸ When Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) protested DoD's memorandum by blocking the Senate confirmation of every military nominee, Senator Warren was, according to Politico, "among the most prominent voices on the left opposing Tuberville's nine-month hold on senior military nominations."¹²⁹ She joined her colleagues in battling on the Senate floor to ensure that Tuberville lifted hundreds of nominee holds while keeping DoD's abortion policies on the books.¹³⁰

Increasing access to medication abortion at pharmacies and by mail: Senator Warren has also fought for abortion rights in myriad other ways — including by urging the FDA to permit people seeking medication abortions to access the drug mifepristone — one of two drugs used in medication abortions — via the mail and at pharmacies.¹³¹ Prior to the *Dobbs* decision, the FDA dropped the in-person dispensing requirement for mifepristone, which Senator Warren had urged the agency to do, allowing health care providers to prescribe medication abortion and patients to access these services using telehealth. Following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe*, the FDA built on this success by allowing certified pharmacies to dispense mifepristone. Since then, national retail pharmacies, including CVS and Walgreens, have started dispensing this vital medication.¹³²

Fighting data brokers that sell location data of individuals at abortion clinics: Senator Warren continues to lead oversight on abortion access and data privacy, including calling out data brokers that sell the location data of people who visit abortion clinics. Her advocacy has already resulted in commitments from two key data brokers to permanently stop selling the location data of people seeking abortion services.¹³³ As *The Markup* noted, after Senator Warren's "flurry of Congressional oversight," Placer.ai and SafeGraph "agreed in writing to permanently stop selling data collected at abortion clinics or family planning centers."¹³⁴

Delivering Infrastructure Funding

Senator Warren has led the Massachusetts delegation in securing significant federal investments for dozens of infrastructure, public safety, research, and transportation projects in the Commonwealth. Since Senator Warren took office in 2013, she has helped secure over \$50 billion in federal support for hundreds of critical projects in communities across Massachusetts.¹³⁵

Over just the past three years, Senator Warren has worked with President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the Massachusetts congressional delegation to obtain more than \$20 billion in federal funding for projects in Massachusetts through four historic pieces of legislation: the *American Rescue Plan Act* (ARPA), the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, or BIL), the *Chips and Science Act* (CHIPS), and the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA).¹³⁶ These bills have funded hundreds of projects and created thousands of jobs in Massachusetts.¹³⁷

The federal investments that Senator Warren secured to help local communities and residents throughout the Commonwealth include:

Improving roads, bridges, and harbors: Senator Warren has fought for — and delivered — funding to repair and replace key bridges, improving safety for drivers, pedestrians, and businesses. This includes bridges in Lowell, the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges connecting Cape Cod to the rest of the region, and the Draw One bridge at North Station.¹³⁸ Senator Warren has secured more than \$1.7 billion in federal funds — including a billion-dollar grant from the Department of Transportation in 2024 — to replace the Cape Cod Bridges.¹³⁹ This infrastructure is vital to supporting the economy of Cape Cod and surrounding communities, and ensures safe and reliable travel for residents, workers, and millions of annual visitors.¹⁴⁰ In addition, Senator Warren secured a \$472 million federal investment to replace the Draw One bridge at North Station — the largest federal award the Boston transit system, the T, has ever won.¹⁴¹ Senator Warren also helped secure over \$300 million in federal funds to dredge the Boston Harbor, which generates more than \$8 billion in annual economic impact, supports 66,000 jobs across New England and, as a result of the dredging project, has expanded global connectivity to 18 additional ports across the world, benefiting 2,500 businesses.¹⁴² The project was completed in 2022 — ahead of schedule.¹⁴³

Connecting communities across the Commonwealth to high-speed internet: Throughout Senator Warren's tenure, the Commonwealth has seen hundreds of millions of dollars in investment to close the digital divide, including more than \$300 million in federal funding for broadband access through the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund (funded by the ARPA), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (funded by the BIL), and the FCC's Connect America Fund.¹⁴⁴ These investments will help bring affordable, high-speed internet to nearly every home and business in Massachusetts.¹⁴⁵

Investing in public transit and clean energy infrastructure: Senator Warren has brought home hundreds of millions of dollars to improve public transportation in Massachusetts, advocating for and winning federal funding for the Green Line extension in Boston and electric school buses across the Commonwealth.¹⁴⁶ She worked with her congressional delegation colleagues to secure over \$500 million in funding to support local businesses that are working to create new clean-energy technologies.¹⁴⁷ In 2022, she brought home \$70 million to complete restoration of the Herring River's degraded salt marsh.¹⁴⁸ In February 2024, Senator Warren secured \$12 million in federal assistance for control-tower improvements at Logan Airport.¹⁴⁹

Preserving Massachusetts as a leader in research and innovation: Senator Warren has worked to meet her promise to obtain billions of dollars in federal funding for basic scientific research in

the Commonwealth, benefiting researchers and businesses and preserving Massachusetts as a leader in job growth and innovation.¹⁵⁰ She helped secure more than \$530 million in federal funding for two local innovative battery manufacturing companies, \$19.7 million to establish the Northeast Microelectronics Coalition Hub in the Commonwealth, and dozens of National Science Foundation awards for Massachusetts research institutions.¹⁵¹

Securing grants supporting firefighters: Throughout Senator Warren's time in Congress, over \$270 million has flowed to Massachusetts fire departments through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs. Recipients have included the Saugus Fire Department, the Holyoke Fire Department, and the Athol Fire Department, among dozens of others.¹⁵²

Fighting for Massachusetts community project funding: Senator Warren fought for hundreds of millions of dollars of federal funding for community projects across Massachusetts, including child care, education, housing, clean water, and transportation projects. These initiatives have included the City of Malden's Lead Line Replacement Program, a domestic violence emergency shelter in Quincy, a child care facility in Stoneham, affordable housing in Boston, Lake Waushakum Clean Water Project in Framingham, and Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Immigrant Health, among others.¹⁵³

Advocating for National Security, Servicemembers & Veterans

Senator Warren has served on SASC since 2017, and has chaired the personnel subcommittee since 2023. SASC is responsible for writing the annual bipartisan NDAA,¹⁵⁴ which represents half of all discretionary federal spending. Each year, the bill profoundly impacts our national security, billions of dollars in taxpayer money, and the lives of thousands of people in Massachusetts and millions across the country.

