

Power (to the People) Lunch

SHEET 1

Call List for May 31, 2018

(Suggestions Prepared by Elizabeth Conner)

Protect Women's Healthcare Clinics from "Domestic Gag Rule"

Summary: Here we go again. De-funding Planned Parenthood has been a years-long mission of the Republican Party and was a big promise of the Trump 2016 campaign. Now, in the months leading up the 2018 midterm elections, Trump appears to be following through on his promise by implementing a "domestic gag rule" through Executive Order. Similar to the "global gag rule" that cuts funding to international aid organizations providing abortion services, **this "domestic gag rule" policy would make any health clinic in the United States providing abortion services or education ineligible for Title X Family Planning funds.**

The Hyde Amendment (part of the budget since the 1970s) already bans federal money from going towards abortion services. Instead, Title X funds go to helping over 4 million Americans, most of whom are at or below the poverty level, receive vital services such as cancer screenings, pap smears, birth control and STD testing. Most of these services are provided by community health clinics, which is the only access to health for many women. Further, Planned Parenthood and other abortion providing health clinics have led to a decrease in the number of abortions and unplanned pregnancies by providing contraception.

Let's join many others across the country and tell Congress and HHS to oppose this policy and maintain funding for these community health clinics that provide essential services to women.

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

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

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

A suggested script for Senators Feinstein and Harris, and Rep. Huffman:

Hi, my name is __ from [city, zip]. I'm calling to express my opposition to the administration's proposed "Domestic Gag Rule" and ask that Senator/Rep ___ publicly condemn such a policy. [Cutting off funds to women's health clinics would threaten access to cancer screenings, birth control and STD testing for millions of women across the country.] Can you tell me what Sen./Rep. __ is doing on this issue? Thanks for taking my message.

Call: Dept of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar: (202) 205- 5445 or (202) 690-7000

Hi, my name is __ and I'm calling Secretary Azar to express my opposition to the administration's proposed "Domestic Gag Rule" policy because it threatens access to cancer screenings, birth control and STD testing for millions of women across the country. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Some Senators on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee: Dial *67 before #

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

Senator Rand Paul, (R-KY) D.C. Office: (202) 224-4343; Bowling Green: 270-782-8303

Senator Lisa Murkowski, (R-AK) D.C. Office: (202) 224-6665; Juneau: (907) 586-7277

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

Senator Tim Scott, (R-SC) D.C. Office: (202) 224-6121; Columbia: (803) 771-6112

Senator Susan Collins (R -ME), D.C. Office (202) 224-2523; Augusta (207) 622-8414

Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-4024; Richmond: (804) 771-2221

A suggested script for Senators on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee:

Hi, my name is __, and I'm calling to express my opposition to the administration's proposed "Domestic Gag Rule" because it threatens access to cancer screenings, birth control and STD testing for millions of women across the country. Thank you for taking my message.

Take Action Against Gun Violence: Support Expanded Background Checks

Summary: In light of recent mass shootings in Santa Fe, Parkland, Vegas, and other cities, it's clear that we need sensible gun reform to reduce gun violence. One reform recommended by violence prevention experts is to close background check loopholes. Currently, background checks are mandatory for commercial gun sales but not for purchases made through private sellers, at gun shows or online.

To fix this, Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) introduced S. 2009, the Background Check Expansion Act, along with 31 Democrat co-sponsors, which would make background checks nearly universal. The bill would close the "gun show loophole" by mandating that all sellers run potential buyer information through the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). It would also require a licensed firearms dealer run a NICS check on buyers purchasing a gun from a private seller. The bill maintains some exceptions for law enforcement officials, loans for hunting and sporting events, or for immediate self-defense.

While it will be tough to pass the bill, **public support for expanded background check has risen to 90%** and there's a lot of momentum to *do something*. Let's join with young people and others across the county and take action in support of reasonable gun reform. We can call some members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and wobbly Democrats to urge them to co-sponsor and vote yes on S. 2009! [Note: I'm not including our Members of Congress as all have signed on, and we've thanked them several times in last 2-3 months.]

