

**Subject:** weekly email

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Hi Everyone,

A little good news and a win for Free Speech in CT this week! Yesterday at the US District Court in Bridgeport, the ACLU of CT reached a settlement with the State's commissioner of public safety who will issue an order limiting state troopers from breaking up highway overpass demonstrations. The Bridge Brigade can now breathe easier and protest with less anxiety about getting arrested.

<https://www.ctpublic.org/news/investigative/2026-02-12/connecticut-state-police-agree-to-allow-highway-overpass-demonstrations>

Otherwise, the Trump Administration continues to follow an authoritarian playbook. So, the resistance must continue... Below are various actions that can be taken. Remember, you are not alone and there is power in collective action. Probably no one can or will do all of them, but even small actions by many add up!

In solidarity,

Eve

**NEXT NO KINGS PROTEST – Mark the date/time: March 28<sup>th</sup>, NEW HAVEN GREEN, 3-5:30pm**



Note: large protests in New Haven are costly (police overtime, stage set-up, sound system, etc.) So, please **DONATE**; consider \$10-20 (but do what you are able). Greater Westville Indivisible is collecting the funds; here is their link and a QR code:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/no-kings-3-28>



## UP-COMING GNHI EVENTS, and SURVEY & CALL FOR HELP

**1) GNHI SURVEY:** please take this short (8 questions) survey and tell us how you want to **get involved in GNHI**. For survey, paste the following link in your browser:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLtPt73MjRkr-H-\\_a6mVM8i3oMVuPJrYv-8dNkDKQ019g1BA/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLtPt73MjRkr-H-_a6mVM8i3oMVuPJrYv-8dNkDKQ019g1BA/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

**2) Direct call for help!** We are trying to **stabilize our communications infrastructure** and need help so we don't have a single point of failure. If you have experience in this area or are willing to be a secondary manager, please drop Bruce Lerner, our technical liaison, a note on Discord or [bruce@gnhi.net](mailto:bruce@gnhi.net)

**3) Next GNHI Meeting: Saturday, February 28th, 10:15am-12pm at Stetson Library, 197 Dixwell Ave, New Haven, CT 06511.** We will likely spend time organizing for the No Kings protest on March 28th.

## WEEKLY TO-DOs: NOW, TODAY, THIS WEEK...

**1) CONTINUE to PUSH SENATORS to REIN IN ICE!** Continue to **Call and Demand that the Senate PUSH** for a Department for Homeland Security appropriations bill that does not add a penny more to its bloated budget and puts serious restrictions on ICE. 60 votes are needed to pass it – so Democrats have leverage.

- [Contact Congress to Halt ICE Terror now!](#)
- Use 5 Calls App, or call directly:
  - Senator Blumenthal: (860) 258-6940
  - Senator Murphy: (860) 549-8463

**\*Senator Blumenthal has a bill allowing citizens to bring civil lawsuits against federal agents.** So, in your calls, support this too.

**\*And, Representative Rosa DeLauro** is not yet a cosponsor on the **Impeach Kristi Noem** bill and appears to be waiting for Noem to resign. Ask DeLauro support this now: Representative DeLauro: (203) 562-3718

**2) BEFORE FEBRUARY 15th - CRUSH THE COMMENTS! – and Protect ACCESS To Gender Affirming Care for adolescents.** The Trump Administration is trying to end gender affirming care for minors by proposing two rules that will restrict gender affirming care. You can comment on the Federal Registry, but to ensure your privacy, use the Equality Connecticut portal to comment: <https://eqct.org/commentportal/>

## **3) Protecting the State of CT: 3 CALLS TO ACTION**

The **ACLU-CT** is promoting the **Building Power and Taking Action** initiative – this will lay-out actions the CT State Legislature and Governor (now Lamont) can take to protect our civil liberties and communities in CT and from Trump Administration Overreach.

- [Click Here: Building Power and Taking Action with ACLU-CT - Webinar Recording](#)
- *1-pager of 2026 ACLU-CT Legislative Priorities* (attached)
- 2026 ACLU-CT Legislative Priorities Presentation (attached)
- 1-pager of 10-Ways to Get Involved (Attached)
- Learn more about 2026 ACLU-CT Policy Agenda: [Our 2026 Legislative Session Policy Agenda - ACLU of Connecticut](#)

**A. ACTION 1: Email Your Legislators! Tell Them Defending Voting Access, Protect Data Privacy, and Preventing Misuse of Power are Important to You**

- **How:** You can copy and paste this template and replace RED TEXT with your own personal info: [Call to Action Email Template - 2026 Legislative Priorities KickOff - Google Docs](#).
- You can find your legislators here: [CGA Find Your Legislator](#)

**B) ACLU ACTION 2 – Submit Written Testimony to the General Government and Demand Voting Access and the Secretary of the State’s Office Remain Fully Funded- Time Sensitive!**

- House Bill 5032: An Act Adjusting the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027 is asking the state to support full funding for the Office of the Secretary of the State which provides essential services related to voting.
- **WHAT:** Ask the General Government Subcommittee to vote for full funding for the Office of the Secretary of the State to ensure the access to vote.
- **HOW:** There is still time to submit written testimony. You can copy & paste & edit to make it your own the template attached to start drafting your written testimony.
- **WHERE:** You can submit on the CGA Testimony Submission Site Here: [Submit Testimony](#). Select Hearing Date 2/10/2026 - Bill Number 5032

**C) ACLU ACTION 3 - Call Governor Lamont Now and Demand National Guard Protections for Connecticut;** he can sign an executive order that sets guardrails to prevent the Trump administration from misusing Connecticut’s National Guard.

