Rahna Epting: Welcome everyone to the Resist and Win national organizing call. My name is Rahna Epting, I'm the Election Program Managing Director at MoveOn Political Action. We're one of the largest multi-issue organizations fighting for a progressive future in this country. It's a pleasure to be on this call with you and thank you so, so much for joining and spending a portion of your Sunday evening with us. Tonight you'll hear from movement leaders about what's at stake in this current political moment and we'll share the plan for how we win in November and end GOP control of the house. For those who have been on these national organizing calls before, welcome back. For those of you that are just joining us we're so, so happy you've decided to do so.

Rahna Epting: So before we get started, I wanted to thank some amazing partners who've joined MoveOn for this call and there are many. The Center for Popular Democracy, People's Action, Daily Coast, The Working Families Party, Moms Rising and all the leaders and volunteers that make up MoveOn. In total we've now held more than 20 of these calls over the last two years. We've built a strong community of tens of thousands of folks made up of every single one of you who regularly come together to find out where to plug in to make a difference right now. On these calls is where we share out what you can do to not only resist this dangerous administration and the GOP's attacks on our communities but also to do the incredible important work to build a future where everyone can thrive. A country and a democracy that works for all of us. Right now we have thousands and thousands of folks on the call and additional thousands streaming on line. So we just welcome everyone who's joined us, thank you so much.

Rahna Epting: So a bit about kind of the context for what we're going to talk about tonight. This election is about taking on a rigged system that's been working for Trump and his big money corporate and billionaire donors. It's about fighting back against attacks on our communities and it's about fueling a progressive large scale movement so mighty that we sweep Republican's out of congress with candidates who will fight for single payer healthcare, immigrant rights, sweeping criminal justice reform, living wages, environmental justice, diplomacy and so, so much more. We know that the system is rigged against us at every level but we're not going to stand for it. Right now communities across North and South Carolina are dealing with the massive impacts of hurricane Florence, thousands still without electricity and many communities struggling for support and safety from the storm. Our brothers and sisters or Puerto Rico one year later are still fighting to have their infrastructure and communities restored.

Rahna Epting: Earlier today even, a woman came forward to publicly allege sexual misconduct on the part of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. We already knew that confirming Kavanaugh would establish a conservative majority on the court and cement the worst of Trump's policies in place for a generation. This new public allegation brings even more urgency. We need congress to halt this process until these very serious allegations can be fully investigated. MoveOn members across this country are fighting and they will continue to fight to save the
Supreme Court, it's really important folks that you check your email, your phone, your social media this week for important actions you can take to oppose Kavanaugh's nomination. This campaign is developing very rapidly and what we're learning about the Kavanaugh nomination is developing minute by minute. So check your phones, check your email, check your social media for more on the Kavanaugh fight.

Rahna Epting: It's going to take all of us on board, giving everything we have to stop these attacks on our communities and take on the system rigged against us. On this call tonight we'll hear about many ways that we can do just that. So here's what we're going to talk about. Our first speaker is U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley from the great state of Oregon. He's been actively exposing Trump's anti-immigration agenda. Earlier this summer Senator Merkley went to Brownsville, Texas throwing an international spotlight on the Trump administrations very cruel, zero tolerance, zero humanity policy that led to thousands of children being separated from their families at the border. This week as the country braced for hurricane Florence, Senator Merkley exposed how the Trump administration diverted ten million dollars from FEMA to ICE.

Rahna Epting: We'll also hear from Carmen Vela, a retired teacher and MoveOn leader from Texas who's been organizing in her local community. She'll share with us the incredibly important work she's been doing this election season and how you too can get involved. We'll hear from Xochitl Oseguera campaign director for Moms Rising who's leading the corporate accountability work to stop the family separation crisis. Lastly we'll hear from my colleague Eskedar Getahun, team lead at the Rail Voter Voices, who will fill you in on exciting new way to get involved, help swing this election and I kid you not, you can do it with just a few minutes and a selfie video. So, stay tuned to learn more. As a quick reminder for people that are joining this on the phone, via webcast and on Facebook live, we have folks joining in very many different ways. But if you're on the phone, you can press star three to ask a question and one of our screeners will work with you to get to your question. You can also go to MoveOn.org/resistandwincalls, that's MoveOn.org/resistandwincalls to listen to this call live on your computer or device and watch the slide presentation there.

