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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep
Issue:	STOP THE ROLL BACK OF THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT			
Why:	<p>Buried within the House GOP's 400+ page tax reform plan, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, is a provision that would allow the politicization of churches and other tax-exempt organizations. Currently, the 1954 Johnson Amendment prohibits tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and houses of worship from endorsing candidates or making campaign contributions. The House GOP tax plan rolls this back by permitting any tax-exempt nonprofit or religious entity to engage in political speech in their "ordinary course" of business with "de minimis" spending. For example, a televangelist could tell their followers to vote for a specific candidate during their regularly scheduled broadcast.</p> <p>If implemented, this drastic change will likely not only seriously threaten the separation of Church and State but also allow individuals and big donors to skirt campaign finance laws by funneling tax-free donations to candidates by way of churches. Religious leaders and institutions (such as Joel Osteen and other wealthy megachurches) would become major money players in our government by serving as channels for dark money donations to political campaigns.</p> <p>This provision is written with extremely vague terminology and would erode our ability to enforce the Johnson Amendment. It must be removed from any tax reform plan moving through Congress.</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 any rollback of the Johnson Amendment, and I ask that [myMemberOfCongress] oppose any tax reform plan that attempts to do so. This law is crucial in maintaining our separation of church and state and preventing the influx of dark money into our electoral process.</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 EXPANDED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN PURCHASES			
Why:	<p>In light of recent mass shootings in Las Vegas, Texas, and other cities across the country, it is clearer than ever that our approach to gun policy and gun violence must change. One such necessary change is to close background check loopholes. Currently, background checks are mandatory for commercial gun sales but not for purchases made through private sellers, at gun shows, or online.</p> <p>To fix this serious problem, Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) introduced the Background Check Expansion Act, along with 31 Democrat co-sponsors, which would make background checks nearly universal. The bill would close the "gun show loophole" by mandating that all sellers run potential</p>			

	<p>buyer information through the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). It would also require a licensed firearms dealer run a NICS check on buyers purchasing a gun from a private seller. The bill maintains some exceptions for law enforcement officials, loans for hunting and sporting events, or for immediate self-defense.</p> <p>Sen. Murphy has been working to pass the expansion of background checks since 20 Newtown children were killed in his state. While he acknowledges the tough hurdles such legislation faces, especially from the NRA, public support for expanded background check has risen to 90%. Two of the 5 deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history happened in the span of 35 days this fall. The time for Congress to finally take action against rampant gun violence in this country is now.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [myName] and I'm a constituent from [myTown].</p> <p>I'm calling to express my support for Senate Bill 2009, the Background Check Expansion Act. Closing loopholes that allow the wrong people to buy guns is a necessary step Congress must take to strengthen our current gun policies and protect Americans from the rampant gun violence devastating our country.</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:	KEEP THE SALT DEDUCTION				
Why:	<p>The elimination of the state and local tax deduction (SALT) is a central component of House Republicans' Tax Cut and Jobs Act. The SALT deduction allows filers to deduct both property taxes and either state income taxes or sales taxes, whichever is higher. Under the proposed law, taxpayers will only be able to deduct up to \$10,000 for property taxes and will get no deduction for state or sales tax payments.</p> <p>By eliminating SALT and capping property tax deductions, filers in high-tax states, like Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and California, will likely pay higher Federal taxes. Republican lawmakers who represent high-tax states (which also happen to be bluer states) have strongly opposed this provision its profound impact on their constituents. However, millions of taxpayers in all states could end up paying higher taxes because of the dramatic curtailing of this deduction. It should also be noted that elimination of the SALT is double taxation and may not even be legal.</p> <p>While proponents of SALT's elimination note that countries like Canada do not allow SALT deductions, revenue generated by Canada's higher federal taxes is used to "equalize" services across the nation, i.e. to help poorer provinces. However, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act contains no provisions to redistribute tax revenue to lower-income states; instead, this revenue increase will fund the bill's tax cuts for corporations and the ultra-wealthy.</p> <p>However, even the \$1.25 trillion in revenue from eliminating the SALT deduction can't cover the revenue losses caused by the bill's tax shelters for the wealthy. The bill is still predicted to create a deficit of about \$1.5 trillion over the next decade.