CALL TO ACTION – July 2

SAVE THE ACA

TRUMPCARE IS WEALTHCARE, NOT HEALTHCARE

Keep up the pressure to protect our Healthcare!

This week our actions made an important difference in preventing the GOP from ramming through their horrendous health care bill, hoping that the public would not notice what they were doing. GOP senators were comparing notes on how many calls their offices received, including calls from out of state. Moderate republican senators were able to use these numbers to justify their reluctance in voting for the bill. Your calls mattered!

This week we need more of the same and lots of it, but with a different message. We want to continue to reach out to moderate republicans as well as our own senators with this simple message.

ACTION: My name is ______ and I am calling from Olympia, WA to thank Senator ______ for listening to the American people to protect Medicaid and our most vulnerable people.

1. I am calling today to ask that Senator ______ absolutely say NO to the risky idea of repealing the ACA now and trying to replace it later. This would put millions of lives needlessly in danger.

2. I am also calling to urge Senator ______ to consider working in a bipartisan way to improve our current healthcare law. We need thoughtful leaders to build something lasting, not a hurried patchwork bill rammed through just to save taxes for the wealthy.

Most Crucial Senators to Call:

- Senator Bill Cassidy: (202) 224-5824 (DC office) or (337) 261-1400 (Field Office)
- Senator Susan Collins: (202)-224-2523 or (207) 780-3575
- Senator Mike Lee: (202) 224-5444 or (801) 524-5933
- Senator Lisa Murkowski: (202)-224-6665 or (907) 271-3735
- Senator Rob Portman: (202) 224-3353 or (614) 469-6774
- Senator Ron Johnson: (202) 224-5323 or (414) 276-7282
- Senator Shelley Capito: (202) 224-6472 or (304) 292-2310

and….

Call our own senators, Murray and Cantwell and THANK THEM for their hard work and urge them to continue to be willing to filibuster by amendment any bill to repeal the ACA.

Senator Murray: (253) 572-3636
Senator Cantwell: (253) 572-2281

Be sure to tell them you are a member of Olympia Indivisible.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY
Block Industry Insider Joseph Otting’s Nomination to the Treasury Department

**Background:** Trump has nominated Joseph Otting to run the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, an independent agency within the Treasury Department that supervises the operations of banking units of major financial firms. Who is Joseph Otting? Mr. Otting was the CEO of OneWest between 2010 and 2015. Critics raised concerns about the company’s foreclosure practices. The company used tactics such as “robo-signing”, where false and forged execution of mortgage assignments and other legal documents were created in mass by people with no knowledge of the facts being attested to. The top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, Senator Sherrod Brown, said “If Mr. Otting didn’t deal fairly with the customers at his own bank, it’s difficult to see why he’s the best choice to look out for the interests of customers at more than 1,400 banks and thrifts across the country.” More on Otting in [this Week’s Research Report](https://www.sos.wa.gov/office/news-releases.aspx#/news/1241).

**ACTION:** Call Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636 and Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281, and ask them to reject Otting for Comptroller of the Currency.

**Script:** My name is ______________, and I am calling from (city, zip code). I want to ask Senator _____________ to reject the nomination of Joseph Otting for Comptroller of the Currency. Mr. Otting was involved in shady business practices when he ran OneWest. The financial crisis of 2008 showed that we need real supervision of our biggest banks. We can’t allow another fox in the hen house.

Tell Washington State Secretary of State To Hold Strong on Protecting Voter Privacy

A Wednesday letter from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, i.e. voter fraud, gives secretaries of state about two weeks to provide about a dozen points of voter data. That also would include dates of birth, the last four digits of voters’ Social Security numbers and any information about felony convictions, language preference and military status. It also requested each voter’s party registration and voting history. As of Friday afternoon, at least 27 states had publicly expressed reservations or legal barriers to turning over all of the requested information.


OLYMPIA...The federal Commission Presidential Advisory on Election Integrity has requested that Washington State comply with a series of requests for information. Secretary of State Kim Wyman issued this response:

“As with any request for public records, we are required to comply pursuant to state law regardless of who is making the request. However, as we've only just received the letter from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, it will take some time to review and thoughtfully consider the other requests made of us.

