CALL TO ACTION – November 26

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Join Our Protest Rally in Olympia MONDAY!
Outraged at the revolting Republican tax bill that may pass the Senate this week? Indivisible chapters and other resistance groups across the country will protest this Monday.

**ACTION:** Join our Protest Rally in Olympia!
**Monday, November 27 12:00 noon** (be there by 11:50!)
Insurance Building, Capitol Campus (next to Winged Victory statue)
We'll only rally for about 30 minutes while photos are taken.
Weather forecast is clear.
**The Olympian will cover our rally!**

Bring a sign, or just come and hold one.
WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE THIS AS BIG A TURNOUT AS POSSIBLE - PLEASE COME!

Stop the GOP Tax Scam NOW!

This is the critical week for stopping the Republican tax cuts, also known as the Trump Tax Scam. A key meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, when Trump meets with the House and Senate minority and majority leaders (McConnell, Ryan, Schumer and Pelosi) to discuss the federal budget; the December 8 expiration date for the current spending authorization is rapidly approaching and Trump has to make a deal.

As this recent New Yorker analysis ([https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/how-december-could-make-or-break-the-trump-presidency](https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/how-december-could-make-or-break-the-trump-presidency)) describes, the Democrats have a significant amount of political leverage at this point, if they are willing to use it. Some Democratic votes will be necessary to pass the federal spending authorization, which means they can force Republican concessions on other issues in exchange for the necessary Democratic votes to pass the federal budget. This provides an opportunity for Democrats to force changes to the Trump Tax Scam, or to block it completely. The Democrats were able to use this same tactic successfully in May of this year, negotiating a federal budget extension until December 8 that did not include any funding for Trump’s border wall, and did include higher levels of spending on important domestic programs than the Republicans wanted.

We must act now to ensure that our Members of Congress are willing to use this leverage at this time, in order to combat the Trump Tax Scam, and to increase pressure on red state MOCs on their tax cut package. The Indivisible National group has re-established their blue state to red state calling tool to generate more pressure on Republicans for their support of a tax cut package that will provide tax cuts for the wealthy while increasing taxes on many in the middle and lower classes, gut an important provision of the ACA (the individual mandate, which helps keep the cost of coverage down), and allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Recent polls find that a majority of voters nationally oppose the Republican tax package (Harvard-Harris poll cited in thehill.com on November 16); it is only popular with the Republican base and with their funders. We must ensure
that our MOCs are ready to use the December 8 deadline for averting a government shutdown by calling them and letting them know that we expect them to stand firm on this.

**Action:** Our MOCs need to hear from us that this fight is our highest priority, and that we expect them to use all possible leverage, including a government shutdown to prevent passage of tax cuts for the rich. Since this is a critical week for defeat of the tax package, calling our MOCs is not enough. It is equally important to let politicians from other states know that there is widespread opposition to the Republican package.

1. Monday, call both of our Senators, Murray and Cantwell, and Representative Heck to let them know that opposition to these tax cuts should be their highest priority.
2. Tuesday through Thursday, sign up for the National Indivisible tool for peer-to-peer calling tool ([https://www.trumptaxscam.org/calls-to-kill-the-tax-scam/](https://www.trumptaxscam.org/calls-to-kill-the-tax-scam/)) and make calls to constituents in the target states: Arizona (Flake, McCain), Maine (Collins), Wisconsin (Johnson), Tennessee (Corker). The script for those calls is provided with the tool.

**Script for phone calls to our MOCs:** Hello, my name is ___________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to ask Senator (Murray, Cantwell) or Representative Heck to use every possible means to oppose the Republican tax cut package, including the threat of a government shutdown. Is the Senator or Representative ready to stand firm on using the federal budget deadline of December 8 as leverage to stop the Republican package, and if not, why not? This is vitally important to me as the tax cut package damages the ACA, increases income inequality and makes the national debt larger. All for the sake of tax cuts for the wealthy.

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**READY FOR MORE?**

Read This Week’s Research Report and find other important actions to take this week.

Topics include:

- Protect Net Neutrality……………………………………………………………………………………… Page 5
- Protect the Temporary Protected Status of Haitians in the US…………………………………. Page 6

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE TOPICS IN THIS WEEK’S EXCELLENT RESEARCH REPORT: [http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/archives.html](http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/archives.html)

**WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK (CLOSED) PAGE! JOIN NOW!!!**

What is the difference between this and our secret page? On the secret page only members can see who the members are and post/read messages. In a closed page, the public can see who members are but cannot read/post messages. Plus, we can make the closed page much easier for members to join. Of our current 495 OI members, only 109 are part of our secret Facebook page. We want a more robust discussion!

We did not choose to change our secret group to a closed group as we did not want members’ old comments to be exposed without everyone’s’ permission. It was easier to just start a new closed group.

What to do? Easy – just go to this link and click join!

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/135495803816831/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/135495803816831/)

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**COMING SOON**

Dec. 1 Friday (6-8 pm)

**Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**

Bring your ideas for making the whole dang world better! Three Magnets Brewery 600 Franklin St. Olympia.
December 5 Tuesday 7:00pm

OI Membership December Meeting

What: “Safeguarding Our Elections: Gerrymandering and Trump’s Election Integrity Commission”- presentation by Mary Hall, Thurston County Auditor.

Join us for a fascinating presentation about the president’s Election Integrity Commission (EIC) and gerrymandering in our country. Mary Hall will discuss the current state of the EIC, history of gerrymandering, and provide eye-opening examples from across the country. Auditor Hall will also explain the election systems we use in Washington State and the safeguards and security we have in place. Questions and answers at the end.

When: Monday, December 4
Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m., Doors open 6:30 pm
Where: Room 152, Building 1, Thurston County Courthouse, - enter room from west side parking lot.