

Subject: Weekly email

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Hi Everyone,

The past two weeks have been very intense. Remember, you are not alone and there is power in collective action. I will keep my comments brief as there is a lot coming at us. Below are various actions that can be taken starting with some main ones for now, today, this week... Remember, probably no one can or will do all of them, but even small actions by many add up!

In solidarity,

Eve



What We Can Do Now, Today, This Week:

Regarding ICE's heinous, violent, unlawful, authoritarian actions:

- **Department of Homeland Security** funding expires **January 30**, and must be renewed in Congress, So, Congress can use this bill to **rein in ICE and Border Patrol**. Senate rules require 60 votes – so Republicans need some Democrats to pass a bill. Democrats must use their leverage to rein in ICE and BP, but they will only do so if constituents demand it. So, flood Congress with calls/emails/letters demanding the following:

- § No increased funding for ICE and Border Patrol
- § Ban dragnet arrests, racial profiling and mass surveillance
- § End Border Patrol deployments in our cities
- § Stop DHS from shifting funds to expand detention

o [Tell your Senators: Rein in ICE NOW](#). Use [this link to call your representative](#).

o Also: use **5-Calls App**, or <https://act.indivisible.org/sign/ice-out-for-good/>

o Senators (Sen Blumenthal: 202-224-2823/Sen Murphy: 202-224-4041)

o Representative (Rep DeLauro: 202-225-3661)

- **Join national Indivisible on Wednesday, January 21st, at 1 p.m. EST** to call voters in key states and encourage them to call their senators to demand that they rein in ICE's terror tactics. [REGISTER HERE](#)

- And, **Call/email/write your State Representative/Senator** and request further legislation that ICE agents never be masked, identify their name/agency, and always have warrant, plus require local police to intervene with ICE & ask for name/agency/warrant and stop them when acting illegally, as well as give advance notice to relevant community groups of ICE activity. Similarly **call/email/write your Mayor and Local Representative** (Alder-person, Legislative Council Member) and insist that they pass local ordinances/policies that require the same things as above.

In case you missed it...this is the [Rally and Vigil in front of the ICE Building](#) in Washington, DC this week organized by Indivisible. Our own Senator Chris Murphy is a featured speaker.

And, some really Good News!

- This Spotify confirmed it is no longer running ICE recruitment ads across its platform after sustained pressure from grassroots organizers and musicians.
- Avelo Airlines reversed course and dropped its contract with ICE, a win for community action against deportation flights.

Up-Coming GNHI Events; We look forward to meeting &/or seeing you!

- 1) Next large **GNHI Meeting will be Saturday, January 24th, 10:15am-12pm at the Stetson Library**, 197 Dixwell Avenue in New Haven in the 2nd floor Classroom. Enter through the door on the corner of Foote St. and Dixwell Ave; there is parking behind the building and on the street. We are planning an interesting morning – more on this next week.
- 2) **One Million Rising training, Saturday, January 31st 2026, Miller Library, 2901 Dixwell Ave., Hamden, CT, 06518 – the Program Room.** Led by GNHI members Jo Wilbur and Evelyn Cumberbatch. If you haven't participated in this training before or want to do it again, come join us to learn about the rise of authoritarianism, explore how it is impacting you personally, and find a way to communicate about it to a next person and take action in your life. Please RSVP so we have a good estimate of attendance to the GNHI email: greaternewhavenindivisible@gmail.com

For those who want MORE PROTESTS, ACTIONS, INFORMATION...

Local, recurring protests to join - it's fun!