Rahna Epting: Alright so let's get to it. Senator Merkley we're so glad to have you, please talk to us about what's happening in Congress and what's at stake right now in this moment.

Jeff Merkley: Thank you very much Rahna. This situation this last week in which the administration in the first month of the hurricane season moved 10 million out of FEMA in order to fund prison camps tells you a lot about their strategy, their policy regarding immigrants which is to continue the strategy of inflicting trauma on children in order to send a political message. There's just no moral code or religious tradition in which this is acceptable. This is coming from a very dark, very evil place in the heart of this administration. By exposing the child separation, thousands of children being ripped out of their parents arms, we've
brought a stop to that in the short term although 400 plus kids have still not been reunited with their families. Meanwhile the President is pushing to create internment camps for families instead. Let me be absolutely clear about this, children belong in schools and playgrounds and homes, not behind barbed wire. It was a shameful period of our history in World War II when we created internment camps and I am fighting this in every possible way I can.

Jeff Merkley: It's a real threat, it has already passed the House of Representatives as part of an appropriation bill. In the Senate there are 35 Republican Senators on this bill to establish internment camps. So a few weeks ago I went to the floor and alerted everyone it will be a massive battle, gave the history, the dark history of internment camps and said this is totally unacceptable and I know, I'm sure we stop it from getting to the oval office. But in the midst of everything else that's going on, we can't lose and let this slip by us as part of some other bill. The most important thing right now is the immediate vote ahead of us this coming week with Kavanaugh. We are doing everything we can to get it postponed to resolve and address this issue that has been raised by the young woman from California.

Jeff Merkley: Also because the system is totally rigged. The information that we're getting is being censored in three ways. We're getting none of the paperwork from the five years he served as Secretary to President Bush. Then the other paperwork we're getting is arriving only after it has been screened by a lawyer who used to work for the nominee. Then of that paperwork, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee is proceeding to label a lot of it Committee confidential to prevent the American people to seeing the information we have on these very real national issues. So this is 100% unacceptable. There was a strategy or an agreement between Democrats and Republicans on Obama's nominees of full transparency. We need a little bit of integrity here from a few members on the Republican side to say, we stood in bi-partisan fashion for full transparency on Obama's nominees, we have to do exactly the same now. So we will continue to push on that and every other lever we possibly can.

Jeff Merkley: Some of the issues that Senator Whitehouse has raised is about amazing fluctuations in his finances that imply that there might be some kind of gambling problem. Well we don't know. The questions have to be answered. Anyway, grassroots action is the antidote to this government by and for the powerful that the Republicans are so entrenched in. We have now just a sprint to November 6th, I know that folks on the call are going to give more information about how to be involved. But do everything you can to get out your front door and be active in these few weeks to come. We cannot let this administration stand. We have to have a blue House of Representatives. There's a pathway to a blue Senate if we all apply ourselves with the enormous diligence. Thank you, thank you for being involved and working together to save our beautiful we the people republic.
Rahna Epting: Thank you so much Senator Merkley. You've been an incredible champion for all of us. Thank you for sharing your valuable perspective, what's at stake in our country right now. As we approach the 2018 election, it's important that we focus our energies on taking back GOP control of the house and even better the Senate, as Senator Merkley stated. So now we're going to hear from Carmen Vela, a resist and win leader from Texas. Carmen has just held her first wave event, bringing people together in her community to talk directly to voters in support of Beto O'Rourke who is running against Ted Cruz for U.S. Senate seat. Carmen, thank you so much for being here.

