CALL TO ACTION – May 21

(If you only have time to do 1 thing - do this)

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Create an Independent Commission
The appointment of a Special Counsel to investigate possible criminal acts having to do with Russian interference in our election is welcome news.

But … the Special Counsel will operate behind closed doors and the public may never know what the investigation finds out about what exactly happened beyond what can be criminally charged.

We need Congress to pass a law creating an Independent Commission that operates with full transparency. We citizens have the right to know every aspect of what happened, who did what, and why they did it.

ACTION: Call our MoCs to demand passage of Senate Bill 27 and House Bill 356, which would create the commission.

Patty Murray (253) 572-3636 Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281 Denny Heck: 202-225-9740

Jeff Sessions Non-recusal on Russia
Ask our MoCs to keep pushing on the Justice Department Inspector General to investigate whether Sessions violated recusal when he recommended to Trump that he fire FBI Director Comey.

ACTION: Call our MoCs!

NO To Voter Suppression

Trump is gearing up to suppress voter turnout. On May 11 an executive order was signed establishing a Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Vice-President Pence is the chair of the commission, that will “study the registration and voting processes used in Federal elections” and will “be solely advisory”. In addition, “The Commission shall hold public meetings and engage with Federal, State, and local officials, and election law experts, as necessary, to carry out its mission.”

Trump has claimed that 3 million+ people voted illegally in 2016 presidential election. No evidence for this has been presented. Republicans typically use fraud claims to justify voting law restrictions, suppressing voter turnout among minorities and those who are less well-off.

It’s time to educate ourselves and gear up for strong resistance!

ACTION:

EDUCATE yourself about this Commission visit the following websites:


CALL our MoCs to let them know that we do not support this so-called Commission on “Election Integrity,” and that we request that they resist any attempts in Congress to support or aid this commission.

ATTEND the public meetings that the President’s order states will be scheduled. Keep an eye out for dates and times.

**PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

Help elect Manka Dinghra for Washington State Senate District 45

We can make a difference in our State by supporting Manka Dinghra for the Washington State Senate in District 45. A win would give the Democrats a majority in the Washington State Senate.

*Background:* There will be a special election in November 2017 to fill the Senate seat of Senator Andy Hill who died in October 2016. Dino Rossi was appointed to fill the seat temporarily until the special election. Manka Dinghra has been an attorney for the King County Prosecutor’s Office for almost 20 years. Her campaign for the Senate has received unanimous support from the Democrats in District 45. As you recall, when Denny Heck came to visit us he specifically mentioned getting on the Manka train and winning back the state Senate. Good idea! The Individual national team is also talking about the need to win elections outside our district for us to be successful and we think it is time for us to reach out and step up.

**ACTION:** Visit the website for Manka Dinghra at [www.electmanka.com](http://www.electmanka.com) There are convenient links so you can donate to her campaign or volunteer to help with her campaign. The website provides details about ways to get involved in her campaign.

Preserve Our National Monuments Lands

Trump signed Executive Order 13792 of April 26, 2017 (82 FR 20429, May 1, 2017), which directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996, to possibly rescind their status as National Monuments. There is nothing in the Act that allows the president to revoke National Monument status.


**ACTION:** Contact the Department of the Interior to protest Trump’s Executive Order 13792 changing the status of any lands designated as National Monuments, opening them up to grazing and mining. Go to the following site, and select the "Comment Now!" button: [https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOI-2017-0002-0001)

*Script:* Do not rescind our National Monument Lands. Do not review them. These lands are our lands. The lands aren’t your lands. From California to the New York Islands. These lands were made for everyone!

Fight Against Jeff Sessions’ New War On Drugs

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is looking to reinstate the failed War on Drugs, calling for law enforcement to follow the most severe penalties possible. There is a great article in the Washington Post at: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/05/19/prosecutors-are-pushing-back-against-sessions-order-to-pursue-most-severe-penalties/?utm_term=.7583014de096](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/05/19/prosecutors-are-pushing-back-against-sessions-order-to-pursue-most-severe-penalties/?utm_term=.7583014de096)

After many years we know the “war on drugs” does not work, unless your goal is to lock up as many African-American men as possible and take away their voting rights forever (other countries don’t do that – in Australia people in jail still can vote).

**ACTION:** Call the DOJ at [1 (202) 353-1555](tel:1-202-353-1555) or you can submit this form: [http://ow.ly/raEN30bDgcG](http://ow.ly/raEN30bDgcG). Scroll down and select topic “Messages to Deputy Attorney General.”
Script: The war on drugs is a failed policy. Let’s not go back there again. Listen to attorney generals from 15 states and rescind the order calling for mandatory minimums from federal prosecutors.

SAVE THE ACA

So it's a quiet week in ACA land. Our recommendation? GO TO THE DOCTOR WHILE YOU CAN! There are thirteen old white men in the US Senate coming up with their notion on whatever Americans will get for health care and that does not bode well for many Americans.

Even better, last week we asked for and received some ideas from our members for ACA action.

Nono has made a list of every representative that voted against the ACA and is calling some every day and sharing her concerns. We love that!

Terry wrote: “Are we getting individuals and families to tell their personal stories? Recordings of their stories and how this repeal and replace will effect them personally? Requesting individuals and families to video their stories as well...creating a social media site just for this very thing???? We flood the phone lines now we can flood everywhere else!”

ACTION: Call every one of those anti-healthcare Reps and let them know what you think. Or, make a video, share it on YouTube or Facebook and let us know. We will be happy to share it on the Oly Indivisible site.

T-SHIRTS!


COMING SOON

May 26 Friday (6 - 8 pm)
Celebrate the end of the week with Olympia Indivisible Members
We have moved our start time to 6:00pm to accommodate folks that have to work til 5:00, and even more importantly, those fine members who protest Trump on the streets at Percival landing every Friday at 5:00, come rain or shine, enlightening our fellow citizens! The folks that are there protesting for peace each week have been there for a long, long time, so if the spirit moves you to join them, treat them with respect!

Fish Tale Brew Pub (2nd floor, left hand side) 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia. We don’t know exactly where we will be this week – just ask where when you come in.

Save the Date! June 5 Monday (7-9 pm) Olympia Indivisible Full Membership Meeting. Thurston County Courthouse Building 1 Room 152.

Call to Action 5-21-17
Greetings Band of Heroes -

The weather is grand - the sun is shining. Let us be inspired and stand tall in our resistance!

This week's Call to Action is ready and waiting for your devoted work!

Go get 'em!