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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep
Issue:	OPPOSE: FEDERAL SPENDING CUTS TO MEDICAID AND MEDICARE			
Why:	<p>The Senate Republicans' budget resolution for FY 2018 proposes deep cuts to the federal budget totaling roughly \$5 trillion over 10 years. These cuts will likely target Medicare, Medicaid and a myriad of other programs that constitute the “social safety net,” and will be used to offset tax cuts predominantly for wealthy Americans.</p> <p>If the \$5 trillion in proposed cuts are proportionally divided among current spending levels, Medicaid and Medicare would see cuts of \$1 trillion and \$473 billion respectively. Under normal Senate procedure, this sort of radical change would face opposition in the Senate due to the 60-vote threshold usually required to pass a budget (8 Democrats would have to join all 52 Republicans). However, Republicans are using the 50-vote threshold 'budget reconciliation' procedure to move them forward. The House 2018 budget resolution contains \$203 billion in non-defense budget cuts which are also expected to largely come from Medicaid and Medicare. No matter what compromise is made between the two chambers, Congress Republicans will undoubtedly target the health care safety net and endanger the most vulnerable among us.</p> <p>Not only do these massive budget cuts break with Trump's campaign promise to protect Medicare, but pairing them to tax reform also makes clear that this will serve as an egregious transfer of wealth to those who need it least: corporations and the richest 1% of Americans.</p>			
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling today to ask [mySenator] to vigorously oppose the deep federal spending cuts in the 2018 Budget Resolution which will likely be taken from Medicare and Medicaid. Low-income and elderly Americans should not have to give up their access to health care in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy.</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:	STOP THE ROLLBACK OF ACA BIRTH CONTROL COVERAGE			
Why:	<p>Update (10/6): The Trump Administration has announced a rollback of the ACA birth control mandate, potentially risking access to birth control coverage for millions of women.</p> <p>Since 2011 the ACA has required that female contraception must be covered by insurers without a co-pay. This “contraceptive mandate” has extended affordable birth control to millions of Americans:</p>			

	<p>today 55 million Americans benefit from coverage of preventive services, including birth control, saving Americans billions of dollars per year.</p> <p>The existing mandate gives exemptions to certain organizations that object to birth control for religious reasons, including houses of worship, certain religiously affiliated hospitals and universities, and 'closely held' private companies (recall the 'Hobby Lobby' Supreme Court case of 2014). Despite these accommodations, the Trump Administration is pushing further exemptions to the contraceptive mandate, with the finalization of a new rule expected in the coming days. The new rule makes the exemption available to *all* employers, including large, publicly-traded, for-profit companies, on the basis of religious beliefs or "moral convictions." It makes the mandate optional for religiously affiliated organizations, and it creates an exemption for health insurance companies that have religious or moral objections to providing birth control.</p> <p>This broad expansion of the exemption is in line with the Trump Administration's record of seeking to roll back women's healthcare and rights by undermining access to critical, affordable birth control. When this rule is published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the exemptions will immediately go into effect.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my outrage to the rollback of the contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act. Adding more exemptions to the contraception mandate will erode access to preventative healthcare for millions of Americans. I ask [myRep] take immediate actions to ensure all women have affordable access to the healthcare they need.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Tell how the mandate has helped you or someone you know].</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: PROPER PROMOTION OF ACA OPEN ENROLLMENT				
Why:	<p>While Republican attempts to repeal the ACA have faltered with the demise of the Graham-Cassidy bill, their efforts to sabotage the ACA have continued at full pace. Instead of faithfully implementing the ACA, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has repeatedly impeded the proper functioning of the law. HHS has inexplicably moved the dates of this year's open enrollment period (now Nov. 1 to Dec. 15) and slashed advertising funding by 90%.</p> <p>Since 2013, the Department of HHS has sent regionals directors to states to participate in outreach events to help promote ACA enrollment alongside stakeholders. This year, however, HHS told all 10 regional directors not to do so. Most brazenly, HHS has planned outages of the ACA website every Sunday morning during this period, knocking out one of the most popular times for individuals to buy ACA health care plans.</p> <p>HHS needs to be reminded that the American public is watching and will not stand by if it attempts to endanger our health insurance markets with political games. In addition to calls, you can also share information about the ACA's open enrollment period with those who may need it: www.healthcare.gov</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to ask [MyRep] to ask the department maintain the ACA's full promotional efforts for open enrollment and stop any unnecessary website outages that would prevent individuals from signing up. It's in the best interest of the American people for the ACA to be faithfully implemented and not vindictively sabotaged.</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: BRIAN BENCZKOWSKI TO LEAD THE DOJ CRIMINAL DIVISION				