Senator Warren has introduced 41 pieces of legislation referred to SASC and cosponsored 63 others.¹⁵⁵ She has obtained numerous legislative victories in the annual NDAAs signed into law by both President Trump and President Biden. She has attended over 200 hearings, and chaired seven hearings since becoming chair of the SASC Subcommittee on Personnel.¹⁵⁶ And she has been an aggressive Senate investigator, sending nearly 200 oversight letters seeking accountability for key armed services issues.¹⁵⁷ Her victories include:

Cracking down on corruption and contractor overcharging: Senator Warren has used her position on the Armed Services Committee to fight for strong ethics standards, ensuring that DoD's contracting decisions are made based on national security interests rather than private gain. She has obtained voluntary ethics commitments from key Pentagon officials to protect the military from potential conflicts of interest.¹⁵⁸ Senator Warren has also fought contractor price gouging, including seeking an investigation by the DoD Inspector General into overcharging by TransDigm Group Inc.¹⁵⁹ — which resulted in TransDigm agreeing to return \$16.1 million to DoD.¹⁶⁰ She has helped establish new tools to reduce contractors' incentives to price gouge,

including establishing a pilot program to accelerate payments for contractors based on good performance.¹⁶¹

Preserving competition in the defense industry: Senator Warren has consistently fought excessive consolidation in the defense industry, which undermines innovation, increases costs for DoD, and puts the overall health of the defense industrial base at risk. Her victories include fighting dangerous and costly defense-industry consolidation — including helping to block Lockheed Martin's plans to acquire rocket engine manufacturer Aerojet Rocketdyne — and giving DoD strong new authority to prevent defense-industry consolidation.¹⁶²

Improving access to high-quality health care for servicemembers: Senator Warren has led the way in addressing emerging threats to servicemembers' health and ensuring they have access to the care they need. She successfully fought to require DoD to study health threats of blast overpressure, and held a hearing pushing DoD to protect servicemembers by updating safety requirements, tracking exposure, and developing strategies to protect those at most risk.¹⁶³ In August 2024, DoD updated its blast overpressure policies, incorporating many elements of Senator Warren's bill.¹⁶⁴ Another one of Senator Warren's key victories was the improvement of DoD's medical supply chains, including by reducing DoD's dependence on foreign countries for critical drug supply.¹⁶⁵ Furthermore, as part of the FY2018 NDAA, Senator Warren introduced and passed the *Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes Act* — named after two Boston marathon bombing survivors — to make it easier for victims of terrorist attacks to receive care at military treatment facilities.¹⁶⁶

Fighting for improved quality of life for servicemembers and their families: Senator Warren has fought for years to improve quality of life for servicemembers and their families. Her victories include passing key parts of her *Military Housing Oversight and Service Member Protection Act* into law and holding private housing contractors accountable for their failure to provide adequate housing for military families — including through new restrictions on contractors abusing non-disclosure agreements to prevent servicemembers from disclosing dangerous conditions in military housing. Senator Warren has won countless other fights to protect servicemembers' rights, including: requiring DoD to create the first-ever military housing complaint database; investigating sexual assault and harassment of students in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp (JROTC); passing key parts of the *JROTC Safety Act* to protect students from abuse and forced enrollment; and strengthening military child care programs, including by securing \$37 million for Child Development Center construction to support Massachusetts' military families and securing a proposal in the FY2024 Senate NDAA to address military child care staffing shortages.¹⁶⁷

Increasing Department of Defense investments in Massachusetts: Senator Warren has worked with her delegation colleagues to ensure that DoD is investing in the Commonwealth and supporting the many servicemembers who live and work there. She has successfully secured over \$490 million for family housing, safety upgrades, and other critical construction for military bases and facilities throughout the Commonwealth. She has also obtained DoD funding for Massachusetts companies, and secured a commitment from the Air Force to base F-35s at Barnes Air Force Base.¹⁶⁸

Additional Armed Services Committee Accomplishments: Senator Warren, along with Representative Anthony Brown, has led the fight to remove all names and symbols commemorating the Confederacy from DoD assets. To that end, she introduced the *Removing Confederate Names and Symbols from Our Military Act*, which was passed into law and fully implemented in 2023.¹⁶⁹ She also passed key parts of her *Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress (SIT-REP) Act* into law to ensure that veterans had full access to their VA benefits.¹⁷⁰ Senator Warren has also led efforts to ensure DoD elevates climate change as a national security priority and integrates climate considerations into policies, strategies, and partner engagements¹⁷¹ — including by establishing a target to transition DoD's fleet of non-tactical vehicles to be electric or zero-emissions by 2035.¹⁷²

Senator Warren introduced the *Protections of Civilians in Military Operations Act* to require DoD to fulfill its moral responsibility to reduce civilian harm in military operations. She has also conducted vigorous oversight to advance this goal, calling on DoD and the State Department to stop U.S. weapons from contributing to civilian casualties around the world.¹⁷³ Senator Warren also supported Gold Star families by introducing — and passing into law — the *Gold Star Spouses Leasing Relief Act, Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act*, and *The Leasing Relief for Dependents of Fall Heroes and Injured Servicemembers Act*.¹⁷⁴

Making High-Quality Child Care Accessible for All

For too many families, child care is prohibitively expensive, forcing parents to leave the workforce and undermining children's early learning. In more than half of states, child care for a toddler costs more than a student's in-state college tuition.¹⁷⁵ As a young mother, Senator Warren personally faced the tough choice of whether to quit a job due to the difficulty of securing child care.¹⁷⁶ In the Senate, she has fought to make high-quality child care accessible for every family in the Commonwealth and beyond.