</p> <p>Demand that your representative join with legislators resisting the elimination of the SALT deduction. Paying for the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and corporations should not be the reason that Americans pay higher taxes and face a massive increase to the federal deficit.</p> <p>This is a continuation of the "trickle down" approach – promises of economic growth that have never materialized every time Republicans try it. Kansas under Gov. Brownback tried this approach for six years. The Kansas infrastructure suffered under tax cuts, but the jobs did not materialize. The Kansas legislature pulled the plug this year.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [myName] and I'm a constituent from [myTown].</p> <p>I'm calling to express my opposition to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It is clear this bill is designed to benefit the ultra-wealthy and corporations. Eliminating the SALT deduction means millions of middle-income Americans, many of whom already live in expensive, highly taxed states, will end up paying higher taxes to finance a tax cut for the ultra-wealthy and corporations.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Tell how the repeal harms you or someone you know].</p>				

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Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
Issue:	THE GOP GIVEAWAY TO CORPORATIONS AND THE WEALTHY				
Why:	<p>The goal of the House Republicans' tax reform plan, dubbed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, is clear: to provide corporations and the ultra-wealthy as many tax breaks as possible. The bill would permanently lower the corporate tax rate from 35% to 20%, gradually phase out the estate tax (which only applies to estates with greater than \$5.6 million in assets), and eliminate the alternative minimum tax (AMT) immediately. The AMT only applies to people who make more than roughly \$130,000 a year; Trump paid an additional \$31 million in taxes solely because of the AMT in 2005. Meanwhile, this plans offers no tax breaks to the bottom 35% of Americans and will increase the deficit by a whopping \$1.5 trillion over the next decade.</p> <p>To pay for these tax cuts for the wealthy and big businesses, the GOP plans to eliminate a multitude of itemized tax deductions that typically offer relief to middle-class consumers, including deductions for student loan interest, adoption costs, moving expenses, alimony payments, and extremely high medical costs. Additionally, it would eliminate exemptions for dependent children and personal exemptions. While the bill would increase the standard deduction to make up for the elimination of itemized deductions, the increase is only about 15% when accounting for the loss of the dependent and personal exemptions. The larger standard deduction also means that middle-class consumers have less of an incentive to donate to charity, hurting non-profit charitable organizations in the process.</p> <p>The GOP claims that their plan is designed to cut taxes for the middle class, but it is clear that their primary goal is helping the wealthy avoid paying their fair share in taxes. If implemented, these changes would result in the transfer of wealth from the working class to the rich and will continue to worsen income inequality in this country.</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 the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It is clear this bill is designed to benefit the ultra-wealthy and corporations while providing minimal benefits to most middle-class households. I ask that [myMemberOfCongress] oppose this truly unfair and harmful tax plan.</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:	DEMAND CONGRESS OPPOSE A MUELLER FIRING				
Why:	<p>Special Counsel Robert Mueller and his team have issued their first indictments in their investigation of Russia's 2016 electoral interference. On Monday, October 30th, former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort and Rick Gates, a former Manafort business partner, were ordered to surrender to federal authorities.</p> <p>Even before Manafort and Gates were formally charged, Trump surrogates like Roger Stone, Sebastian Gorka, and Jeanine Pirro had already begun demanding Mueller's resignation. Even the Wall Street Journal editorial board joined the preemptive call for Mueller to resign, stating that the investigation should instead shift focus to Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee. In Congress, Republicans have hinted they want to wind down their own investigations of Russian collusion by the end of 2017 and have shifted current investigations toward Hillary Clinton.</p> <p>Clearly, Republicans are doubling down on their loyalty to this troubled administration and are attempting to diminish, obscure or outright kill the investigations of Trump's Russia ties. This obstructionism must be met with a clear, unequivocal commitment by Congress to let Mueller do his job. Without making clear that Trump will face consequences, legally or politically, for possible collusion with Russia in the 2016 elections, they are essentially giving Trump the green light to continue to abuse his power and end Mueller's investigation.</p> <p>Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) have introduced bipartisan legislation to limit Trump's ability to fire Mueller, providing the investigation the protection it needs from an unpredictable president. As Mueller's team pursues action against criminal perpetrators in the Russia</p>				

	investigation, every member of Congress must allow the legal process to proceed to its natural conclusion
