1. **AHCA/Healthcare**: [http://www.npr.org/2017/06/05/531221275/the-senates-4-big-problems-with-health-care](http://www.npr.org/2017/06/05/531221275/the-senates-4-big-problems-with-health-care)

   A. Mitch McConnell is attempting to pass healthcare out of Senate quietly and quickly.
   B. The bill accounts for fully 1/6 of our National GDP. Our state would require an additional $1B/yr in cuts or taxes or mostly low-income workers would likely lose their coverage.
   C. The impact on Washington State will be an average premium increase in 2018 of $571; total health insurance coverage losses of 344,300 which includes 69,900 covered under employee healthcare programs,
   D. The emerging Senate repeal bill would allow states to waive EHB requirements and replace them with a narrower set of benefits. In waiver states, many insurers would drop coverage for more expensive conditions that were no longer required. The funding proposed will be woefully insufficient to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions, chronic conditions and more expensive conditions.
   E. EHB waivers would substantially weaken the ACA’s ban on annual and lifetime dollar limits on coverage, since this ban only applies to essential health benefits.
   F. The consequence of this would be significant cost increases for people who need these services.
   G. According to Kaiser Foundation, State: Washington  
      County: Thurston  
      Premiums under the ACA: $7,240  
      Premium paid after tax credit: $7,240  
      % of Income: 10%  
      Premium: $7,240  
      ACA tax credit: $0  
      AHCA tax credit: $4,000  
      $ change from ACA to AHCA: **-$1,520**  
      % change from ACA to AHCA: **-21%**
   H. Fox News Survey this week shows the GOP healthcare plan has 17% approval, 68% disapproval.
   I. The CBO states, if this bill passes, that 51M Americans won’t have insurance by 2026.
   J. House GOP Leaders Schedule More Health Care Votes  

Our MoCs stand firmly against the AHCA.

**WHAT TO DO:** Call, tweet, fax, facebook Senators Cantwell and Murray. Thank them for opposing, and having our backs on the AHCA and tell them we have their backs in this endeavor.

Privatizing Air Traffic Control

**Summary**

On June 5th, the Trump Administration put forward a proposal to privatize US air traffic control within three years. The proposal was largely based on a bill proposed by Bill Schuster (R-PA) which went nowhere last year. No bill has been proposed in this session. The plan would likely reduce funding and access to rural airports. It is opposed by legislators representing rural areas, including many Republicans.

[http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2017/06/08/air_traffic_control_is_trump_s_problem_in_a_nutshell_privazaon_harms.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2017/06/08/air_traffic_control_is_trump_s_problem_in_a_nutshell_privazaon_harms.html)

- The plan is opposed by consumer groups, who fear higher prices.
- The plan is opposed by democratic leadership, who fear job losses and union busting.
- The plan has lukewarm support from the major airlines and surprisingly the air traffic control union.

[http://www.nymes.com/2017/06/05/us/polics/trump-privaze-air-traffic-contro l.html?_r=0](http://www.nymes.com/2017/06/05/us/polics/trump-privaze-air-traffic-contro l.html?_r=0)

[http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2017/06/05/trump_thinks_privazing_air_traffic_control_is_a_no_brainer_hardly.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2017/06/05/trump_thinks_privazing_air_traffic_control_is_a_no_brainer_hardly.html)

**Where our MoCs stand on the issue/legislation**

- No public statements.
- Murray has opposed previous privatization efforts.

**WHAT TO DO:**

- Call and tweet at all of them to publicly oppose the idea.
- This idea has bipartisan opposition, and is probably DOA.
4. **Russian interference with the election**

**Summary**

Comey testified to the Senate Intelligence Committee. Director of National Intelligence Coats reportedly was asked by Trump to get the FBI to back off Flynn investigation. Trump remains angry with Sessions, blaming him for recusing himself. Trump nominated Christopher Wray to be the next FBI director. Leaked document showed that Russia hacked voter roll software days before the election.

**Talking points**

- Comey testified to the Senate Intelligence Committee July 8. He stated that Trump had lied and insulted both him and the FBI. He said that he wrote memos after each meeting and call with Trump and shared them with leaders of the FBI. He testified that Trump asked for his loyalty and that he wanted cloud of the investigation to go away. At one meeting, Trump asked others to leave the room and asked Comey to end Flynn investigation. He testified that he told Trump three times that he was not personally a subject of the investigation (at that time). He said he asked Sessions to not have Trump meet with him, but to report through the Justice Department. Left impression that there may be additional contacts between Sessions and the Russians. Trump stated that he did not ask for loyalty or ask Comey to end the Flynn investigation, accusing Comey of perjury. He said he would be willing to answer questions from Mueller under oath.

