Chris Percy: Good evening everyone, I'm Chris [Percy 00:00:06], Resist and Win Regional Organizing Director. Thank you so much for joining tonight's Resist and Win national organizing call. Election day is November 6th, and it is coming fast. Every time we hear the news we're reminded of what is at stake. We've got just nine days until polls close across the country deciding racing up and down the ballot, from local city elections to state wide races that will make waves nationally, to races that will determine who control the House of Representatives. If you've already been volunteering to get out the vote, thank you so much. We really need all the help that we can get. If you haven't, we're going to make sure that you have the opportunity to get involved. Get out the vote and help end Republican control of the Congress with us in the next nine days. There are still many ways to take action. You are definitely needed, okay?

Chris Percy: On tonight's call we're going to hear from Resist and Win leaders and of course, Senator Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. We'll get to the program in just a few minutes but a couple of quick announcements. For those of you who may not know, this is our 26th national organizing call. Many thanks to everybody who has been calling in, who's been streaming on Facebook or who watches on our website. Every call, thousands of you take action during or immediately after the call ends and it is like truly amazing, like crazy amazing. We couldn't do this without the organizations who help power it all. I want to give quick thanks to Daily Kos, Center for Popular Democracy, People for the American Way, and UltraViolet for supporting this call and others. We'll get started in just a couple of minutes. Again if you're just joining, welcome to tonight's Resist and Win national organizing call. My name again is Chris Percy with Move On and we are so pleased to have each and every one of you with us on the phone, or streaming online, or watching on Facebook live. Welcome, welcome, welcome a million times.

Chris Percy: Nine days until election day, on the heels of a week that is tearing our hearts apart, and we are doing so much. People are out in the communities knocking on doors, folks are making phone calls, folks are taking action to make an impact this election season. Alright? Tonight we'll talk about several ways you can help. If you're on the phone and you want to ask a question, all you gotta do is press star three to connect with one of our volunteer call screeners. Again star three. We'll have time for questions later in the call. Tonight we'll hear from speakers who will dig into this important moment for our country. You'll hear many ways to get involved. No matter where in the country you may live.

Chris Percy: But before we start I want to take a quick moment to acknowledge the moment that we're in. Right? Just this week we have seen an escalation in the violence against our communities. Yesterday there was a devastating attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. An anti-sematic gunman took the lives of 11 people attending a baby naming bris ceremony. A baby that was born to two loving gay men surrounded by their families and their community. Earlier this week pipe bombs were sent to the homes of elected officials and well known
progressives, and a horrific hate crime in Kentucky took the lives of Maurice Stallard and Vickie Lee Jones, two African Americans just living their lives.

Chris Percy: Now I’m honored to be with you and be in community with you on tonight, so no matter what emotions you’re holding in your heart, some of us may be afraid for our communities and for our country, some of us are angry, some of us are grieving the loss of friends and family. Others listening tonight may be laser focused on the upcoming election, invigorated by the conversations with voters, and staying away from this weekend’s news. But no matter how you’re feeling tonight, I want to thank you for being here. This is a time when we must make space to come together to support each other, to build strong bonds and a strong movement, right? We cannot back down. We are full of love and we bring love to this space. We have the strength.

Chris Percy: So how do we move forward? We focus on the things that we can actually control. We end Republican control of Congress and put more power in the hands of progressive leaders who will govern with compassion and with humanity, and demand accountability no matter who you are or what office you hold. We build strong, vibrant communities that will stand together in solidarity and love. We organize together. We will win this election cycle.

Chris Percy: On tonight’s call we’ll hear from Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont who truly needs no introduction. He’s been a leading voice against inequality for decades in Congress, and has been on the road these past several weeks helping progressive candidates get out the vote. Then we’re going to hear from my colleague Resist and Win staffer Katie Warner who will give us some insights and updates into the massive election program that will end Republican control of Congress. Then we’ll hear from a Resist and Win leader Sara [Lowe 00:06:26] who’s been on the ground in Cincinnati, Ohio leading ways of game changing action for Move On endorsed candidates in that area. After Sara, we’re going to hear from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez a rising progressive champion whose grass roots powered campaign shocked the establishment by defeating out a 10 term New York Democratic incumbent in her congressional primary this year. Crazy.