Securing billions for critical child care programs: In 2018, Senator Warren helped secure an increase of over \$2.3 billion in appropriations for the Child Care & Development Block Grant — the largest increase in the program's history.¹⁷⁷ Then, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic threatened to collapse the country's already-fragile child care infrastructure. Senator Warren rapidly developed a plan to inject \$50 billion in emergency funding into the child care system; she led the *Child Care is Essential Act* to secure necessary funding, sent letters calling on Senate leadership to support the funding, and wrote op-eds and blog posts to make the public case.¹⁷⁸ She also developed a proposal to prioritize child care access for essential workers.¹⁷⁹ One year into the pandemic, Senator Warren helped secure a \$50 billion investment in child care for working families,¹⁸⁰ which — as the *Wall Street Journal* noted — made it "easier for parents, especially mothers, to return to work as the economy reopen[ed]."¹⁸¹

Protecting Workers from Corporate Abuse

Senator Warren has taken on — and won — critical fights to protect workers and retirees from abuses by powerful corporations.

Protecting workers' retirement funds: Each year, hard-working Americans lose up to 20% of their retirement incomes because of bad advice from investment brokers motivated by their own financial incentives rather than retirees' best interest.¹⁸² Senator Warren has repeatedly highlighted these conflicts of interest and worked to hold companies accountable for an issue that may not be at the center of public discourse but seriously impacts ordinary Americans.¹⁸³ In 2015 and 2016, she led an in-depth investigation into investment advisor conflicts of interest, prompting GAO to examine the impact on workers.¹⁸⁴ Throughout the Obama, Trump, and Biden Administrations, she wrote to the Department of Labor, urging it to implement a rule to hold brokers accountable to fiduciary standards.¹⁸⁵ Following this action — and after the Trump Administration killed an Obama-era version of this rule — the Biden-Harris Administration finalized a new rule to protect retirees from investment advisors' conflicts of interest.¹⁸⁶ During the week that the rule was supposed to take effect, Senator Warren published the findings of her investigation into the prevalence of kickbacks and perks in the annuity and insurance industry — concluding that these kickbacks are still used by at least 29 companies.¹⁸⁷

Senator Warren's bipartisan *Retirement Savings Lost and Found Act* supports workers and retirees by creating an online database for workers to track retirement accounts across jobs, ensuring they can easily access their hard-earned retirement funds.¹⁸⁸ In 2022, Congress passed Senator Warren's retirement bill into law.¹⁸⁹

Challenging abusive noncompete agreements: Over 30 million workers are barred from taking a new job or starting a new business in their field due to fine-print terms in job contracts known as "noncompete agreements."¹⁹⁰ Senator Warren has long challenged noncompete agreements as an abusive and anticompetitive way for corporations to protect their market power while stifling wages and job opportunities for workers,¹⁹¹ calling on the GAO to investigate and leading a Senate BHUA Committee hearing to reveal these harms.¹⁹² Since 2018, she has co-led multiple bills to prohibit noncompetes,¹⁹³ and she also spent years urging the FTC to issue a rule limiting the use of these agreements.¹⁹⁴ In 2023, when the FTC proposed a rule to fully ban noncompetes, Senator Warren led over 60 of her congressional colleagues in voicing support for the rule.¹⁹⁵ The following year, the FTC finalized its rule, which will strengthen workers' freedom of job mobility.¹⁹⁶

Advancing labor rights and other worker-focused priorities in trade negotiations: Senator Warren has worked to ensure that U.S. trade deals prioritize Americans' best interests over the special interests of giant corporations. When the Obama Administration negotiated the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Senator Warren sounded the alarm about a little-known provision called Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS),¹⁹⁷ which would have allowed foreign corporations to challenge U.S. laws before panels of international arbitrators — many of whom simultaneously serve as corporate lawyers — instead of before U.S. courts.¹⁹⁸ ISDS cases have become far more common and have resulted in steep fines for taxpayers, leading countries to pull back on environmental, public health, and workers' rights regulations.¹⁹⁹ Senator Warren

explained the dangers of this little-known provision, led progressives in fighting it, and built a coalition of 39 senators to support her amendment to prevent fast-tracking trade deals that included ISDS.²⁰⁰ Ultimately, the United States withdrew from the TPP.²⁰¹ Since then, Senator Warren has continued to push trade negotiators to eliminate ISDS provisions from other agreements, which helped lead to the exclusion of an ISDS provision in the renegotiated version of NAFTA.²⁰² Senator Warren has raised awareness about similar issues through her oversight work, such as a report detailing decades of failure to protect labor standards in free trade agreements.²⁰³

Later, as the Biden-Harris Administration negotiated talks on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), Senator Warren called out Big Tech's attempt to sneak in a provision that would allow tech companies to challenge other countries' valid tech regulations as "illegal trade discrimination."²⁰⁴ In 2023, after a series of almost a dozen letters and hearing exchanges by Senator Warren,²⁰⁵ the United States Trade Representative (USTR) withdrew support for the proposed digital trade language in the IPEF and World Trade Organization (WTO) joint statement — and maintained its position despite pushback from corporate interests.²⁰⁶ Reporting highlighted that this change was preceded by a Warren-led letter pushing President Biden "to ensure that IPEF's digital trade provisions [were] consistent with the administration's new view."²⁰⁷

Crafting a Tax Code for Working Families

Senator Warren has long fought for a tax code that is fair for working families — rather than tilted to help the ultra-wealthy. In 2021, she joined the Senate Finance Committee and, while chairing the Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, used her platform to hold hearings, conduct oversight, and write legislation.

Passing a 15% corporate alternative minimum tax: Some of the largest corporations have paid close to nothing in taxes in recent years, largely thanks to the Trump Administration's slashing the corporate tax rate and folding new corporate loopholes into the tax code. In 2020, at least 70 corporations making over \$1 billion enjoyed an effective tax rate of less than 15%.²⁰⁸ Senator Warren has made fixing the broken tax system a key focus of her tenure, so that large corporations can no longer get away with paying little to no taxes while the middle class bears the brunt. In 2021, she introduced legislative proposals to make large corporations pay their fair share, along with a report revealing how multi-billion-dollar corporations exploit loopholes to pay just pennies on the dollar of what they should owe.²⁰⁹ A year later, Congress enacted Senator Warren's 15% corporate alternative minimum tax (CAMT), which the New York Times noted was "one of the most significant changes to the U.S. tax code in decades," as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.²¹⁰ Since the IRA's passage, Senator Warren has conducted ongoing oversight to ensure that the Treasury Department fully implements and issues robust rules for the corporate minimum tax to ensure corporations begin to pay their fair share.²¹¹ In 2024, the Treasury Department released its proposed rules for CAMT and estimated that the tax would generate more than \$20 billion in 2025, and \$250 billion from the most profitable companies over the next 10 years.²¹²

