

Power (to the People) Lunch

SHEET 1

Call List for May 10, 2018

(Suggestions Prepared by Elizabeth Conner)

Protect California's Right to Conserve & Restore Its Waterways & Fisheries: No on the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017

Summary: The Senate will soon consider and vote on **HR 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017**. This bill is another mis-named GOP bill aimed at helping the rich while harming our environment. The bill aims to gut California's conservation laws, which are stricter than the Federal ones, aimed at protecting fish and other aquatic life. HR 23 would allow for the complete draining of 60 miles of river and end several successful programs working to restore and protect native fisheries, such as salmon.

Several large sportsman's advocacy organizations are joining environmentalists in opposing HR 23. This legislation has already passed the House, 230 – 190, so let's contact our senators and others and urge them to **oppose this anti-fish and pro-agribusiness bill**. (Please note that the bill has not been assigned a number in the Senate yet.)

Call: Sen. Feinstein (D-CA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3841; SF: (415) 393-0707; LA: (310) 914-7300

Call: Sen. Harris: D.C. Office: (202) 224-3553; LA Office: (301) 231-4494; Sacramento: (916) 448-2787

Hi, my name is __, from (city, zip). I'm calling to express my opposition to the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017 (known as HR 23 in the House). [This bill would effectively end many programs aimed at restoration and protection of native fish like salmon which are so important to California's economy.] I'm sure Sen. ___ is against this bill, but could you tell me what she is doing to defeat it? Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Staff of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: (202) 224-4971

Hi, my name is __. Please let Chair Murkowski and members of the Committee know that I urge them to vote against the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017 (known as HR 23 in the House). Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

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Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Chair: DC: (202) 224-6665; AK: (907) 456-0233; (907) 586-7277

Senator Angus King (I-ME): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5344; Augusta: (207) 622-8292

Senator Rob Portman (R-OH): D.C. Office: (202) (224) 3353; Columbus: (614)-469-6774

Senator Lamar Alexander (R -TN): D.C. Office (202) 224-4944; Nashville (615) 736-5129

Senator Cory Gardner (R -CO): D.C. Office (202) 224-5941; Denver (303) 391-5777

Senator Steve Daines (R -MT): D.C. Office (202) 224-2651; Billings (406) 245-6822

Senator Jeff Flake (R -AZ): D.C. Office (202) 224-4521; Phoenix (602) 840-1891

Senator James Risch (R-ID): D.C. Office: (202) 224-2752; Boise: 208-342-7985

Senator Mike Lee (R-UT): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5444; Salt Lake City: (801) 524-5933

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling to urge Sen. ___ to vote against the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017 (known as HR 23 in the House). [This bill would effectively end many programs aimed at restoration and protection of native fish like salmon that are so important to ___'s (state) fisherman and economy.] Thank you for taking my message.

Tell Congress: Restore Net Neutrality

Summary: On May 9, Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) and 32 other Democrats submitted a new discharge petition under the Congressional Review Act, initiating a process to force a full congressional vote to restore net neutrality. Because of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) process, the petition has the power to force a Senate vote on the resolution. To successfully undo the FCC/ Chair Pai order and restore the 2015 Open Internet rules, Markey's resolution needs a simple majority in both the Senate and the House and the President's signature. So far, 50 senators have come out in support of the bill: 47 Democrats together with Sen. Angus King (I-ME), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME). So only one more Republican is needed. **A vote on the petition could be held as early as the week May 14, and must be held no later than June 12.** Of course, Republicans control the Senate, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell may decide to use various rules of the Senate to block the vote outright.

Keep in mind that **net neutrality is very popular**. A poll in December 2017 found that more than 80 percent of Americans support keeping the Obama rules in place. More importantly, support wasn't polarized: 75 % of Republicans approved of the rules, while 89 % of Democrats did. We hope this fact will help us get the vote/s we need, especially as we head into mid-term elections.

