



TOGETHER WE'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Join Us For All Things Voting

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THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE





LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN...



**87 Days until
the Mid-terms**

**So much to do
...So little time!**

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BUT FIRST...



- **WE CAN'T ASSUME A BLUE WAVE**
 - We need to turn out the vote
 - ...Where it counts
- **VULNERABLE STATES MATTER**
 - For control of congress
 - For redistricting
 - For saving democracy

*See Appendix for details on key races

Why Are We Here

**WE NEED YOU TO TAKE
ACTION TO SAVE
DEMOCRACY!**

...By Flipping
the House, the Senate, and as
many State Governors
& State Legislators as we can!





BLUE WAVE???



SENATE:

- **Democratic Battlegrounds**

- Georgia: T +2.2; Lean D
- Michigan: T +1.4; Toss Up
- New Hampshire: H +2.8; Lean D

- **Republican Battlegrounds**

- Alaska: T +13; 1 Lean R; 1 Toss Up
- Iowa: T +13.2; Lean R
- Maine: 1 Tilt R; Toss up
- N. Carolina: T +3.3; Lean D
- Ohio: 1 Tilt R; Toss Up
- Texas: T +13.6; Lean R



BLUE WAVE???



HOUSE: Total of 218 for control

COOK POLITICAL REPORT (7/16/26)

- Rated Solid, likely, or lean
 - Democrats: 205
 - Republicans: 212
- Toss-ups: 18

DEMOCRATS MUST WIN: 13 of 18 toss-ups – or 72%

REPUBLICANS MUST WIN: 6 of 18 toss-ups. Only 33%

TOSS-UPS INCLUDE:

- 4 Democrats
- 14 Republicans – all incumbents

See Appendix for details on key races



BLUE WAVE???



- **STATE LEGISLATURES & GOVERNORSHIPS**

- Block Republican trifectas
- Election Certification
- Redistricting

- **SECRETARY OF STATE POSITIONS**

*Appendix has organizations focused on state actions



SORTING THROUGH KEY RACES



WHERE TO BEGIN?

- **VASHON ISLAND**, Washington matrix. ...They've done the work!
 - [CLICK HERE](#) for the Vashon spreadsheet
 - **BREAKOUT GROUP** to go through in more detail
- [STATES WIN & SWING LEFT](#) are focusing on state legislatures & down ballot races



TIME-CRITICAL ACTIVITIES



THE CLOCK IS TICKING....

- Voter Registration Deadlines
- Primary Dates
- Midterm Voting Deadlines
- **Take Action Now!**
 - Increase your skills & build muscles
 - Step outside of your comfort zone

NOV. 3RD IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!





PRIORITY # 1

VOTER REGISTRATION



WHERE TO START?

IN APPENDIX:

- **Pick your activities** based on time left
 - [Link](#) to source for registration
 - [Link](#) to early voting deadlines by state
- **Pick your action:** Google sheet with checkmarks for organizations doing registration drives

FOR NERDS:

- **Cost of Voting Index:**
 - Ranks each state by ease of voting
 - [Link](#) to Cost of voting index
- **Rankings include:**
 - Ease or barriers to register
 - 2024 data available now. 2026 coming this fall

A close-up photograph of a "Voter Registration Application" form. The form is partially filled out and has a pen resting on it. In the background, an American flag is visible. A pair of glasses is also on the form. The form includes fields for "First Name", "Middle Name(s)", "Last Name", "Apt. or Lot #", "City/Town", "State", "Zip Code", and "ID Number". There are also checkboxes for "Yes" and "No" and a section for "This space for office use only". The text "Voter Registration Application" is printed in large, bold letters across the top of the form. Below it, smaller text reads "Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18." and "response to either of these questions, do not complete form.".



PRIORITY #1

VOTER REGISTRATION



DOUBLE CHECK!

Go to the Secretary of State's Web pages or multiple voting sites.

- **Trusted sources** disagree with one another
- **Voting Rules** are not easy to navigate!
- **Different deadlines** for different forms of registration (in-person, mail, online, postmarked vs. received)
- **Arcane or difficult language:** e.g. Georgia "5th Monday before election day"





HOW CAN WE HELP GET VOTERS WHAT THEY NEED?



**National groups offer
powerful, effective tools
to help you support voters
everywhere.**

**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS...
VOLUNTEER!**





VOTE RIDERS

<https://voteriders.org/>



WHO ARE THEY?

- Leading, nonpartisan organization focused on critical issue of Voter ID
- Voter restrictions related to ID on the rise nationwide
- Strict voter ID laws in 38 states





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MISSION

Eliminate ID barriers to the ballot box so every eligible voter can cast a ballot that counts.





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WORK IN 3 CORE AREAS

- **Voter Education and Empowerment** – educates through strategic partnerships
- **Direct Assistance for Voters** - focus on states critical for the election- Arizona, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Ohio
- **Advocacy**, Policy and Research



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WHY VOLUNTEER?

- **What could be more fulfilling** than helping those most in need to get ID?
- **Help eliminate all ID barriers** to the ballot box for all eligible voters—confusing information, costs, rides
- **Essential not only for voting** but also for driving a car, getting a job, opening a bank account, cashing a check, or signing an apartment lease

[Click Here](#) to Volunteer





VoteRiders – Volunteer Opportunities

<https://voteriders.org/>



Current Volunteer Opportunities

- [Helpline Volunteer](#)
- [Voter ID Assistance Volunteer](#)
- [Ride & Appointment Manager](#)
- [Write Letters to Voters](#)
- [Text Voters](#)

Stay Updated

[Join our volunteer list!](#)

We will send you new opportunities to get involved.

Under the Volunteer Opportunities box, you will see job descriptions and time commitments for each role.



