



OCTOBER 9 NEWSLETTER

UPDATES, MINUTES, AND ACTION ITEMS

The Government Shutdown

From National Indivisible -

For nearly a year, we've been urging Democratic leadership to act like a real opposition party and actually fight back against this corrupt regime. Finally, they're listening.

In the Trump Shutdown fight, Democrats are finally wielding their power -- holding the line, winning the messaging fight, and putting Trump on the defensive. Now, we need to have their backs.

Congressional Dems can't win this showdown alone. Here's what you need to know, and how we can help hold the line.

Democrats have the momentum

So far, Democrats in Congress are holding strong in their fight to reverse Trump's historic healthcare cuts and prevent massive health insurance price hikes. [We call that progress](#), and the signs of momentum are pointing in the Democrats' favor:

Public opinion is decisively on our side. In [poll after poll](#), more Americans -- including moderates and independents in particular -- blame Trump and the GOP for this shutdown. And when surveys measure support for the healthcare funds Dems are fighting for, they show [Democrats' healthcare position is wildly popular](#); even a majority of Republican voters support it!

Trump said he'd "like to see a deal made for healthcare." This week, Trump [shot his congressional cronies in the foot](#) by admitting that something needs to be done about the looming healthcare crisis (which he caused). Yes, he walked it back a bit later -- but signs keep piling up that the White House is nervous about taking blame for soaring healthcare costs.

Rank-and-file Republicans are cracking. Speaker Mike Johnson just canceled a *fourth week* of House business in order to jam bipartisan negotiations; even his own caucus is

tiring of it. At least ½ a dozen House Republicans have [publicly called out](#) Johnson's do-nothing strategy, and [Marjorie Taylor Greene scorched her own party](#) for sitting back as healthcare costs double.

In short, Speaker Johnson and Leader Thune are getting signs from all levels -- voters, fellow lawmakers, and the White House -- that what Americans want and need is a bipartisan funding bill that averts Trump's crushing healthcare cuts.

We need to turn the heat up even more.

Our next steps

The momentum is in our favor right now, but if we don't keep pouring on relentless pressure, we could lose that progress in an eyeblink. **Republicans need to keep hearing that it's ON THEM to end this Trump Shutdown. Democrats need to know we support them when they fight hard.**

Every Senate Democrat and Independent -- except King (ME), Cortez Masto (NV), and Fetterman (PA) -- is using their power to keep healthcare affordable and rein in Trump. We spent months working to make this happen, and now that we're here, we need to remind these leaders we're with them.

[**Email your Democratic senator\(s\) now. Thank them for fighting hard, and urge them to keep holding the line in the Trump Shutdown showdown.**](#)

Trump and Republicans thought Democrats would fold like cheap lawn chairs, but we're reminding everyone there's a force even more powerful than an authoritarian bully -- we the people.

Let's keep using our voices, and let's win this fight.

We at INCC understand that a government shutdown has devastating effects on our communities. All our Democratic leaders in Oregon have offered their support in working through issues affecting individuals and families. Contact them if you need their assistance.

Senator Jeff Merkley – <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/connect/>

Senator Ron Wyden - <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron>

Congresswoman Val Hoyle - <https://hoyle.house.gov/contact>

OUR NEXT CALL TO ACTION!



**INCC will host a mass protest rally
for all of Curry County
Saturday, October 18
Gold Beach Courthouse
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

The president thinks his rule is absolute. But in America, we don't have kings,
and we won't back down against chaos, corruption, and cruelty.

The regime's goal is to silence opposition through fear.

The people hold far more power than Trump's feeble regime,
**and the best way for us to protect our rights
is by exercising them.**

That's why we're taking to the streets on October 18 for No Kings Day.

Together, we'll face Trump's repressive tactics with millions
taking to the streets in peaceful, open defiance.

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SEE YOU AT THE RALLY!

Our allies, the Curry County Democrats, are planning a 2nd Community Brunch Gathering.

Everyone is welcome! This brunch will be held in Port Orford at the Port Orford Library. Here's your opportunity to enjoy the company of like-minded people, discuss the major issues of the day, explore how we might impact those issues, and savor delicious food along the way.

**What Kind of County, State, Country
Do You Wish We Had?**

How do we organize and plan for action?

Come talk about it over

BRUNCH

**Open community gathering
Food provided**

**Saturday, October 25
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Port Orford Library
1421 Oregon Street, Port Orford**

Hosted by the Curry County Democrats

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- 1) Discussed the NO KINGS rally set for October 18th. INCC will host a rally for Curry County at the Gold Beach Courthouse from noon to 2:00 pm. We covered safety protocols and organization details. The rally will begin with a welcome and safety talk, gathering participants on the grass to hear the message. Safety cards will be handed out to participants. INCC core members will wear yellow safety vests to help identify themselves as assistance providers. An information table will be set up, INCC t-shirts will be available for sale, and food bank donations will be accepted. Sign-ups continue on Mobilize sites.
- 2) Discussed the Curry County Democrats' 2nd Community Brunch gathering, scheduled for Saturday, October 25, at the Port Orford Library, 1421 Oregon Street, Port Orford. The goal of this second brunch is to build on the ideas from the first brunch in September, using the issues and actions to organize and take planned steps.
- 3) Discussed efforts to support a weapons-free environment in the Port Orford library. We are encouraging INCC members to attend the Library Board meetings in support of a policy that would prohibit weapons in the library. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 4:00 pm.
- 4) Discussed continuing efforts to write a resolution supporting a weapons-free environment to present at the Port Orford City Council and BOC meetings.
- 5) Discussed Val Hoyle's phone town hall. Several members listened to it. Questions from the public included the government shutdown, healthcare concerns, the Israel/Hamas conflict, and environmental concerns. Representative Hoyle's answers were generally in line with INCC's stands on these issues.
- 6) Wide-ranging discussion concerning health insurance. Members expressed concern about accessing all forms of coverage— Medicaid, Medicare, the health marketplace (Affordable Care Act), and employer-sponsored insurance. Rising costs will affect us all.
- 7) Discussed a new project INCC might be interested in, the Card Campaign for Democracy. This organization creates cards that inform and inspire us all to stand for democracy and our rights. The cards are then printed and distributed throughout our communities. We can use the cards to inform people about the threats we all face; to

let people know they're not alone in their fears, and to help them find ways to push back as well. INCC members will research this and report back at our next meeting.

- 8) Next INCC Information/Organizing Meeting – Thursday, October 16 (and every Thursday), at the Port Orford Library – from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- 9) The next regular INCC Port Orford Rally is on Friday, October 17 (and every Friday) at the corner of 16th and Highway 101 in Port Orford from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. We will rally on the 17th in support of No Kings.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Continue to call or email your Senators to encourage them to stand firm:**

Jeff Merkley - Phone: (202) 224-3753 [Email](#)

Ron Wyden - Phone: (202) 224-5244 [Email](#)

HERE'S YOUR SCRIPT OR CREATE YOUR OWN:

Hi, my name is [YOUR NAME], and I'm a constituent from [YOUR CITY].

I'm calling to thank Senator [NAME] for holding the line in the shutdown fight so far, and I expect the senator to KEEP fighting hard until we get a deal that protects us from Trump's healthcare cuts, price hikes, and lawlessness.

I'm counting on Senator [NAME] to hold strong and protect healthcare. Thank you!

- 2) ATTEND THE NO KINGS RALLY on October 18**

At the Gold Beach Courthouse from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

- 3) Attend the next Community Brunch – October 25 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Port Orford Library**