

# **ACTIONS**

## **DEFEND DEMOCRACY**

#### **Secure Election Alert from Defend Democracy Team**

#### **BACKGROUND**:

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) voted last October to support the Interim Statement on Potential Federal Election Funding. This policy could be used to undermine election security efforts in many states. The policy would oppose Congressional efforts to ensure that taxpayer dollars given to states for election security are actually used to make elections secure. Adopting this Policy could threaten election security efforts nationwide and undermines trustworthiness of our federal elections.

#### Action:

Call our Maryland Secretary of State, John Wobensmith, 410-974-5521, before February 4 to oppose this policy.

#### **Script:**

I am calling to ask that Secretary Wobensmith oppose an interim Policy Statement by the National Association of Secretaries of State that empowers those states with really bad election security records to waste our taxpayer dollars on insecure voting systems and programs. Please vote against this harmful policy and to prevent it from becoming a permanent official NASS policy. The Interim Statement needs to be replaced by a stronger policy that adheres to minimal standards that are agreed upon between NASS and the Federal Election Assistance Commission

(Ask for a formal response if they do not have an answer right away. Please email <a href="mailto:defenddemocracy20@gmail.com">defenddemocracy20@gmail.com</a> the response. Thank you)



#### Shutdown action

On Friday, Trump caved and agreed to reopen the government without getting a single new dollar for his stupid wall. While he whined and threatened, the new Democratically-controlled House (elected by you, in November!) voted 10 times to reopen the government with no strings attached. The actions and calls you made encouraged them to stay strong under pressure. We won, but this is a short term deal. We could be back in the same place in three weeks. If Congress can't reach an agreement on the DHS Budget by February 15, we could get another shutdown- or Trump might declare a national emergency in order to build his wall.

#### What you need to do now

Call your Members of Congress this week and tell them Trump's demands are unacceptable and to only support a conference agreement that has no new funding for the wall.

Rep. Ruppersberger (MD-2) (410) 628-2701

Rep. Sarbanes (MD-3) (410) 832-8890

Rep. Cummings (MD-7) (410) 465-8259

Sen. Cardin (410) 962-4436

Sen. Van Hollen (301) 545-1500

(leave a voice message or email through their website if you can't call during office hours)



# Lobby Day in Annapolis January 31

**DETAILS AND RSVP** 

# **MEETING**



In 2017 we RESISTED, In 2018 we built the BLUE WAVE Now Indivisible is on OFFENSE! Come see what you can do in 2019 to build a fairer and more compassionate democracy in Howard County and America

When: February 10th, 3:30 - 6:00 pm Where: Owen Brown Interfaith Center

**Guest Speaker: State Senator Katie Fry Hester** 

Action Team Fair from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

IndivisibleHoCoMD@gmail.com

Were you affected by the shutdown? Don't be a victim Stand up and take control. Know someone who was hurt by the shutdown? Bring them along

## **LIVE RSVP**

### **LET OUR LIGHT SHINE**



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