



Four suggested questions for your #ResistanceRecess event
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A key goal for holding a town hall or rally is to get your member of Congress to take a public stance on an issue you care about. It's important to ask pointed questions and press your elected official to give you clear answers. In many cases, it's fine to repeat another participant's question that wasn't fully answered previously. Just ask for a firm, on-the-record answer.

If you're not sure where to start, here are four suggested questions that are worth asking your member of Congress:

1. TRUMPCARE/MEDICARE FOR ALL

- IF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL IS A REPUBLICAN WHO VOTED FOR TRUMPCARE*:
Congresswoman/Congressman/Senator: I am here as your constituent to hold you accountable for supporting efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which would have stripped health care from tens of millions of Americans. *(If it would have taken away your own health care, feel free to share that.)* I would like a clear answer from you: **Will you now stop supporting efforts to take away our health care and stop trying to repeal or replace the Affordable Care Act?**
 - ****Important note:** *Every Republican in Congress voted for Trumpcare, except for three senators (McCain, Murkowski, and Collins) and these [20 House Republicans](#).*
- IF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL IS A DEMOCRAT:
Congresswoman/Congressman/Senator: First, I want to say that I appreciate that this year you joined millions of people coast to coast who worked to protect the Affordable Care Act from being repealed in any way, shape, or form. But while we must protect the Affordable Care Act, we can't stop there, in a country where far too many remain uninsured. **Will you stand with millions of Americans who support universal health care through Medicare for All?**

2. CENSURING/IMPEACHING TRUMP

- IF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL IS A REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT WHO HASN'T ALREADY TAKEN A PRO-CENSURE STANCE*:
Congresswoman/Congressman/Senator: Representatives Nadler, Jayapal, and Watson Coleman have introduced a resolution for Congress to formally censure Trump, both for his comments defending violent white supremacists in Charlottesville and for continuing

to work with his advisors Sebastian Gorka and Stephen Miller. **Will you do the right thing and support a formal censure of Trump for his comments on Charlottesville?**

- **Note:** You can see who has signed on to the censure resolution [at this link](#).
- IF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL IS A HOUSE DEMOCRAT WHO HAS ALREADY TAKEN A PRO-CENSURE STANCE: Congresswoman/Congressman: Trump's unconscionable defense of white supremacy reminds us, once again, that he is not fit for the presidency and must leave before he does any more irreversible damage. **Trump must go. Will you support the onset of an impeachment inquiry?**

3. SEBASTIAN GORKA, STEPHEN MILLER

- Congresswoman/Congressman/Senator: Congress controls Trump's budget, which gives it tacit control of his staffing and the power to demand the removal of advisers from his staff. After Charlottesville, it is a travesty that Trump still employs as senior advisers both Sebastian Gorka, who wore a honorary medal from a Nazi-associated group to Trump's inauguration, and Stephen Miller, who reportedly was mentored by White Nationalist leader Richard Spencer. **Will you do the right thing and formally call on Trump to fire Sebastian Gorka and Stephen Miller from the White House?**

4. TAKING DOWN CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS

- Congresswoman/Congressman/Senator: As you know, earlier this month, white nationalists marched through Charlottesville, Virginia, and the University of Virginia campus. They came there specifically to rally around a statue commemorating the Confederacy. The next day, one of those white nationalists murdered a civil rights activist in the name of that same cause. **Will you do the right thing and pledge to work with us to remove all public Confederate statues in the United States?**