VOTE RIDERS

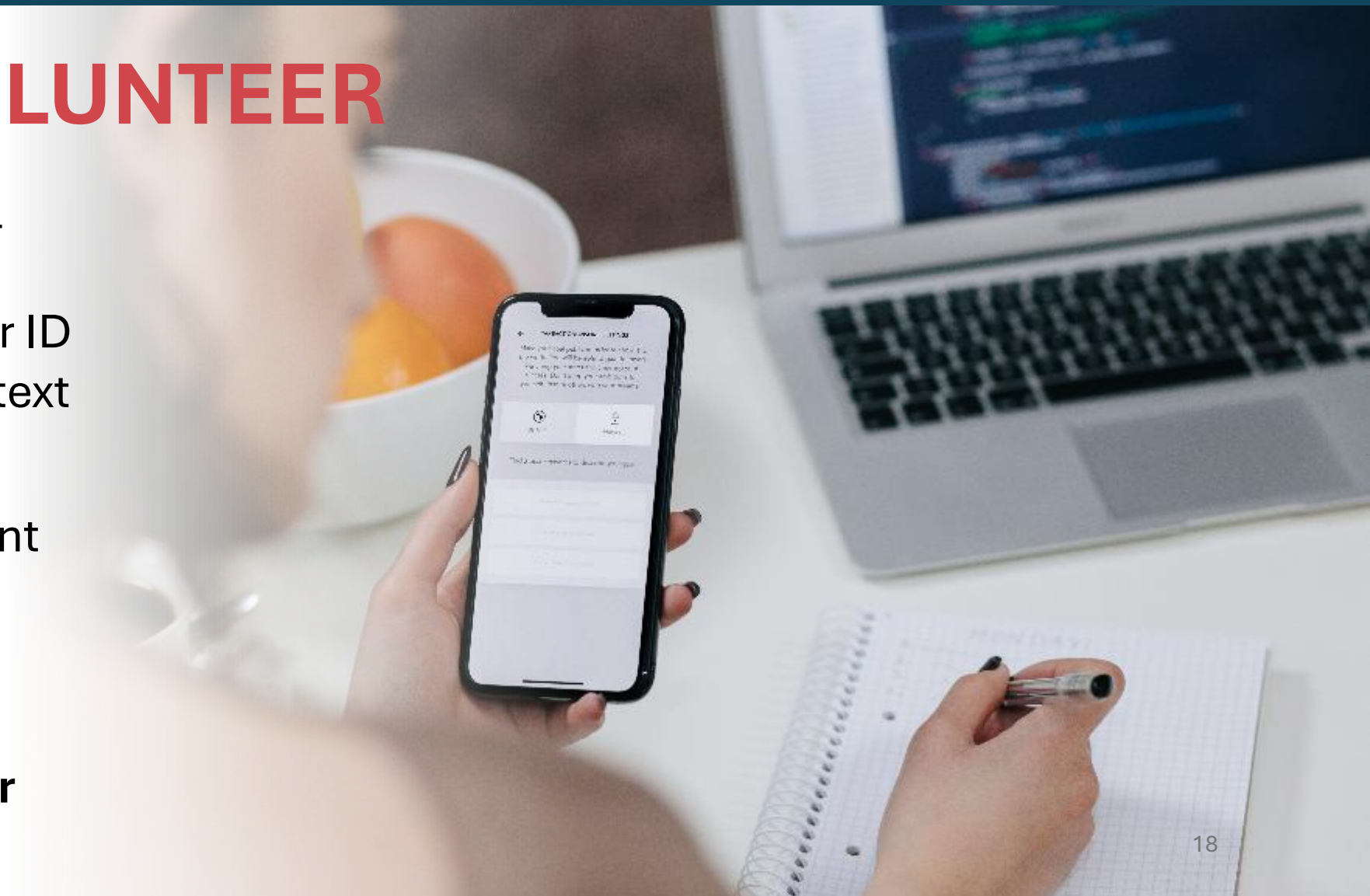
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HELPLINE VOLUNTEER

- Support voters in real time by answering questions about voter ID via phone, chat, and text
- Sign them up for help from Voter ID Assistant volunteers

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VOTER ID ASSISTANCE

- Work one-on-one with voters to help them get the ID they need
- Pay costs associated with getting ID
- Sign them up for help from Ride & Appointment Managers

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RIDE & APPOINTMENT MANAGER

Help voters get to their ID appointments by coordinating transportation and managing schedules

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WRITE LETTERS TO VOTERS

Deliver essential voting
information and provide a
number they can call or text
to get help

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SAMPLE FORM LETTER - ARIZONA

Voter ID Rules

Arizona requires ID to vote in person.
ID is not required to vote by mail.

Voting in Person

You have three options:

Option 1: Show one photo ID with name and address that matches your voter registration.

Must be unexpired or show no expiration date.

- AZ driver's license
- AZ state ID card
- Tribal ID
- Military ID
- Photo ID issued by US, AZ, or local government

Option 2: Show two non-photo IDs with name and address that match your voter registration.

Must be current or show no expiration date.

- Utility bill (including phone, internet, cable)
- Bank or credit union statement
- Tribal ID
- Property tax statement
- Recorder's certificate
- AZ vehicle registration or insurance card
- ID issued by US, AZ, or local government
- Any mail labeled "official election material"

Option 3: Show a combination of IDs from options 1 and 2.

One photo ID (from option 1) with missing or incorrect address + One non-photo ID with address that matches your voter registration

Examples:

- US pasport + Utility bill
- Military ID + Vote registration card

2026 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: June 22

Deadline to Request Mail Ballot: July 7

Statewide Early Voting: June 24

Election Day: July 21

Get Free ID Help

VoteRiders is sending you this letter because we want to make sure you have the right ID to vote.

Please contact us if you have questions or need free help getting an ID!