Funding the IRS to catch wealth tax cheats and improve tax services: Due to decades of underfunding, the IRS lacks the resources to take on wealthy tax cheats and provide adequate taxpayer services for hard-working Americans. In 2021, Senator Warren introduced the *Restoring the IRS Act* to bolster the IRS with \$31.5 billion in mandatory annual funding, and led over a dozen senators in expressing concern about the IRS's inadequate funding.²¹³ Additional funding for the IRS was later included in the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which appropriated a historic \$80 billion increase over ten years.²¹⁴ As a result of this increase in funding, the IRS has significantly improved taxpayer services and has collected over \$1 billion from high-income individuals who previously evaded their tax responsibilities.²¹⁵

Establishing Direct File for free and easy tax filing: Each year, nearly half of Americans pay tax preparation companies a total of roughly \$31 billion to file their taxes.²¹⁶ Senator Warren has been the leading voice pushing for a free and easy option — known as "Direct File" — for Americans to file their taxes directly with the IRS. Since 2016, she has advocated for this simpler tax filing process, and has pushed both Democratic and Republican administrations to make it a reality.²¹⁷ She also led 22 senators in championing Direct File through the *Tax Filing Simplification Act*.²¹⁸ In 2024, thanks to Senator Warren's leadership, the IRS began a Direct File pilot in 12 states, including Massachusetts. The pilot was used by 140,000 taxpayers, saving them up to \$5.4 million in filing fees, and earned rave reviews.²¹⁹ Senator Warren kept up the pressure to expand Direct File nationwide, and blasted tax prep companies for spending millions lobbying against Direct File.²²⁰ In 2024, she led over 130 members of Congress in urging the IRS to make Direct File permanent and continue to expand it, which the IRS did less than one month later.²²¹ Now, the IRS is working to expand access to Direct File, with 24 states already announcing their participation for 2025.²²² As a result, next year, 30 million Americans will finally be able to file their taxes for free directly with the IRS, with more to come in the future.²²³

Lowering Health Care Costs and Promoting Quality Care

Senator Warren believes health care is a basic human right. She has fought to lower health care costs, rein in predatory drug companies and insurance companies, eliminate barriers to care for marginalized populations, and ensure that seniors receive adequate care in nursing homes.

Saving the Affordable Care Act (ACA): Senator Warren has helped lead the charge to save the ACA from Republican attacks.²²⁴ She published a report highlighting the ways the ACA has delivered real benefits for Massachusetts families, successfully called for an investigation into the Trump Administration's efforts to sabotage the ACA's open enrollment process, and wrote op-eds and letters explaining why the ACA was vital for tens of millions of ordinary Americans and, in particular, for states battling the opioid epidemic.²²⁵

Establishing over-the-counter access to hearing aids: Nearly 30 million Americans experience hearing loss²²⁶ — but until recently, less than one fifth of them used hearing aids due to high costs.²²⁷ In 2016 and 2017, Senator Warren introduced a bipartisan bill to make hearing aids for mild and moderate hearing loss available over the counter, with fewer unnecessary requirements

and fees.²²⁸ In 2017, Congress passed Senator Warren's bill as part of the *Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Reauthorization Act*²²⁹ — a huge win for seniors and families across the country, which *The Boston Globe* noted would "reduce costs and greatly expand access to hearing aids."²³⁰ Later, when the Trump Administration failed to issue the regulations necessary to implement the law, Senator Warren spent years pushing the FDA to do so, conducting oversight to underscore the issue's urgency and introducing a new bill requiring timely implementation of the new law.²³¹ In 2021, President Biden directed the FDA to issue regulations implementing the law, which the FDA did in October of that year.²³² In 2022, following a robust public comment process, the FDA finalized the regulations, clearing the path for tens of millions of Americans to access hearing aids over the counter.²³³ Since then, hearing aids have become more affordable and more accessible,²³⁴ as exemplified most recently by Apple's announcement that certain Apple AirPods will be able to be used as hearing aids.²³⁵

Lowering prescription drug costs and fighting threats to drug access: Grossly inflated prescription drug prices force too many Americans to choose between covering their basic needs and paying for life-saving medications. Senator Warren championed key *Inflation Reduction Act* provisions that directly reduced the cost of insulin and other drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.²³⁶

She has also fought to eliminate structural forces in the health care industry that are responsible for driving up drug prices. One such force is vertical integration in the drug supply chain, which can occur when the same company controls an entity that pays for drugs (such as a pharmacy) benefit manager or insurer) and an entity that purchases the drugs (such as a pharmacy).²³⁷ These arrangements allow conglomerates to use profit-shifting strategies to evade federal limits on profits and spending on administrative expenses, while giving the parent company inordinate market power. The *Wall Street Journal* reported on how Senator Warren urged the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to investigate vertical integration in the prescription drug market.²³⁸ Soon after, the OIG announced that it would undertake an audit.²³⁹ The results — which are expected to be published in 2026 — will help demonstrate how vertical integration in this market threatens ordinary patients' access to vital medications.²⁴⁰ Senator Warren also urged CMS to investigate the problem by collecting better data from large health insurers and their vertically integrated provider practices.²⁴¹

Senator Warren has fought other threats to Americans' access to prescription drugs. In response to Big Pharma's abuse of the patent system, which prevents generic competitors from entering the market and lowering costs, Senator Warren successfully pushed the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and FDA to reevaluate agency rules governing patents.²⁴² She also pushed the FTC to issue a policy statement finding "sham" patents to be an unfair practice within the agency's jurisdiction.²⁴³ The FTC did so the next day, and soon thereafter began bringing enforcement actions against improper patents, prompting multiple pharmaceutical companies to delist certain sham patents.²⁴⁴

