CALL TO ACTION – July 30

WE NEED YOU: The Action Team, which puts out this Call to Action each week, needs new members. We meet Sundays at 10:00am each week to plan the week’s Call. Team members then go write up their section and send it in so we can assemble the week’s Call. Join us! Contact indivisibletom@gmail.com

SAVE THE ACA

ACA REPEAL FAILS

This week, we saw the defeat of every bill the Senate Republicans brought forward to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Thank each of the Senators below for protecting the many Americans who would have had their costs unaffordably rise, or worse, lost their insurance.

**ACTION:** Call and/or fax Senators Lisa Murkowski, R-AK (Phone: 202-224-6665 Fax: 202-224-5301 for her D.C. office OR Phone: 907-271-3735 Fax: 877-857-0322 in Anchorage) and Susan Collins, R-ME (Phone: 202-224-2523, Fax: 202-224-2693 for her D.C. office OR Phone: 207-945-0417 in Bangor). Thank them for their leadership, justified resistance and perseverance, even in the face of the Trump’s direct threats of retribution to Sen Murkowski if she didn’t vote for the GOP bills. They heard their constituents and stood up for them rather than voting for “the train wreck known as Trumpcare.”

**ACTION:** Call and/or fax R-AZ Senator John McCain (Phone: 202-224-2235 Fax: 202-228-2862 in his D.C. office OR Phone: 602-952-2410 Fax: 855-952-8702 in Phoenix) for joining the Democrats to thwart the GOP’s efforts to cut between 16-32M Americans from healthcare they now have. Thank him for standing up for his constituents, his Governor and his State, rather than voting a party line. It was a pleasant surprise and he deserves our thanks.

**ACTION:** Call and/or fax Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and thank them for their tireless work on behalf of us, their constituents. Most importantly, ask if our Senators have, or are working on, plans to combat the Trump Promise of destroying the ACA because he doesn’t like the outcome of the votes. Ask if they have any position papers detailing their plans and, if so, request they be sent to you. (Please submit anything you receive, including their staffs’ verbal responses, to the OI Steering Committee Olympia.Indivisible@gmail.com.)

Your calls really matter to them!
Senator Patty Murray  Phone: (253) 572-3636  Senator Maria Cantrell Phone: (253) 572-2281

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Stop Gerrymandering

Last month, the Supreme Court struck down North Carolina’s state legislative maps because of alleged racial gerrymandering by Republicans. But this rebuke from the highest court in the country didn’t stop the NC GOP from looking for a way to keep their rigged maps.

Republicans in the legislature have formed a redistricting committee and are trying to sell it as a fair solution. **The trick is, they stacked the committee with two Republicans for every Democrat.** You don’t have to be a political scientist to guess which party will benefit from the resulting maps.

Gerrymandering is antithetical to our democracy, and it’s having a seriously negative effect on public policy. In North Carolina, rigged maps led to GOP supermajorities, which led to policies like voter suppression, cuts to
education funding, and restrictions on reproductive rights.

Republicans will keep getting away with their map-rigging as long as they think we aren’t watching.

**ACTIONS:** Click this link to add your name to show the NC GOP that you’re ready to hold them accountable.

**Support a Constitutional Amendment to Overturn Citizens United**

**Summary**
- H.J. Res. 113 – Amendment to overturn the 2010 Supreme Court Citizens United decision allowing corporations to spend unlimited funds to run campaign advertisements.
- Introduced by Rep. Adam Schiff on 07/20/2017 and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- The bill has 16 Democratic sponsors (Denny Heck is not one of them).
- In 2012 Schiff introduced an identical bill H.J.R. 111 which was referred to the House Judiciary and then referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Would not restrict the ability of Congress or States to propose reasonable limitation on campaign contributions
- Would allow, but not require Congress or States to provide public financing of campaigns

**ACTIONS:**
1. Contact House Judiciary Committee Phone: 202-225-3951 Chair Bob Goodlatte phone: 202-225-5431, fax: 202-225-9681 and Ranking Member John Conyers Jr Phone: (202) 225-5126,Fax: (202) 225-0072

**Scripts**
- Chair or Ranking Member of Subcommittee: I am contacting you in your role as (Chair or Ranking Member) of the House Judiciary to express support for H.J.R. 113. Overturning Citizens United is essential to maintaining our democracy.
- Rep Denny Heck, please cosponsor Adam Schiff’s bill H.J.R.113 to overturn Citizens United.

