

Subject: weekly email

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Hi Everyone,

Thanks to Stan at Refuse Fascism New Haven, we were made aware of this moving dance performance - on YouTube below. On President's Day, Feb16th, a team of Broadway and former Kennedy Center dancers staged performances outside of the Kennedy Center and at the Lincoln Memorial. At the Kennedy Center, the dancers got partway into their routine before officers stopped them, saying they were not allowed on federal property. But they were able to perform their dance in full at the Lincoln Memorial.

<https://youtu.be/0R-POk8OeE4>

Our resistance marches on... 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 – March 28th, 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 QR code.

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



Also, **Help Make/Accessorize and/or Carry Giant Puppets for No Kings 3 protest in New**

Haven! RSVP to Muffy Pendergast, Westville artist and community puppet builder at muffysart@gmail.com if you want to be involved in this.

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

1) Tonight! Zoom Action Together session with Bruce, every Wednesday at 7pm.
Join Bruce to make calls &/or write emails about a various up-to-date issues in 1/2 hour. Bruce will be happy to stay on to make additional calls and discuss issues.
Time: Feb 25, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Weekly Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81621173578?pwd=1p5CnpgzbSm4q7tnCAIOmZNBeFpQ1d.1>
Meeting ID: 816 2117 3578
Passcode: 172837

2) Next GNHI Meeting: Saturday, February 28th, 10:15am-12pm at Stetson Library, 197 Dixwell Ave, New Haven, CT 06511. We will likely have an Observer Training and a report from a GNHI member and local business owner about organizing local neighborhood business owners re: immigrant rights and having a rapid-notification network. We will also likely spend some time discussing and organizing for the No Kings protest on March 28th.

2) 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>

3) Direct call for help! We at GNHI need more help with various issues; if you want to be more involved, consider joining us. We need the following roles: back up tech person, back up treasurer, attendees/reporters of other meetings, social media tenders.

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

1) ICE OUT FOR GOOD! Indivisible PHONE-BANKS: Indivisible is [holding phonebanks every Tuesday at 1pm ET-- that's right, every Tuesday!](#)

2) 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.

PROTECTING THE STATE of CONNECTICUT:

3) 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](#)
- 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 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](#)

4) **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.

5) Project Salt Box: <https://projectsaltbox.substack.com/about>

Connecticut state legislators and those in our local municipalities need to be aware of ICE's push to buy land and warehouses to store its detainees. We need them to stay ahead of what is coming down the road, prepared to fight back against federal purchase of any such property in CT.

ReSisters, an activist group in Lower Fairfield, CT, is turning its attention to this outrage and has plans to engage their elected representatives in heading off such purchases. See their sample letter to legislators below and feel free to use it to contact your legislators.

https://grassrootsconnector.substack.com/p/project-salt-box?r=g2b8&utm_medium=ios&triedRedirect=true

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 4th to March 29th , (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
- 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

Politics:

- **Connecticut Progressive Roundtable** – sponsored by other groups (GNHI not endorsing any candidate); attend and meet progressive candidates primarying incumbent candidates; **March 7th 10-11:30am, virtual** – sign up via QR code on their material below:
 - **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 for Congress in GA-13;** [You can donate directly to Dr. Clark's campaign here!](#)

Defend Democracy:

- **Volunteer with Vote Forward** – Train to answer calls or texts from voters for seeking more information about the election and how to vote and for information about resources to help address their real, human needs. **Sign up for this call to action by tomorrow February 26th; If you are interested in joining the Voter Support Team, please sign up here, and we'll reach out with next steps soon.** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFgf_VP7N9tiG-lizZGrBrVVYqGQzJhHYPcwEY89svQVe7Tw/viewform
 - **Protecting Our Multiracial and Multifaith Democracy: Continuing the Conversation, Sunday, March 1st, 2pm-5pm**, The Lab at ConnCORP 496 Newhall St, Hamden, CT (parking at 245 Morse St.); **RSVP Here** by February 18th. (After Eric Ward's call to action on November 11th 2025; see [CMI YouTube Channel](#)); Questions - contact: 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). Catch up on prior sessions **HERE**.
 - **By March 3rd 2026: Indivisible Action Coalition: Action regarding GA Elections. Trump's [band of election deniers stole the statewide voting software from Coffee County, Georgia](#).** There is a way to make Georgia's elections secure - switch from touchscreen ballot-marking devices (BMDs) to hand-marked paper ballots (HMPBs); all Georgia polling places already have them on hand, and poll workers are already trained in their use. Senator Jon Ossoff's voice on this issue carries immense weight.
 - o Print the following letter to his campaign office in GA, write your signature at the bottom, print your name and address at the bottom, and snail-mail the letter to his GA campaign office. [To the Ossoff Campaign in GA](#)
 - o Regarding this letter ([To Ossoff's legislative office in DC](#)) to Ossoff's DC office, please fill out [this sign-on form](#), so we can add your personal name, city and state, to that letter.

Immigration:

Direct Actions:

- **Volunteer for Immigrant Justice Tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026 | 6:30–8 PM** at the Guilford Free Library. Attorney Glenn Formica (American Immigrant Law Clinic) will share concrete ways volunteers can support people detained by ICE. We'll then break into small groups to connect you with next steps..Plan is to build our Rapid Response List. **RSVP Required** to epk13@me.com.
- **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:

- GNHI signed onto a letter telling Chief Justice Mullins and the Lamont Administration to update the procedural rules on the courts to **expand and increase access to remote hearings to protect immigrants**.
- If you missed the Eyes On ICE training, [here](#) is the recorded event.
- **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
- **HANDS OFF CT** (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
 - 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 **giving** 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: non presently. Thanks to all who put in comments to OPPOSE proposed CMMS/ HHS rules to prohibit transgender affirming care for adolescents.

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
- **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://reproductivfreedomforall.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:

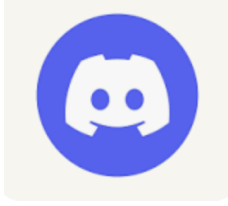
- <https://www.nokings.org/rise#library>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@onemillionrising>

Learning on some general resistance tactics:

- **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](#)

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.