

It is not a world I want to condemn my children to inherit, and I want a president who sees this reality for what it is and who will not shrink, either from telling it like it is or from doing any and all that must be done to prepare for and/or prevent the worst of what is already in store for us. And it is all due to our collective failure to act sensibly, way back in the 1970s, when we (via Exxon) first learned of the perils that the burning of fossil fuels was creating. For decades we have pushed the Earth's natural systems beyond their ability to sustain us, and now the Earth is pushing back. We had better pay attention.

So WAKE UP, DNC, and schedule a presidential debate that focuses exclusively on the Climate Crisis so that we voters can find out which candidates not only take this issue seriously, but who also have a solid plan for addressing it that is either equivalent to or better than the Green New Deal. As Washington State's Governor Jay Inslee correctly observes, we are the first generation to experience the consequences of Climate Change and the last generation that is able to take meaningful action to reverse it before critical tipping points are passed by forever.

What is it about the Climate Crisis that the DNC still doesn't get?

ACTION: Use this letter or a variation on it to respond to every Dem presidential campaign donation request you get (I get plenty and I bet you do too). You can also send it to Dem candidates who don't ask you for money.

Protect Your LGBTQ Neighbors' Health

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has proposed a rule that would roll back a regulation in the Affordable Care Act that prohibits discrimination against patients who are transgender or have previously undergone an abortion. Kris Hayashi, the executive director of the Transgender Law Center called the proposed rule an "outright attack from the Trump administration on the health, well-being, and survival of transgender people." Louise Melling, the deputy legal director with the American Civil Liberties Union, said that rolling back these protections would "lead to devastating health consequences." The proposed rule is open for public comment until August 13th.

ACTION: Submit a comment on the administration's proposal to remove nondiscrimination protections for gender identity from the Affordable Care Act regulations.

Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=HHS-OCR-2019-007> and tell the Department of Health and Human Services what you think of the administration's proposal. State why you oppose the proposal based on your values. Comments must be unique and individual, not scripted.

Stop Gerrymandering - Promote Fair Election Districts

Following the Supreme Court decision that courts cannot resolve partisan gerrymandering, new legislation has been introduced to protect Americans' votes. The Fair Maps Act of 2019 (S.1972) was introduced in the Senate, and the Redistricting Reform Act of 2019 was introduced in the House to require that states adopt independent redistricting commissions to draw new district maps after each decennial census. We want our Members of Congress to cosponsor the legislation to fix the redistricting process.

ACTION: Call our Senators and ask them to cosponsor S. 1972, the Fair Maps Act of 2019.

Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636

Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281

Script: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am concerned about partisan gerrymandering and the Fair Maps Act of 2019 will fix the broken redistricting process. I am asking Senator _____ to cosponsor this bill. Thank you.

ACTION: Call Congressman Denny Heck and ask him to cosponsor the Redistricting Reform Act of 2019.

Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: My name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am concerned about partisan gerrymandering and the Redistricting Reform Act of 2019 will fix the broken redistricting process. I am asking Congressman Heck to cosponsor this bill. Thank you.

No War!

Trump hasn't invaded anywhere yet and we don't want him to start. We must continue to make it clear to our senators that they must prevent this from happening.

Tom Udall introduced Senate Bill: S.1039 - Prevention of Unconstitutional War with Iran Act of 2019 on April 4, 2019.

"This bill prohibits funds from being used for kinetic military operations against Iran unless Congress authorizes such an action, with various exceptions such as in response to an imminent threat. ("Kinetic military operations" typically refers to active military actions, in contrast to latent operations or cyberwarfare.)"

Currently this bill has 25 cosponsors, but neither of our senators are among them. We need to encourage them to cosponsor this bill and oppose any military action in Iran.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1039/cosponsors?pageSort=alphaByState>

ACTION: call:

- Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281
- Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

Insist that our senators do their part to prevent war by cosponsoring S. 1039 - Prevention of Unconstitutional War with Iran Act of 2019. They need to exercise their power, or we will exercise our vote when they come up for reelection.

- Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Insist that Representative Heck does his part to stand for peace and justice by invoking the Wars Powers Act.

Tell all of them to make it clear to Trump that Congress will not authorize, support or fund any war.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Keep the Heat On: Impeachment Inquiry

How do we persuade our Members of Congress to act? Call them this week and **ask where they stand on starting an Impeachment Inquiry.**

Action:

My name is _____. I live in District 10 and am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I would like to know where Senator/Congressman _____ stands on beginning an Impeachment Inquiry.
(listen and respond with other questions you might have)

Finish your call with:

"I am very concerned with the cost of inaction. Not only does the Mueller Report establish ample evidence to begin an Inquiry, this President continues to commit more and more acts of obstruction and corruption. The House needs the power and credibility of an actual Impeachment Inquiry. **What is happening right now is not working.**"

Congressman Denny Heck (call Washington DC Office) phone: 202-225-9740

hours: M-F 9-6:00pm ET

Senator Patty Murray: (DC) 202-224-2621

Senator Maria Cantwell: DC: (202) 224-3441

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

The Truth: Recent Misleading Video about New Thurston County Courthouse Proposal

On April 30, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners voted 2-1 to add a ballot proposition to increase the levy of the regular property tax to fund a new Courthouse and Regional Administrative Building during the April 28, 2020 election. The ballot requires a simple majority to pass. <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc/Pages/courthouse-civic-project.aspx>

The people that supported the recently fired Thurston Conservation District Supervisors and supported Tye Menser's opponent have a new video out. It tries to give voters the impression that the proposed new Thurston Courthouse will cost individual voters a lot more than it actually will.

Commissioner Tye Menser recently posted this on his official Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/TyeMenserThurstonCountyCommissioner/>)

"Lots of misinformation in a recent video about the proposed courthouse project: (1) the average homeowner would pay less than \$12/month; (2) the county spends roughly \$1.5M/year in maintenance on the current courthouse; (3) putting our planning staff in jail cells underneath the court is not a tenable alternative solution; (4) our judges have advocated for this project based on space and safety concerns ... the list goes on and on. Please review the facts on our county homepage if you have any other questions. A simple property tax calculator is included there." <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/tchome/Pages/default.aspx>

ACTION: Be an informed voter next April!

COMING SOON

July 5, Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

August 18, Sunday 4-8pm

Second Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic

Priest Point Park 2600 East Bay Drive NE, Shelter #1

Please save the date and bring yourself, family, and friends to the Second Annual Olympia Indivisible Picnic! **WHAT WILL THIS BE?** An old-fashioned, family-friendly event. A great time to meet your fellow Indivisiblers!!