**BASIC DECENCY**

Together with 42 other Democratic senators (including Feinstein and Harris), Sen. Tammy Duckworth has written a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, vowing to block any effort to pass H.R. 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act, an attack on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The coalition has enough members to essentially kill the bill in the Senate.

**THANKS** for spearheading this effort to

• **Senator Tammy Duckworth**, 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510, (202) 224-2854

**THANKS** to our Senators for signing on

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

Rogan’s List warns: “The White House is working behind the scenes with Republicans in Congress to try to rescind spending on many of the programs that were recently passed in last month’s bipartisan budget bill. According to the rules of the 1974 Budget Act, these cuts can be passed by a simple Senate majority. The White House is also considering a proposal that would allow a line-item veto. This could lead to cuts in education, arts, healthcare, and other programs.”

**ASSERT** our rejection of any such cuts and **INFORM** our Congresspeople we expect them to speak loud and clear against this backhanded attack on an already passed bipartisan agreement

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The Trump administration and House Republicans are currently attempting to put work requirements on food stamp recipients as part of the farm bill being negotiated in Congress. Democrats estimate the one million people would lose food stamp benefits if the bill goes through as Republicans propose. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) currently serves forty million low-income Americans.

**DEMAND** that the new farm bill continue support for hungry Americans at the current level

• **Representative K. Michael Conaway** (R-TX), Chair, House Agricultural Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

• **Representative Glenn Thompson** (R-PA), Vice-Chair, House Agricultural Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

• **Representative Collin C. Peterson** (D-MN), Ranking Member, House Agricultural Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), Member, House Agricultural Committee, 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

In a stunning example of “when they go lower” Fox host Laura Ingraham sent out a tweet mocking Parkland shooting survivor David Hogg’s rejection from several of the colleges he applied to. In response to public pressure, eight of Ingraham’s primary advertisers have decided to “go higher” and stop underwriting her show.

**TELL** her biggest six remaining advertisers that Ingraham’s incivility and deliberate cruelty is reflecting badly on them

• **Shelly R. Ibach**, CEO, President, and ED, Sleep Number, 1001 Third Ave. S., Minneapolic, MN 55404, (763) 551-7000

• **Randall L. Stephenson**, Chairman, CEO, and President, AT&T, 208 S. Akard St., Dallas, TX 75202, (210) 821-4105

• **Thomas J. Wilson**, Chairman, CEO, and President, Allstate, 2775 Sanders Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 402-5000

• **Jonathan Adkisson**, President, Esurance, 600 Davis St., San Francisco, CA 94111, (800) 378-7262

• **Todd Lunsford**, CEO, Rocket Mortgage, 1274 Liberty St., 2nd Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, (888) 797-4163

• **Paul Brown**, CEO, Arby’s Restaurant Group, 1155 Perimeter Center West, 12th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30338, (678) 514-4100

Facebook is home to a “Sandy Hook Hoax” page that calls itself “educational.” As you might imagine, this page is dedicated to spreading disinformation about the Sandy Hook school shootings. It also does a fair bit of mocking of Sandy Hook parents and survivors.

**INSIST** that Facebook remove this deliberately false and cruel page from its platform

• **Mark Zuckerberg**, Chairman and CEO, Facebook Headquarters, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (650) 543-4800

H.Res.801, the “READ It Act,” is a piece of commonsense legislation that is long overdue. This piece of legislation would require that anything receiving a vote must be available in digital form for a number of minutes that’s double its page length before that vote can take place. We’ve seen more than enough recent examples of what can occur when Congresspeople vote on legislation they haven’t had time to read. (One heartening note—the resolution’s sponsor is a Republican.) H.Res.801 is currently before the House Rules Committee.

INSIST on quick action on this necessary legislation from

• **Representative Pete Sessions** (R-TX), Chair, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

• **Representative Tom Cole** (R-OK), Vice Chair, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

• **Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter** (D-NY), Ranking Member, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

**REQUEST** that our Representative make this resolution a priority

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

One of the encouraging stories that has come in the wake of the Parkland, Florida, school shootings (aside from the biggest encouraging story, the March for Our Lives) is the choice by Robert Kraft, Chief Executive Office of the New England Patriots football team, to fly Parkland students to Washington D.C. for the March for Our Lives on the team’s private plane. What makes this incident even more heartening is the fact that Kraft is well known as a political conservative. His decision to support the students in a very visible way reminds us that people on all sides of the political spectrum want common-sense gun laws.

**THANKS** for this act of generosity and solidarity

• **Robert Kraft**, CEO, New England Patriots, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035, (508) 384-4230

While they haven’t gotten as much attention as the Patriot’s Robert Kraft, Delta Airlines as donated three charter flights to take Parkland students to Washington DC for the March for Our Lives. Earlier this year, they also declared their neutral status on the gun control debate and ended their NRA discount, even though this resulted in a retaliatory cancellation of a break on jet fuel tax by the state of Georgia.

**THANKS** to

• **Ed Bastion**, Chief Executive Officer, Delta Airlines, PO Box 20706, Atlanta, GA 30320-6001, (404) 715-2600

• **Glen Hauenstein**, President, Delta Airlines, PO Box 20706, Atlanta, GA 30320-6001, (404) 715-2600

• **Paul Jacobson**, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office, Delta Airlines, PO Box 20706, Atlanta, GA 30320-6001, (404) 715-2600

On March 25, former Pennsylvania Governor and current CNN host claimed that Parkland high school students could contribute to solving gun deaths by learning CPR, as opposed to organizing massive protests. Clearly, it has been quite a while since Santorum has spent any time with people injured by automatic gunfire—whose bodies are often torn into multiple pieces and who generally bleed out with unstoppable rapidity. We can’t fix *his* stupid, but we *can try* fix CNN’s stupid by demanding that they take him off the air.

**DEMAND** that Santorum be taken off the air by

• **Jeff Zucker**, President, CNN Worldwide, One CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 827-1700

• **Ken Jautz**, Executive Vice President, CNN, One CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 827-1700

• **Michael Bass**, Executive Vice President of Programming, CNN, One CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 827-1700

• **Richard Davis**, Executive Vice President of News Standards and Practices, CNN, One CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 827-1700

One March item that needs to be filed under “Unresolved, Keep the Pressure on”: While John McCain has been able to come and go in the Senate as he fights brain cancer, Senator Tammy Duckworth is slated to have a very different experience when she becomes the first sitting Senator to give birth while holding office. Under current rules, if she takes time off for maternity leave, she will not be able to vote on or sponsor any legislation while on leave. If Senator Duckworth doesn’t take maternity leave, she will find her work more difficult to accomplish as breastfeeding is not allowed on the Senate floor. We need to acknowledge that women can be both mothers and national leaders by changing Senate rules 12 and 23.

**INFORM** the leaders of both Houses, the leaders of the two House’s rules committees, and our Senators about the need for a workplace that accommodates mothers

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI)**, Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

• **Senator Richard Shelby** (R-AL), Chair, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 304 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5744

• **Senator Amy Klobuchar** (D-MN), Ranking Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3244

• **Representative Pete Sessions** (R-TX), Chair, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

• **Representative Tom Cole** (R-OK), Vice Chair, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

• **Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter** (D-NY), Ranking Member, The Committee on Rules, H-312 The Capitol, Washington DC 20525, (202) 225-9191

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

After Donald Trump phoned Vladimir Putin on his recent electoral win, John McCain gave voice to a sentiment that we should be hearing more often from both sides of the aisle: “An American President does not lead the Free World by congratulating dictators on winning sham elections. And by doing so with Vladimir Putin, President Trump insulted every Russian citizen who was denied the right to vote in a free and fair election.”

**INFORM** Trump that democracies don’t celebrate dictators

• **Donald Trump**, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**THANKS** for speaking up to

• **Senator John McCain**, 218 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2235

Special Counsel Robert Mueller needs protection now, before Trump takes action against him and before we face a Constitutional crisis. Congress can do this by passing the Special Counsel Protection Act (S.1735/H.R.3654) and the Special Counsel Integrity Act (S.1741/H.R.3771).

**REMIND** key Congressional leadership and our own Congresspeople of the need for legislative action

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

We still need a DREAM Act to protect childhood arrivals now living in, learning in, and contributing to our country. Our Congresspeople are in support of this legislation, though too few others are.

**DEMAND** action to protect Dreamers

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

**THANK** our Congresspeople for their leadership on this issue

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The Trump administration has been systematically removing what used to be easily searchable public information from government web sites. One example: the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) website has dropped data about puppy breeders. The *Tampa Bay Times* tied to obtain such records, that would have previously been available within a few minutes using a simple web search. Instead the newspaper received a response to their query after nine months—and the response included fifty-four pages of blacked-out material. The Trump administration claims that providing this data online would make personal and medical information available through an unwarranted invasion of privacy. This issue is particularly relevant in Florida, where the legislature is considering a bill to prevent municipalities from banning the sale of dogs from any breeder licensed by the USDA. This will prevent municipalities from banning the sale of puppies from abusive facilities—and the lack of data will prevent consumers from assessing the conditions under which animals were raised.

**DEMAND** a return to transparency by

• **Sonny Purdue**, Secretary of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20250, (202) 720-2791

• **Senator Pat Roberts** (R-KS), Chair, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, 328A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2035

• **Senator Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI), Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, 328A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2035

The Trump administration has proposed a 30% cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), cuts that would total $213 billion over the next ten years, would cut benefits for four million people, and would reduce benefits for many others.

**REMIND** our representatives that no American should go to bed hungry and **URGE** them to fight these cuts

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Director Ava DuVernay made sure her new film, *A Wrinkle in Time*, had its first public screening in her hometown, Compton, CA. Compton doesn’t have a movie theatre, so a community center was temporarily converted into a theater for the screening.

**THANKS** for bringing it home to

• **Ava DuVernay**, c/o Creative Artists Agency, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, (424) 288-2000

In early March, Donald Trump praised Chinese President Xi Jinping, “He’s now President for life…. I think it’s great. Maybe we’ll have to give that a shot someday.”

**QUERIES** of “are you insane?,” “do you even understand what a democracy is?,” and “have you any idea of what the Constitution says?” to

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

H.R.1818, the Big Cat Public Safety Act, would end private ownership of dangerous wild cats, protecting both citizens and felines.

**TELL** our Representative you’d like him to support this legislation and **SUGGEST** he sign on as a co-sponsor

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Because it never gets old…

**DEMAND** “show us your taxes!”

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

The military parade Donald Trump has called for would cost an estimated $30 million. S.2408 and H.R.4980 would prohibit the expenditure of funds for this purpose.

**TELL** our Congressional representatives that we want them to support S.2408 (in the Senate) and H.R.4980 (in the House)

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

State lawmakers have announced a first-of-its-kind bill that raises the standard for when officers may open fire. The proposed legislation would change the guidance in California’s use of force laws so that police may open fire “only when necessary” rather than “when reasonable,” Sacramento-based Assemblyman Kevin McCarty (D), said at a press conference Tuesday. McCarty co-authored the bill with fellow Democrat Assemblywoman Shirley Weber with support from the American Civil Liberties Union and fellow members of the California Legislative Black Caucus. They were joined at Tuesday’s press conference with Sacramento leaders from the NAACP and the Black Lives Matter movement, along with the grandfather of 22-year-old Stephon Clark one of California’s recent police shooting victims.

**ENCOURAGE** our representatives in state government to support this vital legislation

• **Senator Bill Monning**, Member, Senate Budget Committee 3, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

Stephon Clark was gunned down in his own backyard by Sacramento police who claim they mistook his cellphone for a gun. We can join Black Lives Matter and the many others who are demanding a full investigation of the actions of the Sacramento police.

INSIST on an immediate, impartial investigation from

• **Police Chief Daniel Hahn**, Police Headquarters, 5770 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822, (916) 808-0800

• **Public Safety Center**, Police Headquarters, 5770 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822, (916) 808-0800

• **District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert**, 901 G St., Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 874-6218

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

In late March, Stephon Cousins, of Sacramento, California, was murdered in his own backyard, by police who say they mistook his cellphone for a gun. The Sacramento Kings basketball team has stepped up will set up an education fund for Clark's two young children, co-sponsor a forum in south Sacramento on Friday night and work with the fledgling Build. Black. Coalition "to support the education of young people and to provide the workforce preparation and economic development efforts" in a multiyear effort. Former Sacramento Kings star DeMarcus Cousins has offered to pay for Clark’s funeral, lifting at least that burden from his mourning family. This is not the first time Cousins has stepped in this way to aid a family who have lost a member to gun violence.