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to urge [mySenators] to support S.1735, the Special Counsel Independence Protection Act, and make a public statement that the firing of Special Counsel Mueller by Trump would be completely unacceptable. It's the duty of Congress to serve as a check on Trump and prevent him from sending our democracy into a tailspin.</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:	DEMAND ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE				
Why:	<p>Yet another horrifying mass shooting, this time in Sutherland Springs, Texas, has again illustrated the need for comprehensive legislation to address gun violence. The United States has more guns per capita than any other peer nation; Americans constitute about 4% of the world's population but own 42% of all civilian firearms. On average, there is a mass shooting almost every day of the year in the United States, and the nation has far higher rates of gun homicides than any other developed nation. Firearm suicides in the US are also dismally common, with suicides actually comprising the majority of gun-related deaths. However, thanks to continued lobbying by the National Rifle Association (NRA), Congress has repeatedly failed to take meaningful action and curb gun violence.</p> <p>Gun violence prevention experts have recommended a number of policy approaches to reduce gun violence: — Congress can close legal loopholes that allow people to buy guns without background checks from private sellers, websites, or gun shows. A move that over 80% of gun owners support. — Congress can institute universal background checks for both gun and ammo purchasers and require gun licenses, all measures supported by the vast majority of Americans. — Congress can appropriate funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to research gun violence and effective interventions to prevent it. The CDC is currently prohibited by law from conducting any research that could theoretically "advocate or promote gun control" thanks to a partisan budget provision passed each year since 1996 called the "Dickey Rider." — Congress can adequately fund community-based interventions such as the nearly 20-year-old Ceasefire program, an underfunded effort that has helped to reduce gun violence in cities through education and public health crisis strategies.</p> <p>America's disproportionately high rates of gun-related deaths are both tragic and shameful. Congress can save lives by passing common-sense legislation to reduce gun violence.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to urge [myMemberOfCongress] take action to reduce the epidemic of gun violence in the United States by...[CHOOSE 1-3 POLICIES BELOW]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing the loophole that lets people buy guns at shows and through private sellers without background checks - Instituting universal background checks for ammo and gun buyers, a measure 80% of gun owners support - Removing the Dickey Rider from the federal budget and finally allow the CDC to research gun violence prevention - Funding evidence-based community antiviolence programs, like Ceasefire, which have been shown to reduce shootings <p>Thank you for your time and attention..</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Tell how the repeal harms you or someone you know].</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: TAX CUT FOR THE WEALTHY				
Why:	<p>After passing the 2018 budget resolution, Congressional Republicans are now shifting focus to tax reform. However, tax "reform" may not be an accurate description, as it mainly consists of tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans, and little to no benefits for the middle and working classes.</p> <p>The Republican tax plan would cut the corporate tax rate from 35% to 15% and eliminate the alternative minimum tax (AMT), changes that would disproportionately benefit wealthy Americans and allow them to exploit tax code loopholes. Trump's 2005 tax return revealed that without the AMT, he would have paid a tax rate of only 3.5%. The Republican tax plan also proposes to eliminate the estate tax, a tax that only applies to the wealthiest 0.2% of American families, such as the Trump family. Since Republicans plan to use the budget reconciliation process to push a partisan tax bill through Congress, the bill is not allowed to add to the federal deficit. This means that the new tax cuts for corporations or the wealthy will be budget-neutralized by cutting spending on programs that benefit working-class families, such as Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.</p> <p>Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) sent a letter signed by nearly all members of the Democratic caucus to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), stating that the Democrats are willing to work with Republicans on a tax plan that does not cut taxes for the top 1% or cut spending on vital social safety net programs. Our representatives in Congress must work together towards federal tax reforms that will treat all Americans fairly.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling because I am opposed to any partisan tax plan that cuts taxes for corporations and the wealthy at the expense of Medicare, Social Security, and other social programs that working-class Americans depend on. I expect [myRep] to work towards fair tax reform by following regular order, through committee hearings and bipartisan contributions.</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 AMY CONEY BARRETT FOR US COURT OF APPEALS				
