



Action Items 05/16/2025

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
- If you leave a voicemail message: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.
 - 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:

Issue #1: Golden Dome Project

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Demand your representatives reject this massive increase to the already bloated Pentagon budget. Our priorities should be feeding the hungry and educating our children, not increasing our industrial military complex with handouts to Trump’s political allies.



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

I am calling to urge Senator [Name] to oppose the budget reconciliation deal increasing the Pentagon budget by \$150B! This budget would dump billions of taxpayer dollars into a futile space defense project likely to overspend and underperform, while further lining the pockets of Elon Musk. It's just another scheme to scam the American people while enriching Trump's billionaire friends.

Thank you.

Issue #2: Diverting Funds Away from Public Schools:

Congress is considering the Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA), S. 292 / H.R. 833, a bill that would divert \$10 billion per year from public education to fund private school vouchers through a 100% tax credit scheme. This unprecedented tax break allows wealthy individuals to fully offset their donations to scholarship-granting organizations, effectively turning public funds into private school subsidies.

ECCA lacks accountability measures. It allows funds to flow to private institutions that can discriminate against students and ignore curriculum standards without having to report educational outcomes. This will exacerbate educational disparities, particularly affecting students with disabilities and those from low-income communities. Public schools, which serve 90% of American children, will lose critical resources, leading to larger class sizes, program cuts, and school closures. The bill's structure also opens new avenues for tax avoidance, such as donating appreciated stocks to evade capital gains taxes.

Tell your representatives to protect public schools and vote No on the ECCA.

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

I am calling to urge Senator [Name] to oppose language from the Educational Choice for Children Act in the budget reconciliation bill. This provision is a scam that gives wealthy people tax shelters and sends billions of public dollars to private schools – while our public schools are already unfunded.

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Issue #3: Oppose Anti-Vax Influencer Casey Means for US Surgeon General

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Means has correctly expressed alarm over the troubling epidemic of chronic illnesses in the United States. However, many of her proposed remedies, from [raw milk to the aforementioned reduction in childhood vaccinations to dubious supplements that she sells](#), ignore the root causes of poor health in pursuit of pseudoscientific "cures" that conveniently make her money.

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Call [BLUE](#) House of Representatives:

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



Issue #1: DOGE Amassing a Single Database:

Hi, I'm a constituent calling from [zip]. My name is _____.

I'm alarmed by the [Washington Post's new reporting](#) that Elon Musk and DOGE are creating a single database to gather ALL of Americans' most sensitive and personal data. This is a disaster in the making and Congress needs to stop it NOW. Cyber security experts are horrified by this plan and so am I. Do your job. Make it stop. Keep DOGE out of my personal data. Thanks.

For those of you with RED Senator:

- **Find your Senator's phone number [here](#)**

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➤ **CT State Legislature Actions**

The legislative session ends on June 5th. We want to ensure,

- The Child Tax Credit remains strong and included in budget negotiations,
- That the budget includes raising Medicaid rates and nonprofit provider rates,
- Funding for school meals,
- More support for Special Ed,
- Strengthening of mental health parity (SB 10)

Call your local legislator and urge strong support for these to be brought to a vote. Let them know there is strong public support for all of this, as we face catastrophic federal funding losses.

Find your local rep [here](#).

➤ **Changes to the Endangered Species Act**

Seems unbelievable that any Democratic Senators would support a Trump nominee, but that's exactly what happened this week. Here are the 16. If you find one of your Senators on the list – let them know this is NOT OK!

Currently, the Endangered Species Act prohibits certain actions that “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect” threatened and endangered organisms. Until now, “harm” was understood to include actions that significantly impact an organism’s habitat.

However, the new proposed rule change would rescind the regulatory definition of “harm,” limiting the Act’s prohibitions to actions that directly injure or kill listed species.

Comments can be submitted [here](#). You do not have to be an expert to comment. Just write about the local impact this proposal would have. Non-unique comments will be ignored so write from your heart and tell them why you want endangered species to stay protected.

