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## Government Accountability Office Reports

Below is a list of Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports between November 2017 and November 2018 that were issued solely at the request of Democratic members of Congress.

Rel. Date	Pub. Date	Title	Requestor/s	Issues	Industry
11/05/18	10/05/18	<b>Dam Safety</b> FERC Should Analyze Portfolio-Wide Risks	Reps. Frank Pallone, Bobby Rush, Diana DeGette, Tony Cárdenas, Anna Eshoo, Doris Matsui, Jerry McNerney, Scott Peters, Raul Ruiz	This report examines: 1. how the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) collects information from its dam safety inspections and the extent of its analysis; and 2. how FERC evaluates engineering studies of dam performance to analyze safety, among other objectives.	Construction; Government Contractors
11/05/18	11/05/18	<b>Federal Real Property Asset Management</b> Agencies Could Benefit From Additional Information on Leading Practices	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Tom Carper	This report discusses: 1. key characteristics of an effective asset management framework and how selected federal agencies' frameworks reflect these characteristics; and 2. whether governmentwide asset management guidance and information reflect standards and key characteristics of an effective asset management framework, among other objectives.	Government Contractors
10/26/18	10/11/18	<b>K-12 Education</b> Public High Schools With More Students in Poverty and Smaller Schools Provide Fewer Academic Offerings to Prepare for College	Rep. Bobby Scott	This report examines: 1. the extent to which high schools of different poverty levels offer courses to prepare students academically for college; and 2. describes the challenges students in high-poverty schools face when it comes to being prepared to attend college.	Education
10/24/18	10/09/18	<b>Unaccompanied Children</b> Agency Efforts to Reunify Children Separated From Parents at the Border	Rep. Frank Pallone	This report discusses the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) and Health and Human Services' (HHS): 1. planning efforts related to the attorney general's April 2018 memo; 2. systems for indicating children were separated from parents; and 3. actions to reunify families in response to the June 2018 court order.	Government Contractors

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10/23/18	09/26/18	<p><b>Opioid Crisis</b></p> <p>Status of Public Health Emergency Authorities</p>	Sens. Patty Murray, Tammy Baldwin, Sherrod Brown, Richard Blumenthal, Cory Booker, Bob Casey, Joe Donnelly, Tammy Duckworth, Dianne Feinstein, Kirsten Gillibrand, Maggie Hassan, Tim Kaine, Ed Markey, Bill Nelson, Brian Schatz, Jeanne Shaheen, Debbie Stabenow, Elizabeth Warren, Sheldon Whitehouse	<p>This report reviews the decision to declare a public health emergency for the opioid crisis, and what actions have been taken under the declaration. This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the factors HHS indicated as affecting its decision to declare and renew the public health emergency for the opioid crisis; and</li> <li>2. the public health emergency authorities the federal government has used to address the opioid crisis.</li> </ol>	Pharmaceutical
10/15/18	09/13/18	<p><b>Medicaid</b></p> <p>Access to Health Care for Low-Income Adults in States With and Without Expanded Eligibility</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden	<p>This report describes 2016 national survey estimates of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the number and demographic characteristics for low-income adults who were uninsured in expansion and nonexpansion states;</li> <li>2. unmet medical needs for low-income adults in expansion and nonexpansion states and by insurance status;</li> <li>3. barriers to health care for low-income adults in expansion and nonexpansion states and by insurance status; and</li> <li>4. having a usual place of care and receiving selected health care services for low-income adults in expansion and nonexpansion states and by insurance status.</li> </ol>	Health Care
10/10/18	09/06/18	<p><b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>Additional Federal Information Could Help States Serve Employers and Find Jobs for People With Disabilities</p>	Sen. Patty Murray	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the steps vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies have taken under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to work with employers and place individuals in mainstream employment, and the extent to which the Department of Education has addressed any challenges;</li> <li>2. how VR agencies have coordinated with other workforce programs and the extent federal agencies have addressed any challenges; and</li> <li>3. how federal agencies have measured state VR agencies' efforts to serve employers.</li> </ol>	Education
10/09/18	09/06/18	<p><b>Students With Disabilities</b></p> <p>Additional Information from Education Could Help States Provide Pre-Employment Transition Services</p>	Sen. Patty Murray	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. steps states reported taking to implement pre-employment transition services; and</li> <li>2. implementation challenges states reported and how Education has addressed them.</li> </ol>	Education