**THANKS** for acts of decency in response to a police atrocity to

• **Sacramento Kings**, Golden 1 Center, 500 David J. Stern Walk, Sacramento, CA 95814, (888) 915-4647

• **DeMarcus Cousins**, c/o Sacramento Kings, Golden 1 Center, 500 David J. Stern Walk, Sacramento, CA 95814, (888) 915-4647

**A FIRM NUDGE** to the NFL, which could learn something from this proactive response to the killing of Black Americans by police

• **National Football League**, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154

**CENSUS**

In order to prevent a citizenship question from being included on any future U.S. Census, Senator Robert Menendez, along with 13 other Democratic senators (including our own Kamala Harris), introduced S.2580, the “Every Person Counts Act.” The bill would prohibit questions on citizenship and immigration status for every decennial census.

**THANKS** for co-sponsoring this legislation to

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**REQUEST** that our other senator become a co-sponsor as well

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

H.R.5359, the “2020 Census Idea Act,” would require the Secretary of Commerce to provide advanced notice to Congress before changing any questions on the decennial census. The legislation’s author, Carolyn Maloney, explains that, “The 2020 Census Improving Data and Enhanced Accuracy (IDEA) Act has unfortunately become a necessary safeguard against this administration’s clear desire to politicize and compromise the 2020 Census. This bill will protect the integrity of the census, our nation’s largest peacetime undertaking, by making sure that topics and questions included in the census are properly vetted and not added at the last minute – endangering the accuracy of the census, response rates, and cost to the taxpayer. We cannot accept an incomplete or unfair count in 2020 – too much is at stake. The data from the census affects the way federal and state funds are distributed and district lines are drawn, and helps businesses grow and non-profits better serve their communities. We need accurate, uncompromised data. The IDEA Act will help ensure that happens.” Companion legislation, S.2578 (also called the “2020 Census Idea Act,” has been introduced to the Senate.

**ASK** our Representative to support H.R.5359

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**ASK** our Senators to support S.2578

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

The Commerce Department announced on March 26 that it would include a citizenship question on the 2020 census, despite strenuous objects. As California Attorney General Xavier Becerra points out, “The census numbers provide the backbone for planning how our communities can grow and thrive in the coming decade. What the Trump administration is requesting is not just alarming, it is an unconstitutional attempt to discourage an accurate census count. Adding this question will result in a bad census— deeply flawed population data that will skew public and private sector decisions that ensure equal representation, allocate government resources and anticipate economic growth opportunities—for the next 10 years.” Becerra has announced that California will be suing to have this question removed from the census, as will the Attorneys General of New York and Massachusetts. Because the deadline for finalizing census questions, the only hope—aside from the Attorneys General’s suits—for preventing the inclusion in the census is direct action by Congress.

**THANKS** for articulate critiques and quick action in response to bad government decision-making to

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

**EXPRESSIONS** of deep concern and **REQUESTS** for advocacy from

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

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**CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Reuters reports that, “San Francisco’s City Attorney, Dennis Herrera, has filed suit against Attorney General Jeff Sessions, asking a federal court to overturn his December decision to revoke legal guidance designed to protect minorities, the indigent and disabled. The lawsuit focuses on six of the 25 different legal memos that Sessions rescinded and accused the Trump administration of ‘trying to gut protections for the poor, people of color and people with disabilities under the guise of regulatory reform.’ In December 2017, Sessions announced he was doing away with legal guidance that he deemed to be ‘unnecessary, inconsistent with existing law, or otherwise improper.’ Another cited the need to tread with care before imposing fines on juveniles who cannot pay them and how fines could lead to repeat offences. Thursday’s lawsuit challenges the decision to rescind the memos under the arcane Administrative Procedure Act, or APA, which governs the process the federal government must follow when drafting new regulations. The lawsuit alleges that the Justice Department erred by failing to seek public comment before rescinding the documents or providing a basis for the decision.”

**THANK** Herrera for taking this important action

• **Dennis Herrera**, San Francisco City Attorney, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 554-4700

**INFORM** Sessions and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that you share Herrera’s concerns about honoring procedures for public input on new regulations and about his deliberate weakening of protections for the most vulnerable among us

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

• **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA) Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

MSN reports that while U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deported 226,119 people last year and anticipates deporting another 209,000 this year, one person who hasn’t been deported is Jakiw Palij, who served as a guard during World War II at the Trawn iki forced labor camp. Trawniki was also the training site for those involved in “Operation Reinhard,” the Nazi plan to exterminate every Jew living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Palij has also been placed at the Warsaw Ghetto Liquidation in the spring of 1943. Palij lost his U.S. citizenship for lying on application documents, but has not been deported because it appears no other government is willing to take him. There have been calls to have Palij arrested as an illegal alien and detained until a government willing to admit him can be found.

**SUGGEST** that, as ICE continues to tear apart families and depot people who have lived productively in the U.S. for years, they mete out the same treatment to Nazi war criminals

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

The *Washington Post* has reported that “The Drug Enforcement Administration takes billions of dollars in cash from people who are never charged with criminal activity, according to a report… by the Justice Department's Inspector General. Since 2007, the report found, the DEA has seized more than $4 billion in cash from people suspected of involvement with the drug trade. But 81 percent of those seizures, totaling $3.2 billion, were conducted administratively, meaning no civil or criminal charges were brought against the owners of the cash and no judicial review of the seizures ever occurred. That total does not include the dollar value of other seized assets, like cars, homes, electronics and clothing. These seizures are all legal under the controversial practice of civil asset forfeiture, which allows authorities to take cash, contraband and property from people suspected of crime. But the practice does not require authorities to obtain a criminal conviction, and it allows departments to keep seized cash and property for themselves unless individuals successfully challenge the forfeiture in court. Critics across the political spectrum say this creates a perverse profit motive, incentivizing police to seize goods not for the purpose of fighting crime, but for padding department budgets.”

**DEMAND** an end to civil asset forfeiture

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

• **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA) Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

About 100 supporters of gender and sexuality diversity turned out to rally in opposition to four members of Westboro Baptist Church, a Midwest hate group, picketing outside Alamo's Rancho Romero Elementary School on Tuesday morning. The exact reason for the hate group's appearance in Alamo was unclear, although its social media referenced the elementary school's support for gender diversity as well as a nationwide protest tour against transgender Americans. Earlier this year, Rancho Romero Elementary had a sign on the campus that talked about gender identity and gender fluidity. Some parents objected to it.

**THANKS** to students—and others—who participated in the counter-protest

• **Rancho Romero Elementary School**, 180 Hemme Ave., Alamo, CA 94507

A group of 22 GOP Senators has reintroduced the “First Amendment Defense Act,” S.2525. Defending the First Amendment sounds like a great idea, until you figure out that “defense” is a code word for “protect opponents of marriage equality from federal actions intended to curb discrimination. This legislation is currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**FIRMLY EXPLAIN** to the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee members that sanctioning discrimination is not an appropriate way to defend the First Amendment

• **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

**URGE** our Senators to be prepared to battle fiercely against this travesty

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

The *New York Times* reports that, “the Trump administration is attempting to scale back federal efforts to enforce fair housing laws, freezing enforcement actions against local governments and businesses, including Facebook, while sidelining officials who have aggressively pursued civil rights cases… In an email in November, a top HUD official relayed the news that the head of the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity division, Anna Maria Farías, had ordered a hold on about a half-dozen fair housing investigations given the highest priority under Mr. Carson’s most recent predecessor, Julián Castro. The freeze would be in effect ‘until further notice,’ [Farías] wrote.”

**DEMAND** an immediate recommitment by HUD to fighting discrimination in housing and tell its leaders that we hold them responsible for enforcing the Fair Housing Act and investigating abuses

• **Ben Carson**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Washington DC 20410, (202) 708-1112

• **Anna Maria Farías**, Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing Equal Opportunity Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Washington DC 20410, (202) 708-1112

There is currently bipartisan legislation in the House and Senate that would support disabled people by ensuring that those who qualify for long-term support services could get the help that they need through community-based services and programs, without having to resort to institutionalization as their only option: the “Disability Integration Act of 2017.” In the Senate that’s S.910, and it’s currently before the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP). In the House, that’s H.R.2472, and it’s currently before the Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Health and the House Judiciary subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice.

**TELL** our Senators how essential S.910 is and **ASK** them to become co-sponsors

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**TELL** our Representative how essential H.R.2742 is and **ASK** him to become a co-sponsor

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**URGE** quick movement of S. 910 through committee

• **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

**URGE** quick movement of H.R.2742 through committee

• **Representative Michael Burgess** (R-TX), Chair, House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2927

• **Representative Brett Guthrie** (R-KT), Vice Chair, House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2927

• **Representative Gene Green** (D-TX), Ranking Member, House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2927

• **Representative** **Steve King** (R-IA), Chair, House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Ron DeSantis** (R-FL), Vice-Chair, House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Steve Cohen** (R-TV), Ran king Member, House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-395

It’s long past time that our government protect us from “surveillance capitalism” of the sort conducted by Facebook, Google, Equifax, and other data brokers.

**ASK** our people at the statewide and national level to get started on legislation to put such protections into place.

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

• **Governor Jerry Brown**, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

• **Senator Bill Monning**, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

Trump has named his second Director of the Centers for Disease Control. (Yes, the turnover is pretty high over there, too. Surgeon General number one resigned after the discovery of significant conflicts of interest that he had not revealed at the time of his appointment.) Surgeon General number two is Robert Redfield, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, who was responsible for the Army’s policy of requiring non-confidential AIDS testing of all troops. At Fort Hood, service members identified as HIV+ were confined to a barracks wing dubbed the “HIV Hotel” and the ‘Leper Colony.”

**ASK** members of the appropriate Senate and House committees to keep their eyes on this fellow and to pay particular attention to any demonstrations of bias or discrimination

• **Senator Lamar** Alexander (R-TN), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Representative Joe Wilson** (R-SC), Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Duncan Hunter** (R-CA), Vice-Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Robert C. Scott** (D-VA), Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

File under “Again?!” Trump has issued another ban on transgendered troops, which means we get to write more postcards on a topic we thought was settled.

**CRITICISM** for deliberately undertaking an executive action that’s already been rejects by military brass and the courts

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**URGE** a quick, form, negative response to this action by the President from

• **Jim Mattis**, Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1000, (703) 571-3343

From Rogan’s List: In January, the Republican administration announced an overhaul of the Health and Human Services civil rights office that would establish a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division, focusing on allowing physicians and health care workers to opt out of procedures when they have religious or moral objections. Yet, *The Hill* reports “just over a week before the option to comment [was scheduled to close] on March 27, the HHS has failed to post even one of the 30,000+ citizen comments it has received on a proposed rule that would champion healthcare workers who refuse to provide care on moral or religious grounds.”

**DEMAND** that these public comments be made available to the public

• **Alex Azar**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20201, (877) 696-6775

Scott Lloyd, director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), denied seven requests for abortions between March and December of last year, including one for a rape victim. Unlike previous presidents, Trump requires that all ORR abortion requests be approved by Lloyd, regardless of whether federal funds are to be used. According to Sen. Patty Murray, as quoted on *The Hill*, Lloyd’s ORR “has become a testing ground for the radical Trump-Pence agenda to interfere women’s health choices.” A federal judge has now issued a nationwide order temporarily preventing the government from blocking access to abortion services and counseling for teens detained in immigration custody, saying current administration policy and practices probably are unconstitutional.

**URGE** that Lloyd be replaced immediately by someone with a better understanding of the Constitution

• **Alex Azar**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20201, (877) 696-6775

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson is removing anti-discrimination language from HUD’s mission statement. Instead of using the terms “strong, sustainable, inclusive communities” and “communities free from discrimination,” the mission statement now refers more generally to “strengthening our communities and our nation.” Ignore the cost of the dining set—this is the real threat.

**EXPLAIN** that the anti-discrimination language is essential, especially given historical—and current—practices of redlining that deliberately exclude minorities from homeownership in particular communities

• **Ben Carson**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Washington DC 20410, (202) 708-1112

Human Rights Watch (HRW) reports that women and children held by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) along the U.S.-Mexico border are being left in freezing cells, often with only mylar blankets for warmth. The cells lack bunks and mattresses. The report also states that women and children are often forced to strip down to a single layer of clothing, making the already inhumane conditions even worse. Women have also been subjected to violence and sexual abuse.

