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NATIONAL STRATEGY & TRAINING CALL:
Sunday, Feb. 12, 8 pm ET (7 CT/6 MT/5 PT)
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Tonight’s Agenda

- Cristina Jimenez, United We Dream
- Georgia Hollister Isman, Rhode Island Working Families Party
- Hugh Espey, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
- Jennifer Epps-Addison, Center for Popular Democracy
- Mayor Betsy Hodges of Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Hosted by: Victoria Kaplan, MoveOn.org
United We Dream

Cristina Jimenez, Executive Director & Co-Founder
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Demand: mayors and local elected officials must stand up to Trump’s raids and deportations and ensure that immigrants in our localities are safe, protected from deportation, and that local police are not deputized to be immigration agents.
We need allies who are willing to show up for immigrants when we are facing detention & deportation at the courts, in our homes when ICE shows up, or a detention center. Join our #HereToStay Network! Over 20K have joined!

TO JOIN TEXT: HERETOSTAY to 877877
What can your Member of Congress do?

- Stand up to Trump’s deportations and raids. Demand ICE for information on those impacted.

- Congress February Recess & Resit Trump Tuesday: Include calling on your representative to oppose raids and demand ICE ends their out of control and rampant raids & tactics.
Georgia Hollister Isman
Rhode Island Working Families Party
Even good Democrats need to be pushed
Sen. Whitehouse promises to vote No on cabinet nominees.
Principles of Non-Violence and De-escalation

FOCUS ON TELLING OUR STORIES through NON-VIOLENCE and LEGAL ACTION
We hold the moral high ground.

WORK TO DE-ESCALATE
If others try to confront or provoke us, we maintain calm focus and de-escalate.
Bird dogging elected officials

Hugh Espey
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
What is bird dogging?

• Definition: to search for, pursue with dogged determination; to seek out, follow, detect and act - and act again

• Bird-dogging involves attending political events (like town halls), asking legislators (and candidates, too) specific questions on issues you care about…and pinning them, to get specific answers
Goals of bird dogging

1. Force candidates and elected officials to respond to our issues
2. Get our issues covered by the media/press
3. Elevate the profile of our organizations - so more people know who we are, what we do
4. Inspire others to join & get involved in our campaigns/organizations - build our power
5. Create “Corporations are People” moments
At the Iowa State Fair, Mitt Romney confronted an angry group of people who pressed him to support raising taxes on businesses.

By Ashley Parker

Des Moines — Emerging on the campaign trail in Iowa after largely shunning the state, Mitt Romney was confronted on Thursday by hecklers on corporate tax policy and told one of them, "Corporations are people, my friend."

"Corporations are people, my friend!" Mr. Romney responded, as the hecklers shouted back, "No, they’re not!"

"Of course they are," Mr. Romney said, chuckling slightly. "Everything corporations earn ultimately goes to people. Where do you think it goes?"

It was a telling, unscribed moment for Mr. Romney likely to be replayed on YouTube. In an instant, he seemed to humanize himself by pointedly squabbiling with the group of hecklers, showing flashes of anger and defying his reputation as a sometimes staid, unflinching candidate.

But at the same time, he seemed to reinforce another image of himself: as an out-of-touch businessman who sees the world from the executive suite.

Mr. Romney’s remarks drew a quick response from Democratic Party officials. "It is a shocking admission from a candidate — and a party — that shamelessly puts forward policies to help large corporations and the wealthiest Americans at the expense of the middle class, seniors and students," said Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

"We're led by a man who is a fine fellow, but he's out of his depth and doesn't understand how the economy works," said Mr. Romney, who is leading the Republican field in many polls but is not taking part in Saturday’s Iowa straw poll.

When the questions turned combative, Mr. Romney held his ground.

"If you want to speak, you can speak, but right now it's my turn," he said to applause, leaning into the crowd to cut off an elderly man who was yelling at him about Social Security.

"You came here to listen!" the man retorted, to which Mr. Romney replied: "No, no. I came here to talk. Hold on a second, let me speak!"

Moments later, when he realized he wasn't changing any of the hecklers' minds, he said they were free to vote for someone else.

"I'm not going to raise taxes — that's my answer," he said. "And if you want someone who can raise taxes, you can vote for Barack Obama."
Bird dogging tips

• Bring people - essential ingredient
• Have a plan, prepare questions in advance
• Attend town hall meetings, arrive early
• Spread out - don’t sit all together
• Ask your question(s) early, and often
• Create tension, be visible/noticeable
• Take video - push it out on social media
• Take notes - what happened, what was said
• Talk to press - make your story public
Pitfalls - things to avoid

• Don’t ask “softball” questions

• Don’t get trapped in the “let’s be nice and polite” mindset

• Don’t ever give-up
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Call (866) 957-2612 on Valentine’s Day 2/14:
You will be connected to your member of Congress

On 2/14 - Hold Disney Accountable!
Mayor Walsh, Mayor de Blasio, and the U.S Conference of Mayors are leading a national mayors healthcare day of action on Wednesday, February 22nd

• Ask your Mayor Participate: http://bit.ly/2ji0l8x
• Get your Mayor to Sign On: http://usmayors.org/protecthealthcare/
• Participate in an action near you, https://goo.gl/forms/gsOQ6EsB59E3rQO53

Suggested Actions:
→ Meet/Call Members of Congress
→ Place an Op Ed (penned alone or with another leader)
→ Hold an in person event, press conference, or town hall with constituents and stakeholders
→ Demand federal electeds support the ACA
Mayor Betsy Hodges

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Photo: Tom Baker for MPR News
https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/01/31/trump-protest-downtown-minneapolis
Next #ResistTrumpTuesday Action: moveon.org/feb14

Next Ready to Resist Call, Sunday, Feb 19, with Indivisible:

moveon.org/readytoresist

Slides and Recording of this Call will be available at:

moveon.org/readytoresist