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10/01/18	09/21/18	<p><b>Advanced Fossil Energy</b></p> <p>Information on DOE-Provided Funding for Research and Development Projects Started From Fiscal Years 2010 Through 2017</p>	Sen. Joe Manchin	This report describes the Department of Energy's (DOE) funding for advanced fossil energy research and development (R&D) projects started from fiscal years 2010 through 2017 and the types of projects and recipients that received funding, among other objectives. For purposes of this report, GAO used the term "funding" to mean obligations.	Oil and Gas
10/01/18	08/31/18	<p><b>Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services</b></p> <p>Selected States' Program Structures and Challenges Providing Services</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden	For selected states, this report describes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. decisions that influenced the structure of Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) programs; and</li> <li>2. challenges providing HCBS to Medicaid beneficiaries and efforts to respond to these challenges.</li> </ol>	Health Care
10/01/18	08/31/18	<p><b>Postal Retiree Health Benefits</b></p> <p>Unsustainable Finances Need to Be Addressed</p>	Sen. Claire McCaskill	This report examines: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the financial outlook for the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund; and</li> <li>2. policy approaches for postal retiree health benefits, among other topics.</li> </ol>	Health Care
09/28/18	08/29/18	<p><b>Rural Hospital Closures</b></p> <p>Number and Characteristics of Affected Hospitals and Contributing Factors</p>	Sen. Claire McCaskill; Rep. Tim Walz	This report describes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how HHS supports and monitors rural hospitals' financial viability and rural residents' access to hospital services; and</li> <li>2. the number and characteristics of rural hospitals that have closed in recent years and what is known about the factors that have contributed to those closures.</li> </ol>	Health Care
09/28/18	09/28/18	<p><b>U.S. Postal Service</b></p> <p>Enhancing Procedures Could Improve Product Scanning</p>	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Heidi Heitkamp	This report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. describes the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) scanning performance; and</li> <li>2. examines how USPS ensures accurate scanning.</li> </ol>	Government Contractors
09/28/18	09/28/18	<p><b>Veterans Choice Program</b></p> <p>Further Improvements Needed to Help Ensure Timely Payments to Community Providers</p>	Sen. Jon Tester	This report examines, among other things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the length of time third-party administrators (TPAs) have taken to pay community providers' claims and factors affecting timeliness of payments; and</li> <li>2. actions taken by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the TPAs to reduce the length of time TPAs take to pay community providers for Choice Program claims.</li> </ol>	Government Contractors

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09/27/18	09/05/18	<p><b>Public Service Loan Forgiveness</b></p> <p>Education Needs to Provide Better Information for the Loan Servicer and Borrowers</p>	Reps. Bobby Scott, Susan Davis	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the number of borrowers pursuing Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and the extent to which Education has conducted outreach to increase borrower awareness of program eligibility requirements; and</li> <li>2. the extent to which Education has provided key information to the PSLF servicer and borrowers.</li> </ol>	Education
09/18/18	09/18/18	<p><b>Private School Choice</b></p> <p>Requirements for Students and Donors Participating in State Tax Credit Scholarship Programs</p>	Sens. Patty Murray, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. state tax credit scholarship (TCS) programs' policies regarding student eligibility and scholarship awards; and</li> <li>2. how donating to a TCS program could affect the amount of state and federal taxes owed by donors.</li> </ol>	Education
09/14/18	08/15/18	<p><b>Federal Timber Sales</b></p> <p>Forest Service and BLM Should Review Their Regulations and Policies Related to Timber Export and Substitution</p>	Rep. Peter DeFazio	<p>This report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. describes the extent to which the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) identified violations of the timber export and substitution ban that occurred from 2007 through 2017 and the likelihood of violations; and</li> <li>2. examines the agencies' regulations, policies and practices to help prevent, detect and respond to illegal timber export and substitution.</li> </ol>	Forestry
09/10/18	09/10/18	<p><b>Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority</b></p> <p>Assessing Fiscal Risks and Improving Workforce Management Would Help Achieve Strategic Goals</p>	Reps. Steny Hoyer, Gerry Connolly, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Don Beyer, Anthony Brown, John Delaney, Jamie Raskin, John Sarbanes; Sens. Ben Cardin, Tim Kaine, Chris Van Hollen, Mark Warner	<p>This report examines, among other things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) workforce costs have changed from fiscal years 2006 through 2017 and factors contributing to those changes; and</li> <li>2. how WMATA has designed and implemented its employee performance management systems.</li> </ol>	Transportation
09/05/18	09/05/18	<p><b>Law Enforcement</b></p> <p>Few Individuals Denied Firearms Purchases Are Prosecuted and ATF Should Assess Use of Warning Notices in Lieu of Prosecutions</p>	Rep. José Serrano	<p>This report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. describes the extent to which federal and selected state law enforcement agencies investigate and prosecute firearms denial cases;</li> <li>2. examines related challenges faced by these agencies; and</li> <li>3. describes the circumstances that lead to investigations and prosecutions.</li> </ol>	Firearms

