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What is Congressional Recess?

A few times a year, our elected officials in Congress get a break from legislative sessions to come back to their home districts and meet with their constituents. During this time, they tend to hold town halls, speaking engagements and other public events. This is a great opportunity for people to organize and push our representatives on the issues that really matter to us: a stable climate, clean air and water, affordable healthcare, and more. To make the most of these events, join with others in your community to show up, be heard, and demand action!

Where can I find events near me?

This April we're partnering with MoveOn.org and a broad set of progressive groups to track events at [ResistanceRecess.com](#). The website includes a map to find or post events, toolkits on how to get the most out of town halls and public events, and tons of issue-related messaging. We encourage you to dig into all the great materials on the site, but here are our quick tips on getting the most from your town hall:

- **Be early.** Try to arrive at least an hour early to get a spot in the town hall meeting/event.
- **Prepare.** Have questions ready (samples below) and show up early to find a seat. If you're with a group, have some people sit toward the front near the microphone without identifying signs and/or t-shirts. That will increase their chances of being selected. Other folks can hold signs outside or in a separate section.
- **Be civil, but don't let them off the hook.** Demand they answer the question you asked, not the question that they want to answer.
- **Take pictures and video.** Having video of what your elected officials say is a great way to hold them accountable. Post pictures and video on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #ResistanceRecess
- Not sure which district you're in? [Find your Congressperson here](#)

Recommended Climate Questions

- Questions on Keystone XL:
 - *If your rep is a climate denier:* Keystone XL threatens to contaminate our water, health and cannot be built without using eminent domain. Do you support building pipelines when they threaten people's health, water supplies, and eminent domain is needed?
 - *If your rep is sympathetic:* Keystone XL threatens to contaminate our water, climate, and health. Do you support building pipelines and other fossil fuel infrastructure or do you support transitioning away from dirty energy to renewables?
- Questions on the budget/EPA:

Background info: Trump's budget cuts the EPA by >30% and budget Director Mick Mulvaney said specifically all funding to climate programs would be cut, calling them a waste of taxpayer money.

 - *If your rep is a Democrat or sympathetic Republican:* As one of the three quarters of Americans who are concerned about climate change and its affects on our health and environment, I wanted to ask how you will combat a budget that would slash protections for Americans' clean water, health and stable climate?
 - *If your rep is a Republican or climate denier:* Do you support President Trump's budget even though it slashes departments and programs that protect our air, water, and the health of our families? How can you claim to represent people whose safety and health you are voting against?

Downloadable Signs

Homemade signs are beautiful and fun to make, but if you'd like a quick way to make a sign, you can print out one of the following pre-made signs.

[Climate Resistance](#)
[Jobs, Justice, Climate](#)

Share your story.

Our actions are most powerful when we tell our stories to the public! The easiest way to share your photos, videos and stories are through social media. Just post a photo/video of your event on twitter, facebook or instagram with the hashtag #ResistanceRecess and a short message about what you did.

Want to share why you're resisting? Here are some top messages:

- From greenlighting KXL to proposing massive budget cuts at the EPA, the Trump administration is selling our future to the fossil fuel industry.
- Our elected officials can't afford to sit on the sidelines of this presidency, and neither can we.



- Letting Trump's all-out attack on our climate go unchallenged by lawmakers would not only set us back -- it would damage our future.
- It's time to show our Congress members that if they don't do everything in their power to protect us and our climate, we'll have to do everything in ours to replace them.

Need more tips for sharing your story?

- [Here](#) are some quick tips on how to take a great action photo.
- Learn more about how to generate press for your events [here](#).
- Find messaging about climate change and a sample media advisory [here](#).

Get the word out about the Peoples Climate March!

April recess comes just weeks before the epic Peoples Climate March in Washington, DC this April 29th. Congressional events are likely to turn up some of the most politically engaged members of your community. What a great opportunity to invite folks to the Peoples Climate March either in Washington, DC or in your own city.

The easiest way to recruit people for PCM is using the super-simple clipboard tool on your phone/tablet. The Clipboard is a simple tool that you can use on any device with an internet browser, like smartphones and tablets. The tool collects information that will be shared by 350.org with the Peoples Climate March.

To Use the Digital Clipboard:

1. Go to [350.org/clipboard](https://www.350.org/clipboard)
2. Enter your name, email, and phone number and hit 'Continue.' - this lets us follow-up with you after recruitment. If you are part of a 350-affiliated Local Group, check the box and enter the name of your Local Group.
3. Now you're in the digital Clipboard!
4. Once you've started a conversation with someone (more on that in the section below), hand your phone, computer, or tablet to the person to collect their information after you've talked with them. After they hit 'sign up,' the page automatically returns to a blank sign-up sheet so you can keep recruiting.

Once you're done recruiting:

1. Scroll down and click "I'm Done Collecting Signatures!"
2. Once you have internet access, click "Back Online? Send In Signatures to 350.org"
3. If you want to recruit more, you can click "Continue Collecting Signatures" to return to the digital clipboard.

Get the full how-to on The Clipboard here: www.350.org/clipboard-guide