- Join **Corner Warriors** in Hamden every Sunday, from January 4th to March 29th meeting 12-1pm, outside Town Memorial Hall, on the corner of Whitney and Dixwell Aves in Hamden, CT.
- Join **CT Visibility Brigade** and protest on bridges & overpasses around the area. Email the group at: Ctvisibilitybrigade@gmail.com
- Join regular **ProChoice protests** on Saturdays starting at 9am outside Planned Parenthood on 345 Whitney Ave. in New Haven – to counter other side's protests
- Join **New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice**, every Sunday (ongoing since 1999), 12-1pm, at corner Broadway, Park and Elm Streets, in New Haven. Resist this endless war and fascism now! <https://newhavensundayvigil.org>
- Join **Refuse Fascism** Mondays from 3-4pm on the *Frontage Rd. sidewalk outside the Towers East Gate*. Contact the group here: newhaven@refusefascism.org

National Protest:

- **Women's March, January 20th, 2pm.** Women's March: "We will walk out of work, school, commerce because a Free America begins the moment we stop cooperating with fascism!" – read more at <https://www.womensmarch.com/>
- And, **Refuse Fascism** continues to do "**Surround the White House**" protests; date of next one not known at present.

Politics:

- The Indivisible Action Coalition produced [a group sign-on letter to Congress asking it to speak](#)

[out against Trump's recent tyrannical actions in the Western Hemisphere](#). GNHI signed onto it.

- **Call/email/write and thank Senator Chris Murphy** for being part of the “**Fight Club**” in the senate; the members are calling for Chuck Schumer to step aside.
- **Stay tuned** for information & actions on the primaries and mid-terms...

Defend Democracy:

- **Call/email/write our CT State Senator's and Congress-people** – to ask them to move forward on laws to codify **No Excuse Absentee Voting** in 2026 before another ballot measure is required.
- **The “Protect the Ballot” initiative** is a national initiative being undertaken by various groups (Indivisible Action Coalition, Free Speech For People, Coalition for Good Governance) to make elections more secure in districts/states where election security is not robust (info@protecttheballot.vote). **Here is a [link to previous sessions](#)** which include embedded links to recordings of each or our prior webinars, along with background reading and reference materials. The next session will be on **Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 pm ET / 4:00 pm PT**.
- The Coalition for Good Governance recently filed a **complaint** with Georgia's State Election Board seeking a temporary statewide order to use the existing paper backup balloting system in the 2026 elections.
- Indivisible's Federal Advocacy Coalition drafted a letter to US Governors asking them to safeguard the 2026 midterm elections with multiple specific asks for them to take to do this. GNHI signed onto this letter.

Immigration:

- To **volunteer with New Haven Immigrant Coalition (NHIC)**, use their LinkTree site below and the Volunteer button to link to their JotForm; sign-up and they will call you to discuss what level you want to be involved/volunteer:
<https://linktr.ee/NHVimmigrants>
- If you see ICE, call the NHIC's **rapid response line: 854-666-4472**. Put it in your phone contacts for quick and easy use. If you are or know someone who needs help, also use this number.
- Consider **giving** to groups working on immigration issues:
 - o Defending Our Neighbors Fund: <https://defendingourneighbors.org/>
 - o New Haven Immigrant Coalition: <https://linktr.ee/NHVimmigrants>
 - o United We Dream: <https://unitedwedream.org/>

LGBTQ+ Issues:

- The Trump Administration is trying to end Gender-Related/Affirming care for minors, but ultimately they have their sights on ending this for adults too; they are strong-arming hospitals into stopping this care or else they will stop Medicare and Medicaid payments to those hospitals – essentially shutting down the hospitals. There is a 60-day comment period on these actions – join in efforts to “**Crush the Comments**” – dates below. Two members of GNHI - Beth and Eve - will be at the January 22nd one in North Haven.



- Also, the House passed bills **banning and criminalizing healthcare for transgender Americans; call/email/write our Senators and urge them to oppose these bills** (HR3492, the “Protect Children’s Innocence Act”, and HR498, the “Do No Harm in Medicaid Act”). **Use 5-Calls App** – it makes this easy!