Relatedly, Senator Warren has urged federal agencies to consider a drug's prices when deciding whether to relicense a pharmaceutical company's patent on a taxpayer-funded drug using an authority known as a "march in" rights. In 2022, Senator Warren built a coalition of over 100 lawmakers to champion this policy change, and in 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration

proposed a framework allowing agencies to consider price when deciding whether to "march in" on federally-funded inventions, including drugs.²⁴⁵

For years, Senator Warren has also led a bipartisan push to end the United States' dependence on foreign suppliers for drug products and active pharmaceutical ingredients in order to avoid the severe national security and health risks that could emerge from potential disruptions to the international drug supply chain.²⁴⁶ Senator Warren successfully secured language in the FY2023 NDAA to direct DoD to develop guidance for risk management of the Department's pharmaceutical supply chain, report on supply chain vulnerabilities, and establish a working group to develop policies for allocating scarce pharmaceutical resources.²⁴⁷ Last year, the White House also announced a commitment to invest in the domestic manufacturing of essential medicines.²⁴⁸

Leading bipartisan efforts to improve medical research: Senator Warren has led bipartisan efforts to improve medical research and advance drug development. To protect the nation's research and development (R&D) of prescription drugs and other medical breakthroughs, Senator Warren led a bill and letter calling for increased funding for the NIH.²⁴⁹ In a 2017 funding bill, she successfully secured an increase of \$2 billion for NIH's R&D.²⁵⁰ Senator Warren also led bipartisan legislation to increase the inclusion of women participants in medical research to reduce gender bias in clinical trial results²⁵¹ — a proposal that became law in 2016 as part of the 21st Century Cures Act.²⁵²

Combating the opioid crisis: Senator Warren has relentlessly worked to combat the nation's deadly opioid crisis. She has championed this issue by leading Congress's most ambitious legislation to confront the substance use epidemic, the *Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.*²⁵³ In 2016, she passed bipartisan legislation based on Massachusetts law to reduce the diversion of opioids by allowing patients all across the country to partially fill an opioid prescription at the pharmacy and return for the remainder of a prescription only if needed.²⁵⁴ Additionally, in 2017, she secured \$100 million to fight the opioid crisis.²⁵⁵ She also led a slate of five bipartisan bills that aimed to help states detect fentanyl, collect data on opioid prescriptions, improve care for individuals in opioid recovery housing, and more — all five of which were passed into law in 2018 as part of the *SUPPORT Act.*²⁵⁶ Senator Warren also helped secure a new requirement for DoD to report opioid overdoses of servicemembers and to carry naloxone at all military installations.²⁵⁷

Fighting to increase quality care and funding for nursing homes: For decades, nursing homes have been chronically understaffed, exacerbating the risks of abuse, neglect, and unsafe conditions for residents.²⁵⁸ The COVID-19 pandemic put this crisis on full display as understaffed nursing homes faced higher mortality rates. Barriers to providing high-quality, affordable care have been made worse by private equity firms buying up nursing homes and slashing costs at patients' expense.²⁵⁹ In response, Senator Warren wrote to top private equity owners of nursing homes, exposing how they were gutting nursing homes while profiting handsomely.²⁶⁰

Senator Warren has pushed HHS to require transparency around nursing homes' ownership structure, staffing models, and other critical data.²⁶¹ Following this advocacy, HHS finalized

regulations — more than a decade overdue — requiring nursing homes to publicly report ownership and management information to the federal government, giving regulators and Americans an important way to hold private equity accountable.²⁶²

Senator Warren has also been a leader in the fight to establish a minimum staffing requirement for nursing homes.²⁶³ When CMS proposed a minimum-staffing rule in 2023, Senator Warren urged CMS to strengthen the rule, releasing an investigation underscoring the rule's importance.²⁶⁴ In April 2024, Senator Warren once again pushed CMS to strengthen and finalize its rule.²⁶⁵ The agency did so one week later, enacting the first-ever federal minimum staffing requirement to keep nursing home residents safe.²⁶⁶

Since, Senator Warren has led the charge to defend the rule against Republican attempts to repeal it, including by sending letters challenging the rule's corporate opponents²⁶⁷ and revealing research that the rule will save an estimated 13,000 lives each year.²⁶⁸

Addressing health care consolidation and monopolies: As a key part of her work to fight corporate consolidation, Senator Warren has fought monopolies in the health care and pharmaceutical markets. Senator Warren has repeatedly led the fight against proposed acquisitions that would reduce competition in the health care industry and would lead to higher costs and lower quality of care for patients. She raised concerns about CVS's proposed acquisition of primary health group Oak Street Health,²⁶⁹ UnitedHealth Group's acquisition of home health provider Amedisys,²⁷⁰ Amgen's acquisition of Horizon Therapeutics,²⁷¹ and UnitedHealth Group's bid to purchase Stewardship Health, a subsidiary of Steward Health Care.²⁷² Following her advocacy, the DOJ opened an antitrust investigation into UnitedHealth Group for anticompetitive practices,²⁷³ and after strong opposition from Senator Warren and others in Massachusetts, UnitedHealth abandoned its attempt to purchase Stewardship.²⁷⁴ As Senator Warren sounded the alarm,²⁷⁵ the FTC has more aggressively confronted private equity's attempts to expand into the health care industry. In 2024, the FTC, DOJ, and HHS jointly launched a cross-government task force to tackle corporate greed in health care.²⁷⁶

Leading oversight of waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare Advantage: Senator Warren has also led oversight of waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare Advantage, the government program that allows for-profit insurers to administer Medicare coverage for 33 million seniors. She has highlighted how giant health insurers abuse taxpayer dollars²⁷⁷ and engage in anticompetitive self-dealing practices,²⁷⁸ and she has pushed regulators to act. Thanks in part to her advocacy, CMS finalized regulations to rein in certain abusive coding practices, unlawful denials of care, and deceptive marketing tactics by private insurers in Medicare Advantage.²⁷⁹

