

Action Items 05/30/2025

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)

Find your Senator's phone number here

#1: Call All (BLUE and RED) Senators and tell them "NO"

<u>Pick your Poison from the Multitude of Horrific Provisions in the "Big, Beautiful Budget" Bill:</u>

- SNAP Cuts: \$300B
- Cuts Student Aid by \$351B
- The repeal of a free IRS tool allowing taxpayers to file. This likely will boost visits to the local tax preparer that usually come with fees that can cost hundreds of dollars
- Triples the budget for ICE, allows indefinite detention of immigrant children and harassment fees will be assessed for asylum applications
- Greenlights the sale of public lands
- Repeals clean energy programs
- Increases overall federal deregulation
- Nonprofits will no longer have special tax status plus the bill gives the administration the power to censor nonprofits
- Blocks access to Planned Parenthood
- Blocks State Regulation of AI



- Estate Tax will be gutted
- Child Tax Credit is weakened
- Expansion of school vouchers
- Stealth Cuts in the Affordable Care Act
- The Courts will be Crippled Limits federal judges' ability to hold U.S. government officials from the top down in contempt of court
- And finally support for gun silencers

And increases the budget deficit by at least \$4 Trillion!

#2: Call your CT Senate and House Representatives.

We need to call our Representatives and Senators to thank them for their votes And we need to call our Senator and ask them to bring HB5002 to the floor for a vote. <u>Find their</u> contact info here.

HB5002 has passed the House and moves to the Senate! The Senate must vote on it by close of session on June 4. Call your Senator now and leave a message asking them to bring the bill to the floor for a vote

This housing bill (see bill analysis here) is an amalgam of work-live-ride and a host of other housing bills that we were following. There is a nice article in the Connecticut Mirror that says in part:

House Bill 5002, which passed 84-67, is an expansive bill tackling issues including zoning, transit-oriented development, parking, homelessness and fair rent commissions. It combines Democratic priorities from across a few legislative committees and aims to address the impact of the severe lack of housing, particularly affordable housing, in Connecticut.

<u>See how your rep voted here</u> and thank them if they voted yes. Then ask your Senator to bring HB5002 to the floor for a vote.

SB9 has passed the Senate and House!! This environmental bill addresses climate resilience and pesticides and is described here.

Use these links to see how your <u>Senator</u> and <u>Representative</u> voted and thank them if they voted yes. Then ask your <u>Senator today to bring HB5002 to the floor for a vote.</u>



!!!EXTRAS!!!

➤ Harvard Offers Free Virtual Civics Classes

Classes include US History, Law, American Government: Constitutional Foundations, Political Sciences

➤ Phonebank with Indivisible—Stop the Trump Tax Scam

Every Wednesday and Thursday in June, join Indivisible for a phonebank where they'll be calling voters and connecting them directly to their Senator. Together, we'll urge Republicans to oppose the Trump Tax Scam—a reckless GOP tax plan that prioritizes billionaires like Elon Musk while selling out working families.

> Stop Environmentally Harmful Development in Easton, CT

"The quality of Easton's water supply and its cherished rural character is now at risk, thanks to poor decision making and leadership at the town's Planning & Zoning Commission. In 2019, unbeknownst to the public, Planning and Zoning pushed through a poorly researched "Conservation Development" regulation that fails to take into account the sensitivities of the AA Watershed. Conservation developments can be a powerful way to protect watersheds. As you will read below, however, Planning and Zoning hastily implemented a regulation that does not allow for true conservation cluster housing, but opens the floodgates for luxury developers. The new regulation does take into account the lack of municipal waste and water systems. This negligent oversight will have a detrimental effect on Fairfield County's water security."

"Fairfield County's water supply and the future of development in Easton will be impacted by Planning & Zoning's decision to pre-approve developers EG Homes to bypass traditional Zone B regulations and build 26 luxury homes on Saddle Ridge. Please read and sign this <u>petition</u> to let P & Z hear our voices."