Why:	<p>Update (9/28): Brain Benczkowski has advanced out of committee with a 11-9 party-line vote and will soon head to the Senate floor for a final confirmation vote.</p> <p>Brian Benczkowski has been nominated to lead the Department of Justice Criminal Division, which is responsible for enforcement of all federal criminal law. His nomination is highly concerning given his history with Alfa Bank, the Russian bank under investigation by the FBI for potential connections to the Trump organization.</p> <p>In March of this year, Benczkowski agreed to represent Alfa Bank during the investigation into ties between Alfa Bank servers and the Trump organization. A month later, the Trump administration asked him about his interest in leading the DOJ Criminal Division. Rather than immediately recuse himself from representing Alfa Bank, he continued working with them until June 6, the day he was officially nominated.</p> <p>Benczkowski's decision to take on, and keep representing, a controversial client with a potential conflict of interest against the American people, casts serious doubt on his judgment. In addition, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee responsible for his approval, asked him if he would recuse himself from current / future cases involving Alfa Bank, as well as the related investigations underway by Special Counsel Mueller. He refused.</p> <p>The Senate will ultimately decide on Benczkowski's appointment, and Senators needs to hear from their constituents about their opposition to this highly problematic candidate.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my concern about DOJ Criminal Division nominee Brian Benczkowski, who has a troubling association with Russian bank Alfa Bank. I ask that [mySenators] vote against his nomination. We need someone with a demonstrated history of good judgment and lack of conflicts of interests for this crucial position.</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: Graham-Cassidy ACA Repeal Plan				
Why:	<p>After Senate Republicans failed to pass an Affordable Care Act (ACA) repeal bill in August, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee finally began working on what the American people really want: a bipartisan solution to stabilize the ACA's individual insurance markets and prevent premium increases. The HELP Committee started holding hearings on the individual markets in early September with committee members on both sides of the aisle reportedly considering compromises to close a deal.</p> <p>However, efforts at passing a bipartisan fix for the ACA marketplaces were cut short by yet another Republican attempt to pass an ill-conceived, unpopular ACA repeal bill before the September 30th reconciliation deadline. The latest iteration of Trumpcare, the so-called Cassidy-Graham bill, would end Medicaid expansion, cost-sharing payments for purchasers on the individual market, and protections for people with pre-existing conditions. A July Reuters poll found that 64% of respondents wanted Congress to fix the ACA, not repeal it. It is unconscionable that Republicans would cut off productive bipartisan talks to push through an unpopular health law while bypassing the Congressional Budget Office scoring process.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to demand [MyRep] to vote against the Cassidy-Graham ACA repeal bill. It's appalling the Senate GOP is pushing through a bill without a CBO score instead of working to strengthen the ACA's individual markets. The American people want a bipartisan approach to repairing the ACA, not a repeal of it.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>				

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Issue:	Support: Funding for Community Health Centers				

