CALL TO ACTION – April 15

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY
Congress Must Oppose The Attack On Syria and Invoke The War Powers Act

After declaring on Tuesday April 3, 2018, that he would pull out of Syria, Trump has instead ordered an unauthorized, and dangerous missile attack on Syria.

The "War Powers Act," was passed in 1973 to limit the power of the president in deploying military forces without the consent of Congress. Our representatives have been shirking their power since they voted to illegally attack Iraq in 2003, and apparently remain afraid to do their job. We demand they must either vote to declare war and be accountable for the lives lost, or use diplomacy to end this suffering.

The Syrian war has been raging since 2011. Over 400,000 people have been killed or are missing, 1.5 million have suffered permanent injuries. There are 6.1 million internally displaced Syrians and 5.6 million refugees who have fled to neighboring countries and to countries throughout Europe. There have been 492 attacks on medical facilities and 847 medical personnel killed. http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-35806229

Bombing by Western powers will only succeed in escalating the war and result in more devastation.

Call your MoC and tell them to do everything in their power to rein in Trump’s Syrian escalation. Urge the Administration to lead with diplomacy to help the people of Syria. You can view our resource, and call script, here.

ACTIONS: Call Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281  Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

Caller: Hi, I’m a constituent calling from [part of state]. I’m calling about our unauthorized war in Syria. Congress has the sole authority to declare the use of military force, and so Trump must go before Congress and a vote must be taken for any more military interventions in Syria. In the event of such a vote, we ask that you vote no to any use of force in Syria. We also ask that you support the ongoing investigation by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons into the chemical weapons attack. We have the United Nations to enable country leaders to come together to resolve conflicts and end human suffering, let’s allow it to do what it was created to do.

ACTIONS: Send this message to your local, state or provincial, and national government officials:

The world has had enough of war, and that includes me. Government officials everywhere are being asked to join with the people of the world in signing a declaration of peace at http://WorldBeyondWar.org  It reads:

“I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-
affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace."

The steps that will take us from a world full of war to a world of peace are many, but I want to be represented by people who are committed to moving in that direction. Please sign the declaration of peace at http://WorldBeyondWar.org

Thank you.

Link: http://worldbeyondwar.org/government/

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Date: April 25 (Wednesday)
Time: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (please arrive by 6:45 pm)
Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Room 152
RSVP to: anyindivisibleevents@gmail.com

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

If Trump Fires Rosenstein This Week, Here’s What To Do.  
https://www.indivisible.org/resource/if-trump-fires-rosenstein/

We will take to the streets to protest – Capitol Building if one or more of the following occur: 1) Mueller is fired; 2) Rosenstein is fired; and/or 3) POTUS pardons anyone involved in the Special Prosecutor's investigations.

IF THE FIRING OCCURS before 2PM local time, this event will happen at 5PM local time the SAME DAY.
IF THE FIRING OCCURS after 2PM local time, this event will occur the FOLLOWING DAY at noon.

Oppose Trump’s War Cabinet

Trump has nominated Mike Pompeo to replace Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State. In his hearing with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday, Pompeo did not rule out a ground war in North Korea. He said that Trump has the authority to attack Syria without Congressional approval. He denies climate change, and he is a war hawk. If he is confirmed as Secretary of State, Pompeo will export Trumpism across the globe.

ACTION: Call our Senators:

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 about the nomination of Mike Pompeo. I want Senator ___________ to publicly commit to opposing Pompeo’s nomination. Mike Pompeo will be a dangerous Secretary of State if his nomination is confirmed. I am concerned that he will export Trumpism all over the world if he becomes our top diplomat. Please oppose this nomination. Thank you.

Oppose Discrimination Based on Religious Beliefs (part 1 of 2)
The Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services has been used against our own citizens. This division has protected medical service providers who discriminate and refuse to provide services that conflict with their religious beliefs. Denying medical treatment is unconscionable and risks lives. Providers who discriminate should not receive government funding. H.R. 5123 will abolish this division that condones discrimination.