Fighting discrimination in health care: Senator Warren has fought various forms of discrimination in the health care system. In 2013, she led the charge against the FDA's blood donation ban for men who have sex with men (MSM)²⁸⁰ — and the following year, the FDA terminated the lifetime ban.²⁸¹ However, the FDA maintained a discriminatory, unscientific policy that banned donations from men who had sex with men in the previous year, so Senator Warren kept fighting to update the policy with a risk-based approach.²⁸² Nearly ten years after Senator Warren first urged the FDA to abandon this discriminatory policy, the agency announced

in January 2023 that it would finally replace its policy of "defer[ring]" MSM potential blood donors with one that used the individual, risk-based approach she had supported.²⁸³

Senator Warren has also fought racial discrimination in the health care system, including by highlighting how clinics use algorithms to adjust medical test results based on a patient's race, which systematically disadvantages Black patients.²⁸⁴ In her 2020 letter, she called for HHS's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to review this discriminatory practice — and the agency began its investigation months later.²⁸⁵

Responding to the looting of Steward Health Care in Massachusetts: On January 19, 2024, *The Boston Globe* reported that Steward Health Care (Steward), a for-profit health care system with eight hospitals in the Commonwealth, was in "grave financial distress."²⁸⁶ Senator Warren immediately took action following these initial reports, working with the Massachusetts congressional delegation to conduct oversight of the company and hold accountable the individuals and companies responsible for its collapse — from Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre,²⁸⁷ to greedy private equity firms Cerberus Capital Management²⁸⁸ and Apollo Global Management,²⁸⁹ to predatory corporate landlords Medical Properties Trust (MPT) and Macquarie Investment Partners.²⁹⁰ Senator Warren also worked with Massachusetts state officials, advocated for health care workers and patients in the bankruptcy process,²⁹¹ and introduced legislation to ensure that the chain of events that created the Steward Health Care collapse could never be repeated.²⁹²

As a result of the work of Senator Warren and many others at the federal, state, and local levels:

- Six of eight Steward hospitals will remain open and serve their communities in Massachusetts under new operators;²⁹³
- Optum, a division of insurance giant UnitedHealth, abandoned its attempted acquisition of Steward's physician group,²⁹⁴ which would have driven up health care costs in Massachusetts,²⁹⁵ after Senator Warren led the fight against the proposed sale;
- Steward CEO de la Torre will finally face accountability, after Senator Warren's oversight and the Senate's unanimous decision to refer civil and criminal contempt charges against Dr. de la Torre to federal authorities;²⁹⁶ and
- Dr. de la Torre will no longer have a role with the company he drove into bankruptcy, following his resignation as CEO of Steward on October 1.²⁹⁷

Empowering Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples

Senator Warren has long urged the federal government to grapple with centuries of violence and neglect committed against Indian Country, to direct federal funding to Indian Country, and to push Washington to uphold its promise to consult with Tribes on key issues.

Righting historical wrongs: For over a century, the United States forced hundreds of thousands of Native American children from their homes, into prison-like "boarding schools."²⁹⁸ Many survivors and their families have never had the opportunity to formally tell their stories and seek redress before the federal government. Since 2020, Senator Warren has led the *Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act* to create such an opportunity.²⁹⁹

Her bill — which previously passed the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction — is now poised for final passage in Congress.³⁰⁰ Similarly, Senator Warren has sought amends for U.S. soldiers who were awarded the military's highest honor after killing hundreds of Native American men, women, and children in the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890.³⁰¹ For years, Senator Warren has led bipartisan efforts to seek redress, calling on the Administration to revoke the medals of honor³⁰² and introducing a bill to do just that.³⁰³ In 2024, DoD responded by initiating a process to review each medal for potential revocation.³⁰⁴ As the *Associated Press* noted, "Congress recommended such a review in the 2022 defense bill, reflecting a push by some lawmakers to rescind the awards for those who participated in the massacre."³⁰⁵ Senator Warren led that push.

Fighting to increase federal funding for Indian Country: Senator Warren has also fought to dramatically increase federal resources for Indian Country. In response to the abysmal findings in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' 2018 Broken Promises report, which documented the federal government's systematic failure to fulfill its obligations, Senator Warren introduced the *Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act* to enact a historic funding increase for Indian Country.³⁰⁶ Additionally, she has led the *Tribal Medical Supplies Stockpile Access Act* to ensure Tribes can directly access stockpiled supplies in the event of a public health emergency,³⁰⁷ which Congress later passed into law.³⁰⁸ The Biden-Harris Administration followed suit, updating its strategy for Indian-serving health institutions to access the Strategic National Stockpile.³⁰⁹

Upholding our obligation to consult Tribes as fellow governments: Under pressure from Senator Warren, the Treasury Department established its first-ever Office of Tribal Affairs to improve the Department's Tribal consultation on matters with profound implications for Tribes.³¹⁰ And in December 2020, Congress passed Senator Warren's *Native American Suicide Prevention Act* as part of the annual appropriations package, requiring states to collaborate with Tribes on suicide-prevention measures.³¹¹

Supporting New Arrivals and Host Communities

As the number of people fleeing violent and unstable situations around the world has risen, Senator Warren has held firm on protecting asylum seekers' rights while advocating for billions of dollars of additional federal funding for Massachusetts and other communities to support new arrivals. In the Senate, Warren has advanced these priorities.

Ensuring safe housing for new arrivals: Through oversight letters, legislative proposals, and increased pressure on the Biden-Harris Administration, Senator Warren has fought to increase federal funding for housing shelters in Massachusetts and pushed for quicker access to work permits to ensure that newly arriving families can legally secure employment and support themselves. Throughout 2024, she has led the Massachusetts delegation and other members of Congress in writing to DHS and Senate leadership, demanding an increase in the total amount of federal shelter funding — and a bigger slice of that pie for Massachusetts.³¹² She also introduced bill amendments to increase shelter funding and co-led a bill with Senator Ed Markey (D-Mass.) to develop a new pool of funding for medium-term housing for migrant families.³¹³ Ultimately, DHS allocated over \$27 million in shelter funding for Massachusetts for FY2024 — a dramatic

increase from the under \$2 million Massachusetts received in FY2023 through Shelter and Services Program (SSP) grants.³¹⁴

