CALL TO ACTION – August 6

SAVE THE ACA

Keep the Individual Mandate in the ACA

*Background:* HHS Secretary Tom Price is considering waiving the individual mandate. This is the provision under the ACA that all Americans have health insurance. If the mandate is waived, the individual market nationwide will weaken and perhaps collapse. It was this issue that triggered the collapse of the skinny option amendment in the Senate last week. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (HELP) committee Chairman Lamar Alexander and ranking member Senator Patty Murray have planned a series of hearings aimed at drafting bipartisan legislation to strengthen the individual health care markets. A majority of members of the HELP committee support this bipartisan effort.

**ACTION:** Call HHS Secretary Tom Price and tell him to reject plans to eliminate the individual mandate. Tell him to wait until the HELP committee has had an opportunity to process ACA reform as a matter of usual order.

**CORRECTION:** The phone # listed originally in the Call to Action for Tom Price is actually Paul Ryan’s #. To reach the HHS Hotline, call toll free #: 1-877-696-6775 and ask to be connected to Price’s office.

*Script:* My name is __________, and I am calling from Olympia, WA. I want Secretary Price to keep the individual mandate and enforce it. Wait for the HELP committee to process ACA Reform as a matter of usual order. Do not sabotage the ACA.

Repair the ACA - Bipartisan Style!

**ACTION:** Call Senator Maria Cantwell (202) 224-3441 or (253) 572-2281

*Script:* I am calling from Olympia to encourage Senator Cantwell to pursue a bipartisan effort to repair the ACA. I thank the Senator for her persistence in fighting the Republican repeal plans. The best way forward for the American people is to find ways to fix the ACA’s problems. Thank you for your hard work answering the phones.

**ACTION:** Call Senator Patty Murray (202) 224-2621 or (253) 572-3636

*Script:* I am calling from Olympia to thank Senator Murray for her leadership, as ranking member on the HELP committee, and I appreciate her ability to work across the aisle.

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Advocate for Daily Press Briefings

**ACTION:** Send a postcard to Chief of Staff John Kelley, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20500

*Script:* The American people want to know what is happening at the White House. We are tired of leaks, tweets, and rumors. If this President wants respect, we must see transparency in daily press briefings. Your Name, State.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE
Repeal the 2001 Authorization to Use Military Force

**Background:** The House Appropriations Committee approved an amendment to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) for inclusion in the 2018 Defense Appropriations bill. The AUMF gave the President the authority to use “all necessary and appropriate force” against those who “planned, authorized, committed, or aided” the attacks of September 11 “in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States.” The amendment will revoke the AUMF 240 days after the appropriations bill is passed. This would give Congress and the administration eight months to debate the provision and develop measures to replace it. On July 18th, Speaker Paul Ryan removed the amendment from the Defense Appropriations bill in an effort to block it from receiving public debate on the House floor.

**ACTION:** Call Speaker Paul Ryan and tell him you are disappointed he removed the amendment from the appropriations bill. Tell him we expect him to put the amendment back up for consideration.

Speaker Paul Ryan (202) 225-0600

*Script:* My name is __________ and I am calling from Olympia, WA. I am disappointed that Speaker Ryan removed Representative Barbara Lee’s amendment from the Defense Appropriation bill. I expect him to put the amendment back up for consideration. This was a bipartisan vote to committee, and it is an example of common sense. The public insists that he allow an opportunity for debate on this provision.

**COMING SOON**

**August 7 Monday, (5-7 pm)**
**Birthday Party for Denny Heck** with special guest Congressman, Joaquín 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) (Doors open at 6:30pm)**
**Denny Heck Town Hall**
**Discuss It With Denny: Russia, North Korea, and Our National Security**
**Location:** Ford Middle School - 1602 104th St. E., Tacoma, WA 98445

Join Rep. Denny Heck and foreign policy experts for a discussion about U.S. national security in the Asia-Pacific region, especially as it relates to Russia and North Korea. After short policy briefings, constituents are invited to ask questions of Rep. Heck and the other presenters.

National security issues are a daily focus for Rep. Denny Heck. Rep. Heck is the only member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from the Pacific Northwest. He represents Joint Base Lewis-McChord, one of the largest military installations in the country.

- Please wear your Olympia Indivisible T-shirt or button when you attend Denny Heck’s or any town halls with our MoCs.
- It’s best if only a couple of 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.

**August 11 Friday (6-8 pm)**
**Ferment Resistance with other Olympia Indivisible Members!**
Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia.

**August 12 Saturday 10am**  
MARIA CANTWELL TOWN HALL  
Wenatchee (location TBA. For immediate updates visit [www.cantwell.senate.gov](http://www.cantwell.senate.gov))

**August 15 Saturday 6pm**  
MARIA CANTWELL TOWN HALL  
Spokane (location TBA. For immediate updates visit [www.cantwell.senate.gov](http://www.cantwell.senate.gov))

**August 17 Thursday - Mid-morning (exact time to be announced soon)**  
Discuss it with Denny:  
Combating Climate Change  
- Location to be Announced Soon

**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.