- **WHAT:** Ask your members to call Governor Lamont today!
- **HOW:** Use our Call to Action Alert Page below to call Governor Lamont at (860) 566-4840.
- **WHERE:** [Call Governor Lamont Now and Demand National Guard Protections for Connecticut - ACLU of Connecticut](#)
- **LEARN MORE** about the Executive Order by watching this Webinar: [Protections Against National Guard Deployment CT, CT ACLU, CT For All, and CT Students for a Dream](#)

**AND:Call/email/write your CT State Representative/Senator** and demand legislation that protects CT:

- ICE agents not be masked, always identify their name/agency
- Always have judicial warrant, no warrantless sweeps
- Require local police to intervene with ICE & stop them when acting illegally.
- And: allow citizens to sue ICE if their civil rights are violated.

**Call/email/write your Mayor and Local Representative** and demand that they pass similar local ordinances/policies against ICE as above.

**AND, FOR THOSE WHO WANT MORE... Here are MANY OTHER PROTESTS, ACTIONS, INFORMATION...**

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



- Join **Corner Warriors** in Hamden every Sunday, 12-1pm from January 4<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> , (when warmer 11am-1pm), outside Town Memorial Hall, corner of Whitney and Dixwell Aves.
- Join **CT Visibility Brigade** and protest on bridges & overpasses around the area. Email the group at: [Ctvisibilitybrigade@gmail.com](mailto: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 protest – on hold until it’s not so cold** (usually Mondays from 3-4pm on the Frontage Rd. sidewalk outside the Towers East Gate). Refuse Fascism has done a number of “**Surround the White House**” protests; date of next one not known at present. Contact the group for info & updates: [newhaven@refusefascism.org](mailto:newhaven@refusefascism.org)

### **General resistance tactics:**

- **Nonviolent Direct Action Tactics & Strategy Training**, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 5:00pm ET, Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Tpke, Hamden, CT 06517  
<https://secure.everyaction.com/ppqvf7KCEE-xCwMM3T2Srg2>
- **Learn how to make better videos: Part One of Indivisible’s Micro-Creator Training Series!** Watch the recording of Part One here: [RECORDING HERE](#)  
Join Indivisible’s **Creator Caucus**: [CREATOR CAUCUS](#)  
**Join Part 2 Micro-Creator Series**; Wed, March 4, 2026, 3-4pm EST: [REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Politics:**

- **February 17th, National Lobbying Day to Impeach Trump**; [join 50501 and other groups locally at Rosa DeLauro's office, 9:30am, 59 Elm St, New Haven, CT 06510.](#)

- **[Feb 21! CT For All Democracy School: Stand Up CT Campaign!](#)**

Hope you can join us at the CT For All Democracy School: Stand Up CT Campaign! Questions? Email [constanza@connecticutforall.org](mailto:constanza@connecticutforall.org) What: Alignment Building and Skills Training Session with Spanish Interpretation When: Saturday February 21, 10am-2pm (9:30am arrival) Where: CT State Community College Middlesex, Middletown, CT <https://secure.ngpvan.com/EiL8RaQYDkigbK7nf3BftQ2>

**SATURDAY Feb 21st, 10am-2pm**  
 CT State Community College Middlesex, Middletown, CT  
 Location details provided after registering.  
 Light Breakfast and Lunch + Interpretacion en Español

[ctfa.info/democracyschool-feb21](http://ctfa.info/democracyschool-feb21)

Questions? [constanza@connecticutforall.org](mailto:constanza@connecticutforall.org)

- **February 24, 5:30pm at Trinity Temple (Dixwell Ave) Solidarity Summit** Hosted by **New Haven Rising** (a community organization that advocates for racial, economic and social justice for all New Haveners) and the broader community-labor-faith coalition. **We want ICE OUT, MONEY IN!** Come hear about the struggles of working and poor people from Minneapolis to New Haven and how together we can win more investment in jobs, housing and education. RSVP at [www.newhavenrising.org/feb24](http://www.newhavenrising.org/feb24)
- **National Indivisible Endorsements** of three grassroots-backed candidates positioned as stronger, more confrontational alternatives to establishment incumbents.
  - o **Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate in Minnesota**
  - o **Brad Lander in NY-10**
  - o **Dr. Jasmine Clark in GA-13**

### Defend Democracy:

- **Protecting Our Multiracial and Multifaith Democracy: Continuing the Conversation, Sunday, February 22, 2pm-5pm, The Lab at ConnCORG 496 Newhall St, Hamden, CT (parking at 245 Morse St.); [RSVP Here](#) by February 18<sup>th</sup>.** (After Eric Ward's call to action on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2025; see [CMI YouTube Channel](#)); Questions - contact: [confrontracismcmi@gmail.com](mailto:confrontracismcmi@gmail.com)
- **The "Protect the Ballot" initiative** is a national initiative 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, such as Georgia. ([info@protecttheballot.vote](mailto:info@protecttheballot.vote)). Next Session: next webinar training will take place at **7 pm Tuesday, February 10**. Please register [HERE](#). Catch up on prior sessions [HERE](#).