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09/05/18	09/05/18	<p><b>Managing For Results</b></p> <p>Government-Wide Actions Needed to Improve Agencies' Use of Performance Information in Decision Making</p>	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Gary Peters, Tom Carper, Heidi Heitkamp; Rep. Elijah Cummings	<p>This report assesses, among other things, the extent to which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 agencies' reported use of performance information and related leading practices has changed since 2013; and</li> <li>the executive branch has taken actions to enhance the use of performance information.</li> </ol>	Government Contractors
08/27/18	07/26/18	<p><b>2020 Census</b></p> <p>Actions Needed to Address Challenges to Enumerating Hard-to-Count Groups</p>	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Gary Peters; Rep. Elijah Cummings	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Census Bureau's plans for improving the enumeration of the hard-to-count in 2020, and how that compares with its effort for 2010; and</li> <li>the challenges, if any, the bureau faces in improving the enumeration of the hard-to-count in 2020.</li> </ol>	Nonprofit Organizations
08/27/18	07/26/18	<p><b>Federal Student Loans</b></p> <p>Further Actions Needed to Implement Recommendations on Oversight of Loan Servicers</p>	Reps. Bobby Scott, Sanford Bishop, Emanuel Cleaver	<p>This report examines the Department of Education's reliance on contracted loan servicers to help manage its outstanding federal student loans as well as the department's implementation of recommendations related to weaknesses with its oversight of such servicers previously identified by the GAO.</p>	Student Loan Servicers
08/23/18	08/09/18	<p><b>Consumer Protection</b></p> <p>Gender-Related Price Differences for Goods and Services</p>	Sen. Bob Casey; Rep. Carolyn Maloney	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how prices compared for selected categories of consumer goods are differentiated for men and women, and potential reasons for any significant price differences;</li> <li>what is known about the extent to which men and women may pay different prices in, or experience different levels of access to, markets for credit and goods and services that are not differentiated based on gender;</li> <li>the extent to which federal agencies have identified and taken steps to address any concerns about gender-related price differences; and</li> <li>state and local government efforts to address concerns about gender-related price differences.</li> </ol>	Consumer Products; Banks and Lenders
08/23/18	07/24/18	<p><b>Health Insurance Exchanges</b></p> <p>HHS Should Enhance Its Management of Open Enrollment Performance</p>	Sens. Bob Casey, Patty Murray, Ron Wyden; Rep. Frank Pallone	<p>This report addresses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 open enrollment outcomes and any factors that may have affected these outcomes;</li> <li>HHS' outreach efforts for 2018; and</li> <li>HHS' 2018 enrollment goals. GAO reviewed HHS documents and data on 2018 open enrollment results and outreach.</li> </ol>	Health Care

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07/31/18	07/31/18	<p><b>Federal Tax Withholding</b></p> <p>Treasury and IRS Should Document the Roles and Responsibilities for Updating Annual Withholding Tables</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden; Rep. Richard Neal	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of the Treasury's and the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) processes for developing federal tax withholding tables; and</li> <li>2. the outreach Treasury and IRS conducted on withholding and how they assessed the effectiveness of that outreach.</li> </ol>	Tax
07/26/18	07/26/18	<p><b>Medicaid Managed Care</b></p> <p>Improvements Needed to Better Oversee Payment Risks</p>	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Tom Carper	<p>This report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identifies payment risks;</li> <li>2. identifies any challenges to state oversight and strategies to address them; and</li> <li>3. assesses Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services efforts to help states address payment risks and oversight challenges.</li> </ol>	Health Care
07/17/18	07/17/18	<p><b>Federal Advertising</b></p> <p>Contracting With Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Those Owned by Minorities and Women Has Increased in Recent Years</p>	Sens. Chuck Schumer, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Mazie Hirono, Bob Menendez; Reps. Karen Bass, Joyce Beatty, G. K. Butterfield, André Carson, Yvette Clarke, Wm. Lacy Clay, Emanuel Cleaver, James Clyburn, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Danny Davis, Keith Ellison, Marcia Fudge, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Hakeem Jeffries, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Hank Johnson, Robin Kelly, Barbara Lee, Sheila Jackson Lee, John Lewis, Gregory Meeks, Gwen Moore, Donald Payne, Cedric Richmond, Bobby Rush, Bobby Scott, Bennie Thompson, Maxine Waters, Frederica Wilson	<p>This report discusses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the amount federal agencies have obligated toward advertising contracts over the most recent five fiscal years (2013 through 2017) and the amount going to small disadvantaged businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women; and</li> <li>2. the agencies that have directed the most advertising contract obligations to these businesses and how this has changed over time.</li> </ol>	Advertising; Small Businesses
07/17/18	07/17/18	<p><b>Federal Student Aid</b></p> <p>Education's Post-secondary School Certification Process</p>	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Tom Carper	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how Education certifies schools to administer federal student aid and how frequently schools are approved and denied certification; and</li> <li>2. the role of compliance audits in the certification process and what, if any, steps Education has taken to address the quality of the audit information.</li> </ol>	Education; Finance