Let's join activists from all over the county who are organizing this month on this issue. We can call our own Member's of Congress (MOC's) and Senator Collins to thank them for supporting the petition; and we can call some potentially swayable Republicans (PSR's) to **speak up for open and affordable access to the internet**.

Call: Sen. Feinstein (D-CA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3841; SF: (415) 393-0707; LA: (310) 914-7300

Call: Sen. Harris: D.C. Office: (202) 224-3553; LA Office: (213) 894-5000; Sacramento: (916) 448-2787

Hi, my name is __, from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Senator __ for her support for the 'discharge petition under the CRA in order to restore Net Neutrality. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Senator Susan Collins (R-ME): DC: (202) 224-2523; ME: (207) 622-8414

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to thank Senator Collins for her support for Net Neutrality [and overturning the recent FCC action]. I'll be sure to remember this at election time. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Potentially Swayable Republican Senators (PSR's):

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Senator Tim Scott (R-SC): DC: (202) 224-6121; SC: (803)771-6112

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK): DC: (202) 224-6665; AK: (907) 456-0233; (907) 586-7277

Senator Cory Gardner R-CO: DC: (202) 224-5941; Denver: (303) 391-5777

Senator John Kennedy (R-LA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4623; Baton Rouge: (225) 926-8033

Senator Jeff Flake (R -AZ): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4521; Phoenix (602) 840-1891

Senator Rob Portman (R-OH): D.C. Office: (202) (224) 3353; Columbus: (614)-469-6774

Senator Dean Heller (R-NV): DC: (202) 224-6244; Reno: (775) 686-5770; District: (702) 388-6605

Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R -WV): D.C. Office (202) 224-6472; Charleston (304) 347-5372

Senator Joni Ernst (R -IA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3254; Des Moines (515) 284-4574

Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4254; District: (814) 453-3010

A suggested script for PSR's:

Hi, my name is __ and I'm one of the 80 % of Americans, Republicans and Democrats, who support net neutrality. I'm calling to urge Senator __ to support the effort to overturn the recent FCC decision and restore Net Neutrality. Thank you for taking my message.

Support California AB 2188, the Social Media Disclose Act

Summary: This bill was introduced by Rep. Mullin in February 2018. It would modify the Political Reform Act of 1974 to require an online platform to display a hyperlink with the text “Who funded this ad?” on any advertisement paid for by a committee. This Act does for social and electronic media what the Disclose Act did for print and other media ads. This bill would require the disclosures on the committee’s profile, in no less than 10 point font. The bill would also require the disclosures to be fully visible on the cover or header photo when viewed from any electronic device that is commonly used.

AB 2188 has been heard by the several Assembly Committees, and on April 25 the bill was sent to the Appropriations Committee. So let’s speak up for **increased disclosure and accountability** and urge our state reps, and those on the Appropriations Committee, to vote **Yes on AB 2188**.

Call: Rep. Jim Wood: Capitol office: (916) 319-2002; Santa Rosa: (707) 576-2526; Eureka: (707) 445-7014

Hi, my name is ___, a constituent from ___ (City, zip). I'm calling Assembly Member Wood to urge him to vote in favor of AB 2188, the Social Media Disclose Act. [Since we don't limit certain kinds of campaign contributions, we should certainly require that funders are publically disclosed.] Can you tell me how he'll be voting on this? Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Staff of the Assembly Appropriations Committee: (916) 319-2081

Hi, my name is ___. Please let Chair Gonzalez Fletcher and members of the Committee know that I urge them to pass AB 2188, the Social Media Disclose Act. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the California Assembly Appropriations Committee:

- Rep. Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (D-80), Chair: Capitol: (916) 319-2080; San Diego: (619) 338-8090
- Rep. Frank Bigelow (R-05), Vice-Chair: Capitol: (916) 319-2005; Madera: (559) 673-0501;
- Rep. Rob Bonta (D-18): Capitol office: (916) 319- 2018; Oakland : (510) 286-1670
- Rep. William Brough (R-73): Capitol office: (916) 319- 2073; San Juan Capistrano: (949) 347-7301
- Rep. Ian Calderon (D-57): Capitol office: (916) 319 - 2057; City of Industry: (562) 692-5858
- Rep. Wendy Carrillo (D-51): Capitol office: (916) 319-2051; Los Angeles: (213) 483-5151
- Rep. Ed Chau (D-49): Capitol office: (916) 319-2049; Monterey Park: (323) 264-4949
- Rep. Susan Talamantes Eggman: (D-13) Capitol office: (916) 319-2013; Stockton: (209) 948-7479
- Rep. Vince Fong (R-34): Capitol office: (916) 319-2034; Bakersfield: (661) 395-2995
- Rep. Laura Friedman (D-43): Capitol office: (916) 319-2043; Burbank: (818) 558-3043
- Rep. James Gallagher (R-03): Capitol: (916) 319-2003; Chico: (530) 895-4217
- Rep. Eduardo Garcia (D-56): Capitol: (916) 319-2056; Imperial: (760) 355-8656
- Rep. Adrin Nazarian (D-46); Capitol office: (916) 319-2046; Van Nuys: (818) 376-4246
- Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-33); Capitol office: (916) 319-2033; Hesperia: (760) 244-5277
- Rep. Bill Quirk (D-20): Capitol office: (916) 319-2020; Hayward: (510) 583-8818
- Rep. Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-47): Capitol: (916) 319-2047; San Bernardino: (909) 381-3238
- Rep. Richard Bloom (D-50): Capitol office: (916) 319-2050; Santa Monica: (310) 450-0041

Hi, my name is ___, and I'm calling Assembly Member ___ to urge him/her to vote in favor of AB 2188, the Social Media Disclose Act. [Since we don't limit certain kinds of campaign contributions, we should certainly require that funders are publically disclosed.] Can you tell me how Rep. ___ will be voting on this? Thank you for taking my message.

Speak Up for Integrity and Fiscal Responsibility: Scott Pruitt Needs to Go

Summary: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has repeatedly demonstrated that he cannot be trusted with management of the EPA or our taxpayer dollars. In his first year at the EPA, Pruitt spent more than \$163,000 on first class and military travel and ordered the construction of a \$25,000 soundproof booth in his office. WaPo reported that Pruitt is renting a condo owned by D.C. energy lobbyists at a discounted rate, raising obvious concerns about conflicts of interest. Of course, we also object to Pruitt efforts to protect his business friends with little regard for and great harm to human health and the environment, but for this set of calls, we'll be urging Congress to insist Pruitt step down for ethics reasons.

We're hoping the number and seriousness of these and other ethics questions may cause some Replications to join the call for his resignation (several GOP Representatives have), even if his dangerous environmental policies won't. (And yes, Interior Secretary Zinke, and HUD head Carson are also facing ethics questions, but Pruitt is way ahead in this race to the bottom, so we'll focus on him at this time.)

As of 5/9/18, Pruitt is the subject of 12 senate ethics investigations, and more issues have come up. And 39 senators and 152 representatives have called for Pruitt to step down. Let's first thank our CA MOC's for joining the call for his resignation, and then call some members of the Senate Ethics Committee and PSR's.

Call: Sen. Feinstein (D-CA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3841; SF: (415) 393-0707; LA: (310) 914-7300

Call: Sen. Harris: D.C. Office: (202) 224-3553; LA Office: (213) 894-5000; Sacramento: (916) 448-2787

Call: Rep. Huffman: D.C. Office: (202) 225-5161; Eureka: (707) 407-3585; Ukiah: (707) 671-7449

Hi, my name is __, a constituent from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Sen. Rep. ___ for joining those calling for Scott Pruitt's resignation. [It's past time, I'm tired of him spending my taxpayer dollars like it's his own, and his many other ethics violations.] Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics:

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(Note: the other Democrats on this committee already have called for Pruitt to step down.)

Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA): **Chair** D.C. Office (202) 224-3643; Atlanta: (770) 661-0999

Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3934; Honolulu: (808) 523-2061

Senator James Risch (R-ID): D.C. Office: (202) 224-2752; Boise: 208-342-7985

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4774; Topeka: (785) 295-2745

A suggested script for Members of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics:

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling Sen. ___ because he's on the Ethics Committee. I urge him to join with 39 others Senators in calling for Scott Pruitt to step down as Administrator of the EPA. I'm angry and concerned about his wasteful and extravagant spending of my tax dollars, as well as his condo deals and conflicts of interest. [Please tell Sen. ___ I am counting on him to speak up for integrity in public office and join the call for Pruitt to step down.] Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Potentially Swayable Republican Senators (PSR's):

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Senator Tim Scott (R-SC): DC: (202) 224-6121; SC: (803)771-6112

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Senator Rob Portman (R-OH): D.C. Office: (202) (224) 3353; Columbus: (614)-469-6774

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME): DC: (202) 224-2523; ME: (207) 622-8414

Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV): DC: (202) 224-6244; Reno: (775) 686-5770; Las Vegas: (702) 388-6605

A suggested script for PSR's:

Hi, my name is ____. I'm calling to urge Sen. ___ to join with 39 other Senators calling for Scott Pruitt to step down as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. I'm angry and concerned about his wasteful and extravagant spending of my tax dollars, as well as his condo deals and conflicts of interest. [Please tell Sen. ___ I am counting on her/ him to speak up for integrity in public office, and fiscal responsibility.] Thank you for taking my message.

Speak Up for Our Neighbors: No Doubling Rent or Adding Work Requirements for HUD Housing Subsidies

Summary: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is considering a proposal to add work requirements and significantly increasing rents for people living in federally-subsidized housing. This proposal is another attack on the poor and those in need of assistance and it's important to speak out against it loudly and clearly. Current law allows households receiving federal subsidies to pay 30% of their adjusted income as rent. The determination of a recipient's adjusted income includes deductions for dependent care, childcare, elderly deductions, and disability expenses. The draft proposal would eliminate all of these deductions, significantly increasing rent costs to families with children, the elderly, and the disabled in particular.

The proposal also includes language to impose 32 hour-a-week work requirements for each adult in the household, excluding the elderly and disabled. However, the elderly and disabled make up roughly 55% of households receiving subsidies, and another 26% are already working. The remaining 19% are likely either caregivers or may be unable to find work; their status will now be substantially threatened under proposed regulations, further destabilizing already distressed families.

Let's join many others across the country and tell Congress to keep this very successful program as is and say no to imposing work requirements and massive rent increases. Don't chip away at our safety net!

- Call:** Sen. Feinstein (D-CA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3841; SF: (415) 393-0707; LA: (310) 914-7300
- Call:** Sen. Harris: D.C. Office: (202) 224-3553; LA Office: (301) 231-4494; Sacramento: (916) 448-2787
- Call:** Rep. Huffman: D.C. Office: (202) 225-5161; Eureka: (707) 407-3585; Ukiah: (707) 671-7449

Hi, my name is ___ from (city, zip). I'm calling to express my opposition to the recent proposal from HUD to add work requirements and raise rent of people who receive federal housing subsidies. [America and Americans need this important piece of our safety net to stay intact.] Can you tell me what Sen. /Rep. ___ is doing to see that this won't be implemented? Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** HUD Administrator, Dr. Ben Carson: (202) 708-1112 (this is HUD Hdqtrs in DC; at menu, dial '0')

Hi, my name is _____. Please tell Dr. Carson that I am opposed to the proposal to add work requirements and raise rents of people who receive federal housing subsidies. [America and Americans need this important piece of our safety net to stay intact.] Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Staff of Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: (202) 224-7391

Hi, my name is _____. Please tell the Chair and members of the committee that I am opposed to a recently leaked HUD proposal to add work requirements and raise the rent to people who receive federal housing subsidies. Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Some GOP Members of Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:

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- Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV): DC: (202) 224-6244; Reno: (775) 686-5770; Las Vegas: (702) 388-6605
- Senator John Kennedy (R-LA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4623; Baton Rouge: (225) 926-8033
- Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5842; Pierre: (605) 224-1450
- Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) D.C. Office: (202) 224-6121; Columbia: (803) 771-6112
- Senator David Perdue (R-GA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3521; Atlanta: (404) 865-0087
- Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC): D.C. Office: (202) 224-6342; Raleigh: (919) 856-4630

Hi, my name is ___. I'm calling to express my opposition to the recent HUD proposal to add work requirements and raise the rent of people who receive federal housing subsidies. [America and Americans need this important piece of our safety net to stay intact, and so do our local economies.] Thank you for taking my message.

Support Net Neutrality in California: Yes on SB 822

Summary: As you know, at the federal level the FCC has taken steps to end Net Neutrality, which has been an important policy to protect open internet service regardless of income or geography. Although many in Congress and democracy loving organizations are still trying to restore Net Neutrality at the national level, in the meantime, several state and local jurisdictions are stepping up to protect local voices.

In California, Senator Wiener (D-11) introduced SB 822, the California Net Neutrality Act. This bill will make it unlawful for broadband internet providers to block or limit internet services, to interfere with or disadvantage customers' access to internet service, or to engage in deceptive or misleading marketing practices. It will also direct the CA Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish new rules to enforce net neutrality requirements, to use the state's role as a customer and as a funder of key internet services to ensure the state "practices what it preaches" regarding net neutrality, and provides "plain English" information to consumers on net neutrality.

In early May, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed SB 822 by a vote of 5-2. SB 822 previously passed the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee by a vote of 8-3. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee. **Let's keep the big ISPs from controlling how and what we see on the Internet** by calling members of Appropriations in favor of net neutrality protections and SB 822.

Call: Senator McGuire: Capitol: (916) 651-4002; Eureka: (707) 445-6508; Santa Rosa: (707) 576-2771

Hi, my name is _ from [city, zip]. I'm calling to thank Sen. McGuire for co-authoring SB 822 to preserve net neutrality in California. This is so important for our democracy. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: California Senate Appropriations Committee staff: (916) 651-4101

Hi, my name is _ . Please tell Chair Lara and members of the committee that I am one of a majority of Californians who support SB 822, the California Net Neutrality Act. Thanks for taking my message.

Call: Senator Jerry Hill (D-13): Capitol office: (916) 651-4013; San Mateo: (650) 212-3313 (co-author)

Hi, my name is ____ . I'm calling to thank Sen. Hill for co-authoring SB 822 to preserve net neutrality in California. This is so important for our democracy. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the California Senate Appropriations Committee:

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-33), Chair, Capitol office: (916) 651-4033, Long Beach: (562) 256-7921

Sen. Patricia Bates (R-36), Vice chair: Capitol office: (916) 651-4036; San Diego: (760) 642-0809

Senator Jim Beall (D-15): Capitol office: (916) 651-4015; Campbell: (408) 558-1295

Senator Steven Bradford (D-35): Capitol office: (916) 651-4035; Inglewood: (310) 412-6120

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-04): Capitol office: (916) 651-4004; Chico: (530) 879-7424

Hi, my name is ____ . I'm calling to urge Sen. ____ to support SB 822, the California Net Neutrality Act. This is so important for our democracy. Thank you for taking my message.

Most of the content in these sheets is original; some parts, however, may be dropped in from various sites including, but not limited to: The Hill; WaPo; Times-Standard, NYT; Wall-of-Us; United We Dream; 5 Calls; Center for American Progress Politico; Indivisible; Congress.gov; Senate.gov; Union of Concerned Scientists; ACLU; Think Progress; Healthcare for All; SPLC; Sierra Club; Immigrant Legal Resource Center; Credo, Codepink; Wilderness Coalition, Electronic Frontier Foundation; Enact Universal Healthcare; Daily Kos; Roll Call; CA Clean Money & Planned Parenthood. - EC