Call: Staff of Senate Judiciary Committee: (202) 224-5225

Hi, my name is _____. Please tell Chair Grassley and members of the committee that I urge the committee to take action to pass S. 2009, the Background Check Expansion Act, and send it to the Senate Floor for a vote. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

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Senator Chuck Grassley (R – IA), **Chair**, DC: (202) 224-3744; Des Moines: (515) 288-1145

Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R – UT) DC: (202) 224-5251; Salt Lake City: (801) 524-4380

Senator John Cornyn (R – TX) DC: 202-224-2934; Dallas (972) 239-1310

Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) DC: (202) 224-4521; Phoenix: (602) 840-1891; Tucson: (520) 575-8633

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5972; Columbia (803) 933-0112

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3244; Minneapolis: (612) 727-5220

A suggested script for Senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to urge Sen. _____ to support S. 2009, the Background Check Expansion Act. Please help vote this bill out of the Judiciary and sent to the Senate Floor for a vote. [Closing loopholes is a necessary and reasonable step to protect Americans from gun violence and is supported by 90% of citizens, and 80% of gun owners.] Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Some Democratic Senators that haven't signed onto S. 2009 to date:

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Senator Joe Manchin, (D-WV) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3954; Charleston: (304) 342-5855

Senator Joe Donnelly (D -IN), D.C. Office (202) 224-4814; Indianapolis (317) 226-5555

Senator Jon Tester, (D-MT) D.C. Office: (202) 224-2644; Billings: (406) 252-0550

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

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-2023; Richmond: 804-775-2314

Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) D.C. Office: (202) 224-6621; Santa Fe: (505) 988-6511

A suggested script for Democratic Senators:

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to urge Sen. _____ to support and co-sponsor S. 2009, the Background Check Expansion Act. [Closing loopholes is a necessary and reasonable step to protect Americans from gun violence and is supported by 90% of citizens, and 80% of gun owners.] Thank you for taking my message.

Tell Congress: Restore Net Neutrality Protections

Summary: As you have likely heard, two weeks ago the Senate voted 52-47 to reverse the FCC's decision to repeal Net Neutrality under an expedited procedure known as the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Net neutrality lets all users have equal access to all internet content and prevents internet service providers (ISPs) from discriminating against content, such as charging extra for high-speed access to specific websites or blocking access to certain sites altogether. The CRA allows Congress to reverse regulatory actions within 60 legislative days of their enactment. The FCC announced that the 2015 net neutrality regulations will cease on June 11, 2018. **A vote on the petition must be held no later than June 10.**

Congressman Mike Doyle (D-PA) initiated the discharge process on May 17, the day after the bill passed the Senate. More than 160 Representatives from both parties have so far signed the petition to date and it needs a simple majority of 218 to proceed. So **we have 58 Reps left to convince!** The fact that recent polls show an overwhelming majority (over 85%) of Americans opposed the FCC's decision to repeal net neutrality (90 percent of Democrats, 82 percent of Republicans, and 85 percent of independents).

We can join people and organizations from all over the county **speaking up for open and affordable access to the internet.** Let's **call California House members who haven't yet signed the discharge petition and urge them to sign it!** And let's thank our MOC's and Senators Collins, Murkowski and Kennedy for supporting the discharge petition in the Senate.

