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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: A Filibuster-by-Amendment to Block Trumpcare				
Why:	<p>While the Russia-Trump scandal has distracted the nation, Mitch McConnell and an all-male panel of 13 Republican Senators have been working in secret on a healthcare bill. Nobody knows what this bill looks like or how it differs from the House's American Health Care Act, which would cause an estimated 23 million people to lose their health insurance by 2026. The GOP wants to keep it that way.</p> <p>McConnell and Republican Senators intend to submit their secret healthcare bill to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) without any committee hearings, discussions, bipartisan debate, or public comments. They will keep the bill's contents secret until the CBO finishes scoring the legislation. This means they would only release the bill publicly mere days or even hours before the final vote, which they plan to hold on or before June 30th (by contrast, Senate Democrats held over 30 Senate Finance Committee meetings to draft the Affordable Care Act and included their Republican colleagues in these meetings). This GOP strategy contravenes the spirit of our democratic process, and we must not stand for it.</p> <p>We can do something about this: Demand Democratic Senators block a final AHCA vote by introducing thousands of amendments during the reconciliation process, an approach known as filibustering by amendment. Further, we can urge Republican Senators to push their colleagues to draft their healthcare replacement openly and publicly. The American public deserves to know what is in their healthcare legislation, and the egregious behavior by the GOP must be stopped.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>IF DEMOCRAT Rep: I'm calling today because I'm upset about the GOP's strategy to write and pass the American Health Care Act in secret, with no Senate hearings or public debate. I'm demanding that [SEN NAME] work with other Democrats to plan a filibuster by amendment during the reconciliation vote-a-rama on the AHCA and block the passage of this cruel bill. Your constituents are counting on you to fight for their healthcare.</p> <p>IF REPUBLICAN Rep: I'm calling today because I'm upset at the GOP's strategy to write and pass the American Health Care Act in secret, with no Senate hearings or public debate. I'm demanding that [SEN NAME] urge their colleagues to hold hearings on this bill and stop bypassing our democratic process.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Share a personal story of why the ACA is so important to you, your family, and / or your community]</p>				

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Call:	US Senators House Rep PA Senator PA House Rep
Issue:	Oppose: Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, HR 1215
Why:	<p>The Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017, HR 1215, would dramatically undermine patient protections against malpractice and medical error. Because the bill would preempt any less-stringent state laws on malpractice, it would significantly alter malpractice law in at least 47 states. The bill would limit non-economic damages for malpractice to \$250,000 and shorten the statute of limitations for malpractice suits. The bill would also ban patients from filing class action lawsuits against doctors that prescribe FDA-approved drugs or medical devices that cause them harm. This provision is particularly troubling given that a 2014 study found newly FDA-approved drugs have a 1 in 5 chance of causing adverse reactions in some patients.</p> <p>The bill's sponsors argue that it is a justifiable measure to contain healthcare costs, citing the persistent myth that malpractice claims drive the United States' astronomically high healthcare spending. However, medical negligence suits contribute to only 0.5-1% of all medical costs. The real beneficiaries of HR 1215 will be pharmaceutical companies, who have long advocated for so-called malpractice reform to minimize their liability for damages caused by hastily-approved drugs. If Congress truly wants to address healthcare spending, they must focus on the major contributors to our healthcare costs, like inflated pharmaceutical costs and high hospital service fees, instead of stripping away consumer protections.</p> <p>The House is scheduled to vote on HR 1215 the week of June 19th.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my opposition to HR 1215, the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017. Reducing healthcare spending is an admirable policy goal, but it should not be achieved by eroding people's legal protections against medical malpractice while shielding pharmaceutical companies from lawsuits over hastily-approved drugs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>

