

Power (to the People) Lunch

SHEET 1

Call List for July 26, 2018

(Suggestions Prepared by Elizabeth Conner)

Oppose Budget Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security

Summary: On June 21, the House committee finalized a budget proposal that cuts trillions of dollars in funding from Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security over the next 9 years. Called “A Brighter American Future”, it promises to balance the federal budget by slashing Medicare by over 500 billion dollars, gutting Medicaid and other health programs by 1.5 trillion and putting in place per capita spending limits and block grants that often lead to states massively de-fund healthcare coverage. It also proposes adding or upping work requirements for adults on Medicaid, food stamps and welfare. The House GOP budget would also cut Social Security by 4 billion dollars by restricting unemployment benefits and disability insurance.

The next step is a floor vote for House approval. Representatives need to hear from their constituents that just like ACA, the social safety net of Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security must also be funded and protected.

- 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; San Rafael: (415) 258-9657

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

Hi, my name is ___ from [city, zip]. I'm calling to ask Rep. Jared Huffman to oppose the “A Brighter American Future” budget bill, and any other budget bill that cuts funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. [These programs are essential and must be supported and sufficiently funded.] Can you tell me what Sen./Rep. ___ is doing on this issue? Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** The staff of the Senate Budget Committee: Phone: (202) 224-0642

A suggested script for staff of the Senate Budget Committee:

Hi, my name is _____. Please tell Chair Enzi and the members of the committee that I oppose any cuts in funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security in the 2019 budget. Thank you for taking my message.

- Call:** Republican members of Senate Budget Committee:

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- Senator Charles Grassley, (R-IA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3744; Des Moines: (515) 288-1145
- Senator Pat Toomey, (R-PA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-4254; Philadelphia: (215) 241-1090
- Senator Ron Johnson, (R-WI) D.C. Office: (202) 224-5323; Milwaukee: (414) 276-7282
- Senator Bob Corker, (R-TN) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3344; Memphis (901) 683-1910
- Senator David Perdue, (R-GA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-3521; Atlanta: (404) 865-0087
- Senator Cory Gardner, (R-CO) D.C. Office: (202) 224-5941; Denver: (303) 391-5777
- Senator John Kennedy, (R-LA) D.C. Office: (202) 224-4623; Lafayette: (337) 269-5980
- Senator John Boozman, (R-AR) D.C. Office: (202) 224-4843; Little Rock: (501) 372-7153

A suggested script for Republican members of Senate Budget Committee:

Hi, my name is _____. [I don't need a call back.] I'm calling to express opposition to any cuts in funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security in the 2019 budget. [These programs are so important to many people and help our economy.] Thank you for taking my message.

Keep Work Requirements for SNAP Out of the Farm Bill

Summary: In mid-July, the House and Senate both passed their own versions of the Farm Bill. Unlike the House bill, the Senate version does not include work requirements to receive SNAP benefits. The House is now convening a conference committee to reconcile their bill with the Senate's and a tough fight is expected.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps over 40 million low-income Americans purchase food. Over 60% of SNAP recipients are children, adults over 65, or adults with disabilities. According to research, reduces poverty and food insecurity and leads to lasting improvements in recipients' health. Local economies also benefit from SNAP; a 2010 USDA analysis estimated that for every \$1 dollar spent on SNAP benefits, \$1.79 was reinvested into the economy.

The Farm Bill is reauthorized by Congress every five years. For the first time, House Republicans have added work requirements to the legislation: the millions of people who use SNAP will now need to either have a job or attend job training classes for 20 hours a week. **Let's stand up and speak up against this attempt to increase food insecurity and financial hardship for so many in our country!** We'll call Representatives who are on the conference committee for the Farm Bill; the Senate members of the committee haven't yet been named.

