



CALL TO ACTION – August 13

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SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Investigate and Expose Hate Groups

We are all horrified by what happened in Charlottesville, Virginia over the weekend. White supremacists, racists, neo-Nazis and other hate groups brought violence and death to legally assembled counter-protesters. On Saturday, Heather Heyer was murdered on the streets of Charlottesville when a man who identified with neo-Nazis used his vehicle as a weapon. Many others were injured, and people still remain hospitalized. The epidemic of hate in America is growing.

Unbelievably, Donald Trump was silent. Finally he spoke out against violence “on many sides.” Friday and Saturday it was one side that took to the streets and the campus of the University of Virginia wielding torches and chanting hateful words. It was one side that called for white supremacy over all other races. It was one side that proclaimed anti-Semitic slurs. It was one side that yelled actual Nazi slogans. It was one side that targeted protestors carrying Black Lives Matter signs and ran them down with a car. It was one side that rained blessings on the president for not condemning the white supremacist domestic terrorists. And it was one side that said white supremacists will “fulfill the promise Donald Trump,” and reminded the president of their role in electing him.* Trump’s unwillingness to condemn white supremacy and racism exactly reflects his true agenda, which is to stoke hate and violence to excite his base.

Demand that congress reject Trump’s hate-mongering by immediately creating a Joint Select Committee to Investigate Hate Groups in America. This committee must expose these groups to marginalize them, ostracize them and disempower them. If Congress does nothing, the march to a fascist America will gain momentum and we can expect more and more hate and violence like Charlottesville. It is time` to stand up and say no to hate.

ACTION: Call our MoCs and demand they reach across the aisle and start a Joint Select Committee.

To date our Cantwell and Murray have made mild public statements and Heck has said nothing. Tell them to publically condemn these racist’s and Trump’s unwillingness to speak out against his racist KKK/Nazi supporters. Call Senator Maria Cantwell (202) 224-3441 or (253) 572-228
Call Senator Patty Murray (202) 224-2621 or (253) 572-3636
Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Voter Purges and Suppression

Background: The US Justice Department is siding with Ohio in its purge of inactive voters. The Justice Department has reversed its position in a high-profile voting case in Ohio, siding with the state in its effort to purge thousands of people from its rolls. The move is part of a broader campaign by the Trump administration to enact restrictions on who is eligible to vote. The brief filed August 7 was not signed by career attorneys in the department’s civil rights division, but only by political appointees.

Ohio’s procedure allows the state to purge voters from the voter rolls. If a voter has not cast a ballot in two years, the person is sent a notice asking them to confirm their registration. If the voter does not respond and does not cast a ballot over the next four years, the person is removed from the rolls. Civil rights groups last year challenged Ohio’s process, arguing that such purges are prohibited under the National Voter Registration Act. Under Ohio’s procedure, the state can purge people from the voter rolls who have ostensibly moved without any evidence that they have actually moved.

Talking Points:

- * The right to vote is inviolate. It is guaranteed by our Constitution.
- * The purging of voter rolls by the state, using this process, is a frequent tool of the GOP to suppress or deny individuals, otherwise entitled, to vote. We should be duplicating laws (Oregon) for automatic voter registration.
- * Oversight of those states with historical and/or recent voter suppression based on race should be returned to oversight before being allowed to further deny entitled Americans their right to vote.
- * There is a push to accelerate voter purging. The President has a Commission looking at voter and voting issues. States should wait to consider further purges until the Commission has done its work and made its report available to the public.

ACTION: Call or email or write to our Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell and Congressman Heck.

Script: I am _____, a constituent of the State of Washington (CD10). The right to vote is inviolate. I ask that you demand the US Justice Department terminate its support for the purge of state voting records as a violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Dangerous Statements by Donald Trump could provoke Nuclear War

This week the world has watched in dismay as Donald Trump has made off-the-cuff statements provoking and challenging the North Koreans. These statements are not the result of policy, nor are they made in concert with the State Department, the National Security Council, Congress, or our allies. His aggressive posturing is most likely an attempt to raise his sinking poll numbers with his base. Statements like “locked and loaded” and “fire and fury like the world has never seen” are neither presidential nor wise.

ACTION: We are asking our MOCs to demand that international disputes be resolved by exercising the full power of the State Department, the United Nations and through wise policy. It is completely unacceptable for a president to be acting as Donald Trump is behaving. We also are asking our MOCs to take a public stand on HR 669 or Senate bill 200 that would limit the president’s power for first use of nuclear weapons. (You can read the bills here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/200> and <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/669>.)

Script:

My name is _____ and I am calling as an active member of Olympia Indivisible. I am horrified at the public statements Donald Trump has made this last week concerning North Korea. As a citizen I expect this administration to resolve international disputes by exercising the full power of the State Department, through the United Nations, and through wise, coherent policy.

First, I would like Senator/Congressman _____ to make a public statement concerning the president’s provocative remarks as well as the need for a coherent, clear policy to resolve the North Korea crisis.

Second, that Senator/Congressman _____ support or improve current legislation to limit the president’s nuclear first strike ability when no missile has been launched against the US. (HR 669 or Senate Bill 200)

Congressman Denny Heck: 360-459-8514

Senator Patty Murray: 253-572-3636

Senator Maria Cantwell: 253-572-2281

COMING SOON

August 15 Saturday 6pm

MARIA CANTWELL TOWN HALL

Spokane For immediate updates visit www.cantwell.senate.gov)

Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell hears from her constituents about policies affecting them and answers their questions. Anyone wishing to attend the town hall must pre-register at the link below. *Free. Tue, Aug. 15 from 6-7:30 pm. Gonzaga University, Cataldo Hall Globe Room, 502 E. Boone. bit.ly/2wEx41N*

August 17 Thursday - Mid-morning (exact time to be announced soon)

Discuss it with Denny:

Combating Climate Change

- Location to be Announced Soon (we hope)

August 18 Friday (6-8 pm)

Fellowship & Resistance with other Olympia Indivisible Members!

- Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia.

August 19 (Sat) and/or 20 (Sun)

WA 8 CD Alliance -- Join a deep listening canvass this weekend

Come join a canvass in WA CD8 to help us pave the way for a Democratic challenger to Dave Reichert in WA CD 8 in 2018. We are doing "deep canvassing" to ID voters, and to hear about their top issues. This IS the work needed to win in 2018. We will train you and pair you with a partner to learn. You will be AMAZED at the insights you gain.

Two choices next weekend... come join us!

- WA 8th Alliance... and Linda Powell's Sammamish Canvass
August 19th, 2017 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- WA 8th Alliance and Jennifer Hurley's Auburn Canvass
August 20th, 2017 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Sign up here: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/event/index>

NOTE: Many canvasses are listed. Chose the two listed above to help flip the 8th CD from Red to Blue.

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 "Healthcare: The Next Chapter" 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.

* Thanks to Indivisible Austin for some of our verbiage this week.