

CALL TO ACTION - Week of March 27, 2017 (<http://www.olympiaindivisible.com/call-to-action/call-to-action-week-of-march-27-2017>)

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OVERVIEW

What a week this has been! The dramatic conclusion was watching the amazing failure of the repeal of the ACA. There is no doubt that the work of thousands of Indivisible members across the country contributed to the momentum and resolve that resulted in the inability of the GOP to pass a healthcare bill. There also have been several developments in the Russian Investigation.

If you can get to only one item this week, act today to demand open hearings in the House Intelligence Committee Investigation and the removal of Chairman Nunes.

SAVE THE ACA

Action: Call our MOCs and THANK THEM for their work in protecting the ACA!

script: My name is _____. I am a member of Olympia Indivisible and I am calling to thank ____ for their effective work in protecting the Affordable Care Act. We are grateful for this important win. We want to build on this momentum and ask for vigilance in defeating the upcoming tax reform proposals that will favor the wealthy at the expense of working Americans.

Senator Patty Murray: Phone (253) 572-3636 (tel:2535723636) Senator Maria Cantwell: Phone (253) 572-2281 (tel:2535722281)

Congressman Denny Heck: Phone: (360) 459-8514 (tel:3604598514)

SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

Call for An Independent Investigation

Background: **Our own Members of Congress** are co-sponsors of HR 356, Protecting Our Democracy Act. The act calls for an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. The act has been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ACTION: Call the Chair of the committee, Ed Royce (CA) and the Ranking Member, Eliot Engel (NY) to ask them to support the act.

Call Ed Royce (202) 225-4111 (tel:2022254111)

Script: Hi, my name is ____ and I am from Washington state. I am calling to ask Representative Royce to support the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We need an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in our election.

Call Eliot Engel [\(202\) 225-2464 \(tel:2022252464\)](tel:202-225-2464)

pt: Hi, my name is _____ and I am from Washington state. I am calling to ask Representative Engel to support the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We need an independent commission to investigate Russian interference in our election.

Call to Remove Chairman Nunes From The House Intelligence Committee

(Indivisible Seattle is also joining us in this action)

Background:

- On Wednesday, Chairman Devin Nunes informed President Trump of classified evidence concerning surveillance of Trump during the campaign that Nunes has refused to share with other members of the committee. This action raises questions about whether Devin Nunes can function as an impartial chair to this investigation.
- On Friday, the GOP lawmaker [abruptly canceled \(http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/schiff-accuses-nunes-choke-off-public-info-russia-hearing\)](http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/schiff-accuses-nunes-choke-off-public-info-russia-hearing) an open hearing scheduled for next Tuesday, at which former Acting Attorney General Sally Yates, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, and former CIA Director John Brennan were all set to testify.

ACTION: Call the Intel Committee's Majority Staff: (202) 225-4121 and make 2 requests: That Congressman Nunes step down as chair of the House Intelligence Committee due to his actions last week and that the hearings this week be open to the public.

Script: Hi, my name is _____ and I am from Washington State. I am very concerned with the investigation of President Trump's connections with Russia. I have 2 requests: That Congressman Nunes step down as chair of the House Intelligence Committee due to his actions last week and that the hearings this week be open to the public.

If you have time, you can also call these republicans on the committee and make the same request.

Chair Devin Nunes - [\(202\) 225-2523 \(tel:2022252523\)](tel:202-225-2523) (barrage his office)

Mike Conway (CA) - [\(202\) 225-3605 \(tel:2022253605\)](tel:202-225-3605)

Peter King (NY) - [\(202\) 225-7896 \(tel:2022257896\)](tel:202-225-7896)

Frank Lobiondo (NJ) - [\(202\) 225-6572 \(tel:2022256572\)](tel:202-225-6572)

Thomas Ronney (FL) - [\(202\) 225-5792 \(tel:2022255792\)](tel:202-225-5792)

Ileana Ross-Lehitinen (FL) - [\(202\) 225-3931 \(tel:2022253931\)](tel:202-225-3931)