Chris Percy: Again, welcome to the call. If you’re on the call, press star three at any time to be connected to one of our screeners to ask a question. We’ll be taking questions throughout the call as time allows. Now let’s get started. Our first guest, like I said really don’t need any introduction. He’s been a leading voice against inequality for decades in Congress and has been on the road these several past weeks helping progressives get out the vote. Welcome please, Senator Bernie Sanders.

Bernie Sanders: Well, thank you very much and let me thank Move On for all of the extraordinarily important work that you are doing all over this country. I don't think that I have to tell anybody on the phone that this is the most important mid-term election in our lifetime. We have an extremely dangerous President of the United States. We have extreme right wing leadership in the U.S. House and
the U.S. Senate, and unless we change that I am very worried, not only about what happens to working people in this country, I am very worried about the future of democracy. Because, this president is not a strong believer in democracy and he is in fact moving us, with his attacks on the media to an authoritarian type government. I have just returned from a tour of nine states in the Midwest and in the Southwest. What I will tell you is that anyone who thinks that the Democrats are going to easily win control over the house is kidding themselves. This is going to be a very, very tough election cycle and it is absolutely imperative when we have race after race that will be decided by a few thousand votes, the future of control over the Congress may well be decided by a few thousand votes in this district, or that district.

Bernie Sanders: It is absolutely imperative, not only that all of us get out and vote but that we do everything that we can to get our friends, and our neighbors, and our co-workers, and people in our community to get out to vote. So if you are concerned about moving this country to a Medicare for all healthcare system, if you're concerned about raising the minimum wage to a living wage, if you're concerned about protecting a woman's right to choose, if you're concerned about transforming our energy system away from fossil fuel to energy efficiency and sustainable energy so that we can combat climate change, if you're interested and understand the importance of criminal justice reform and immigration reform, this is what this election is about. So I urge everybody, I urge you to work hard so that we don't wake up on Wednesday morning and find Republicans still controlling the House and the Senate and important governor seats all across this country. There is a mass movement of progressives from coast to coast working hard but we've got to up our game. We've got to double our efforts in the coming weeks. So let's all do everything that we can to create a high voter turnout.

Bernie Sanders: I want you all to remember, four years ago, 2014, last midterm election, we had in this nation the lowest voter turnout since World War II. Alright? Almost two-thirds of the American people didn't vote and the result was Republicans won the House, the Senate and they won many governor's chairs all across this country. That's what happens when voter turn out is low. If we can have a high voter turn out on November 6th, I have the feeling the Democrats are going to do extremely well. Take back the House, maybe even the Senate, win some really important governor's races throughout the nation. So, the future of America is absolutely dependent upon what happens on November 6th, and let us all work as hard as we can, let us have the highest voter turnout in modern American history, and when we do that, we're gonna strike a real blow for democracy, we're gonna strike a blow for the working families of this country, we're gonna strike a blow to combat climate change. So, let's go out and work hard, and I think we'll be celebrating on Wednesday.

Bernie Sanders: Thank you very much.
Chris Percy: Thank you so much, Senator Sanders, for joining us tonight. We're really honored to have you on this call. Before we move on, I wanted to take a quick minute to give folks the opportunity to jump into action tonight, as soon as this call ends. All you need is a smart phone, and a computer or a tablet to get set up. I mean, right tonight. Right after this call, you can join an emergency phone bank from your own home. Support candidates and call voters in some of the most competitive districts in the country. Our endorsed candidates are progressive champions for healthcare, and immigrant rights, and an economy that works for all of us. Tonight we'll be making calls to candidates in Western time zones, right, so 'cause I know it's a little late, but in the West Coast it's not. We know that to win tough elections you have to speak individually to every possible voter, so that's what we're going to do.

Chris Percy: We have chosen these campaigns, not only because we know that the candidates need your support, but because we want to connect you to the most efficient, most impactful calling programs out there. Will you join us in doing this tonight, when this call ends? If you can't, don't worry, there are lots of opportunities between now and election day. So, I'm gonna take a poll, okay? If you will commit to making calls from home sometime between now and election day, press one, and we will send you information tomorrow on how you can get started, okay? If you can call voters tonight, then when this call ends, one hour from now, press two. If you press two on your smartphone right now, we'll text you a link minutes after this call ends, where you can learn more about the progressive candidates we'll be calling tonight, and then right into making phone calls, okay? Alright, wow. Alright. This is really great. We have hundreds of folks who have committed to make calls tonight. Look for a text message when this call ends, and you can get started right away, okay? Thanks to everyone who is helping on the phones tonight, and don't worry, we have plenty of other ways to get involved if you can't join the call shift tonight.