**CALL OR TEXT
866-432-8683**

VoteRiders is a nonpartisan organization.
All our services are free.

Learn More Online



- Voter ID info and help
- Check voter registration
- Request mail ballot
- Información en español

VoteRiders.org/AZletter



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TEXT BANKING

- Join a text banking group
- Ensure voters have the information and ID they need to vote
- Offer assistance and answer questions

[Click Here](#) to Volunteer





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REMEMBER!

Volunteering =

Getting voters essential
information & ID =

Increasing voter turnout =

SAVING DEMOCRACY!!!

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HOW CAN YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR 87 DAYS?



**We'll Show
You the Way**



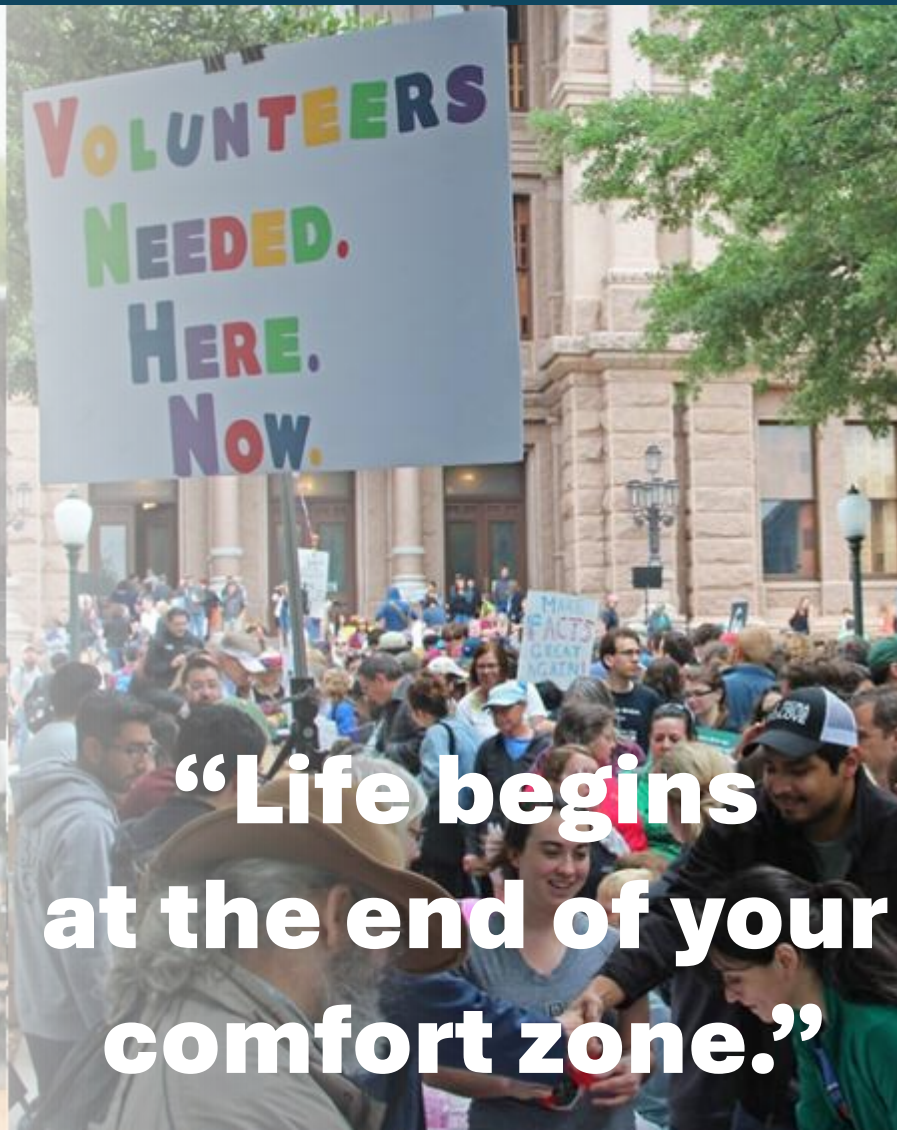


CHOOSE ACTIVITIES THAT MATCH YOUR SKILLS & COMFORT LEVEL



- ✓ **Postcard**
- ✓ **Phonebank**
- ✓ **Textbank**
- ✓ **Letters to Voters**
- ✓ **Answer voters' questions (phone)**
- ✓ **Help voters get documentation (phone)**
- ✓ **Coordinate rides to get documents**
- ✓ **Coordinate rides to polls**
- ✓ **Canvass/Door Knock**
- ✓ **Attend Rallies**
- ✓ **Host get-togethers**
- ✓ **Legislative action**

**UNLEASH YOUR
SUPERPOWER!!**



**“Life begins
at the end of your
comfort zone.”**





POSTCARDS & LETTERS



DIFFERENT TYPES, COSTS, AND EASE

- Partisan & Nonpartisan
- Cards: free & Paid
- Candidates
- Voter Information
- News Boosting
- Specific target: demographic

FOR NERDS:

- [Blue Wave Analytics](#) and the Action Network
- **Research:** Voters like their polling places on the card.
- **Direct them** to find details at vote.org
- **Post Cards to Swing States:** [“Midterms Postcards and New Research”](#)





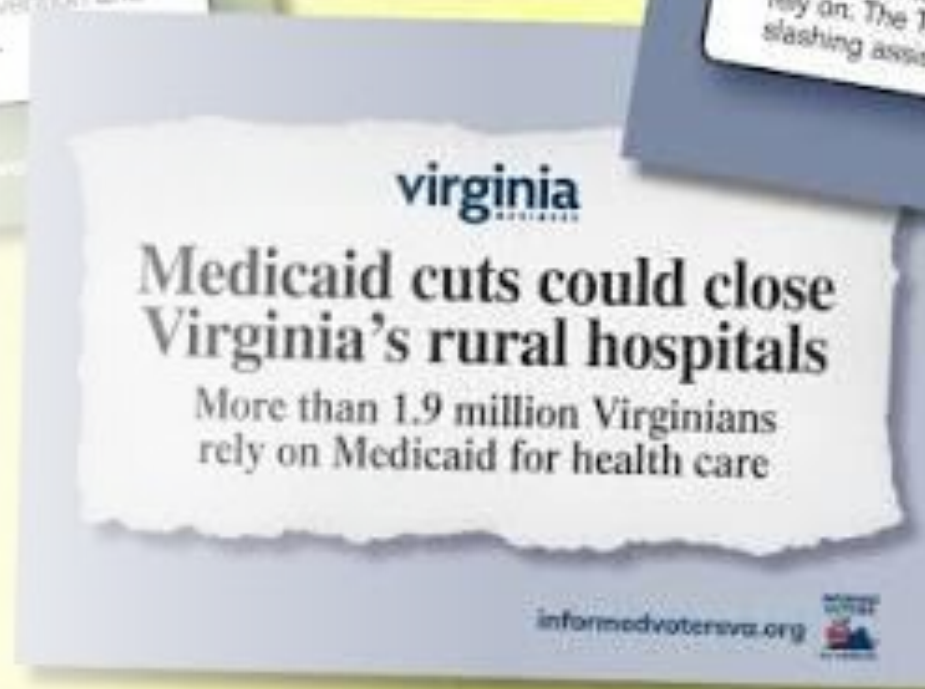
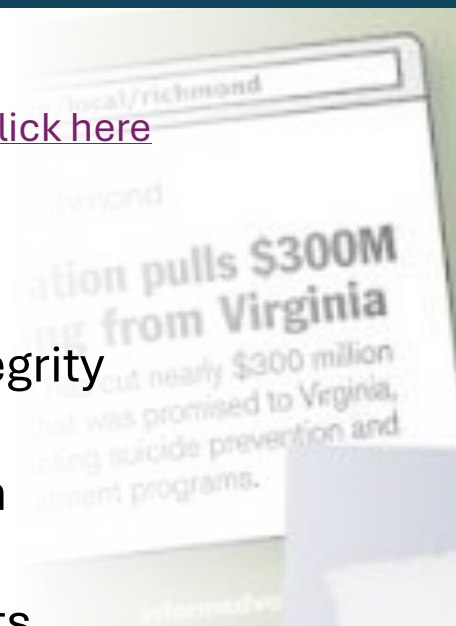
POSTCARDS & LETTERS SPOTLIGHT



- **News Boosting Cards,** [click here](#)

- **Vote Forward,** [click here](#)

- New Voter Guides
- Down-Ballot Election Integrity Letters
- Ground Truth Civic Action Follow-Up Letters
- Benefits Connection Pilots (texting)





PHONE & TEXT BANKING



- **OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE?**

- “Not my thing”
- “Never get a person”