Why:	<p>The Trump administration's nomination of Amy Coney Barrett for a lifetime position on the US Court of Appeals poses a grave threat to our system of justice, specifically for reproductive rights. Barrett believes that a judge does not need to adhere to precedent if they personally believe the case was wrongly decided, including case decisions in opposition to their religious beliefs. The Alliance for Justice, a progressive judicial advocacy group, stated, "These views are so contrary to our system of democracy and justice that, in our view, they clearly disqualify her for the federal bench," and called for the administration to rescind her nomination.</p> <p>Barrett has a demonstrated track record of hostility towards reproductive rights and the landmark judicial case of Roe v Wade, stating that abortion is "always immoral" and that the legal precedence of Roe v Wade was fair to challenge. Her nomination not only fulfills Trump's campaign promises to nominate anti-choice candidates, but also continues the dangerous packing of our court system with hyperpartisan judges with lifetime appointments.</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 vote against the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. This nominee has a disturbing track record of prioritizing her personal religious views over legal precedent and would clearly not be able to serve as a fair, impartial judge.</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 ERIC DREIBAND AS HEAD OF DOJ CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION				
Why:	<p>The Department of Justice Civil Rights Division plays a critical role in voting rights, police reform, housing, education, and hate crimes. Not only does the Trump administration's pick for the head of this department, lawyer Eric Dreiband, have no relevant experience in the above, but throughout his career has also consistently fought to support employer discrimination against women, mothers,</p>				

	<p>Muslims, the elderly, and people with criminal records. He has even attacked the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over their attempts to ensure racial justice and famously defended the University of North Carolina transgender bathroom ban.</p> <p>Dreiband's nomination has been widely condemned by civil rights organizations. "Mr. Dreiband is not simply unqualified for the extraordinary responsibility of leading the nation's civil rights enforcement: he is morally unfit for the job," Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said in a statement following his nomination. However, his confirmation only requires 51 votes and none of the 52 Republican Senators have voiced any opposition. All our Senators need to hear that their constituents oppose the confirmation of this unqualified and dangerous individual to the DOJ Civil Rights Division.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling today to ask [mySenators] to vote against the confirmation of Eric Dreiband as head of the DOJ Civil Rights Division. He is unqualified and has a disturbing track record of supporting discriminatory actions against women, transgender people, Muslims, and many others. Please do the right thing and reserve this important position for someone who actually supports civil rights.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Tell how the repeal harms you or someone you know].</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 THE ALEXANDER-MURRAY ACA STABILIZATION BILL				
Why:	<p>In a deliberate move to sabotage the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Trump recently decided to stop payment of cost-sharing reduction (CSR) subsidies to insurers selling Healthcare.gov marketplace plans. These payments help insurers provide lower-cost health insurance plans on the exchanges. In anticipation of the lost CSR revenue, insurers have already increased their rates dramatically. For example, Pennsylvania's UPMC Health Plan was planning to increase premiums by 8% in 2018 until Trump threatened to discontinue CSRs; now, the plan is increasing premiums by an average of 41% statewide.</p> <p>Some insurers may even exit the exchanges entirely, further jeopardizing health insurance access for the 18 million Americans who buy their insurance plans on the ACA individual market.</p> <p>However, Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) have announced a bipartisan bill to attempt to stabilize the ACA's individual markets by reinstating CSRs for insurers for two more years. The bill would also create a low-cost catastrophic coverage exchange plan and reinstate \$106 million in funding for ACA enrollment outreach, funding which the Trump administration has slashed in yet another attempt to undermine the ACA. In exchange, the bill would give states more flexibility to let insurers offer new types of insurance plans that are comparably affordable to existing ACA plans. Most importantly, the bill would preserve ACA standards for what exchange plans must cover preventing the erosion of protection for those with pre-existing conditions.</p> <p>As Sen. Alexander himself stated of the bill, "This agreement avoids chaos. I don't know a Republican or Democrat who benefits from chaos." Congress must act quickly to pass this bipartisan effort to undo Trump's blatant sabotage of the ACA's individual market and prevent the loss of affordable healthcare for millions of Americans.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to urge [myReps] to support the Alexander-Murray bill to reinstate cost-sharing reduction payments and funding for ACA enrollment outreach. CSR payments help keep individual market premiums down, and failing to reinstate them will leave thousands unable to afford healthcare coverage.</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: FUNDING CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)				