Expediting the work permits process to reduce wait time: Senator Warren has also spearheaded calls for DHS to expedite the issuance of work permits, which had been stuck in a several-month backlog.³¹⁵ In 2024, Senator Warren led 69 other members of Congress in urging DHS to lengthen the automatic extension period for expiring work permits — which DHS did the following month.³¹⁶ Under sustained pressure from Congress, DHS made several other process improvements that have collectively reduced the work permit wait time for asylum seekers from over nine months in 2022 to less than a month in 2024.³¹⁷

Exposing inhumane conditions and abusive practices in detention facilities: For years, Senator Warren has exposed and condemned inhumane conditions in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. She has demanded answers from the largest private detention corporations — including CoreCivic and GEO Group — as to their compliance with detention standards, and has challenged private equity owners of detention companies for profiteering off of detained people.³¹⁸ She has also urged ICE to end its practice of detaining people in privately operated facilities, and asked the agency to hold operators accountable for abysmal conditions such as substandard health care and prolonged solitary confinement.³¹⁹ She has led similar oversight of jails and prisons, including by revealing the dramatic failures of the prison accreditation system³²⁰ and successfully pushing the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to end its contract with a failed accreditor.³²¹ *Forbes* reported that the BOP made this change after Senator Warren led a letter asking the agency "and the Department of Justice not to renew a contract with the [American Correctional Association]" because the company "has a financial incentive to provide accreditation to the facilities it's supposed to evaluate independently."³²²

Strengthening Ethics Standards Across Government

Corruption in Washington has contributed to historically low levels of public trust in the federal government.³²³ Corporate insiders sway decision-making behind closed doors, government officials routinely cash in on non-public government information by leaving to work in the industries they previously regulated, Supreme Court Justices receive gifts from parties involved in the cases they hear, and officials too often govern in the interest of their stock portfolios rather than the American public. Senator Warren has tirelessly pushed to toughen ethics standards across all branches of government.

Secured ethics commitments from high-level nominees to avoid conflicts of interest: Senator Warren has leveraged the power of her confirmation vote to secure ethics commitments from numerous high-level Biden nominees, helping to shut the revolving door and avoid conflicts of interest. As a result of Senator Warren's advocacy, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, a former board member for the giant defense contractor Raytheon, agreed to recuse from all Raytheon-related matters and not seek employment with a defense contractor after leaving government.³²⁴ Similarly, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf, a former Big Pharma board member and head of Google's sister health tech company, agreed to recuse from matters involving his former clients for four years, and, for four years after leaving government, to not seek employment with the pharmaceutical and medical device companies he interacts with at the FDA.³²⁵ Former

Representative Sean Patrick Maloney, a former advisor of the largest U.S. cryptocurrency exchange, agreed to recuse from all cryptocurrency policy matters in his role as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and to not seek employment in the crypto industry for four years after leaving the OECD.³²⁶ As *Politico* noted, "Warren has made it a practice to push Biden nominees to adopt stronger ethical standards, in a bid to address the 'revolving door' between government agencies and the industries that they supervise."³²⁷

Led oversight of biggest ethics scandal in Federal Reserve history: Senator Warren led the congressional response to the biggest ethics scandal in the history of the Fed, in which Fed officials traded stocks and other securities based on insider knowledge just before the COVID-19 pandemic caused financial markets to plunge.³²⁸ Through a series of letters, floor speeches, and hearings, Senator Warren called on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to investigate these trades and urged the Fed to strengthen its ethics policies.³²⁹ In one instance, the Fed announced it would "reexamine ethics rules" one hour after Senator Warren announced she had sent letters to the Fed's 12 regional banks urging them to adopt tougher restrictions.³³⁰ In 2022, the Fed responded by imposing stricter investment rules on its officials.³³¹ Senator Warren continues to push for stricter Fed ethics rules,³³² and has sought to prevent future scandals by securing commitments from Fed nominees to abide by even higher ethical standards than are legally required.³³³

Advanced ethics rules for Department of Defense officials: Legislatively, Senator Warren has successfully advanced ethics rules for current and former DoD officials through the NDAA — including enhancing recusal standards for Pentagon officials and restricting stock ownership in DoD's top 10 contractors for acquisition officials and defense nominees.³³⁴

Diversifying the Judicial Bench

Senator Warren has championed reshaping the federal judiciary in Massachusetts to be more representative of its communities. She has recommended that President Biden and President Obama nominate highly qualified candidates who would add critical diversity to the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, including: Julie Rikelman, who became the first Jewish woman and first immigrant woman to serve on the First Circuit;³³⁵ Margaret Guzman, who became the first Latina to serve as lifetime judge on the Massachusetts District Court;³³⁶ Myoung Joun, who became the first AANHPI man to serve as lifetime judge on any federal court in First Circuit;³³⁷ and Angel Kelley, who became the first Japanese American person to serve as a lifetime judge in Massachusetts.³³⁸

APPENDIX: ENACTED BILLS

Since 2013, 44 of Senator Warren's bills have been signed into law. More than 60% of these bills were bipartisan, meaning they had one or more Republican cosponsors. This list includes bills whose core provisions were enacted into law, either through passage of the Senate bill whose primary sponsor is Senator Warren, passage of the respective House companion bill, or incorporation of the bill's language into a larger legislative package. This list does not include resolutions or amendments introduced by Senator Warren or legislation that Senator Warren cosponsored.

(*) Denotes bills with Republican cosponsors.

- Smart Savings Act (S.2117)* First introduced in the 113th Congress.³³⁹ Enacted in 2014 through *PL 113-255 - Smart* Savings Act.³⁴⁰
- Genetic Research Privacy Protection Act (S. 2744)*
 First introduced in the 114th Congress.³⁴¹ Enacted in 2016 through PL 114-255 21st Century Cures Act.³⁴²
- National POW/MIA Remembrance Act (S. 885)*
 First introduced in the 114th Congress.³⁴³ Enacted in 2016 through PL 114-147 National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015.³⁴⁴
- Reducing Unused Medications Act (S. 2578)*
 First introduced in the 114th Congress.³⁴⁵ Enacted in 2016 through PL 114-198 -Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016.³⁴⁶
- Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes Act (S. 1365)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁴⁷ Enacted in 2017 through FY 2018 NDAA.³⁴⁸
- *Countering Foreign Interference with Our Armed Forces Act* (S. 1470) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁴⁹ Provisions enacted in 2017 and 2019 through the *FY 2018* and *FY 2020 NDAAs*.³⁵⁰
- Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 (S. 670)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁵¹ Enacted in 2017 through *PL 115-52 - FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017.*³⁵²
- *Protecting Servicemembers Online Act* (S. 1346)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁵³ Enacted in 2017 through *FY 2018 NDAA*.³⁵⁴

