

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, 2019,¹ and February 7, 2019,² 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."³

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 or 240-237-3930.

Sincerely yours,

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

¹ https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Democratic_Caucus_Rules_Letter_2019-01-31.pdf

² https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/Transparency_Orgs_Urge_Dem_Caucus_to_Publish_Its_Rules_2019-02-07.pdf

³ https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/documents/Letter_from_Chairman_Jeffries_2019-02-07.pdf