Victoria Kaplan: Hi. Welcome everybody. It's so nice to be here with you all.

I'm Victoria Kaplan from MoveOn.org and we're here for tonight's anniversary Ready to Resist call on the historic anniversary of the Women's March. It has been just phenomenal to be here in Las Vegas with two of the Women's March co-chairs, Linda Sarsour, Bob Bland. With Nelini Stamp, from the Working Families Party, and Mari Urbina from Indivisible.

This is some of the crew that pulled together the very first Ready to Resist call one year ago today when we thought there would be maybe 1,000 people on the phone with us, and 60,000 people joined. So all of you at home, we broke a Guinness World Record. Not to mention, the Women's March, of course, which broke the record in the United States with the biggest march ever and we maxed it out even more this year. It's just been phenomenal to be here.

Actually, let's start with a quick poll. For all of you that are on MoveOn.org/ReadytoResist or if you're on the phone, press one if you joined a women's march this weekend. If you were out there, press one, if you were at a woman's march this weekend.

If you're joining us from Facebook, you can head over to moveon.org/readytoresist in order to participate in the polls tonight. It's so, so good to be here. And I want to take a moment to honor two movement heroes in my mind, to whom we dedicate tonight's call. First, I want to honor Erica Garner, a champion for women, for Black people, and for justice in this country, who we lost in December, and we're feeling that loss. We send strength and love to her family.
We also want to dedicate tonight's call to Paul Booth, a lifelong labor organizer, an anti-war organizer. He coached MoveOn members during Resistance Summer in 2017. He spent forty years of his life treating every person like the potential organizer that we all are. And we send a lot of love to his wife, Heather Booth, who joined us on the hundredth-day anniversary of the Ready to Resist call, and sending her strength. So thanks to you both, and your families, and to all of you for honoring them.

Let's take a moment, actually, before we just dive into the very urgent conversation we have tonight, to think about where we were one year ago today. Why were you there? Think about today, why you're on this call right now. I'm just going to take ten seconds for us to set an intention, remember why you joined this call tonight, why you've been in this movement, and your intention for the year that we have ahead, this very important year.

Thank you for taking that breath with me. To kick things off, we actually have Cristina Jimenez, the director of the United We Dream, on the phone with us from Washington D.C., where she's just been at an urgent vigil to make sure we pass the DREAM Act right now. We have the strength of the entire U.S. progressive movement behind the Dreamers right now, who have so much power. The government is in a shutdown right now. It's on the brink of us finding out, what we're going to find out, what's going to happen tonight, tomorrow, and Cristina's got an update for us right now about what we can all do, the actions we can take from home, right at this moment.

Cristina, thank you for being with us tonight, for all your organizing, your members' organizing. We're with you and let us know what we can do tonight to stand with you.

Thanks so much, Vicki, and thanks everyone at Women's March, Nelini, the Center for Popular Democracy, all of you for all the work.

We have arrived to this critical place, only because of all of the work that we have been doing with all of you. Trump led us to the shutdown that we're in, and he also created the crisis that many immigrant communities are facing right now across the country when he killed the DACA program in September 5th.

By killing the DACA program, this administration put thousands of young people at the risk of deportation, people like my own brother Jonathan, who's a DACA recipient and is 23 years old. Whatever you're hearing out there, that we can wait until March, that there's no urgency to deal with the deportation of Dreamers, it's lying. The urgency is now. In fact, every day, 122 people lose their DACA protections, and over 16,000 of them have lost their DACA protection and are vulnerable to deportation right now.

This is why we need the DREAM Act. Trump has continuously made racist demands
instead of working on a solution with Congress, so the way that we’re going to get out of this shutdown and the way that we’re going to get a victory like the DREAM Act to protect young people from deportation like my brother, is by coming together again and pushing back together.

What is the path forward? Two things: we need Republicans to stand up to Trump and do what is right for the country by protecting young people from deportation, by protection children who need access to CHIP health services; and also we need Democrats to continue to hold strong and use their leverage over the budget negotiations to include the DREAM Act as part of these deals. We will be successful if we can get out of this Trump shutdown by pushing together and by also winning the DREAM Act.

Here are two things that you can do together to get there. Number one, we can take action together actually as we speak. This is going to be real quick and real easy, just need to get your phone and what we need you to do is tweet together, "We are watching," and I know that you are seeing this on your slides, and insert the handle of your senator. "Stand strong so the GOP passes the DREAM Act and funds CHIP to end Trump shutdown." That is for Democrats. For Republicans, "We are watching," and include your senator’s handle. "End Trump’s shutdown by passing the DREAM Act and funding CHIP."

We could do that together and real quick, I know all of us are really good at this and this is one of the ways in which you can help us. As Vicki was saying, we’re going to give a few minutes. Vicki, is that right, before I move onto our second call to action?

Victoria Kaplan: No, go for it. Go right ahead.

Cristina Jimenez: As Vicki was saying, we just dropped up in Washington, D.C. with an emergency vigil where we had hundreds of young people from places like Alaska, Texas, New Mexico, all across the country with our allies outside the capital, demanding that we get out of this shutdown and that we get the DREAM Act. We’re working with our brothers and sisters at MoveOn to ensure that the country knows the urgency that young people are facing and the urgency that the country is facing to get out of the Trump shutdown.

We invite you to take action with us, and to host Urgent Trump Shutdown Speak-Outs this Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. You can do that by signing up to MoveOn.org/TrumpShutdown, which you can see on your slide, and we will have also daily vigils in D.C., starting at 5:30 p.m., until we win the DREAM Act and we get out of this Trump shutdown. You can register to join us by following the information that you see on your slide.

All I want to say is that I know that we have done a lot of work. And I am thankful for all of the power that we have built together. It is because of you and our work together, that we have mobilized an entire country to stand with undocumented young people and protect people like my brother from deportation. I have been
working on the DREAM Act for more than a decade. And I have never experienced the kind of power and support and the unity that we have reached. These are historical times, and I believe that together we will win, and I look forward to joining in action with you in D.C. and/or across the country. Back to you, Vicki.