**IRATELY EXPLAIN** that human rights violations are deeply un-American and that we expect better treatment of those in our nation—regardless of immigration status

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

• **Kevin McAleenam**, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP Headquarters, 1300 Pannsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20229, (877) 277-5511

**DEMAND** a Congressional investigation into the conditions by

• **Senator Ron Johnson** (R-WI), Chair, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5323

• **Senator Claire McCaskill** (D-MO), Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6154

**CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

S.2155, the inappropriately named Economic Growth and Recovery Act, would roll back Dodd-Frank banking regulations set up after the 2008 recession. In an effort to maintain consumer protections, Elizabeth Warren has released seventeen amendments to S.2155. Among other things, these amendments would subject banks that received more than one billion dollars in bailout funds in 2008 to closer federal scrutiny, exclude the provisions of S.2155 from applying to banks in deferred prosecution agreements, and include a more consumer-friendly credit freeze process.

**THANKS** for this close attention to consumer protection to

• **Senator Elizabeth Warren**, 317 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4543

**REQUESTS** for support of Warren’s S.2155 amendments from

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**EDUCATION**

In May, an “independent” advisory committee—chaired by the former owner of for-profit Keiser University—will rule on an application to reinstate the disgraced Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), stripped of its powers in December 2016 amid the collapse of two for-profit university chains, where tens of thousands of students were encouraged to take on hundreds of millions in debt based on false promises. 20 state Attorneys General, citing, among other problems, the Education Department’s failure to make the ACICS application public and thus blocking public comment, have written to Betsy DeVos vehemently opposing reinstatement.

**ADD** your own voice to this opposition

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20202, (202) 401-3000

As Education Secretary Betsy DeVos threatens to rescind Obama-era instructions that racial disparities in public schools are not to be tolerated and as Trump fantasizes about arming schoolteachers, the non-partisan Government Accountability Office has issued a new report finding that regardless of the type of disciplinary action, regardless of the level of school poverty, and regardless of the type of public school attended, black students, boys, and students with disabilities are disciplined at wildly disproportionate rates. DeVos, who claims to be on a “listening” tour, needs to be told that disparity is not tolerable.

**DEMAND** fair treatment of all students and equitable discipline

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20202, (202) 401-3000

Senator Tammy Baldwin has introduced the “Student Non-Discrimination Act,” which would help protect public school students from bullying, harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. “Congress must make absolutely clear that every student, including LGBTQ youth, must have access to an education free from discrimination, harassment and bullying,” said Senator Baldwin. “As multiple federal courts of appeals have recognized, current law is properly understood to protect these young people. But with the Trump Administration walking back the federal government’s commitment to equality, it is critical that Congress act to eliminate any doubt and ensure these students are protected from discrimination.”

**THANKS** for introducing this important legislation to

• **Senator Tammy Baldwin**, 709 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5653

**REQUESTS** for vocal support for this legislation from

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

On March 29, during what was supposed to be a talk on infrastructure, Trump went on a strange ad-libbed tangent regarding community colleges, “I don’t know what that means, a community college. Call it vocational and technical. People know what that means. They don’t know what a community college means. Maybe call it 13th grade, that’s more like it. ‘Community College’ makes it sound like a real knowledge, and it’s not. It’s for dummies.” Kind of like Trump University?

**EDUCATION** regarding the crucial role community colleges play to

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

The TEACH program provides education grants to college students who commit to spending four years after graduation teaching in low-income schools. A new government study, obtained by NPR and later posted by the Department of Education, suggests that thousands these young teachers have had their TEACH grants suddenly converted by the Department’s “servicer,” FedLoan, into expensive loans, sometimes for minor errors in paperwork. A group of TEACH grant recipients are suing, as is the Massachusetts AG, but the Trump administration is arguing that loan servicers should be protected from state laws and lawsuits.

**INSIST** that the government support Teach for America volunteers, and that it separate itself from “servicers” engaged in these kinds of predatory practices

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 872-5327

**ASK** our Congresspeople if they’re aware of this problem and what they are doing to address it

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The *Washington Blade* reports that Betsy DeVos has said the Department of Education won’t take up complaints of anti-trans bathroom discrimination in schools “until Congress clarifies the law.” At least some Congresspeople are trying to do this through the Student Non-Discrimination Act (no bill numbers as of 3/26/18).

**INFORM** the chairs and ranking members of education committees that we want fast, positive action on this legislation

• **Senator Lamar** Alexander (R-TN), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Representative Joe Wilson** (R-SC), Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Duncan Hunter** (R-CA), Vice-Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Robert C. Scott** (D-VA), Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

**TELL** our Congresspeople that we want them to vigorously support the Student Non-Discrimination act because students should not be the victims of government sanctioned discrimination

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has been put in charge of the School Safety Commission, a task force to make recommendations on school safety. Who else is on the task force? Three other members of the Trump cabinet. Who is missing from the task force? Students, Parents, Teachers, Principals, and School Superintendents. The claim is that the minimalist task force will be able to act more efficiently, never mind that none of those who should be taking part in this decision making have been excluded.

**CONDEMN** the inappropriate, unqualified composition of the School Safety Commission

• **Donald Trump**, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 872-5327

Betsy DeVos’s Department of Education has proposed postponing until 2020 the implementation of a regulation intended to address racial and ethnic inequalities in special education. Department of Education statistics demonstrate that children of color are more apt to be assigned to special education classes, more likely to be isolated from non-disabled peers, and more likely to be suspended. The rule being delayed would have required states to use a standard approach to assessing “significant disproportionality” of students of color in special education program. It also establishes more effective ways of measuring “significant disproportionality.” Over 100 civil rights and disability groups have already have already objected to the proposed delay.

**REMINDERS** that “justice delayed is justice denied” to

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 872-5327

• **Candice Jackson**, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, LBJ Dept. of Ed. Building, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 421-3481

• **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

In 2017, the U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Division received a 25% increase in complaints about racial harassment in schools, with 675 complaints received.

**ASK** what measures are being taken to address this upsurge of bigotry in our schools

• **Betsy DeVos**, Secretary of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 872-5327

• **Candice Jackson**, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, LBJ Dept. of Ed. Building, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington DC 20202, (800) 421-3481

**ELECTIONS**

PBS reports that Senator Ron Wyden, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, has asked the National Rifle Association to turn over detailed internal records about foreign funding it has received in the past three years and how it spent that money, including whether any of it went toward influencing American elections. This request came a week after NRA general counsel John Frazer acknowledged that the tax-exempt nonprofit receives some foreign funding. Frazer said in a March 19 letter to Wyden’s office that while some of that money was transferred between NRA accounts, none of it has gone toward influencing U.S. elections or political campaigns. Wyden also asked for more information, including internal metrics, about foreign money used by the NRA for media campaigns or other efforts that were consumed by the public. Under U.S. law, foreign entities aren’t allowed to influence U.S. elections.

**THANK** Senator Wyden for pursuing this issue

• **Senator Ron Wyden** (D-OR), Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee, 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4515

**INFORM** the Finance Committee Chair that you want efficient, thorough investigation of the issue of the NRA’s foreign funding and its role in the 2017 election

• **Senator Orrin G. Hatch** (R-UT), Chair, Senate Finance Committee, 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4515

The Pennsylvania League of Women Voters was one of the earliest and most vocal plaintiffs in the lawsuit that resulted in a court-ordered redrawing of Pennsylvania’s Highly gerrymandered election map.

**THANKS** for a job well done to

• **Susan Carty**, President, League of Women Voters Pennsylvania, 226 Forster St., Harrisburg, PA 17102, (717) 234-1576

From Rogan’s List: A rider was attached to the “Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act” that would allow armed Secret Service agents to be dispatched, at the president’s discretion, to polling places nationwide during federal elections. The House passed the bill but did not include this rider in the legislation it passed to the Senate. The Senate has not yet acted, and hopefully this rider is dead, but we should remind our senators that we do not (yet) live in a banana republic—and keep our eyes open.

**TELL** our Senators you value free and fair elections without the possibility of Secret Service interference and intimidation

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

The State Department has a budget of $120 million for combatting foreign interference in American Elections. How much has it spent on this? Nothing. Zero dollars. At the State Department’s Global Engagement Center, which has responsibility for countering Russian disinformation campaigns, how many of the twenty-three analysts speak Russian? None. Zero. Also, a State Department hiring freeze prevents hiring any new analysts who might actually speak Russian.

**DECRY** this insanity and **DEMAND** that the State Department use the $120 in a vigorous attempt to defend U.S. elections (which might involve hiring someone who speaks Russian, regardless of the hiring freeze)

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Senator Bob Corker** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

• **Senator Bob Menendez** (D-NJ), Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

S.2261, the Secure Elections Act, and H.R.5011, the Election Security Act, are companion pieces of legislation that would put in place defenses against cybersecurity threats to U.S. elections. S.2261 is currently before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. H.R.5011 is currently before four House committees—Administration, Intelligence, Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs—as well as the House Homeland Security Committee’s Cyber Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies Subcommittee.

**URGE** swift movement of S.2261 through committee from

• **Senator Richard Shelby** (R-AL), Chair, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 304 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5744

• **Senator Amy Klobuchar** (D-MN), Ranking Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3244

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

**THANKS** for co-sponsoring S.2261 to our own

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**URGE** swift movement of H.R.5011 through committees from

• **Representative Robert Brady** (D-PA), Ranking Member, House Administration Committee, 1309 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-8281

• **Representative Adam Schiff** (D-CA), Ranking Member, House Intelligence Committee, Capitol Visitor Center HVC-304, US Capitol Building, Washington DC 20515-6415, (202) 225-7690

• **Representative Jerry Nadler** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Eliot Engel** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2464

• **Cedric L. Richmond** (D-LA), Ranking Member, House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cyber Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, 420 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, Committee phone (202) 226-8417

**EMPLOYMENT**

Donald Trump has signed legislation killing an Obama-era worker safety rule that required businesses competing for large federal contracts to disclose and correct serious safety and other labor law violations: the “Fair Play and Safe Workplaces Rule.” The repeal of the rule was the result of a party-line vote in both houses of Congress.  
**EXPRESS** your views on this deliberate undermining of safe work places

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**REQUEST** that our Congresspeople consider ways to reinstate these protections

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

From Rogan’s List: Key committees that advise the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) on protections for workers have gone dormant under Trump. Recommendations that would prevent worker deaths, protect workers from toxins and pathogens, and more, are dead-ended.

ASK the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce what they plan to do about this

• **Senator Lamar** Alexander (R-TN), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20501, (202) 224-5375

• **Representative Joe Wilson** (R-SC), Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Duncan Hunter** (R-CA), Vice-Chair, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

• **Representative Robert C. Scott** (D-VA), Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4527

Amidst Republican assaults on workers’ rights to organize, Democrats have proposed S.1838 and H.R.3827, the Protecting Workers and Improving Labor Standards Act, which would rescind the law that allows states to ban union security agreements.

**THANKS** to our Congresspeople who currently support this legislation

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**REQUEST** that our remaining Congressperson become a co-sponsor as well

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

The Department of Labor has proposed rules that would allow employers to pool and skim employees’ tips. Note that these rules will have the biggest impact on the overwhelmingly female majority of restaurant workers, who in some cases do not make minimum wage under the assumption that their earnings will be augmented by tips. H.R.5180, the Tip Income Protection Act of 2018, would ensure that all tips, including those that are pooled remain the property of employees, not employers.

**ASK** our Representative to support this important legislation and **SUGGEST** that he become a cosponsor

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The Trump Administration has announced plans to reverse protections for agricultural workers. The protections include minimum age requirements for those mixing and applying pesticides, improved quality of worker training, and anti-retaliation policies for farmworkers requesting pesticide-application information.

