Hello Nob Hill Indivisibles,

Whew, man what a week…from Dr. Ronny Jackson, to Pompeo’s confirmation, to the rambling Fox & Friends interview (what da??), seems like the throes of chaos. But, there is ALWAYS calm after a storm, just gotta tighten up the sails and keep going!!!

Congress is out on recess from April 30 through May 6, so when they get back they’ll have a full plate and we’ve got things to do! But first, I’m going to start with the **Good News**:

1. The [Connecticut House of Representatives passed the National Popular Vote bill](http://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/385123-connecticut-lawmakers-pass-measure-to-give-electoral-votes-to) this week. The bill now goes to the State Senate. If you’ve any friend or family in Connecticut, call them and encourage them to call their local Senators.
2. On the local front, NM Governor Martinez illegally vetoed 10 bills from the 2017 Legislative session. This week, the NM Supreme Court ruled as all other courts have to date, against the governor. This SHOULD mean that the bills become law IMMEDIATELY, meaning hemp can be grown for research purposes and that computer science classes in high school will count for students’ math requirements, among other issues. To read more, click [here](http://progressnownm.org/2017/08/11/breaking-martinez-loses-court-fight-over-vetoes-industrial-hemp-research-infrastructure-improvements-should-be-law/).

**Now onto the tough stuff,** even though our MoCs are on break, their offices are still open, and aides are taking calls:

1. Last Thursday the [Senate Judiciary Committee voted 14-7 to approve legislation](http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/384990-senate-panel-approves-bill-to-protect-special-counsel) to protect special counsel Robert Mueller. FOUR Republicans on the committee joined Democrats to pass this legislation to shield Mueller from Trump. This is the first time Congress has advanced legislation to formally protect Mueller from being fired by President Trump. This would not have happened without strong grassroots support. But, Mitch McConnell is vowing this bill [will not see the Senate floor](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/congress/mcconnell-wont-allow-vote-to-bill-to-protect-mueller/2018/04/17/7c53ad0c-4281-11e8-b2dc-b0a403e4720a_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.82e70f996e48). Our Sen Udall is on the Judiciary Comm and supported this bill, call and THANK HIM!!
2. EPA Director Pruitt is under fire. This week, he answered to [10 cases of accused misconduct in his tenure](https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/26/politics/pruitt-house-hearings/) to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Now is our opportunity to ramp up the pressure, and make it clear that Pruitt has to go. His days of shilling for oil lobbyists and misusing EPA resources have to end. Call our MoCs and keep up the pressure, we want him out!
3. Despite all our efforts, Pompeo’s nomination for Secretary of State was confirmed, 57-42. Rand Paul (R-KY) paved the way for confirmation when he flipped (after saying he’d do “whatever it takes” to block him). Indivisible efforts were recognized by many of our Senators, and for that you should be proud of your work. Yet, there are still seven senators that need to be held accountable for their votes, here’s who: Sen. Joe Donnelly (IN), Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (ND), Sen. Doug Jones (AL), Sen. Angus King (ME), Sen. Joe Manchin (WV), Sen. Claire McCaskill (MO), Sen. Bill Nelson (FL). Call them directly and expressed your unhappiness with them! For a list, click [here](https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact).
4. Pompeo’s confirmation now opens up his job, with Trump’s pick being Gina Haspel. Ms. Haspel is a torturer and is unfit to replace Pompeo at the CIA. The fact that Haspel personally committed war crimes is enough to oppose her nomination. But it’s even worse than that she also tried to cover up the evidence by ensuring videotapes of the torture sessions were destroyed. Haspel was already passed over for a promotion within the CIA once before because of her torture past. Here’s what you can do now to #BlockHaspel: read indivisible’s [explainer video](http://haspel.indivisible.org/) and, [resource, & call script](https://www.indivisible.org/resource/gina-haspel-torturer-dont-let-trump-give-promotion/) and ask our Senators publicly oppose Gina Haspel’s nomination for CIA Director. You can call a toll-free number 855-980-2350. Text the word HASPEL to the number 977-79 to get the all latest updates on Haspel’s nomination.
5. The Senate will hold a vote to protect net neutrality soon. The FCC voted to roll back net neutrality protections last December, but the Senate will soon vote to undo this attack on the internet. Word is that vote will come in the week or two after the Senate is back from recess -- make sure you call and tell our Senators to co-sponsor [Senator Markey’s resolution to protect net neutrality](https://www.indivisible.org/resource/preserving-net-neutrality-aka-protecting-internet-know/#CallScript) and vote YES on this bill!
6. The House will vote on the [Farm Bill the week of May 14](http://www.farmfutures.com/farm-bill/house-farm-bill-draft-delayed-over-opposition-food-stamp-cuts). The Farm Bill is a $100 billion piece of legislation that must be reauthorized every five years, and covers everything from farm subsidies and agricultural programs to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps). No surprise, Republicans passed a partisan bill out of committee that takes away food assistance from people and instead funds unproven, unscalable job training programs that will leave people hungry. The full House will vote on the Farm Bill the week of May 14. Tell MLG to vote NO on the passage of this bill as is!

**This week’s #TrumpThreatLevel**

Trump is ready to kill the Iran Deal. French President Emmanuel Macron said that he expects the United States to pull out of the Iran Deal in May.

Trump’s war Cabinet is nearly complete. With Gina Haspel’s confirmation coming down the pike and Mike Pompeo and John Bolton firmly in place, Trump has nearly finished filling out his Cabinet with war hawks and retreads from the Bush administration.

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**Local Actions/info/events**

1. Friday and Saturday, June 15th-16th: Indivisible Truth or Consequences is hosting a presentation and workshop on “Turning CD2 Blue”. Leading progressive candidates for statewide and CD2-specific offices will give exclusive insights into their general election campaigns. The workshop will discuss voter turnout skills and software and organizational development along with facilitating “Adopt a Chapter” relationships between CD2 attendees and CD1 and 3 attendees who wish to support our efforts to flip the U.S. Congress seat for southern New Mexico come Nov. 6th.

Contact [torc.indivisible@gmail.com](torc.indivisible@gmail.com%20) if you’d like to attend. The registration fee (to be determined shortly) will include the Meet and Greet cocktail reception and breakfast and lunch on the 15th and 16th.