Victoria Kaplan: We will win. We will win.

You know, this takes action. It takes work. We can't just imagine or hope that the wave comes and that the change happens, but we have to do it together. Like Cristina said, go to MoveOn.org/TrumpShutdown to find an event this week near you to step up yourself. I know every one of you on the call right now can do this. You've done this. If you haven't done it before, this is your opportunity to host a speak-out this week to bring critical media attention. That's what our members of Congress are looking to right now to know that we're watching and that we demand a clean DREAM Act, the passage, the funding of CHIP, and an end to the Trump shutdown.

Mari Urbina, who's the political director for Indivisible, is going to, in a moment, tell us a little bit about what's actually happening in D.C. right now, what a shutdown means, what this means for all of our families in our lives. I just want to take a moment to remember, a year ago we were planning this Ready to Resist call. It was Nelini Stamp, with Working Families Party, who had put out the call to action for Ready to Resist Trump Tuesdays and said, "What if people all over the country on Tuesdays went to their member of Congress's office and said, 'Resist Trump. Resist his Cabinet,' that he was putting forward at the time, 'Resist every move he's making, because this is not a normal president.'"

The country responded to that action, and I know in southern California, where Darrell Issa just decided he was not going to retire, it was because people had been out there every single day. [crosstalk 00:11:25]. Every single week on Tuesdays, on other days. Sometimes, it just takes that spark to really build a movement, and that first Ready to Resist call a year ago was when hundreds of you stepped up and said, "I'm going to do this."

Working Families Party, Indivisible, and Move On joined together to make that call happen, when Indivisible was, just at that point, was just a Google doc downloaded a few million times. It's really amazing to be here a whole year later and see how much we've grown, so, thank you for being here.

Yeah, thank you for having me. And I just want to say before I start, I hope [inaudible 00:12:01] still on the line because both as the young Senate staffer and as a woman who comes from the Immigrant Rights Movement, it's been ... I've learned how to organize [hype 00:12:11], by watching undocumented you tell their stories and tell their truth. There was no greater fighter sitting across from me when I was working in the Senate than undocumented youth when they told their stories. I just really want to honor how much they've done to bring us all to this moment. [inaudible 00:12:28] and so many others who have shared their story
across the country.

It's remarkable when we think about what's happening weekly, and where Senate Democrats are right now. There's a cloture vote set up for right after midnight at 1:00 AM, for a three-week CR.

Female: What does CR mean?

Mari Urbina: Continuing resolution, so it's the budget process that we had talked about.

[00:13:00] Basically, we are in a shutdown. Republicans are unwilling to reach an agreement that helps protect Dreamers and Democrats, much in their credit, they're holding strong. We got to keep making sure that we maintain the momentum and keep them strong, because we are unwilling to budge on this. This is about people's lives, and just the same way that we are seeing tremendous courage in the Senate, we need to see Republicans come to the table and really fix this crisis and chaos that they've created.

[00:13:30] I would just say that on the shutdown front, this has real consequence for federal employees. Those who are not deemed essential don't get paid. They don't come to work and they don't get paid, and that's serious, whether it's federal buildings that you can't get into ... The Statue of Liberty wasn't open for some time, and parks aren't open. It's nothing to celebrate, this moment that Republicans have created, and that they really need to advance a bipartisan solution that really includes Dreamers, CHIP, and that they just can't listen to the most racist parts of their base. We won't stand for that.

[00:14:00] Because of Dreamers, because of the movement, we're at this point where Democrats have stood strong, and they're standing strong. Every indication that we're getting on our phones right now is that they're sticking up, and we need to make our voices heard-

Female: Tonight.

Mari Urbina: -and these are the moments that make a difference. Yes, tonight and every day. The longer this goes, the more tenuous the situation becomes and the more folks need to feel like we are in the streets, we are on the phones, we are on Twitter, and we are not going to relax. We got to keep it up.

[00:14:30] I think ... was it Mick Mulvaney ... the budget management director, who said that a shutdown would be cool, and Jared, or Don Trump Jr? [crosstalk 00:14:46] said that this was good.

Female: A good shutdown, that's what we need is a good shutdown.[crosstalk 00:14:50]

Mari Urbina: No. Make no mistake, no. Not good. Republicans got us in this mess. The movement is helping Democrats stay strong. We're going to come out of this week with a DREAM Act or bust. And reopening our government-
Female: And getting ready to get some people on the unemployment line. [crosstalk 00:15:09]

Mari Urbina: He says a retirement party's coming.

Victoria Kaplan: This is all ... There's now [inaudible 00:15:17] in this valley where we rest and go up to the next peak in the mountain. This year is going to be ... Keep that in mind, that there'll be-

Female: No valleys. [crosstalk 00:15:22]

[00:15:30]
Victoria Kaplan: You got to take care of [inaudible 00:15:27], and I want to thank, also, all of our partners on tonight's call. Of course, you mentioned Working Families Party, Indivisible, the Center for Popular Democracy, People's Action, the National Domestic Workers' Alliance, Daily Kos, and of course, the Women's March.

Next, we're going to hear from Nelini, who's going to take us through this crazy year of 2018, what's in store, what to be on the lookout for.

Nelini Stamp: Yes, thank you.

[00:16:00]
We can't really talk about 2018 without talking about some immediate steps that are happening. There have been attacks on, obviously, our communities for a really long time, but there's a concentrated attack that's happening to activists who have fought, put their bodies on the line over and over again in New York, in Arizona, in Florida, and I'm going to turn it over to my sister, Linda, who I've been in with the struggle with quite some time, to just talk about some cases where there's immediate action happening on it right now, and people's lives are on the line.