Chris Percy: Next up, we're gonna here from Katie Warner, from our Move On Resist and Win team. Katie is gonna share some insights, and updates into the massive election program to end Republican control of Congress. Thanks so much for being here, Katie.

Katie Warner: Thanks, Chris. Welcome everybody. I'm really excited to be here. As I'm sure you all know, and as you heard from Senator Sanders, these midterms are critical, and they are going to be close. According to the Cook Report, which actually tracks and rates congressional races, 30 seats, 29 of which are Republican-held at the moment, are in the topmost category, which literally means that in a little more than a week, they could go either way, and there are another 20 that are gonna come down to the wire. That's 50 seats that are too close to call at this point. If we can elect 24 Democrats, we can end GOP control of the House. As one of my colleagues likes to say, these are field margins. These are races that we actually win by talking to people, by going door to door, by getting on the
phone, even by engaging people in the grocery store. That's why we are engaging, and mobilizing all of you.

Katie Warner: This amazing group of folks actually organize weekly volunteer wave events. So, what exactly is a wave event, you might ask? It's a voter contact day of action at the local campaign office of a Move On member endorsed candidate. What does this look like in practice? Well, it's Move On members volunteering together. When you show up, you get buttons, and a t-shirt, and you actually highlight key progressive values and issues, like healthcare for all, and ending the terrible family separation policies. Volunteer waves help our endorsed candidates win. Not only do we just bring more people into the office, but we also demonstrate the lasting, independent, progressive power of Move On members. We won't go away after election day, and these wave events, they're happening all over the country. This weekend alone, we had more than 130 events across 27 states, and in 90 congressional districts, all by volunteers.

Katie Warner: Last week I was lucky enough to actually be in South Florida, and I got to attend one of these waves where two members I met had never before gone door to door, but they got the text, and they felt they needed to do something. We all go to chat, put on some buttons, went through a training with a fantastic wave leader, and then hit the doors. It was super easy, and a lot of fun. As we heard from Senator Sanders, and we all know, midterms often have lower turnout, but that actually doesn't have to be the case this year. We've seen incredible voter turnout numbers already in parts of Texas, and others, and in Nevada where there's early vote. We know that if we can get folks to come out, we can win.

Katie Warner: Now, it's my pleasure to actually introduce one of the people hosting these waves, Sara Lowe. Sara is a Resist and Win leader in Covington, Kentucky. She's been on the ground in Cincinnati, Ohio leading waves of game-changing action for Move On endorsed candidate Aftab Pureval. Sara's going to share what she's been up to in Cincinnati to help end Republican control of Congress. So glad you're here, Sara.

Sara Lowe: Hi, thank you. I'm really excited to be on the call tonight. I just wanted to share my story with everyone about how I became politically involved. The night of the 2016 Presidential election, I had a dream in which I relived a sexual assault that I experienced over a decade ago. When my alarm woke me up that morning I made a commitment to myself to do whatever I could possibly do to move this country forward. I was shocked that so many of my fellow Americans had elected a person who mocks disabled people, attempts to normalize racism, and has been accused of sexual assault many times, to the highest office of this land. As I began to get involved with local groups, I realized that there is an amazing network of people out there working for the same goals. This administration has attacked me personally from all angles. I was born with a congenital heart defect, and had open heart surgery when I was just five years old. I see a cardiologist for a checkup and test every other year. In between those appointments, I work on paying my medical bills around $1,000 that
insurance doesn't cover. In this respect I'm lucky, because others have such higher bills than me. The attack on preexisting conditions is an attack on me.

Sara Lowe:

I'm also a social worker in the State of Kentucky. Our state government has been taken over by the Koch brothers. We have a governor who takes any chance that he can to ruin the public employee pension system. The attack on the pension system is an attack on me. Just as I was growing tired, and feeling burnout on all of this, the Kavanaugh hearings happened. Doctor Ford's story is eerily similar to my own. The behavior of the GOP during the hearings, and the appointment of Kavanaugh was abhorrent. I was no longer tired, I was filled with the same fire that I had felt on that morning of November 9th, 2016.