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]. Please urge Rep./Sen. _____ to vote against any compromise legislation of the Farm Bill that includes work requirements to get SNAP benefits. [SNAP provides critical support to working families during tough times, and restricting access will increase poverty and hurt local economies.] Can you tell me what Sen./Rep. __ is doing on this issue? Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Some GOP Members of the Conference Committee for the Farm Bill:

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Rep. Michael Conaway (R-TX) DC 202-225-3605, Llano (325) 247-2826

Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR): (202) 225-4076; Jonesboro: (870) 203-0540

Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) DC: (202) 225-5121; Titusville: 814-827-3985

Rep. Frank Lucas, (R-OK): DC: (202) 225-5565; Yukon: (405) 373-1958

Rep. Vicky Hartzlet (R-MO): DC: (202) 225-2876, Columbia: (573) 442-9311

Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL): DC: (202) 225-2371; Champaign: (217) 403-4690

Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL): DC: (202) 225-5744; Gainesville: (352) 505-0838

Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC): DC (202) 225-2731, Brunswick (910) 253-6111

Rep. Roger Marshall (R-KS): DC: (202) 225-2715; Salina: 785-829-9000

Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX): DC (202) 225-4005, Abilene (325) 675-9779 [male]

Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL): DC: (202) 225-5271; Danville: 217) 446-0664

Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX): DC (202) 225-3484, Athens (903) 675-8288

Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA): DC: (202) 225-4111; Los Angeles County: (626) 964-5123

Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-LA) DC: (202) 225-8490; Alexandria: (318) 445-0818

Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) DC: (202) 225-4540; Modesto: (209) 579-5458

A suggested script for GOP Reps. on the Farm Bill Conference Committee:

Hi, I'm calling to urge Rep. __ remove the requirement that SNAP recipients must work to receive benefits from the Farm Bill. Thank you for taking my message.

Reunite Families Separated at the US Border & Ensure Legal Representation for Immigrant Children

Summary: The more than 2,600 children who were separated from their parents at the border as part of the GOP Administration's "Zero Tolerance Policy" are now going through immigration hearings. Since seeking asylum isn't a crime, the usual requirement for court-appointed attorneys isn't in place. So children as young as 3 years old, who are dealing with the trauma of being separated from their families, are left to represent themselves in immigration court. Some are too young to know their parents' full names or where they are from.

These children must be reunited with their families. And in the meantime, we must ensure they have legal representation to give them a fair chance at asylum. Congress has the authority to pass legislation that would require court-appointed legal representation for all minors going through immigration hearings. **Let's stand with these children and call our representatives to tell them the current situation is unacceptable,** and they need to quickly develop and pass legislation that affords these children appropriate legal representation.

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 urge Sen./Rep. ___ to take action to help the children separated from their parents at the border who are going through immigration hearings without any legal support. [Congress has the authority to enact legislation requiring court-appointed legal representation for minors in immigration hearings.] Can you tell me if Sen./Rep. ___ is be willing to sponsor and support legislation to that effect? Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Various Government Agencies and Officials:

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

Attorney General Jeff Sessions: (202) 353-1555 [this is DOJ public comment line.]

DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen: (202) 282-8495 or (202) 282-8000 [female]

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

HS Secretary Alex Azar: (202) 690-7000 or (202) 205-5445 [male]

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

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

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

Hi, my name is __. Please tell ___ that I'm upset by the conditions in the detention camps for children separated from their parents at the border. These children need to be reunited with their families and provided with legal representation in court hearings. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee: (202) 224-5225 [Chair: Sen. Grassley]

Call: Staff of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration: (202) 224-6352 [Chair: Sen. Blunt]

Call: Staff of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security: (202) 224-4571 [Chair: Sen. Johnson]

A suggested script for staff of Senate Committees:

Hi, my name is __. Please tell Chair ___ and members of the Committee that I'm upset by the conditions in the detention camps for children separated from their parents at the border. These children need to be reunited with their families and provided with legal representation in court hearings. Thank you for taking my message.

Meanwhile, All 49 Senate Democrats signed on to cosponsor S. 3036, the Keep Families Together Act, Feinstein (D-CA), which would allow separations only if the children have been trafficked or abused by their parents. Although the policy is on 'hold', we still need this bill and we only need two GOP to sign on. So, let's call the ones who've spoken out against the separation policy and ask them to sign on.