- It was reported that Director of National Intelligence Coats told associates that Trump asked him in March if he could intervene with Comey to get him to back off Flynn investigation. The conversation took place two days after Comey’s congressional testimony confirming the Russia investigation.

- It was also reported that Trump remains very angry with AG Sessions for recusing himself from the Russia investigation, blaming the special counsel investigation on that decision.

- Trump nominated Christopher Wray to be the next FBI director. Wray is the former head of the Justice Department’s criminal division (2003-05), deputy assistant attorney general (2001-03) and the former US attorney in Georgia (1997-2001). He is now in private practice. He defended Chris Christie in the Bridgegate scandal investigation.

- It was reported a leaked document reported that hackers definitively identified as Russian FSB (formerly KGB) had hacked US voter roll software very close to election day on 2016. Leaker was identified, arrested and charged. She was Reality Leigh Winner, Texas born, 25 year old former Army linguist with a top secret clearance, working for a federal contractor.
Where our members stand

- Both senators called for a special prosecutor to be appointed by the Justice Department, and praised appointment of Robert Mueller to that post. Senator Cantwell released a statement after the Comey testimony that ended “We have to make sure that the White House is not trying to obstruct the investigation. No one is above the law, not even the president.” Congressman Heck has call for an independent commission for some months and signed discharge petition to move HR 356 (which would establish a commission) to the House floor.

What to do

- Continue to ask our senators to push for an independent commission with subpoena power and thank Cong. Heck for doing so. Only an independent commission can conduct an independent investigation and also share facts with the public.
- Encourage Cong. Heck to continue to push for an aggressive House Intelligence Committee investigation. Encourage our senators to continue to support aggressive Senate Intelligence Committee investigation. In the absence of an independent commission, the congressional investigations are the best way to get information on Russian involvement in the election and possible collusion out to the public. Members should not to let the appointment of a special prosecutor end or impede the congressional investigations.
- Urge moderate and concerned Republican senators to be vigilant regarding the congressional Russia investigations. They may include Burr, McCain, Graham, Collins, Murkowski, Sasse, Rubio, Flake. While not all of these members are certain to support aggressive investigations, all have shown concern about the Russian connection at one time, or are seen as more moderate.
- Thank our members of Congress for continuing to stand up for democratic accountability and public transparency in this investigation.
6. **Infrastructure**: Another Tax Cut for the Rich Plan – no money for improvements/repairs, only more money going to corporations

From The National Indivisible Site, dated June 5, 2017  *Trump’s Billionaire Infrastructure Scam*

Summary: Everyone would support public investment that creates millions of new jobs by rebuilding crumbling highways, bridges, and schools—but that is not Trump’s plan. We must defeat any bill that is a massive giveaway to Wall Street billionaires or that sells off our roads and bridges to Trump’s cronies and allows them to impose expensive new tolls on working families.

Talking Points:

- Rather than invest directly in updating the bridges, roads, airports, water, and school systems that we all depend on, Trump would give away billions of tax dollars to corporations and Wall Street investment firms and leave the rest of us to pay the cost through tolls, fees, and levies over the next decade. The three biggest problems with his plan are:
  
  o Privatization of public assets: Trump’s plan will “entice states and cities into selling their assets to private firms,” trying to make a quick buck by selling off roads, water systems, and other infrastructure. But that’s an old idea that’s never worked. When Chicago recently sold the rights to its parking meters to private Wall Street banks, parking rates downtown doubled. Last year, Chicagoans paid $156 million at privatized meters and garages, and none of that money went to the city.

  o Trump Tolls: Why do investors want to buy public infrastructure? Because they want the rights to impose huge new tolls and user fees. Trump proposes to “lift a federal ban that prevents tolling on existing lanes of interstate highways.” Trump Tolls will pop up on highways and bridges, making our commutes more expensive while lining the pockets of hedge fund billionaires as well as investors in Saudi Arabia, Russia, and China.

  o Tax breaks for his billionaire friends: Trump doesn’t want to spend federal money to build the infrastructure we need. Instead, he’s proposing tax breaks for Wall Street and foreign investors, which could be as much as 82 cents of reimbursement for every dollar they spend on infrastructure. And without a requirement that it be spent on new projects, there’s no guarantee Trump’s plan would create a single new job.

