

Rio Grande Indivisible e-Newsletter April 26

Hello RGI members,

In this email you will find:

- Information on the Mayday event in Tiguex Park. Our partner, El Centro, will be there, so please show up to support them.
- Boycotting El Salvador
- Modernizing the New Mexico Legislature
- Find your Democratic Ward Chair
- A petition on Trump's attack on ActBlue
- Contact Information for getting your demands to our Elected Officials

Happy Mayday,

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EVENTS

Thursday, May 1, 4pm – 8pm at Tiguex Park 1800 Mountain Rd. NW. WORKER POWER, BURQUE STRONG

Women's March, MayDayStrong.org, Olé NM, 50501, and over a dozen local groups, organized this special event and march, focused on bringing the community together in support of workers' rights and immigrants' rights. Please RSVP here:

(<https://www.mobilize.us/mayday/event/775117/>).

Please join **EI CENTRO** and allies on **May Day, May 1st, International Workers' Day** for a peaceful rally, march, and community event.

If anyone wants to sign up as a peacekeeper, please [sign up here](#) There is a mandatory training involved as well as volunteering the day of.

To [make a donation](#) to your Albuquerque immigrants' rights and workers' justice organization (**El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos**), you can do that [here](#). Your donation demonstrates that we know that immigrant communities have what it takes to lead--with our support!

MAYDAY MARCH May 1, at 12pm @ Civic Plaza

A local veteran, Michael J Doc Sanchez, is organizing this march. As far as we know, he is not currently collaborating with any other groups or organizers. Permits are not required in the state of New Mexico once a crowd reaches a certain size. Let's should show up in solidarity for him.

BOYCOTTING OPPORTUNITIES

Boycott all products made in El Salvador. Such products include clothing, mattresses, food and more, so check tags and packages and avoid product "Made in El Salvador". Companies that manufacture in El Salvador include Hanes, Fruit of the Loom, Gildan, Diana, Capri, Indufoam, Bon Appetit, and many more.

Voice your complaint with:

Hanes [contact us@hanes.com](mailto:contact_us@hanes.com) or call 336-519-8080

Fruit of the Loom <https://www.fruit.com/customer-service/contact> or call [855-253-4534](tel:855-253-4534).

MODERNIZING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

A Common Cause NM petition (shared by RGI Member Teri Neville)

"The time is now to modernize the New Mexico State Legislature. We need a legislative body comprised of everyday New Mexicans who are reflective of our diverse population.

We face complex problems that require more time to solve. With New Mexico's legislative sessions being among the shortest in the nation, every year important bills that could improve the lives of constituents run out of time before being fully debated. In order to keep pace with the rest of the country, New Mexico should create a modern legislature that can do the work necessary to improve our state and get us off the bottom of every list.

We deserve a legislature that looks like the people of our communities and can better serve our state.”

To read and sign the petition go here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/modernize-the-new-mexico-state-legislature?source=email&>

TRUMP ATTACKING ACTBLUE

Dear ActBlue,

Trump just issued an executive order directing the DOJ to investigate ActBlue. This is a witch hunt, and we’re calling it exactly what it is: a dangerous political attack on one of the most vital progressive institutions in the country.

His goal is clear – to choke off grassroots power, silence small-dollar donors, and dismantle the infrastructure that fuels people-powered movements. This isn’t law enforcement. This is retaliation.

But you didn’t flinch. You continue to stand tall – mobilizing, organizing, and empowering millions to take action, even as MAGA extremists try to drag you down.

I know that Trump and his allies will stop at nothing to intimidate, investigate, and incapacitate anyone who dares to challenge them – especially grassroots organizations like ActBlue that put people first. That’s why I’m signing this letter with countless other proud Democrats – to show massive support for ActBlue and to say, together: We will not be intimidated.