Why:	<p>Community health centers are federally funded medical facilities that serve everyone, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. These centers provide essential care to medically underserved populations like migrant farmworkers and homeless people at a relatively low cost. Community health centers, which collectively care for more than 25 million Americans, depend heavily on the federally-funded Community Health Centers Fund (CHCF) to keep their doors open. Without CHCF funding, the Department of Health and Human Services estimates, over 9 million patients would lose access to care, about 50,000 people in low-income areas would lose their jobs, and hundreds of community health centers would be forced to close.</p> <p>Although the CHCF's funding is set to expire on September 30th, neither chamber of Congress has passed a bill to ensure this critical funding is renewed. A bipartisan group of representatives has introduced a bill, the Community Health Investment, Modernization and Excellence (CHIME) Act of 2017, to reauthorize CHCF funding; the House Energy and Commerce Committee also plans to mark up a bill that includes CHCF reauthorization during the week of September 25th. In the Senate, the Health Committee will be responsible for ensuring CHCF funding reauthorization.</p> <p>As Republicans obsessively pursue ACA repeal, we must ensure they do not further erode access to healthcare by failing to reauthorize funding for community health centers.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to urge [MyRep] to pass a clean bill reauthorizing funding for the Community Health Centers Fund by the September 30th deadline. Community health centers provide essential healthcare to millions of vulnerable Americans and need this money to stay open.</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: Graham-Cassidy ACA Repeal Plan			
Why:	<p>After a summer of trying and failing to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Republicans are making a last-ditch effort to end the healthcare law before the reconciliation deadline on September 30th. Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) have proposed yet another ACA repeal bill that is even more disruptive than previous GOP plans.</p> <p>Graham and Cassidy claim the bill gives states local control of healthcare spending by converting much of ACA funding into a block grant to states. States could spend this money to provide insurance, fund high-risk pools, or otherwise cover medically complex care costs. While the ACA sets aside funding specifically for low-income consumers' healthcare costs, the Cassidy-Graham bill does not earmark any money specifically for this vulnerable group. In fact, the bill would fund the block grant by eliminating the ACA's tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for middle- and low-income marketplace consumers and ending Medicaid expansion in 2020. The plan would reduce federal funding for expanded healthcare coverage by \$26 billion immediately and by \$83 billion by 2026. The plan would also end the individual insurance mandate while requiring insurers to cover everyone, a combination of policies that has historically resulted in astronomically high premiums.</p> <p>While the Congressional Budget Office has yet to score this plan, it is clear it would significantly reduce access to care by reducing federal funding to states to expand healthcare coverage. It would also disrupt the individual market. Congress must reject this latest ill-conceived attack on Americans' healthcare access.</p>			
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my strong opposition to the Graham-Cassidy ACA repeal plan. Any plan that eliminates Medicaid expansion and fails to guarantee affordable coverage for low-income Americans is unacceptable. The American people want a bipartisan approach to repairing the ACA, not a repeal of it.</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: Exclusive Binding Arbitration by Financial Institutions			

<p>Why:</p>	<p>On September 14th, the House passed H.R. 3354, the “Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act of 2018.” The bill was a package of all 12 spending bills for FY 2018 and was stuffed full of disastrous partisan provisions and policy riders. It slashed the EPA budget by half a billion dollars while increasing funds for ICE agents, detention beds, and the border wall. It blocked the implementation of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and crucial oil and gas industry regulations. It even went so far as to withholding federal funds from sanctuary cities, Planned Parenthood, teen pregnancy prevention programs, and the entirety of Obamacare.</p> <p>At the beginning of September, Congress passed a 'Continuing Resolution' (CR) to continue funding the government at its current appropriations levels for 3 months after the end of the 2017 Fiscal Year; federal funding will now last until December 8th. This helped to avoid a government shut down and gave Congress more time to work on new 2018 spending levels.</p> <p>While the House has now passed all 12 spending bills for FY 2018, the Senate has yet to pass a single one. Senators will spend the next 2 months writing, debating, and amending their own versions of 2018 spending bills. (Regular order involves passing bills individually, not in packages like the House passed.) Unlike the House, the Senate needs a supermajority of votes (60) to pass their bills which should lead to more bipartisanship. It is vital that the Senate reject all of the partisan provisions included in the House's disastrous spending plan and act to fund the federal government fairly for all Americans.</p>
<p>Script:</p>	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to ask _mySenator_ to pass a 2018 appropriations bill that contains no partisan policy riders. Instead of pushing forward controversial one-sided agendas, Congress must pass a fair, bipartisan spending bill in the best interest of all Americans.</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>