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Call:	US Senators House Rep PA Senator PA House Rep
Issue:	Support: Healthcare that protects people with pre-existing
Why:	<p>On Thursday, May 4th, House Republicans rammed through a wildly unpopular, staggeringly inadequate replacement for the Affordable Care Act, the American Health Care Act (AHCA). While this bill was passed without a score from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a subsequent CBO report predicted the AHCA would leave 23 million people uninsured by 2026 (largely due to rollbacks of Medicaid expansion), increase premiums dramatically for middle-class and older consumers and people with preexisting conditions, and provide tax breaks to the wealthy and to insurance company executives.</p> <p>The House version of the AHCA would be especially disastrous for people with preexisting conditions, as the bill allows states to charge people higher premiums based on their health status and segregate people with pre-existing conditions into high-risk pools when they are pushed out of their regular insurance plans. Under this arrangement, people with preexisting conditions could face astronomically high surcharges. The Center for American Progress estimated a 40-year-old with autism could pay 135% more than the standard premium cost for care, while someone with metastatic cancer could pay 3,500% more.</p> <p>As the Senate drafts their own Affordable Care Act replacement, it is critical that they preserve the ACA's protections for people with preexisting conditions. Urge your Senator not to vote for any healthcare bill that allows insurance companies to discriminate against people because of their health status.</p>
Script:	Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.

I'm calling today to urge my [Senator/ Representative] not to vote for any healthcare bill that does not preserve the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with preexisting conditions. The Senator should work to repair the Affordable Care Act, not replace it with an inferior bill that leaves millions uninsured and drives up costs for millions more.

[OPTIONAL: Share a story about why protections for people with preexisting conditions is important to you.]

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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Coats and Rogers refused to answer basic questions about Trump's requests				
Why:	<p>On June 7th, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Dan Coats, National Security Agency (NSA) Director Adm. Michael S. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe testified in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee, where they were questioned about their interactions with Trump. Several news outlets previously reported that Trump personally asked both Coats and Rogers to intervene with Comey and the Russian probe and encourage Comey to back off the investigation. It was also reported that both men did not feel comfortable with Trump's request and did not act on his wishes.</p> <p>During the hearing, however, both Coats and Rogers refused to answer basic questions about Trump's requests. "I'm not prepared to answer your question today," Coats responded to Marco Rubio when asked if he had ever "been asked by the president or the White House to influence an ongoing investigation." Rogers also refused to answer questions, stating "I'm not going to discuss the specifics of discussions with the president of the United States." As multiple Senators from both sides of the aisle pointed out, these questions were not classified matters and answering them in an publicized session was not dangerous or illegal in any sense. Despite the fact that there was no legal basis for the men to refuse to answer the Senators' questions, the intelligence officers continued to stonewall. Their motive or reasoning is still unclear.</p> <p>The public has a right to know if Trump has asked our top intelligence officers to help him squash an ongoing investigation. These are not classified conversations and should be made public.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm deeply disappointed that Admiral Rogers / Director Coats would not answer basic questions during the Senate Intelligence Hearing about conversations they had with Trump concerning Comey or the Russia investigation. The American public has a right to know if the president behaved inappropriately, and we need transparency from our intelligence leaders in order to maintain any faith in our national institutions.</p> <p>I'm calling today to urge my [Senator/ Representative] to get obtain full answers on these matters.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Oppose: Leaving the Paris Climate Accord				
Why:	<p>President Trump has made the decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord despite overwhelming opposition from nearly every direction: a majority of American voters support the agreement and nearly every country in the world—195 in total—have signed the landmark accord; Elon Musk has resigned as advisor to Trump's business council; even shareholders at Exxon Mobil have called for greater and focus on the costs of climate change, signaling that investors want fossil fuel companies to move toward a low-carbon economy.</p> <p>Withdrawing from the agreement will at best damage U.S. competitiveness as other countries take the lead in the global transition to clean energy. It will also do serious damage to U.S. strategic interests</p>				

