Stand Up to Hate

Donald Trump has appalled us all by giving his blessing to white supremacists, neo-Nazis and xenophobes. He is empowering violent extremists, and people of good will must stand strong against Trump's agenda of hate and his attempt to divide our country. He has shown his true colors, and we must continue to expose his hate-mongering.

ACTION: Ask Rep. Heck to demand that white supremacists, including Miller and Gorka, be removed from the Administration by supporting HR 77, introduced by Rep. Jayapal, to condemn hate groups and remove white supremacists from the Administration.

ACTION: Ask all our MOCs to demand that Congress remove all Pro-Slavery Secessionist Confederate statues from the Capitol AND that Trump be censured for fomenting hate---ask them to call for hearings to investigate and expose hate groups in America.

ACTION: Ask our Senators to protect our immigrant friends and neighbors from deportation, by protecting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by co-sponsoring the Durbin-Graham Dream Act (S 1615)


PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Stand Up for LGBTQ Rights

Background: On July 26th, two events targeting the LGBTQ community occurred. Trump announced (via Twitter) a ban on transgender people serving in the military, saying that American forces could not afford the "tremendous medical costs and disruption." In addition, the Department of Justice announced their stance that Title VII does not protect against sexual orientation discrimination. In response to Trump's tweet, the Pentagon / Department of Defense has said they will not act unless they receive a direct order. In response to the DOJ, a group of about 60 lawmakers have urged the DOJ to rescind its recently adopted position that Title VII does not protect against sexual orientation discrimination.

ACTION: Call Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281

Script: Hi, my name is __________, and I am a constituent from Olympia. I'm calling to ask Senator Cantwell to oppose any action that excludes transgender individuals from serving in the military. We cannot allow discrimination against any members of our society, including LGBTQ members. Thank you.

ACTION: Call Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636
Script: Hi, my name is __________, and I am a constituent from Olympia. I’m calling to thank Senator Murray for her support of the LGBTQ community. Thank you for meeting with LGBTQ leaders from our state.

ACTION: Call Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: Hi, my name is __________, and I am a constituent from Olympia. I’m calling to ask Representative Denny Heck to denounce Trump’s recent announcement that the US military will no longer allow transgender troops to serve. Transgender Americans should have the right to serve their country while receiving the gender confirmation therapy they need. It is unacceptable to strip them of these rights in a series of tweets. In addition, I am asking Representative Heck to oppose HR 2796, the Civil Rights Uniformity Act.

ACTION: Call the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (202) 514-4609

Script: Hi, I am calling to object to the Department of Justice stance that Title VII does not protect against sexual orientation discrimination. The DOJ’s stance is contrary to existing law and national ideals.

Stand Up for the Environment

Our environment is under assault by the Trumpites and is being exploited for financial gain.

Talking Points:

- The Climate Science Special Report, based on work conducted by scientists in 13 federal agencies is under active review at the White House. The top-line conclusion is that “it is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century.” There is, the report says, “no convincing alternative explanation” for that warming.
- EPA Administrator Pruitt is taking extraordinary measures to conceal his actions, as he works to dismantle EPA policies and even portions of the agency itself.
- Pruitt’s aides asked career employees to make changes in a water quality rule without any records of the changes they were being ordered to make. They included eliminating the benefits of the rule in the analysis of the rule’s costs. He has moved to shut down data collection of emissions from oil and gas companies and taken down over 1,900 EPA webpages on topics such as climate change.
- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is up for Congressional re-authorization in September 2017, and it’s time to consider changes that would make the program work better, especially in light of growing development in floodplains and climate change. The program has three main components: flood insurance, flood risk mapping, and floodplain management. Created by Congress in 1968, it is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Go to the Movies - no later than Wednesday! Our @IndivisibleTeam says see Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Sequel with a friend. Use the code TRUTHTOPOWER for a Buy One, Get One Free movie ticket from fandango.com. The theaters cannot say for sure it will be playing past Wednesday, so go now.

ACTION: Call our MoCs: Denny Heck: 360-459-8514 Patty Murray: 253-572-3636 Maria Cantwell: 253-572-2281 ASAP -- this bill can be scheduled for a vote any time!

- Demand Congressional Committees from both Houses & Senate conduct oversight hearings on the secrecy and changes made at the EPA.
- Demand the EPA return all webpages on topics and, in particular, those on climate change.
- Demand Support S. 1425, the Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System. (The ICOOS Act of 2009 created a national system for integrating data from all ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas, monitoring things like temperature and ocean acidification.)

Script: Hi, I’m [name] from [ZIP]. I’m calling today to ask [Senator] to support S. 1425, the Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act. The ocean observation system established by the 2009 bill is an extremely valuable resource, and I want to see its work continue. As S. 1425 has passed committee and moved to the floor, do you know how [Senator] intends to vote?