Michael Turner (OH) - [\(202\) 225-6465 \(tel:2022256465\)](tel:202-225-6465)

Brad Wenstrup (OH) - [\(202\) 225-3164 \(tel:2022253164\)](tel:202-225-3164)

Chris Stewart (UT) - [\(202\) 225-9730 \(tel:2022259730\)](tel:202-225-9730)

Rick Crawford (AK) - [\(202\) 225-4076 \(tel:2022254076\)](tel:202-225-4076)

Trey Gowdy (SC) - [\(202\) 225-6030 \(tel:2022256030\)](tel:202-225-6030)

Elise Stefanik (NY) - [\(202\) 225-4611 \(tel:2022254611\)](tel:202-225-4611)

Will Hurd (TX) - [\(202\) 225-4511 \(tel:2022254511\)](tel:202-225-4511)

PRESERVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Supreme Court Nomination

Background: Supreme Court justices are appointed for life, and decisions made by the SC influence and permeate throughout all of society. We can well afford to wait until the complete investigation into Trump's campaign ties to Russia is completed. Republicans did not allow Obama's Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland to even have a hearing. Now we are deep in the confirmation process of a nominee from a president who the FBI may reveal is illegitimate.

ACTION: Tell Senators that the confirmation process must be blocked. Tell them to stop this confirmation process now until the investigation is complete. STOP THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS.

Senator Patty Murray (D) [202-224-2621 \(tel:2022242621\)](tel:202-224-2621)

Senator Maria Cantwell (D) [202-224- 3441 \(tel:2022243441\)](tel:202-224-3441)

Tell Congress to Protect Public Education and Stop Funding Vouchers

Background: Congress is now pushing the "school choice" agenda by extending the SOAR Reauthorization Act. Reauthorization

~f *his bill would fund and expand, with your federal tax dollars, the District of Columbia's private school voucher program.

~e the District of Columbia is not a state, Congress must authorize its budget. In 2012, the Washington Post investigated the SOAR program and found that hundreds of students used vouchers in unaccredited schools.

The program operates with little transparency or accountability and requires no protections from schools that discriminate based on religion or gender. Every one of your tax dollars that goes to support this program does NOT go to the surrounding public schools that are struggling to meet the needs of their students. It is time to shut this voucher program down. **This bill is moving fast and will probably come to a vote this week in the house. Tell Congress to support Public Schools, not private voucher schools.**

ACTION: Call Congressman Denny Heck

Script: I am calling to ask Representative Heck to **vote against HR 1387, the SOAR Reauthorization Act**. I do not want my federal tax dollars used to pay for vouchers to private schools, especially those that are free to discriminate. I support public schools, and I am opposed to this bill and other efforts to privatize our schools

Phone: [360-459-8514](tel:360-459-8514) (tel:[3604598514](tel:3604598514)) hours: M-F 8-5:00pm PST

Reminder: Dial-in Town Hall with Denny Wednesday, March 29, at 6 pm

To participate, register on his website. <http://dennyheck.house.gov/media-center/telephone-town-halls>
(<http://dennyheck.house.gov/media-center/telephone-town-halls>)

Here is a Quote from Denny thanking our members for their work protecting ACA

“President Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have abandoned plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act. This is in no small part due to the outpouring of opposition to the Republican plan from the South Sound. The 10th Congressional District marched, called, emailed, wrote postcards, shared their stories, and met with me to show how much they care about access to affordable care. I was able to pass along incredible stories of residents overcoming illnesses, disease, and other health conditions and going on to succeed in their everyday life thanks to important provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

“Every single person who spoke out is a hero, and we couldn’t have defended the Affordable Care Act without them. Going forward, I stand ready to work in a bipartisan fashion to make health care even more affordable and accessible for every American.”

All Done!? Your Actions Have Made A Difference! Now follow this link and Take Our Survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHL2SX6> (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHL2SX6>)

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