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07/17/18	07/05/18	<b>K-12 Education</b> Lead Testing of School Drinking Water Would Benefit From Improved Federal Guidance	Sens. Patty Murray, Brian Schatz; Reps. Frank Pallone, Paul Tonko, Rosa DeLauro, Mike Quigley	This report examines the extent to which: 1. school districts are testing for, finding and remediating lead in drinking water; 2. states are supporting these efforts; and 3. federal agencies are supporting state and school district efforts.	Education
07/16/18	07/15/18	<b>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act</b> States and Local Areas Report Progress in Meeting Youth Program Requirements	Sen. Patty Murray	This report examines: 1. what is known about states' and local areas' progress in meeting WIOA spending requirements for serving out-of-school youth and for providing youth with work experiences; 2. how local areas are addressing WIOA's emphasis on serving out-of-school youth and any challenges; and 3. how local areas are addressing WIOA's emphasis on youth work experiences and any challenges.	Government Contractors
07/13/18	07/13/18	<b>Government Reorganization</b> Key Questions to Assess Agency Reform Efforts	Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, Gary Peters; Reps. Elijah Cummings, Gerry Connolly	This report identifies the key questions that Congress, Office of Management and Budget, and agencies can use to assess the development and implementation of agency reforms.	Government Contractors
07/12/18	06/12/18	<b>Border Security and Immigration</b> Initial Executive Order Actions and Resource Implications	Sens. Dianne Feinstein, Dick Durbin, Gary Peters, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Blumenthal, Cory Booker, Maria Cantwell, Tammy Duckworth, Kirsten Gillibrand, Ed Markey, Jeffrey A. Merkley, Christopher S. Murphy, Brian Schatz, Chris Van Hollen, Elizabeth Warren, Ron Wyden	This report addresses: 1. actions DHS, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and State Department have taken, or plan to take, to implement provisions of the executive orders; and 2. resources to implement provisions of the executive orders, particularly funds DHS, DOJ and State have obligated, expended or shifted.	Government Contractors
06/28/18	06/28/18	<b>U.S. Postal Service</b> Projected Capital Spending and Processes for Addressing Uncertainties and Risks	Sens. Claire McCaskill, Tom Carper	This report: 1. describes USPS' projected capital spending over the next 10 years and 2. assesses whether USPS' processes support its ability to address uncertainties and risks that affect its capital spending.	Shipping Companies
06/19/18	06/04/18	<b>Oil and Gas Lease Management</b> BLM Could Improve Oversight of Lease Suspensions With Better Data and Monitoring Procedures	Reps. Raul Grijalva, Alan Lowenthal, Jared Polis	This report examines: 1. the extent of and reasons for such suspensions; and 2. the approach BLM uses to monitor the status of lease suspensions.	Energy Companies

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06/14/18	05/15/18	<p><b>Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Opportunities Exist to Enhance Federal Agency Needs Assessment and Coordination on Tribal Projects</p>	Reps. Frank Pallone, Paul Tonko, Jared Huffman, Grace Napolitano	<p>This report examines the extent to which selected federal agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identified tribes' drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs; and</li> <li>2. funded tribal water infrastructure projects, including tribes' most severe sanitation deficiencies.</li> </ol>	Water Utilities
06/05/18	05/16/18	<p><b>Oil and Gas Wells</b></p> <p>Bureau of Land Management Needs to Improve Its Data and Oversight of Its Potential Liabilities</p>	Reps. Raul Grijalva, Alan Lowenthal, Jared Polis	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how BLM's actual costs and potential oil and gas well liabilities have changed for fiscal years 2010 through 2017; and</li> <li>2. the extent to which BLM has implemented its well and bond review policies.</li> </ol>	Energy Companies
06/04/18	06/04/18	<p><b>Central States Pension Fund</b></p> <p>Investment Policy Decisions and Challenges Facing the Plan</p>	<p>Sens. Sherrod Brown, Tammy Baldwin, Joe Donnelly, Tammy Duckworth, Dick Durbin, Heidi Heitkamp, Amy Klobuchar, Claire McCaskill, Gary Peters, Debbie Stabenow;</p> <p>Reps. Jerry Nadler, Alma Adams, Joyce Beatty, Sanford Bishop, Cheri Bustos, Michael Capuano, André Carson, Wm. Lacy Clay, Emanuel Cleaver, Steve Cohen, Jim Costa, Danny Davis, Debbie Dingell, Marcia Fudge, Ruben Gallego, Gene Green, Brian Higgins, Marcy Kaptur, Daniel Kildee, Ron Kind, Brenda Lawrence, Ted Lieu, David Loebsack, Stephen Lynch, Betty McCollum, Jim McGovern, Gwen Moore, Grace Napolitano, Rick Nolan, Collin Peterson, Mark Pocan, Mike Quigley, Cedric Richmond, Tim Ryan, Jan Schakowsky, Adam Smith, Pete Visclosky, John Yarmuth</p>	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. what is known about the factors that contributed to Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund's (CSPF) critical financial condition;</li> <li>2. what has been CSPF's investment policy — and the process for setting and executing it — since the consent decree was established; and</li> <li>3. how CSPF's investments have performed over time, particularly compared to similar pension plans.</li> </ol>	Financial Sector



