



## CALL TO ACTION – May 12

# SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

## Stop the Betrayal of our Country

The Trump Campaign welcomed the Russian interference that helped elect him in 2016 as well as disparage Hillary Clinton. He is now openly asking Ukraine to find a way to do the same thing to Joe Biden.

It is mind boggling that this is even legal.

**ACTION:** Call Denny Heck and ask him where he stands on this and urge him to sponsor legislation NOW to make this betrayal of our country illegal.

“My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling as a member of Olympia Indivisible because the Trump Campaign is betraying our country again by seeking the help of Ukraine, a foreign country, to interfere in our next election.

Where does Congressman Heck stand on this?

I would like Congressman Heck to sponsor legislation now that would make it mandatory for a campaign to report all contacts with foreign officials and prohibit anyone from soliciting or accepting information or action from a foreign government for the purpose of influencing a campaign.

We can't let this happen again in our next election.”

## Prevent Trump from meeting in private with foreign leaders without a witness and a written record

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Perhaps even more damaging, Trump has had at least three conversations alone with Vladimir Putin, two in person, one by phone, that we the public know about, and about which there are no written records.

**ACTION:** call Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514 or (202) 225-9740

Script: My name is \_\_\_\_\_; a member of Olympia Indivisible and I am calling to ask Rep. Heck to introduce a bill requiring all US government officials involved in any discussions or negotiations with foreign representatives to have at least two US government officials in the room, separate from a translator, and a written record of the discussion preserved in the national archives.

I would like Congress to make it mandatory for a campaign to report all contacts with foreign officials and prohibit anyone from soliciting or accepting information or action from a foreign government for the purpose of influencing a campaign.

# PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

## No US troops to Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuters) - Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido said on Saturday he has asked his envoy to the United States to meet with Pentagon officials to “cooperate” on a solution to the South American country’s political crisis. ...

“We have instructed our ambassador Carlos Vecchio to meet immediately ... with the Southern Command and its admiral to establish a direct relationship,” Guaido said at a rally in Caracas on Saturday. “We have said from the beginning that we will use all the resources at our disposal to build pressure.”

Representatives of the U.S. Southern Command and Vecchio did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Trump administration officials have repeatedly said that “all options are on the table” to oust Maduro, who calls Guaido a U.S. puppet seeking to oust him in a coup.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-politics/venezuelas-guaido-seeks-us-pentagon-cooperation-to-solve-political-crisis-idUSKCN1SH0L3>

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

**Script:** My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to implore Rep. Heck to cosponsor H.R. 1004 opposing military intervention in Venezuela. This bill was introduced in February and Heck is not a cosponsor. We need to insist that he take a stand opposing any and all US military intervention in Venezuela and support HR 1004.

## Support the Equality Act, House Resolution 5

There will be a full House vote on the Equality Act this week. Congressman Denny Heck is a co-sponsor of this bill. HR 5 prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide 1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; 2) goods, services, or programs; and 3) transportation services.

We appreciate Congressman Heck’s support for this legislation.

**ACTION:** Call Congressman Denny Heck and thank him for his support of the Equality Act

Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

**Script:** My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to thank Congressman Denny Heck for co-sponsoring the Equality Act, HR 5. I value civil rights for all because all citizens should be protected from discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Thank you.

## Indivisible National Wants your Input

You may have already received this request in an email from Indivisible National, but if not, here’s your chance to click their link and let them know what is important to you.

*From National:* “We’ve put together a quick [survey](#) that will ask you about a couple of the issues we’re thinking about the most heading into this summer. And it’ll also give you a chance to flag anything we may have missed.

**[Please: click here to let us know what matters most to you!](#)**

There’s so much going on in the news, from 2020 candidates to state issues, that it can be tough to keep up with it all! So we want to learn where everyone reading this email stands. ***And we really mean everyone.***”

# COMING SOON

**Wednesdays at 2:00 pm**

## **Great Courses: Investigating American Presidents**

The president of the United States can shape not just a nation but the entire world. But what limits are there—if any—on presidential power? Join us each Wednesday at 2:00 pm for Great Courses: Investigating American Presidents, to unpack the history of how institutions and procedures were set up to curb the powers of the executive branch. Contact Glen Hubbard for location: [glen.f.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:glen.f.hubbard@gmail.com)

**May 17, Friday 6-8:00 pm**

## **Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**

RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

## **One more thing.**

**We received this email yesterday. If you have Seattle friends that you think can help, please copy the message and send it to them.**

**Dear Seattle area water protectors and supporters of indigenous sovereignty,**

On the evening of May 13, a delegation of 30-40 tribal members from the Pit River Nation of Northern California and allied tribes will be arriving in Seattle. They are making this long journey, because the fate of their sacred land—the Medicine Lake Highlands—is once again coming before a federal judge. This is the latest chapter in the Pit River Tribe's decades-long fight to stop the development of geothermal power plants in the Medicine Lake area.

Support from local communities is crucial to having a strong presence at the courthouse. Local assistance is also needed to ensure that the traveling tribal members have their basic needs met while they're in Seattle.

**Specific needs— can you help with:**

- **Housing** for 30-40 tribal members for one night (May 13)— couches, beds, or floor space are all helpful. The group will be traveling in multiple vehicles and does not need to stay all together.
- **Dinner** for tribal members on the evening of May 13, when they arrive after a long drive.
- **Spreading the word** in Seattle so we have a strong turnout at the Courthouse on May 14 at 8:00am
- **Volunteers** to commit to bringing snacks/water/coffee and holding down the space in front of the Courthouse until the hearing is complete (probably around noon)
- **Creating signs and banners** with messages such as "Protect Sacred Places," "Protect Medicine Lake," "Water is Life"

 **If you are able to offer assistance with any of these things, please email [protectmedicinelake@gmail.com](mailto:protectmedicinelake@gmail.com)**

Please forward this message to anyone you know in the greater Seattle area who may be interested in standing in solidarity with the Pit River, Wintu, Modoc, Shasta, and Klamath peoples of California who revere Medicine Lake as sacred!

If you'd like to further familiarize yourself with the struggle to protect Medicine Lake, please see the links below.

Thank you!

FORWARD TOGETHER - NOT ONE STEP BACK!

**Court Hearing in Seattle for the Sacred Medicine Lake Highlands**

Tuesday, May 14— 8:00am Prayer Vigil, 9:00am Hearing

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals @ [1010 Fifth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104](#)

Plaintiffs include: Pit River Tribe, Native Coalition for Medicine Lake Highlands Defense, Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center, and Medicine Lake Citizens for Quality Environment

Facebook event page for the Court Hearing/Prayer Vigil (invite friends!)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/696222914130968/>