	around the world by alienating U.S. allies and undermining U.S. policy priorities. And all of that isn't even touching on the impact that pulling out of the deal will have on climate change.
Script:	<p>I'm calling to urge [REP/SENATOR NAME] to reject the Trump administration's leaving the Paris climate accord.</p> <p>OPTIONAL: Share a personal story or reason why this matters to you. For example:</p> <p>-- Pennsylvania agriculture depends on regular rainfall which is threatened as climate becomes more erratic swinging from droughts to devastating floods.</p> <p>-- Pennsylvania's woods are threatened by pests such as the pine bark beetles that are now able to survive in our warmer winters. Not only affecting wood land lumber, but also creating conditions for rampant fires that can destroy homes, businesses and towns, such as the Gatlinburg, TN fires.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	PA Governor
Issue:	Support: United States Climate Alliance				
Why:	<p>Although Trump has decided to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, individual states maintain their control over their own carbon emission standards and clean energy priorities. If enough states commit to maintaining the standards of the Paris Climate Agreement, the collective achievement can offset the adverse effects of the Trump-led national withdrawal. Governors Jerry Brown of California, Andrew Cuomo of New York and Jay Inslee of Washington formed a "United States Climate Alliance" immediately after the announcement of Trump's Paris Accord decision. Urge your state's Governor to join the cause and continue the fight against climate change.</p>				
Script:	<p>I'm calling because I am extremely alarmed by the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Agreement, and I ask that Governor Wolf] join the United States Climate Alliance with other state leaders to maintain the climate goals set forth in the agreement. Climate change is a real threat to our safety, our health and our economy, and we must do everything we can to fight it.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Public School Funding and Student Loan Protections				
Why:	<p>The Trump administration, along with Secretary Betsy DeVos, laid out their proposal for the 2018 Department of Education budget - a long list of program cuts and funding shifts that would leave public schools underfunded and vulnerable students unprotected. The \$11 billion worth of budget cuts would completely dismantle teacher training programs, after school programs (that mostly serve poor children), class-size reduction efforts, the Special Olympics, and 20 other programs designed to address bullying prevention, mental health, gifted students, as well as arts, foreign language, history and STEM education.</p> <p>Not only does the budget proposal defund a multitude of vital programs, it also devastates the entirety of the public school system. \$400 million would be spent on expanding charter and religious schools, and \$1 billion dollars spent a new grant to promote voucher or 'school choice' programs in public schools, effectively diverting funds away from already struggling public schools and into private schools. Trump and DeVos also have their eyes on overhauling federal financial aid with a proposal to kill the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program (which allows student borrowers to have their debt erased if they work for the government or a nonprofit for at least 10 years), and replace all student loan repayment plans with a single plan, a move that could give one contractor too much power and ability to abuse student borrowers.</p> <p>As if this large number of troubling changes aren't enough and DeVos's priorities aren't already clear, DeVos has also proposed cutting the Dept. of Education's Office of Civil Rights staff by 10%</p>				

	(complaints are on a significant rise) and increasing the budget for her own security by millions of taxpayer dollars.
Script:	<p>I'm calling to urge [REP/SENATOR NAME] to reject the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts to the education department.</p> <p>OPTIONAL: Share a personal story or reason why this matters to you. For example:</p> <p>-- I (or someone close to you) am a product of the public school system, and I think more effort should be spent on improving it, not abandoning it.</p> <p>-- I (or someone close to you) needed federal assistance to pay for higher education, and I support the programs that make it easier for students to do so and protect them from abuse by lending companies.</p> <p>-- It is important to me that my children (or young people close to you) have access to arts (or science, foreign language, etc.) education in their schools, and do not want to see those programs dismantled.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: An independent and Experienced FBI Director				
Why:	<p>Trump has publicly admitted that Russia was on his mind when he fired FBI Director James Comey on May 9. Every day, disturbing revelations emerge about additional ways Trump and his team have attempted to obstruct investigations of his administration's ties to Russia. As Trump rushes to replace Comey, it is more important than ever that Congress appoint an apolitical, independent FBI director.</p> <p>Comey's replacement must be experienced in law enforcement and above politics. The new FBI director also must have impeccable integrity and be committed to an independent agency to ensure they do not obstruct special prosecutor Robert Mueller's investigation of Trump's Russia ties. The Senate must be able to put country before party and resist the confirmation of anyone other than a person with relevant experience and unimpeachable character.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling to encourage [SENATOR's NAME] to insist on an FBI Director with experience in federal law enforcement and running a federal agency who is committed to a politically independent FBI. Anything less will undermine public trust in the FBI and endanger the agency's ability to serve our nation impartially. Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.]</p>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Senate Bill 960, Preserve Public Access to Federal Data				
Why:	<p>In response to the Trump administration's removal of open government data from various sites, Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Cory Gardner (R-CO) introduced S.960, the bipartisan Preserving Data in Government Act. The bill, which is currently before the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, would require federal agencies to continue allowing public access to data sets and prohibit them from removing any data without sufficient public notice.</p> <p>Entrepreneurs, researchers, innovators, and citizens rely on public government data for everything from making business decisions and calculating college costs to forecasting weather and helping farmers. Taxpayer dollars fund this data's collection, and in return, the public should have the right to access and use such data. As Senator Gardner stated, "Once data has been published and made available to the public, it should remain available to the public."</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling today to support Senate Bill 960 to keep open federal data available to the public, which is used in so many ways by small businesses, farmers, students and individuals American taxpayers,</p>				