Carmen Vela: Hi everyone, I'm so excited to be on the call. My name is Carmen Vela. I'm a retired teacher and a MoveOn member from Little, Texas, a small rural community. I've been following the work of MoveOn for years, receiving emails, signing petitions and donating money. But this year instead of simply showing up to volunteer, I took the plunge and trained to be a resist and win leader. At first I was really scared to take on a leadership role. Whom would I lead? Would I find other progressives in my Texas rural area to join me. What I've learned by stepping out of my comfort zone is that so many of us exist and that we are looking for each other, which is so important. At this very moment, families remain separated or are incarcerated because of the Trump administration's cruel policies. Children are unsafe in their classrooms and their parents are terrified and congress has been unwilling to act to stop gun violence. People can't afford the medical care they need to survive. The stakes could not be higher.

Carmen Vela: This year, I've been inspired by so many people. The women and families who walked 2000 miles with the caravan of hope to improve their lives and the incredible amounts of money people have donated to help pay the bonds of immigrants seeking asylum. If these people can do this, take this extraordinary actions, I knew I needed to do something more. This past week I hosted my first wave event. Wow, I was the leader. At MoveOn wave events you'll join other volunteers for a voter contact shift at the local campaign office of a candidate for U.S. House that will help end GOP control of congress and in Texas we definitely need Senator Ted Cruz to go. Here's what wave hosts do, we set up our events on MoveOn.org/waves, show up to the campaign office, greet fellow MoveOn members, distribute materials like t-shirts or buttons or signs and then connect with voters together. With MoveOn support every step of the way. As a wave host I created an event that brought people together in the town where I grew up to help elect Beto O'Rourke who is running against Ted Cruz for the U.S. Senate seat here in Texas.

Carmen Vela: For my event we knocked on doors to talk to our neighbors, having one on one conversations that motivate people to vote on November 6th. Even through these were the people I'd known since I was a kid, I was so nervous. Nevertheless, I reminded myself that people all over the world are literally placing their bodies in danger to fight for basic human rights. From a global perspective, having conversations with people in the community I grew up in
about why this election matters to me and the importance of voting is a small sacrifice to make. These one on one conversations reminded me of how their struggles and victories shaped not only my community but shaped me also. There was one man now in his 80's whom I've known since I was in elementary school but it wasn't until I knocked on his door last weekend that I was reminded of the important role he had in my town. Years ago he and his son were at the forefront of the lawsuit that ended segregation of our towns schools. These conversations remind us of those who place their reputations and livelihood on the line in order to effect change.

Carmen Vela: Talking to people one on one about why this election matters has led to a deeper, stronger connection in my community that will motivate people to go to the poll for November 6th. Opportunities abound to get involved. I hope you'll join me by organizing a MoveOn wave voter contact event in your congressional district or the closest swing district. It is how we will win mid-term elections. Thank you so much.

Rahna Epting: Thank you so much Carmen, it is because of volunteers like you that we're going to be able to mobilize tens of thousands, hopefully hundreds of thousands of people to come out and volunteer for campaigns and to vote this election season and we couldn't do it without folks like Carmen. We hope others on this call will also volunteer to host a wave event. Wave events are happening all over the country right now through election day and you're invited. Every volunteer counts this election. So we want to ask you all, we're going to take a poll, we want to ask you, will you commit to attend a wave event in your congressional district or the closest swing district? If you'll commit on this call to attend a wave event, press one on your phone now. Press one on your phone now if you'll commit to attend a wave event like the event Carmen talked about. Wow, we have 901 people who have committed to do so just now. Thank you so, so much, we will follow up with you and that's going to be awesome. Imagine if 900 people in one day joined a wave event how much impact we could have, how many voters we could talk to.

Rahna Epting: Alright, so moving on, next up is Xochitl Oseguera, a campaign director from Moms Rising who has been leading a massive corporate accountability campaign against Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase for their part in financing the family separation crisis. Alright Xochitl, you ready? Take it away.