[Linda Sarsour: Absolutely. We have to be really careful and we got to pay attention to what's happening. This is not just a sweep on all undocumented immigrants. It's about instilling fear in all undocumented immigrants by going after their leaders, and you know from across the country, from [Maru 00:16:46] to Gene, who is a Haitian American, one of the co-founders of the New Sanctuary Coalition in New York City who, in fact, has already been deported from [crosstalk 00:16:53].

[00:17:00] We need more people to stand up. Right now, we have many cases around the country that I'll highlight, too. One of Ravi Ragbir ... He's a Trinidadian immigrant who's married to a US citizen. He has been one of the most stellar, unapologetic organizers on behalf of undocumented people. He was detained at a check-in. He was transferred to Krome, in Florida, and because of your support and because of the action and the loudness of the movement, and of course us showing up in the numbers at his court date recently in New York City, that the judge there made the right decision. The government knew that they couldn't do whatever they wanted when it came to Robby, so they actually brought him back to New York. He's in
detention in New York [Cultures and Family 00:17:36], and seen his counsel.

There's also a case of a man named Amer Adi out in Ohio, a stellar business leader, in fact was detained at a check-in the presence of a Congressman, Tim Ryan, and the Republican State Party Chair. That just tells you that ICE doesn't give a damn who you bring with you to your check-in. They are a rogue agency, and they need to understand that they work with us. It's my taxpayer dollar that pays that ICE director and those that work at ICE.

Amer Adi, the hashtag for his campaign is #FreeAmer. Ravi, there is a website that's going up right now for folks to see on the MoveOn.org Resist, where you'll see a website and you can go and get more information on how to help Ravi, but keep your eyes open. They're going after our leaders. They're picking them out, one by one, those who have been the most courageous, and we can't let that happen.

Nelini Stamp: Thank you, Linda.

[00:18:30] What does this mean in 2018? [inaudible 00:18:31] I'm Nelini. I'm the Organizing Director of the Working Families Party, and I like to think that the Working Families Party is in the business of giving elected, whether you're a Democrat or Republican, early-retirement parties. This year, we plan to do it on a scale like no other with the force of the movement that we have seen over the last year.

First, what's going to happen is that the State of the Union, Trump is probably going to make infrastructure a big part of the State of the Union, a big part of 2018, and if the Republicans win on their infrastructure bill, that gives more to the 1% and less to the 99%. Even so, even with that fact, they might win because we need jobs in this country, and so we need to make sure that we're supporting a millions-of-jobs program that a lot of organizations have been pushing. We have about 130 Democrats in Congress who are signed on to get a millions-of-jobs program, because we need jobs for the many and not the few.

[00:19:30] This is a special year for us at Working Families Party because we're turning 20 years old. It's a huge thing. One of the things that we did last year ... I want to give a shout out to Wisconsin WFP because we are going to beat Paul Ryan.

Female: Yes, we will! [crosstalk 00:19:45]

Nelini Stamp: We are taking him out of office, with Randy Bryce, and it's just the beginning of what the possibility is in 2018. We need to not just take back and flip our US Senate and Congress, with the State Legislator ... Redistricting is done on the state and local level, and if we are going to win in 2020, we need to make sure that our states are flipped and not just flipped for just blue. We really believe that the blue that needs to happen is a progressive blue that has values of the Fight For 15, that has values of a education program that people don't have to go in debt for, and we believe in that future.

We're proud to have endorsed Stacey Abrams, who's running for the Governor of
Georgia; Ben Jealous, who is running for the Governor of Maryland; and more endorsements to come. We can't just sit around and just say, "All right, let's go vote." We need as much energy as we've had in the streets and direct action ... and trust me, I love it. I'm with you. I've been arrested ... but also, we need you to volunteer. We need folks to find a candidate in their community, put some volunteer hours ... You can do texting now. It's amazing. You can do peer-to-peer texting. Thank you, the Bernie Sanders Campaign for revolutionizing that.

We need to make sure that we do that, and one of the ways ... This week, an old colleague of ours at Working Families who works at the National Domestic Workers, I want to shout out to Erica Sagrans, who put out a piece in Teen Vogue that said, "Women, you don't have to just run for office," which, amazing, we have a record number of women who are running for office this year, "but be campaign managers."

I started a Google Doc, asked Facebook folks if people would be interested, and currently we have 2,000 women who have signed up to participate in campaign training. You can go to WomenCampaignTraining.com ... Women, plural, E-N, CampaignTraining.com to fill out the Google Doc. It's a little bit messy, but that's how movements are. We're going to make sure that we want to train women across the country to do what I did. I came up through funding campaigns in upstate New York with Tom [Tonkel 00:21:51], and a treasurer, and this is where we are going to transform our country, because the Republicans have had a long strategy of winning dog-catcher seats, winning water boards, winning town councils, and then they became the force that they are.

We can do that, with the massive of amounts of people who have been resisting, to take part in elections. There's no better person to talk about this than a woman who I think is amazing, is as myself an Afro-Latina, proud to ... I have to shout this out right now because in the shutdown, my people, the people of Puerto Rico, are suffering a lot. I'm not for this shutdown, but we need to make sure that there's a clean DREAM Act and CHIP renewal.

As an Afro-Latina, I'm always looking for Latina women who are running for office, and at 23 years old, Crystal Murillo [crosstalk 00:22:46] ran for City Council of Aurora, Colorado, was supported and endorsed by the Colorado's People Of Action, National People Of Action, and Working Families Party to work on the ground.

It is my pleasure to introduce Crystal Murillo.

Crystal Murillo: Hi, everyone. Thank you for that.

Like it was mentioned, my name's Crystal Murillo. In 2017, I became the youngest person ever elected to Aurora City Council here in Colorado, and what's really important about that is that at 23 years old, I ran against a 79-year-old Trump supporter incumbent, and I won.

There's two parts to that story. The first part is why I decided to run in the first
place. Really, that came after the 2016 election. Like many of you felt that night, I felt depressed. I could not believe that somebody who defied all of my values as a young Latina from Mexican immigrants was going to be elected our next president. It was at that moment that I knew I had to do something about it, and because I was so privileged to be in a space where I didn't have to worry about being deported or any of my immediate family members, I felt like I had to really own that privilege that I was given. The rest is a little bit of history, but that's only half the story.