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05/31/18	05/30/18	<p><b>2016 Presidential Campaign</b></p> <p>Actions Needed to Address U.S. Secret Service Overpayments for Travel Costs</p>	Rep. Bennie Thompson	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how much the Secret Service incurred in travel-related expenses; and</li> <li>2. the extent to which travel-related payments and reimbursements were made in accordance with laws, regulations and policies.</li> </ol>	Travel
05/22/18	05/22/18	<p><b>Retirement Plan Investing</b></p> <p>Clearer Information on Consideration of Environmental, Social and Governance Factors Would Be Helpful</p>	Sen. Brian Schatz; Reps. Gerry Connolly, Jim Langevin	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the use of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors by U.S. retirement plans;</li> <li>2. the use of ESG factors by selected retirement plans in other countries; and</li> <li>3. Department of Labor's (DOL) guidance on the use of ESG factors by private sector U.S. retirement plans.</li> </ol>	Financial
05/10/18	04/03/18	<p><b>Department of Health and Human Services</b></p> <p>Office of Inspector General's Use of Agreements to Protect the Integrity of Federal Health Care Programs</p>	Sens. Ron Wyden, Claire McCaskill	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the number of agreements and their general characteristics;</li> <li>2. the circumstances that may lead to an agreement and the standard provisions of agreements; and</li> <li>3. monitoring efforts and actions taken, if any, in response to noncompliance with the agreements.</li> </ol>	Health Care
05/09/18	04/23/18	<p><b>Combating Wildlife Trafficking</b></p> <p>Opportunities Exist to Improve the Use of Financial Rewards</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. laws that authorize Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to pay rewards for information on wildlife trafficking and the extent to which the agencies paid such rewards from fiscal years 2007 through 2017;</li> <li>2. the agencies' reward policies;</li> <li>3. information available to the public on rewards; and</li> <li>4. the extent to which the agencies reviewed the effectiveness of their use of rewards.</li> </ol>	Wildlife
04/26/18	04/26/18	<p><b>Federal Student Loans</b></p> <p>Actions Needed to Improve Oversight of Schools' Default Rates</p>	Reps. Rosa DeLauro, Mark Takano	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how schools work with borrowers to manage default rates and how these strategies affect borrowers and schools' accountability for defaults; and</li> <li>2. the extent to which Education oversees the strategies schools and their default management consultants use to manage schools' default rates.</li> </ol>	Colleges and Universities; Student Loan Servicers

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04/26/18	04/26/18	<b>Older Adult Housing</b> Future Collaborations on Housing and Health Services Should Include Relevant Agencies and Define Outcomes	Rep. Maxine Waters	This report assesses the extent to which the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HHS and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) collaborated to address the housing and health service needs of older adults living in federally assisted housing.	Housing
04/18/18	03/19/18	<b>Food Safety</b> USDA Should Take Further Action to Reduce Pathogens in Meat and Poultry Products	Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Dianne Feinstein, Dick Durbin	This report examines: 1. the extent to which USDA has developed standards for meat and poultry products; and 2. any additional steps USDA has taken to address challenges GAO identified in 2014.	Food and Beverage; Livestock Farmers
04/16/18	03/16/18	<b>Food Safety</b> Federal Efforts to Manage the Risk of Arsenic in Rice	Rep. Rosa DeLauro	This report examines: 1. what the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and recent key scientific reviews have reported about the effects of ingestion of arsenic on human health; 2. the extent to which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and USDA have managed the risk to human health from arsenic in rice; and 3. the extent to which FDA has coordinated with USDA and other federal agencies on actions to manage the risk.	Food and Beverage
04/11/18	04/11/18	<b>Elections</b> Observations on Voting Equipment Use and Replacement	Reps. Elijah Cummings, Tammy Duckworth, Joaquin Castro, Danny Davis, Marcia Fudge, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Hank Johnson, Robin Kelly, John Lewis	This report addresses: 1. the types of voting equipment jurisdictions used for the 2016 general election and their perspectives on the equipment; 2. factors considered when deciding whether to replace equipment and replacement approaches in selected jurisdictions; and 3. stakeholder perspectives on how federal voting system guidelines affect replacing and developing equipment.	Voting Equipment Companies
04/09/18	03/08/18	<b>NASA Contractor Whistleblowers</b> Steps Taken to Implement Program but Improvements to Timeliness and Guidance Needed	Sen. Claire McCaskill	This report examines the extent to which: 1. NASA Office of Inspector General investigated contractor and grantee whistleblower reprisal complaints; 2. NASA's administrator reviewed reprisal complaints in a timely manner; and 3. NASA communicated the applicable whistleblower reprisal protections to contractors.	Government Contractors

