



CALL TO ACTION October 9, 2017

This Week Take Action to Protect Children, Help Puerto Rico, Do Something About Gun Violence and Say NO! to The Trump Tax Scam!

SAVE THE ACA

Act This Week to Protect Children

Due to the GOP's inability to pass a budget, **funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has expired. Funds for this life-saving program will run out in our state as early as January 2018, just a few months away, putting thousands of vulnerable children at risk.** The Republicans are playing politics with this issue in an effort to cut taxes for the wealthy.

Learn more here:

<http://www.indivisible.org/resource/congress-needs-reauthorize-childrens-health-insurance-program/>

Action: Call each of our members of congress. Our message is clear. We want Congress to ACT NOW to reauthorize CHIP funding as soon as possible.

Script: My name is _____. I am a member of Olympia Indivisible, and I am calling to urge (Senator, Congressman) _____ to reauthorize funding AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for the Children's Health Insurance Program. Funding in our state will run out as early as this January. It is crucial to act now to protect these vulnerable children.

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

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Keep Up the Pressure to Help Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands

Background: Two weeks after Hurricane Maria, 95% of Puerto Rico remains without electric power. Half the island has no access to potable water, and fuel and food are limited. Conditions in the US Virgin Islands are grim, with little or no access to water or electricity. Aid is stuck in warehouses because of logistical breakdowns. We stand with the people of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. They need our help if they are going to survive the weeks and months of hardship to come. Indivisible groups across the country provided aid to Texas and Florida after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Now we need to help the millions of Americans in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Demand that Congress respond to the Hurricane Maria crisis. Members of Congress need to **approve supplemental funding** to help disperse supplies where they are most needed. Congress should **immediately pass an aid package** to provide disaster relief to communities affected by Hurricane Maria. Both the House and the Senate must act to provide disaster relief aid.

ACTION: Call Representative Heck, Senator Murray, and Senator Cantwell and ask them to **quickly pass disaster relief for those affected by Hurricane Maria.**

Script: Hi, my name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I want Representative/Senator _____ to act quickly to pass disaster relief for those affected by Hurricane Maria. The package should provide funding to respond to immediate needs, like the distribution of food and water, as well as longer-term needs like the years of rebuilding that will be required. Thank you.

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514, Senator Patty Murray (253) 572-3636

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PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

ACT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

Background: Our lawmakers must address the epidemic of gun violence in our country. The Seattle Times surveyed Washington's Members of Congress and asked what government could do to reduce gun violence in America. Most Democrats representing Washington had a solid list of suggestions. We need to mandate background checks on all sales, including between private parties, at gun shows, and for internet sales. We must end the ban on federal research on gun violence. Research will help us understand and address the root causes of this epidemic. In addition, we should ban military style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines of bullets. These weapons are not necessary for self-defense, and they make it easier for would-be killers to carry out their plans.

Stronger laws can reduce the threat of gun violence, and we need to support laws that shift behavior in the right direction. Unfortunately, there is legislation in the House of Representatives

that would move in the wrong direction. The so called “Hearing Protection Act” (H.R. 367) would make it easier for people to obtain silencers for guns. The bill eliminates the \$200 transfer tax on firearm silencers.

ACTION: Call Representative Heck, Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell, and urge them to **act to reduce the gun violence in America**. No sane person in America supports gun violence.

Script: Hi, my name is _____ and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling because of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support and sponsor legislation that helps reduce gun violence. Banning bump stocks is not enough. We need a ban on military style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines of bullets. We need to mandate background checks on all gun sales including gun shows and internet sales. We must end the ban on federal research on gun violence. Thank you.

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

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ACTION: Call Representative Heck, and urge him to vote against HR 367 if it comes to the floor for a vote.

Script: Hi, my name is _____, and I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I oppose HR 367 because it will make it easier for dangerous people to buy silencers for their guns. I am asking Representative Heck to vote against HR 367. Congress should remove the silencer provision from the SHARE Act. Thank you.

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

BUDGET BATTLE THIS WEEK!

SAY NO TO THE TRUMP TAX SCAM

Background: Republicans in Congress are turning to their second big agenda item – tax reform. For the Republicans, tax reform appears to be another way for the middle class to pay taxes, while the wealthy do not. Their proposal is not true tax reform because it provides huge tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations and cuts Medicare, Medicaid, and other basic services. **The Trump Tax Scam** is the next big legislative fight in Congress. The House passed budget legislation that includes massive spending cuts. The House budget turns Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees. The Senate Budget Committee approved a companion bill. The Senate Budget Committee proposal would cut Medicare by \$473 billion over 10 years.

ACTION: Call Senators Murray and Cantwell and insist on regular order, not a special reconciliation process to pass the budget. Demand tax reform that does not cut taxes for the wealthy at the expense of programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

Script: Hi, I am _____ from Olympia/Thurston County and I want Senator _____ to know that I do not support tax reform that gives to the rich and takes from the poor and middle class. I do not support any Budget Resolution that will pave the way for massive tax cuts for the

wealthy and for corporations. Please fight to protect vital services and programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Thank you.

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READY FOR MORE?

Read This Week's Research Report and find other important actions to take this week.

Topics include:

REINSTATE THE BIRTH CONTROL MANDATE and RETRACT GUIDANCE ON 'RELIGIOUS FREEDOM' THAT WILL ERODE RIGHTS OF LGBT PEOPLE

SUPPORT SENATOR MURRAY IN HER WORK WITH SENATOR ALEXANDER ON ACA STABILIZATION

REJECT THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL DOURSON TO HEAD EPA'S OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

THE US VOTE AGAINST THE UN'S LGBT RESOLUTION

PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE TOPICS IN THIS WEEK'S FABULOUS RESEARCH REPORT: <http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/archives.html>

COMING SOON

Wednesday, Oct 11th, Meeting at Lisa's House!

Dear fearless member of our local band of heroes,

I want to invite you (yes, you!) to come to my house next week, on Wednesday October 11. Why? Because the sum of all of us is the reason that Olympia Indivisible is making a difference.

And would like to get a better idea about how you want to fit in. I want to know what skills you'd like to be putting to use, and get some input about how we can do what we do, better.

The October 11th meeting will be at my house at 7pm. You are welcome to stay as long as you like, leave when you need to. I'll have some eats and drinks on hand. We will include orientation information for new members (and folks who are interested in joining, so please feel free to bring a family member, friend, or neighbor!). And we'll get to know each other, share ideas, build our skill pool, and throw some more wood on the fire of engagement!

IF you can come, please RSVP at olyindinmorsvp@gmail.com

and we'll send you details on the location.

Hope to see you there.

Lisa (co-founder, Olympia Indivisible)