CALL TO ACTION – June 25

(This week we focus on one topic – SAVE THE ACA)

SAVE THE ACA

TRUMPCARE IS WEALTHCARE, NOT HEALTHCARE

This week the Senate plans to vote on Trumpcare. The Senate Republicans are trying to jam the bill through in secrecy, without public hearings and without knowing its full impact on American families. We need every single member of Olympia Indivisible to take strong action this week. You have made a tremendous difference in this fight to save the ACA. Now your calls to other state’s Senators and your suggestions for amendments to the republican Healthcare bill can have a significant impact. Act in the next two days and help save the ACA.

Amendment Monday!

Why this matters: Your amendments will be submitted by the national Indivisible folks to our senators to be used to slow down the senate process while we demand open hearings on healthcare. Each amendment tells a brief story (a few sentences) of how Medicare or Medicaid has been important in your lives. Write one for yourself, for your parents, friends, grandkids, or neighbors.

Use this link to write and submit your amendments. It’s easy!
https://www.ouramendments.org/

Action One: (Takes 10 minutes)
Write your own amendments that tell how Medicare or Medicaid has helped you, a family member, or someone you know. Make it short and personal.

Here are some examples:
My mom lived through the Great Depression and helped to build airplanes for the war effort in WWII. She lived to be 90 and passed away with dignity thanks to Medicare, Medicaid and hospice. Without those programs her healthcare costs would have left her destitute.

I am a retired teacher and have saved carefully all of my life. I have 6 grandkids. If I need assisted living or nursing home care some day and use up all of my life savings, Medicare and Medicaid would have helped me. If Trumpcare passes, my grandkids will have to foot the bill.

Action Two: (takes 5 minutes)
Call our Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell ((253) 572-3636, (253) 572-2281

We are asking our senators to do 2 things this week in an all out effort to prevent this horrific Trumpcare bill from passing. First, to force the senate to slow down by withholding consent and second, to Filibuster by Amendment.
Script: My name is _______. I am a member of Olympia Indivisible and I am calling to ask Senator (Murray or Cantwell) to do 2 crucial things this week to prevent the horrific Trumpcare bill from passing.

First, I urge Senator ____ to continue to WITHHOLD CONSENT to slow down the senate process and secondly, I expect them to FILLIBUSTER BY AMENDMENT until the senate agrees to hold open hearings on healthcare. I have personally written several amendments for them to use that are available through the national Indivisible organization.
I expect our senators to do everything possible to stop this bill. Thank you!

**TURN ‘EM TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2017**

GOP leaders are wheeling and dealing today, hoping that by adding a small amount of additional funding for high-risk pools—where people with pre-existing conditions were sent for expensive, insufficient coverage before the ACA—they can push this bad bill through. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is doing the most pushing. (McConnell’s contact info: DC Office Phone (202) 224-2541, Fax (202) 224-2499.

If this bill passes, the number of uninsured will spike, the Medicaid program will face historic cuts, and people with pre-existing conditions will lose critical protections. The stability of the health care system will be in jeopardy.

**ACTION:** Call Senators on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and Senators who have, or are, wavering on their vote, and urge them to reject the so-called “Better Care Reconciliation Act” bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Call or fax to let them know where you stand. Personal anecdotes are useful. If you have a connection with the home state of the Senator you are calling, if you think it’s useful, include personal info on your connection(s). If not, after they ask if you are from that Senator’s home state, tell them you feel it’s essential – given their position on the Committee or wavering status on the bill – they take and pass along your comments.


**Option 1: The Senator supports the BCRA:**

**Staffer:** Thank you for calling. Sen. _____ supports BCRA and the latest proposed changes.

**Caller:** I’m very disappointed to hear that. This bill would take away health care from millions of Americans, would cut the Medicaid program, and give $600 billion in tax breaks to the wealthy. With the proposed amendments, states could get rid of protections for people with pre-existing conditions. Money for high-risk pools that segregate the sick into to higher-cost plans will not solve this problem.

[I/my family member] am at risk of losing [my/his/her] insurance. [I/my family member] have a pre-existing condition that before the ACA could be used by insurance companies to discriminate against me. My health depends on Sen. _____ voting against the Better Care Reconciliation Act.

**Staffer:** I will certainly pass on your concerns to Sen. __________

**Caller:** Please do. This is extremely important to me and I will be watching closely. Thank you for your time.

**Option 2: The Senator dodges or has no opinion on BCRA**

**Staffer:** Thank you for calling! I’m not sure if Sen. _____ supports or opposes the Better Care Reconciliation Act at this time, but I’m happy to take down your concerns.

**Caller:** I’m disappointed to hear that and would ask Sen. ______ to oppose this bill.
Here are my concerns. This bill would leave millions more uninsured and cut Medicaid for the most vulnerable. And importantly, these new proposed amendments still undermine critical protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

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I expect Sen. ______ to publicly state his/her opposition to this destructive bill and prioritize the health and wellbeing of his/her constituents.

Staffer: I will certainly pass on your concerns to Sen. ______.

Caller: Please do, and please take down my contact information to let me know when Sen. ______ has made up his/her mind. I'm eager to hear what he/she decides.
Time for a Donald J. Trump Tweetstorm!
Let’s hit Mr. Trump right where it counts – ON TWITTER! You know he lives the Twitter life so let’s hit him where he lives.

Our message is simple. Open with: YOU PROMISED BETTER HEALTHCARE, NOT WEALTHCARE. Then you have 94 more characters (letters, numbers, symbols) you can add to your message and hit send. Do it every day!

Don’t have a Twitter account? Never been on Twitter? No problem!

You can do this from your computer, your iPad, your phone or laptop – it’s easy!

ACTION: Go to our Olympia Indivisible Resources web page http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/how-to.html

Click on “How To Tweet Your MoCs” and Twitter instructions will download.

Follow them, with one exception: The instructions give you Denny Heck’s address. You want to use Trump’s address, which is https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump. Everything else works the same.

Here’s a full length Tweet example:
YOU PROMISED BETTER HEALTHCARE, NOT WEALTHCARE. STAND WITH YOUR CAMPAIGN PROMISE - DON’T LET THE SENATE TAKE AWAY OUR HEALTH INSURANCE!

COMING SOON

June 30 Friday (6 - 8 pm)
Celebrate the end of the week with Olympia Indivisible Members
It is always great to learn more about your fellow resisters!

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.