**CALL** for a continued Agricultural Worker Protection Standard and the Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule

• **Sonny Purdue**, Secretary of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20250, (202) 720-2791

• **Senator Pat Roberts** (R-KS), Chair, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, 328A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2035

• **Senator Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI), Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, 328A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2035

• **Representative K. Michael Conaway** (R-TX), Chair, House Agriculture Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

• **Representative Collin C. Peterson** (D-MN), Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

• **Representative Glenn Thompson** (R-PA), Vice-Chair, House Agriculture Committee, 1301 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2171

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), Member, House Agriculture Committee, 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**ENVIRONMENT**

The Trump administration confirmed it is tearing up landmark fuel economy rules that formed a key part of the effort by the Obama administration and California officials to combat global warming. The Trump administration has also openly threatened one of the cornerstones of California's environmental protection, the state's ability under the Clean Air Act to impose stricter standards than the federal government sets for vehicle emissions. Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt said that, “EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford — while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars. It's in everyone's best interest to have a national standard, and we look forward to working with all states, including California, as we work to finalize that standard.” Governor Brown described this move as “a belated April Fools’ day trick,” explaining that. “This cynical and meretricious abuse of power will poison our air and jeopardize the health of all Americans.”

**REMIND** members of the Trump administration that 1) global warming is a threat to the security of all of us and 2) that this move represents an inappropriate undermining of states’ rights

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Scott Pruitt**, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460, (202) 564-4700

One-third of all wildlife species in the U.S. are at increased risk of extinction, including an estimated 18 percent of bat species - with an additional 13 percent potentially at risk. This places bats among the most threatened groups of wildlife in North America—and bats are one of nature’s chief sources for pollination and insect reduction. In response to this situation, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, H.R.4647, would re-direct an existing $1.3 billion per year from general federal use to fund state-based wildlife conservation, which would not only protect bats, but also all of America’s vulnerable wildlife as well as the habitats on which they depend throughout the entire country. H.R.4647 is currently before the House Natural Resources Committee.

**CALL** on the Committee for action on this proposed legislation

• **Representative Rob Bishop** (R-UT), Chair, House Natural Resources Committee, 123 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

• **Representative Raúl Grijalva** (D-AZ), Ranking Member, House Natural Resources Committee, 1511 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

**SUGGEST** that our Representative consider becoming a co-sponsor of H.R.4647

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Susan Combs, a former Texas state official who compared proposed endangered species listings to ‘incoming Scud missiles’ and continued to fight the Endangered Species Act after she left government, now has a role in overseeing federal wildlife policy. Interior Department Secretary Ryan Zinke appointed Combs as acting secretary for fish, wildlife and parks. Originally, Zinke wanted to make Combs an assistant secretary for policy, management and budget, but her nomination had stalled in the Senate because of opposition from Republicans and Democrats for various reasons. Since this new position is appointed, it will not require Senate confirmation.

**DECRY** this appointment (as being like an incoming SCUD missile?) by

• **Ryan Zinke**, Interior Secretary, 1849 C St, NW, DC 20240, (202) 208-3100

In late March, the Huffington Post reported that, “The Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] … sent employees a list of eight approved talking points on climate change from its Office of Public Affairs—guidelines that promote a message of uncertainty about climate science and gloss over proposed cuts to key adaptation programs.” These include such suggested talking points as, “Human activity impacts our changing climate in some manner. The ability to measure with precision the degree and extent of that impact, and what to do about it, are subject to continuing debate and dialogue” and “While there has been extensive research and a host of published reports on climate change, clear gaps remain including our understanding of the role of human activity and what we can do about it.”

**DEMAND** that the EPA acknowledge what is already a consensus among climate scientists—that global warming is real, measureable, and caused by humans

• **Scott Pruitt**, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460, (202) 564-4700

• **Senator John Barrasso** (R-KY), Chair, Environment and Public Works, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6441

• **Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works, 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2441

S.B.623, “Safe and Affordable Water” has been passed by the state Senate and moved on to the Assembly. According to the Community Water Center, “California has a drinking water crisis much larger in scope than that of Flint, Michigan. More than one million Californians and 300 communities are impacted by unsafe drinking water every year.”

**ASK** your Assemblymember to support S.B.623

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

The New York Times reports that “The Trump administration is expected to launch an effort in coming days to weaken greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards for automobiles, handing a victory to car manufacturers and giving them ammunition to potentially roll back industry standards worldwide… Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, is expected to frame the initiative as eliminating a regulatory burden on automakers that will result in more affordable trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles for buyers, according to people familiar with the plan… An E.P.A. spokeswoman confirmed that Mr. Pruitt had sent a draft of the 16-page plan to the White House for approval.”

**SPEAK OUT** against this threat to our planet

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Scott Pruitt**, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460, (202) 564-4700

• **Senator John Barrasso** (R-KY), Chair, Environment and Public Works, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6441

• **Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works, 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2441

The California Senate has passed SB 49, the California Environmental Defense Act. This legislation would make current federal clean air, climate, clean water, worker safety, and endangered species standards enforceable under state law, even if the federal government rolls back and weakens those standards. For example, “if the EPA ever decided to weaken the national ozone standard to 100 parts per million, California would maintain the current federal standard of 70 parts per million. That would protect residents from the damaging [effects](https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/health-effects-ozone-pollution) of ozone exposure, which can include shortness of breath, asthma attacks, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.” (Svoboda, NRDC)

**URGE** the California Assembly Rules Committee to act on this legislation

• Assembly Rules Committee, State Capitol, Room 3016, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-2800

**ASK** you Assemblymember to take a strong stance in support of this legislation before it’s too late

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

In a move that it claims will promote research transparency, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that it will only use research if the accompanying raw data is made public. On the surface, that doesn’t sound too bad. Transparency is good, isn’t it? But let’s stop and think. One of the EPAs jobs is regulating chemicals that are harmful to humans. That necessitates doing research involving actual humans. And involving the medical records of those humans. And because those medical records are private under law and may not be released, what the EPA is really saying is “We aren’t going to use the research being done to actually determine what might be harmful to humans. In fact, we’re going to make a new rule so it looks like we’re being ‘ethical’ when we’re actually just choosing to systematically ignore the best information available from the scientific community.”

**ISSUE YOUR OWN ALERT** making it clear that you see through this *transparent* move by the EPA

• **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**, Mail Code 1101A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460

• **Senator John Barrasso** (R-WY), Chair, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6176

• **Senator Thomas Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6176

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6176

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, under the direction of the Trump administration, has established a new advisory board to help rewrite federal rules for importing the heads and hides of African elephants, lions and rhinos. Not surprisingly, the “International Wildlife Conservation Council” has a significant membership of big-game trophy hunters and those making a living from big-game hunting, some with inappropriate ties to Trump and his family. And note that this action is being taken at the same time that giraffes are being moved from “least concern” to “vulnerable” in the “Red List of Endangered Species Report” and that the number of giraffes in the wild has been reduced by 38% over the last twelve years.

**DECRY** the establishment of this “stacked” advisory board and **POINT OUT** the flawed reasoning of those who claim that the best way to protect endangered species is by letting wealthy Americans shoot some of them

• **Donald Trump**, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Ryan Zinke**, Interior Secretary, 1849 C St, NW, DC 20240, (202) 208-3100

Not only does Trump want to increase offshore oil and gas drilling, he wants Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to relax the safety regulations governing this drilling. However, in surprise crane inspections last week, Interior Department records released to the *NY Times* show that the rate of lift-related offshore accidents last year increased by more than 4%, reaching the second-highest annual level in the past decade. Zinke has also issued a stop-work order for a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study looking at ways to reduce offshore accidents.

**TELL** Zinke to maintain safe standards for offshore drilling and to let the NAS do its job

• **Ryan Zinke**, Interior Secretary, 1849 C St, NW, DC 20240, (202) 208-3100

Coca-Cola and Nestlé are in negotiations with the government of Brazil to take ownership of the world’s second largest aquifer, the Guarani Aquifer in Brazil. Activists and community groups are fighting this privatization out of fears of lack of accountability and profit-driven decision making that will not protect the aquifer’s long-term health.

**INFORM** these multinationals that you object to their potential ownership of the Guarani Aquifer and that, for the sake of the environment and the people in the region, you expect them to put the long-term health of the Aquifer before short-term profits

• **James Quincey**, President and CEO, Coca-Cola Company, PO Box 1734, Atlanta, GA 30301, (800) 438-2653

• **Muhtar Kent**, Chairman of the Board, Coca-Cola Company, PO Box 1734, Atlanta, GA 30301, (800) 438-2653

• **Mark Schneider**, CEO, Nestlé Global, Avenue Nestlé 55, 1800 Vevey, Switzerland, +41 21 924 2200

• **Paul Buckle**, Chairman of the Board, Nestlé, Avenue Nestlé 55, 1800 Vevey, Switzerland, +41 21 924 2200

In late February, Trump ordered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to begin dismantling the Waters of the United States Rule, established during the Obama administration and which protects waterways and wetlands by placing them under the jurisdiction of federal regulators. While developers and big business have fought this rule, it has led to cleaner waterways and healthier habitats for threatened species of wildlife.

**EXPLAIN** that you want to see the Waters of the United States Rule continued because clean water and the wildlife it supports are among our nation’s most precious resources

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Scott Pruitt**, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460, (202) 564-4700

• **Senator John Barrasso** (R-KY), Chair, Environment and Public Works, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6441

• **Senator Thomas R. Carper** (D-DE), Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works, 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2441

• **Senator John Boozman** (R-AZ), Chair, Environment and Public Works Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife Subcommittee, 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-4843

• **Senator Tammy Duckworth** (D-IL), Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife Subcommittee, 456 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2854

We know that plastic straws are a huge source of plastic wastes and a significant threat to sea life.

**URGE** a switch from plastic straw to paper or other biodegradable straws by industry leaders

• **David A. Burwick**, CEO, Peet’s Coffee, 1400 Park Ave., Emeryville, CA 94608, (510) 594-2100

• **Howard Schultz**, Chairman and CEO, Starbucks, 2401 Utah Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98134, (206) 447-1575

In early March, the California Assembly voted on AB.1419, which provides civil penalties for pesticide violations. Mark Stone, the Santa Cruz Assemblymember, voted in support of this legislation. Anna Caballero, the Watsonville-Salinas Assemblymember did not vote on the issue

**THANKS** from Santa Cruzans for protecting the health of agricultural workers to

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone**, 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

**OBJECTIONS** from Watsonvillians-Salinans for the failure to take any action when the health of agricultural workers was at stake

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero**, 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

**ETHICS**

In another attempt to subvert the workings of our democracy, the president is once again calling for Senate rules to be changed to “the nuclear option” so that tougher immigration laws can be passed. A few weeks ago, the president also called for a change of Senate rules in the process used to confirm judicial nominees. Our own Dianne Feinstein is Ranking Member of the Senate Rules Committee, which is presumably where such an effort would be initiated.

**REMIND** our Congresspeople and the White House that this is still a democracy and we reject all attempts to change rules that in order to shut off avenues for bipartisanship, discussion and debate

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-286

**During his first year in Washington DC, Scott Pruitt's lease of a D.C. apartment cost him $50 a night—but only when he slept there.** Vicki Hart, the healthcare lobbyist who co-owns the building the apartment is in, is the wife of J. Steven Hart, an energy industry lobbyist and chairman of Enbridge, Inc. The EPA administrator worked directly with Hart to set up the $50-a-night rental room in a prime Capitol Hill building. The arrangement required him to pay rent for just a single bedroom, even though the other bedrooms in the unit were unoccupied. Hart's firm represents clients in the industries that are regulated by the EPA. In fact, the EPA approved a pipeline-expansion project last year while Scott Pruitt was renting the condo. The expansion of the Alberta Clipper pipeline, an Enbridge Inc. project, would allow for hundreds of thousands more barrels of oil a day to flow through this pipeline to the U.S. from Canada's tar sands. **In addition, Pruitt's 24-hour security in Washington extended to personal trips to Disneyland and the Rose Bowl game**, as well as trips home to Tulsa, Oklahoma. House Oversight Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy (a Republican, mind you) recently made Pruitt turn over all of his travel records for his first year. The EPA's inspector general is also investigating Pruitt's 2017 travel.

**THANKS** for scrutinizing Pruitt’s misuse of government funds to

• **Representative Trey Gowdy** (R-SC), Chair, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 2418 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-6030

**REQUEST** further investigation by

• **David J. Apol**, Acting Director and General Counsel, US Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20005, (202) 482-9300

• **Senator Chuck Grassley**, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3744

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

The Stormy Daniels story has caught the attention of the public, but the focus is more on the sexual details of their alleged affair, rather than on the issues that matter: the threats, attempted pay-offs, and potential campaign law violations.

**TELL** Congressional leaders and our Congresspeople we want immediate and impartial investigation of these claims

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The House has passed the Political Appointee Burrowing Prevention Act, H.R.1132, and the Senate will now consider similar legislation, which would prevent political appointees from moving to career positions in government for two years.