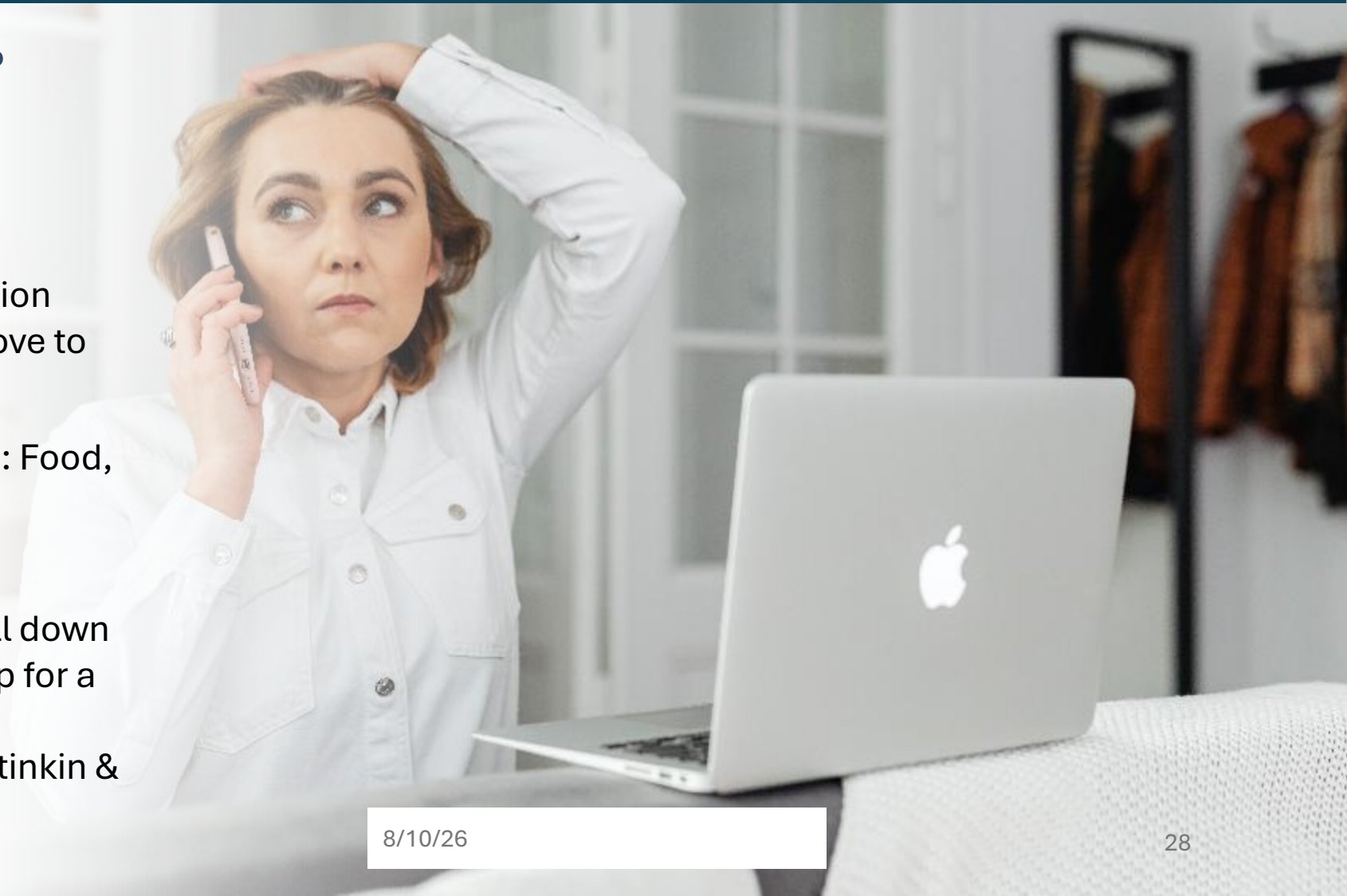
- **PRACTICE MAKES IT EASY**

- Start with ‘easier’ asks: Information giving, information gathering, move to issue oriented to candidates

- **DO IT WITH OTHERS** – make it fun: Food, comfort captain, goals!

- **HOW-TO TIPS?**

- [Indivisible Van Open VPN](#) Scroll down to Phone Banking 5 Steps To Prep for a Phone Bank with video at end
- [How To Phone Bank](#) | Mandy Patinkin & Kathryn Grody | Swing Left





SWING LEFT/GROUND TRUTH PLATFORM

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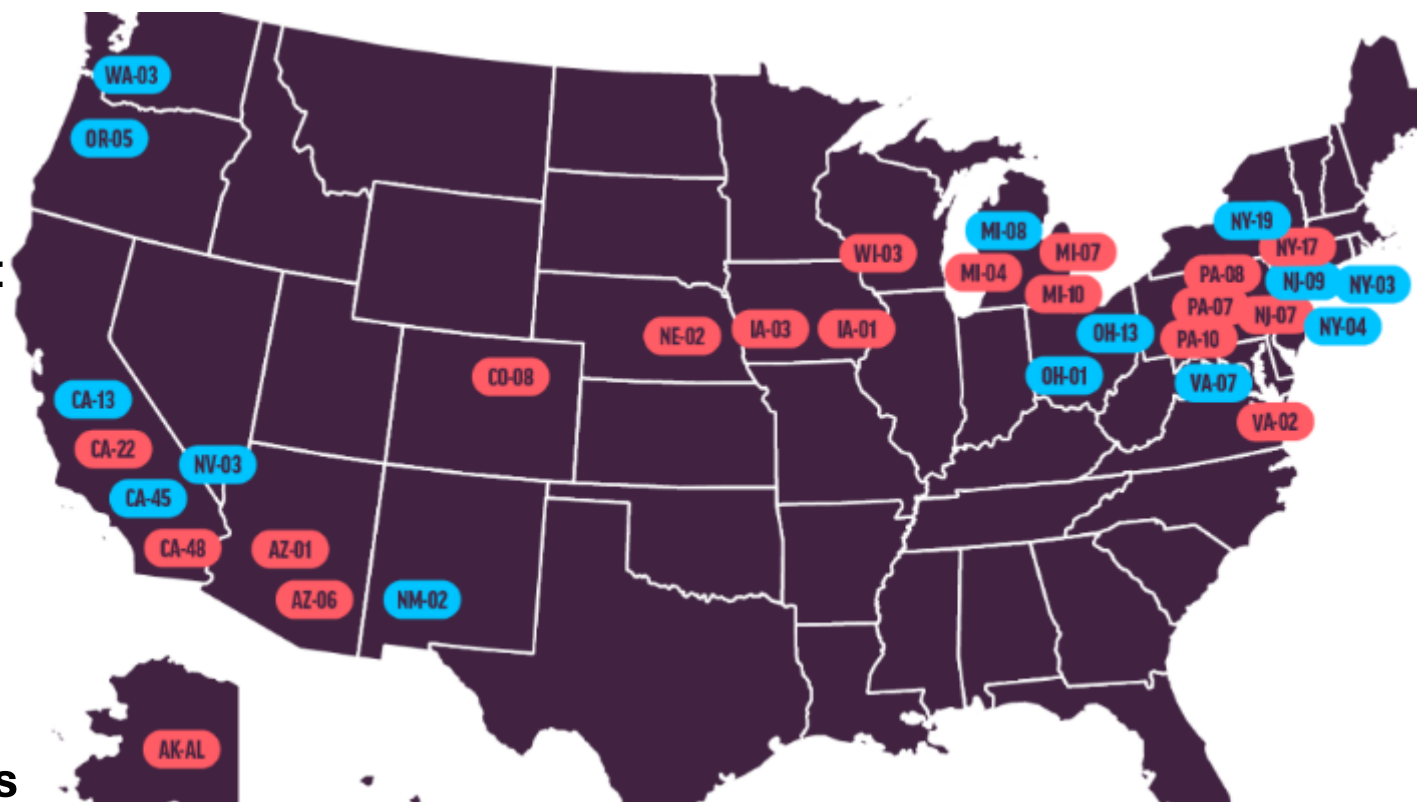


Phonebank in
these districts...

Not to campaign.
...But to learn about
voters' concerns.

Ground Truth
enters the info into
their database.

Candidates use the
information to focus
on issues critical to
their constituents.



