



CALL TO ACTION – JULY 1

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Flip the Third Congressional District Team Needs Your Help Saturday, July 14

As this past week's news makes clear, it is more important than ever to flip the House this fall. We can do our part by helping to Flip the 3rd congressional district, currently represented by Republican Jaime Herrera Beutler. Please join us on July 14 to canvass in Longview, and encourage progressive voters to vote in the midterms. The latest polls show Carolyn Long, one of the Democratic candidates, polling only 5 points behind JHB! We can do this!

ACTION: Click here for all the information you need to help out!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aY1S_LYP6GM2IPpBHEQsBt_3XhdCmQyx-t8muaoTwXo/edit?usp=sharing

Fight For Unbiased Supreme Court Nomination

We have a tough battle ahead for the next Supreme Court nomination and the odds are against us. But they were against us when the Republicans tried to take down the ACA and we won. It's time to win again!

According to several sources, including the Washington Post and NPR, there are 5 - 7 senators who might cross party lines in their vote for Trump's SCOTUS nominee. These include three Democrats, Joe Donnelly, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Manchin. who are in states Trump won and who are up for re-election in November. We have to convince them to stand with the party and oppose Trump. But, this is a difficult calculation, because we also want them to win in November.

There are also some Republican senators who could vote their consciences. These are more important, as one is not running for re-election and have little to risk and others have shown that their moral fabric is stronger than party affiliation: Jeff Flake, Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins.

There are other Republican senators who have expressed their dissatisfaction with Trump and may be open to saving the republic rather than supporting their own party: Bob Corker, Cory Gardner and Rand Paul. Paul, however, is a hypocrite, who espouses anti-government intrusion, except when it comes to a woman's control over her own body.

ACTION: Write or call: senators ([lookup](#)).

Script: Hi. I'm from [ZIP] and am asking you to **oppose activist judges** and to only consider [SCOTUS nominees](#) with a solid history of upholding the rights of women, people of color, people with disabilities, our LGBTQ neighbors, Native Americans, aspiring Americans, and workers. I also expect you to do everything in your power to block extreme biased, and unqualified nominees. Equality and fairness matter. Thank you.

Addresses:

[Donnelly, Joe](#) - (D – IN) 202) 224-4814 Contact: www.donnelly.senate.gov/contact/email-joe

[Heitkamp, Heidi](http://www.heitkamp.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact) - (D – ND) (202) 224-2043 Contact: www.heitkamp.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

[Manchin, Joe, III](http://www.manchin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form) - (D – WV) (202) 224-3954 Contact: www.manchin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form

Sen. Susan Collins: (202) 224-2523 Contact: www.collins.senate.gov/contact

Sen. Bob Corker: (202) 224-3344 Contact: www.corker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/emailme

Sen. Jeff Flake: (202) 224-4521 Contact: www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-jeff

[Murkowski, Lisa](http://www.murkowski.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact) - (R – AK) (202) 224-6665 Contact: www.murkowski.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

[Gardner, Cory](http://www.gardner.senate.gov/contact-cory/email-cory) - (R – CO) (202) 224-5941 Contact: www.gardner.senate.gov/contact-cory/email-cory

STAND FOR IMMIGRANTS

Saturday was a great turnout at the Capitol and across the nation to support immigrants – now is time to keep the pressure on!

FROM THE INDIVISIBLE NATIONAL WEB SITE: FOR DEMOCRATS: NO BAD BILLS

If you have a Democratic MoC, chances are they've probably released public statements about how they oppose family separation at the border. But that doesn't mean they won't consider supporting bad legislation. Right now, Republicans in the House and Senate are contemplating bills that would create family detention facilities as a "fix" to the current crisis, and some Democrats are considering joining.

We have Democratic Members of Congress (MoC) - demand that they vote down any bill that will create family jails for immigrants.

ACTION: Call: Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281, Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636. Representative Denny Heck (360-459-8514)

Script: Hi – I am from District 10 and I want _____ to continue standing strong for immigrants. Fight any evil anti-immigrant bills that are put forward and reach across the aisle to any decent colleagues for coalition building to oppose this terrible action being taken by Trump. We want to be better than this, we want to be decent, caring Americans who help families in trouble.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Protect Every American's Right To Vote. (From Jen Hoffman)

Advocate for H.R. 2978; S. 1419 *Voting Rights Advancement Act*

In *Shelby County v. Holder* in June 2013, the Supreme Court invalidated a key provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a law designed to ensure minority voters across the country are able to participate equally in the electoral process by prohibiting discriminatory voting practices and removing barriers to voting. Among the law's key provisions was an enforcement mechanism to prevent states with a history of voting discrimination from making changes to voting laws and practices without pre-submitting those changes for review by federal officials. The Supreme Court held that the formula for deciding which states and localities were required to pre-approve changes in voting laws and practices was unconstitutional, which severely weakened the federal government's oversight of discriminatory voting practices.

Since the Supreme Court's decision, states and localities have brazenly pushed forward discriminatory changes to voting practices, such as changing district boundaries to disadvantage select voters, instituting more onerous voter identification laws, and changing polling locations with little notice. These laws especially disenfranchise people of color, the elderly, low-income people, and people with disabilities. Voters are more vulnerable to discrimination now than any time since the Voting Rights Act was signed into law more than fifty years ago.

Transgender people are particularly vulnerable to voting discrimination and disenfranchisement due primarily to challenges around valid identification documents. Many transgender people do not have forms of ID that reflect their gender, either because they are in the process of changing their documents or face financial or legal barriers to doing so. In addition, many LGBTQ people face compounded discrimination based on other characteristics, including race, age, disability, and economic status. These vulnerabilities weaken our entire community's voting power.

Fortunately, the Supreme Court's decision was limited in scope and did not bar Congress from creating a new formula. The **Voting Rights Advancement Act** restores the protections of the Voting Rights Act and responds to the unique, modern day challenges of voting discrimination by:

- Modernizing the VRA's preclearance formula to cover states and localities with a pattern of discrimination;
- Ensuring that last-minute voting changes do not adversely affect voters by requiring jurisdictions to publicly disclose all voting changes that occur 180 days before an election;
- Expanding the Attorney General's authority to send federal observers to any jurisdiction where it is believed there is a substantial risk of discrimination at the polls on election day or during an early voting period; and
- Improving the voting rights for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives.

What is the Current Status of the Bill?

The Voting Rights Advancement Act was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) on June 21, 2017, and in the Senate by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) on June 22, 2017.

ACTION: Call: Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281, Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636. Representative Denny Heck (360-459-8514)

Script: Hi, I'm from [ZIP] and would like [name] to support the bipartisan Voting Rights Advancement Act ([H.R. 2978/S.1419](#)) which ensures that every American can fulfill their responsibility to vote. Have they co-sponsored this bill? [If not, will they?] Thank you.

READY FOR MORE?

Americans of Conscience Action Checklist By [Jen Hofmann](#) has more good actions this week. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AGrzMfF_e3q1p4-HM_sTVjOGR0tkq3nwRjEla1Wzy20/preview

COMING SOON

July 6 Friday 6-8:00 pm



Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!

The great minds meet and mind-meld!

RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

July 14

Flip the Third Congressional District Canvassing, July 14

Click here for all the information you need to help out!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aY1S_LYP6GM2IPpBHEQsBt_3XhdCmQyx-t8muaoTwXo/edit?usp=sharing

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