



CALL TO ACTION – September 3

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HURRICANE HARVEY

Hurricane Harvey has devastated parts of Texas and Louisiana. With chemical plants exploding and burning, the flooding of 13 Toxic Superfund Sites, the damage is far from over. Congress is expected to respond with an emergency aid package that meets short term needs like food, water and shelter, as well as longer term needs like rebuilding homes and public infrastructure destroyed in the storms.

Coincidentally, the National Flood Insurance Program must also be reauthorized by September 30, which Congress must do to ensure that Americans can continue to afford flood insurance.

Many Republicans in the House refuse to raise the debt ceiling without demanding massive spending cuts in return.

Talking Points:

- Approx. 10% (based on govt statistics), likely significantly more as Houston is a major education and population center, of DACAmented people reside in the Houston Metropolitan Area and have been severely impacted by the loss of property, shelter, clean water and deaths or injuries of themselves or other family/community members. It is cruel to pretend an arbitrary deadline to eliminate DACA you have or are rescinding DACA while they are in the midst of such a tragedy.

- It is estimated by our government that +/-14% of DACA-eligible population resides in Houston.
- The EPA has, to date, been conspicuously absent. The full medical needs of those exposed to toxins may not be fully known for years.
- People are scared to look for or ask for help for fear of being detained by ICE and deported.
- Failure to inform affected individuals of specific and detailed identification, quantities and locations of flooded super sites and chemical plants, refineries, and any other location impacted is essential to have to provide to medical personnel who are or will be treating individuals for their exposure.

ACTION: Call, email, fax:

- Rep. Heck, Senators Murray and Cantwell. Tell them we want a “clean raise” without devastating cuts.
- Tell them to stand up to Trump’s callous and cruel discussion about DACA until after this area has been cleaned up.
- Demand EPA Director Scott Pruitt require detailed information on the toxins released into the air and water be immediately released to the public. Require Pruitt to immediately release specific information on the toxins at each of the flooded Super Site locations to the public.

These come from the [Indivisible Guide website](#).

CONGRESS MUST:

1. **Immediately pass an aid package to provide disaster relief to communities affected by Harvey.** The people of Texas and Louisiana who have been affected by Harvey are hurting and they need support. The first thing that Congress should do when they return from August recess is pass a disaster relief aid package. This package should provide adequate funding to respond to immediate needs, like food and water, as well as longer term needs like the years of rebuilding that will be required. Additionally, disaster relief must also take into account that communities of color have been the hardest hit, with adequate funding to help individuals recover and to make sure that the public services communities rely on every day are rebuilt fully and promptly.
ACTION: Ask our representative and two senators to quickly pass disaster relief for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.
2. **Fund programs designed to prevent and respond to major disasters like Harvey.** Trump's budget calls for massive cuts to the programs that are designed to prevent and respond to natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey. Trump has called for deep cuts to FEMA, the coast guard, and infrastructure grants that help cities prepare for disasters. And for what? To finance his border wall. [See this great article on this.](#)
ACTION: Ask our Members of Congress to fully fund FEMA and other disaster response programs.
3. **Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.** The National Flood Insurance Program was created to protect American families from floods like the ones we've seen in Houston—and it is set to expire on Sept. 30 unless Congress reauthorizes it. Without this program, more American families will be at risk of financial devastation should they face floods like those in Texas. Republicans are insisting that the program be privatized, which will result in sky-high premiums for the families that need it most.
ACTION: Ask our MoCs to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program—not privatize it.
4. **Take ACTION on climate change.** Republican Donald Trump and his friends in Congress may still refuse to believe that climate change is real, despite the overwhelming evidence. The truth is that the only way they'll be convinced to take meaningful action to address climate change is by hearing from you. You have to make them listen.

ACTION: See our [environmental toolkit](#) for more information on how you can help address climate change, even if Congress won't.

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SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Oppose efforts to ram through lifetime judgeships to biased nominees.

ACTION: Call: 202-224-3121 and ask to speak to Sens Grassley, then Feinstein this week.

Script: I am calling [name] in his/her role on the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose [conducting a single hearing](#) for Barrett, Larsen, and Drieband for lifetime appointments. I am advocating for a thorough review of each nominee. Can you assure me [name] will uphold their responsibility to properly vet these candidates?

Bonus: Call [as many other SJC members](#) as you can.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Support the People's Platform

Background: Olympia Indivisible has been asked to endorse the People's Platform, eight bills currently in the House of Representatives. According to the Summer for Progress, the bills "will address the concerns of everyday Americans. Each one of the bills below embodies an important part of the Democratic Party's platform. From universal health care access to saving our environment from fossil fuels, we need your help to make these ideals a reality." (SOURCE: <https://summerforprogress.com/petition>) Our Revolution Thurston sent a delegation to visit with Denny Heck to thank him for his co-sponsorship of three of the eight bills and urge him to support the other five. This is our opportunity to join in common cause with locally-based Our Revolution Thurston and amplify our

collective voice. This week's Research Report contains further info on each of these bills http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/uploads/2/0/5/9/20595614/research_report_for_090417.pdf.

Here are the bills:

Medicare for All: H.R. 676 Medicare for All Act

Free College Tuition: H.R. 1880 College for All Act of 2017

Worker Rights: H.R. 15 Raise the Wage Act

Women's Rights: H.R. 771 Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) Act of 2017

Voting Rights: H.R. 2840 Automatic Voter Registration Act

Climate Change: H.R. 2242 Keep It in the Ground Act of 2017

Criminal Justice and Immigration Rights H.R. 3543 Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017

Taxing Wall Street H.R. 1144 Inclusive Prosperity Act

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

Script: Hi, my name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I support the People's Platform, and I want to thank Congressman Heck for being a cosponsor to HR 771, HR 15, and HR 2840. Now I am asking him to support HR 676, 1880, 2242, 3543, and 1144. These bills address the concerns of many Americans. Thank you.

Demand that ICE be accountable for their actions.

ACTION: Write: The Honorable Elaine C. Duke, Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528

Script: According [to reports](#), my tax dollar is funding abuse, harassment, and malnourishment of immigrants and asylum seekers by ICE officers and [detention centers](#). Further, ICE is also [destroying records](#) that could hold them accountable for inhumane actions. Immigrants, law-abiding or not, must be treated with basic human decency. Please initiate an effort to reign in this cruel treatment and unchecked power. America is better than this.

Bonus: Send a copy of this note to your 3 MoCs.

SAVE THE ACA

Counter the president's efforts to decrease ACA enrollment.

The president has [cut ACA's advertising budget](#) by 90%, but Americans need care. So let's top 2017 enrollment of 11.4M through the power of social media. Ready?

ACTION: **Twitter:** [Visit this link](#) and retweet.

Facebook: [Visit this link](#) and share the pinned post.

Bonus: Share the countdown to enrollment weekly through 12/15.

COMING SOON

Sept. 8 Friday (6-8 pm)

Resistance Trumplandia with other Olympia Indivisible Members!

The Revolution will not be televised! Fish Tale Brew Pub 515 Jefferson St SE in Olympia.