The other half was really me, why I ran, and why I was successful, and really that was because of groups like the Colorado People's Action and Working Families Party. I felt like I took a leap of faith running for office. It's never been my dream. I've never thought about running for office, so when I did it, you can imagine it was terrifying, and it was groups like the People Of Action and Working Families Party, and many others that were there to catch me. I'm very grateful.

I remember walking on a daily basis, and I would see these groups out there, knocking just as many doors as I was, being as passionate as I was about my own race. They didn't necessarily know me, and maybe they were taking a leap of faith, too, but really, when push came to shove ... When my family was being targeted and a private investigator was hired to look into their immigration status, they were there to fight back and to say, "You know what? That's not okay."

I just am forever grateful of the support, and I really don't think I would have been successful if it wasn't for ... Of course my hard work and the people that I was able to mobilize, but people who didn't have to know much about me except for the fact that I cared about my community. Having grown up here in Aurora, coming from an immigrant background that reflected the community. That was all that people needed to know about me to get behind me. That was an incredible feeling and experience, and in 2018, I'm so excited to hear about all of the other women who decided to step up and who feel empowered to also run.

I really do hope that my small amount of success here in Aurora, Colorado, can really serve as an example that if you try and work hard, and you care, that could be enough and that you can be your authentic self and still win. I'm very honored to be on the call with you all today.

Thank you. Thank you so much. Just the last thing I'll say is that there are really a lot of states to watch this year. Arizona, with Senator Jeff Flake retiring, we got to make sure we're doing work in that state. Nevada, Dean Heller is the most-hated politician in America pretty much, besides Trump. He has a lower approval rating. He has almost a lower approval rating than Trump himself. Tennessee, with Corker resigning, Orrin Hatch has resigned.

We have a lot of people who are resigning, but that doesn't mean that it's just going to be easy. Do everything you can, whether that's volunteering with any of these organizations that have been mentioned tonight, there's many more out there, whether you're going to register people to vote, what I say is pick a
candidate that has your vision, has your beliefs, and do whatever you can for them. Again, whether it's five minutes on phone calls, peer-to-peer texting, knocking on doors, it's going to take all of us to get our country to be finally for the many and not the few.

Victoria Kaplan: All of us, which is why it's so great to be with tens of thousands of you who are watching tonight at home, probably after a weekend of being out marching. If you would like to participate in the polls and surveys we're going to do throughout the call tonight, you can do that either over your phone, if you're dialed in over the phone, or at MoveOn.org/ReadyToResist.

I want to, throughout the call, keep bringing back the call-to-action here. I know a lot of people join these calls because it's not just a place to be with people from around the country and feel good about being together, but it's actually action in unison. First off, you were telling us about Ravi Ragbir, and I want to make sure people have the website to go to, to take action with Ravi. Do you have that website? Do you want me to read it off?


Victoria Kaplan: Thank you. We need to stand with the leaders who are being deliberately targeted right now, and if it's not getting enough attention, we can bring more attention, and we can [crosstalk 00:28:51].

Linda Sarsour: This is what they do in other parts of the world that we say, "We're not like them." If we're not like them, then we got to get our act together. We got to protect our people.

Victoria Kaplan: That's right, and this is not how people think that the US government typically operates, and so again, a message to Democrats right now that are on the hill dealing with the shutdown negotiations. We're not negotiating with a typical president here. We need ... That's why the actions this week, tomorrow, tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday are so critical, and also for the elections that are happening this year.

These members of Congress, Democrat and Republican, are looking to see the response that our grassroots movement is having right now to the negotiations over the DREAM Act and the shutdown to plot their election program. They're looking to what we're doing, so you have an opportunity to really make a difference this week, not only on the DREAM Act and the shutdown, but actually the trajectory of the elections, it feels like, as Melanie was telling us about. Again, to take action this week, sign up to host or attend an event at MoveOn.org/TrumpShutdown. MoveOn.org/TrumpShutdown.

I want to take a second for those who are on the website or over the phone to do a quick poll to see how many people are saying, "You know what? I'm getting fired up. I think I can do this." Press one on your phone if you are ready to step up and
host a Trump Shutdown Speak-Out on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday this week in your community at your member of Congress's office. Press one on your phone if you're ready to host that action.

[00:30:30] Press two on your phone if you are ready to show up with all those brave people who pressed one, to stand with them and to join them in action. Let's see, and we'll hear ... I'll report out on what numbers we see already. I saw before we started the call a couple dozen events already planned just today, so I'm hoping to see more of that, and I'm counting on all of you folks who have been joining these calls throughout the past year, to step up, and we are there to support you. All of our organizations are there to back you up, to help you make the world the way you want it to be. We're all in this together.

Awesome. I think, the time is here now, we get to hear from our amazing ... two of our four national coaches, Linda Sarsour and Bob Bland with the Women's March, thank you so much. What an honor to be here with you on this amazing day, and the amount of work that you each have done and that you have put into this, this is history-making, so thank you.

[00:31:00] Just tell us what it was like to be here today, one year after you launched the Women's March, to be here for Power to the Polls. What did it feel like for you?

Linda Sarsour: It was a message to the naysayers, and to the people that thought that we were a bunch of outraged women on November 9th of last year, who put together the largest single-day protest in US history, and we proved this weekend that we have been able to maintain that momentum. In fact, many of the marches around the country were bigger than they were last year.

[00:32:00] We were out here in Nevada because we are strategic, new knew to come to a state that is a swing state and a state that's going to make us real proud in 2018, and to be here with all the energy and our allies, and standing together, and putting forth a plan. We're women with a plan, and the plan is that we're going to win in 2018. We are going to 10 states on the national tour to do voter registration and voter engagement, amplify work that is already being done in these 10 states, and just shining a spotlight on communities that for too long have been unheard and unseen.