who pay for the collection of federal data, should have the right to continue using it. How does MoC plan to vote on this matter?

[Optional: add anything else you wish to say here and/or ask questions about the MoC stance]
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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Oppose: Regulatory Accountability Act (RAA)				
Why:	<p>UPDATE (5/17): The Senate Committee on Homeland Security has passed S.951. The bill will now go to the Senate floor for a full vote.</p> <p>The Environmental Defense Fund calls the Regulatory Accountability Act (RAA) "the scariest legislation you've never heard of." The bill is part of a package of bills put forth by the Trump administration that would give corporate interests the ability to roadblock nearly all future regulations created by federal agencies, and jeopardize existing protections. Currently, federal agencies play an important role in creating detailed rules on everything from toxic chemicals, to labor protections, to disability access standards and consumer finance regulations. The current rule-making process is long, burdensome, and heavily favors industry.</p> <p>The RAA would take this bureaucratic process and make it even worse, likely to the point of complete paralysis, by creating dozens of new hurdles and standards that a rule must meet to be finalized and stay in effect. For example, in just one of many hoops, agencies would need to prove that a major rule is the "most cost-effective" option by performing thorough cost-benefit analyses of every possible less stringent alternative rule, and then, the industry would have the opportunity to challenge any part of these analyses. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, the RAA creates "an impossible legal standard to meet and would most likely result in endless litigation."</p> <p>Masked in technicalities, the Regulatory Accountability Act is a backdoor attempt to fundamentally dismantle the ability of federal agencies to create regulations, and allow industry free play at the expense of our health, environment, and civil rights. The bill has already passed the House, and is moving forward quickly in the Senate.</p> <p>In the end it will be the taxpayer that ends up the health consequences of more pollution and will have to pay for the cleanup.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling to express my strong opposition to the Regulatory Accountability Act, S. 951. This process already favors corporate interests, and it needs to be simplified, not complicated, so agencies can make rules to protect our health, environment and civil rights.</p> <p>OPTIONAL: Share a personal example about how federally created protections impact you and/or people you care about. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have children in my life and I am concerned about even more toxic chemicals being allowed in our food, buildings, and toys. • I am a worker and I am concerned about weakening health and safety standards that help protect me from getting injured on the job. • I am a student and I'm concerned about the lack of regulation on the loan industry getting even worse. • I care about clean air and water, and this act would make it nearly impossible for the EPA to regulate new pollutants. • I (or someone I love) lives with a disability and I am concerned about watering down accessibility standards. <p>Thank you for your hard work answering the phones.</p>				