**REQUESTS** for support of the Senate version of H.R.1132 to

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

What happened to the full discussion and consideration of DACA that was promised to Democrats when Congress passed the extension on government spending, preventing a government shutdown?

**ASK** the guy who made the promise

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

One week into his presidency, Trump signed an executive order intended to “drain the swamp” that barred former lobbyists and lawyers from participating in matters they once lobbied for or worked on. White House counsel Don McGahn has, however, issued twenty-four ethics waivers allowing former lobbyists and corporate lawyers to regulate industries for which they formerly worked.

**DEMAND** that ethic rules be honored consistently by

• **Don McGahn**, White House Counsel, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500.

**ASK** that this situation be monitored carefully by

• **David J. Apol**, Acting Director, United States Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Ave. NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20005, (202) 482-9300

Over his political career, Mick Mulvaney, head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has received more than $50 thousand from the payday loan industry. It appears that Mulvaney knows how to show his appreciation. He’s ended Obama-era protections against the industry and has dropped a four-year investigation into a payday loan company that provided him with financial support. Senators Blumenthal, Merkley, and Warren have called on Mulvaney to explain his apparent quid-pro-quos to payday lenders.

**ASK** our senators to join demands for an investigation into Mulvaney’s conflicts of interest and unethical behavior

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

As the L.A. Times puts it, “With every passing day, it becomes clearer who’s reaping the benefit of the huge tax cut handed over to American corporations by the Republican-dominated Congress in December.” Case in point: Pfizer. While directing tax savings to investors, the company has announced that it is ending research on Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases. And with the end to the research, Three-hundred or so jobs will be “lost.” As the tax bill was being passed, Pfizer announced a $10 billion share buyback. Note that the company’s *entire annual research budget* averaged $8 billion a year from 2014 to 2016. Alzheimer’s affects some 5.5 million Americans; Parkinson’s affects another one million.

**POINT OUT** that Pfizer’s tax breaks are coming out of ordinary Americans’ pockets at the same time that the company is ending research into two conditions that affect millions

• **Ian C. Read**, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Pfizer Inc., 235 E. 42nd St., New York, New York 10017, (212) 733-2323

• **Albert Bourla**, DVM, PhD, Chief Operating Officer, Pfizer Inc., 235 E. 42nd St., New York, New York 10017, (212) 733-2323

• **Alex Azar**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20201, (877) 696-6775

• **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

**FCC, THE INTERNET, AND CYBERSECURITY**

In a Washington Post opinion piece, Norman J. Ornstein, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, observed that “For many decades, the vigilance of the Federal Communications Commission has kept deep-pocketed players, including owners of newspapers and other important media, from attaining dominance over local television markets. But over the past year, the FCC weakened those rules. Fewer local media owners means less local news coverage. Now, the proposed acquisition of Tribune Media by the Sinclair Broadcast Group is under consideration by the FCC and the Justice Department. Approval would likely trigger a hemorrhage in local reporting and voices and a sharp decline across much of the nation in balanced coverage of politics and government. The proposed merger would be by far the largest in the history of local TV, adding up to 42 stations—including in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, Denver and other top-20 markets — to the Sinclair empire. These would join the 173 stations Sinclair already owns, including outlets in other big cities such as Baltimore, Minneapolis, Seattle, St. Louis and the District, plus stations in key electoral states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Congress limits a single broadcaster to covering 39 percent of the country, but due to an arcane rule adopted before cable and satellite became the dominant way that Americans receive broadcast TV, ultra-high-frequency stations get counted at only 50 percent of their coverage. Sinclair, which owns many UHF stations, would have ended up covering a staggering 72 percent of the national audience if approved as initially proposed.” Sinclair is the same media group that Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner cut a deal with during the 2016 elections to air "good" coverage for Trump.Critics of the deal and the reinstatement of the discount point to the company practice of providing local affiliate stations with "must-run" segments portraying a clear, right-wing perspective. The New York Times reported in May that current and former employees at KOMO, a Sinclair station in Seattle, took issue with mandated content from the Sinclair corporate office that they felt was “politically tilted” and “poor quality.” H.R.3748, the “Local and Independent Television Protection Act would change the way a broadcaster’s market share is calculated and would make it more difficult for large broadcasters to dominate local programming.

**ASK** our Senators what actions they are taking to prevent the monopolization of local news stations and **SUGGEST**, among other things, anti-trust legislation

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**ASK** the same question of our Representative and URGE him to support H.R.3748

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**TELL** the FCC to say “no” to Sinclair

• **Ajit Pai**, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

• **Commissioner Mignon Clyburn**, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

• **Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel**, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

• **Commissioner Michael O’Rielly**, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

• **Commissioner Brendan Carr**, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW, Washington DC 20554, 888-CALL-FCC

**ASK** Javier Becerra what he’s doing to protect California from Sinclain’s disinformation and looming monopoly

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

The California Legislature is considering two net neutrality bills. S.B.822 (Broadband Internet Access Service), co-sponsored by Bill Monning, is currently before the state Senate. S.B.460 (Guidelines: Broadband Internet Access Service) has moved on to the Assembly and is currently with the Rules Committee.

**THANKS** for co-sponsoring S.B.822 to

• **Senator Bill Monning**, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

**ASK** your Assemblymember to support S.B.460 when it reaches the Assembly floor

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

If you’re wondering what the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) can do to prevent future privacy violations by Facebook (and, if you aren’t, you should be), consider these suggestions from Barry Lynn and Matt Stoller of the Open Markets Institute. 1) Investigate whether Facebook violated a 2011 consent decree protecting user privacy when its data was mined by Cambridge Analytics and, if so, seek court sanctions against the company. 2) Establish whether Facebook executives enabled, encouraged, or oversaw violation of the 2011 consent decree and, if so, pursue personal fines against them. 3) Reverse approvals of Facebook’s purchases of WhatsApp and Instagram, which have resulted in Facebook having a virtual monopoly on social network platforms. 4) Prohibit future acquisitions by Facebook for the next five years. 5) Spin off Facebook’s ad network to eliminate its incentive to amass data and discriminate in the provision of news and information. 6) Require Facebook to adopt open, transparent standards like those the FTC placed on AOL Messenger in 2001. 7) Establish a system to ensure transparency of political communications on Facebook similar to those that already apply to other major communications networks. 8)Threaten legal action against Facebook unless top executives agree to work with the FTC to restructure the corporation to ensure the safety and stability of the government and the economy. You won’t be able to put all of these on a postcard, but choose a favorite or go hog wild and write a letter. (The process is underway to appoint a new group of FTC Commissioners, so for now, just write to the FTC itself.)

**SUGGEST** as many of these possibilities as you’d like to

• **Federal Trade Commission**, Attn: Commissioners, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20580, (202) 326-2222

The Attorneys General of Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and Pensylvania have launched investigations of Cambridge Analytica, its gathering of private data, and the role it played in the 2016 elections.

**THANKS** to

• **Maura Healey**, Massachusetts Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-1518, (617) 727-2200

• **Eric T. Schneiderman**, New York Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, (800) 771-7755

• **George Jepson**, Connecticut Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, (860) 808-5318

• **Josh Shapiro**, Pennsylvania Attorney General, 393 Walnut St, Harrisburg, PA 17101, (717) 787-3391

**SUGGEST** that California’s Attorney General take similar action

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

**GUNS**

California’s A.B.3 would raise the legal age to buy long guns, such as shotguns and rifles, from 18 to 21.

**ENCOURAGE** strong support from your Assemblymember

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

California’s A.B.2103 would require in-person firearms training before a person can be issued a concealed carry permit. Currently, Californians need more training to get a driver’s license than they do to get a concealed carry permit. A.B.2103 is currently before the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

**ASK** the Assembly Public Safety Committee for action on A.B.2103

• **Assembly Public Safety Committee**, 1020 N St. (LOB), Room 111, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-3744

**TELL** your Assembly member to support A.B.2103 when it reaches the Assembly floor

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

The NRA have an IRS tax-exempt status as a “public welfare” organization. This was given back when their mission was teaching gun safety, but now they are gun lobbyists. (Though, in its 2015 tax return, the NRA still described its mission as “Firearms safety education and training and advocacy on behalf of safe and responsible gun owners.”)

**URGE** our Congresspeople to push for rescinding the NRA’s tax-exempt status

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

From Rogan’s List: As the March for Our Lives brings awareness of the need for common sense gun legislation into the forefront, we should also be supporting a repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), an NRA-backed law that prevents victims from suing gun manufacturers. What other industry has this kind of protect against the harm its products do?

**ASK** our Congresspeople to pay attention to this repeal effort while they continue working on new common-sense gun legislation

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Three major retailers still haven’t adopted policies of ending the sale of assault weapons and ending the sale of guns to people under 21.

**INFORM** these businesses that we expect them to place reasonable limits on their own gun sales for the safety of all Americans

• **John Morris**, Chief Executive Officer, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s, 2500 E. Kearney, Springfield, MO 65898, (800) 277-7776

• **John Schaefer**, Chief Executive Officer, Sportsman’s Warehouse, 7035 S. High Tech Dr., Midvale, UT 84047, (800) 286-3076

• **Davit Pratt**, Chief Executive Officer, Freedom Roads/Camping World, 250 Parkway Dr., Suite 270, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, (847) 229-6425

Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens has taken the bold step of arguing in a *New York Times* op-ed piece that the time has come to repeal the second amendment. Stevens explained that. “For over 200 years after the adoption of the Second Amendment, it was uniformly understood as not placing any limit on either federal or state authority to enact gun control legislation. In 1939 the Supreme Court unanimously held that Congress could prohibit the possession of a sawed-off shotgun because that weapon had no reasonable relation to the preservation or efficiency of a ‘well-regulated militia….’ During the years when Warren Burger was our chief justice, from 1969 to 1986, no judge, federal or state, as far as I am aware, expressed any doubt as to the limited coverage of that amendment. [In fact,] Chief Justice Burger publically characterized the N.R.A. as perpetrating ‘one of the greatest pieces of fraud, I repeat the word fraud, on the American public by special interest groups that I have ever seen in my lifetime.’”

**THANKS** for passionate, articulate arguments for necessary changes to the way this country deals with gun ownership to

• **Associate Justice John Paul Stevens**, c/o Supreme Court of the United States, 1 First St. NE, Washington DC 20543

The West Virginia Legislature has passed an NRA-backed bill that bars businesses from banning guns in their own parking lots.

**REQUEST** a public stand against this intrusion on business owners’ property rights be taken by

• **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**, 1615 H St., NW, Washington DC 20062, (202) 659-6000

• **Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce**, 725 Front St. #401, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 457-3713

• **Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce**, 44 Brennan St., Watsonville, CA 95076, (831) 724-3900

The “Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act” would make it a crime to import, sell, manufacture or possess a trigger crank, a bump-fire device, or any accessory designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic rifle. The Senate version of this legislation, currently before the Judiciary Committee, is S.1916 and was authored by our own Dianne Feinstein. (Kamala Harris is a co-sponsor). The House version of this legislation, currently before the House Judiciary Committee’s subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigation, is H.R.3947. Jimmy Panetta is a co-sponsor.

**URGE** quick action and strong support for S.1916 from

• **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA) Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225 [also props for authoring this legislation]

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225 [also props for co-sponsoring]

**URGE** quick action and strong support for H.R.3947 from

• **Representative Bob Goodlatte** (R-VA), Chair, House Judiciary Committee, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Jerry Nadler** (R-NY), Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Kim Sensenbrenner** (R-WI), Chair, House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Sheila Jackson Lee** (D-TX) Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

Amazon is still hosting NRA TV, which is exactly what it sounds like. We’ve done this before, but once again, let’s make our feelings about this clear.

**DEMAND** that Amazon stop providing access to NRA TV and let them know you have plenty of other shopping options

• **Jeff Bezos**, Chairman, President and CEO, Amazon, 1200 12th Ave. S., Suite 1200, Seattle, WA 98144-2734, (206) 266-1000

In response to the Parkland shootings, YouTube has banned videos promoting or linked to firearms dealers and videos on how to build firearms.

**THANK** them for their leadership in this area

• **YouTube**, 90 Cherry Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066, (650) 253-0000

Citigroup is requiring its partners to bar firearm sales to customers under age 21 and those who have not passed a background check. The bank is also barring clients from selling high-capacity ammunition magazines and so-called bump stocks.