### Immigration:

#### Direct Actions:

- **New Haven Immigrant Coalition (NHIC)** covers New Haven, Hamden, and West, East, and North Haven – with rapid response team, Court Accompaniment, KYR and Hot/helpline. To **volunteer with 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. To join or get connected:  
Links: <https://linktr.ee/NHVimmigrants>  
Volunteer sign-up: <https://form.jotform.com/252384576243159>
- 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.

#### Informative/Supportive Actions:

- **Support the Husky for Immigrants Campaign**; write testimonies in support: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm, New Haven Price Center, 50 Orange St., New Haven, CT 06510



- [Push for corporate accountability](#) and demand that Target, Hilton, Enterprise, Home Depot, and Delta stand up to ICE
- **Boycott: Citizen's Bank; they fund ICE Prisons;** Don't give them your business – end any banking relationship you have with Citizens and write Citizens' corporate to tell them why. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/17OMHM9fklmucjqwsm31AwuYYUKLVqrYRNDQzDdg0\\_1A/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17OMHM9fklmucjqwsm31AwuYYUKLVqrYRNDQzDdg0_1A/edit?tab=t.0)
- **HANDS OFF CT** ([handsoffct@gmail.com](mailto:handsoffct@gmail.com)) aims to be a collective of community

organizations, churches, unions, activists, and immigrants that are committed to protecting CT's immigrant community from ICE and federal immigration enforcement. We aim to build a statewide effort that can gather, support, and uplift local community groups and hyper-local structures that operate and grow across all Connecticut to protect and empower our immigrant communities.

- o **Introduction meeting was on Friday, Jan 23!** Slides from meeting:
  - o [https://www.canva.com/design/DAG-Ozsgcss/bFcis7E-2vIhGlbwJTYB6A/edit?utm\\_content=DAG-Ozsgcss&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link2&utm\\_source=sharebutton](https://www.canva.com/design/DAG-Ozsgcss/bFcis7E-2vIhGlbwJTYB6A/edit?utm_content=DAG-Ozsgcss&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton)
  - o Fill out google form to join Hands Off CT: <https://forms.gle/XvLAM7bBG34oGP6m8>
- Keep up with **IRIS** ; they have a lot of community resources, in several different languages, in the [Immigration Resources Hub](#).
- Consider **DONATING** to groups working on immigration issues:
  - Defending Our Neighbors Fund: <https://defendingourneighbors.org/>
  - New Haven Immigrant Coalition: <https://linktr.ee/NHVimmigrants>
  - United We Dream: <https://unitedwedream.org/>
- **Regarding Giving to Minnesota**, on the Discord Account under Immigration and Actions, there are lots more ways to give to various communities in Minnesota that have been affected by the ICE authoritarian crackdown. There are too many to list - so please look there.
- **CONTINUE: Shine A Light on Minnesota**; place a light source (non-flammable, please!) in a window or outside in solidarity with Minnesota until ICE leaves.

#### LGBTQ+ Issues:

- The **Trump Administration is trying to end Gender-Related/Affirming care for minors** (though ultimately they have their sights on ending this for adults too). Now, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services/Health & Human Services is attacking the healthcare of trans & non-binary youth by proposing two rules restricting gender affirming care. Please **OPPOSE on these proposed rules**:
  - o To learn about the rules & how to comment, go to: <https://outaccountabilityproject.org/cmstoolkit/>
  - o You can comment on the Federal Registry, but to insure your privacy, use the Equality Connecticut portal to comment: <https://eqct.org/commentportal/>

#### Healthcare/Medical/Insurance/Science:

- **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](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/>
- The website **Defend Public Health** offers some actions people can take: <https://www.defendpublichealth.org/get-involved>

Science/Academia/Education:

- 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>

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 **WitchBitchThrft**, 105 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT, 203-553-5703 to find out about this program.

Other general ACTIONS to take:

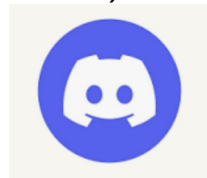
- Download the **5 Calls** App on your phone – this makes it very easy to call your state and federal representatives on a variety of issues.
  - Attend the **national Indivisible** meetings via Zoom every Thursday from 3-4pm (go to the national Indivisible website and just sign-up). To find recent What's the Plan recordings (that week's by midday Friday): [YouTube What's the Plan Playlist](#).
- And: **What's the Plan? is now a podcast!**
- 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>

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 much 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/94fXUF48J>

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.

— Attachments: —

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2026 Legislative Priorities Presentation ACLU-CT.pdf	440 KB
1-pager 2026 ACLU-CT Legislative Priorities.pdf	174 KB
10 Ways to Get Involved - ACLU-CT.pdf	109 KB