

# Indivisible Meeting with Heinrich Summary

**Meeting:** Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**Format:** Zoom

## 1. Appreciation and Updates on Senator's Initiatives

Participants expressed appreciation for Senator Heinrich's work on several fronts:

- **"Fight Club":** Discussion acknowledged Heinrich staff's involvement. Rebecca limited comments to public information. The group supports insurgent Senate primary candidates rather than DSCC-backed candidates—an unusual approach. These candidates are generally more progressive and less supportive of Israel.
- **Gun Safety:** Efforts to close the "Charleston Loophole," which allows gun purchases to proceed if background checks are not completed within 72 hours.
- **Public Health / Agriculture:** Advocacy for a bird flu vaccine for poultry.
- **Conservation & Infrastructure:** Introduction of legislation to reauthorize the Wildlife Crossing Program.
- **Healthcare:** Rural Health Transformation funding directed to New Mexico.

## 2. Venezuela and War Powers

- Strong appreciation was expressed for the Senator's statement condemning Trump's illegal actions in Venezuela and for co-sponsoring the War Powers Resolution.
- Discussion acknowledged that the resolution is largely symbolic, as Trump would not sign it.
- Trump's plan to divert Venezuelan oil revenues was described as highly illegal and expected to be challenged in court.
- Questions were raised about other potential mechanisms to halt the actions, including interdiction of foreign vessels.

## 3. NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act)

- Clarified that the NDAA authorizes activities but does not provide funding.
- Provisions of note included:
  - Expanded travel expense reimbursement for distant medical care.
  - Improved coordination of nuclear regulatory activities among nations.
  - Authorization for a micro-grid at White Sands to prevent power outages (notably a green project, though that terminology was avoided by staff).
- Discussion touched on, but did not resolve, the relationship between the NDAA and pit production funding at LANL.

## 4. ACA Subsidies

- The House passed renewal of ACA subsidies.
- The Senate defeated the measure on the day of the meeting.
- Further developments expected.

## 5. Wind Energy Funding

- Trump's abrupt revocation of funding for wind project construction was discussed.
- Appreciation was expressed for the Senator's response.
- Courts have ordered restoration of the funding; additional details referenced via an attached YouTube video.

## 6. ICE Facility in Torrance

- Santa Fe SOS is actively engaging state legislators and participating in town halls to support new legislation.
- The group expects participation in a Governor's call.
- Potential bill sponsorship may come from Angelica Rubio.
- The ACLU is expected to take a leadership role.

## 7. Continuing Resolution (CR) and Federal Funding

- The current CR expires at the end of January.
- Rebecca anticipates passage of all funding bills except Homeland Security.
- It remains unclear whether Homeland Security will operate under a separate CR or face a shutdown.

## 8. Protests and Party Direction

- Ongoing protests (Interstate bridges and downtown) organized with Resist Tyranny Tuesday were discussed.
- Organizers report increased public support.
- Concerns were raised that while anti-Trump messaging is strong, the Party lacks a clear positive agenda.
- Rebecca indicated that the Party's future direction will be contested in primaries between "Fight Club"-supported newcomers and the established leadership.

## 9. USDA Appropriations

- **SNAP and Supplemental Food Programs:** Fully funded.
- Anticipated cuts may arise from administrative burdens imposed by the OBBB.
- **Food-Oriented Nonprofits:** Concerns noted regarding withheld funding.

## 10. Next Meeting

- **Scheduled:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026