



Our Senators:
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Patty Murray (202) 224-2621

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See whether Congress is in session, and see their calendar: congress.gov.
Various details about our MoCs, including video footage on the floor: callmycongress.com.

Our Senators' Faxes

Senator Murray Fax: (202) 224-0238 Senator Cantwell Fax: (202) 228-0514
7 free tools to fax with online: <https://goo.gl/VTG2MP>.

The Budget

Make no mistake: our fight to protect health care funding has merely moved to slashes in the upcoming budget. Trump would benefit from his tax plan: <https://goo.gl/p5w4WM>.
Find out which services that could be cut affect you: handsoff.org.

Write a Letter to the Editor in a Republican District

Helpful tool to help us write letters to the editor:
<http://act.indivisibleguide.com/lte/trump-tax-scam/>.
Newspapers in Reichert's district (Redmond/Kirkland): <https://goo.gl/12ckxf>.
Newspapers throughout KY (McConnell's state): <https://goo.gl/oKiHgK>.

Puerto Rico

Contact Sen. Cantwell and encourage her to push for funding for PR & the Virgin Islands. She is ranking member on the Finance Committee: so has control over the funding authorization.



Friday October 13th in Bellevue, thousands of protesters gathered to protest the fundraiser that Betsy DeVos spoke at – including Bob Ferguson, Patty Murray and the mayor of Bellevue
–
and Tina Podlowski (selfie!)
#FlunkDeVos

Discipline in WA Schools

The Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction is proposing new state rules regarding school discipline. It is important for parents, teachers, students, and others who care about education to weigh in on this. Some of us have seen how exclusionary school discipline policies like suspension or isolation have negatively affected our children. End the school to prison pipeline! OSPI welcomes and encourages comments on the proposed rules. Please submit written comments to Dierk Meierbachtol, OSPI Chief Legal Officer, by November 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

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Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
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Email: DisciplineRuleComments@k12.wa.us
More: <https://goo.gl/pNvgqX>.

Health Care

ACA Signups

Please contact our senators and ask them to spread the word about ACA signups. Signups are from Nov. 1-Dec. 15th: a much shorter time period than before. In addition, they have slashed the advertising budget.

Also, call friends / democrats in red states and ask them to contact their reps and spread the word about ACA signups. If you don't have friends in red states, you can find other indivisibles by going to <https://www.indivisible.org/act-locally/> and finding a group there and contacting them. Talk to them / email about contacting their MoCs.

CHIP

Children's Health Insurance Program is a Federal program for people who earned too much money to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford private health insurance premiums. Congress missed its Oct. 1 deadline to fund CHIP, which covers 8.3 million children nationwide with low-cost health insurance. We (Washington State) recently received \$10m as a short term fix for this. It takes \$64m a year. Please ask our senators to apply pressure to fully fund the program.

Community Health Centers

In 2015, federal grants provided close to 20% of health center revenues. This funding enables health centers to finance care for uninsured patients, subsidize insured patients unable to afford their deductibles and copays, and finance services not covered by insurance.

Sen. Cantwell is on the Finance Committee, and she is also working on that. Please thank her.

Section 1332

Senators Murray and Alexander (Republican) have found that MoCs want to use Section 1332 of the ACA to make health care more affordable without raising the Federal deficit.

Beginning in 2017, states can request 5-year waivers of certain ACA provisions through Section 1332.

States may seek waivers of requirements related to the essential health benefits (EHBs) ...

They may alter the premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions...

States may also ... eliminate the individual and/or employer mandates.

The ACA includes guardrails limiting how 1332 waivers can be used by states. The current statutory language requires that state waiver applications must demonstrate that the innovation plan will:

Provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive in covered benefits;

Provide coverage that is at least as affordable (taking into account premiums and excessive cost sharing);

Provide coverage to at least a comparable number of state residents; and

Not increase the federal deficit.

Please urge Senator Murray to pressure for adherence to these guidelines – and guardrails.

Immigration

Our senators are unable to cosponsor the DREAM Act, S. 1615 until another Republican cosponsors it – they are on the list to do so – but to keep it bipartisan every time a Democrat cosponsors it, a Republican has to – kind of like when you need a date for a dance. It has 3 out of 7 Republican cosponsors – Murkowski, Gardner & Flake. Please still tell the senators how the DREAM Act personally affects you so that they can use your stories on the Senate floor.

Other Actions & News

WA Residents Will Need a Passport or an ID Other Than a Driver's License to Fly Starting Jan. 22 2018

States will have a grace period until January 22, 2018 – from DHS.gov

First-Use of Nuclear Weapons Act: oddly, our senators are not cosponsors. Every senator cosponsoring it is a Democrat – apart from Bernie. It is S. 200. Please ask them to cosponsor it.

Please sign the petition to support the HOMES tax for housing and homelessness in Seattle: <https://goo.gl/8n5zHb>.

Each year, Americans make 141 million trips to the emergency room. In nearly all of those visits, hospitals charge patients something called a facility fee: the price for walking in the door and seeking medical service. These fees are kept secret until you receive your bill, we can't know how high they get — or how much they vary. Vox want to bring transparency to these extremely common but little-understood fees by collecting facility fee bills from their readers. Please tell them what your facility fee was: <https://erbills.vox.com/>.

Events at www.IndivisibleBainbridgelsland.org.

Bainbridge Event

BI Climate Plan Update

Sat, October 21 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Eagle Harbor Church, 105 Winslow Way W,

Speakers:

Senator Christine Rolfes, Washington State 23rd District

Val Tollefson, Mayor, City of Bainbridge Island

Dr. Lara Hansen, Chief Scientist and Executive Director, EcoAdapt

More: <https://goo.gl/x34HD1> The plan: <https://goo.gl/TxVnQ1>

<https://goo.gl/ch7t9J>