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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: HR 356 – Creation of an Independent Commission				
Why:	<p>On May 10th, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi wrote a letter to Speaker Ryan urging for him to bring H.R. 356, the Protecting Our Democracy Act, to an immediate vote on the floor as soon as the House reconvenes the week of May 15th. The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), would establish an independent commission of 12 non-governmental appointees to fully investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election and any potential ties to the Trump campaign.</p> <p>If Speaker Ryan fails to bring this bill to the floor immediately, Pelosi will file a discharge petition: a parliamentary procedure that allows a bill to be brought to the floor without passing through committee. If a simple majority of House members sign the discharge petition, Pelosi can force a floor vote on the measure. Currently, every Democrat has agreed to sign the petition.</p> <p>While a special prosecutor is clearly needed after the abrupt firing of FBI Director Comey, especially given the role AG Sessions and Deputy AG Rosenstein played in the decision, an independent commission is still needed to ensure a fair and thorough investigation. A special prosecutor will be able to press criminal charges if necessary, but he/she could still be controlled or even fired. An independent commission, however, would have more autonomy and will produce an extensive, conclusive report of its findings, including information of wrongdoings that may not warrant criminal charges but is still vital for the American public to know.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling today to support HR356 to create an independent commission to investigate Russian tampering in the Presidential election and possible collusion by the Trump campaign. I believe we need to protect our democratic process from foreign intervention. How does _MoC_ plan to vote on this matter?</p> <p>[Optional: add anything else you wish to say here and/or ask questions about the _MoC_ stance] Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.]</p>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Internet Neutrality				
Why:	<p>Internet users scored a significant victory in 2015 when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) installed protections for net neutrality and the "open Internet." Net neutrality allows all users to have equal access to everything available on the Internet, and prevents Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from essentially turning the internet into cable television -- creating fast and slow speeds for sites of their choosing and charging consumers premium prices for upgraded access. Without net neutrality, small businesses, low-income individuals, and much of rural America would lose access to affordable, reasonably fast internet service.</p> <p>The four major ISPs (Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Verizon, and AT&T) have been lobbying against the 2014 net neutrality regulations, frustrated by the constraints placed on their ability to profit from those who need their services the most. In response to their persuasions, the new FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has pledged to roll back these net neutrality protections and instead rely on the ISPs to instead make voluntary, unenforceable commitments that they will maintain the open Internet. Congress needs to know that net neutrality is not up for debate and the open Internet must be preserved.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling today to support FCC 2015 ruling on internet equal access. For those of us who live outside of major metropolitan areas the speed and quality of internet access will be reduced. In addition the content providers will be charged indiscriminately and may be used to suppress content not approved by the service provider. How does _MoC_ plan to vote on this matter?</p> <p>[Optional: add anything else you wish to say here and/or ask questions about the _MoC_ stance] Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p>				