Protect People from Predatory and Discriminatory Lenders (part 2 of 2)

Congressman Denny Heck has recently voted to weaken the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial oversight law, and he needs to hear our concerns about these attacks on our financial protections. The Senate passed S.2155 which would substantially weaken the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. We need an agency that protects people from fraud and abuse. The House will be voting on this proposed legislation. We can combine two requests for Congressman Heck in one phone call.

**ACTION:** Call Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

**Script:**

Hi, my name is________________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling with two requests and a question. First, I want Congressman Heck to co-sponsor H.R. 5123. This bill would abolish a division in the Department of Health and Human Services that condones discrimination based on religion in the provision of medical services. Second, I am asking Congressman Heck to vote against S. 2155 because it weakens financial protections and increases the risk of fraud and abuse. Please take action to protect all of us. Finally, I would also like to know why Mr. Heck voted for HR 79 which would roll back Securities and Exchange Commission regulations and why he thinks that is his constituents best interest. Thank you.

STOP EPA HEAD SCOTT PRUITT

In recent weeks, Scott Pruitt has been involved in one scandal after another. They include: frequent use of first class travel; rental of a room in a condo and one for his daughter from a lobbyist; use of a 20-person, 24-hour security detail; giving massive raises to two people he had brought from Oklahoma (after being told no by Trump); firing the head of his initial security detail when he didn’t turn on his sirens; firing or reassigning five officials; firing a career staffer this week who approved an internal report that undermined Pruitt’s claims that he need 24-hour protection and a large security detail; and taking numerous staff and his security detail to Morocco with a Paris weekend layover - traveling first class - to push Morocco to buy liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the US. At the time, there was only one LNG plant owned by a friend of Trump’s. The issue has no relation to the EPA, but is in the purview of either the Departments of Commerce or Energy. These actions are all in addition to his aggressive efforts to undo nearly all policies that protect our American air, water, drinking water or the climate.

**ACTION:** Call Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281, Patty Murray (253)572-3636, Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

a) Call our members of Congress asking them to work to get Pruitt to testify on these issues to congressional committees. Ask them to work to try to remove him as head of the EPA.

b) Write to the EPA saying that want Administrator Pruitt to testify to Congress about the numerous scandals that are occurring almost daily.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

**DONATE TO OUR CAUSE**

We have come together on a momentous journey together to protect our democracy, and we have learned this requires significant commitment and resources. We spent our first year donating a massive amount of our own labor, tapping our personal caches of supplies and materials, and financing all of our activities, often through the generosity of team leaders and team members. Our members have kindly put some dollars in the donate basket at our membership meetings and that helps as well.
We are now stepping up in electoral and legislative politics and our objectives for Year Two have increased substantially. We want to win big and flip the House in 2018. We need as much effort and money as was given last year and more, particularly more consistent and reliable financial support.

We hope to make some big purchases this year that will help us do this work. Two examples: For a fee-per-use, we can launch technology that will allow our 650 + members to vote securely on as we move to making endorsements and ensure our confidence in the outcome of those votes. That will cost us $80 every time we vote. Further, the GOTV (Get Out The Vote) and the Membership Teams both need permanent tables, chairs and tents to conduct their numerous events year-round in all weather. (The GOTV team just financed their own tent. Woo Hoo!)

We are asking those of you who have the financial resources to make a significant donation through our website. It is easy to do. Please go to our OI website NOW and click on the Donate link (https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/donate.html). If you run into any problems making a donation, please contact indivisibletom@gmail.com. Please remember we are not a 503c corporation and you do not get a tax deduction when you donate. Instead, you get to make a difference in defeating the Trump/Republican agenda. That is a mighty nice benefit.

We THANK YOU!

COMING SOON

April 20 Friday (6-8:00 pm)
Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
NEW LOCATION
OI fellowship abounding! RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E

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May 2, Wednesday (2-3:30pm)
New Member Orientation
RSVP to: olyindinemorsvp@gmail.com

This week’s Call to Action brought to you by Mindy Allen, Glen Anderson, Joni Brill, Karen Lichtenstein, and Tom Dyer.