[SIGN THE LETTER →](#)

FIND YOUR DEMOCRATIC WARD CHAIR

Check the link below to find your ward chair in Bernalillo County

<https://members.bernalilloedems.org/rsrc/resource/ward-and-precinct-chair-resources-2/>

CONTACT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATORS ON UKRAINE, PETE HEGSETH, MEDICAID CUTS

(From Jess Craven of Chop Wood Carry Water.) Sign up for her newsletter to get regular action items.

Call Your Senators (find yours [here](#)) 📞

Hi, I'm a constituent calling from [zip]. My name is _____.

First, I'm disgusted by Trump's approach to the Russia/Ukraine negotiations. He's carrying water for Russia and absolutely betraying our ally. Any ceasefire agreement must insist on Ukraine's continued control over their own land, including all of Crimea. Putin can't win unilaterally, here. Please ask the Senator to make a statement saying as much.

Second, we just learned that Pete Hegseth [spent taxpayer money to put a makeup studio in his office](#) and installed Signal on his government computer so he could [send instant messages in a space where personal cellphones are not permitted](#). This guy is incompetent and an absolute buffoon. He's also despised by everyone at the Pentagon, which means that the embarrassing leaks about him will continue. He makes us look weak, chaotic and inept on the world stage. The Senator must call on him to resign.

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Second, I know that House Republicans are planning on achieving their 880 billion dollars in Medicaid cuts [by slashing federal contributions to the ACA Medicaid expansion programs in the states](#). This cannot happen—it will knock between 10 and 20 million people off of their healthcare and be an absolute disaster for local hospitals and economies. No way. There should be no cuts to healthcare so that rich people can get more tax cuts. None! We're watching. Thanks.

Extra Credit #1 ☒

Indivisible has dropped a new Attorney General [toolkit](#) in response to the wave of ICE abductions targeting residents (students, activists, etc.) for their political speech. It's aimed at pressuring Democratic AGs to act — whether that means defending those already detained or putting real protections in place before this escalates further.

This is one of the clearest ways we can push back at the moment.

Please [use the toolkit](#) to make a call and send an email if you have a Democratic Attorney General. Not sure if you do? The form will tell you!

DEMANDS FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Email your US Congressional Legislators with your demands on how they should be reacting to Trump's lawlessness.

Here are RGI member Sharon Sharp's guide for demands, but create your own list if you wish. I have added contact information for the national Democratic Party. They need to hear our demands.

Martin Heinrich

<https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/>

Ben Ray Lujan

<https://www.lujan.senate.gov/contact/>

Melanie Stansbury

<https://stansbury.house.gov/>

Gabe Vasquez

vasquez.house.gov/

Teresa Leger Fernandez

<https://fernandez.house.gov/>

Democratic Party

<https://democrats.org/contact-us/>

1. **DELAY AND DISRUPT. NO MORE BUSINESS AS USUAL.**

- a. Force roll call votes and ask for quorum calls
- b. File discharge petitions if in the House for democratic resolutions stuck in committee
- c. Block Unanimous Consent
- d. Deny a quorum. Shut down business
- e. Max out debate time. (Put their anger to use.)

2. **VOTE NO ON EVERYTHING TRUMP WANTS.**

- a. Vote no on every Trump nominee that needs senate confirmation. Every Single One. (Remember what Tuberville did for the Military promotions?) Vote no even on lower positions.
- b. Force votes on privileged resolutions to end the April 2 national emergency declaration to block the tariffs. NEA (national

emergency act) resolutions are considered “privileged,” and that is a big deal. Privileged resolutions:

- i. Bypass committee - leadership cannot bury them
- ii. Force a floor vote within a specific timeframe
- iii. Cannot be filibustered in the Senate (only need 51 votes)
- iv. Put every member of Congress on the record

3. BE LOUD. BE PERSISTANT. BE CONSISTENT. Use every platform - Press conferences, floor speeches, field hearings, social media - to call out Trump’s power grab and spotlight Republican complicity. Turn up the volume and make it politically painful for them to stay silent. Now is not the time to talk about small local issues when you get in the spotlight. Do not wait to be asked. Make it a priority to get on local media. It is your job to educate the public about how bad things are.