Sara Lowe:

Here in Cincinnati, I've hosted three waves with Move On. Before that I had never canvassed before, and I was really nervous about it, but I was happy to find that each time I was able to canvass with a partner, so I never went out alone, and the campaign handled the training for our wave volunteers, and had all the canvassing materials organized for us. An option for phone banking was also available for those who were unable to walk long distances, and anyone who felt more comfortable volunteering on the phone. The process was extremely smooth. I was also happy to find that most of the people were happy to see us at their door. Even people that answered the door, and didn't really want to talk were very polite to us, and I really got the feeling that everyone appreciates that we're volunteering our free time just to let them know that their vote counts, and that it's important.

Sara Lowe:

I've met many people canvassing. A lot of them are just like you and me. They share the same concerns about our government and our country’s future. Some of them just need an extra push of a person telling them that their vote counts, that we all count. We're really lucky to have hundreds of amazing candidates across the country running for office, but they can't do it alone. We are not alone when we're working together, and positive change can only come when we work together.

Sara Lowe:

Thanks everyone, for listing to my story, and before I hand it back to Katie, I would like to do another quick poll. Would you commit to attend or host a Move On wave event to connect directly with voters? If you would commit to attend a wave event, could you press one on your phone now? If you would commit to host a wave event, press two. Again, I just wanna thank everyone so much for listening to my story, and I'll give it back to Katie now.

Katie Warner:

Thanks so much, Sara. I'm really grateful you were able to share your story tonight. Before I hand it back to Chris, I wanted to actually check in with folks on your plans to vote November 6th. We're actually gonna do another poll. Now, I don't need to tell you guys how important it is to vote, but just in case, it's really, really crucial that every one of you who can, votes. Every single one of us who's planning to vote should have a plan. Are you early voting? That's what I
did yesterday. Are you voting by mail? How are you getting to the polls? Are you helping other folks get to the polls? It's all super, super important.

Katie Warner: This is our next poll. If you have already voted, press one. If you will vote early, so before November 6th, press two. If you are already have a plan to vote on election day, press three. If you will commit to make a plan to vote on election day, press four. Once again, if you've already vote, press one. If you're going to vote early, press two. If you already have a plan to vote on election day, press three. If you will commit to make a plan to vote on election day, press four. Awesome. That's so great. It looks like already we have more than ... we have already 1500 people who said that they've committed to vote, and they've already voted, which is amazing. We have thousands of others who are committing right now, and that matters. Really grateful for all of you. Chris, back to you.

Chris Percy: Alright, thank you Katie. Really appreciate all the work that you are doing, and Sara, all the work that you are doing. You both are amazing, thank you so much.

Chris Percy: As a reminder, if you're on the phone, you can press star three to ask a question, to be connected with one of our call screeners. I'm going to take a few questions, and I am so happy that Katie and Sara are still with me, so we're gonna answer some of these questions. I would love to call on Daniel from New York City.

Daniel: Hi, I'm Daniel, nice to meet you.

Chris Percy: Hey, Daniel.

Daniel: Thanks for [inaudible 00:25:40] questions. My question was about messages. I volunteer here in New York on the district, New York District 2 for Congress, for Shirley Lula, and one of the things that is really difficult is that I'm a military veteran, and one of the ... they swear that people like myself, people who served in the military, that are Democrats, left leaning, or progressive like I am, that we don't even exist, and it's really difficult to get past those barriers. These ideas that they just assume anyone who served is a conservative and/or a Republican, and I just wanted to know how we might message it a little bit better. A better way to go about it.

Chris Percy: Gotcha, okay. I'm gonna take a stab and if Katie or Sara would like to answer, please feel free as well. What I've learned as an organizer is my best tool is my personal story, right? My best option in any type of bridge-building exercise, is to talk about where I come from. Sometimes that gets a little push back at first because folks sort of have preconceived notions, but as in building any kind of relationship that you would build with anybody, when people hear your story, when you take away all of what's happening, and what's going on in the world and say "No, this is who I am, and where I come from" that has broken down more walls and more barriers than I think, that I can count. Many people, all
they need is that peaceful connection, and actually hearing their story. A lot of times the messaging is just your own story, and letting people hear what you have to say. That is the best thing, I think, to help sort of break down some of those walls.