[00:32:30] The Women's March, we don't play that. You are welcome to our table, but not only are you welcome to our table, you are going to be centered at our table. We're looking forward to winning this year. We're fired up. We want people to join us in this fight. We can't do this alone, and we have to win. This is not a question of, we're going to try to win. There are people who are counting on us in our country to win, and it's going to be hard. If it was easy, everybody would be out here organizing. We would already have our rights if it was easy.

[00:33:00] We hope that people stick with it and stay with us, and continue to stay focused because this administration's a distraction. The Republicans are a distraction. I will say this as someone who does vote Democrat most times, oftentimes when I'm
mad at everybody, I just vote down the Working Families party line.

This is the year for us to engage in primaries. I'm not going to do this lesser of two evils anymore. I'm over that. I'm not. I'm going to work in the primaries, I'm going to support people, and we at the Women's March are going to support people in the primaries that are aligned with our unity principles and aligned with us in our communities.

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In the general election, what we're going to do is, we're calling it a collective vote. Put your politics to the side. Put your little feelings to the side. Vote for black people. Vote for undocumented people. Vote for incarcerated people. Vote for Muslims. Vote for refugees. Vote for immigrants. I don't care about you like this one, you don't like that one. In November, you got to do the right thing and you got to join us at the Women's March and all of our allies who are here today for a collective vote that we should have took back in 2016 so we didn't find ourselves in this mess. That's where we're going at the Women's March.

[00:34:00]
Victoria Kaplan: Tell us about the-

Linda Sarsour: [inaudible 00:34:02] can tell us [inaudible 00:34:03] be here today, and also what those unity principles are.

Female: You can check out the unity ... Obviously, we'd be on this call for 45 minutes if I went through all of the unity principles. I'm not going to do this on this call, but to your point about resources, all of you can go to WomensMarch.com/principles, and there's a full PDF of our intersectional unity principles. You're like, "Oh, what are the unity principles? This is the first time I'm hearing about them," and the inception of the unity principles is that when we were marching on January 21st, first there's always a reason to question women, right? They started with the permit.

After that, it was like, "I don't get it. Why are you marching in the first place?" To that, Carmen Perez and Linda and Tamika Mallory put together a table of movement leaders from across all the different identities and issue areas that we were framing in he unity principles, and we put together, "This is what it means to be intersectional in Women's March. This is what it means to stand up for our most marginalized communities, from ending violence to centering LGBTIAQ rights, to labor rights, workers' rights."

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So, on access to healthcare, all of this is something where you could say, "What does that have to do with women's rights? I don't understand." What we're saying is that immigrants' rights are women's rights. Trans rights are women's rights. The rights of our workers are women's rights, and we brought partners together in coalitions that previously you had never really seen before. We are breaking down silos and also having organizations from the very smallest to the very largest, and tables together has allowed us to organize an even bigger two days of women's marches this year. Much bigger than last year.
We are so popular that even Trump is trying to co-opt us at this point.

Linda Sarsour: Yeah, that was something else.

Female: I wouldn't suggest you read his tweets, but check out that one tweet because that was something else.

It's not enough to just march. The important thing that we want people to know, many of you might be on this call, you might be new organizers ... I'm doing the thing. She told me not to do this, but because I'm a new activist and organizer, I did the other thing. Anyway, what we told people last year on January 21st was that this was just the beginning, and what we meant by that is that it's not enough to march. It's amazing to rally. You've done town halls. You've done more marches than you can count. You have done postcards. You have done calls. You have tested. You have knocked doors.

You have done all of this work, but if it does not convert into political power, we cannot change legislation. We cannot elect in people who truly reflect the face of the nation, and for that reason, Women's March is launching a national campaign called Power To The Polls. Check that out.

That's why we were here in Nevada today, because Nevada's actually a leader when it comes to having women in office, and they have close to gender parity in all levels of office here. They're also running a woman for governor, so we wanted to highlight what's going right in Nevada, and then also highlight marginalized communities like sex worker, trans people, the immigrant communities ... There's thousands of Salvadoreans here who are losing their TPS status right now ... and say, "Hey, it's not okay for these people to be marginalized any longer."

To Linda's point about the movement, we want to make sure that you're registered to vote. Do not assume it's true, because I lost my registration. Somehow, it was just gone, and if I didn't check ... It just disappeared along with 150,000 other people in New York. How'd it happen?

This is something that is very important to check regularly, to make sure that you are registered, to check early, because to Linda's point, the primaries are essential. It is not enough that there's a D. We've got to see unapologetically progressive candidates that actually align with our unity principles, which you're going to read right after this call, and you are going to text P2P to RT vote, and that's 788683-

Linda Sarsour: P, the number two, P.

Female: Oh, thank you.

Linda Sarsour: P2P, to 788683. You can see that on PowerToThePolls.com.
Female: Yeah, PowerToThePolls.com. Check that out as well. Make sure to let other folks know in your community. This isn't just a voter registration tool. This is also a voter education tool, and it's a way to stay in touch with us as we go on our tour, because we will be hitting states all across the country.

Linda Sarsour: Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, a lot of others, too, that we didn't announce today, but I'm going to give you guys the inside because you guys got the call on a Sunday. [00:39:30]
We're going to Michigan, we're going to Florida [crosstalk 00:39:31].

Female: Also, I just want to reflect on something and reframe for us, look at this table. Respectfully, when I think Move On, this ain't it. This is something where what I've seen as a new activist and organizer who's been a member of Move On for years, since the Obama administration, but I always thought of it as just white guys. To look at this table and to see a beautiful intersectional group of women, to have Cristina on the phone and Crystal on the phone, and say this is it.

