If you are an OI member you should vote today on whether or not we want to endorse three state initiatives: I-1600 Universal Healthcare for Washington State, I-1631 Protect Washington Act and I-1637 No Gun Until 21. (If you are not a member, consider joining.) Don’t delay as there are just 3 days left to vote and your vote matters!

Voting is quick and easy to do. There is plenty of information links on the ballot email, so this notice is just to let you know how to vote. Last Thursday the ballot was sent to you directly from OpaVote Voting and a reminder was sent yesterday to members who have not yet voted. The message will look like this screen capture:

After you have clicked on the links and gotten up for speed on the issues, just click the Vote button – it will take you to the actual ballot. The vote is anonymous and we cannot fix it if you make an error so look the ballot over carefully. When you get the ballot it will have three voting boxes, one for each initiative. They will look more or less like this:
The Yes and No will not always be in the same order for each initiative – they are random. When you have completed marking your ballot, scroll to the bottom and click the green button marked VOTE. All done!

**PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**WE MIGHT YET SAVE NET NEUTRALITY**

Senator Ed Markey of Massachusetts, has introduced a resolution using the Congressional Review Act, to save net neutrality. The Congressional Review Act is a 1996 law that grants Congress the ability to overturn the actions of agencies that enact policies not in the interest of the public such as that of the Federal Communications Commission when it repealed net neutrality in December. If passed, this CRA resolution would restore the rules codified by the **2015 Open Internet Order**.

Under the CRA, a “Resolution of Disapproval” only requires a simple majority in the Senate and house to pass and it cannot be blocked from a floor vote by leadership if there is a majority of support.

It appears that in the Senate only one more Republican vote is required, as Susan Collins of Maine has indicated her support.

Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Mike Doyle have introduced a CRA resolution in the House, but this needs support from at least 20 Republicans to pass in the house. Some Republicans representatives contacted Ajit Pai in December asking him to delay the repeal and they may be willing to vote in favor of the CRA. These include Dave Reichert of WA, as well as Mike Coffman CO, Jeff Fortenberry NE, and John Curtis UT.

If you are confused about how Net Neutrality works and have not yet seen this, we encourage to watch Burger King’s very educational video on this at: [https://youtu.be/ltzy5vRmN8Q](https://youtu.be/ltzy5vRmN8Q)

Recommended link: [https://votefornetneutrality.com](https://votefornetneutrality.com)

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

Contact our MOCs and thank them for their support and ask that they talk to their colleagues across the aisle to get support from Republicans.

Call moderate Republican Senators’ offices reminding them that 83% of American voters want net neutrality and encourage them to stand with the people.

**STOP THE REPUBLICANS’ WAR ON THE POOR**

The House will vote on the Farm Bill (H.R. 2, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2018) the week of May 14. The Farm Bill is a $100 billion piece of legislation which must be reauthorized every five years and which covers everything from farm subsidies and agricultural programs to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps). No surprise, Republicans passed a partisan bill out of committee that takes away food assistance from people and instead funds unproven, unscalable job training programs that will leave people hungry.

The House Agriculture Committee’s bill would make between 5 million and 7 million recipients of food stamps (SNAP) subject to stricter work requirements. The additional work requirements for SNAP recipients would require that adults between the ages of 18 and 59 work or enroll in a training program at least 20 hours per week, while largely maintains status quo farm policy like commodity supports and crop insurance.

**ACTION:** Call Denny Heck (360-459-8514) and tell him you do not support the Republicans’ War on the Poor and that the House Farm Bill should not pass as written. It is not right to take food out of the mouths of our most needy citizens.
Oppose Gina Haspel’s Nomination for CIA Director

Gina Haspel has been nominated by Trump to be the next CIA Director. Gina Haspel was already passed over for a promotion within the CIA once before because of her tortured past. The Senate torture report indicated that the CIA committed crimes that went beyond what they were authorized to do, and they lied to Congress about the brutality and torture. Gina Haspel tried to cover up the evidence by ensuring videotapes of the torture sessions were destroyed. She was never held accountable. It is too dangerous to let Gina Haspel lead the CIA.

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 Gina Haspel. I want Senator __________ to publicly commit to opposing this nomination. Gina Haspel carried out torture and destroyed the evidence. She is completely unqualified to lead the CIA. Please oppose her nomination. Thank you.

Our Plan to Win

Lisa and Tom have made a 15 minute Youtube video update on what OI is doing to make a difference in upcoming elections. It will give you all the lowdown and tell you how you can get involved. Click the link to view:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0lcGzpMV0

Ready for More?

Americans of Conscience Action Checklist By Jen Hofmann has some good actions this week. https://docs.google.com/document/d/16InrWsbZjwZLGjt8KFUzCRI_B6oe61ONBHm8r2e5YI8/edit

Coming Soon

May 2, Wednesday (2-3:30pm)
New Member Orientation
RSVP to: olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com
May 4 Friday (6-8:00 pm)

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
OI fellowship abounding! RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E

Early Warning MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 30, 2018 (7 - 8:30 p.m.)
O.I. Electoral Engagement 2018
Candidate Info to Prepare Members for OI Endorsement Vote
Room 152, Bldg. 1, Thurston County Courthouse

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