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<p>Issue:</p>	<p>Oppose: Exclusive Binding Arbitration by Financial Institutions</p>				
<p>Why:</p>	<p>This issue has come to the forefront in the fallout from the Equifax security breach, which may have exposed the personal information of up to 44% of US credit card holders. While Equifax is nominally offering identity theft protection to those affected, anyone who signs up for their identify theft monitoring program will waive their rights to join class action lawsuits or benefit from any class action in response to the data breach. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB's) arbitration rule, if allowed to go into effect as planned early next year, would prevent companies like Equifax from denying legal remedies to consumers hurt by identity theft and other corporate misconduct.</p> <p>On July 10th, the CFPB announced a new rule banning the use of mandatory arbitration clauses to block participation in class action lawsuits. According to the CFPB, this straightforward consumer protection provides a much-needed check on predatory and illegal banking activities by guaranteeing people who are harmed the right to sue as a group.</p> <p>Banking contracts (such as those for checking accounts, credit cards or payday loans) routinely include “mandatory arbitration” clauses, requiring that all disputes be handled through private arbitration rather than the public court system. Banks use these clauses to avoid accountability by blocking consumers from bringing or joining class-action lawsuits and forcing those who have been victims of predatory and illegal practices to take legal action alone (something few Americans can afford) or give up. As a recent high-profile example, Wells Fargo used arbitration clauses to obstruct legal action following the revelation that employees created millions of fraudulent accounts for unwitting consumers.</p> <p>Republican leaders quickly denounced the CFPB arbitration rule and have begun to repeal it. The House passed H.J. Res 111, legislation that would overturn the rule. It now awaits a final vote on the Senate floor.</p>				
<p>Script:</p>	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to ask _myRep_ to vote no on H.J.111, which overturns the CFPB's recent Arbitration Rule. As highlighted by the response to the recent Equifax security breach, allowing consumers to take</p>				

group action against financial institutions is a necessary check against predatory, risky and illegal banking practices.
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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Raise the Wage Act				
Why:	<p>Democrats in both the House and Senate have introduced the Raise the Wage Act of 2017 (S. 1242 / HR 15) that would raise the minimum wage by roughly a dollar a year until it reaches \$15 in 2024. Thereafter, further increases to the minimum wage would be dictated by median wage growth as opposed to new legislation, the slow process through which it is currently done. The bill would also implement other ideas to address increasing income inequality such as the gradual elimination of sub-minimum wages for young people, people with disabilities, and tipped workers (restaurant workers and others in the service and hospitality industry).</p> <p>Many lawmakers assume that minimum wage jobs are held by young people without major financial responsibilities, but the reality is that the majority of these job holders are adults and the primary breadwinners of their household; 62% are women and 6 million of them are mothers. Nearly three-quarters of Americans support raising the minimum wage. Nineteen states have already done so, and another 19 cities in red and blue states alike have increased the minimum wage to \$15/hour. Under the Raise the Wage Act, nearly 30% of all American workers would see higher wages, including more than 40% of African American workers and a third of Latino workers.</p> <p>Not only would increasing the minimum wage be the right thing to do for American workers and families currently struggling to make ends meet, it would greatly benefit the US economy. Consumer spending would increase, and the need for taxpayer funded public-assistance programs would decrease. Congressional support for the Raise the Wage Act is at an all time high with 30 co-sponsors in the Senate and 163 co-sponsors in the House. The time for Congress to act is now.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my support for the Raise the Wage Act, [S. 1242 / HR 15]. Raising the minimum wage is necessary to combat poverty and income inequality in this country, grow the US economy, and create a better future for American families. What is _myRep's_ position on this issue?</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: Weakening of Flood Insurance Standards				
Why:	<p>The federal government established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to help people living in flood-prone areas afford flood insurance. Private insurers administer the plans, but the federal government ultimately pays homeowners' repair costs. NFIP sets its rates based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assessments of flood risk, but FEMA failed to update their flood risk maps in time to reflect the growing flood threat caused by climate change. As a result, the NFIP is now \$24.6 billion in debt after paying out billions to cover damages caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and a series of floods in 2016.</p> <p>To make matters worse, the Trump administration recently rolled back Obama-era standards that would have required new construction be designed to better withstand climate change-related phenomena like flooding, which makes flood-related property damage even more likely.</p> <p>The NFIP's funding is slated to expire at the end of September, and members of Congress from flood-prone areas are uniting across the aisle to call for the program's renewal. However, some Republican lawmakers have proposed program changes that would make flood insurance unaffordable for many homeowners.</p> <p>As the tragic floods in Texas have shown, climate change-related flooding is now a reality of life in the US, and Congress cannot afford to ignore it. They must not only ensure continued access to affordable flood insurance but also push for updated infrastructure regulations and FEMA policies that prepare our nation for more climate change-related disasters.</p>				
Script:	Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.				