Chris Percy: Katie, do you have anything to add?

Katie Warner: I completely agree with Chris. I think, the only thing I'll add is that there actually ... this election we're seeing a lot of veterans running as Democrats, a lot of women, a lot of folks that generally ... I think we're also just seeing that narrative be pushed back, and the more we can just connect those people, connect to people, like Chris said, I think that that's the key.

Chris Percy: Okay, thank you so much Daniel for your real question.

Daniel: Thank you.

Chris Percy: Alright. For the next question that I saw, okay. I'm going to go to, I believe it is [Melly 00:28:45] Angela from New Jersey.

Melly Angela: I just spoke. That was me, just now.

Chris Percy: Oh, did you? I did not hear you.

Melly Angela: Yeah, that was me. Yes.

Chris Percy: Okay. Well thank you.

Melly Angela: Do you need me to repeat the question? It was kinda long, but I'd be happy to. It was about what do people do if they're already in an area ... I'm in the 5th Congressional, it's a blue dog Democrat but I'm getting out the vote for him, but and other things. I'm getting out the vote for Stacy Abrams, or Gail [inaudible 00:29:18]. There's a host of other great people that, just because they're not in New Jersey, I'm still getting out the vote, and if you could just kinda touch on that, that's all I was talking about.

Chris Percy: Say that one more time, I didn't quite get your question.

Melly Angela: In other words, if your district has somebody that they're 99.9% gonna win, like in my case in the 5th Congressional, in New Jersey, that people shouldn't feel discouraged, that they can still volunteer to get out the vote anywhere, with great candidates.

Chris Percy: Yes, definitely.

Melly Angela: I just wanted to say, I'm [inaudible 00:29:52] that with people.
Chris Percy: Okay, well thank you so much. Like we said, on today, if you, after this call we are going to be, some folks are gonna be able to hop on phone calls, and you will be able to call over to the West Coast to some of our candidates, and they may not be in your area, but it is important to give support, especially if you live in a district where it may be already blue. Thank you so much for your question and statement.

Chris Percy: The next question is going to go to [Allie 00:30:30] from Nevada. Go on.

Allie: Hi, thanks so much for taking my call. I guess my question is I do believe that we will take the House, I think it's gonna be a fight, and I think, hail Mary, I hope we'll be able to also take control of the Senate as well. With that being said, I think that, come hell or high water, we will need to figure out how to heal the country, 'cause we don't have a president that wants to do that at all. I find it very difficult to have a civil conversation with people who don't care about clean air and water. Those are basic things, and I just wanna know, what is the game plan in terms of learning how to talk to people who are all of a sudden [inaudible 00:31:34]. That's my question.

Chris Percy: Okay, great, thank you for asking that question. One of the things that I do, and this is something that is ongoing because we are in an environment right now where there is so much happening on a regular basis. One of the things that I do in these seasons is build community where I am in order to continue to facilitate my own healing, and my own self care. If there are organizations or folks who are local, who are like-minded, sometimes coming together and just being amongst people, really engaging in that real self care, maybe not even talking about the politics and what's happening.

Chris Percy: We can only give so much before we have to fill ourselves back up, so I think it's very important to really look to our family and our friends, on a personal level, to fill us back up and these discourse, because it can be really taxing on the person. Find that community of folks who are doing that same type of work, and start to build the circles of healing that you want to see, because it's hard to wait for somebody else to be "Okay well, what if?" What are we going to do to bring healing to this situation? What are we going to do to sort of fulfill ourselves as we do this really tedious work? A lot of times it takes the actual realization that okay, we need to bring about this intentional self care. Let us do this for ourselves, and then spread it were we are. For me, it's a very personal, and then community oriented thing when it comes to self care in this type of work.

Chris Percy: Katie, did you want to add anything to that?

