

# INDIVISIBLE

A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR RESISTING THE TRUMP AGENDA

Former congressional staffers reveal best practices for making Congress listen.

**ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

WEBSITE FACEBOOK CALENDAR APRIL 24, 2018

## INDIVISIBLE-ACTON \* MONTHLY MEETINGS

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
6:30-8:45 PM  
486 MAIN STREET (RT 27), ACTON

PARKING LOT IN BACK - HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

1ST FLOOR MEETING RM ON LEFT

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12

APRIL 9

MAY 14

JUNE 11

JULY 9

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 15 (3RD MONDAY)

NOVEMBER 19 (3RD MONDAY)

DECEMBER 10

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If you do just one thing...

***If you do just one thing***, tell [Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell](#) that it's time to put the bipartisan bill protecting Special Counsel Mueller up for a vote! He has made it clear that [he will not put it through](#), so he needs to hear our voices.

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## Action in Acton

- Take a **stand in the fight against climate change** by calling [your representative](#), [Speaker of the House DeLeo](#), and [Senator Tom Golden](#) (chair of the Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee). Tell them you support **S2302** and **S426** (the Omnibus Clean Energy Bill), and use your voice to counter the industry lobbyists! For more info, click [here](#). (And don't hang up yet...)
- While you're on the phone, act to **protect our immigrants**. Gov. Baker wants to counter the *Lunn v. Commonwealth* decision, so law enforcement could hold people for ICE. Amendment #508 is an attempt to pass the Governor's bill through the budget. Please urge [your representatives](#) (and [Speaker DeLeo](#) as well!) to defeat Amendment #508. For more info, click [here](#).

## Special State/National Action

- Email your senators ([using this easy form!](#)) to **block Trump's War Cabinet** by opposing the nominations of Mike Pompeo and Gina Haspel. Both of these candidates risk putting us on paths to war with Iran and North Korea. They've overseen and support torture, and will continue American support for the Saudi war in Yemen.
- **Reduce plastic in MA.** Contact two house committee heads and ask them to move Act to Reduce Plastic Bag Pollution ([Bill H.4234](#)) and Act to Restrict the Use of Polystyrene ([Bill H.3252](#)) through committee and on to debate on the House floor. Contact Jeffrey Sanchez Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means. (617.722.2990 or [Jeffrey.Sanchez@MAHouse.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Sanchez@MAHouse.gov)) for H.4232 and contact Kate Hogan, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health. (617.722.2130 or [Kate.Hogan@MAHouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@MAHouse.gov)) for H.3252.

REMEMBER: Check out the [Indivisible state newsletter](#) for more ideas on how to get involved and for news on statewide happenings.

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## Volunteer Needs





CALLING ALL LIAISONS and WANNABE LIAISONS! Become a liaison for a battleground sister district! We're looking for volunteers who can offer help to the candidate's campaign. It's a fun job where you get to make a difference in an important way, corralling local resources (both in Acton and with other nearby organizations) for national impact through everything from canvassing (if nearby), phonebanking, texting, and postcards, to fundraising. Ready to commit or just want to learn more? There will be a meeting on April 28 to help you get started (see below).

Also, we're still looking for someone to oversee chairs and tables before IA general meetings? Thank you for helping in advance! Please email Stella Kos at [stella@indivisibleacton.org](mailto:stella@indivisibleacton.org).

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## Calendar

### The Coming Week

NOTE: Tonight's meet-up is at Dunkin' Donuts! See event listing.

#### Tuesday, April 24

- 8:30-10am, Watertown: **Meet Elissa Slotkin**, a veteran who is running in Republican leaning MI-03. [Sign up](#) to have breakfast with Elissa or to make a contribution at any level.
- 7-9pm, Acton: **Meet-Up** with Activist Alliance and Indivisible Acton and friends to write postcards to Ohio voters with Sister District. **NOTE NEW LOCATION!** Due to space restrictions, we're moving to Dunkin' Donuts at [315 Main St., Acton](#), near Acton Liquors and Not Your Average Joe's.