- Other problems include rollbacks of environmental protections, and prioritizing pipelines over clean energy jobs; repeal of worker safety and wage protections; and failure to direct funds to disenfranchised communities—like Flint—that need it most.

- Trump will need Democratic support to pass an infrastructure bill, especially in the Senate, where Trump needs enough Dem votes to break a filibuster, so Democrats have leverage here. And House Democrats’ support is equally crucial, to build momentum around Democratic solidarity.

- House Democrats have just introduced House Concurrent Resolution 63, the #MillionsOfJobs principles about what does belong in an infrastructure bill and what definitely does not (as described above). About 54 have cosponsored to date.
Articles:

• For a great two minute overview of Trump’s plan, check out Robert Reich’s excellent video

• Indivisible Guide - Trump's Billionaire Infrastructure Scam

• NYT - Public Works, Private Benefit

• NYT - Public-Private Projects Where the Public Pays and Pays

Our MoCs:

• Congressman Heck is not currently a co-sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 63.

• No information found for our senators.

To Do:

• Call Representative Heck and ask that he sponsor and support the House Concurrent Resolution 63.

• Call our Senators and ask them to review and confirm that they agree with the principles in the House resolution and to speak out publicly about their position.

• Sample Town Hall or Office Visit Questions

o ALWAYS try to incorporate a personal story when speaking with your MoCs.

o Can you commit to me, your constituent, that in any legislation you support, direct public investment, without reliance on private investors, provides the overwhelming majority of the funding for infrastructure improvement, so that public investments advance the public good? And that investments you support will prioritize racial and gender equity and environmental justice?

o Can you commit to me, your constituent, that you will oppose any infrastructure bill that weakens or repeals existing laws or rules protecting the air, water, or environment, transportation safety, civil rights, worker safety, prevailing wage standards, or minority contractor provisions?

o President Trump proposes to “lift a federal ban that prevents tolling on existing lanes of interstate highways.” Trump Tolls will pop up on highways and bridges, making our commutes more expensive while lining the pockets of hedge fund billionaires as well as investors in Saudi Arabia, Russia, and China. Can you commit to me, your constituent, that you will oppose any infrastructure bill that will increase tolls and user fees on Americans?

o Selling off public assets is an old idea that’s never worked. When Chicago recently sold the rights to its parking meters to private Wall Street banks, parking rates downtown doubled. Last year, Chicagoans paid $156 million at privatized meters and garages, and none of that money went to the city. Can you commit to me, your constituent, that you will oppose any infrastructure bill that sells off public assets for private profit?

o Instead of funding infrastructure jobs by taxing corporations and the wealthy, Trump’s plan is paid for by billions in new tolls and fees on working families, all going to Trump’s billionaire friends. It’s literally highway
robbery. Can you commit to me, your constituent, that you will oppose any infrastructure bill that provides huge tax breaks to billionaires and Wall Street?
Withdrawal from Paris Climate Accord

Summary: On June 1, Trump announced his intention to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accord, the first global pact aimed at reducing emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases. The agreement does not require a particular level of emissions cuts for a particular country; rather, each country set its own targets, with reductions to begin in 2020. Wealthy nations agreed to provide $100 billion a year to help developing countries move away from fossil fuels and use more renewable power supplies. The U.S. can unilaterally change its emissions target under the agreement and financial contributions are voluntary.

Talking Points:

• Since Trump has decided to leave, other countries — especially the poorer ones — could consider doing the same. That could reverse years of hard-won progress on climate change.

• Under the terms of the agreement, the United States cannot exit until Nov. 4, 2020 — the day after the next presidential election. That could make climate change a future campaign issue.

• With the exception of a few coal and energy companies, corporate America was very critical of Trump’s move.

• Withdrawing from the agreement will damage U.S. competitiveness as other countries take the lead in the global transition to clean energy. It will also do serious damage to U.S. strategic interests around the world by alienating U.S. allies and undermining U.S. policy priorities.