Call: California House of Representatives who haven't signed the 'discharge petition':

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- Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5716**; Sacramento; **(916) 635-0505**
- Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA) DC: **202-225-3601**; Santa Barbara: **(805) 730-1710**
- Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA) DC: **202-225-6131**; Panorama City: **(818) 221-3718** [*signed 5/31*]
- Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5464**; Pasadena: **(626) 304 0110**
- Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA) DC: **202-225-3341**; Fresno: **559-495-1620**
- Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán (D-CA) DC: **202-225-8220**; San Pedro; **310-831-1799** [*signed 5/31*]
- Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA) DC: **202-225-3201**; San Bernardino; **(909) 890-4445**
- Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5256**; El Monte: **626-350-0150**
- Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5330**; Hemet: **951-765-2304**
- Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5065**; Castro Valley: **(510) 370-3322**
- Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA) DC: **(202) 225-6161**; Ontario: **(909) 481-6474**
- Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) DC: **202-225-5911**; Sherman Oaks: **(818) 501-9200**
- Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA) DC: **202-225-6235**; Los Angeles: **213-481-1425**
- Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA) DC: **202-225-8045**; Chula Vista: **619-422-5963**
- Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) DC: **(202) 225-1986**; Corona; **(951) 277-0042**
- Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA) DC: **(202) 225-5861**; Yucaipa: **(909) 797-4900**
- Rep. Mimi Walters (R-CA) DC: **(202) 225-5611**; Irvine: **(949) 263-8703**
- Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) DC: **(202) -225-4695**; Bakersfield: **(661) 864-7736**

A suggested script for California Members of the House of Representatives:

Hi, my name is ___ and I'm one of the 85 % of Americans, Republicans and Democrats, who support net neutrality. I'm calling to urge Representative ___ to sign the 'discharge petition' on net neutrality to overturn the recent FCC decision. Thank you for taking my message.

(Net Neutrality, continued from other side)

- 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 __, from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Representative/ Senator __ for supporting the 'discharge petition' to restore Net Neutrality. Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Senator Susan Collins (R-ME): DC: (202) 224-2523; ME: (207) 622-8414
- Call:** Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK): DC: (202) 224-6665; AK: (907) 456-0233; (907) 586-7277
- Call:** Senator John Kennedy (R-LA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-4623; Baton Rouge: (225) 926-8033

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to thank Senator ____ for her/his support for Net Neutrality. [I'll be sure to remember this at election time]. Thank you for taking my message.

Say Thank You to Those Standing Up for Justice & Democracy

Summary: Giving positive feedback to politicians and CEO's can be another way to effect social change. Here are several calls to make on several important issues.

- Call:** Maryland state Delegate Meagan Simonaire (R-MD): (410) 841-3206.

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to thank Delegate Simonaire for sponsoring legislation to ban "conversion therapy" for LGBTQ youth. It could help prevent suicides and I appreciate her sharing her coming out story to support this bill.. Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Maryland Gov. Lawrence Hogan (R): (410) 974-3901

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to thank Gov. Hogan for signing the Youth Mental Health Protection Act into law. [It could help prevent suicides and make life less difficult for many young people.] Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Sen. Mike 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 sponsoring SB 1029 to create the Great Redwood Trail [and dissolve the NCRA and rail-banking the Northern part of the line.] Please let me know what I can do to support this bill. Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Assembly member Jim Wood (D-02): Capitol office: (916) 319-2002; Santa Rosa: (707) 576-2526; Eureka: (707) 445-7014; Ukiah: (707) 463-5770

Hi, my name is ____ from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Assembly Member Wood for voting in favor of AB 1775 to help stop new offshore oil drilling in federal waters off California's coast. [This issue is very important to me.] Thank you for taking my message.

- 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:** Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5244; Portland: (503) 326-7525
- Call:** Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM): D.C. Office (202) 224-5521; Albuquerque: (505) 346-6601
- Call:** Senator Angus King (I-ME): D.C. Office: (202) 224-5344; Augusta: (207) 622-829

Hi, my name is _____. I'm calling to thank Sen. ____ for voting against Gina Haspel to lead the CIA. I appreciate her/his support of leaders with integrity. Thank you for taking my message.

DHS: Stop Separating Families at the US Border & Mistreating Detainees

Summary: In early May 2018, an official from DHS admitted under questioning in a congressional hearing that the agency could not account for nearly 1,500 unaccompanied minors who arrived at the border, nearly 19% of the minors in their custody.