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04/05/18	03/06/18	<p><b>Coal Mine Reclamation</b></p> <p>Federal and State Agencies Face Challenges in Managing Billions in Financial Assurances</p>	Sens. Maria Cantwell, Dick Durbin; Reps. Raul Grijalva, Alan Lowenthal, Matt Cartwright, Debbie Dingell	This report describes the amounts and types of financial assurances held for coal mine reclamation in 2017 and the challenges that the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and state agencies face in managing these financial assurances.	Mining
04/04/18	03/22/18	<p><b>K-12 Education</b></p> <p>Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys and Students With Disabilities</p>	Reps. Bobby Scott, Jerry Nadler	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. patterns in disciplinary actions among public schools;</li> <li>2. challenges selected school districts reported with student behavior and how they are approaching school discipline; and</li> <li>3. actions Education and DOJ have taken to identify and address disparities or discrimination in school discipline.</li> </ol>	K-12 Education
03/22/18	02/20/18	<p><b>Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrants</b></p> <p>More Information on Their Resettlement Outcomes Would Be Beneficial</p>	Reps. Jerry Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, Earl Blumenauer, Doris Matsui, Seth Moulton	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. available data on special immigrant visa holders' employment and other outcomes;</li> <li>2. challenges affecting their resettlement; and</li> <li>3. federal efforts to help address challenges.</li> </ol>	Government Contractors
03/22/18	02/20/18	<p><b>Climate-Related Risks</b></p> <p>SEC Has Taken Steps to Clarify Disclosure Requirements</p>	Sens. Dick Durbin, Dianne Feinstein, Ed Markey, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse; Reps. Matt Cartwright, Lloyd Doggett, Ted Lieu, Alan Lowenthal, Mark Pocan, Paul Tonko	<p>This report reviews:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. steps Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has taken to clarify to companies their disclosure requirements for climate-related risks;</li> <li>2. steps SEC has taken to examine changes companies may have made to their climate-related disclosures since the release of its 2010 guidance; and</li> <li>3. constraints SEC faces when reviewing climate-related disclosures and stakeholders' views of those disclosures.</li> </ol>	Publicly Listed Companies
03/22/18	02/20/18	<p><b>Rental Assistance Demonstration</b></p> <p>HUD Needs to Take Action to Improve Metrics and Ongoing Oversight</p>	Rep. Maxine Waters	<p>This report addresses, among other objectives, HUD's:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. assessment of conversion outcomes;</li> <li>2. oversight of resident safeguards; and</li> <li>3. provisions to help preserve the long-term affordability of units.</li> </ol>	Housing

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03/16/18	02/14/18	<p><b>Community Reinvestment Act</b></p> <p>Options for Treasury to Consider to Encourage Services and Small-Dollar Loans When Reviewing Framework</p>	Sen. Elizabeth Warren; Rep. Elijah Cummings	This report assesses financial institutions' provision of basic banking services and small-dollar, nonmortgage consumer loans in low- and moderate-income communities, including how regulators evaluate their performance.	Banking; Finance
03/15/18	03/15/18	<p><b>Commercial Real Estate Lending</b></p> <p>Banks Potentially Face Increased Risk; Regulators Generally Are Assessing Banks' Risk Management Practices</p>	Sen. Elizabeth Warren	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trends in the commercial real estate (CRE) lending market, including changes in risk; and</li> <li>actions taken by regulators to help ensure that banks with CRE concentrations are effectively managing the related risks.</li> </ol>	Banking; Finance
03/05/18	01/31/18	<p><b>Workplace Retirement Accounts</b></p> <p>Better Guidance and Information Could Help Plan Participants at Home and Abroad Manage Their Retirement Savings</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden	<p>This report examines key challenges U.S. participants face with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unclaimed retirement accounts in the U.S.; and</li> <li>complying with U.S. tax reporting requirements on their foreign retirement savings. GAO reviewed relevant federal laws and regulations, and reviewed selected tax treaties.</li> </ol>	Finance; Tax
02/28/18	02/28/18	<p><b>Department of Energy</b></p> <p>New Process to Review Financial Assistance for Research Projects Created Uncertainty</p>	Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how DOE implemented the financial assistance review process; and</li> <li>the perspectives of Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) selectees on the impacts of the review process.</li> </ol>	Energy Companies
02/23/18	01/31/18	<p><b>Next Generation 911</b></p> <p>National 911 Program Could Strengthen Efforts to Assist States</p>	Reps. Mike Doyle, Anna Eshoo, Norma Torres	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>state and local progress and challenges in implementing the National 911 Program; and</li> <li>federal actions to address challenges and planned next steps.</li> </ol>	Telecommunications; Government Contractors
02/15/18	01/25/18	<p><b>Rental Housing</b></p> <p>Improvements Needed to Better Monitor the Moving to Work Demonstration, Including Effects on Tenants</p>	Rep. Maxine Waters	This report examines HUD oversight of Moving to Work agencies, including its monitoring of demonstration effects on tenants.	Housing