UPDATE TO MAP: NEW TARGET DISTRICTS

**6 Democratic-held
seats:**

- OH-01 and OH-13, NV-03, NM-02, NY-03, & WA-03

5 red-to-blue districts:

- CA-22 & CA-48
- NJ-07
- MI-04 & MI-10

**3 Districts removed due
to CA redistricting:**

- CA-27, CA-41, & CA-47

Democracy Wins!!

To Volunteer, [click here](http://SwingLeft.org)



PHONE & TEXT BANKING SPOTLIGHT



- **IAC Phone Banking Strike Team**

- The **Indivisible Action Coalition** building a list of seasoned phone bankers who can be mobilized quickly for high-need congressional races.
- **Goal:** 100 phone bankers signed up by end of August.
- **Leaders encouraged to act as hubs** — signing up and surging experienced volunteers from their groups, not just signing up personally.





CANVASSING



- **NOT IN YOUR COMFORT ZONE?**
 - “Not good talking to strangers”
 - “I never know what to say”
- **PRACTICE MAKES EASY**
 - Start with ‘easier’ asks: Information giving, information gathering, move to issue oriented to candidate canvassing
 - Practice your script, but remain flexible
- **BE BOLD, FRIENDLY AND LISTEN!**
- **DON’T WASTE TIME:** No long conversations and certainly not arguments. Simply say “thank you for sharing” and move on.

AND DON’T WORRY!
...YOU’LL HAVE A MENTOR.





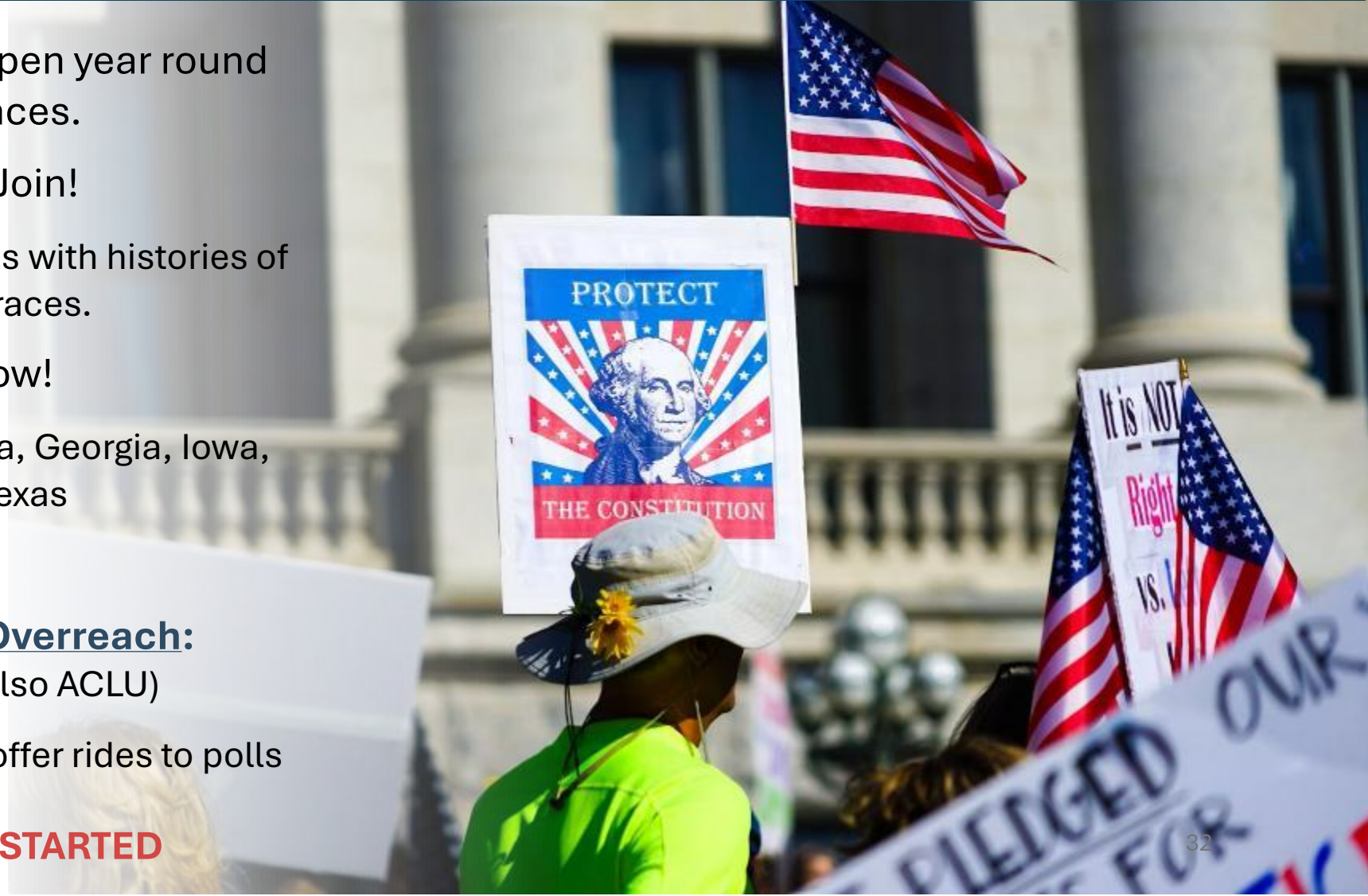
ELECTION PROTECTION



- **Election Protection Hotline:** open year round Hotline for trouble at polling places.
- **ACLU Democracy Defenders:** Join!
- **Common Cause:** focus on states with histories of voting problems or very contested races.
- **Hands Off Our Vote:** Sign up now!
- **Election Defense Corps:** Alaska, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, & Texas
- **Protect Democracy**
- **State Action Against Federal Overreach:**
Enforce existing federal laws (see also ACLU)