**Don’t let Trump and McConnell pack the Federal Courts with unqualified Conservative judges**

**Background:** As of mid-July, Trump has nominated 27 judges for Federal District Court positions and 9 for Federal Appeals Court positions. They are young, with an average age of 48 for the 9 Federal Appeals, and very conservative according to a recent Washington Post column. Congressional Republicans are aiding this by attempting to remove procedural safeguards such as review of nominee’s qualifications by the American Bar Association and the practice of allowing Senators to object to nominees from their home state (the “blue slip” process). Compounding the problem, one of the reasons for the high number of vacancies is that the McConnell-led Republicans stalled consideration of many of Obama’s nominees to minimize appointments until after elections. With the future of the filibuster uncertain, if these safeguards are eliminated, there will be little that can be done to prevent Federal Courts being packed with very conservative and potentially unqualified jurists who will be on the bench for a long time.

**ACTIONS:** Call Senators Cantwell and Murray to let them know of your concern that the combination of Republican stall tactics and elimination of procedural safeguards will result in an unprecedented number of highly conservative Federal Court appointments, affecting the future of our Federal Courts for a long time. Tell them to resist the Republican tactics to eliminate the procedural safeguards by enlisting the help of their moderate Republican colleagues.

**Oppose cutting the U.S. Department of Education’s budget** (from Jenn Hoffman)

**ACTIONS:** Call our three MoCs ([lookup](#) or [leave message](#)).

**Script:** Hi, I’m from [ZIP] and want to express my concern over possible cuts to the Department of Education’s budget. With environmental dangers and global competition, we can’t risk the next generation to being poorly
eduction. Teachers need excellent training and support. College graduates need relief from debt. Can you tell me what is [name] doing to support education for all of America’s kids and fight cutting the Dept of Education budget?

**COMING SOON**

**August 4 Friday (6-8 pm)**

**Ferment Resistance with other Olympia Indivisible Members!**
Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia.

**August 5, Saturday, (Time TBA)**

**Olympia Indivisible viewing** of the new climate change documentary by Al Gore. **AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: TRUTH TO POWER** at Regal Martin Village Stadium 16 (Lacey)

**August 7 Monday, (5-7 pm)**

**Birthday Party for Denny Heck** with special guest Congressman, Joaquin Castro (TX-20)
SPSCC Lacey Campus 4220 6th Avenue SE, Lacey WA 98503
While Olympia Indivisible is not endorsing any candidates at this time, we felt it was appropriate to advise membership of the re-election campaign event. If you want to attend, please RSVP to 360 359-1514 or at sophie@dennyheckforcongress.com

**August 10 Thursday, (7:00 pm)**

**Denny Heck Town Hall**
Discuss it With Denny: “Russia, North Korea, and Our National Security”
Puyallup, WA (exact location TBA)

**August 29 Tuesday (7-9 pm)**

**All OI Member Event** Room 152, Thurston County Courthouse. Our Washington state Insurance Commissioner, Mike Kreidler, has agreed to speak to us about the “ACA: Dead or Alive?” Plus you’ll get insider information on all the Olympia Indivisible (OI) goings on. And you’ll probably have a chance to participate in another round of “OI Political Trivia” with questions to challenge the most informed news junkies among us.

RSVP to olyindirsvp@gmail.com

We are expecting a full house for the All Member Event on August 29, so RSVP early.