Xochitl: Thank you so much, good evening everyone. More than 86 organizations have joined the Families Belong Together Corporate Accountability Campaign. In which we're demanding that Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase stop financing Core Civic and GO Group, two of the largest for profit corporations that hold contracts to operate immigration detention centers and directly profit from family separation, detention and incarceration of our immigrant sisters and brothers. Core Civic and GO Group depend on that financing from banks to conduct their[inaudible 00:18:03] operations, finance new facilities and acquire smaller companies. An analysis of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
filing shows that Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase have played a role in financing these debts. In doing so these companies are complicit in and profiting from mass incarceration and the criminalization of immigration. This is an urgent matter. Over the last several months, immigrants who arrived at the U.S. border seeking asylum are locked up on federal prisons where they are alleged to be suffering from inadequate food, lack of healthcare and restrictive access to fresh air and sunlight.

Xochitl: At the Trump administrations direction children have been intentionally separated from their parents and held in detention. Immigrants seeking asylum incarcerated and more recently allegations have emerged of numerous cases involving federal officials verbal, physical and sexual abuse of migrant children within detention facilities. This needs to stop. We're calling for a national day of action on September 26th to deliver petition signatures from across the country to Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase. There are three ways you can participate. The first one is joining us in one of the headquarters deliveries. The Wells Fargo delivery will be in San Francisco, downtown San Francisco where their headquarters are located and JP Morgan Chase will be in New York City. Second on the same day, you can drop off the letter to your local bank branch. Obviously not everyone is in the bay area and New York city but everyone has a local Wells Fargo or JP Morgan Chase bank in town. We're asking our members to deliver this letter along with an item representing a sleeping child. Our message is every child deserves to be tucked into a safe bed to sleep. The third way you can support us is via social media, we welcome everyone to participate at any of all three ways.

Xochitl: You can find more information in our action page at Moms.[inaudible 00:20:54]/ACT. Finally we hope you can join us to fight this inhumane money making machine profiting off the pain and separation of our families. Your consumer power and voices will make a big difference. Thank you.

Rahna Epting: Alright so now we're going to take a quick poll, thank you so much Xochitl. We want to ask folks on the call and live streaming and following us, will you attend an event to support the Families Belong Together campaign by delivering a letter to your local bank branch? If you'll take part in this day of action, press one now. Alright. Numbers are coming in and before we go to our next speaker, I do want to remind folks if you have questions you can press star three and one of our screeners will get to you, take your questions and then we will do a Q and A at the end of this call. Alright, oh wow, we 1914 people that said that they will participate in a Families Belong Together Corporate Accountability day of action. This is fantastic. Thank you so much everybody. Okay, so another way that we can impact the elections this year, I want to introduce by colleague Eskedar.

Eskedar Getahun: Thank you Rahna. What an honor to be here with all of you, truly. Our team is in awe of the work everyone is doing in communities to help us end GOP control of congress in November. The Real Voters Voices Project is another way you can
help the democrats running in your state and in your districts win their races. It's app involves uploading short videos about why you're voting for the candidates that you support. Earlier this year MoveOn tested a pilot project, we asked voters in a primary and a special election to upload short personal videos about why they're voting for their candidates. We then showed those videos to people in the district to move them to vote. We found that these personal authentic videos made by MoveOn members and supporters like you were one of the most effective ways to get people to the polls that we've seen in a very long time. In a time of deep distress in our political system, authentic personal videos from you can have an out sized impact on who shows up to vote and for whom they vote. The test we did was so effective that we're now collecting real voter voices videos in 100 congressional districts and a handful of senate and gubernatorial races.

Eskedar Getahun: So your video can help move hundreds of votes in your district. I'm going to pause here to share some examples of real voter voices videos that we've collected so enjoy.

Ashley: Hi I'm Ashley, I'm 18 years old and I'm an incoming college freshman.

Kayla: Hello I'm Kayla, I'm 18 years old as well and I'm an incoming college freshman.

Ashley: We believe that Todd Litton should be our congressman because he fights for LGBTQ rights along with woman equality.

Kayla: And he's also looking to expand our economic opportunity and build resilient infrastructure against [inaudible 00:24:16]

Ashley: So we need your help, you go out and vote for Todd Litton to be our congressman.