Why:	<p>The Children’s Health Insurance Program ensures nearly 9 million children have health insurance. CHIP is a federal-state partnership where the federal government provides most—or in some cases, all—of the funding necessary to cover uninsured children. Federal funding was increased as part of the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>No one thought Congress would let CHIP funding expire on September 30, but that’s exactly what they did. Republicans invested so much time and energy in making one last push to pass TrumpCare, that they couldn’t find time to reauthorize a program giving 9 million kids health insurance. Let that sink in.</p> <p>If Congress doesn’t act soon, states will start running out of money. Some states have already stopped taking new applications for CHIP. Pennsylvania’s funds are projected to be depleted in December, 2017.</p>
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>Hello! My name is [myName] and I’m calling from [myZip]. I’m calling to ask that the [myMoC] support reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program immediately. So many children in PA depend on 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:	PROTECT THE CLEAN POWER PLAN					
Why:	<p>On October 9th, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that the agency will take steps to repeal the Clean Power Plan, an Obama-era policy aimed at reducing carbon emissions from power plants and combatting climate change.</p> <p>The Clean Power Plan is a set of policies and guidelines issued in 2015 under the Clean Air Act, the nation's longstanding air pollution law. The plan sets carbon emission targets for coal, gas and other power plants, and gives each state the ability to design their own methods to achieve them. If fully implemented, the Clean Power Plan is projected to cut carbon emissions by 32% nationally (relative to 2005 levels), save the US \$20 billion in climate-related costs, and add \$14-\$34 billion in added health benefits. The shift toward clean renewable energy sources will also save the average American family money due to their overall lower cost.</p> <p>There is no question that increased carbon emissions have led to climate change and the rise of more and more floods, droughts, wildfires, and hurricanes that have put populations in the US and around the world in danger. It is irresponsible for the EPA to roll back policies that curb carbon emissions under false promises of reduced costs or a coal industry comeback.</p> <p>While a repeal of the Clean Power Plan is not expected to be immediately implemented (it will go through a formal rule-making process and will also face lawsuits), Congress can take action now by supporting measures that uphold the strategies of the Clean Power Plan and voting down those that undermine it.</p> <p>Our children will have to live with polluted air and down the road, the tax payers will foot the bill for cleanup. Another way the Republicans seek to make the rich even more rich.</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 the EPA's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan. It is clear that carbon emissions have led to climate change and the increase of natural disasters devastating our country. I strongly urge [myReps] to support measures that uphold the strategies of the Clean Power Plan and oppose those that undermine it.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL: Tell how the repeal harms you or someone you know].</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: TRUMP FROM SABOTAGING THE ACA				
Why:	<p>After signing an executive order on October 12th instructing various federal agencies to revisit ACA rules restricting sales of non-ACA-compliant plans, Trump also announced he plans to discontinue cost-sharing reduction payments (CSRs) to insurers offering federal exchange plans. The CSRs help protect insurers from unexpectedly high costs and let them offer lower-cost individual market plans. While Trump's EO has no immediate impact and is merely instructional, the ending of CSR payments could have an immediate effect on the individual markets.</p> <p>The Congressional Budget Office has released an analysis concluding termination of CSR payments would increase premiums for the most popular individual market plans by 20% next year and 25% by 2020 and leave about 5% of the population without access to any individual plans at all. By contrast, if the CSRs were left in place, less than 0.5% of the population would live in a region without access to individual market plans. Insurers will be able to withdraw from the marketplace in 2018 if CSRs are not renewed, which could leave thousands of people unable to purchase any plans through the health insurance marketplace as soon as next year.</p> <p>By cutting subsidy payments, Trump is effectively kicking the issue to Congress. It will be up to Congress to appropriate funds for the CSR payments to prevent turmoil in the individual insurance market and real harm to individuals.</p>				
Script:	<p>Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from myTown.</p> <p>I'm calling to urge [mySenators] to immediately pass legislation to stabilize the insurance market and ensure the ACA's cost-sharing subsidies are fully funded. The American people want a bipartisan fix to the ACA, not a political sabotage of the law.</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: 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>				

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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: 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>

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>				

Call:	US Senators	House Rep	PA Senator	PA House Rep	
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>				