CALL TO ACTION – October 22

This week Expose the GOP/Trump Tax Scam and Fight Trump’s Health Care Sabotage - Require Internet Advertisement Disclosures - ACA Open Enrollment - Plus more!

Speak Out and Expose the Coming GOP/Trump Tax Scam

This week the GOP will pave the way to passing their coming Tax Scam when both the Senate and the House pass a budget plan that permits reconciliation. This process will mean that the Senate can pass a Tax Bill with only 50 votes, completely ignoring the wishes of the majority of the country.

In just a few weeks the GOP will try to completely change our tax laws in ways that favor the wealthy and the powerful at a huge cost to our country's future. If you listened to this week’s talk shows, Paul Ryan and the GOP are pretending that the changes are designed to help the middle class, when, in fact, most of the changes will help the wealthy.

In the coming weeks, Olympia Indivisible will be asking you to contact your members of Congress. But this week, we want to rise up and say “NO!” as loudly as we can.

ACTION:
1. Take 20 minutes and write a simple, clear letter taking a stand against Trump’s Tax Scam.
   Here is a sample letter. Feel free to personalize it or create your own. Our talking points:
   -The Trump Tax Scam primarily benefits the wealthy and corporations.
   -Trickle Down Economics Never Work.
   -These tax cuts are risky and will plunge our country into deeper debt.

Dear Friends,

I feel compelled to write and speak out against what is about to happen in our country. The GOP is trying to change our tax laws in ways that will primarily favor the wealthy and corporations. Make no mistake about it, they will claim that somehow this will “create jobs” but history has shown time and again that this is not what really happens.

Taxes are how we pay our bills. When we all pay our fair share, our country grows stronger. Instead, the GOP wants to give special benefits to the wealthy while gambling that this will somehow trickle down to the rest of the country.

The GOP tax plan is NOT A MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT! More than 80% of the proposed tax cuts will go to the wealthiest 1% of Americans.

How will Congress pay for these tax breaks? By cutting safety net programs like Medicaid, by reducing the tax deductions middle class Americans currently have, and by taking out huge treasury loans that will be paid for by our grandchildren.
Will you join me in saying NO to the coming Trump Tax Scam? Call your members of congress, write your friends, and speak out before it is too late!

2. Share and Publish your letter. Do as many of these as you want!
- Email your letter to 10 friends and ask them to forward your letter to 10 of their friends.
- Send your letter to a newspaper to be published as a Letter to the Editor (see resources)
- Post your letter on Facebook. Share it with your friends. Take a stand and tell the world how you feel about this!
- Publish your letter on our member’s only Facebook page so we can be inspired by you!

Resources:
Submit your letter to any or all of these District 10 papers. Our Members of Congress pay attention to what is published! Be sure to personally sign your letter rather than submit it as a member of Olympia Indivisible. This will help each letter be published separately.

- The Olympian: theolympian.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/
- The Tacoma News Tribune: thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/
- The Puyallup Herald: thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/

**SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY**

### Require Internet Advertisement Disclosures

You want to know who is buying online political ads for the internet, just like you do for TV and radio. Congressmen Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6) and Mike Coffman (R-CO-6) introduced HR 4077 (Honest Ads Act) on October 19, 2017. Senators John McCain (R-AZ), along with Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Mark Warner (D-VA), have introduced a similar bill in the Senate that would require Facebook, Google and other internet companies to disclose to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) election commission who is buying online political advertising. This follows the revelation that Russian-linked operatives purchased deceptive ads on Facebook and Google prior to the 2016 election.

- **NYT - Senators Demand Online Ad Disclosures as Tech Lobby Mobilizes**

**ACTION:** Call our MoCs and ask them to co-sponsor HR 4077 (Heck) or the Senate Honest Ads Bill (Murray and Cantwell).

### Win Control of the Washington State Legislature

Ballots have been sent out! Manka Dhingra (D) is running in the 45th Legislative District race, which could flip the state senate from Republican to Democrat on Nov. 7, 2017. While we are not a partisan organization, we definitely want to get the most progressive government we can. We can phone call for her or otherwise help right here from Thurston County. We can win this Nov. 7!

**ACTION:** Go to https://act.myngp.com/Forms/1694571643540081152 and sign up to call voters or contact the campaign at Lainie@electmanka.com

**SAVE THE ACA**

### Spread The Word - ACA Open Enrollment
Open Enrollment for health insurance begins on November 1, 2017. Open Enrollment is the period when people can shop for insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces, and either renew their old plan or sign up for a new one. For most states, the Trump administration has chosen December 15, 2017 as the final day of Open Enrollment—cutting the length of time people have to shop for insurance in half compared to previous years. Washington state has extended its Open Enrollment period to January 15, 2018, however, the deadline for coverage beginning January 1, 2018 is still December 15, 2017.

- Open Enrollment is the only time in the year when people can sign up for health insurance if they don’t get coverage through their employer or a government plan. Open enrollment discourages people from waiting until they get sick to get covered. For most people, if they miss this period, they will be without health insurance in 2018.
- Trump has sought to undermine this year’s ACA Open Enrollment period in a number of ways.
  - His administration shortened Open Enrollment from 3 months last year to only 45 days this year.
  - He decimated the government’s outreach efforts by slashing the advertising budget for Open Enrollment by 90%, and shrinking the budget for navigators—who help people enroll in coverage—by 40%.
  - The Department of Health and Human Services, which is responsible for ACA outreach, broke its commitment to partner with nonprofit organizations on enrollment events.
- Thanks to Trump's sabotage, plus Congress's endless attempts to repeal health coverage, many people may either not know about their health care options or just assume the ACA is gone now.
- Spreading the word about Open Enrollment is the best way we can resist Trump’s dangerous sabotage agenda. That’s why we’re releasing this and other resources: to ensure that Indivisible groups across the country have the knowledge and tools to get people in their community enrolled in coverage. The more people who enroll in ACA coverage this year, the harder it will be to repeal the ACA in the future.

**ACTION:**
- Spread the word in every way you can – Facebook, Twitter, email your friends, public forums, etc. Washingtonians can find additional information about healthcare plans at: [WA Health Plan Finder](https://www.healthcare.gov)
- You can also find a Navigator who, at no additional cost, can help you find, compare and select a health plan at the following page of the WA Health Plan Finder: [Find a Navigator](https://www.healthcare.gov)
- If you haven’t done so already, give thanks to Senator Murray for her unrelenting efforts to reach a bipartisan bill to allow affordable and continued healthcare coverage for millions of Americans.

**Script:** Need healthcare insurance? Sign up for the Affordable Health Care Act insurance before December 15. [https://www.healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)

**Bonus:** WA State Indivisible (WAPolitics.org) has podcast #36 featuring a conversation with Senator Patty Murray's communication director, Eli Zupnick, all about the bipartisan bill the senator has introduced with Tennessee Republican Lamar Alexander to continue ACA subsidies to the insurance market (following Drumpf's executive order to end them). Zupnick explains the particulars of the bill, and how it might affect those who rely on the exchange here in WA state. All that, plus our call to action and dose of good news. Check it out at: [WA State Indivisible Podcast #36](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EckQ1UzsyY4)

**KUDOS**
Thank you to Sen. Murray for leading 42 other Democrats in introducing legislation to block Trump’s rollback of the Obama-era birth control guarantee: The Protect Access to Birth Control Act. Give her a call!

**POSITIVE MEDIA!**
Are you tired of all the negative news? Here is something positive! Sara Silverman had a new show *I Love America* on Hulu where she goes to the homes of Trump voters to look for common ground with her fellow Americans. It will warm your heart. Please know Ms. Silverman is an adult comic and may not be to everyone’s taste. You can see a clip here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EckQ1UzsyY4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EckQ1UzsyY4)
Read This Week’s Research Report and find other important actions to take this week. Topics include:

- No War with Iran (Page 6)
- Trump Continues His Attack on Immigrants – Defend DACA (Page 7)
- Congress Needs to Reauthorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program (Page 8)
- Support Those Impacted by Wildfires in Northern California (Page 9)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE TOPICS IN THIS WEEK’S FABULOUS RESEARCH REPORT: http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/archives.html

COMING SOON

Oct. 27 Friday (6-8 pm)
Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
Bring your ideas for making America better! Three Magnets Brewery 600 Franklin St. Olympia.