Healthcare/Medical/Insurance:

- [Send an email to your Senators demanding they restore healthcare subsidies NOW](#). Last week, the House voted to restore the Affordable Care Act subsidies that Trump made lapse last year, leading to skyrocketing healthcare premiums for millions of Americans. Now the Senate must do the same.
- Yesterday, the Trump Administration abruptly cancelled nearly \$2 billion funding for mental health and substance use programs administered through SAMHSA. In a rapid turnaround, after much advocacy work, this funding was then reinstated. However, given the January 30th government funding deadline it isn’t clear what will happen to this funding in that bill. **Call/email/write** Members of Congress and tell them that funding for mental health and substance use programs is essential.
- **Call/email/write Governor Lamont** in support of continued funding to Planned Parenthood, in face of lobbying from religious groups who seek to end this funding.

https://portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont?language=en_US

- **Call/email/write your State representatives** and ask that they support State Senator Martin Looney’s proposal that would allow small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals being priced out of the Obamacare/ACA’s insurance exchanges, to join the state employee health-plan.

<https://www.newhavenindependent.org/2025/11/18/looney-pushes-public-option/>

- The website Reproductive Freedom for All offers further actions people can take: <https://reproductivefreedomforall.org/take-action/>

Housing:

- **Call/write Governor Lamont** and ask him to use the surplus to cover this \$70million housing short-fall – to prevent an increase in homelessness this coming winter.

Food Insecurity:

- Donate to Food Banks in Connecticut: <https://www.ctfoodshare.org>
- If restaurants, cafés, etc. want to participate or if anyone has lost SNAP benefits and could use a **vouchers” to get a free meal**, they can contact **WitchBitchThrift**, 105 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT, 203-553-5703 to find out about this program.

Climate Change actions:

- Sunrise New Haven and Sierra Club CT are having a Rally to Make Polluters Pay on January 28th. Here is the

RSVP link to sign up for the rally: [Rally to Make Polluters Pay](#)

History:

- Rachel Maddow's six-part series investigating the role that people at the highest levels of the military, the government, and media developed the basis and plans to round-up and transfer Japanese people from the west coast of the U.S. into concentration camps, and how there was little pushback to these plans, with a focus on some of the violations going on right now in the U.S.

<https://www.ms.now/rachel-maddow-presents-burn-order>

Other general ACTIONS to take:

- Download the **5 Calls** App on your phone – this makes it very easy to call your state and federal representatives on a variety of issues.
- Attend the **national Indivisible** meetings via Zoom every Thursday from 3-4pm (go to the national Indivisible website and just sign-up). There are other trainings on the site that you can attend also.
- Check out the **Progressive Action Roundtable** newsletters at: <https://par-newhaven.org/>
- You can check the **Take Action CT** website for more actions to take in CT: <https://www.ccag.net/take-action.html>

Science/Academia/Education:

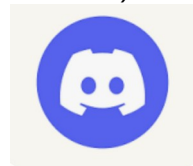
- The website Defend Public Health offers some actions people can take: <https://www.defendpublichealth.org/get-involved>
- The website for Union of Concerned Scientists offers actions people can take, including signing up for a webinar on how scientists can stand up for democracy: <https://www.ucs.org/take-action>

National initiatives: One Million Rising: If you haven't already, watch the three One Million Rising trainings; they are on the NoKings website and YouTube:

- <https://www.nokings.org/rise#library>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@onemillionrising>

And, there is more on **GNHI's Discord Account...** This is where people can participate on-going – post, discuss, organize, plan actions. Below are the steps to get on this Discord account.

- 1) **Download the Discord App on your phone &/or computer:**



- 2) While on your phone or computer, **click on the invite link/invite below:**

<https://discord.gg/rwefJQYBd>

- 3) Once you are in the GNHI Discord account, start using it.

The account has multiple “categories” with “channels” for discussions, meetings, and actions. And, there is a direct messaging (DM) function to message any member or groups. It's a smorgasbord – read, post, do - as much or little as you want. Let us know if you are having difficulty doing this.

Remember to take care of yourself - move your body, eat healthy and sleep well, socialize with family and friends, and remember you are not alone!