A week later, Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared that the Department of Justice would seek "100% prosecution" of all who enter the U.S. illegally and separate parents from children instead of keeping them in a detention center together. And, indeed, Homeland Security is now forcibly separating children from their families at the border for no legitimate reason. Immigration authorities have separated at least 700 children from their families since then, and about a hundred of them are under the age of four.

Then last week, the ACLU released a report with horrifying details of the abuses that children in custody at the border are being subjected to including physical violence, sexual abuse, and destruction of essential documents.

Two members of the House Oversight Committee, Rep. Maloney (D-NY) and ranking member Rep. Cummings (D-MD), have requested a hearing to investigate the DHS policy of separating families at the border to ask: how many children have been taken from parents, what accommodations are provided to them, and the Trump administration's reasoning behind the policy. In addition to this, we need Congress to conduct oversight hearings into the allegations of abuse by ICE and Border Patrol agents to ensure the health and safety of immigrants detained in our country.

We, as a nation, have a moral responsibility to protect children and treat them with basic decency regardless of immigration status. **Let's stand with these children and demand that our government officials take full and immediate responsibility for finding these children and seeing to their basic needs.**

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

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

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

A suggested script for Senators Feinstein and Harris, and Rep. Huffman:

Hi, my name is __ from [city, zip]. I'm calling because I oppose the policy of separating families at the border. I'm also concerned about recent reports of abuse of detainees, including children. [Our country has a moral responsibility to protect children and treat them with basic decency regardless of immigration status.] Can you please tell me if Sen./Rep. ___ will be joining the call for Congressional oversight hearings into these matters? Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Rep. John Katko (R-NY) DC: (202) 225-3701; Auburn: (315) 253-4068

Call: Rep. Dave Trott (R-MI) DC: (202) 225-8171; Troy (248) 528-0711

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling to thank Sen. __ for endorsing a discharge petition to protect young people brought to the United States as children. They are Americans in everything but paperwork. Thank you for putting people over party. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D -NY): D.C. Office (202) 224-4451; Albany (518) 431-0120

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling to thank Sen. Gillibrand for her bill requiring immigration and border agents to document all stops, searches, and interrogations. [It could help lesson some abuses and bring a higher ethical standard of conduct.] Thank you for taking my message.

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Call: White House Chief of Staff John F. Kelly: (202) 456-1414 [After holding, you can leave a message.]

Call: Attorney General Jeff Sessions: (202) 353-1555

Call: DHS Secretary (Ms.) Kirstjen Nielsen: (202) 282-8495 [And/or email: DHSSecretary@hq.dhs.gov]

Call: San Francisco Community Relations Office: (415) 844-5866

[And/or email comment to: CommunityRelations.SanFrancisco@ice.dhs.gov]

Call: HHS Secretary (Mr.) Alex Azar: (202) 690-7000 or (202) 205-5445

[And/ or email: Secretary@HHS.gov]

Call: Administration for Children and Families, Acting Assistant Secretary Steven Wagner: (202) 401-9200

(Note: Mr. Wagner testified before Congress that he didn't know the location of 1,475 immigrant children.)

Call: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Director Scott Lloyd: (202) 401-9246

A suggested script for various government officials [listed above]:

Hi, my name is ___. I'm calling to tell ___ that I oppose the policy of separating families at the border. As a taxpayer, I'm also requesting an investigation into recent reports of abuse of detainees, including children. Thank you for taking my message.

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

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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

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

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

A suggested script for PSR's:

Hi, my name is ___. I'm calling to ask Sen. ___ to oppose the policy of separating families at the border. I'm also concerned about reports of abuse of detainees, including children. I urge Sen. ___ to join the call for Congressional oversight hearings to look these matters so we can protect innocent children. Thanks 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 Freedom Foundation; Enact Universal Healthcare; Daily Kos; Roll Call; CA Clean Money & Planned Parenthood. - EC