Katie Warner: No, I actually was curious if Sara had wanted to add anything, as somebody who lives in a more conservative area, too. I don't know how you, how that helps you.
Sara Lowe: I would say, when I've spoke with someone who's being difficult, or wants to focus on one topic only, I kinda let that go, and then just try to look for common ground. Here in our state we've had, I wouldn't say a unique experience, but a different experience in the fact that the teacher pensions and public employee pensions are under attack, like I had mentioned earlier, so that's something that's really brought everyone together. While you're speaking with someone, if it start to get kind of rough, if you could maybe just glide on over to that different topic, where you think you can find some common ground, and that's worked really effectively here, to the point that we have Republicans working on our Democratic candidate's campaigns. That's been the most effective, and if you try to take your emotions out of it, and just realize that you're talking to another person, that we all have flaws, or different experiences, that that ends up helping me and help keep me calm when having those difficult discussions.

Chris Percy: Okay, thanks Sara. Thanks, Katie. I hope that helps. This really is a thing that we are all working on together, and all figuring out as organizers in this work, on how to do. Thank you so much, Allie, for your call. Or your question, for that matter.

Chris Percy: I have a Facebook live question, so from Facebook, Cheryl says "Are we doing enough to make sure all people can vote? Do we have enough people monitoring the vote in all states?" That is a great question. I'm gonna punt this over to Katie to see if she has answers.

Katie Warner: Thanks, Chris. It is a great question, and for this is a country that has a terrible record of empowering people to vote. I think that there are a lot of people, so Move On is not one of these organizations, but there are a lot of organizations on the ground who are doing a lot of really great work to make sure that people can vote. One of my good friends is actually helping run a program right now that's training hundreds of people to poll watch in places like Arizona, and Nevada. That kind of making sure that people are a part of the process, and having enough people on the ground, we're seeing that unlike in other elections, this has been something that people are raising their hands to do. I think that, like I said, this is obviously an issue that we are seeing play out in states, and makes me very angry. It makes a lot of people angry, but I do feel a lot of confidence that there are groups that are working on this, and that are really ... and there are people, right? People that are reporting when they see things, people that are really pushing to make sure that our democracy can withstand.

Katie Warner: Yeah, I don't have the perfect answer on this, but I think that they key is that we also don't want people to feel discouraged from voting. Sometimes one of the things that actually happens when we say it's hard to vote, is people then don't try. I would also encourage us to think about how do we make sure that people know that they can get out there, even if ... the more that we push the narrative that it's hard, and that people are out there trying to stop us, the more
sometimes people believe it. Let's also make sure that we're telling everyone to try and go out there. If you can, vote. I'll hand it back to you, Chris.

Chris Percy: Thank you so much, Katie. Thank you for grabbing that. You are really great, and I really appreciate the work that you're doing. At this time, I would like to introduce Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Alexandria is a rising star of the progressive movement. She’s a champion who's grassroots-powered campaign shocked the establishment by defeating a 10 term New York Democrat. That is amazing. In her congressional primary this year. Since then, she's been out rallying for other progressive candidates, really spreading the love and rallying for causes, and will be joining us later, or will be joining us right now, actually, on this call. Without further ado, please welcome Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Alexandria O.: Amazing, thank you so, so much. Thank you to Move On, thank you to everyone here hosting and organizing this call, and thank you to everyone who's called in, that's doing the work of organizing and figuring out how we can really better ourselves in order to better our democracy. I'm so excited for November 6th, and for all of the organizing that is going on. We are really down here to the final stretch, and I cannot underestimate ... I cannot overemphasize, rather, enough the importance of talking to our neighbors, really getting out and doing the work of physical organizing.

Alexandria O.: I know for us, we weren't ... I wasn't supposed to ... according to all of the political wisdom out there I was not supposed to win my primary by any stretch, or any measure, any stretch of the imagination, or any measurement. My opponent in the primary spent 4 million dollars, and we had about half a million by primary day. Really, what we accomplished in June 26th was against all odds in that you're not supposed to win a race when you're outspon, you’re not supposed to win a race when you’re unseating an incumbent, you’re not supposed to win a race when it's your first time ever running for office, and we were able to do all of those things because we leaned in to the power of organizing.

Alexandria O.: No matter what is going in TV, no matter what is happening in your mailbox, there is nothing more transformational than the personal touch. It's one thing, it's very easy to believe something you see on TV, or very easy to do something you see spread on Facebook, but when your neighbor actually knocks on your door, or when your cousin sends you a text message, or when your friend hits you up on Facebook and says "Hey, I just really need you to give this candidate a shot" or "I really need you to vote this year" when you don't usually vote, people listen to that. People really take to heart the messages of organizing, particularly from loved ones, but really just in person. I can't underestimate, I can't underscore enough the importance of all of us doing that.