THANK Citigroup for taking leadership in this area

• **Michael Corbat**, CEO Citigroup, 388 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013, (800) 285-3000

• **Barbara J. Desoer**, CEO CitiBank N.A., 388 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013, (800) 285-3000

The “boyfriend loophole” in federal law allows stalkers and domestic abusers, unlike spouses, to buy guns because they are not married to their potential victims. In the Senate, the Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act, S.1539, would close this loophole. The House legislation on this topic is the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abusers Act, H.R.3207. California can take pride in the fact that all three of our Congresspeople are co-sponsoring the bill in their house of Congress.

**THANK** our Senators for co-sponsoring S.1539

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**THANK** our Representative for co-sponsoring H.R.3207

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Washington has enacted “Firearms Choice” legislation. Under the law, people can put their names on a do-not-sell list, voluntarily disqualifying themselves from purchasing a gun from licensed dealers. Doing this might help prevent impulsive gun purchases by individuals who know themselves to at risk of suicide or who know they have volatile tempers.

**SUGGEST** that California follow Washington’s lead

• **Governor Jerry Brown**, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

The President isn’t just back-tracking on gun control promises he made after the Parkland school shootings. He has also been delaying the implementation of Obama-era gun-safety measure, which include requiring gun dealers to make secure gun storage and safety devices available anywhere guns are sold and prohibiting gun ownership to anyone ordered by courts to receive outpatient mental health services.

**TELL** the White House that we want action on these already-authorized, common-sense gun measures

• **Donald Trump**, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**ASK** our Congresspeople to keep fight to see this legislation implemented and to enact additional legislation to further protect us from the reckless sale and use of guns

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Finally—something we can thank the Justice Department for! The Justice Department has initiated a process to outlaw bump stocks by classifying weapons with bump stocks as machineguns, which would make civilian ownership of them illegal.

**THANKS** to

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

**HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE**

Unfortunately, health insurance coverage for many hard-working, low-income California families does not cover continuous glucose monitors (CGM) even if their doctors prescribe CGM as the best way to manage their diabetes. The monitors, as the name suggests, monitor a patient’s blood sugar continuously releasing finely calibrated doses of insulin as needed, freeing the patient from finger-stick readings and calculations of dosages, a far less accurate method. This lack of coverage puts those struggling to manage their diabetes at greater risk for developing one of the disease's complications, costly emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and treatments. 33 states' Medicaid programs already cover this benefit and now we have a chance to make coverage better for Californians too. Senate Budget Subcommittee 3 (0n which our own Bill Moning sits) and Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 Committee on Health will be considering proposals enabling Medi-Cal to cover CGM when prescribed by a patient's physician as necessary to disease management.

TELL our state legislators to support CGMs for people on Medi-Cal who are struggling with and ASK them to encourage their colleagues to do the same

• **Senator Bill Monning**, Member, Senate Budget Committee 3, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

According to a report from the Sunlight Foudation, which tracks changes to government web sites, reports that, “The ‘Breast Cancer’ website and related pages were removed from within the Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Office on Women’s Health (OWH) website. While content about mammogram breast cancer screening remains, informational pages and factsheets about the disease, including symptoms, treatment, risk factors, and public no- or low-cost cancer screening programs, have been entirely removed and are no longer found elsewhere on the OWH site. Among the material removed is information about provisions of the Affordable Care Act that require coverage of no-cost breast cancer screenings for certain women, as well as links to a free cancer screening program administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The office did not proactively announce or explain the removals.”

**DEMAND** an immediate return of this information to the OWH site

• **Alex Azar**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20201, (877) 696-6775

• **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

From Americans of Conscience: The Trump administration has introduced a new policy allowing states to strip Medicaid from working-age people who are not working for a set number of hours a month. The truth is, the majority of Medicaid enrollees are already working, in school, or medically unable to work. This policy penalizes people living in poverty and with disabilities, risks their health, and cuts off a powerful poverty reducing program.

**DECLARE** your support for Medicaid without strings for all Californians who need it to

• **Jennifer Kent**, Director, California Department of Healthcare Services, Box 997413, MS 0000, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413, (800) 541-5555

The Washington Post reports that, “FDA chief Scott Gottlieb proposed a bold and striking change for a conservative member of President Trump’s administration, announcing that he’s setting in motion new regulations to make cigarettes less addictive [by reducing nicotine levels]. Enacting the standards could take years, but Gottlieb kicked off the rulemaking process by unveiling an ‘advance notice of proposed rulemaking’ that will be published today in the Federal Register. **The FDA chair's move would make the United States the first country to limit the nicotine content of cigarettes—and it is also the biggest tobacco crackdown by far in the near-decade since Congress passed a law allowing the government to start regulating such products.”**

**THANKS for prioritizing health to**

**• Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993, (888) 463-6332**

California Attornry General Xavier Becerra keeps on keeping on. He’s sued Sutter Health, one of the largest hospitals in the state, for non-competitive practices including excessively high out-of-network rates for patients who must get care outside of their provider network and restrictions on publication of provider cost information and rates. Becerra claims that Sutter is using its profits to buy up additional hospitals, further increasing its non-competitive practices.

THANKS for fighting to keep healthcare affordable to

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

In California, you won’t have to pay sales tax if you buy a jock strap, but you will if you purchase tampons. For the sake of gender justice, it’s time that the taxing of tampons be eliminated. Taxing people on normal physiological functions is a form of discriminate and unfairly burdens low-income Californians. Nine states and the District of Columbia have already done this. Gender equity requires menstrual equity.

**URGE** our state legislators to take action to end this form of discrimination

• **Senator Bill Monning**, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

**ASK** your Assemblymember to support S.B.460 when it reaches the Assembly floor

• **Assemblymember Mark Stone** [Santa Cruz], 701 Ocean St., #318b, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-1503

• **Assemblymember Anna Caballero** [Watsonville], 275 Main St., Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, (813) 768-3035

The U.S. and Mexico have the highest obesity rates in the world, but as part of NAFTA negotiations, the Trump administration is trying to limit the warning labels on junk food in the U.S., Mexico and Canada. No doubt to the delight of major U.S. food and beverage companies, the Office of the United States Trade Representative wants to make sure all the countries in the agreement are limited in how they place labels on sugary or fatty food and drinks

**INSIST** that health and essential consumer information not become economic bartering points in trade negotiations

• **Robert Lighthizer**, U.S. Trade Representative, Office of USTR, 600 17th St NW, Washington DC 20508, (202) 395-3330

Title X is the only federal program that provides grant money to state and local health departments and nonprofits to support comprehensive family planning and related preventative health services. In a recent grant announcement, the Trump administration indicated it would favor programs that prioritized abstinence education and “natural” contraception (aka the “rhythm” method, aka “You’re having a baby!). Four million people use Title X-funded services each year, and nearly 70% of them are women. In April 2017, the Donald Trump signed a bill allowing states to exclude family planning organizations that provide abortion services from receiving Title X funds—this despite the fact that federal already prohibits the use of Title X funds for abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or threat to the mother’s life. The administration’s 2019 budget proposal calls for making any organization engaged in providing abortion services from participating in any programs supported by Title X, Health and Human Services, and Medicaid.

**CONFIRM** the need for real contraceptive and family planning methods and the value of supporting them with federal funds—including family planning and contraceptive services offered by organizations that also provide abortion services

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Alex Azar**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20201, (877) 696-6775

• **Senator Lamar Alexander** (R-TN), Chair, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Patty Murray** (D-WA), Ranking Member, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Rand Paul** (R-KY), Chair, Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

• **Senator Robert P. Casey** (R-PA), Ranking Member, Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families, 428 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 225-4944

**ASK** our congress people to keep an eye on these issues, especially in the budgeting process, since they’ve been underreported so far

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**IMMIGRATION**

Faced with a huge backlog in immigration cases, Jeff Sessions’ Department of Justice has set quotas for immigration judges—700 cases cleared per year—on which their performance evaluations will depend. Sessions is also expected to eliminate or cut back on administrative closure, which allows judges to put cases on hold while immigrants seek visas or other kinds of relief, and he wants to limit asylum. Only 1/3 of immigrants have lawyers—to which they have no legal right—now, and Sessions wants to undermine judicial independence and erode due process rights for immigrants.

**TELL** the Attorney General this is no way to treat the 700,000 immigrants awaiting "justice”

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

**ASK** our Congresspeople to support legislation which would protect immigrants, asylum-seekers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) recipients

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Trump plans to send National Guard troops to assist Border Patrol agents along the Mexico-U.S. border, and it looks as though this may be punishment for not funding a border wall in the latest omnibus spending bill. The Governor of Oregon has already announced that she will not mobilize her state’s troops for this purpose.

**EXPRESS** your qualms about a more heavily militarized U.S.-Mexico border and our continuing commitment to a clean Dream Act to

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**THANKS** for courageous leadership to

• **Governor Kate Brown**, Office of the Governor, 900 Court St. NE, Suite 254, Salem, OR 07301-4047, (503) 378-4582

**TELL** our Governor that we support his taking a similarly strong stance

• **Governor Jerry Brown**, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841

The number of deportations of long-term, productive members of our society by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, but some cases—such as the two discussed below—stand out as particularly egregious. The Chicago Tribune reported on the case of Miguel Perez, who has been deported after a “16-month quest to stay in a country where he was raised and that he fought to defend. Miguel Perez Jr., a veteran with a green card and a felony drug conviction, has been deported to Mexico, where he has not lived since childhood…. Perez was deported without the customary warning and opportunity to say goodbye to his family. He had no money or clothes, except for a few items from the detention center, and was left in Matamoros, a border town in the state of Tamaulipas, where the U.S. State Department has warned Americans not to travel because of high crime. While boarding the flight, Perez said, ICE agents took selfies ‘like fishermen with a prize fish. They singled him out and escorted him across the border ahead of a busload of other deportees, he said.” The other case is that of Ricardo Rodriguez. Again from the Chicago Tribune, “In the two decades since Ricardo Rodriguez was convicted of murder, he has maintained his innocence. [In late March], the Cook County state’s attorney agreed to drop the case against him amid allegations that a discredited police detective manipulated witnesses. But instead of walking out of prison a free man, Rodriguez was taken into custody by federal immigration authorities, adding a new and tragic twist to his story. Before he was sent to prison for a 1995 murder, Rodriguez was a lawful permanent resident. His status was revoked when he was convicted, his attorneys said. Now he faces the possibility of being deported despite being freed.”

**DEMAND** action on the cases of these two men, one who risked his life for the U.S., the other who spent 22 years in prison on a wrongful conviction

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

• **Senator Ron Johnson** (R-WI), Chair, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5323

• **Senator Claire McCaskill** (D-MO), Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6154

The Welcome Project is a small Massachusetts organization offering services and programming for immigrants. Recently their new initiative—a service that alerts subscribers when ICE is getting ready to raid—was featured on a hate site, and since then they've been getting hate mail and death threats. This organization is doing wonderful work. Let’s them up with some thanks and encouragement.

**AFFIRMATIONS** to

• **The Welcome Project**, 530 Mystic Ave #111, Somerville, MA 02145

From Americans of Conscience: 12 people died in privately run Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centyers in 2017, mostly due to inadequate access to medical care. With almost 40,000 people are currently in ICE detention, the need for adequate healthcare and oversight is urgent. No matter their status, all people should be treated with basic decency.

**REQUEST** that our Congresspeople actively support providing healthcare for detained immigrants and push for stringent inspections of privately owned ICE detention facilities

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

The *Washington Post* reports that, “Immigrants who accept almost any form of welfare or public benefit, even popular tax deductions, could be denied legal U.S. residency under a proposal awaiting approval by the Trump administration, which is seeking to reduce the number of foreigners living in the United States…. [I]mmigration caseworkers would be required to consider a much broader range of factors when determining whether immigrants or their U.S.-citizen children are using public benefits or may be likely to do so. Current rules penalize immigrants who receive cash welfare payments, considering them a ‘public charge.’ But the proposed changes from the Department of Homeland Security would broaden the government’s definition of benefits to include the widely used earned-income tax credit as well as health insurance subsidies and other ‘non-cash public benefits.’ The changes would apply to those seeking immigration visas or legal permanent residency, such as a foreigner with an expiring work visa. [These changes] could affect immigrants protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, whose termination has been blocked by federal courts, if they attempt to file for full legal residency.”