• Most Americans oppose President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, with a majority saying the move will damage the United States’ global leadership, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

• Senior members of Trump’s administration could not present a united front in response to questions about the president’s beliefs on climate change. Trump has repeatedly called climate change a hoax. UN ambassador Nikki Haley said that Trump “believes the climate is changing”, partly because of pollution. But Scott Pruitt, EPA administrator, passed up five chances to say whether Trump subscribed to such mainstream scientific belief.
States Forming Blocks to Continue with Accord Goal

Summary: NY Governor Andrew Cuomo, CA Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., and WA Governor Jay Inslee announced the formation of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition that will convene U.S. states committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement and taking aggressive action on climate change.

Talking Points:

- The Alliance now has 13 state members, including the three founding members. Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia have all joined. These states account for more than 30% of the US’s gross national product.

- Former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg is bringing together hundreds of businesses, university leaders, mayors, and governors in an unnamed alliance, which had more than 1,200 signatures when the pledge closed on Monday.

- For its part, the Olympia City Council has formally adopted a goal to reduce our community greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

Articles:

- Inslee, New York Governor Cuomo, and California Governor Brown announce formation of United States Climate Alliance

- Ten More States Join U.S. Climate Alliance in Wake of Paris Withdrawal

- NYT - Bucking Trump, These Cities, States and Companies Commit to Paris Accord

- National Geographic - Map Shows Growing U.S. 'Climate Rebellion' Against Trump

- City Affirms Commitment to Fight Climate Change
Our MoCs (and our Governor):

• “Those of us who understand science and feel the urgency of protecting our children’s air and water are as united as ever in confronting one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime, Inslee said.

• “We strongly believe that Olympia must do its part in the fight against climate change, and that now, more than ever, we must show leadership,” said Mayor Cheryl Selby. “We look forward to engaging with our community in this important effort. We will not quit.”

To Do:

• Thank Mayor Selby of Olympia for committing to fight climate change.
  Phone: 360.753.8447 (City Council office)   Email: cselby@ci.olympia.wa.us

• Rex Tillerson apparently supports the Paris Climate Accord. Contact him to voice your support by clicking on the following link: https://register.state.gov/contactus/contactusform

• Call the Region 10 Seattle EPA office and express support for remaining in the Paris Climate Accord.
  Seattle main office: 206-553-1200 or 800-424-4372   Email: epa-seattle@epa.gov
14. **Impeachment**

This is action information from IndivisibleGuide.Com on Impeachment 060817

For resources on this subject, please access the following documents on the IndivisibleGuide.com website

- Impeachment Hearings: Time to Start the Process
- Obstruction of Justice is an impeachable offense. Period.
- Disturbing Connections between Trump Associations and the Russian govt.

What You Can Do to Stand Indivisible

First and foremost, impeachment is a long game. We won’t be getting hearings anytime soon, and even once we do, the impeachment process is likely to take a long time. That’s why, in addition to opposing the Trump agenda more broadly, we need to be doing two things at once:

- Continue the push for an independent commission. Obstruction of justice should be enough for impeachment, but if a commission or the special prosecutor uncover further wrongdoing, that only bolsters the case, especially in this hyperpartisan environment.

- Call on your Representative to support impeachment resolutions calling for impeachment, like the one Rep. Al Green will introduce shortly. An impeachment resolution is step one in the process.

Impeachment won’t happen overnight—it will be a long-term fight. And we will continue to demand that Congress do more, especially as more information comes to light. Until then, we must continue to focus on stopping Republicans and Trump from advancing other parts of their agenda, including repealing the ACA, attacking immigrants and people of color, threatening the environment, repealing consumer financial protections, and attacking reproductive rights, to name only a few. The list of things we need to protect is long, but if we stick together, if we stand indivisible, we will win.

Sample Call Dialogues are available on the website.
Information/No action recommendations in this report for each of following items:

3. **Immigration/Travel Ban/National Security:**
   - H.R. 2213 Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017 – House Committee on Rules Hearing 060617

5. **Ethics/Recusals/Conflicts of Interest:**
   - [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/01/us/politics/stephen-bannon-white-house-ethics-waivers.html?_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/01/us/politics/stephen-bannon-white-house-ethics-waivers.html?_r=0)
   - [https://www.opensecrets.org/trump/financial-disclosures](https://www.opensecrets.org/trump/financial-disclosures)

7. **Budget/Debt Ceiling:**


10. **South Korea:**
