

CALL TO ACTION – Week of February 11, 2018

2/11/2018

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Mark Your Calendars!

President's Day – Monday Feb 19, 2:00 PM

Olympia Indivisible Membership Meeting

PART 2 Electoral Engagement 2018

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Release the Democratic House Intelligence Committee Memo

Last week, Trump released a memo prepared by Devin Nunes' staff that criticized the FBI and Justice Department. The Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee prepared a response defending the FBI's surveillance of Carter Page, the former Trump campaign aide. Trump refused to release the Democrats memo and requested that specific passages should be redacted. The Democrats are preparing a new version of the memo. Unfortunately, the facts that are being redacted would provide a more accurate picture showing that the FBI had probable cause to spy on Carter Page for a year.

ACTION:

Call our Members of Congress:

Congressman Denny Heck: 360-459-8514

Senator Maria Cantwell: 206-220-6400

Senator Patty Murray: 206-553-5545

Script:

My name is _____, I am a District 10 voter, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to ask _____ to speak out to oppose the baseless attacks on the FBI and Justice Department staff. Please work to release the full text of the Democrats memo defending the FBI's surveillance of Carter Page. Thank you.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY

Hold Trump Accountable for Upholding Violence Against Women Act

The issue of violence against women has reared its ugly head again this past week. We have seen the President express concern for the men in the White House who have a history of domestic violence – mental/emotional abuse and physical assault. This begs the question: what did the President know and when did he know it? Ample evidence is available to document the information about Rob Porter and David Sorenson and their domestic violence (DV) history. We need look no farther than the FBI's denial of their security clearances due to DV.

- Rather than push Porter out of his job, due to the severity of the allegations against, the President, the White House Chief of Staff, others in the White House chose to defend Porter.
- WH Chief of Staff, John Kelly, said, "Rob Porter is a man of true integrity and honor and I can't say enough good things about him..."
- The Press Secretary said Porter is someone of the "highest integrity and exemplary character," and said he was "effective in his role."
- The White House's defense of Porter chose a quick response of trying to paint Porter's ex-wives as liars. This is wholly consistent with the President (and RNC) forcefully endorsing Roy Moore for Alabama Senate in spite of the fact Moore had credibly been accused of child molestation and sexual misconduct by several women.
- The WH official position is that all women accusing the President of sexual misconduct are liars. In the U.S., nearly three women are killed each day by an intimate partner (Violence Police Center).

"A common thread across many cases of domestic violence is that our society tends to place blame on the victim; to believe there is something the victim should have done, or not done, to prevent abuse. The difficulties facing a victim after an instance of abuse are deep and complex and rather than being vessels of blame, guilt or shame, we should make sure that we always take an open-minded and supportive approach, and be there for them as they heal." –Camera Crawford, Chief Communications Officer, National Domestic Violence Hotline 2018 02 18

ACTION: Contact our MoCs and thank them for their support of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) them to demand the appropriate Congressional Committees investigate:

1. if this administration, and the Office On Violence Against Women, are complying with the requirements placed upon them statutorily by law of the U.S. (the President vowed to faithfully uphold the laws of this land);
2. the vetting process the White House has utilized to clear these men (and how any of the WH staff/others who have been fired/resigned) to handle the highest levels of classified materials.
3. Ask them to demand reports from such investigations must be made available to the public immediately following the conclusion of such inquiries.

<http://www.refinery29.com/2018/02/190284/rob-porter-domestic-violence-allegations>

Now Is The Time For The Dreamers

On Monday, the Senate will finally take up the fate of the Dreamers. (Imagine if **your** future was up to

what the Republican Congress had to say....)

The Senate Democrats have had two chances in the last 4 weeks to save our neighbors, this nation's Dreamers, from deportation at the hands of Donald Trump. Despite some important efforts, they have failed, much to our great dismay and disappointment.

We, Olympia Indivisible, must also step up at this time.

If you have never made a call to your representatives in Congress, NOW IS THE TIME.

If you've already made a call, or maybe two, on The Dream Act but crawled back under the covers when things went terribly wrong, NOW IS THE TIME.

