CALL TO ACTION JAN 7, 2018

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TO OLYMPIA INDIVISIBLE!

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

2018 is the year we take our Democracy back by regaining a majority in Congress, and for OI that means a special focus on getting out the vote so that we are successful in the November mid-terms. We will be working at the national, state and local levels to make sure that eligible voters are able to register and cast their vote.

The Washington State Legislature convenes this week, in a “short” session that will be focused on funding for schools. Four bills have already been introduced that deserve our support as they make it simpler for eligible state residents to register and to vote. Each of the four get their first hearing in the Legislature this week; this is a great opportunity to learn how to testify (you only get 3 minutes, and they love folks who take less time, so tell a quick story about why these bills are important to you and let them know that you are an OI member) or just go and watch (but be sure to sign in as “Support” of the bill; you don’t have to testify to be counted). The email that describes these four bills and the hearings schedule is on our OI web page, at:


Several of our local legislators are OI members, let’s support their efforts by showing up at the Legislature!

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Be Prepared to Shut Down the Government

Congressional leaders are trying to put together a budget deal to avert a government shutdown January 19th. Now is the time for Democrats to use their leverage and demand action on three critical issues. First, Democrats are demanding protection for DACA recipients and a path to citizenship for them. Second, Democrats are negotiating for a full five years of funding for CHIP, the program that funds health care for nine million children. Third, the situation in Puerto Rico must be addressed more effectively. Half of Puerto Rico is still without power three months after Hurricane Maria. Over 1.5 million people are still without electric power.

Three former Homeland Security officials have urged faster action on DACA. They estimated that Congress would need to pass a bill by January 19th to guarantee enough time for applications to be processed before the March 5th deadline that the Trump administration set. Consequently, Congress
needs to include temporary protection from deportation for the DACA recipients while their paperwork is being reviewed and processed. DACA recipients need a clean Dream Act and timely protection from deportation.

**ACTION:**

Call our Members of Congress:

Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514
Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281
Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636

*Script for Murray and Cantwell:*

My name is ____________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling because I want Senator _________ to insist on legislation to protect DACA recipients as part of the budget resolution. DACA recipients will need temporary protection from deportation while this legislation is being implemented. In addition, I want full funding for CHIP and more aid for Puerto Rico. I am asking the Senator to do everything possible including shutting down the government in order to help Dreamers, children and our citizens in Puerto Rico Thank you.

*Script for Congressman Heck:*

My name is ____________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to ask Congressman Heck to do everything possible, including shutting down the government if necessary, in order to pass legislation that protects DACA recipients. The Dreamers will need temporary protection from deportation while the legislation is being implemented. In addition, I want full funding for CHIP and more aid for Puerto Rico. Thank you.

**No War in Iran**

The Iran nuclear agreement. There are several deadlines (Jan. 11) coming up for Trump to decide whether to sabotage the nuclear deal between Iran, the United States, and five other countries. What he decides will have a major impact not just on Iran, but on the world. Each Member of Congress must commit now that they will vote to save the Iran deal if Trump sends the issue to Congress. They also must commit that they will do everything in their power to block Trump from starting a new war with Iran.

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**Caller:** Hello, My name is ____________ and I’m a member of Olympia Indivisible. I’m very concerned about the Iran deal. Trump foolishly decertified it in October even though Iran is complying and it’s keeping us all safe. If he does that again, or worse, unilaterally re-imposes sanctions and violates the deal, will [MoC] issue a public statement denouncing his actions and urging diplomacy, not war with Iran?
Staffer: Thank you for sharing those concerns. [MoC] is considering [his/her] options right now. [He/she] thinks the deal could be changed slightly and is open to that.

Caller: That's not acceptable. Our international partners tell us the deal is the deal and there will be no renegotiations. Either we are in or we are out, and if we're out, we could go to war with Iran. Will [MoC] make sure this doesn't happen?

Staffer: I hear your concern. [MoC] is also concerned because Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism and commits a lot of human rights abuses. Plus they are hostile to us, our ally Israel, and others.

Caller: This is exactly why we can't let them have a nuclear weapon - which they will, if this deal falls apart. It is crucial for [MoC] to stand up to Trump on this and keep us safe. We can't have another North Korea.

Staffer: I'll certainly relay your concerns to [MoC].

Caller: Yes, please do. I will be watching for [MoC]'s statement urging protection of the deal and no new war with Iran.

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**COMING SOON**

**OLYMPIA WOMEN'S MARCH JANUARY 20TH**

Join your sisters and brothers who will be gathering across the nation for the 2nd Women's March to protest Trump and organize to VOTE IN 2018.

Olympia's March is being organized by Oly Embrace ([www.womensmarcholympia.wordpress.com](http://www.womensmarcholympia.wordpress.com)). The rally, including music, song and speakers, starts at 11:00 on the north steps of the Legislative Building (aka capitol) on the Capitol Campus, with the march through Olympia starting around noon.

Look for the Olympia Indivisible banner and march with your fellow local band of heros!

Don't forget your pussy hat!

[Women+ March On Olympia](http://www.womensmarcholympia.wordpress.com)

Women Move Mountains