

WHOSE HOUSE? OUR HOUSE!

Indivisible **HoCoMD**



Saturday's For the People Rally in Baltimore was moving, educational, funny, and an opportunity to see two of our Representatives discuss HR - 1 including John Sarbanes who is credited with initiating and making the bill happen. "The legislation, known as [HR 1: The For the People Act](#), would make it easier to vote, crack down on gerrymandering, and reduce the influence of big money in congressional races. It would also institute new ethics rules, including one requiring sitting presidents and presidential candidates to release their tax returns...Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig calls it [the most important civil rights bill in half a century.](#)" [Read more in MJ](#) and in the [Baltimore Sun](#).

So where do we come in?

HR 1 has passed the house as has HR 21, a consolidated spending bill that funds most government agencies through the end of the 2019 fiscal year- Sept. 30. A separate bill, HJ Res. 1, that funds the Department of Homeland Security through Feb. 8 passed on a 239–132 vote. So now it is up to the Senate.

1. We can contact our Senators and show them we want them to fight to get these bills presented for vote. There are no good arguments for letting Trump prevent these government funding bills from being taken up by the Senate. Find the phone number [here](#) to call your Senators and MOC. Find background for talking points [here](#).
2. Forward the Indivisible link to friends and neighbors in other states and urge them to contact their senators. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to clean up politics and strengthen our democracy but the media won't report on it because democracy is "boring". It's up to us to get the word out, person to person.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

The **Environmental Action Team** is rebranding as the **Environmental Climate Action Team**

Indivisible 2.0 encourages us to go on offense, with the best opportunities for progressive change on climate/environmental issues likely to come at the state and local level thru 2020. The time for a Renewable Energy future is now for Maryland, with the recent release of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warning that we have less than a dozen years to make the significant changes needed to fend off the worst effects.

In response, the IndivisibleHoCo Environmental Climate Action Team will be tackling the challenge through two subgroups.

1) Less Plastics Please will continue the push they began last year to reduce plastic production and use, and will take the fight to the Maryland State legislature with a bill to allow Howard County to charge a fee for single use plastic bags. If interested in the Less Plastic Please subgroup please contact Pat Hersey- trishhersey7@gmail.com or Alisa Niefeld-Batiz aniefeldbatiz@gmail.com

2) A new Energy & Transportation subgroup will focus on supporting the Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019 in the Maryland legislature. This bill would increase the amount of Renewable Energy in our state grid to 50% by 2030, with a pathway to 100% by 2040. They will also be supporting sustainable transportation bills and efforts to stop new fossil fuel infrastructure in Maryland, and national issues such as the Green New Deal and deregulation of the EPA/DOE. If interested in the Energy and Transportation subgroup, please contact Richard Deutschmann - rdeutschmann2@gmail.com, and cc: Liz Kato - euk369@gmail.com. Look for an announcement of the first meeting to be held sometime in mid-late January.

A complete description of the Environmental Climate Action Team mission, structure, and activities is available [here](#).

LET OUR LIGHT SHINE



CLIMATE VICTORY!

Maryland officials voted Wednesday to block Columbia Gas from using state land to build a natural gas pipeline that activists have been fighting for two years.

The unanimous vote by the Board of Public Works, which includes Gov. Larry Hogan (R), came after more than 60 members of the General Assembly wrote a letter urging the board to deny a request from Columbia Gas to construct a distribution line under the Western Maryland Rail Trail. Read more from [WaPo article](#).

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