Ask our MoCs if they have made any recommended improvements to the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) as part of the reauthorization? Urge them to support changes that will improve the program, not diminish it.
Stand Down EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt – Don’t roll back clean water protections!

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is at it again, trying to roll back critical protections for our nation’s waters, and we need your help to stop him. Pruitt has proposed a short comment period, but you can tell him to listen to the majority of Americans who expect EPA to protect clean water, not polluter profits.

**ACTION:** Go here and send an email – easy: http://wagreen.p2a.co/xL8ruHZ

Stand Down - stop Sinclair Broadcasting

Sinclair Broadcasting, a heavily right-wing leaning media company, has been working to acquire Tribune Media in order to expand its reach into households across the country. The Trump administration's FCC Chairman (Ajit Pai) is allowing Sinclair to count just half of its UHF stations against the national limit expanding its reach to 72% of U.S. households.

**ACTION:** Contact Senator Cantwell (who sits on the Commerce Committee) and thank her for her public concern about the Sinclair-Tribune Merger: Cantwell Leads Democratic Senators in Call for Scrutiny of Sinclair-Tribune Broadcasting Deal, Senate Hearings

**ACTION:** Contact Senators John Thun (202-224-2321) and Chuck Grassley (202-224-3744) the chairman of the Senate Commerce and Judiciary Committees, asking that they examine the pending Sinclair-Tribune Merger, expressing your concern that this is not in the best interest of American Democracy and would decrease competition and diversity in broadcasting.

**ACTION:** Call Ajit Pai, FCC Chairman 202-418-1000

*Script:* Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from Olympia. I’m calling in opposition to the merger of Sinclair Broadcasting and Tribune Media. The merger will expand Sinclair's reach beyond its legal audience cap of 39% to a massive 72% of US households. The FCC should not bend rules or roll back regulations in order to grow Sinclair’s pro-Trump, right wing messaging. Thank you so much for your time.--[IF LEAVING A MESSAGE: Please leave full address to ensure call is tallied.]

Stand Up for Net Neutrality

The Trump administration and FCC Chairman Ajit Pai have joined forces with the biggest broadband providers to try to roll back our online rights. They want to destroy Net Neutrality — and we need to stop them.

**Talking Points:** Simple Acts of Democracy - Net Neutrality
- The FCC’s Net Neutrality rules keep the internet free and open — enabling anyone to share and access information of their choosing without interference from companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. Net Neutrality is essential to education, economic opportunity, social movements and dissent.
- For over 10 years, people worked alongside public-interest organizations, civil rights groups, entrepreneurs and small-business owners to put Net Neutrality protections in place. In 2015, the fight for internet freedom ended in victory when the FCC reclassified broadband providers under Title II of the Communications Act, creating the legal foundation for real Net Neutrality.
- But now the Trump administration, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and the corporations backing them are doing all they can to reverse the historic Net Neutrality win.

**Our MoCs:**
- Senator Cantwell’s town hall on net neutrality: on FB live and loose notes
- Senator Cantwell recommended this John Oliver video about it: Time: 19:32 (less if you skip the goat)

**ACTION:** Provide comment at the FCC website, clicking on “Express” on the right hand side to comment.
- FCC Comments for Restoring Internet Freedom
- Tips on commenting: How to write a meaningful FCC comment supporting net neutrality
- Thank Senator Cantwell for her efforts to protect net neutrality
August 21 Monday (5:00 pm)

Tune in to Facebook Live

This week’s Facebook live will focus on racial justice in light of Charlottesville. We encourage all groups to tune in for this timely and important discussion.

August 23 Wednesday (10:00 am – doors open 9:30)

Discuss It With Denny: Taking on the Threat of Climate Change
South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey Campus (Building 1) - 4220 6th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Join Rep. Denny Heck (WA-10) and climate policy experts for a discussion about global, national, and regional plans to tackle the urgent threat of climate change. After short policy briefings, constituents are invited to ask questions of Rep. Heck and the other presenters.


REMINdERS: Look for Olympia Indivisible members at the front door of Building 1.
Pick up a list of suggested questions you might want to ask Denny Heck.
We’ll have O.I. buttons available.

- Wear your Olympia Indivisible T-shirt or your O.I. button. Or both!
- It’s best if only a couple O.I. members sit together. Try to spread out in the auditorium.
- If an Olympia Indivisible member speaks on the microphone, be sure to cheer her or him on in support.
- Take photos of O.I. members participating at the town hall and post on Facebook afterwards.
- Please be respectful of all who speak, even if they present a point of view you disagree with.
- If you ask a question on the microphone, be respectful but persistent to get an answer to your question.

August 25 Friday (6-8 pm)

Fellowship & Resistance with other Olympia Indivisible Members!
Sit Down and solve the World’s Most Pressing Problems! Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in OlyWA.

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.