

April 10, 2019

House Democratic Caucus  
1420 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jeffries:

We, the twenty-two undersigned organizations, write to renew our request that you publish the current rules for the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives on the Democratic Caucus website.

You received two letters, dated January 31, 2019,<sup>1</sup> and February 7, 2019,<sup>2</sup> from twenty-six organizations requesting online publication of the Democratic Caucus rules. You responded on February 7, 2019: "Thank you for your reasonable request with respect to the publication of the Democratic Caucus rules. We believe in transparency and accountability, and in that spirit, the issue will be presented to the Caucus for consideration in short order."<sup>3</sup>

Two months have now elapsed since your response. The caucus rules still are not available on the Democratic Caucus website.

Just as publication of the rules for the House of Representatives is necessary for government accountability, so too is publication of the caucus rules. Public access empowers understanding of legislative branch activities, provides essential details on how you govern, and exemplifies your commitment to open government. The Democratic Caucus rules do not merely set forth rules of procedure, but embody the values of House Democrats.

We would welcome an update on when the rules will become publicly available. Please contact Daniel Schuman, policy director, Demand Progress Education Fund, at [Daniel@DemandProgress.org](mailto:Daniel@DemandProgress.org) or 240-237-3930.

Sincerely yours,

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| American Civil Liberties Union | Government Accountability Project | R Street Institute         |
| Campaign for Liberty           | Government Information Watch      | RootsAction.org            |
| Center for Responsive Politics | GovTrack.us                       | Social Security Works      |
| Coalition to Reduce Spending   | Issue One                         | Sunlight Foundation        |
| Color Of Change                | Lincoln Network                   | Taxpayers for Common Sense |
| Demand Progress Education Fund | Open the Government               | Transparency               |
| E-PluribusUnum.org             | Our Revolution                    | International-USA          |
|                                | Project On Government Oversight   | X-Lab                      |

cc: Speaker Pelosi  
Majority Leader Hoyer

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<sup>1</sup> [https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Democratic\\_Caucus\\_Rules\\_Letter\\_2019-01-31.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Democratic_Caucus_Rules_Letter_2019-01-31.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Transparency\\_Orgs\\_Urge\\_Dem\\_Caucus\\_to\\_Publish\\_Its\\_Rules\\_2019-02-07.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Transparency_Orgs_Urge_Dem_Caucus_to_Publish_Its_Rules_2019-02-07.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/documents/Letter\\_from\\_Chairman\\_Jeffries\\_2019-02-07.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/documents/Letter_from_Chairman_Jeffries_2019-02-07.pdf)