These are the leaders we have been waiting for, and we're speaking and having this dynamic conversation. This is what every day in the Women's March movement looks like. This is what Power to the Polls is going to look like, and this is why it's so imp to center women of color in leadership, because we can't just have this be about women. We can't just talk about this from the lens of women, because women are not a monolith, and certainly for myself as a white woman in the movement, before I met Linda and Tamika and Carmen, I wasn't applying that critical analysis, that lens of looking at gender justice from a racial lens. Them reorienting me to that has revealed-

Linda Sarsour: [crosstalk 00:41:06]

Female: The point is, guys, don't lose your toenails. You don't have to march. You can actually have a conversation with your family about their implicit biases. You can think about yourself and say, "Huh, did I walk to the other side of the street when that black person went by me?" And say, "What does that mean about the ways that I'm complicit in white supremacy in this country, and how else is that affecting the way I make decisions, the way I vote, the way I think of myself in terms of politics, the way I look at candidates?" This is the work that we have to do with, the heavy lifting that in particular as white people we need to hold ourselves accountable to each other in 2018.

Honestly, that could be the most important work that you do, right here.

Linda Sarsour: White sisters, we want to try to keep them under 50% this time.

Female: Yeah, because we're not ... It keeps happening.

Linda Sarsour: Can I just say something really quick, Vicki, because I got to go get myself together and get on a flight back to New York City where I belong? My home misses me.

I think voting, when people hear people talking about voting, it's boring. Voting,
I'm not really political ... This is how I'm thinking about 2018. I'm and to thinking about it from a lens of the electoral or politics, I'm thinking about in the sense of making history. I guarantee you, wherever you live in this country, there are women running, and if they win, they will be the first woman in that office. I guarantee you wherever you are, Latinos are running and black women are running and indigenous people are running and Muslims are running, young people are running.

This year, what I'm doing is I'm just trying to make history. There are some key races around the country anywhere from the very local level all the way to the top. Find a race where you're going to make history, because 40 years from now, if you see that person or you remember that, you're going to be like, "I was there. I made that happen."

So, you got Stacey Abrams. We're going to put the first black woman governor in the State of Georgia. We're going to put the first Native American woman governor in Idaho. We're going to put the first Muslim American governor in Michigan. We're going to have more trans people winning elected office and Muslims and immigrants and women and all kinds of folks, and I want to be a part of that story.

I want you to put the politics to the side for a second. We are in a year where we have the opportunity to literally record this in history books and say not only were we there, and we were alive at the time, but we were on the ground making that happen. I knocked on doors for that person and I'm in the history books, now, because I made that happen. I think that's the lens in which I want to look at 2018.

If you want to be mad at Donald Trump, you want to be mad at the cronies and those who are his accomplices ... I'll tell you how to make him real mad. Put that first Muslim governor in office. Put the black women in leadership all over this country. Put that refugee that came here 20 years ago and make them a mayor of the city. Black trans people and people of color in offices around the ... Oh, Lord, that would be the best message that you could ever send to this administration about how serious you are, about who this country really belongs to.

It belongs to all of us, everybody, but in order for you to prove that to those in our opposition, you got to stand up and do something about it. You got to knock on the doors, you got to make a call, you got to text somebody, you got to join these orgs that are going to keep you up to date, keep you informed about what's happening, because you can't act if you're not informed.

Sometimes we think we know everything. I don't know a lot of things. I learned a lot from Move On. I learned a lot from Indivisible. I learned a lot from Working Families Party. I learned a lot from those undocumented people that have let us in this movement. I don't move until somebody tells me to move, and that's what you need to do. You got to stay informed, but you got to be ready to act quick. No delays. We got no delays.

I just want to end by saying we got no choice but to win. People are counting on us
to win. No more of that self-righteous politics where you're like, "I don't like anybody running so I'm going to stay home." This is why we are here, today. When you get to that moment, when your feelings are the ones that are centered, and not the feelings of the most marginalized people, or the people who can't vote because they're incarcerated or because they're undocumented, then you are the problem. Not Donald Trump, and not the people that voted for Donald Trump.

[00:45:30] Wake up. Join us. Stay in formed. Donate to these organizations. People can't do this work for free. Freedom in this country's not free. I'm just letting you know. The opposition have $130 million right now in the GOP war chest. How much money do we have? Can we be organized? Can we be well-resourced and do the work? $20 a month. Give us that $5 latte once a week. $20. Pick an organization. $20. $20 a month, [inaudible 00:45:54]. Give it to an organization on the ground in your community. I promise you, if we all did that, just the people on this call, we can really make a big dent and real transformative change here.

Let's make history. We're going to make history, and we're going to win.

Victoria Kaplan: Linda asked for that immediate action, and I can tell you that 203 people on tonight's call said, "I will host an action, pass the DREAM Act and stop the Trump shutdown." [crosstalk 00:46:20]

[00:46:30] 1733 said that they would show up. That's what's happening right here, right now, for the 203 of you out there, I love you. Go to MoveOn.org/TrumpShutdown. Sign up your event so we can help recruit more people to join you. Recruitment is actually what this, in my mind, is all about. It can't just be the five of us here. It can't just be the 40,000 of all of you on the phone tonight. What if each of us brought in 10 new people this year who haven't been active before? Because even for all the millions of women and others who have come out and marched and had joined organizations for the first time, have taken political action for the first time ... It's not enough.

[00:47:00] Linda Sarsour: But we did that though. That's the thing that people don't understand. At the Women's March last year, the largest single-day protest in US history, I didn't bring those people. Mother brought her daughter and her granddaughter. A sister brought her cousin. Some coworkers came together, and got into a bus and got here.

What we keep telling people, stop waiting for us to tell you, or recruit you for things. You just got to show up. 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = mass mobilization. The math is easy. Very easy.

Victoria Kaplan: We are in for a treat for the next 10 minutes of our call tonight, because we have Tracey Corder and Jen Epps-Addison, who are going to teach us a little bit about recruitment. We also have [crosstalk 00:47:44].

And we've got Jennifer Wells from West Virginia, who is on the phone as well, is going to tell us a little bit about how she's been recruiting for an action she's doing.
Let's first hear from Jennifer Wells from West Virginia. Jen, are you on the phone? Tell us what you are up to and how you are going about recruiting for your action so that all of us on the phone tonight can learn from you and do the same and bring more people into our movement.