#### Wednesday, April 25

- 7:30-9:30pm, Acton: MOMS DEMAND **ACTION for Gun Safety** in America new membership meeting, Congregation Beth Elohim, 133 Prospect St.; click [here](#) to sign up.

#### Monday, April 30

- 10am-2pm, Boston: **Lobby Day For ERPO**: Now that ERPO is out of committee, Moms Demand Action is partnering with the MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence to lobby lawmakers to SUPPORT the bill when it comes up for a vote! Join us for this day of action! Click [here](#) for more info.

Add a **candidate forum for the third congressional district** to your calendar too! There are lots of options coming up:

- Friday, April 27, 6:30-9:30pm, Berlin: Click [here](#) for more info .
- Saturday, April 28, 1-3pm, Littleton: Ruben Hoar Library, [41 Shattuck St.](#)
- Sunday, April 29, 1pm, Lowell: UMass Lowell candidate debate at Durgin Hall, [54 Wilder St.](#) For more info, click [here](#).

Save the Dates

- **Wednesday, May 2**, 7pm, Boxborough: Role of the Press in Our Democracy – Speaker Series, Sargent Library. This event will feature Dorothy Kramer, a public speaker who holds a master’s degree in library and information science. Topics will range from fake news to net neutrality with the focus on giving the audience tools so that we can be informed and wise consumers and carriers of news. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters - Acton Area.
- **Tuesday, May 8**, 7pm, Boxborough: Role of the Press in Our Democracy – Speaker Series, Sargent Library. This event will feature Dan Kennedy, Northeastern University professor and WGBH contributor. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters - Acton Area.

Upcoming Town Meeting and Election Dates

Maynard

- **May 1**: Maynard Annual Town Election
- **May 21**: Maynard Annual Town Meeting

Stow

- **May 7**: Stow Annual Town Meeting
- **May 15**: Stow Annual Town Election

Boxborough

- **May 14**: Boxborough Annual Town Meeting
- **May 22**: Boxborough Annual Town Election

Don't forget: You can always [check our calendar online](#).

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Accomplishments Afoot

Thanks for Voting!

The voting is in! Indivisible Acton is supporting the following candidates until our own MA primary on Sept. 4. Here are the candidates and their liaisons. Please note we are still looking for three more liaisons, as noted in the “Help Wanted” section.

STATE LEVEL

Candidate	District	Liaison
Dr. Linda F. Sanborn	Maine SD 30 (primary: June 12)	Marcy Kehan

Melissa Shusterman	Pennsylvania House District 157 (primary: May 15)	Joe Holmes
TBD in May	Sister District 2: <b>very organized; ready to provide very clear directions!</b>	<b>**OPEN**</b>
Jeanne Dietsch	New Hampshire SD 9 (primary: September 11)	Alane Airosus
Melanie Levesque	New Hampshire SD 12 (primary: September 11)	Bonnie Thompson and Joris Wils

## FEDERAL LEVEL

Candidate	District	Liaison
Gina Ortiz Jones	Texas-23 (primary: May 22) <b>Go to her website find out about this amazing woman running in Texas!</b>	<b>**OPEN**</b>
Sean Casten	Illinois-06 (primary: March 20) <b>Illinois is one of the most flippable states!</b> Learn more about Sean, a former Bostonian.	<b>**OPEN**</b>
Brendan Kelly	Illinois-12 (primary: March 20)	Amy Janovitz
Anthony Brindisi	New York-22 (primary: September 13)	Bob Bottino

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## Contact Information

[Call your House representatives.](#)

[Contact your senators.](#)

Or contact us: Submit action items to [newsletter@indivisibleacton.org](mailto:newsletter@indivisibleacton.org) or via the #ia\_newsletter Slack channel by 8pm on Saturday to be included in the Tuesday morning newsletter. Thanks!



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