Dear Nob Hill Indivisibles,

It was a tough week.

Our country is in a moral, political, democratic crisis.

Indivisible -- and the thousands of groups across the country -- was founded in reaction to the crisis of the 2016 election. And your work since then has been in reaction repeatedly Trump and GOP created crises. As each week passes, these crises compound on one another and the challenges grow deeper every day.

But, although it sometimes feels like our hearts grow heavier by the day, we need to open our hearts and keep working. Keep fighting for change. Gain strength from the millions of civil rights activists who fought, and still do, to change US laws on racism. Pull from the thousands of suffragettes who fought to gain the women’s right to vote and end discrimination. We are in a battle as powerful and timely…and it will take time. But we’ve got each other’s back, and we will overcome.

This week was one of the toughest weeks so far in the Trump era. 17 young people lost their lives in a horrific school shooting in Florida. And less than 24 hours later, Senate Republicans tried to use Dreamers as a bargaining chip for a mass deportation agenda written by a white supremacist. This all happened in just two days.

Republicans created and continue to enable this crisis. Period. End of story. Next week is our opportunity to create a crisis for the Republicans.

Starting Monday, Feb 25, the Congress returns. Recess is our opportunity to take back the narrative, tell our stories, and push our agenda and our people into the mainstream. Here’s what you can do:

Visit Indivisible National’s all-inclusive recess resource at [recess.indivisible.org](http://recess.indivisible.org/) to learn more and get ready to push them on our issues. questions they have avoided for the past year.

Raise your voice on gun control:

Call our [Senators](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?Class=1) and tell them to:

* Ban dangerous gun silencers and bump-stocks
* Ban the sale of 19 specific models of semi-automatic firearms and other guns with similar features
* Expand background checks to include private firearm sales and purchases at gun shows

Go to <https://everytown.org/> and learn more about the issue, get regular updates on activities and actions nationwide.

Another good site: <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/issues/guns>

There have been proposed student walk-outs as well as teacher walk-outs in many States, We’re looking into national and local actions/rallies that we can support and will discuss at the Monday meeting, I’ll also keep all informed.

We also still need to raise our voice on DACA.

The Supreme Court met on Friday, 2/17, to decide whether to [take up a lower court opinion](https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/16/politics/supreme-court-daca-immigration/index.html) that temporarily blocked President Donald Trump's effort to end DACA. At issue is a ruling by federal District Judge William Alsup of the US District Court for the Northern District of California, who blocked the plan to end DACA and held that the Trump administration must resume accepting DACA renewal applications.

Last month, our Senator Heinrich gave a [stirring speech on the repeal of DACA](https://youtu.be/lj3RBk8ZKYo), and how it will affect New Mexicans. Call and thank him for standing up for DACA and tell him to keep it up!

We are looking into town halls near us and will be talking about actions we can take locally to create safe and inclusive control to protect New Mexican kids. Sorry I couldn’t get info out in time for Ban Lujan’s townhall in Santa Fe today (at 12:30), but we’ll talk about it and others.

Other local events:

Wednesday, Feb; 21: Meet Michelle Grisham-Lujan candidate for Governor with Indivisible Corrales

7-8:30pm [Cottonwood Montessori School on Corrales Road](http://www.cottonwoodschool.org/)

Saturday, Feb 24: [Working People's Street Party](https://actionnetwork.org/events/albuquerque-nm-working-peoples-street-party?referrer=email_294545&source=JWJ)

In cities across the country, thousands will unite to demand an end to an economy that’s rigged in favor of the wealthy and most powerful and to halt the attacks on the labor movement.

4:00pm Cross Streets of Central and Amherst (101 Amherst Dr SE)

Sunday, Feb. 25: [Ethics and Espionage, A Marriage Made in Heaven or Mutually Exclusive](http://www.abqinternational.org/ethics-and-espionage-a-marriage-made-in-heaven-or-mutually-exclusive/)

 A panel discussion at the UNM Continuing Education Conference Center

3-5pm, 1634 University Bld NE, tickets are $15 and can be purchased on-line or at the door (see above link)

Lastly, please come to Monday’s meeting (2/19), our speaker will be JD Mathews from [Working Families](http://workingfamilies.org/). We’ll also be voting on 3 important issues:

* Electing a new Secretary (sadly, Daryl is resigning due to work constraints)
* Creating a text tree for action alerts
* Do we become a 501c?

In solidarity,

The Indivisible Team