**PROTEST** this effort to harass and to manufacture excuses for deporting immigrants in the U.S.

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

• **Senator Ron Johnson** (R-WI), Chair, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5323

• **Senator Claire McCaskill** (D-MO), Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6154

California’s S.B.785 prevents attorneys from questioning witnesses about immigration status in open court unless a judge first rules the status is relevant to the subject of the litigation, allowing undocumented immigrants to come forward without fear of deportation.

**ENCOURAGE** our State Senator to take strong action in support of this legislation

• **Senator Bill Monning**, 701 Ocean St. #318a, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 425-0401

Trump has announced an end to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Liberians in the U.S. This status was first granted to Liberians in 1991, due to the country’s civil way. At one point, TPS was briefly ended because of a lull in the violence, but was reinstated in 2002. Note that the Liberians who have been the beneficiaries of TPS have been in the U.S. at least since 2002. No Liberians have been given that status since then. There are several pieces of legislation that would help provide a path to either citizenship (S.2144, the “SECURE Act”), or permanent residency status (S.2275 and H.R.5072, the “Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, as well as H.R.4253, the “American Promise Act). S.2144, which is co-sponsored by both Feinstein and Harris, and S.2275 are currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both H.R.5072 and H.R.4253 are currently before the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. H.R.4253 is co-sponsored by Jimmy Panetta.

**THANKS** for co-sponsorship of S.2144 and **REQUESTS** for continued action on both S.2144 and S.2275 to

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA) Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

**REQUEST** efficient movement of S.2144 and S.2275 through committee by

• **Senator Chuck Grassley** (R-IA), Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-5225

**THANKS** for co-sponsorship of H.R.4253 and **REQUESTS** for continued action on H.R.5072 and H.R.4253 to

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**REQUEST** efficient movement of H.R.5072 and H.R.4253 through committee by

• **Representative Bob Goodlatte** (R-VA), Chair, House Judiciary Committee, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Jerry Nadler** (R-NY), Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

• **Representative Raúl Labrador** (R-ID), Chair, Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

•**Representative Zoe Lofgren** (D-CA), Ranking Member, Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3951

Slate legal analyst Mark Joseph Stern reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions may be considering ending protections that allow domestic abuse victims to receive asylum in the United States, cruelly ensuring they are returned to dangerous situations.

**TELL** the Attorney General that this unjust proposal puts human lives at risk and damages the reputation of the U.S. around the world

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

**ASK** our Congresspeople to commit to passing new legal standards explicitly giving these women protection if Sessions moves forward

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are conducting raids on Greyhound buses, without warrants. The ACLU in affiliates ten states have penned a letter to Greyhound Lines, Inc., asking the company to change its policies, and prohibit warrantless searches, as is their right under the Fourth Amendment. Let’s join in.

**INSIST** that Greyhound discontinue its cooperation with ICE and CBP

• **Dave Leach**, President and CEO, Greyhound Lines, Inc., PO Box 660362, Dallas, TX 75226, (214) 849-4000

• **Tricia Martinez**, Chief Legal Officer, Greyhound Lines, Inc., PO Box 660362, Dallas, TX 75226, (214) 849-4000

There are all sorts of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) atrocities happening right now—and who knows how many more that don’t make it into the national media. Wilson Rodríguez Macarreno’s story is one that’s drawn well-deserved. Rodríguez Macarreno, who lives in Tukwila, Washington, called 911 in February to report an attempted break-in at his home. Responding officers found someone on the property, but let him go and instead arrested Rodríguez Macarreno, who is an undocumented immigrant. Because of his status, Rodríguez Macarreno had an outstanding administrative warrant issued by ICE, a bureaucratic document that is completely unlike a judicial warrant and that police are not required to act upon. However, the responding officers drove Rodríguez Macarreno to the ICE office in Seattle. At a recent city council meeting, Tukwila Assistant Police Chief Rick Mitchell acknowledged that the arrest should not have happened and promised the department will work to regain the community's trust, a step in the right direction; however, as of this writing, Rodríguez Macarreno is still in custody, separated from his family, including three-year-old twins and a one-year-old infant. Immigration attorney Luis Cortez is attempting to have Rodríguez Macarreno released from custody. The Northwest Immigrants’ Rights Project has filed a suit against the arresting officers and the city of Tukwila on Rodríguez Macarreno’s behalf.

**TELL** federal authorities that Rodríguez Macarreno’s arrest was unnecessary, a waste of taxpayer dollars and a cruel apt of deliberate family separation

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

• **Kevin McAleenam**, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP Headquarters, 1300 Pannsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20229, (877) 277-5511

**INFORM** the City of Tukwila and its police department that the nation is watching they way they handled Rodríguez Macarreno’s case and expects better of them in the future

• **Mayor Allan Eckberg**, 6200 Southcenter Blvd., Tukwila, WA 98188, (206) 433-1805

• **Chief Bruce Linton**, 6200 Southcenter Blvd., Tukwila, WA 98188, (206) 433-1808

During Trump’s first year in office the New York Police Department received 1,526 requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain immigrants. How many did NYPD comply with? None. Zero.

**PRAISE** for defending immigrants and for focusing on real policing issues to

• **James P. O’Neill**, Commissioner, New York Police Department, 1 Police Plaza, New York, New York 10038, (646) 610-5000

Jeff Sessions’ Justice Department has filed suit against the state of California, specifically naming Governor Jerry Brown and Attorney General Xavier Becerra. The suit specifically challenges three laws passed last fall. SB 54 prohibits informing Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) about release dates of undocumented prisoners and bars local officials from allowing such prisoners to be moved over to federal custody. AB 450 prohibits employers from cooperating with ICE and requires them to inform employees when federal agents are coming to make inspections. AB 103 requires the state to inspect detention facilities where federal agents are holding immigrants for deportation.

**FIRM REMINDERS** about the concept of states’ rights to

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

**THANKS** for their leadership in this area to

• **Governor Jerry Brown**, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841

• **Attorney General Xavier Becerra**, Office of the Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814-2919, (916) 445-9555

At least 20,000 immigrants who applied for DACA status before Trump’s September announcement that he would be ending the program have still not received a response to their applications. The number may be as high as 25,000. Court ruling have required that DACA applications continue being accepted and processed, but the administration is dragging its feet.

**DEMAND** efficient processing of DACA applications

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **L. Francis Cissna**, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20529, (800) 375-5283

• **Tracy Renaud**, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20529, (800) 375-5283

At this point, separation of families, particularly the separation of parents and children, has become the default Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy. Arizona’s Florence Project had identified instances of deliberate familial separation *by October 2017*. The pace has undoubtedly picked up since then. Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security, has gone on record saying that Homeland Security, which oversees ICE, hopes that these familial separations will discourage parents from seeking refuge in the U.S. Under a 1997 lawsuit settlement, the U.S. government is required to hold immigrant children in the “least restrictive setting” available, but the Trump administration has called for an end to this settlement.

**INFORM** those responsible for Homeland Security that this practice is not only reprehensible, but un-American.

• **Kirstjen M. Nielsen**, Secretary of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington DC 20528-0075, (202) 282-8494

• **Senator Ron Johnson** (R-WI), Chair, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5323

• **Senator Claire McCaskill** (D-MO), Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-6154

**INSTRUCT** our congressional representatives to keep a close eye on the use of family separation as a deliberate ICE tactic and to speak out against it whenever possible

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**INTERNATIONAL**

“Democracy Now!” reports that, “At least 18 Palestinians have died in Gaza after Israeli forces opened fire… on a protest near the Gaza Strip’s eastern border with Israel. As many as 1,700 Palestinians were wounded. The deaths and injuries came as 30,000 Gaza residents gathered near the wall, as part of a planned 6-week-long nonviolent protest against the blockade of Gaza and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees. The protests began on Friday, March 30, known as “Land Day,” marking the anniversary of the 1976 killing of six Palestinians protesting the Israeli confiscation of Arab land. Video posted online shows unarmed Palestinians being shot in the back while taking part in Friday’s protest. Another 49 Palestinians were injured by Israeli forces on Saturday.” [See related story on U.S. vetoing of U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an impartial investigation of this indicent.]

**DEMAND** a firm U.S. response to this unnecessary violence

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Senator Bob Corker** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

• **Senator Bob Menendez** (D-NJ), Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

Following the deaths of fifteen Palestinian protesters by Israeli military, Kuwait, a member of the U.N. Security Council, proposed a statement urging restraint and calling for an “independent and transparent investigation” of the violence. This statement was blocked by the U.S., one of a handful of nations on the Security Council that have veto power.

**EXPRESS** your dismay at this use of U.S. power

• **Ambassador Nikki Haley**, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, 799 United Nations Plaza, NY, NY 10017

• **Senator Bob Corker**, Chair, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 425 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

• **Senator Ben Cardin**, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 509 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

A *Daily Mail* exclusive reported that, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bragged that Jared Kushner gave him CIA intelligence about other Saudis saying “here are your enemies” days before a “corruption crackdown” which led to torture and death. The crackdown on 'corruption' in the Saudi kingdom was led by bin Salman and began in November, days after he had met Kushner for talks in Riyadh. Allegations of torture were raised as hundreds, including princes from rival parts of the Saudi royal family and some of the country's wealthiest businessmen, were rounded up. DailyMail.com revealed a photograph showing the detainees sleeping on the floor of a ballroom at the Riyadh Ritz Carlton, and disclosed that some had been tortured. The *New York Times* later reported that one of the detainees had died from his injuries.

**DEMAND** an inquiry into this reported misuse of classified information

• **Representative Ed Royce** (R-CA), Chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4111

• **Representative Eliot Engel** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2464

Honduran lawmakers have introduced legislation that gives the government sweeping powers to censor social media, and muzzle dissenting digital news sites. Specifically, legislation being discussed in the country’s congress aims to create a “cybersecurity commission,” able to order users to delete tweets and Facebook posts, or face fines of up to $50,000. This legislation is primarily aimed at silencing journalists whose human rights reporting has shown the government in a bad light. As other means of communication have been disrupted, journalists have used social media as a way of getting their stories to the public. In November, Honduras held a highly contested election which the winner and incumbent, Juan Orlando Hernandez, has been accused of extensive fraud. Figures compiled by the Security Assistance Monitor show that Honduras has received nearly $114 million in U.S. security support since 2009—and it is this support that has allowed Hernandez to maintain his questionable hold on power.

**DECRY** U.S. support for this regime and **INSIST** on monitoring of press freedoms in Honduras

• **Senator Richard Burr** (R-NC) Chair, Senate Intelligence Committee, 217 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

• **Senator Mark Warner** (D-VA) Vice Chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee, 703 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Member, Senate Intelligence Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), Member, Senate Intelligence Committee, 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510

The New York Times reports that, “President Trump, having this week signaled a possible withdrawal of American troops from Syria, has ordered the State Department to suspend more than $200 million in funds for recovery efforts there while the administration reassesses its role in the conflict…. The comments surprised Defense Department officials who have maintained that some kind of American presence in parts of Syria may be necessary to avoid recreating the conditions that led to the rise of the Islamic State—and also to avoid ceding influence in the country to Russia.” Regardless of one’s feelings about the military conflict in the region, the people of Syria are in desperate need of humanitarian aid. It makes no sense to deprive them of this help because military plans are in flux.

**DEMAND** continued humanitarian aid for Syria from

• **Donald Trump**, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Senator Bob Corker** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

• **Senator Bob Menendez** (D-NJ), Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-4651

New National Security Advisor John Bolton has advocated for a pre-emptive military strike against North Korea. Given this, it’s essential that Congress take firm action to prevent Trump and his administration from launching a war. Each house of Congress currently has two pieces of legislation intended to prevent just such a disaster. One is the “Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act” (S.200/H.R. 699). The second is the “No Unconstitutional First Strike Against North Korea” Act (S.2016/H.R.4140). S.200 (Feinstein’s a co-sponsor) and S.2016 are both currently with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. H.R.699 (Panetta’s a co-sponsor) is before the House Foreign Affairs Committee; H.R.4140 is before both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.