Call: GOP Senators who've spoken against Trump's family separation policy: Dial *67 before # - no area code

- 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 Lindsey Graham (R-SC): D.C. Office (202) 224-5972; Columbia: (803) 933-0112
- Senator Joni Ernst (R -IA): D.C. Office: (202) 224-3254; Des Moines (515) 284-4574
- 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
- Senator Ted Cruz (R -TX): D.C. Office (202) 224-5922; Austin (512) 916-5834
- 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 Orrin G. Hatch (R – UT) DC: (202) 224-5251; Salt Lake City: (801) 524-4380
- Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI): D.C. Office (202) 224-5323; Milwaukee: (414) 276-7282

A suggested script for GOP Senators who have spoken against the separation policy:

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling to thank Sen. __ for her/his comments opposing separating families at the border. I urge Sen. __ to join in cosponsoring S. 3036, the Keep Families Together Act; and to do all s/he can to make sure these children have legal representation. Thanks for taking my message.

Governor Brown: Find Funding to Create the Great Redwood Trail, SB 1029

Summary: Great news! Senator Mike McGuire's SB 1029, the Great Redwood Trail Act recently passed the California Senate by a unanimous vote. This bill would dissolve the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA), and divide the 300-mile-long right-of-way in half. The Northern segment, from Willits to Arcata, will be transferred to the newly created Great Redwood Trail Agency which will begin rail banking the right-of-way. The Southern segment will be transferred to the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit to run passenger and freight trains, and build the southern section of the Great Redwood Trail. However, the NCRA has about \$10 million dollars of debt which must be paid before the trail plan can move forward. The next step is for Governor Brown to find the money in the budget for this. Let's join others and call on Governor Brown to fund this new trail!

Call: Governor Brown: (916) 445-2841 (Press 6 to get a human, and leave message).

Hi, my name is __ from (city, zip). Please ask Governor to support SB 1029, the Great Redwood Trail. [It's urgent that we pass the bill this year because it's the first time in 30 years that all the parties are at the table. It will cost more in the future, and the opportunity to negotiate and settle may be lost.] Thank you for taking my message.

Protect Our Public Lands: Oppose the "Ending Duplicative Permitting Act"

Summary: H.R. 6107 would end the need for a 'public lands permit' when a private company drills on private land into resources that lie underneath the surface on public lands if they already have a permit to drill. Currently, a 'public lands permit' is needed to take subsurface resources that lie within public lands in order to protect these lands and resources. H.R. 6107 is currently on the House floor and can be voted on at any time.

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 to urge Rep. Huffman to vote no on H.R. 6107, the Ending Duplicative Permitting Act because. [We need to protect the resources beneath our public lands.] Can you tell me how Rep. Huffman plans to vote on H.R. 6107? Thank you for taking my message.

Provide Paper Backups on All US Voting Machines

Summary: Safe and free elections run credibly by individual states is one of America's core ideals, yet **today about one of four Americans vote on touchscreen voting machines which produce no paper receipt.** In March of 2018, the Senate Intelligence Committee issued a series of recommendations for securing elections, including mandating paper ballots, ensuring safe storage of ballots, and disconnecting voting machines from the internet. These security measures are vital since the top producer of US voting machines installed remote access software on an unknown number of their election management systems. And these measures are even more critical as other countries and individuals have threatened our voting system and demonstrated their ability to hack US voting machines in only seven minutes.

Protecting American Votes and Elections Act, S. 2261, would eliminate paperless voting machines and provide grants to states to switch their voting systems to ones providing paper receipts and records. This bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Harris, has been read twice and now sits in the Rules and Administration Committee. **Congress need to take immediate action to secure our voting systems!** California already has paper ballots on all machines, but let's call to make sure CA is doing all it needs to do to protect our vote!

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

Hi, my name is __, a constituent from (city, zip). I'm calling to ask Sen. Feinstein to co-sponsor S. 2261, the Secure Elections Act. Can you tell me if Sen. Feinstein would be willing to co-sponsor S. 2261? (pause for answer...) [Also, this matter is urgent and I urge the Senator to do all she can to get this bill passed out of the Rules Committee and sent to the Senate Floor.] Thanks for taking my message.

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

Hi, my name is __, a constituent from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Sen. Harris for co-sponsoring S. 2261, the Secure Elections Act. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Staff of Senate Rules and Administration Committee: **(202) 224-6352**

Hi, my name is __. Please tell Chair Blunt and members of the committee I support S. 2261, the Secure Elections Act, to keep our elections safe from foreign tampering by Russia or others, and would like the committee to schedule hearings on this bill. Thank you for taking my message.