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02/08/18	01/19/18	<b>Substance-Affected Infants</b> Additional Guidance Would Help States Better Implement Protections for Children	Sen. Bob Casey	This report examines: 1. the extent to which states have adopted policies and procedures to notify child protective services of substance-affected infants; 2. state efforts to develop plans of safe care and associated challenges; and 3. steps HHS has taken to help states implement the provisions.	Health Care
02/08/18	02/08/18	<b>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act</b> Federal Agencies' Collaboration Generally Reflected Leading Practices, but Could Be Enhanced	Sen. Patty Murray	This report examines the extent to which federal agencies' efforts to implement certain WIOA requirements have aligned with leading collaboration practices.	Government Contractors
01/23/18	12/22/17	<b>Higher Education</b> Expert Views of U.S. Accreditation	Rep. Rosa DeLauro; Sens. Dick Durbin, Brian Schatz	This report examines: 1. the strengths and challenges of the current U.S. accreditation system in overseeing the academic quality of schools; and 2. potential approaches for improving the U.S. accreditation system's oversight of academic quality.	Higher Education
01/17/18	12/18/17	<b>Medicare Part B</b> Medicare Represented at Least Half of the Market for 22 of the 84 Most Expensive Drugs in 2015	Rep. John Yarmuth; Sen. Chris Van Hollen	This report describes Medicare's market share for high-expenditure Part B drugs paid based on average sales price and the characteristics of those drugs.	Pharmaceutical
01/10/18	01/10/18	<b>Nuclear Security</b> CBP Needs to Take Action to Ensure Imported Radiological Material Is Properly Licensed	Rep. Bennie Thompson	This report examines: 1. the extent to which Customs and Border Protection follows its policies and procedures; and 2. the effectiveness of these policies and procedures.	Airports and Government Contractors
01/09/18	12/12/17	<b>Telecommunications</b> FCC Should Improve Monitoring of Industry Efforts to Strengthen Wireless Network Resiliency	Rep. Frank Pallone	This report examines: 1. trends in mobile wireless outages reported to the Federal Communications Commission since 2009; and 2. actions federal agencies and industry have taken since 2013 (after Hurricane Sandy) to improve wireless network resiliency, among other objectives.	Telecommunications

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12/22/17	11/22/17	<p><b>Natural Gas Storage</b></p> <p>Department of Transportation Could Take Additional Steps to Improve Safety Enforcement Planning</p>	Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Suzanne Bonamici, Don Beyer, Marc Veasey	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) efforts to implement the requirement to issue minimum safety standards for natural gas storage sites; and</li> <li>2. the extent to which PHMSA has planned strategically to enforce its safety standards for these sites.</li> </ol>	Natural Gas
12/21/17	12/21/17	<p><b>Internet Firearm Sales</b></p> <p>ATF Enforcement Efforts and Outcomes of GAO Covert Testing</p>	Rep. Elijah Cummings; Sens. Brian Schatz, Elizabeth Warren	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. techniques the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives uses to investigate and enforce generally applicable firearm laws in instances where the firearm or firearm-component transaction is facilitated by the internet; and</li> <li>2. results of GAO's undercover attempts to buy firearms on the dark web and surface web.</li> </ol>	Firearms
12/21/17	12/21/17	<p><b>Transportation Security Administration</b></p> <p>After Oversight Lapses, Compliance With Policy Governing Special Authority Has Been Strengthened</p>	Sen. Claire McCaskill	<p>This report addresses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. the extent and purposes of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) use of other transaction agreements (OTAs); and</li> <li>4. how TSA ensures prices are reasonable and how it oversees OTAs.</li> </ol>	Government Contractors
12/19/17	11/17/17	<p><b>Drug Industry</b></p> <p>Profits, Research and Development Spending, and Merger and Acquisition Deals</p>	Rep. Elijah Cummings; Sen. Bernie Sanders	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how the financial performance and structure of the industry have changed over time;</li> <li>2. how reported R&amp;D spending and new drug approvals have changed; and</li> <li>3. what is known about the potential effects of consolidation on drug prices and new drug development.</li> </ol>	Pharmaceutical
12/18/17	11/16/17	<p><b>Sales Taxes</b></p> <p>States Could Gain Revenue From Expanded Authority, but Businesses Are Likely to Experience Compliance Costs</p>	Sens. Ron Wyden, Jeanne Shaheen	<p>This report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. estimates revenue states and localities could gain by being able to require businesses to collect taxes on all remote sales; and</li> <li>2. describes what is known about the related compliance costs and challenges to businesses, and administrative costs and challenges to states.</li> </ol>	Businesses That Collect Sales Tax

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12/13/17	11/13/17	<p><b>Climate Change Adaptation</b></p> <p>DOD Needs to Better Incorporate Adaptation Into Planning and Collaboration at Overseas Installations</p>	Sens. Jack Reed, Bernie Sanders, Ben Cardin, Tim Kaine, Dick Durbin, Brian Schatz	<p>This report examines the extent to which the Department of Defense:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identified operational and budgetary risks posed by weather effects associated with climate change on overseas infrastructure;</li> <li>2. collected data to effectively manage risks to infrastructure;</li> <li>3. integrated climate change adaptation into planning and design efforts; and</li> <li>4. collaborated with host nations on adapting infrastructure and sharing costs.</li> </ol>	Defense
12/08/17	11/08/17	<p><b>Financial Services Industry</b></p> <p>Trends in Management Representation of Minorities and Women and Diversity Practices, 2007-2015</p>	Sen. Sherrod Brown; Reps. Maxine Waters, Al Green	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. trends in management-level diversity in the financial services industry from 2007 through 2015;</li> <li>2. trends in diversity among potential talent pools; and</li> <li>3. challenges financial services firms identified in trying to increase workforce diversity and practices firms used to address them.</li> </ol>	Financial
12/07/17	11/09/17	<p><b>Workplace Safety and Health</b></p> <p>Better Outreach, Collaboration and Information Needed to Help Protect Workers at Meat and Poultry Plants</p>	Sens. Patty Murray, Bob Casey; Rep. Bobby Scott	<p>This report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. describes the efforts the DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has made to help ensure worker safety and assesses any challenges to these efforts;</li> <li>2. examines how OSHA and the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) have collaborated to ensure worker safety; and</li> <li>3. assesses factors that may affect OSHA and FSIS efforts to protect workers from chemical hazards.</li> </ol>	Meat and Poultry
12/06/17	11/06/17	<p><b>Large Bank Supervision</b></p> <p>Improved Implementation of Federal Reserve Policies Could Help Mitigate Threats to Independence</p>	Reps. Maxine Waters, Al Green	<p>This report discusses the Federal Reserve's policies for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. managing risks of regulatory capture in the Large Institution Supervision Coordinating Committee (LISCC) program using an enterprise risk management approach;</li> <li>2. mitigating threats to supervisory independence for the LISCC program; and</li> <li>3. mitigating conflicts of interest for LISCC supervisory personnel.</li> </ol>	Banking

