

GOING TO A TOWN HALL NEAR YOU?



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Here's what you should know and ask your representatives and senators.

Muslim Ban

During his campaign, Trump called for a “complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” During his first week in office, Trump signed an executive order preventing people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. It even prevented Iraqis who had served our country as translators for the United States military from coming to the U.S. It also drastically reduced the size of the refugee program.

Questions: *Will you do anything to stop Trump and Bannon's Muslim ban? This ban affects university students, physicians, and software engineers, as well as children and the elderly parents of U.S. citizens. Do you think people are dangerous just because of their religion or where they come from? Why are we shrinking the refugee program when there are so many vulnerable refugees around the world in need? Will you support legislation introduced in Congress to revoke the refugee and Muslim ban?*

Sanctuary Cities

Many local law enforcement agencies have common-sense policies to help immigrant victims come forward and report crimes, or serve as witnesses. Many sheriffs refuse to detain individuals for deportation purposes, unless ICE follows the constitution when making its request. The ACLU has represented many people—even U.S. citizens—who were held illegally in jail for ICE by local police.

Sanctuary cities protect everyone's Fourth Amendment rights.

Questions: *What's more important to you: the Fourth Amendment or Trump's immigration agenda?*

Police illegally jailed hundreds of U.S. citizens for immigration agents during the Obama administration. What would you say to a person kept in jail for no reason because Trump's order forces cities and counties to reverse common-sense policies that protect local interests and the Constitution?

Border

The Border Patrol is one of the nation's largest police forces, with more than 21,000 agents. Apprehensions are down to levels not seen since the 1970s and many migrant families and children turn themselves in to Border Patrol for protection against the violence they're fleeing. Border Patrol lacks many of the most basic safeguards against police abuse that many departments have, like collecting data on stops and body cameras. They patrol in cars, on

bikes, and on foot just like any other department. The National Border Patrol Council, a union that represents 17,000 agents, endorsed Donald Trump, and Trump signed an executive order to hire 5,000 new agents.

Question: *Border communities are among the safest in the country. But the Border Patrol is out of control—it uses excessive force, racially profiles, stops ambulances, and works with right-wing militias. Do you think it's safe to hire 5,000 new agents without implementing reforms for the existing force?*

The ACLU says Border Patrol agents routinely use illegal search practices and violate people's rights. Isn't it dangerous to hire 5,000 new agents before reforming this out of control agency?

Aren't there better uses for limited federal funds than further militarizing the border, like buying body-worn cameras to oversee what current agents are doing?

Healthcare Reform: Women's Health

1. House Speaker Paul Ryan has said that Congress will defund Planned Parenthood. This means that Congress wants to block Medicaid patients from going to Planned Parenthood health centers, which could force health centers to close their doors. Planned Parenthood provides care to 2.5 million people every year for things like well woman exams, birth control, and sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests and treatment.

Question: *Millions of people trust and depend on Planned Parenthood for their health care—why would Congress prevent these people from going to the health care provider of their choice by defunding Planned Parenthood?*

2. Because of the ACA, millions of women have coverage for preventive services including birth control without a co-pay. They also can't be charged more for a health care plan just because they are women, and they can't be denied health care coverage because of pre-existing conditions like breast cancer or a C-section delivery.

Question: *Will you guarantee that if the ACA is repealed, women will not lose this important coverage that allows them to lead healthy lives?*

Healthcare Reform: People with Disabilities

The ACLU opposes any ACA "repeal/replace" bill that will make radical changes to the structure and financing of Medicaid (i.e. transforming the program into a block grant or per-capita-caps). Medicaid is critical for people with disabilities. Because of Medicaid, people with disabilities can work, play, and live in a community, integrated with the rest of the society instead of languishing in nursing homes and psychiatric hospitals.

The changes that Congress is now considering will make massive and cruel funding cuts to the Medicaid program and will have a devastating impact on people with disabilities.

Question: *Will you protect the lives of people with disabilities and oppose any legislation that fundamentally changes the structure and financing of Medicaid?*