Alexandria O.: I can't thank you call enough for committing to that work, because our democracy is really at stake here, and it's going to take all hands on deck. Not just for November 6th, but for the time thereafter, because especially for the
progressive movement, we know that it's so much more than just electing a Democrat. It's about really fighting for the issues we care about, like single payer healthcare, tuition free college, a living wage, and we should organize with the confidence that the majority of Americans, including the majority of Republican voters, actually appreciates those things as well. Just keep that to heart. Keep that in mind, that what we are fighting for here is what the majority of this country is asking of this government. I just want to thank you all again so much for doing that work, because it's really the tireless work of organizers that wins elections more than anything else.

Chris Percy: Thank you so much, Alexandria, for being with us. Really appreciate you taking the time out, I really do, and as a collective we celebrate you and thank you for all the work that you've been doing thus far. Thank you so much, really appreciate your time.

Alexandria O.: Of course, thank you.

Chris Percy: We are able to take a couple of more questions before the call closes. I am going to ask Sara if you might be able to answer this question, or anybody who could, and the question is coming from ... okay, I just had the question ... let's see, Laura from Nevada is where I want to go. Laura?

Laura: Yes, I'm here.

Chris Percy: Hi.

Laura: Hi. You want me to repeat my question?

Chris Percy: Yes, did you already ask your question?

Laura: Well, when I spoke with the operator. My question is what are we doing to heal the divide between the Democrats since the last election. I was a delegate, and the convention in Las Vegas, and in the local high schools they divided us from the get-go, and the Sanders supporters, Bernie Sanders people were totally disenfranchised in my eyes, because they were not heard. I know that there are steps being taken by the Democratic, the new leadership [inaudible 00:44:09] but it just seems that the people across the country who voted for Bernie Sanders were disregarded, and I'm wondering what are we doing to bring everybody back together in unity in the Democratic party, because I feel like we're still not together in our own party, and how can we possibly win if we don't work on that?

Chris Percy: Thank you for your question. Katie or Sara, did you have any thoughts on that question?

Sara Lowe: I can go. This is Sara, by the way. Honestly, what I personally been doing, and what I've done since Donald Trump was elected, is I've been getting involved
with the party locally, any way that I can. I've been friending other Democrats in
the area, and honestly, my plan is to get on the local party committee to do
what I can to have my voice be heard, and the voice of people who don't feel
supported. I know not everyone can do that, but that's just been my personal
strategy, and it's helped me to feel better. I don't engage in any of the Hillary
versus Bernie talk. I know people still try to bring that up. That's something that
I just don't entertain, because at this point we're past that, and we just need to
work on the goals that we have for ourselves individually moving forward, and
find like minded people to do that with.

Sara Lowe: In my area there's not a lot of ... not really a lot of people that actually do get
involved, so I've found that when I reach out, I'm welcomed with open arms,
and none of that really matters because I'm more boots on the ground.
Hopefully that helps somewhat.

Chris Percy: Yeah.

Katie Warner: I'll just quickly add too, thank you Sara. Right after the convention last year I was
in Ohio with one of my colleagues, and we did a lot of a listening tour, kind of
chatting with people. One thing that I'll just say that I think is a part of
organizing, and a thing that I always come back to, which is what are the values
we're leading with? I would encourage everyone to think about that in their
stuff. I think a lot of times we get divided by a lot of different things on the left,
but what are the values that are motivating us?

Katie Warner: I know I'm really passionate about healthcare for all. I think that we need a
Dream Act now. The more that I can talk to people about these things that I ...
the more that I can lead with these values, and these things that I'm looking for,
I think the left, we fall into the patterns of discussions around which candidate it
should've been, what about this? What does the future look like? What is the
ideal situation? What do you dream of? What is your dream for this country?
And sharing that, and finding people who agree. I think that that's gonna
kinda bring us together, because you'll be surprised just how many people are
passionate, and feel that this country deserves more.

Chris Percy: Wow. Thank you Katie, thank you Sara. I agree with all of that. It's all about the
values. Great. Thank you Laura, so much, for sharing your question.

Chris Percy: Next question is going to come from [Gayle 00:48:11] from San Francisco, and
you are live now.