Kayla: No matter how old you are, you can do it and change the world.

Ashley: Thank you.

Jenny: Hola my name is Jenny Lee Figuora Criswell and I'm voting for Beto. Why am I voting for Beto? I'll tell you why. He stands for what I believe in, big money out of politics. Women's rights, women's health issues, immigration reform, criminal justice reform. So many other things are on his platform. We need to vote for him and send him to Washington. Texas deserves better, Texas deserves Beto.

Rachel: Hi I'm Rachel, I'm a mother of two small children and a teacher. This year this election is incredibly important to me because I'm worried. I'm worried about guns in schools and the safety of my children. I'm worried about the environment and this world will be passing down to our children. I'm worried about my own reproductive rights. I'm worried about the children and the families at the border. That's why I'm supporting Shawn Caston for congress.
Shawn will be a voice for those families. He will be a voice for me and standing up for my reproductive rights and he will fight the NRA to ensure that my kids can go to school safely. So this year on November 6th, get to the polls and support Shawn Caston.

Eskedar Getahun: How awesome is that. Now that you have a better idea of what makes an effective real voter voices video, let's walk through the process of uploading your own video. We'll start first with how you will know we are collecting videos in your district or in your state. To upload a video, you'll type MoveOn.org/realvotervoices into any browser. You can do this on any computer or phone that can record sound and video. You'll get a page that asks you to enter your name, email address, zip code and phone number. When you enter your zip code, a drop-down box will appear that shows the name of the candidate that you can make a video for. If we are collecting videos for your congressional candidate, their name will be there. You can click on the box to see if we're also collecting videos for your senate or governor candidate. If you enter your zip code and get other, that means that we're not collecting videos in your area at this cycle.

Eskedar Getahun: Okay, so once you've selected the candidate you're going to make a video about, you can click the button that says, "Step 2, Record Your Video." This page is where you get the button to record your video but you might still be wondering what do I say. People have told us it helps to jot down a few notes before recording your video or a nifty little trick is that some people even post them on their computer screen to refer to while they're recording. Start with your first name and something people might relate to. So for example you can say, I'm a mother or I'm a grandfather. Then and this is the most important part, tell us the candidate you're voting for and why you're voting for that candidate. It's important to speak from the heart than to sound polished. That's far more effective than a list of policies. You're speaking to people who are looking for a reason to care enough about this election to go out and vote. Try to record somewhere quiet and with good lighting. You don't want to sit directly in front of a light source or right next to a noisy fan.

Eskedar Getahun: Once you've thought about what you want to say and found a place to record, scroll down the page, below the big blue box and click the record button. When you do so, you'll be guided on the screen to position your head in the center of a frame. It does not have to be perfect. As long as we can see and hear you, you are doing an awesome job. Now press the record button on the bottom right of that screen. You'll get a three, two, one countdown and then you can start talking. Press stop in that same corner when you are done. You'll then have the opportunity to watch your video by clicking on the gray play button, make sure it has sound and that you're happy with it. If not, you can slick re-do in that same bottom right corner and try it again. The very last step, once you're happy with your video is to click the button giving us permission to share it in clicking submit your video. Once we have all of the videos, we'll edit them to make sure your video is clear and that people can understand you. Once they're ready we'll...
share them with voters and post them in the video gallery where you can see all of the great videos like the ones you've seen today from others across the country.

Eskedar Getahun: If you want to make another video for another candidate, for example one for running for senate or governor then type in MoveOn.org/realvotervoices again and go back to step one and follow the same process that you followed to get here. We’re also really excited to be able to accept and show videos in Spanish. If you’re able to make a video in English and in Spanish, please go through the process twice. Submitting two separate videos in each language. We need to have all of the videos in by October 1st to have them in time to show them to voters before the election so please make your video as soon as possible. Again you can do that at MoveOn.org/realvotervoices.