I'm calling in support of the National Flood Insurance Program reauthorization bill that ensures affordable flood insurance for Americans in flood-prone areas. Additionally, I encourage [SEN/REP NAME] to protect the solvency of the NFIP by investing in disaster prevention and supporting infrastructure regulations that reflect the growing threat of climate change.

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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	Support: Dream Act to Support Undocumented Immigrant Children				
Why:	<p>It is being reported that Trump is expected to rescind DACA on Friday, September 1st.</p> <p>Despite repeated campaign promises to the contrary, Trump now appears poised to rescind the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that grants protected status to undocumented immigrant children brought into the US by parents or other adults. Trump's threat poses the most immediate danger to DACA recipients, but ten state Attorneys General have also endangered the program by threatening a lawsuit over its legality if the program is not terminated by September 5th. Because the Trump administration would not defend DACA in the event of a legal challenge, the program would likely not survive.</p> <p>Eliminating DACA would deprive the nearly 800,000 people protected by the program (often referred to as Dreamers) of jobs and access to education and put them at risk of deportation. Rescinding DACA would not only hurt DACA recipients but also damage our economy, reducing GDP by hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade. Furthermore, the program is popular on both sides of the aisle. An April 2017 poll found over 75% of registered voters supported allowing DACA recipients to remain in the US, while over half supported DACA recipients ultimately earning citizenship.</p> <p>Now, it is up to Congress to defend DACA recipients against Trump and the AGs' threats. On July 20th, Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) reintroduced the DREAM Act (S. 1615), a bipartisan bill which would grant legal status and a path to citizenship for DACA participants. In the House, Democrats have introduced a slightly more generous bill, the American Hope Act (H.R. 3591), which would also grant DACA recipients conditional legal status. Congress must quickly move to support and pass a legislative solution to protect our Dreamers.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>[IF CALLING SENATORS]: I'm calling to express my support for S. 1615, the DREAM Act, and the thousands of Dreamers who contribute to our society. I urge <u>_mySenator_</u> to support this legislative solution to protecting the DACA program and the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on it for access to jobs, education, and security.</p> <p>[IF CALLING HOUSE]: I'm calling to express my support for H.R. 3591, the American Hope Act, and the thousands of Dreamers who contribute to our society. I urge <u>_MyRep_</u> to support this legislative solution to protecting the DACA program and the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on it for access to jobs, education, and security.</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: Funding the Southern Border Wall				
Why:	<p>During his August 22 rally in Phoenix, Trump doubled down on his threats to force a government shutdown if Congress does not fully fund his proposed wall along the US-Mexican border, stating, "if we have to close down our government, we're building that wall." The White House's plan to build a border wall - a futile, expensive, and xenophobic project that was a signature Trump campaign promise - has met resistance in Congress from Democrats, Independents, and moderate Republicans. Immigration experts from both sides of the aisle have agreed a wall will not deter immigration by undocumented people but will instead simply make attempted border crossings more deadly. However, as the White House and Congress wrangle over a federal spending bill, Trump is threatening to veto any agreement that does not fund his border wall.</p>				