“Next week I'll be attending the National Association of Secretaries of State’s summer meeting and will have the opportunity for a rigorous discussion about these matters. I look forward to hearing from my colleagues and will be in a better position at that time to consider the commission's additional requests.”

On Twitter, Secretary of State @secstatewa 10:49 AM - 2 Jul 2017

To clarify: our office will not release any private voter information to the federal commission or anyone else. [https://www.sos.wa.gov/office/election-integrity.aspx](https://www.sos.wa.gov/office/election-integrity.aspx) ...

Election Integrity Public Information RCW: 29A.08.710 (2)

**Info That Is Public:** Name, Address, District, Gender, Date of Birth, Elections Voter Participated In, Date of Registration, Voter Registration Number

**Info That Is NOT Public:** Phone number, Email Address, Where/How they Registered, Driver’s License Number, Social Security Number, Language Preference, Party Affiliation

**ACTION:** Call Kim Wyman’s office, 360-902-4151, and thank her for refusing to provide private information to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, widely seen as a precursor to voter disenfranchisement and suppression in advance of the 2018/2020 elections.

**URGE** her to release documents to the Commission detailing election integrity analyses from the State of Washington.
PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE
Block Lifetime Appointment of John K. Bush to the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

Background: John K. Bush has zero experience as a judge. His extreme ideology and record show a hostility to women and LGBT people, campaign finance reform, and Democrats. He opposes public financing of political campaigns and the Affordable Care Act. Federal judges should rule with impartiality and fairness, two skills Bush lacks.

The Senate will ultimately decide on Bush’s appointment so our Senators needs to hear from their constituents about their opposition to this highly problematic candidate. For more info read this week’s excellent Research Report.

**ACTION:** Call Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636 and Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281.

**Script:** Hi, my name is [NAME] and I’m a constituent from Olympia. I’m calling today because I’m highly concerned about the potential appointment of John K. Bush to the US Court of Appeals. Bush has extreme ideology and no experience as a Judge. I am concerned about the quality of his decisions. I ask that Senator Maria Cantwell vote against his appointment. Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. [IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied].

COMING SOON

Senator Cantwell Announces Town Hall Events

*Cantwell to hear from constituents on health care, net neutrality, other issues important to Washington state*

Seattle, WA – U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) announced three town hall events in Seattle and the surrounding area on July 5th, July 7th, and July 8th, 2017. Cantwell will hear directly from constituents about policies affecting them and answer their questions.

Tickets are required for each event and can be secured through the links below. Tickets are free of charge.

**Health Care Town Hall**
**On July 5th**, Senator Cantwell, joined by Dr. Paul Ramsey, CEO of Harborview Hospital and Dean of the UW School of Medicine, will answer questions on the future of health care policy and listen to constituents’ concerns about the proposed Trumpcare bill in the Senate.

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Kane Hall, Roethke Auditorium, University of Washington  
4069 Spokane Ln, Seattle, WA 98105

***Get Tickets here***

**Net Neutrality Town Hall**
**On July 7th**, Senator Cantwell will host FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn for a town hall discussion moderated by Michael Schulter, CEO of the Washington Technology Industry Association, on how rolling back net neutrality protections will hurt internet users and Washington’s tech industry. The pair will answer questions about net neutrality and related issues and discuss a way forward. Recently, rules put in place during the Obama Administration protecting a free and open internet have come under attack.

**Date:** Friday, July 7, 2017
**Time**: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
**Location**: Town Hall Seattle  
1119 8th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98101  
***Get Tickets here***

**Town Hall**

On **July 8th**, Senator Cantwell will answer questions from constituents on a variety of issues and discuss her work in the U.S. Senate.

**Date**: Saturday, July 8, 2017  
**Time**: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
**Location**: TEC High School Gymnasium  
830 SW 116th St  
Seattle, WA 98146  
***Get Tickets here***

Additional information can be found on the Senator’s website, Facebook page, and Twitter account. All event spaces are ADA-compliant. If you have any questions or would like further assistance, please email townhall@cantwell.senate.gov.

**July 7 Friday (6 - 8 pm)**

**Celebrate the end of the week with Olympia Indivisible Members – write postcards**!

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.