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11/30/17	11/16/17	<p><b>Diversity in The Technology Sector</b></p> <p>Federal Agencies Could Improve Oversight of Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements</p>	Rep. Bobby Scott	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trends in the gender, racial and ethnic composition of the technology sector workforce; and</li> <li>the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's and the DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs oversight of technology companies' compliance with equal employment and affirmative action requirements.</li> </ol>	Tech
11/30/17	11/16/17	<p><b>Private School Choice</b></p> <p>Federal Actions Needed to Ensure Parents Are Notified About Changes in Rights for Students With Disabilities</p>	Reps. Marcia Fudge, Gwen Moore, Mark Pocan	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>academic, administrative and financial accountability mechanisms in private choice programs;</li> <li>information available to the public and families on private choice programs and participating schools; and</li> <li>how parents of students with disabilities are informed about changes in rights when enrolling in private choice programs.</li> </ol>	Education
11/21/17	11/21/17	<p><b>Agricultural Promotion Programs</b></p> <p>USDA Could Build on Existing Efforts to Further Strengthen Its Oversight</p>	Rep. Nancy Pelosi	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the extent to which the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has addressed previously identified weaknesses in its oversight; and</li> <li>how the effectiveness of the programs has been evaluated and what the results have indicated.</li> </ol>	Agriculture
11/20/17	10/19/17	<p><b>Contingent Workforce</b></p> <p>Size, Characteristics, Compensation and Work Experiences of Adjunct and Other Non-Tenure-Track Faculty</p>	Reps. Bobby Scott, Suzanne Bonamici	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>what is known about the makeup and utilization of the postsecondary instructional workforce;</li> <li>the roles different types of faculty fill at selected institutions and the factors administrators consider when determining faculty makeup;</li> <li>what is known about how economic circumstances compare across different faculty types; and</li> <li>what contingent faculty members report as advantages and disadvantages of their work.</li> </ol>	Education
11/15/17	11/15/17	<p><b>Commercial Aviation</b></p> <p>Pilots' and Flight Attendants' Exposure to Noise Aboard Aircraft</p>	Rep. Peter DeFazio	<p>This report examines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>what is known about aircraft cabin and cockpit noise levels compared with occupational noise exposure standards; and</li> <li>selected airlines' policies on hearing protection for crewmembers.</li> </ol>	Airline



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11/13/17	10/11/17	<p><b>Tobacco Trade</b></p> <p>Duty-Free Cigarettes Sold in Unlimited Quantities on the U.S.-Mexico Border Pose Customs Challenges</p>	Sen. Ron Wyden	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. requirements that govern the lawful sale and export of cigarettes from duty-free stores on the Southwest border and schemes for illicit trade in such cigarettes;</li> <li>2. U.S. agency observations about these exports and efforts to counter illicit trade; and</li> <li>3. the extent to which selected cigarette transaction data submitted by duty-free stores indicate compliance issues.</li> </ol>	Tobacco
11/06/17	10/05/17	<p><b>Faith-Based Grantees</b></p> <p>Few Have Sought Exemptions From Nondiscrimination Laws Related to Religious-Based Hiring</p>	Reps. Bobby Scott, John Conyers, Elijah Cummings	<p>This report describes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. what is known about faith-based grantees that have certified exemption from statutory restrictions on religious-based hiring, per Religious Freedom Restoration Act, since 2007; and</li> <li>2. how agencies inform grantees of statutory restrictions on religious-based hiring and requirements for demonstrating their eligibility for an exemption.</li> </ol>	Faith-Based Organizations
11/06/17	10/05/17	<p><b>Federal Employees Health Benefits Program</b></p> <p>Enrollment Remains Concentrated Despite More Plan Offerings and Effects of Adding Plan Types Are Uncertain</p>	Rep. Elijah Cummings	<p>This report describes, among other things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. how the number of plans and market shares of carriers participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program changed in recent years; and</li> <li>2. what is known about the potential effects of allowing Office of Personnel Management to contract with a greater variety of types of health plans than are currently offered.</li> </ol>	Health Care