CALL TO ACTION – April 8

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Oppose Trump’s War Cabinet

Mike Pompeo’s confirmation hearing for Secretary of State could be as soon as Thursday, and Gina Haspel’s nomination for head of the CIA would follow quickly. Mike Pompeo has tried to destroy diplomacy with Iran, has voiced anti-Muslim bigotry, and supported torture. His appointment as Secretary of State would take us closer to war with Iran, and he could make the crisis with North Korea worse. We do not need a warmonger leading the State Department. Gina Haspel was already passed over for a promotion within the CIA 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. They were 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 nominations of Mike Pompeo and Gina Haspel. I want Senator __________ to publicly commit to opposing these nominations. Mike Pompeo will be a dangerous Secretary of State if he is confirmed. Gina Haspel carried out torture and destroyed the evidence. She is completely unqualified to lead the CIA. Please oppose these nominations. Thank you.

Stop Sinclair Broadcasting Propaganda

Sinclair Broadcasting, which is the largest owner of local TV news stations nationally, has been requiring TV journalists to insert conservative talking points into local TV news, without labeling it opinion. It has also required its stations to air “must-run” news stories and commentaries produced by Sinclair that tilt heavily right-wing. KOMO, channel 4 in Seattle is one of these stations.

Recently, Sinclair required its local anchors across the country to read a script that attacks “fake news” and accuses journalists of pushing their political agenda without checking their facts. The irony of this is all too obvious.

Watch the Deadspin video here, if you have not yet seen it

Sinclair, which owns 193 stations reaching 40% of US households across the country is awaiting approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to purchase Tribune Media. Tribune owns or operates 42 local television stations, reaching more than 50 million households in the largest markets in the US, including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles and would increase Sinclair’s reach to 72% of households. This would also include Seattle’s FOX affiliate Q 13.
Most American’s rely on and trust their local news affiliates, but this merger would create a right-wing media empire comparable to Russian or Chinese state media. This is an Orwellian nightmare which our democracy might not be able to withstand.

**ACTION:**

a. Call our MOCs: Cantwell (253)572-2281 Murray (253)572-3636 Heck 360-459-8514 telling them of your opposition to KOMO’s local TV news being turned into Trump propaganda and asking them to oppose Sinclair’s purchase of Tribune Media.

b) Write to the FCC opposing Sinclair’s purchase of Tribune Media, because it would be anti-competitive.

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Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner  Mignon.Clyburn@fcc.gov
Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  Michael.O’Rielly@fcc.gov
Brendon Carr, Commissioner  Brendon.Carr@fcc.gov
Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  Jessica.Rosenworcel@fcc.gov

c) Some good tips from our friends at Seattle Indivisible:


2. MoveOn is raising funds to fight Sinclair, including for a large ad campaign. Contribute to their efforts here: [https://act.moveon.org/donate/stop-the-sinclair-takeover](https://act.moveon.org/donate/stop-the-sinclair-takeover)

3. Ask advertisers to pull their ad money from the local Sinclair-owned KOMO 4 News! The Stranger has compiled a running list. Pick a company, especially one you are a customer of, and send them an email:

   5th Avenue Theatre - [https://www.5thavenue.org/about/contact-us](https://www.5thavenue.org/about/contact-us)
   Allen & Nolte PLLC - [mymesoteam.com/contact](http://mymesoteam.com/contact)
   Argosy Cruises - [https://www.argosycruises.com/contact-us/](https://www.argosycruises.com/contact-us/)
   BECU - [https://www.becu.org/support/contact-us](https://www.becu.org/support/contact-us)
   Beacon Plumbing - [https://www.beaconplumbing.net/find-plumber-seattle-wa](https://www.beaconplumbing.net/find-plumber-seattle-wa)
   Bernard Law Group - [http://www.4injured.com/contact-us.shtml](http://www.4injured.com/contact-us.shtml)
   Bob’s Heating and Air Conditioning - [https://www.bobsheating.com/contact-us/](https://www.bobsheating.com/contact-us/)
   CHI Franciscan - [https://www.chifranciscan.org/about-us/contactUs/index.jhtml](https://www.chifranciscan.org/about-us/contactUs/index.jhtml)
   Fox Plumbing & Heating - [https://foxph.com/contact-us-2/](https://foxph.com/contact-us-2/)
   Fred Meyer - [https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/contact](https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/contact)
   Get.Wa.Gov - [https://www.get.wa.gov/contact](https://www.get.wa.gov/contact)
   Jurassic Tour - [http://www.jurassictour.com/contact.html](http://www.jurassictour.com/contact.html)
   Kaiser Permanente of Washington - [https://provider.ghc.org/open/contactUs/index.jhtml](https://provider.ghc.org/open/contactUs/index.jhtml)
   Muckleshoot Casino - [http://www.snocasino.com/about/contact/](http://www.snocasino.com/about/contact/)
   Northwest Clinical Research Center - [https://nwcrc.net/contact-us/](https://nwcrc.net/contact-us/)
   Pacific Heating and Cooling - [https://www.pacificheatingcooling.com/contact-us/](https://www.pacificheatingcooling.com/contact-us/)
   Phillips Law Firm - [https://www.justiceforyou.com/contact-us/](https://www.justiceforyou.com/contact-us/)
   Roy Robinson RV - [https://www.royrobinsonrv.com/rv-map-washington](https://www.royrobinsonrv.com/rv-map-washington)
   SHAG Tukwila Village - [https://www.housing4seniors.com/about-us/contact](https://www.housing4seniors.com/about-us/contact)
   Seattle Cancer Care - [https://www.seattlecca.org/contact/feedback](https://www.seattlecca.org/contact/feedback)
   Seattle Theatre Group - [https://www.stgpresents.org/about/contact](https://www.stgpresents.org/about/contact)
   Snoqualmie Casino - [http://www.snocasino.com/about/contact/](http://www.snocasino.com/about/contact/)
   Sound Transit - [https://www.soundtransit.org/contact-us](https://www.soundtransit.org/contact-us)
   United Healthcare - [https://www.uhc.com/contact-us/washington](https://www.uhc.com/contact-us/washington)
   Western Washington Honda Dealers - [https://www.westernwashingtonhondadealers.com/](https://www.westernwashingtonhondadealers.com/)
Here’s the Stranger’s recommendation on how to approach these companies: “The goal here isn’t to put local advertisers out of business; it’s to send a message to Sinclair that we don’t want their must-runs and we don’t them interfering in local news. I will repeat myself: We’re not asking you not to spend your money at these businesses, but to express your desire that they stop advertising with Sinclair.”

**Comment on 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration**

US to require would-be immigrants to turn over social media handles. The Trump administration plans to require immigrants applying to come to the United States to submit five years of social media history. Public comment is open for 60 days.

**ACTION:** fill out the form to tell them you oppose this action.


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**SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY**

**End Our Unauthorized War in Yemen**

Yemen has experienced years of political strife that has culminated in a civil war and widespread famine. Saudi Arabia leads a coalition of nations fighting against a Yemeni rebel group called the Houthis. The United States supports the Saudi-led coalition. This mainly involves providing refueling services for airstrikes, and sharing intelligence for targeting. This military support is essential to the continuation of Saudi’s air campaign which targets civilian areas and vital civilian infrastructure in violation of international law.

This war is terrible policy, it’s completely unconstitutional. According to our constitution, Congress, not the President, is supposed to decide if, when and where we go to war and when (Article I, Section 8, Clause 11). A bipartisan effort to end US involvement in the bloody, three-year war in Yemen failed in a close Senate vote on March 20. As long as Congress refuses to do its job, it is complicit in this tragedy.

(CNN) The war in Yemen is now the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, with more than 22 million people -- three-quarters of the population -- in desperate need of aid and protection. United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres said.

As the conflict enters its fourth year, millions are without access to clean drinking water and the country is at high risk of a cholera epidemic, Guterre said at a donor conference in Geneva on Tuesday.


**ACTION:** Call Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

Caller: Hi, I’m a constituent calling from [part of state]. I’m calling about our unauthorized war in Yemen. I thank Senator [name] for supporting the recent failed Senate resolution to end our involvement. Please tell her to speak out on ending our support for the Saudi’s in this terrible conflict. Congress has never authorized this war, and evidence shows that the airstrikes that the U.S. is supporting are causing a humanitarian crisis and may amount to war crimes. The chaos has allowed terror groups such as ISIS and Al Qaeda affiliates to gain more power and land.

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**COMING SOON**

April 13 Friday (6-8:00 pm)
Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

**NEW LOCATION**

Olf fellowship abounding! RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E

April 14, Saturday, (11am-2:00pm)
March for Science Olympia 2018
Washington State Capitol
https://marchforscienceolv.wordpress.com

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