Jennifer Wells: First, thank you so much for allowing me this space and this time on this call. You give me a lot to hang on my shoulders right now.

Here in West Virginia, I'll just start with a little bit of background for those that may not be aware. When it comes to the safety net, when it comes to healthcare, when it comes to the benefit of security for our citizens interest this state, we rely heavily on government subsidized programming. We rely heavily on Medicaid. 30% of our population is actually on Medicaid, with 74% of that being our young people, our children, our non-elderly adults ... so they're mothers ... speaking directly to that.

Of course, women, and particularly rural women, are going to be more eligible for these types of programs that are now under such threat, because we tend to be the poorer of the population. We're the ones with the low-paying, low-wage jobs. We are the ones working part-time trying to get by and scrape by.

With that said, we have an amazing organizer in our organization. We're a small organization that's a part of a major coalition. West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition actually began to get kids in West Virginia signed up for CHIP when it first was established. That's how we began. That was our beginning. We are grassroots. We are on the ground at all times, pulling in the people that very seldom have a voice. I want to speak to those mothers in particular, those mothers that are fighting for their young children to have healthcare with CHIP, and those mothers that are now probably under stress wondering where their healthcare is going to come from in the coming days.

Our organizer that's working specifically with moms, working with single moms, working moms, poor moms, and how she's doing that ... I'm going to use her as a prime example. How she's doing that is she's reaching out to individual mothers in her local community, asking them to bring five to ten other mothers that they know that are in a similar situation, because we understand each others' language when we talk to each other, and bring them to their houses. Let's sit down and have a conversation about what is going on, and put what is going on in simple language.

A lot of times, and I find this to be somebody that even as I work in this work, language is used almost as an suppressive, oppressive thing. You make it highfalutin, you make it too hard to understand, you automatically isolate tons of people. Getting together, us talking our language, in West Virginia, that's specific anyway, and having us informed about what is actually going on, and from there, building actions that we can do whether it's going to our capitol, our Medicaid, our safety net benefits are under threat on a daily basis at our state legislature, so getting people from your local communities, from those house parties, to the state capitol, and then to bigger movements into bigger actions, into bigger empowering moments is what we do as an organization.
We're changing policies. We're changing laws. We're teaching moms how they can get support from their local legislator to rewrite a bill that benefits them, and when they're under threat, we mobilize them with a phone call, it's a text, it's an action alert through our email, but usually it's that one-to-one contact. Here in West Virginia, that is what counts the most. We are looking each other in the eye, and we're saying, "We need you," and that empowers somebody. That gives them that moment where they feel, "I can change something." Once they feel that, they're pretty much unstoppable. [crosstalk 00:51:37]

What we are facing right now is because our governor has such a deep relationship with 45. I'm not going to say anything else, other than that. The Republicans are going to be coming down to do their retreat in this beautiful ... As much work as we need to do in West Virginia, and we need to do work but we are still a hearty, wonderful people. There's this beautiful resort in the Southern part of our state where they will be gathering for the weekend to come up with their agenda for 2018, and so right now, we are mobilizing those moms.

I, personally, work with young people. I love my college students who are hot under the collar right now from the threats that are coming down their neck. They're wanting a job when they get out of school, and they're finding that hard to come by. They are wanting healthcare when they get out of school if they have to jump off their parents', and that's hard to come by. We have young women, we have young men mobilizing on their campuses to fight this, and they are calling it Come Down To The Greenbrier.

It's me reaching out to my college students and my high school students, and I love this, I work with middle school students, and they are some fiery little things right there. They argue ... We had a middle school from Wheeling with Bernie Sanders in his face and said, "What are you going to do for me?" Those are the voices, and they can talk to their parents. They can talk to their moms. They can talk to their dads. They can talk about what they feel is a threat, as long as we're educating at the base.

We're calling them up, we're emailing them, we're texting them, we're Facebooking them, we're getting them on buses, and we're going to cart them down to the Greenbrier on, I believe it's on the 31st of January and the first of February, when the Republican party and 45 will be there, and we're going to show faith, the threat that this agenda, the agenda that I have in my heart and in my gut, know that they will try to propose at that meeting on those two days will destroy the very people in West Virginia, and they're aware of that.

We have a progressive spirit in this state. I don't think we get enough credit for.

There are fighters that have been here from the start, and they are going to mobilize and they're going to be on the ground, and they're going to show faith, and they're going to show force, and we are not going to take this lying down.

Jen Epps-Addison: Thank you so much, Jennifer. If folks can join us in West Virginia, we can support
with travel costs and lodging. You can go to PopularDemocracy.org if you want to
join us in West Virginia, but we feel like there is a much more important act right
now, and we heard it from Cristina earlier, but sometimes it's hard to get people to
focus, so in true organizer spirit, Tracey and I are going to role play. Role play!

For those of you who are at home, hopefully after this call, you're going to get your
sister or your cousin or your mom, and you're going to role play and act with them,
but we're going to show you how it's done so nobody has to be nervous when they
do it themselves.

Tracey Corder: I'm going on the other side.

[00:54:30]
Jen Epps-Addison: Do you want a clipboard?

Tracey Corder: No, it's okay. [inaudible 00:54:34] What up, girl? How are you?

Jen Epps-Addison: Man, it has been crazy. I just got off this Women's March, there were women
everywhere.

Tracey Corder: I know, I went to Power To The Polls in [inaudible 00:54:45], and I was so inspired.
One of the things that really inspired me was this idea that we should show up for
people. I don't know if you heard, but the government is shut down, obviously,
because they can't get it together and protect immigrant kids, so the DREAM Act
needs to be passed. On Tuesday and Wednesday, there are actions going down.

I know you're off work, so which day do you want to go, Tuesday or Wednesday?