- Securing the Electric Grid to Protect Military Readiness Act (S. 1800)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁵⁵ Enacted in 2017 through FY 2018 NDAA.³⁵⁶
- Servicemember Debt Collection Reform Act (S. 1471) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁵⁷ Enacted in 2017 through *FY 2018 NDAA*.³⁵⁸
- *Preventing Civilian Casualties in Military Operations Act* (S. 1468) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁵⁹ Enacted in 2017 through *FY 2018 NDAA*.³⁶⁰
- ADVANCE Act (S. 1396)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁶¹ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-105 - Jobs for Our Heroes Act.³⁶²
- Blast Exposure and Brain Injury Prevention Act (S. 2883)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁶³ Enacted in 2018 through FY 2019 NDAA.³⁶⁴
- Free Career and Technical Education for High School Students Act (S. 3101) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁶⁵ Enacted in 2018 through *PL 115-224* -Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.³⁶⁶
- Gold Star Spouses Leasing Relief Act (S. 3241)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁶⁷ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-407 -Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018.³⁶⁸
- Hospice Safe Drug Disposal Act (S. 2661)*
 First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁶⁹ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-271 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.³⁷⁰
- Unused Medications Awareness Act (S. 2697)*
 First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁷¹ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-271 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.³⁷²
- Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act (S. 1503)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁷³ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-343 -Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act.³⁷⁴
- *National Guard Promotion Accountability Act* (S. 2801)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁷⁵ Enacted in 2018 through *FY 2019 NDAA*.³⁷⁶

- *Preventing and Treating Gambling Disorders in the Military Act* (S. 1439) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁷⁷ Enacted in 2018 through *FY 2019 NDAA*.³⁷⁸
- SIT-REP Act (S. 3130)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁷⁹ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-407 -Veterans Benefits and Transition Act.³⁸⁰
- STOP Fentanyl Deaths Act of 2018 (S. 3500) First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁸¹ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-271 -SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.³⁸²
- Veterans Care Financial Protection Act (S. 1198)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁸³ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-131 -Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017.³⁸⁴
- *START Act* (S. 2805)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁸⁵ Enacted in 2018 through *FY 2019 NDAA*.³⁸⁶
- Women Veterans Peer Counseling Enhancement Act (S. 2402)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁸⁷ Enacted in 2018 through PL 115-271 -SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.³⁸⁸
- Blast Pressure Exposure Study Improvement Act (S. 1501)* First introduced in the 116th Congress.³⁸⁹ Enacted in 2019 through FY 2020 NDAA.³⁹⁰
- Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act (S. 1118)* First introduced in the 116th Congress.³⁹¹ Enacted in 2019 through FY 2020 NDAA.³⁹²
- Graduate Student Savings Act (S. 448)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁹³ Enacted in 2019 through PL 116-94 - Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020.³⁹⁴
- National POW/MIA Flag Act (S. 693)* First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁹⁵ Enacted in 2019 through PL 116-67 - National POW/MIA Flag Act.³⁹⁶
- Native American Suicide Prevention Act (S. 467)*
 First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁹⁷ Enacted in 2020 through PL 116-260 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.³⁹⁸

- Pell Grant Restoration Act (S. 2498)
 First introduced in the 115th Congress.³⁹⁹ Enacted in 2020 through PL 116-260 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.⁴⁰⁰
- Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act (S. 338) First introduced in the 115th Congress.⁴⁰¹ Enacted in 2020 through PL 116-121 -Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2019.⁴⁰²
- *Modernizing Notice of Lease Terminations for Servicemembers* (S. 4566)* First introduced in the 116th Congress.⁴⁰³ Enacted in 2021 through *PL 116-315 - Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of* 2020.⁴⁰⁴
- Leasing Relief for Dependents of Fallen Heroes and Injured Servicemembers Act (S. 3854)*

First introduced in the 116th Congress.⁴⁰⁵ Enacted in 2021 through FY 2021 NDAA.⁴⁰⁶

- *Removing Confederate Names and Symbols from Our Military Act* (S. 4076) First introduced in the 116th Congress.⁴⁰⁷ Enacted in 2021 through *FY 2021 NDAA*.⁴⁰⁸
- *Protection of Civilians in Military Operations Act* (S. 4108) First introduced in the 116th Congress.⁴⁰⁹ Enacted in 2022 through *FY 2023 NDAA*.⁴¹⁰
- *Military Vehicle Fleet Electrification Act* (S. 4380) First introduced in the 117th Congress.⁴¹¹ Enacted in 2022 through *FY 2023 NDAA*.⁴¹²
- Real Corporate Profits Tax Act (S.2680)
 First introduced in the 117th Congress.⁴¹³ Enacted in 2022 through PL 117-169 Inflation Reduction Act.⁴¹⁴
- Restoring the IRS Act (S. 1788) First introduced in the 117th Congress.⁴¹⁵ Enacted in 2022 through PL 117-169 - Inflation Reduction Act.⁴¹⁶
- *Tax Filing Simplification Act* (S. 4508) First introduced in the 115th Congress.⁴¹⁷ Enacted in 2022 through *PL 117-169 - Inflation Reduction Act*.⁴¹⁸
- Retirement Savings Lost and Found Act (S. 1730)*

First introduced in the 114th Congress.⁴¹⁹ Enacted in 2022 through *PL 117-328* - *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.*⁴²⁰

- *Tribal Medical Supplies Stockpile Access Act* (S. 3444) First introduced in the 116th Congress.⁴²¹ Enacted in 2022 through *PL 117-328* - *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.*⁴²²
- Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Safety Act of 2023 (S. 1966) First introduced in the 117th Congress.⁴²³ Enacted in 2023 through FY 2024 NDAA.⁴²⁴
- *Military Housing Readiness Council Act* (S. 2047) First introduced in the 115th Congress.⁴²⁵ Enacted in 2023 through *FY 2024 NDAA*.⁴²⁶

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