**SUPPORT** both S.200 and S.2016 by urging quick movement through committee by

• **Senator Bob Corker** (R-TN), Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-04651

•**Senator Bob Menendez** (D-NJ), Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 423 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6225, (202) 224-04651

**SUPPORT** both H.R.699 and H.R.4140 by urging quick movement through committee by

• **Representative Ed Royce** (R-CA), Chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5021

• **Representative Eliot Engel** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-5021

**SUPPORT** H.R. 4140 by urging quick movement through committee by

• **Representative Mac Thornberry** (R-TX), Chair, House Armed Services Committee, 2216 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4151

• **Representative Adam Smith** (D-WA), Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee, 2216 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4151

H.R.4391, the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act, would require the Secretary of State to ensure that U.S. aid to Israel does not contribute to the “ill treatment” of Palestinian children on the West Bank. This legislation is currently before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**CALL** for swift movement of this legislation through committee and onto the House floor

• **Representative Ed Royce** (R-CA), Chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4111

• **Representative Eliot Engel** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2464

**ASK** our Representative to support H.R.4391 and consider becoming a co-sponsor

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), Member, House Agriculture Committee, 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Honduran environmental rights activist Berta Cáceres was assassinated in 2016. Three of the eight individuals accused of her assassination are affiliated with the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC—formerly known as the School of the Americas), a U.S.-run operation that provides military training for “friendly” Central and South American countries. Given the current level of violence and repression in Honduras, suspending U.S. security aid to the country is imperative. H.R.1299, the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act, would do just that. Our own Jimmy Panetta is one of the co-sponsors. H.R.1299 is currently before the House Foreign Affairs and Financial Services Committees.

• **THANKS** for co-sponsorship to

• **Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

**REQUESTS** for expedited movement of H.R.1299 through committee and onto the House floor to

• **Representative Ed Royce** (R-CA), Chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4111

• **Representative Eliot Engel** (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, 2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2464

• **Representative Jeb Hensarling** (R-TX), Chair, House Financial Service Committee, 2129 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3484

• **Maxine Waters** (D-CA), Ranking Member, Chair, House Financial Service Committee, 2129 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2201

El Salvador’s total ban on abortion has led to the prosecution and imprisonment, not just of women attaining abortion, but also of women whose miscarriages or stillbirths are deemed suspect. The ban on abortion applies to cases of rape and to cases where the mother’s life is in danger.

**DECRY** this inhumane policy and demand reproductive access protecting the physical and mental health of mothers

• **Ambassador Claudia Yvette Canjura de Centeno**, 1400 16th St. NW, Suite 100, Washington DC 20036, (202) 595-7500

**NOMINATIONS**

And again… Trump continues to rush to fill federal court seats with reactionary nominees. His latest nominees are John Nalbandian, a darling of the ultraconservative Federal Society who has actively sought to roll back worked to roll back voting rights, and Michael Scudder, who worked for the Bush Department of Justice at a time when they were purging U.S. attorneys and violating civil liberties.

**INSIST** our Senators oppose these nominees

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

From Rogan’s List: this is getting old, but here we go again. Trump has made another inappropriate nomination for a federal judgeship, which is a lifetime post. Nominee Gordon Giampietro has been caught calling birth control pills “an assault on nature” and “against God’s plan,” calling the Court’s decision to recognize marriage rights “an assault on the conscience,” and calling diversity “code for relaxed standards.” He’s also expressed opposition to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. These regressive, reactionary views have no place on the federal bench. Let’s make sure our senators know we want them to oppose his confirmation.

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

Trump has nominated Mike Pompeo to be Secretary of State, and Gina Haspel to run the CIA. Both have espoused and/or supported cruel and unethical treatment of vulnerable people. In Pompeo’s case that’s meant bigotry against Muslim Americans. In the case of Haspel that’s meant allowing the torture of detainees. Neither of these individuals has the ethical capacity necessary for doing the work they’ll be taking on. They will both need to be confirmed by the Senate, which should look at their nominations very critically.

**ENCOURAGE** our Senators to speak out loudly and often against these unacceptable nominations

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

Trump has nominated Howard Nielson Jr. for a lifetime appointment as a federal judge from Utah. In addition to a longstanding history of bigotry and advocacy for the use of torture, Nielson has argued that common sense gun control laws like bans on handgun purchases by people under 21 or local ordinances barring semiautomatic rifles are unconstitutional.

**URGE** our Senator to fight fiercely against his confirmation

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

Trump’s slate of nominees for the U.S. Sentencing Commission includes some doozies. The bipartisan Commission analyzes sentencing data to discourage sentencing disparities. Nominee William G. Otis, has a history of racist remarks on crime and wants the Sentencing Commission abolished. Nominee Henry “Hang ‘Em High” Hudson has been known for harsh sentences as a judge and for prosecuting a mentally impaired man—who was ultimately exonerated— for rape and murder.

**TELL** our Senators that the only right vote is a “no” vote for these nominees

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

Donald Trump’s nominee for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Administrator for Land and Emergency Management is a chemical industry insider, Peter C. Wright. Wright has worked as a corporate lawyer with Dow Chemical since 1999. In this position, Wright would be responsible for responding to national emergencies, such as oil spills and unauthorized releases of chemicals and radioactive materials. He would also oversee the Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program. At Dow, Wright advised the corporation on Superfund cleanups (Dow and DuPont alone are responsible for the creation of more than 100 of the toxic sites currently undergoing or slated for cleanups. Dow made a $1 million donation to Trump’s inaugural committee. This position requires Senate confirmation.

**EXPRESS** your disgust at this ethically inappropriate nomination and **URGE** our Senators to oppose it

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), Member, Senate Rules and Administration Committee, 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

RUSSIA

Attorney General Jeff Sessions revealed in a letter to lawmakers that he had declined to name a second special counsel to investigate allegations of surveillance abuse within the Department of Justice (DOJ), despite pressure from the Republican Party for him to do so. Sessions said the appointment of a special counsel only occurs under “the most ‘extraordinary circumstances….’ To justify such an appointment, the Attorney General would need to conclude that ‘the public interest would be served by removing a large degree of responsibility for the matter from the Department of Justice.’ ” This doesn’t mean Republicans will drop the accusations of surveillance abuse connected to the Russia investigation, but it does mean they won’t be able to make use of a special counsel to pursue their claims.

**THANKS** to

• **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530-0001, (202) 353-1555

Trump *has* taken action against Russia in response to the poisoning of a former Russian spy in the United Kingdom, but as a general rule he refuses to take action against Russia, even when urged to do so by advisors or Congress and even when confronted with clear evidence of hostile activities by Russia or its representatives. In response, a bipartisan committee has proposed S.2313 and H.R.4884, the “Deter Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines Act.” This act would *automatically* impose severe sanctions on Russia if it’s found interfering in our elections.

**DEMAND** that Congressional leaders make this legislation a priority for the sake of our democracy

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

**ASK** our Congresspeople to support this important legislation

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

**• Representative Jimmy Panetta** (D-CA), 228 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-2861

Although the Trump administration has finally imposed sanctions on Russia, these sanctions are not those passed nearly unanimously last year by Congress and which were due to be put in place by January 29 of this year. They are significantly weaker and focus on a smaller number of individuals and institutions.

**DEMAND** that the administration obey the law of the land and honor the separate powers of government by enacting the full set of authorized sanctions against Russia

• **Donald Trump**, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

**DEMAND** that Congressional leaders put pressure on Trump to enact the sanctions originally passed in 2017

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

• **Representative Paul Ryan** (R-WI), Speaker of the House, 1233 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3031

In testifying before the House Intelligence Committee, Steve Bannon refused to answer any unscripted questions about the Russia scandal. As a result, Democrats on the Committee have been calling for proceedings to hold Bannon in contempt of Congress. Republicans on the Committee are refusing to take such action and appear determined to close down the hearings as quickly as possible.

**ASSERT** that our election system is the heart of our Democracy and any possible threat to it should be investigated with full cooperation demanded from witness and **CALL** for contempt proceedings against Bannon to be moved forward

• **Representative Devin Nunes** (R-CA), Chair, House Intelligence Committee, Capitol Visitor Center HVC-304, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington DC 20515-6415, (202) 225-4121

• **Representative Adam Schiff** (D-CA), Ranking Member, House Intelligence Committee, Capitol Visitor Center HVC-304, US Capitol Building, Washington DC 20515-6415, (202) 225-7690

In Early March, Vladimir Putin announced his country’s new, unlimited-range warheads by means of a “concept video” showing these weapons raining down on Florida. Trump, nonetheless continues to trust Putin and Russia.

**QUESTION** the sanity of US policy that continues to downplay the Russian threat, whether in terms of elections or armed conflict

• **Donald Trump**, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20500, (202) 456-1111

• **Jim Mattis**, Secretary of Defense, 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1000, (703) 571-3343

• **Senator John McCain** (R-AZ), Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee, Russell Senate Building, Room 228, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-2235

• **Senator Jack Reed** (D-RI), Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, Russel Senate Building, Room 228, Washington DC 20510-6050, (202) 224-4642

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

The *Los Angeles Times* reports that, “In response to concerns raised by the Capitol press corps, leaders of the California Legislature said Tuesday that the Assembly and Senate will automatically release information about substantiated sexual harassment investigations, without requiring freedom of information requests…. This policy will apply to substantiated claims of sexual harassment by legislators or their staff.”

**THANKS** for this commitment to transparency to

• **Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins** (D) [Bonus Info: California Senate’s first female President Pro Tem], State Capitol, Room 205, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 651-4039

• **Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon** (D), State Capitol, Room 219, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-2063

• **Assemblymember Ken Cooley** (D), Chair, Assembly Rules Committee, Capitol Office, Room 3013, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0008, (916) 319-2008

**All 22 female senators**—from both parties—wrote a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), citing "deep disappointment" in the chamber’s “inaction” in moving sexual harassment legislation forward. Inspired by the #MeToo movement and a number of high-profile lawmakers resigning or retiring amidst sexual misconduct allegations, the House unanimously passed sweeping anti-sexual harassment legislation earlier this year. Now it’s time for the Senate to take action.

**A SHARP NUDGE** to

• **Senator Mitch McConnell** (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202).224- 2541

In early March, the PBS News Hour reported on investigations it had done regarding sexual harassment and assault of female Forest Service firefighters working in remote areas. 34 women told their stories of rape, harassment, and gender discrimination—which was followed by retaliation after they reported the abuse. The retaliation took many forms, including withholding training, denying or stripping of duties, demotion. At least one of the reported harassers chose to retire, which under federal regulations prevented him from being removed.

**DEMAND** to know what action is being taken to investigate these incidents and to enact legislation that will prevent them in the future

• **Lisa Murkowski** (R-AK), Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Committee phone (202) 224-4971

• **Senator Maria Cantwell**, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Committee phone (202) 224-4971

• **Senator Mike Lee** (R-UT), Chair, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Committee phone (202) 224-4971

• **Senator Ron Wyden** (D-OR), Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Committee phone (202) 224-4971

**VETERANS**

Former Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary David Shulkin believes he that was fired because he was an “obstacle to privatization who had to be removed” as the first step in a Trump administration plan to privatize the VA.   Trump’s nominee to replace Shulkin, White House physician Ronny Jackson, may or may not be part of this plan, but we need to make sure our Senators inquire closely into his intentions and oppose his appointment if he is willing to put the care of nine million veterans into the hands of a private medical sector that has already shown itself to be greedy and inept.

**ASK** our Senators to view this nominee with appropriate skepticism

• **Senator Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA), 331 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3841

• **Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA), 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-3553

S.1072, the Homeless Veterans Prevention Act, and H.R.104, the Helping Homeless Veterans Act, provide addition support for veterans facing homelessness. Among these would be reintegration programs, counselling services, housing and financial assistance for homeless veterans and their families, care for dependents who are under the care of veterans receiving services and legal support for veterans who are homeless or who face homelessness. The specifics of the legislation are slightly different in the two houses of Congress, and the Senate legislation also requires a General Accounting Office summary of assistance to homeless veterans and annual reports on any services for homeless veterans that are eliminated. In the Senate S.1072 is currently with the Veterans’ Affairs Committee. H.R.104 is currently with the House Veterans’ Affairs Committees.

**ASK** for support of S.1072 and expedited movement through committee to the Senate floor from

• **Senator Johnny Isakson** (R-GA), Chair, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, 412 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Majority staff (202) 224-9126

• **Senator John Tester** (D-MT), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, 412 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, Minority staff (202) 224-2074

**ASK** for support of H.R.104 and expedited movement through the committee to the Senate floor from

• **Representative Phil Roe** (R-TN), Chair, House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, 335 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3527

• **Representative Gus Bilirakis** (R-FL), Vice Chair, House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, 335 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3527

• **Representative Tim Walz** (D-MN), Ranking Member, House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, 335 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-3527