



A Union of Professionals

Congress: Do You Stand with Donald Trump and His Corporate Agenda or with Working Families?

Key Message to Deliver to Your Member of Congress or Senator

There's a big difference between what Donald Trump says and what he does. He promised us jobs, wealth, prosperity. He promised to drain the swamp and hold accountable the big corporations that have rigged our economy in their favor.

But as president, he's pushing an agenda to line the pockets of big corporations and the wealthy at the expense of the middle class and working families. He's installed a senior team and Cabinet full of CEOs and others with a record of killing American jobs, lowering wages, denying people healthcare and dignity at work, and increasing the power of corporations in our economy.

The American people want an economy that works for all families. We want good jobs and a path to a middle-class life. We need affordable healthcare to keep our families fit and strong. We expect a government that serves all people, upholds our rights, and treats us with dignity and respect. We expect Congress to work to carry through on these goals.

You're in Washington to represent us—the families in your district. Do you stand with Donald Trump and his corporate agenda or with working families?

Key Issues to Raise with Your Representative or Senator

Public Education

Donald Trump's education secretary, Betsy DeVos, is the most inexperienced, unqualified person to ever lead the Department of Education. She's spent her career as a lobbyist working to undermine and defund public education and to push private alternatives such as vouchers and for-profit charter schools; she is even pushing an option for "virtual schools."

We need to strengthen our public schools, not destroy or privatize them. Will you resist any effort to defund or privatize our schools? Will you oppose efforts to weaken protections for our most vulnerable students, including students with disabilities and LGBTQ students? What about protections for students based on their gender?

Healthcare

Repealing the Affordable Care Act would rip healthcare away from 20 million Americans so that the wealthy and big corporations can receive another giant tax break. Repealing the ACA would make our

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communities sicker and risk the lives of countless Americans, and it would raise taxes for many families.

The ACA has saved lives and made families and communities healthier. We should be focused on making the ACA better, not destroying it to score political points.

Repeal would put millions of our nation's children at risk. The ACA, Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program provide vital access to healthcare for our children.

The repeal would put Medicare at risk. The ACA took important steps to strengthen Medicare, which now provides free coverage for preventive services, like screenings for cancer and cardiovascular disease, and makes it easier to pay for prescription drugs.

Do you support ripping healthcare away from 20 million Americans? What is your replacement plan and how will it keep families healthy?

Supreme Court (to Senators)

In Neil Gorsuch, Trump has nominated an extremist judge intent on overturning basic, well-established Supreme Court precedents. Gorsuch's record—including repeatedly taking the side of corporations over consumers and workers—raises significant concerns about his ability to be fair and to respect and follow the law rather than his own ideology.

Judge Gorsuch has consistently ruled against students with disabilities who sought educational services to which they were entitled under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

If confirmed to the Supreme Court, which is closely divided on many critical issues, Judge Gorsuch would tip the balance in a direction that would undermine many of our core rights and legal protections. The Supreme Court serves as an important check and balance in our democracy. The American people deserve a justice who will put the rule of law and the rights of all Americans ahead of ideology.

Will you oppose Judge Gorsuch?

Immigration

Donald Trump's travel ban and immigration raids betray basic American values and rights and will do nothing to keep our country safer. These executive orders impact approximately 25,000 people holding student and work visas, and as many as 500,000 people who are permanent legal residents of the U.S.

Trump's anti-immigrant executive orders are tearing families apart. These raids are targeting many immigrants who have lived and worked in the U.S. for years and pose no threat to their communities. We are a nation of immigrants and need to honor that history.

The president's travel ban is a direct assault on the religious freedom embedded in our Constitution and betrays our values as Americans. Among those most affected are college students—as well as faculty—at American universities, thousands of whom come from the seven countries singled out by Trump's executive order.

Do you oppose Trump's travel ban and its attacks on our basic values, freedoms and rights? Do you support the creation of sanctuary cities and states to protect our families from harmful and unjust immigration policies?

What is your position on the recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids? How are ICE raids affecting your constituents?