Jen Epps-Addison: I was definitely planning to run some errands, but I did already change my
Facebook picture, to put the filter, the [inaudible 00:55:23] filter on, so I'm really
there. And the DREAM Act, like at the Women's March, we talked about it. It's
definitely one of the issues I care about.

[00:55:00]
Tracey Corder: I saw you change that filter. It was good. You look really pretty.

Jen Epps-Addison: Thank you.

Tracey Corder: What I'm really excited about, because we know that to change of conversation
into real movement, not only do you have to do it online, you have to physically
show up.

I think that we should go down to the capitol Wednesday, because I know that you
have the time, and we should show up, we should stand with Dreamers, and then
we can go get dinner afterwards. What do you think?

[00:56:00]
Jen Epps-Addison: I definitely want to go to dinner. Do you think ... I already called my
Congressperson, so I feel like-
Tracey Corder: They didn't see your face.

Jen Epps-Addison: Do you think it'll make a difference?

Tracey Corder: I do. I do. I know I tweet Paul Ryan all the time, and I think he probably already has me blocked at this point, and I don't think he pays attention, but you can't ignore if we're in your face.

Jen Epps-Addison: All right. [crosstalk 00:56:18] Should we go get dinner after?

Tracey Corder: We can. Do you remember what happened in 2011, we occupied the capitol?

Jen Epps-Addison: Yes.

Tracey Corder: We tweeted about it, but then we showed up, so that's what we have to do this time.

Jen Epps-Addison: And then we stayed there. I remember. I slept on the floor of the capitol. It was really cold, and then they took my sleeping bag.

Tracey Corder: But it did happen. Remember the community? That's how we became friends, right?

Jen Epps-Addison: So true.

Tracey Corder: We need to show up for Dreamers, because if they come for any of us, they come for all of us, right?

Jen Epps-Addison: I really appreciate you calling me, and I'm there. I'll see you on Wednesday. [crosstalk 00:56:47]

Tracey Corder: Wednesday, 4:00, capitol steps, and then we'll go have dinner.

Jen Epps-Addison: Do you think I could get a ride, though, because [crosstalk 00:56:51]?

Tracey Corder: I'll just come get you.

Jen Epps-Addison: Thank you.

[00:57:00]

Victoria Kaplan: This is like, every conversation is an opportunity. You need to bring more people in, and it's not just because Tracey needed someone to come with her. It's an opportunity for Jennifer, to experience the transformation that so many people are experiencing right now. That really changes our lives. That's a perspective that I like to think about if I ever get nervous about asking somebody to do something with
me, I think about, why would I deny them the opportunity to experience something that's been so powerful for me?

[00:57:30] So, leaving you all tonight with a tip, an action to take forward, something you can practice in your own life. We are with you with all of your recruitment, and we love that part of the Ready To Resist tradition here that we're building is about training. This is not any of us here talking at any of you. This is how we're building together and constantly building all of our skills so that we have the capacity to make the change [crosstalk 00:57:57] make.

[00:58:00] We have one final skill tonight to close with, which is this skill of bringing spirit and song and beauty, and joy, to our organizing, and for those of you who were on the very first Ready To Resist call a year ago, Nelini closed us with a song, and not only did she sing for us ... and she has a beautiful voice ... but she taught us how to bring more song and joy into our own actions and events, so Nelini is going to teach us an original song tonight.

[00:58:30] If you need a pen to write down the lyrics or put on the recorder on your phone, you can go teach people at your action that you're going to this week.

Thank you Nelini.

Nelini Stamp: Thank you, and I have to do a major shout out, too. I'm the co-founder of the Resistance Revival Chorus that has been bringing joy and movement and song and it's been really amazing to be a part of that, so I'm with you all in spirit as well.

[00:59:00] This song is called "Freedom for the People." I think I wrote it back during Occupy Wall Street. I was probably cold and chilling on the ground before they kicked us out. [crosstalk 00:59:07]. I'm real short, but ... Yeah. Okay. [crosstalk 00:59:19]

You are all going to repeat it after me, and there are people in this room, so it's, "We want freedom for the people... We want freedom for the people ...

[00:59:30] Everywhere ... We want freedom for the people ... Because we care ... Because we care ... We want freedom now ... And freedom loud ... We want freedom ... For the people."

We'll do call and response, and then we'll do one round all together, so it goes ...

(singing)

[01:00:00] I'm going to ask everyone, we're going to do it one last time. I'm going to ask everyone, if you can, if you're singing it with the people in your home, who you're calling in for, take a selfie, put it on Instagram, #FreedomForThePeople,

[01:01:00] #CleanDREAMActNow, and let us send joy as we're really fighting for this DREAM act, and let us send joy in times of pain.

You want to try it all together?
Female: Let's do it!

Nelini Stamp: One, two, three.

(singing)

[01:01:30] Victoria Kaplan: We're not done yet. We got to bring it back to what is going on. We just got an urgent update from DC. You heard it here first, folks.

Female: Urgent update. Make sure that the moderate members of the Democrat caucus are hearing from you tonight. It's critical. You should make sure that if your Senator is Senator Stabenow, Peters, Coons, Hassan, Shaheen, Heinrich, Udall, Kaine, Warner, Nelson, Carper, Baldwin, Casey, and Brown, that they especially hear from you tonight. They need to know that we stand ready, strong, and support them in staying strong for Dreamers [inaudible 01:02:10].

Victoria Kaplan: These are negotiations that are happening while we're here right now.

Female: They're live.

Victoria Kaplan: It's amazing to actually have the opportunity to all be together and move right into action.

Female: I see you, [inaudible 01:02:19], Wisconsin is watching.


Thanks to all of you. Thanks to Bob and Linda who joined us and had to hit the road, get home. Oh, here's [crosstalk 01:02:54].

[01:03:00] [01:03:30] Thank you all for joining us tonight, and we'll see you again on an upcoming Sunday for Ready To Resist, and see you in the streets. Bye everyone.

[crosstalk 01:03:33]

(singing)