	<p>The government is expected to run out of money by September 30, and without a spending bill passed, federal agencies, including the Departments of Justice, Defense, Homeland Security, State, Education, and Labor, will not be able to pay their employees and may be forced to shut down. A shutdown would deny access to essential government services, from federal loan programs for homebuyers to flu vaccination programs by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Trump's "big, beautiful wall" is about to destabilize our country - and it hasn't even been built.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to object to any 2018 federal spending bill that funds the construction of a US-Mexico border wall. Congress should not concede to Trump's authoritarian threats to shut down the government when working to develop a budget. The wall will not improve our border security and will cost taxpayers billions of dollars better spent elsewhere.</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: The Pardon of Sheriff Joe Arpaio				
Why:	<p>Late on Friday, August 24th, while category 4 Hurricane Harvey barreled into Texas, Trump issued a presidential pardon of Joe Arpaio, former sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona and devoted aide to Trump's birther crusade. Earlier this year, Arpaio was convicted for defying a court order which barred his deputies from conducting "immigration round-ups" — racially profiling Hispanics and detaining them on suspicion of their legal status. Trump defended Arpaio by saying he was "fired for doing his job." However, Arpaio severely jeopardized the lives of those he was assigned to protect. Dozens of sex crimes cases (many involving children) were shelved in order to fund his racist raids on Hispanics. He housed inmates in brutal, unhealthy conditions such as outdoor jails in sweltering heat and chain gangs. Women inmates were denied menstrual products and those mentally ill were targeted for abuse, leading to higher than average suicide rates in his jails.</p> <p>Typically, pardons are issued for criminals who have accepted responsibility of their crimes, 5 years or more after their conviction, and with a recommendation from the Department of Justice. In Arpaio's case, none of these normalities apply. Trump's circumvention of the judicial process for Arpaio runs directly in contrast to Trump's supposed policy of "law and order" and sends the message that corrupt, racist, dangerous cops are above the law. It is also further evidence that Trump will abuse his power to serve his personal interests and relationships, put the safety and well-being of minority communities in danger, and continue to embolden racists in and out of public office.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to express my outrage that Trump issued a pardon of former sheriff Joe Arpaio. I ask that _MyRep_ publicly condemn this blatant abuse of power and dangerous acceptance of corrupt, racist law enforcement officials.</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: Nomination of Birther and Climate Denier Sam Clovis				
Why:	<p>Donald Trump has nominated Sam Clovis, his longtime campaign aide, to serve as the USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, a position typically held by people with advanced degrees in science and medicine. As Under Secretary, Clovis would manage the USDA's \$3 billion research and education portfolio and serve as the USDA's top scientist, coordinating the setup and implementation of the USDA's policies.</p> <p>The 2008 Farm Bill specified that nominees to the Under Secretary post should be "distinguished scientists with specialized training or significant experience in agricultural research, education, and economics." However, Clovis lacks an advanced science degree and has shown blatant disregard for scientific evidence by refusing to acknowledge that humans are causing the majority of climate change. He has called climate science "junk science" and proudly declared himself a climate change "skeptic." Because one third of our greenhouse gas emissions come from agricultural production, it is critical that the USDA's top scientist acknowledges that climate change is real, human-caused, and a dire threat to our global security (not to mention our global food supply).</p>				

	<p>In addition, as a talk radio host and blogger from 2011 to 2014, Clovis stoked racist birther conspiracy theories about then-President Obama, made derogatory racist comments about then-Attorney General Eric Holder, and stated homosexuality is a choice and can lead to pedophilia. In light of the white supremacy rallies in Virginia, the appointment of a racist, bigoted birther to a top job in the executive branch is unacceptable. The Senate must take a firm stance against racism, and Trump's ongoing endorsement of it, by rejecting Clovis's nomination.</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 Sam Clovis's nomination to be USDA Under Secretary. It is unacceptable for the USDA's top scientist to be a climate change denier with no formal scientific training, and for the Trump administration to continue endorsing racism and bigotry by appointing a birther. I strongly urge _mySenator_ to reject Clovis's nomination..</p> <p>[IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied]</p>