Call: Members of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee:

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Senator Roy Blunt (R -MO), Chair: D.C. Office **(202) 224-5721**; Springfield **(417) 877-7814**

Senator Deb Fischer (R -NE), D.C. Office **(202) 224-6551**; Lincoln **(402) 441-4600**

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

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 Richard J. Durbin (D -IL), D.C. Office **(202) 224-2152**; Chicago **(312) 353-4952**

A suggested script for Senators on the Senate Rules and Administration Committee:

Hi, my name is __. I'm calling to urge Sen. __ to support S. 2261, the Secure Elections Act. Providing paper trails in elections decreases hacking risks, from Russia or otherwise. [This matter is urgent and I urge Sen. __ to do all she/he can to get this bill passed out of the Rules Committee and sent to the Senate Floor.] Thank you for taking my message.

Call: California Secretary of State **Alex Padilla: (916) 653-7244** (ask for Mr. Padilla's assistant or office)

Hi, my name is __ from (city, zip). I'm calling to urge Mr. Padilla to implement the US Senate Intelligence Committee's recommendations to secure our elections, including adopting paper ballots and disconnecting voting machines from the internet. [It is absolutely critical for the state to do everything it can to preserve the integrity of our elections.] Thank you for taking my message.

Restrict Trump's Nuclear Launch Authority

Summary: Last Sunday night, Trump tweeted in all caps that Iran "WOULD SUFFER CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE." We have *got* to rein in Trump's nuclear first strike authority before his mental instability leads us into an unnecessary war. Currently, like past presidents, Trump has the authority to launch nuclear strikes, including first strikes on countries that have not attacked the US, without approval or even review by Congress.

Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Ted Lieu introduced S. 200 and H.R. 669, respectively, to prevent a president from launching a nuclear first strike unless Congress has passed a declaration of war. **These bills send a clear message that the US will not be a nuclear aggressor.** Senators from both major parties have raised concerns about Trump's tweets, temper and treatments of allies and 'enemies', and so this is a good time to call in support of these bills. Let's thank Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Huffman for co-sponsoring them, and ask Sen. Harris to co-sponsor as well. Then let's call on GOP Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee to support S. 200.

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

Hi, my name is __, from (city, zip). I'm calling to thank Sen. Feinstein for co-sponsoring S. 200, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017. Thank you for taking my message.

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

Hi, my name is __, a constituent from (city, zip). I'm calling to urge Sen. Harris to co-sponsor S. 200, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017. Can you tell me if Sen. Harris would be willing to co-sponsor S. 200? Thank you for taking my message.

☐ **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 Rep. Huffman for co-sponsoring H.R. 669, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017. Thank you for taking my message.

☐ **Call:** GOP members of the **Senate Foreign Relations Committee:**

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☐ Senator Bob Corker (R - TN), Chair D.C. Office (202) 224-3344; Memphis (901) 683-1910

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

☐ Senator Marco Rubio (R - FL), D.C. Office (202) 224-3041; Miami (305) 418-8553

☐ Senator Ron Johnson (R - WI), D.C. Office (202) 224-5323; Milwaukee (414) 276-7282

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

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

☐ Senator Todd Young (R - IN), D.C. Office (202) 224-5623; Indianapolis (317) 226-6700

☐ Senator John Barrasso (R - WY), D.C. Office (202) 224-6441; Cheyenne (307) 772-2451

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

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

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

Hi, my name is __ and I'm calling Sen. __ because s/he is on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I'm calling to urge Sen. __ to support S. 200, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, especially given Trump's mental instability and recent tweets threatening other countries. 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; Calvin's List; NYT; Wall-of-Us; United We Dream; 5 Calls; Center for American Progress Politico; Indivisible; Congress.gov; Senate.gov; GovTrack.com; Union of Concerned Scientists; ACLU; Think Progress; Healthcare for All; SPLC; Sierra Club; Immigrant Legal Resource Center; Credo, Codepink; Wilderness Coalition, Electronic Freedom Foundation; Daily Kos; Roll Call; CA Clean Money & Planned Parenthood. - EC