CALL TO ACTION – July 23

If you only have time to do one thing this week, ACA is it!

SAVE THE ACA

IT’S NOT OVER YET

Call on MONDAY to STOP TRUMPCARE FOR GOOD!

First, THANK YOU for your calls last week. They worked!!! The Senate bill collapsed without these moderate GOP senators; however, their stance has infuriated the far right. The Tea Party and conservative PACs are calling and coming after these Senators with a vengeance. These GOP Senators need your calls to encourage them to keep doing the right thing for American families.

This coming week the Senate will most likely do 2 things on healthcare. First, they will consider a motion on Tuesday to **proceed to vote** on the House Health Care Bill that already passed. If this motion passes they will debate for 2 days with their horrific amendments that will put over 30 million people off their healthcare and cause financial ruin to many American families. Even if they don’t have enough votes, they will most likely vote on a final amended bill on Thursday.

This week’s Call to Action is **CRITICAL**.

**ACTION:** My name is __________. I live in Olympia WA. and I am calling to thank Senator __________ for their courage and leadership in protecting our vulnerable citizens that rely on Medicaid.

This week, In order to protect American families from financial ruin, I urge Senator __________ to **Vote No** on both the **Motion to Proceed** as well as any current amended Health Care Bill.

I also urge Senator __________ to move the bill to committee to hold hearings on how to improve our existing Health Care in a bipartisan way. If you are a homeowner, you don’t tear down your entire house just because it needs new counter-tops in the kitchen. You fix it! The ACA is already in place and is ready to be improved.

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Demand Accountability from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

President Trump claims millions voted illegally for Clinton and on May 11, 2017, signed an Executive Order establishing the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Vice President Mike Pence chairs the Commission, and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach serves as the vice chair.

- Trump repeatedly made unfounded claims about voter fraud during the 2016 election - even prompting him to dodge on whether he would accept the election results if he lost.
- He lost the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes, but he tweeted more than 3 million people had voted illegally, that he actually won the popular vote. He now claims 5 million illegal votes.
- Trump’s allegations have been denied by Secretaries of State across the country who have certified the election results. They are responsible to ensure voting is not fraudulent, nor compromised, within their respective states. This is a most solemn basis upon which voters can base their confidence in the right bestowed to ensure both opportunity and ability to legally vote, and to ensure it’s based on fact, not conjecture or fabrication.
- Kansas Secretary of State Kobach has a history of attempting to disenfranchise legitimate voters. Kobach wants to enact stricter registration requirements; and the methods the Commission appears to be considering are both methodologically unsound and risk exposing private data…”
- The Commission’s draft by-laws include:
  - The commission to host "closed meetings" in "limited circumstances and in accordance with applicable law." (As determined by the commission.)
  - The total lack of transparency - public access to the records is allowed five years after the end of the Administration, but allows the President to invoke as many as six specific restrictions to public access for up to twelve years.
  - The PRA establishes procedures for Congress, courts and subsequent administrations to obtain special access to records that remain closed to the public, following a thirty-day notice period to the former and current Presidents.

**ACTION:** Call and/or email our MoCs and ask them to strongly:

- OPPOSE the Commission, its creation by Executive Order with no evidence whatsoever of massive voter fraud in the 2016 Election;
- DEMAND Trump provide Congress with the funding mechanism used by this Commission to ensure it is both legal and a wise use of taxpayer dollars;
- DEMAND Trump and his administration make available all “evidence” and any documents/broadcasts/communications that led to Trump’s claims, so that the American people can weigh in on the Commission before it proceeds any further;
- DEMAND Kris Kobach be removed from the Commission, due to his personal & professional history of attempting to disenfranchise legitimate voters, including through false statements and failure to identify any factual basis for his actions in many areas;
- OPPOSE the Commission’s mission, as stated in its draft by-laws, as it allows the Commission to investigate anything associated with elections in the USA without any evidence;
- DENOUNCE, through our MoCs statements and actions, the fear being instilled in voters around the country who are concerned there are no provisions for protecting their personal information.
Oppose National Labor Relations Board Nominees

*Background:* During the Obama administration, the National Labor Relations Board ruled in favor of policies that protected American workers. Now Trump’s two nominees for the National Labor Relations Board may work to reverse previous decisions. Marvin Kaplan and William Emanuel would give the Republicans a majority on the board. The President of the AFL-CIO stated that the track records of Kaplan and Emanuel “raise serious concerns about their commitment to the rights and protections guaranteed by our labor laws and enforced by the NLRB.”

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

*Script:* My name is ________, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling to ask Senator _______ to vote no on the nominations of Marvin Kaplan and William Emanuel to the National Labor Relations Board. The mission of the NLRB is to protect workers and enforce our labor laws. These nominees are not acceptable.

Help the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau help you.

There’s one agency in Washington swimming against the Trump tide, and it needs your help: the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) just restored your ability take collective legal action against big corporate players like Wells Fargo when they break the law. But Trump’s friends in the House are voting to repeal this important new rule on Tuesday. **Tell your MoC to leave the “Arbitration rule” in place and let the CFPB protect your rights without interference.**

**ACTION:** Call Denny Heck (360) 459-8514 and tell him to oppose repeal of the Arbitration Rule this week!

Call on the Dept. of Education to Dismiss Candice Jackson

*Summary:* The Department of Education (DOE) is showing many signs that it is planning on revising its policies on how it deals with campus sexual assault. The Obama DOE made many changes intended to hold rapists accountable and the Trump DOE is poised to roll back those reforms.

*Talking Points:*
- The head of the civil rights division of the DOE, Candice Jackson, said of sexual assaults in an interview with the New York Times, “The accusations — 90 percent of them — fall into the category of ‘we were both drunk,’ ‘we broke up, and six months later I found myself under a Title IX investigation because she just decided that our last [time] sleeping together was not quite right.’”
- Betsy Devos held meetings with so-called “Men’s Rights” organizations, which advocate victim blaming and rolling back investigations of sexual assault and sexual violence
- DOE Civil Rights Division
  - Expressed public intent to stop publishing a list of schools where sexual assault investigations are ongoing.
  - Internal Memo directing investigators to stop looking for systemic issues in how cases are handled on campus.
  - Proposing cutting 40 positions from the office for civil rights.

*Our MoCs:*
- Murray has called for Candice Jackson to be fired.
- No statements yet from Heck or Cantwell.

**ACTION:**
- Call Murray
  - Thank her for calling for Jackson’s removal.
  - Thanks her for standing up to this administration’s efforts to roll back protections for vulnerable populations
  - Ask her to pressure DOE to stop these changes to the civil rights division.
- Call Cantwell and Heck
  - Ask them to call for Jackson’s removal.
• Ask them to publically oppose these changes to the civil rights division

Contact the US Dept of Education's Office for Civil Rights at 800-421-3481 and/or OCR@ed.gov to demand that Candice Jackson be removed from her position due to her comments that demonstrate she is in no position to serve as a protector of students' rights.

COMING SOON

July 28 Friday (6 - 8 pm)
Ferment Resistance with other Olympia Indivisible Members!
Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia.