

Hello Nob Hill Indivisibles,

Don't forget, this week: **Tues, July 30 and Wed, July 31, 6:30 pm – 9 pm Democratic Candidates 2nd Debate.** Kellys Brew Pub, 3222 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

As a lovely follow-up to the Lights of Liberty movement, get more inspired by watching “the Squad’s” (Rep Omar, Pressley, Tlaib, and Ocasio-Cortez) Press Release, click here. Our goal is to #KeepTheHouse and #FlipTheSenate in 2020...get them both full of more amazing MoCs such as these!!!



## **Actions**

### **Local Actions**

1. Governor Lujan Grisham issued an executive order to address the climate crisis. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) are hosting meetings in communities to gather public input to develop our state's first-ever methane rule. Plan to attend one or all of these meetings:

- Mon, JUL 29 at 1pm: Farmington, San Juan College, Farmington
- Tues, JUL 30 at 1pm: Albuquerque, University of New Mexico School of Law
- Wed, AUG 7 at 8:30am: Carlsbad, Skeen-Whitlock Building, Carlsbad

Sign-up on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/ConservationVotersNM/events/>

### **2. Keep yourself in-the-know...**

- If you didn't see Eric Shimamoto's presentation at the last Monday meeting, you should! To download a copy, click [here](#). We'll be talking about how we can champion this initiative in future meetings.

- Retake Our Democracy has put out a comprehensive report card that goes beyond typical report cards and delves into the legislative process and inner-workings in New Mexico, to read it click [here](#).

- Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard has authorized the release of over 400 records relating to state trust land leases with Jeffrey Epstein, to read more, click [here](#).

- NM Senator candidate and current NM Sec of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver officially called for ICE to be abolished. To read more, click [here](#).

- Follow the BernCo Democratic Party actions and events, click [here](#) to read the latest Li'l Blue.

**National Actions:** More shameless hijacking on my part, this week's actions are taken from Indivisible National's the "Power of the Purse" Campaign:

*In our “checks and balances” government, **Congress holds the power of the purse.** Dems ran in 2018 promising to use this power to resist the Trump/Republican agenda. Now it’s time to put that into action because **appropriations bills need to be enacted before the end of September.** But wielding that power through the appropriations process is complicated and inevitably riddled with compromises. Our MoCs know that few voters pay attention to appropriation details, so they allow themselves to be primarily influenced by those special interests who can afford to hire professional lobbyists to advocate for their private benefit. Yet **when constituents like us communicate our opinions on appropriation matters, it lets our MoCs know we are paying attention and that we intend to hold them accountable.***

*Rather than one huge comprehensive message that tries to encompass all appropriation issues, we want to go with **many short Tweet-length messages** as listed below. We urge you to send **out at least one MoC message per day** on whichever topics you choose. Note that the appropriation process is long and convoluted and the same issues keep coming back at different points so it’s necessary to keep raising -- and re-raising -- these points from now to the end of September in both the House and the Senate.*

So, here goes, pick one issue and send each MoC one message on each subject, everyday! Just go down the list... Day one, send all the #1 scripts, Day two, all #2 scripts and so on, and so on. If you run out of scripts, just start over with number one!

Click [here](#) for email and Twitter contacts. Or, you can sign up for Resist Bot, <https://resist.bot/>, makes it super easy.

## **DEFENSE (DoD)**

Proposed scripts:

1. In the Defense Authorization bill I support the Lee and Udall-Kaine amendments requiring congressional approval for any war with Iran.
2. I support the lower overall defense budget in the House Defense Authorization bill (NDAA) and oppose the higher overall budget in the Senate version of NDAA
3. In the Defense Authorization bill I support House amendments 208, 394, 555, and 556 to fight cronyism and corruption and crack down on the Pentagon/contractor revolving door.
4. In the Defense Appropriations bill I strongly oppose any funding at all for “low-yield” and “new generation” nuclear weapons, and I demand that all such money be applied to defending us against the global climate crisis that threatens our lives and livelihoods.
5. In the Defense Appropriations bill I ask that you include language requiring the Pentagon to undertake and pass audits as a precondition for receiving funds for FY2020.
6. In the Defense Appropriations bill I support the removal of U.S. military forces from the civil war in Yemen and repeal of the open-ended “blank check” 2001 Authorization for the Use of

## **MILITARY FORCE (AUMF)**

Proposed scripts:

1. In the Defense Appropriations bill I support blocking the Trump/Republican scheme to use Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund to bloat the Pentagon budget.
2. In the Defense Appropriations bill I support blocking funds that would build Trump's racist border wall or enforce his bigoted ban on transgender servicemembers.
3. In the Defense Appropriations bill I oppose funding for an unnecessary and destabilizing Space Force, unneeded B21 bombers, and boondoggle F-35 fighters that are unable to meet mission requirements.

## **DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)**

Proposed scripts:

1. In the DHS appropriations bill I oppose increasing enforcement and detention funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or

any funds that will be used to separate immigrant children from their parents. I support the #DefundHate campaign.

2. In the DHS appropriations bill I support the current House language preventing unilateral transfer of funds from other parts of DHS to ICE. Please vote NO on any funding bill that does not include that language.

3. The DHS Appropriations bill should include a clear and explicit prohibition against expending any funds to transfer or house immigrants at the Guantanamo prison.

4. In the DHS Appropriations bill I support unlimited, unannounced oversight inspections of immigrant detention facilities by members of Congress and language preventing any diversion of funds for border walls or mass roundups.

5. In the DHS Appropriations bill I support the proposed increase in civil rights/liberties funding and immigration detention ombudsman, but I strongly oppose any increases in CBP funding that will be used to further the administration's racist immigration program.

6. In the DHS Appropriations bill I support the \$600million reduction corresponding to the funds the administration transferred for the border wall and I oppose any border wall funding of any sort.

7. In the DHS Appropriations bill I support the phase-out of family detention by the end of this year and the funds for detention-alternative programs.

8. In the House DHS Appropriations bill I support the proposed FEMA increases, but I regret that nothing directly addresses the climate crisis that now threatens all of us. Both research and practical mitigation programs need to be initiated and expanded immediately.

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**

1. In the HHS appropriations bill I support the proposed funding increases included in the House version for ACF, ACL, CDC, CMS, HRSA, NIH, SAMHSA, and various other programs.

#### **EDUCATION (ED)**

1. In the ED appropriations bill I support the proposed funding increases included in the House version for K-12, college Student Financial Aid, Higher Education, CNCS, Senior Corps, CPB, SSA, and various other programs.

2. In the House version of the ED appropriations bill I support Lee's amendment prohibiting use of funds to enforce the bigoted anti-LGBT "Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care" rule.

3. In the ED appropriations bill I urge you to include a policy provision that blocks Secretary DeVos' scheme to sell government held student loans to Wall Street investors.

#### **AGRICULTURE (USDA)**

1. In the Agriculture Appropriations I urge you to include language guaranteeing integrity of research, prevention political censorship of scientific reports, and barring funds to move USDA research and science facilities out of the DC area.

2. I support the provisions in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill to maintain and expand funding for SNAP and child nutrition programs.

3. I regret that nothing in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill directly addresses the climate crisis that now threatens all of us. Both research and practical mitigation programs need to be initiated and expanded immediately.

4. I urge you to include policy provisions to the Agriculture Appropriations bill restoring health and nutrition rules and programs sabotaged by the Trump administration such as the Hunger-Free Kids Act.

#### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT & NATIONAL PARKS (Interior)**

1. In the Interior Appropriations bill I support language barring the use of federal funds for offshore oil drilling along the Pacific, Atlantic, and Gulf coasts, and language blocking NOAA from weakening state review of offshore drilling.

2. In the Interior Appropriations bill I urge you to require restoration of the pre-2017 coal valuation rule related to coal mining on federal lands and to reinstate the cancelled review of the federal coal leasing program.

### **STATE & FOREIGN OPERATIONS (State)**

1. While the House version of the State Appropriations bill acknowledges that climate change is a national security threat, I am disappointed at the lack of funding for researching, mitigating, and combating the most serious threat that humankind has ever faced.

2. In the State Appropriations bill I support inclusion of reproductive rights policy provisions such as the Global HER Act to repeal the abortion gag rule and repudiate the Mexico City Policy.

3. In the State Appropriations bill I support inclusion of policy provisions promoting gender equality, combating child marriage, and defending LGBT human rights.

In the State Appropriations bill I urge you to block funding for the religiously-biased Commission on Unalienable Rights which is aimed at undermining LGBT human rights.

4. In the State Appropriations bill I support an increase in funds for diplomacy, foreign aid, and USAID and reject the Trump administration's draconian cuts. But I believe that more than \$11 billion in foreign military aid is far too high.

5. In the State Appropriations bill I support the House version's increase in funding for international family planning, maternal & child health, AIDS relief, Peace Corps, education, humanitarian assistance, LGBT rights and democracy programs.

6. In the State Appropriations bill I support inclusion of policy provisions promoting a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and humanitarian assistance for the West Bank and the Gaza strip.

7. In the State Appropriations bill I support prohibition of funds supporting the sale of nuclear weapons or technology to Saudi Arabia and I support provisions demanding an investigation of the Khashoggi assassination.

### **ENERGY & WATER**

1. In the Energy & Water Appropriations bill I oppose spending any money at all trying to prove that coal and other fossil fuels are environmentally safe. I strongly oppose increasing funds for that purpose over the 2019 level.

2. In the Energy & Water Appropriations bill I support inclusion of provisions banning the production of Low-Yield Nuclear Weapons and "new generation" nuclear weapons.

3. While I support increasing science funding in the Energy & Water Appropriations bill I am gravely disappointed that there is no corresponding policy provision prohibiting political censorship or distortion of research for political purposes.

4. In the Energy & Water Appropriations bill I support provisions to retain the Power Marketing Administrations and reject Trump's scheme to privatize them.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE (CJS)**

1. In the House CJS Appropriations bill I am deeply disappointed that nothing directly and explicitly addresses the climate crisis that now threatens all of us. Both research and practical mitigation programs need to be initiated and expanded immediately.

2. In the House CJS Appropriations bill I support the proposed increase in Census funding and I urge you to add a policy provision prohibiting any use of funds for a partisan "citizenship" question.

3. In the House CJS Appropriations bill I support the proposed increases in NSF, NOAA, and NIST funding but I am gravely disappointed that there is no corresponding policy provision prohibiting political censorship or distortion of research for political purposes.

### **TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT (T-HUD)**

1. In the House version of the T-HUD Appropriations bill I support the infrastructure funding increases and its clear repudiation of the Trump administration's draconian budget cuts.

2. In the T-HUD Appropriations bill I strongly support a policy provision prohibiting the public housing rule changes that would evict tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants.
3. In the T-HUD Appropriations bill I strongly support a policy provision blocking the roll-back of vehicle fuel-standards designed to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gasses.

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES & GENERAL GOVERNMENT (FSGG)**

1. In the FSGG Appropriations bill I support IRS funding increases to bolster tax-collection enforcement & ensure that all Americans pay their fair share of income taxes. Also restore the IRS authority to issue guidance related to 501(c)(4) political activities.
2. In the FSGG Appropriations bill I support removal of riders restricting the District of Columbia's ability to govern itself in regard to abortion services, marijuana enforcement, and needle exchange programs.
3. In the FSGG Appropriations bill I support restoration and expansion of consumer-protection funds for CPSC, EAC, SEC, and FTC.
4. In the FSGG Appropriations bill I support language blocking FCC efforts to overrule local laws that encourage broadband competition.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

1. While I support Oversight & Accountability provisions in the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill, I am disappointed there is no policy provision to explicitly prevent meddling in veterans' affairs by non-appointed, un-official cronies of the president.
2. I regret that nothing in the current Military Construction-Veterans Affairs appropriations bill directly addresses the climate crisis that now threatens all of us. Both research and practical mitigation programs need to be initiated and expanded immediately.

To read more about the Appropriations process click these links:

[The Congressional Appropriations Process](#), CRS

[Introduction to the Federal Budget Process](#), CBPP

[A guide to the federal budget process \(diagram\)](#), Washington Post

[The Congressional Appropriations Process: An Introduction](#) (long & detailed)

### **One more thing...**

A record 4 states have enacted the National Popular Vote bill so far in 2019. The bill is now law in 16 states. These states have 196 electoral votes. This is only 74 short of the 270 needed to activate the bill, thereby guaranteeing the Presidency to the candidate receiving the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bad news is, opponents have recently expanded their lobbying staff because they can see that we have a clear path to 270. If you'd like to financially support the amazing nationwide effort to create this pact, click [here](#).

### **Events**

**First Tuesday of every month, 12 noon: *Resist Tyranny Tuesdays*.** Sponsored by Moveon.Org and Indivisible, Simms Building at 400 Gold Ave.

**Every Saturday, 12 noon: "*Vigil for the Border Children*" with the Medicine Drum Circle.** Federal Courthouse Plaza, 3rd & Lomas, contact Lisa Lucero at 505-417-470410

**Wed, July 24, 6:30 am–8:00 pm: *Standing Up to Hate and Intolerance*,** hosted by the Westside Democrats. Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina St. NW, 87120

**Tues, July 30 and Wed, July 31, 6:30 pm – 9 pm: *Democratic Candidates 2<sup>nd</sup> Debate*.** Kellys Brew Pub, 3222 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

**Tues, Aug 6, 6:30PM, *Undocumented in 2019, Led by NM Dream Team.*** First Congregational UCC Church (Lomas & Girard)

**Sat, Aug 24, 1:00 - 2:30 pm: *Rocky Mountains Planned Parenthood's The Rosé Resistance with Xochitl Torres-Small.*** 3222 Central Ave SE (exact Albuquerque location disclosed prior to event). Also, a VIP Luncheon from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for Champion and Rosé Sponsors only. For tickets and sponsorship info, click [here](#).

**Also, Aug 24, 6:00 - 8:30 pm: *PDACNM Community Gathering PROGRESSIVES IN THE PARK.*** North Domingo Baca Park, 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Mon, August 26, 5:30pm: *US Representative Deb Haaland will sign the Indivisible Pledge.*** INH meeting, O'Niells Pub, Central at Washington in Nob Hill.

**Sept, dates TBA: *Climate Disruption Film Festival Film Festival.*** UNM Continuing Education Center, 1634 University Blvd. NE.

**Sept 20-27: Save the Date - Global Climate Strike.** Dates, location and times to be announced.

**Tues, Nov. 5, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m: *Albuquerque City Election Day*** (October 8 – Absentee ballots mailed, October 19 – Early Voting Begins (voting locations coming soon))

Next Monday's meeting, July 22, will be our annual strategy meeting, please all members make every effort to come and contribute to our plans!

Weekly actions checklist:

- Start texting, tweeting, calling and/or writing your MoCs on appropriations bills
- Follow-up on local initiatives
- Come to Monday's meeting

In solidarity,  
Melora – INH Outreach Coordinator