CLOSER TO NOVEMBER: Candidates offer rides to polls

CLICK ON LINKS ABOVE TO GET STARTED





INDIVISIBLE'S ELECTION PROTECTION CAMPAIGN



- **Hands Off Our Vote:**

- Rapid response whenever and wherever “dirty tricks are pulled”.
- See [Hands Off Our Vote Toolkit](#) (one-stop-shop for election protection resources)
- To learn more, [click here](#) to sign up for classes

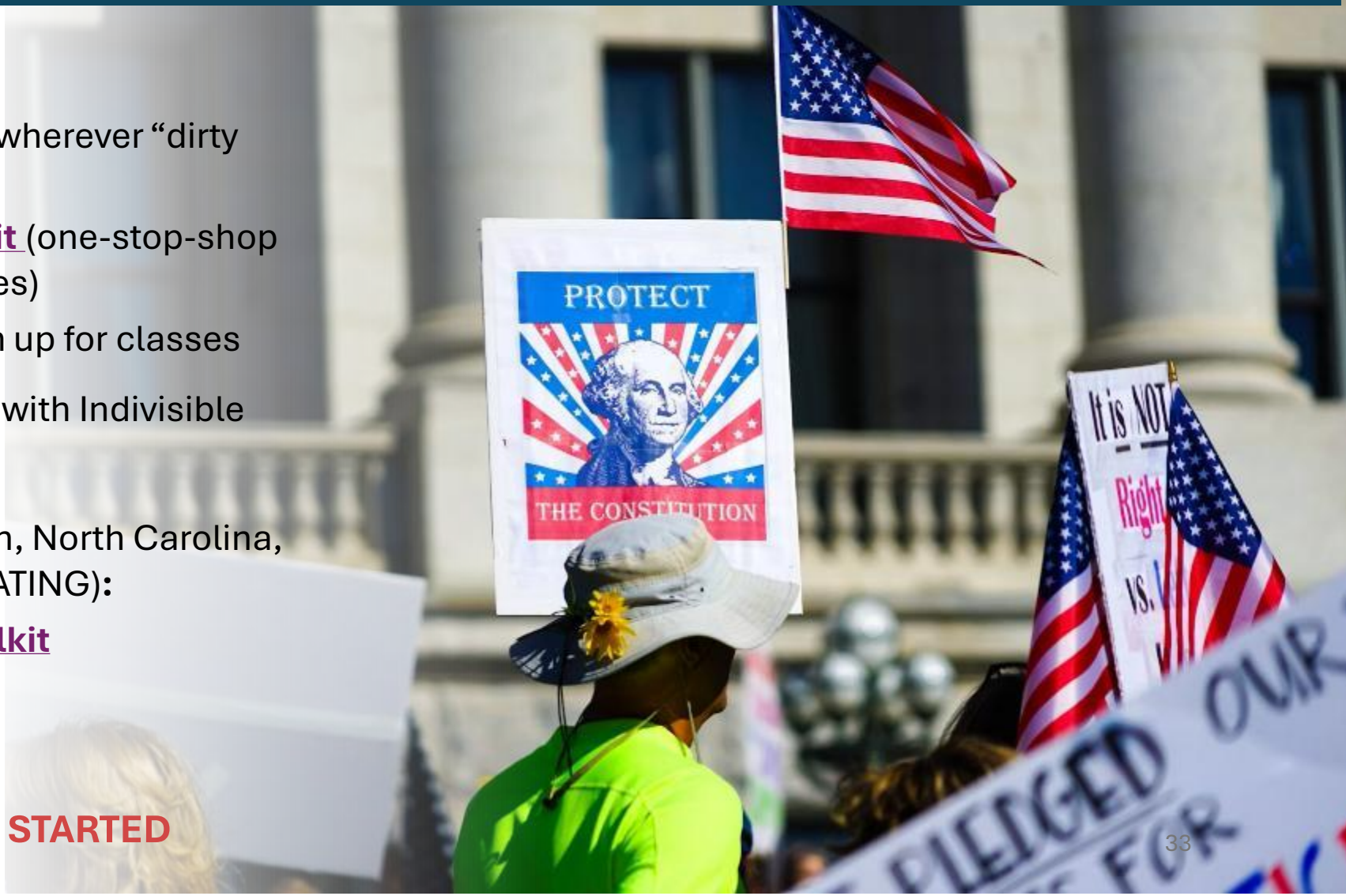
- **Protect Democracy** – partnering with Indivisible

- **Election Defense Corps:**

- Alaska, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas. (acronym MOATING):
- See [Battleground Actions Toolkit](#)

- Volunteer at [Ground Control](#)

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ACT FREE TO BE FREE ELECTION PROTECTION



- **Guiding principle:**
 - Act publicly & collectively to defend constitutional processes.
- **Advance preparation:**
 - For coordinated civil society action.
- **Election protection should:**
 - Extend beyond voter turnout and litigation.
 - Include broad-based organizing, legal prep, communications, training, & nonviolent mobilization.

**Prepare for Mass
Coordinated Mobilization
across Connecticut and
the Country.**

**No matter what
the threat!**





ACT FREE TO BE FREE ELECTION PROTECTION



- **Create State Democracy Nerve Center:**

- legal orgs
- labor unions
- civic orgs
- elected officials, advocacy groups
- grassroots leaders

- **Responsibilities include:**

- shared strategic analysis
- scenario planning
- assigning responsibilities
- maintaining communication
- coordinating responses

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POST ELECTION



- **Certifying Results**
- **Ballot Curing**
- **More...**





LOOKING TO DONATE?



