
Indivisible HoCoMD

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH – Stop Gun Violence NOW

On May 18, a teenage gunman killed 10 people, most of them children, and wounded 10 more at Santa Fe High School in Texas. This was the **10th** school shooting [this year](#). Our hearts go out to the family and friends of those who were murdered, but to mourn without acting to prevent this from happening again is an insult to those who died and a betrayal of those who WILL die unless we act.

What can you do

1. [Sign](#) the National Education Association letter to Congress. Lily Eskelsen García, President of the National Education Association said: “We, as a society, must do better to protect our students from gun violence inside and outside of schools. ... The reality is that if we really want to stop gun violence, Congress needs to pass comprehensive legislation. Our elected representatives must take every step necessary to keep our schools, students, and educators safe from gun violence. Email your representative and demand that they act now.”
2. June 2 and 3 are national Wear Orange days to call attention to the toll of

gun violence. Events are planned across Maryland, including Howard County. Stay tuned for more information.

3. Work to build a blue wave in November. Sensible laws to prevent gun violence will never be passed until we have enough sensible legislators in Congress to vote for them. This summer, Indivisible Baltimore will be running a canvassing effort in PA-1, an important step towards taking control of the House of Representatives. Contact Alexandra (alexandraneuhausfollini@gmail.com) to get involved.

RED2BLUE/VOTING RIGHTS UPDATE

Thanks to all the volunteers who canvassed in April to register voters, and canvassed in May to encourage voting in the June 26th Primary. Now it is time to join the campaign of a candidate of your choosing to help them with name recognition and get out the vote. The IndivisibleHoCoMD website has a list of candidates and their websites on the Primary ballot [here](#). Choose one and help make the Blue Wave happen!

EDUCATION UPDATE

Candidates for School Board are non-partisan, meaning that party affiliation is not listed on the ballot and candidates don't receive election support from parties. The Education Action Team has requested each candidate to complete a survey questionnaire to help educate voters on their positions and priorities. Visit the IndivisibleHoCoMD website [here](#) to read the candidates' responses to the survey.

Protest the Sinclair – Tribune Merger

You saw the [Deadspin mash-up](#) of Sinclair Broadcast Group's anti-'fake news' announcement it required its local TV news anchors to read on the air. Sinclair planned to purchase Tribune Media to increase its reach to [more than 70% of households in the US](#) with many in major markets. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) normally keeps companies from reaching 39% of the US but proposed consideration of the [conservative giant's](#) multi-billion-dollar deal.

What can we do?

The Department of Justice (DoJ) will make the initial decision on whether this creates a monopoly, and the final decision will be made by the FCC. We can make our voices heard by:

- Calling your Members of Congress to press for a vote of No by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FCC - Sen. Cardin 202.224.4524, Sen. Van Hollen 02.224.4654; Representatives' phone numbers can be found by [typing your zip code](#)
- Calling the Dept. of Justice comment line – (202) 514-2000
- Noting your opinion of MB Docket 17-179 [on the FCC website](#) by clicking “+express” found in the left hand column under Filters.
- Joining the multigroup rally (to be announced)

LET OUR LIGHT SHINE

Helen Tai won her primary on May 15th, flipping a PA State House seat that Republicans have held for 34 years and that Trump won by 3 points! IndivisibleHoCoMD volunteers wrote postcards to voters in this district. She only won by 96 votes, so every voter contact we made was important. Seat by seat, we are putting this country back into sane hands. Let's keep up the good work!

Pennsylvania's congressional delegation is an old boys club. Currently, all 18 Representatives and both Senators are men. 20 Democratic women ran in primaries last night, and 7 will be on the ballot in November. Pennsylvania is

our neighbor – keep an eye out for opportunities to lend a sisterly hand!

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