Eskedar Getahun: We're also recruiting video captains to help us gather at least five videos in their communities. This is another way to get involved. These volunteers will receive special training on collecting videos and will be invited to weekly calls about video collection. If you're interested in becoming a video captain, please go to MoveOn.org/videocaptain and sign up. Finally if you have any question or trouble making your video please free free to email us at electionvideos@moveon.org and somebody will be more than happy to help you with whatever it is that you need. We are so excited about this project. The idea that we can use people power and social media to reach voters that otherwise might not vote is so powerful as is the impact that we can have on so many of these close elections.

Eskedar Getahun: So before we go to Q and A, we have two more questions for you. So, question number one, will you commit to making your own real voter voices video this week? Press one if you are willing to make a video. Again the question is, will you commit to making your own real voter voices video this week? So we see come commitments for the selfie videos coming in. Press one if you will make a video. Awesome, we have hundreds of people, almost 300 people who committed to make their own video this week for the real voter voices projects. Okay so question number two, can you recruit five more people to make real voter voices videos? So if you’re willing to be a video captain and recruit five more people to make real voter voices videos, please press one. Alright so we’re getting feedback on folks who are willing to be video captains. Are you willing to recruit five more people in your community to make real voter voices videos? So awesome we have almost 200, over 200 people willing to make, to bring their friends in for five additional real voter voices video. Thank you so much for your commitment to this really critical work.

Eskedar Getahun: I’m going to turn it over to Rahna now who's going to open up for questions. Thank you so much for listening to this and we're looking forward to seeing all of your videos.
Rahna Epting: Thank you Eskedar. The real voter voices project of MoveOn is going to be an incredibly transformative way for us to reach thousands and thousands and thousands of voters throughout the country directly on social media and talk to people like the regular folks and talk to them about why we're voting this election and encourage them to do it as well. So if you can participate we really, really encourage folks to do so. So in a moment, we're going to open the line for questions, if you're on the phone, again you can press star three to ask a question and one of our screeners will get to you. We've talked about a lot of ways you can make an impact tonight. First we talked about joining a wave event to help end GOP control of the house this November. Second we talked about how we can take action to ensure that families belong together delivering a letter in support of Families Belonging Together to your local Wells Fargo branch and third we walked about making your person real voter voices video and recruiting your friends and family to connect directly to voters and share their stories.

Rahna Epting: We had 2800 folks commit to attend a wave. 2100 folks commit to join Families Belong Together Day of Action and we had wow, 500 folks commit to do real voter voices video and there are numbers still coming in around those that are willing to commit to get five other folks in their community to do videos. So I'm just really impressed, you guys are awesome, we couldn't do this without you. Again star three if you'd like to ask a question. So let's open it up to some questions. I think we will take a question from Christopher Gagliardi, Christopher, go ahead.

Christopher: Thank you very much for having me. First of all I want you all to know that I am committed to helping get the blue house committed in November to be elected but the one thing I am deeply concerned about is that people with special needs realize they're significance to going to the polls and having their voices heard. So is there anything we can do, especially for people with special needs to tell them why their vote should matter and why they must go to the polls this November. Is there any way we can help them realize this very sincere effort because this could be as many people realize the most consequential election in possibly human history.

Rahna Epting: Thank you Christopher. That's an incredibly important question. I think there are several ways that I can think of right now but I'll also open it up to my friends Carmen and Eskedar if they also want to respond to the question. But one way that you could make sure that folks with special needs are getting out the word that this election is important and they need to have a say, if you could make a real voter voices video that speaks to other folks in your community that may have similar interests and you can make the cause about special needs and how it's important that we show up so that we're building relationships for candidates that we helped to elect and that we remind them after they're in office that we helped them get into office by volunteering. Another way you can do it is through our wave events, you can join a wave event and work with the wave leader or you can even host a wave yourself, we work awfully hard to
make sure that our events are accommodating and welcoming to people with special needs and you can actually organize one and take that message to the campaign office. That'd be another way that you could advocate for folks.

Rahna Epting: Eskedar or Carmen did you have any other ideas that we could get to Christopher about?

Eskedar Getahun: Sure thanks Rahna, thanks for your really important question. I'll just add, building on Rahna's comment about the real voter voices videos. Some of the most effective videos as I mentioned are from folks who are talking very personally about how or why a candidate connects to them. So we really are looking forward to an opportunity to give people to talk about issues that really matter to them. So I just echo Rahna's suggestion in thinking about what is important to you in this election and talking openly about that. It's very convincing and it's something that resonates with people. So that's part of what we're excited about about this platform with the real voter voices project, that it gives people that opportunity to talk about what matters to them. So thank you for your question.

Rahna Epting: Thank you. I think we'll take another question. We'll take a question from Susan Graham in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Susan you want to ask your question.

Susan: Good evening, yes I do. But before I do, I just want to say I've been a feminist for 10 years, I participated in two women's marches in Philadelphia, my home town and my question is when things, I can't stand to look at TV and see Trump all the time making a fool of himself and our country, what can we do that do really to set what he's doing and put our voices in the polls that really actually matters?

Rahna Epting: Mm-hmm (affirmative). I'm pausing because I completely, that resonates with me and I feel the same way often and I can relate to what you're saying and sometimes we feel as if there's so much that we need to do. I think it's important-

Susan: [crosstalk 00:38:17]petitions and all this stuff is not enough.

Rahna Epting: Yeah, I think it's important that we focus on where do we have the most ability to make an impact and I actually, we really believe that this election year if we, there is a true feasible, achievable path to take back control of the house and have Democrats win the house with a blue wave we've been talking about. If we can do that, at least that house of congress will be able to blunt the tax on communities that this administration has been trying to do. So right now Republicans are in control of the presidency, the senate and congress and arguably the Supreme Court and like 42 state legislatures or something. So there's no, we don't have a lot of power to be able to stop those actions. But if we can take GOP control of the house, we're able to control a chamber and we're able to push back or put a stop to a lot of these things that the GOP and the administration have been trying to push. That's one way.
Rahna Epting: The other way I would say is and something that's as an activist, a local activist you probably relate to is like being active in your community and building community. Because a lot of times, it's really about the one on one relationships we have with our neighbors, with our colleagues, wherever else you build community in your town and that is really important to do to remind us of the humanity that is out there. But I would say the number one thing right now that you can do is to help end GOP control of the house. So if you live within reasonable driving distance of a targeted campaign, volunteering there, whether its knocking on doors or volunteering to make phone calls, you could do it through MoveOn.org/waves you can do it with MoveOn, with your MoveOn fellow activists. You go together to a campaign office and you can make an impact and you can show the campaign, look we have independent progressive power and we will be there not just to help you win your election but we will be there afterwards as well and then you actually build a relationship and accountability with that elected official.

Rahna Epting: Alright, so let's take another question. Who's my next, okay, where should we go next? How about somebody from my home state of California. Debra Achilla from California, let's take Debra's question.

Debra: Yes hi, thank you for taking my question. As you know, since you're from California and Los Angeles specifically, we're a pretty reliable blue area. My question was how can I be most effective actually on election day to get to areas that need folks to drive people to the poll or how can I be effective in getting to targeted areas where we need to flip from red to blue and getting folks to sign up, voter registration. I am willing to fly anywhere in the country, drive anywhere in the country, it’s that important that we flip this house.

Rahna Epting: That is awesome, first I'll say. Thank you so much for all of that energy and that commitment and that passion and we need more of it. Okay so this is a common experience for many of us. We live in a very solidly blue district, maybe the member of congress that represents us, we like them, they're running for reelection, they're probably going to get reelected, they don't have a competitive campaign. But it doesn't mean that there's nothing for you to do. There is a district with I think we have over four million MoveOn members live within a 30 miles of a target district this election cycle. So I would suggest go to MoveOn.org/waves and sign up to participate in a wave event and if you're on email list, or if you're not on our email list sign up to be on email list and if you are you're getting invitations to waves within 30 miles of where you live and you should join them.