OUR THOUGHTS

- **SUPPORT INDEPENDENT MEDIA:** Pro-Democracy
- **BUY POSTCARDS & STAMPS** for postcarding groups
- **CHOOSE SPECIFIC ELECTIONS** across the country
- **MAKE CHOICES RE: YOUR PURCHASING POWER:**
 - Chose local once a week
 - Stop doing business with a complicit corporate entity (e.g. Citizens Bank)





EXCELLENT DONATION OPTIONS



- [Democracy Docket](#)
- [Bolts Magazine](#)
- [Defiance.org](#)
- [Common Cause](#)
- [The Contrarians](#)
- [Friday Action](#)
- [Hopium Chronicles](#)
- [Chop Wood, Carry Water](#)
- [State Government Citizens Campaign \(SGCC\)](#)
- [Zeteo](#)

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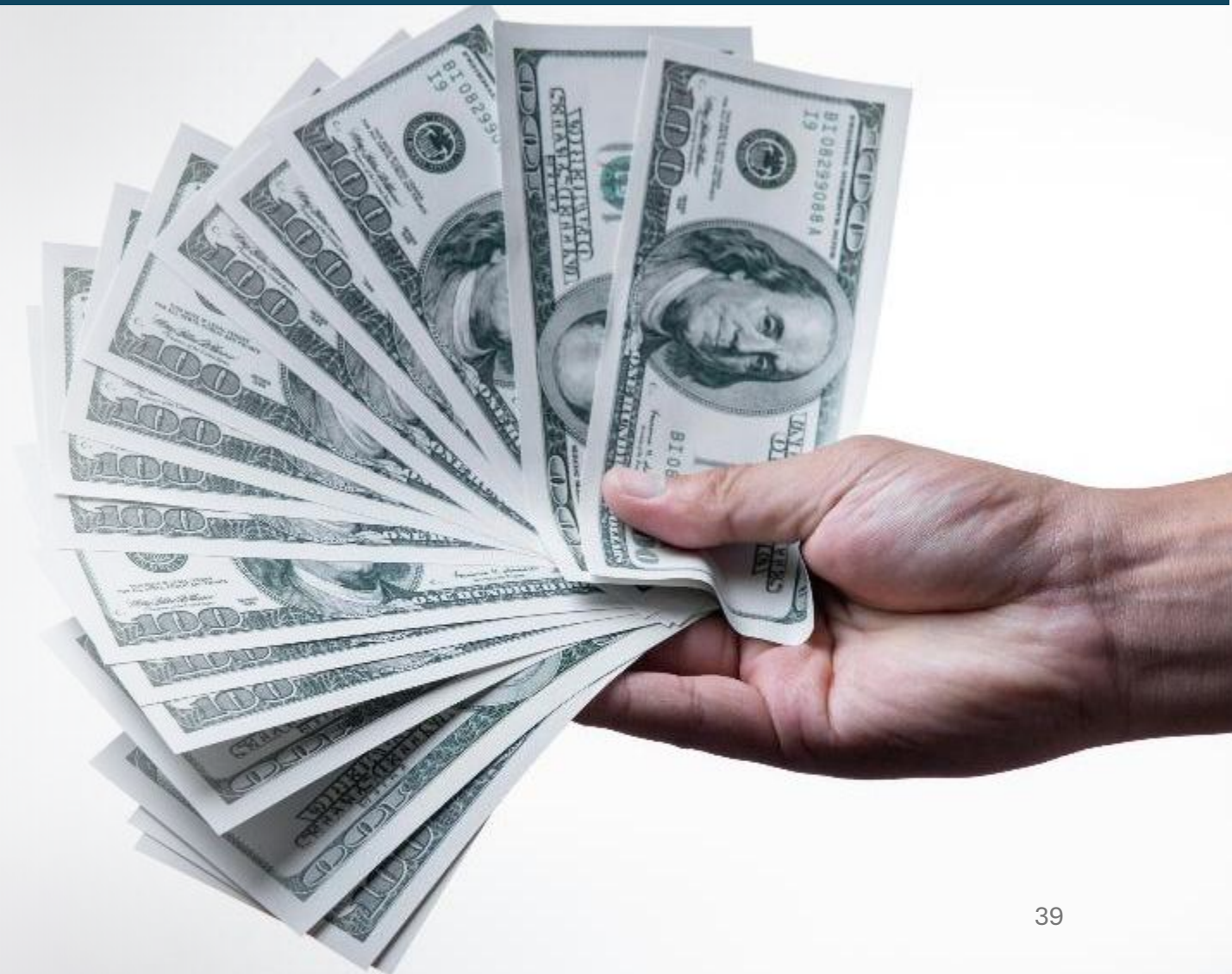




DONATE TO ELECTION PROTECTORS



- [866-Our Vote](#)
- [American Civil Liberties Union](#)
- [Common Cause State-by-State](#)
- [Indivisible](#): Election Defense Corps, Hands off Our Vote
- **State Action against Federal overreach – Enforce existing federal laws**



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LET'S HAVE DEMOCRACY PARTIES



- **SUPPORT EACH OTHER WITH:**

- Postcarding
- Phonebanking
- Canassing

- **JOIN OUR “ALL THINGS VOTING” COMMITTEE**

- Weekly Zooms Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30

- **HELP US:**

- **Find groups** to share our presentation with
- **Identify orgs** that can help amplify our efforts
- **Define actions**

- In states with onerous voting rules/practices
- Find groups that are helping voters
- Assist other states remotely

- **BECOME A TEAM CAPTAIN (PARTY PLANNER)**

**TO CELEBRATE WHAT WE
ALL CAN DO RIGHT NOW!**





THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING...



WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

- **We want your feedback:**
 - **Issues?**
 - **Success?**
 - **Questions?**
- **Reach out**
- **Keep us posted**

OUR TEAM WILL HELP



IN CLOSING...

**We Believe
that Something
small done
is better than
something big
not done**





And many small things...

...Done by many ordinary people...

...Together...

...Make us unstoppable!

Thank you!



QUESTIONS?



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