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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Oppose: AHCA				
Why:	<p>Reps. Dent, Costello and Meehan opposed the house bill – call to thank them. Rep. Smucker supported the bill – let him know that the way he voted does not represent your views.</p> <p>On Thursday, May 4th, House Republicans rammed through a wildly unpopular, staggeringly inadequate replacement for the Affordable Care Act, the American Health Care Act. This bill was passed without a score from the Congressional Budget Office, so the impact of this legislation on health insurance coverage, insurance premiums, and the federal deficit remains unclear. However, the original draft of the bill was predicted to leave 24 million people uninsured by 2026 (largely due to rollbacks of Medicaid expansion), increase premiums dramatically for middle-class and older consumers, and provide tax breaks to the wealthy and to insurance company executives.</p> <p>The AHCA draft that passed the House today resolves none of the original draft's issues and in fact is even worse for Americans' health. The bill allows states to charge people higher premiums based on their health status and segregate people with pre-existing conditions into high-risk pools when they are pushed out of their regular insurance plans. Under this arrangement, people with preexisting conditions could face astronomically high surcharges. The Center for American Progress estimated a 40-year-old with autism could pay 135% more than the standard premium cost for care, while someone with metastatic cancer could pay 3,500% more. The GOP has allocated \$8 billion to states to cover higher premium costs for people forced into high-risk pools. However, even conservative experts agree this funding will be woefully inadequate, estimating the federal government would need to provide \$15-\$20 billion annually to adequately operate functional high-risk pools.</p> <p>In addition, millions of workers employed in the medical field funded thru Obamacare would lose their jobs and many hospitals in rural areas will have to shut down.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling today to oppose AHCA and its passage without holding public hearings nor CBO scoring to understand the impact. I want to thank my Rep [Dent, Costello, Meehan] for opposing the house bill. -OR- I want to express my ire at Rep. Smucker's callous and cynical vote on this matter.</p> <p>[Optional: add anything else you wish to say here and/or ask questions about the _MoC_ stance] Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.]</p>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	PA Attorney General
Issue:	Defend: The separation of Church and State				
Why:	<p>On May 4th, Trump signed an executive order that would allow churches and other tax-exempt organizations to endorse political candidates, beginning to make good on his campaign promise to evangelicals to "destroy" the 60-year old Johnson Amendment. The Johnson Amendment prohibits tax-exempt houses of worship from endorsing candidates or making campaign contributions. While the executive order cannot repeal the Johnson Amendment itself (Congress would have to do so), it instructs the IRS to ease up on the enforcement of the law so that Amendment violators no longer lose tax-exempt status.</p> <p>Under this order, religious institutions can become major money players in our government. The change will not only seriously threaten the separation of Church and State but also allow individuals and big donors to skirt campaign finance laws by making tax-free donations to churches that support political campaigns. Currently, no political campaign contributions are tax-exempt.</p> <p>Another provision in the executive order limits women's rights to access contraception and abortion care through the Affordable Care Act's coverage mandate. After the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court case, the Obama administration tightened regulations that ensure birth control coverage for employees; Trump's order would give "regulatory relief" to employers who do not want to pay for birth control coverage because of their personal religious beliefs. It is currently unclear how federal agencies intend to act on this part of the executive order.</p>				

Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling to express my strong opposition to Trump's new executive order that allows tax-exempt churches to endorse politicians. Allowing churches to endorse politicians violates the Johnson Amendment, and no order by the President can legally change or reverse that federal law. I'm also concerned that more political dark money will be channeled through churches and will be tax deductible.</p> <p>[IF CALLING AG: I ask Attorney General Josh Shapiro, 717-787-3391, to publicly commit to challenging this unconstitutional executive order.]</p> <p>[IF CALLING REPS: I ask [SEN/REP Name] to publicly commit to blocking any legislation that enables the implementation of this unconstitutional order in any way.]</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.]</p>
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Issue:	Oppose: HR 1180 - to strip workers of overtime protections and erode the 40-hour work week				
Why:	<p>The House Committee on Education and the Workforce has passed HR 1180. A full floor vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd.</p> <p>House Republicans are pushing forward with a bill to strip workers of overtime protections and erode the 40-hour work week. For decades, under the landmark Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) most non-managerial employees have been guaranteed the right to time-and-a-half overtime pay if they work more than 40 hours in a week. The misnamed 'Working Families Flexibility Act' (House: HR 1180; Senate: S 801) would give employers the option of offering these workers paid time off or 'comp time' instead of overtime wages if they work over 40 hours.</p> <p>Marketed as a way for workers with families to have more scheduling flexibility, in reality, the bill would give substantial new powers and flexibility to employers, creating gaping opportunities for abuse. While employers could make workers' schedules even more unpredictable, employees would have no guarantee of being able to actually use their comp time when they need it, even in case of emergencies. Furthermore, as Eileen Applebaum, an economist at the Center for Economic and Policy research writes: "In principle, a worker's agreement to receive comp time instead of overtime is supposed to be voluntary. But anyone who has worked a \$10/hour job understands what it is to get an offer from your employer that you cannot refuse." While the act theoretically prohibits employers from intimidating, threatening, or coercing workers into a comp time agreement, it provides no funding to the Department of Labor for investigation or enforcement of violations.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [Name] and I'm a constituent from [City, Zip].</p> <p>I'm calling today in to oppose HR 1180 because it strips workers of overtime protections and erode the 40-hour work week. How is my _MoC_ planning to vote on this issue?</p> <p>[Optional: add anything else you wish to say here and/or ask questions about the _MoC_ stance]</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work answering the phones. Goodbye.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.]</p>				