If you've been making call after call every week for the last year and are, understandably, feeling so very burned out and discouraged, NOW IS THE TIME.

ACTION: Please call Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell today, tomorrow, later in the week as things unfold, to encourage them on in the fight for the Dreamers. NOW IS THE TIME. We can't let them cave, we can't let them give in to "compromises" on funding the wall, ending family migration and an even more draconian deportation sweep than the horrors we have already seen.

Script: Senator _____, I am a volunteer with Olympia Indivisible, and I am counting on you to stand up this week in the Senate floor debate and vote for the Dreamers. At this moment in our nation's history, nothing could be more important than saving these young people from deportation, so cruel, so heartless. Please do everything you can to pass a CLEAN Dreamers Act - no funding for the wall, no end to family migration, no end to the diversity lottery. Please work to find common cause with the few Republican Senators who actually care about the fate of the Dreamers. NOW IS THE TIME. Thank you for your long-time support for the Dreamers and for standing strong at this crucial moment.

WA STATE LEGISLATION ACT

To comment, click the bill links below for each of these bills. It's fast, easy and IMPORTANT!

Topics: Sexual Harassment, Capital Gains Tax

Since this bill passed the Senate unanimously, I suspect there will be no opposition in the House. I will be watching to verify my Representatives did vote yes.

WHEN: 2/15/2018 Thursday 8:00 AM

BILL: [SB 5996](#) - Encouraging the disclosure and discussion of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace.

POSITION: Support

LOCATION: Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM O'Brien Building Room A

COMMENTS: Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee, as a condition of employment, to sign a nondisclosure agreement that prevents the employee from disclosing sexual harassment or sexual assault.

!!Super Important Bill!!

WHEN: 2/16/18 Friday 8:00 AM

BILL [HB 2967](#) - Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.
POSITION: Support per Washington's Paramount Duty (an Education lobby). LWV also supports capital gains tax as a method to end regressive taxation.
LOCATION: Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM (Subject to change) House Hearing Rm A John L. O'Brien Building Room A
COMMENTS: WA state has the most regressive tax system in the nation. The poor pay the most. We need a capital gains tax to provide relief from excessively high property taxes.

Capital gains will be paid by just 44,000 households in all of WA - those who profit from the sales of stocks and bonds. Other types of capital gains have been excluded: sales of small businesses, single family homes, retirement accounts, timber, etc. - all excluded.

READY FOR MORE?

Americans of Conscience Action Checklist By [Jen Hofmann](#) has some good actions every week. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kDwrQfF-k32qAe-GleftYZIFQ3br0yOplC56rpg8c/edit>

COMING SOON

February 15 and 22:

Book Discussion Group

If you missed out on the December book discussion group about Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny, Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, here's your chance! OI members Lisa O. and Yonit Y. will be hosting and facilitating a second session on this book on THURSDAY, Feb. 15 (lessons 1-10) and Feb.22 (lessons 11-20), from 7-8:30pm.

Historian Timothy Snyder wrote *On Tyranny: 20 Lessons from the 20th Century* during the Trump campaign, foreseeing Trump as a potent source of homegrown authoritarianism. His wise, succinct book clarifies what is happening here at home and begins to illuminate a path forward from it. *On Tyranny* is a slim book that fits alongside your pocket Constitution and feels only slightly less vital. Setting our current history against the backdrop of the rise of fascism and authoritarianism in central and eastern Europe in the 20th century, Snyder writes with bracing immediacy, providing 20 plain and mostly actionable lessons on pushing back against and preventing the repression of lives and minds.

We are limiting the book discussion group to 15 participants, so if you want to be part of this group, you MUST, MUST, MUST sign up asap at olympia.indivisible@gmail.com and we'll furnish the address and Other Important Details. Please do NOT sign up before you have looked at your calendar (ahem! ahem!) and are sure you actually are available on those dates! And please do NOT sign up if you attended the December sessions (we love you, but want as many members as possible to have a chance to discuss this book!).

February 16 Friday (6-8 pm)

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

Bring your ideas for making America better! Three Magnets Brewery 600 Franklin St. Olympia.

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