



**CALL TO ACTION – September 9**

**LET'S WIN ELECTIONS!!!**

**NEW OI UPDATE VIDEO**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VBZoZs\\_Edk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VBZoZs_Edk)

We have a new video on our YouTube channel that give you the latest updates on OI and tell you how to make a difference in the fall elections. Share it widely!

**SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY**

**THIS CANNOT CONTINUE!**

Last Thursday former Secretary of Defense and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta had this to say on the PBS Newshour when asked about the chaos in the White House this week:

“ This country is at risk. When you have a president in the United States elected by the people, and at the same time have a staff who believe that this president, for whatever reason, is not exercising the right kind of judgment, that situation cannot exist.

And, frankly, under our Constitution, it cannot exist. The issue here, the fundamental issue, is, can this president discharge his duties and powers of the office of the presidency? Is he able to do that? And, obviously, there are members of the staff who believe that's not the case. And, obviously, there are members who support the president who believe that is the case.

That is an issue that, very frankly, I believe the leadership in *the Congress has a responsibility to look at and determine what is happening*, because we cannot allow that situation to continue. It puts the country at risk."

Read the full interview with Leon Panetta here: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/panetta-senior-officials-undermining-the-president-puts-the-country-at-risk>

We must ask the Congress to investigate and at minimum inform.

**ACTION:** Call Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636; Senator Maria Cantwell (253) 572-2281 Congressman Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

*Script:* I am alarmed at the news this week concerning the White House. We cannot allow a situation to continue where unelected staff have to secretly work to contain the president. Is he fit to discharge the responsibilities of the office or not?

As a citizen of this country and a voter in District 10, I ask that (Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, and Congressman Heck) insist that Congressional Leadership (McConnell, Schumer, Ryan, Pelosi) visit the White House this week to determine what is actually happening. They have the power to interview staff and hold hearings if necessary to clarify if members of the President's staff feel he cannot be trusted. The American people have a right to know. We should not have to wait until disaster strikes or a constitutional crisis takes place first. Congress has a sworn responsibility to determine if this President can fulfill his duties.

## SUPPORT The DETER Act

The Secure Elections Act is not dead yet, but nearly so after Roy Blunt, **Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference**, stopped it from going to mar up. The Senate has another bill, however, that has a better chance of passage, [the Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines Act of 2018 \(Deter Act\)](#). It was introduced earlier this year by Sens. Marco Rubio (R.-Fla.) and Chris Van Hollen (D.-Md.). According to Lawfare, "the bill aims to dissuade Russian intervention in U.S. elections by automatically imposing serious retaliatory sanctions. Indeed, the bill requires the imposition of extraordinarily severe sanctions by mandating, against a wide variety of economic targets, full asset blocks. While a number of the bill's targets are currently subject to some sanctions (such as debt restrictions), the act would effectively require the Treasury secretary to block all their property within U.S. Jurisdiction."

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/deter-act-congress-latest-effort-discourage-election-interference>

This is a lightweight bill in comparison to the Secure Elections Act, in that it focuses on Russia and not on election security overall. Still, it is better than nothing. The Washington Post published an editorial endorsing it, arguing that it would, "meet future Kremlin aggression with tough, automatic sanctions. These could target the Russian energy sector, without which the country would not have much of an economy. Individualized sanctions could be aimed at top Putin cronies. Russian sovereign debt could be rendered radioactive in the West. President Trump could be legally required to impose these punishments."

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/were-running-out-of-time-to-deter-russia/2018/09/08/ca222866-b2ce-11e8-aed9-001309990777\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.ba9c6ea7c247](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/were-running-out-of-time-to-deter-russia/2018/09/08/ca222866-b2ce-11e8-aed9-001309990777_story.html?utm_term=.ba9c6ea7c247)

**ACTION:** Contact our MOCs

Call our Senators: Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281 Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I'm calling to express my support for the DETER Act. This could help in slowing some of Russia's interference in the 2016 election and it forces Trump to impose sanctions at least, which he has been reluctant to do.

## PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

### 416 KIDS STILL SEPARATED FROM PARENTS

On June 26, a federal judge ordered the Trump Administration to reunite all immigrant families who were separated at the border within 30 days. **75 days later**, 416 migrant children are still being detained, with 14 under the age of five. 304 of these children's parents have already been deported, while the children themselves remain in custody, confused and without a caring adult to support them.

But if that isn't enough to make your blood boil, the Trump Administration moved this week to modify the [Flores Settlement Agreement](#) which limits detention time for migrant children to 20 days. The modifications would allow the administration to detain children indefinitely starting in November.

**ACTION:** Call Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, and your member of the House of Representatives. Ask what they plan to do about the administration's changes to the Flores Settlement Agreement. [[h/t](#)] (from Americans of Conscience)

*Script:* Hi. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm deeply concerned about the Trump Administration's decision to modify the Flores Settlement Agreement that restricted migrant detention time to 20 days. I don't want my tax dollars to be used to keep children in prisons indefinitely. What is \_\_\_\_\_ doing about this?

### Want to help flip the House to Blue?

Spend a few hours every Sunday afternoon in Centralia to help elect Democratic candidate Carolyn Long in CD3.

**ACTION:** Meet at 1:00 the Santa Lucia Coffee House, [202 S. Tower Avenue](#). A group of organized volunteers will plan the canvassing routes using "turf lists" provided by the Democratic Party. They will walk through neighborhoods to call on Democratic voters in the area.

### Hold Jamie Herrera-Beutler's Feet to the Fire in CD3

The Carol Long campaign in CD 3 is asking OI members to follow Herrera-Beutler on Twitter and keep her honest.

**ACTION:** Ask her why no Town Hall? How what she proposes will help working people? Be civil.

### Sign up for Phone Banking with Indivisible National

#### Register for an upcoming phonebank!

We're making calls to #StopKavanaugh and calling out the vote for IndivisiCandidates across the country! Sign up right now for one of our upcoming shifts, and we'll send you everything you need to take part.

Sign up to phone bank from anywhere! We're calling out the vote for IndivisiCandidates across the country, and we need your help to reach as many votes as we can. Sign up for an upcoming shift (or two, or four...) at [indivisible.org/phonebank](http://indivisible.org/phonebank)

First time calling with us? Sign up for our training webinar on Wednesday, September 12 and we'll review best practices for your calls and how to use our call platform, Hubdialer.

## COMING SOON

**September 11 Tuesday 1:30-3:00 pm**

**Panorama Democrats Candidate Forum** –, 1751 Circle Ln SE, Lacey – Quinault Building, downstairs auditorium

**September 14 Friday 6-8:00 pm**



### **Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**

Make the world a mo' better place! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**

**September 15 Saturday 4:00 pm**

### **Picnic – Irene Bowling for WA Senate LD35**

Hosted by Port Commissioner Zita's RSVP: 360-628-6969

**September 17 Monday 7:00pm**

**New Member Orientation:** This month's New Member Orientation will be held on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Attend, and you'll go home with all you need to know to be a Great Citizen Activist and an engaged member of our band of local heroes. RSVP to [olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com](mailto:olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com). Location address will be sent to you upon registration. Brought to you by the OI Membership Team.

**September 25 Tuesday 7:00pm**

### **Thurston County Prosecutor Candidate Forum with Jon Tunheim and Victor Minjares**

Hosted by Justice not Jails

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation [2315 Division St. NW](#) (enter off East End St.)

The forum will feature questions asked by the moderator, Carol McKinley, and then an audience Q&A session.

**October 11 Thursday 7:00pm**

### **Thurston County Commissioner Candidate Forum with Bud Blake and Tye Menser**

Hosted by Justice not Jails

At the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation [2315 Division St. NW](#) (enter off East End St.)

The forum will feature questions asked by the moderator, Carol McKinley, and then an audience Q&A session.

This week's Call to Action brought to you by Mindy Allen, Joni Brill, Steve Cifka, Josh Haymond, Karen Lichtenstein and Tom Dyer. Interested in joining our exceptional team? Contact [indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com](mailto:indivisible.action.oly@gmail.com).