Rahna Epting: These are the most powerful ways that you can help these candidates get elected this cycle because it's not just you showing up at a candidates office by yourself. You will be showing up at a candidates office with 20, 30, 50 other MoveOn members collectively and you'll be showing that independent progressive power and that is really important that we are building power
together and because that impacts the leverage and the influence we have on these candidates once they're in office.

Rahna Epting: So there's plenty to do. On election day itself there might be something specific, a little bit different to do, stay tuned, we will give more information on these calls and through emails and through social media as we get closer to election day. Alright I think we have time for a couple more questions. Let's go, if Xochitl is still on we can go to a question around the day of action, the Wells Fargo day of action.

Xochitl: Yes I'm here, thank you.

Rahna Epting: Where someone wanted some more detail. Okay great. So Mary Recktenwalt from Wisconsin, let's take her question.

Mary: Thank you very much for having me on. I thought the family action day sounded like a really important thing but I missed when will that be. When will we be delivering letters to Wells Fargo?

Xochitl: Thank you for your interest, that is on September 26th and it's on, basically you can download, you can print your letter and drop it off at your own time. If it's not possible for you to do it on the 26th, you can do it any day that week. Thank you so much.

Mary: Thank you.

Rahna Epting: And I think we'll take one more question on these events Xochitl, I think we'll go to Catherine Gratton in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Catherine: Oh hi, I always heard that there's power in money. Would it be effective for me to withdraw all my accounts from Wells Fargo on or about the 26th and are there other people who would like to join me in that?

Xochitl: At this moment we're not asking our members and the public to do that but it's obviously up to you to use your consumer power and I think that's incredible and that would be very much appreciated. I think that but as a general ask, we're not promoting that at the moment. Thank you, thank you for your voice and for using your consumer power.

Rahna Epting: Thank you, alright I think we have time for one more question so the lucky person is going to be Robert Cummings from Sacramento, California. Robert.

Robert: Hi, this is Robert from Sacramento, California. Thank you for having me on.

Rahna Epting: Thank you for joining, what's your question.
Robert: Well I want to know what I could do actively for the next week or so to stop Kavanaugh. I mean I get all the information, all the tweets and all that stuff but I don't feel like I'm doing enough. I want to actively do something, could you tell me what I could do.

Rahna Epting: Yes definitely. So there are several things you can do from home and there are several things that you'll need to leave home to do. More information will be coming out about this in the next day or two. Folks are working around the clock to figure out our best strategy to stop Kavanaugh so they'll be more. You can tweet, yes you've been tweeting but I know folks want to do more than that. So calling your senators and of course your senators in California, Feinstein and Harris, it doesn't hurt, regardless of where they've indicated they are on Kavanaugh, even if they're already on our side, still call them. I would call them every day or once a week or however often you can. Probably not more than one a day and tell them we have to stop Kavanaugh, do everything you can. Secondly, there will be actions this week, they just have not yet been announced. Our colleagues are working on them right now across the movement and they'll probably be announced later this evening or tomorrow even.

Rahna Epting: Actually showing up physically has been the best way since Trump has been elected and Republicans have controlled the Senate and House. Showing up physically has been the best way to apply public pressure and put a stop or at least put a pause or a significant blunt to Republican's efforts. So keeping an eye out on your email stream, on social media, go to MoveOn.org if you're not signed up yet and make sure you are because we will be announcing what actions folks can take this week to stop Kavanaugh.

Rahna Epting: Alright, so thank you so much everyone on the call. Just a reminder we talked about how to get involved with MoveOn.org voter contact waves, you go to MoveOn.org/waves to sign up or to host or attend an event near you. We talked about how you can hold Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase accountable for their role in financing the family separation crisis. Go to MomsRising.org for more information. My friend Eskedar walked us through how to make a selfie video to reach voters and swing this election. You can go to MoveOn.org/realvotervoices to do that. Later this week we'll have a transcript of this call, the audio recording and a PDF of the slide show available at MoveOn.org/resistandwincalls. So you didn't need to take notes if you didn't want to. We hope you join us again. We'll be doing these calls almost every Sunday through election day. Thank you so much for spending time with us and thanks to our speakers and everyone who joined. Have a great night.