

Action Items 04/25/2025

REMEMBER: When you call,

- 1. Be Specific state what you are calling about and why you are concerned
- 2. Request a response tell the staffer you want a response
- 3. Ask for Action Items tell me what the representative's plans are regarding this issue
- 4. If you leave a voicemail message: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.
- 5. Also, it has been recommended that you call both the Congress members' DC and District offices.

Senator Chris Murphy 202-224-4041; 860-549-8463 (CT office) Senator Richard Blumenthal 202-224-2823; 860-258-6940 (CT Office)

Call BLUE Senators:

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Please ensure the Senator understands my position. Thank you.

<u>Issue #3: Restriction on Federal Judges to Issue Nationwide Injunctions:</u>

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The House recently passed a bill I want the Senator to oppose. It is the H.R. 1526, the NORRA Act and it would <u>severely restrict federal judges' ability to issue nationwide injunctions</u>—a crucial tool courts use to block illegal or unconstitutional executive actions.

Also, Chuck Schumer needs to go! He is not providing the leadership this party needs and it is time for a change. Please speak up for demand Schumer step down.

Thank you.



<u>Call BLUE House of Representatives:</u>

CT Representatives (call whomever represents your

district): Jim Himes - 203-333-6600

Rosa DeLauro - 202-225-3661 or 203-562-3718

Johana Hayes - 202-225-4476 or 860-223-8412

Joe Courtney - 202-225-2076 or 860-886-0139

John Larson - 202-225-2265 or 860-278-8888

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<u>CT Governor Ned Lamont</u> (and any other Blue governor that has not signed on with other blue states)

Lamont Phone Number: 860-566-4840

Email: https://portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont?language=en_US

Hi, my [name is] and I'm calling from [zip code],

It is clear the Trump regime does not play fair, and those deemed "enemies of the state" (i.e., those that will resist or impede their march to authoritarianism) will be singled out and attacked. Enemies will be defined as those who believe in the freedoms and rights that make CT safe for all people and uphold the principles of a healthy and strong democracy.

Senator Murphy made it clear in a recent statement to the public that the survival of all we hold dear depends on key institutions banding together and participating in collective action. It is well past time for CT to stand together with other blue states committed to fighting the fascist policies overtaking our country.

With all due respect, what are you waiting for? We have been asking you to collaborate with like-minded governors so that we can work in step to fight endless assaults on our country. Demonstrate leadership for our state – join other like-minded governors and work collectively to fend off what universities, the press and many law firms are already fighting. Take action now to get out in front of the onslaught to come. This is your job! Please do it. Thank you.



For those of you with RED Senator:

☐ Find your Senator's phone number here

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Issue #3: Restrictions against Federal Judges and the SAVE

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I'm calling for two reasons today:

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The first is H.R. 1526, the NORRA Act. This bill <u>severely restricts federal judges' ability to issue nationwide injunctions—</u> a crucial tool courts use to block illegal or unconstitutional executive actions.

The second is HR 22, the SAVE Act, a voter suppression bill that would disenfranchise tens of millions of Americans.

Please ensure my position is known. Start standing up for the people you

serve! Find your RED House Rep.'s phone number here.

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!!!EXTRAS!!!

☐ Hit El Salvador Where it Counts: In Their Wallet

The Trump administration has <u>paid \$6 million dollars to El Salvador</u> to house hundreds of people deported from the U.S. to that country's high-security mega-prison. Here's two ways to fight back.

- Boycott all products made in El Salvador. Such products include clothing, mattresses, food and more, so check tags and packages and avoid buying those marked "Made in El Salvador." Companies that manufacture in El Salvador include Hanes, Fruit of the Loom, Gildan, Diana, Capri, Indufoam, Bon Appetit, and many more.
- 2. Contact the heads of companies manufacturing in El Salvador, such as Hanes and Fruit of the Loom, to voice your dismay at their silence.
- Hanes email: <u>contact_us@hanes.com_</u>or 336-519-8080; brands include Maidenform, Bali, Playtex, Hanes, Bonds, and more
- Fruit of the Loom contact form or 1-855-253-4534; brands include Spalding, Russell Athletic, Vanity Fair, Jerzees, Dudley, Fruit of the Loom, BVD, and American Athletic

Sample script (please personalize):

As a company that manufactures in El Salvador, you should be speaking out loudly and publicly against President Bukele's refusal to send Kilmar Abrego Garcia home. Your company has influence to reinforce U.S. constitutional rights and democratic values. Until you have done all you can to pressure president Bukele to return Abrego Garcia, I will boycott your brands.

Ask Target Corporation (or Tesla) how boycotts are working out for them.