Gayle: Thank you for letting me join everybody. I really appreciate it.

Gayle: Actually, I'm officially in Daly City, I was walking my dog when I talked to your
interviewer, so in the spirit of candor, I'm no longer in San Francisco. My
question is this. We are all fighting like the dickens to come up with a blue wave
when we get to election day, but we also have, and certainly I'm not alone in
this, having family members, friends, that have been Trump supporters, and my interest is in hearing somebody on the call tell me not just how we can get the Democrats to be together, how do we, no matter what happens in the election, how do we get back to a country that cares more about America than we care about our political parties. If anybody has insights on how we can get to that point, so it's not ... winning is important, but it has to be leading to something more than [inaudible 00:49:16]. I would love anybody who has vision on that to answer the question.

Chris Percy: I'll try to take a stab at it, Gayle, and welcome anybody else who has insight on it. This really does come back to values, right? Values on an individual level. We really do have to be the change that we seek in our communities, and our country. In this climate, where there's so much divisiveness, and so much just really hard, tough things happening on every front, we have to allow ourselves to be beacons, and I know that sounds a little like, what? But it really does start on a molecular level when it comes to really trying to bring people back together. It really does start with one-on-one relationships and holding up those values that we hold to be true in our own lives in order to start bridging those gaps.

Chris Percy: It seems to be a theme, even in this call, okay we're pushing for election day, but how do we through this, and after this, heal and bring people back together. It is, we have to be the story that is not always told. We have to be light, we have to be love, we have to be understanding, we have to be compassionate to our neighbors on a personal level. That will build. It is so important that we take the time to do that in our own communities, and it's really important that we do not discredit and discard those from all beginnings when it comes to healing such a divisive culture and time right now. It's really important that we take time to do that.

Chris Percy: Katie or Sara, do you have any insights on that?

Katie Warner: Sure, I'll just pick-

Sara Lowe: I'm-

Katie Warner: Oh no, go first there.

Sara Lowe: I was just gonna say that one thing in Kentucky where I do that's been something that I've had to do quite often, and I just like to reiterate the point about sharing your story, I've found that the best and the most productive conversations I've had with Republicans, or people that voted for Trump, are when I share a story. If they make a comment, a negative comment about minorities, or anything on the spectrum there, I can pull in stories that I have from doing social work in the state. My parents both actually voted for Trump, so that's something that we've had to work on too, and if my dad brings something up, and it's happened to me, I share my story. Some of those are a
little more painful to share, but I find that that humanizes the issue for them, and when something affects someone you know, I think it really makes people start to think.

Chris Percy: Okay, thank you so much for sharing, Sara.

Sara Lowe: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Chris Percy: And thank you everyone for your questions, and for being here. Be sure to go to MoveOn.org/wave to find a voter event near you. Take time to join our mobile page. Later this evening we'll post an audio recording, live stream link, and a pdf of the flash show to MoveOn.org/readytoresist. If you haven't already you can also sign up to RSVP for the upcoming Resist and Win Sunday night national organizing calls with Kamala Harris, and Elizabeth Warren, at MoveOn.org/resistandwincalls after 10pm Eastern tonight. By Wednesday, we'll have a script of this call, an audio recording, and the pdf, okay?

Chris Percy: Lastly, let me leave you with this. Typically, on election day I have a mental ritual. I sit down as polls are closing, and while folks are waiting for votes to be counted, and I consider if I did all that I can do to win this election. I think about all the phone calls, all the doors knocked, the rallies, I think about it all, the meetings. I ask myself "Did I do what I could to bring this home?" This cycle, I have asked myself that question almost every day. I want to make sure that I have done all that I can do to the best of my ability because too much is at stake. The actual soul of our country is at stake. But, guess what? I am super encouraged, because I have been out in the field and I have seen thousands of you who have already stepped up in so many ways. From now until election day on November 6th, we are going to show up, and we're going to show our rebuke, and our resistance to the toxic environment that we have been enduring by the work that we're gonna do in these next several days, and by our votes.

Chris Percy: Take it home, folks. Be encouraging this season. We are going to resist and win this November. I love you all, peace and blessings be to you all. Thank you to each of our speakers, and to each of you for tuning in. See you next week, and in the streets. Love, peace, and power.