

# NO BREAKS. ADVOCATE FOR FAMILIES THIS CONGRESSIONAL RECESS

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**This April recess**, families must rise up and demand that our senators hold the Trump administration accountable for its attacks on children and families. The administration is using executive power to cut funding, roll back civil rights protections, and dismantle the very public systems our communities depend on, all behind closed doors and without a single vote from Congress.

One of the most alarming moves is the effort to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, stripping away protections for students with disabilities, English language learners, and children from underserved communities. Without this federal oversight, states could ignore their responsibility to provide equitable education for all. We cannot let billionaires and political appointees unilaterally decide our children's futures. It's time for Congress to step up, families deserve transparency, public hearings, and real action.

Use this letter template from the National Parents Union to demand a town hall and let your senators know: our kids are not up for grabs.

## Letter template to request a town hall #1

Congress has scheduled a two-week recess this April. During this period, members of Congress are in their home states, providing an opportune time for constituents to engage with them directly. This recess offers a critical window for families and advocates to meet with their senators and express concerns about the Trump administration's actions affecting children and families. **Use this letter template to personalize it for your state to demand that your senator host a town hall with families to ensure they hear from you.** Tell your senators not to make cuts to education, healthcare, and life-saving services for families.

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[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State, ZIP Code]  
[Email Address]  
[Date]

Senator [Elected Official's Name]  
[Office Address]  
[City, State, ZIP Code]

### Subject: Urgent Request for a Town Hall

Senator [Elected Official's Name],

As a concerned parent from **[insert state/district/city/ward]** and an active member of the National Parents Union, I am writing to ask that you schedule and host a public town hall with your constituents during the upcoming April recess. Families across our community deserve an open forum to discuss the serious and far-reaching consequences of the proposed dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education, as well as the economic hardships caused by reckless tariffs and drastic budget cuts.

The proposed elimination of the Department of Education threatens the fundamental right of every child to receive a quality education, undermining resources that support public schools, special education programs, and Title I funding. The economic instability fueled by tariffs and budget cuts is directly impacting working American families, driving up costs, threatening jobs, and jeopardizing essential social services. The stakes could not be higher, and yet, we have seen little effort to engage the public in meaningful dialogue on these critical issues.

Your duty as an elected official is to represent the voices of your constituents, not to avoid accountability. We demand transparency, leadership, and direct engagement with the families, educators, and community members who will bear the brunt of these harmful policies. Hosting a town hall is not optional—it is your responsibility.

I urge you to confirm a date and location for a town hall before April recess begins and to ensure that it is accessible to working families including offering virtual options. We will not stand by while decisions are made behind closed doors that endanger our children's education and economic future. We look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Contact Information]



## Letter template to request a town hall #2

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State, ZIP Code]  
[Email Address]  
[Date]

Senator [Elected Official's Name]  
[Office Address]  
[City, State, ZIP Code]

### Subject: Demand for a Town Hall on Attacks on Education and Family Supports

Senator [Elected Official's Name],

As a concerned parent from **[insert state/district/city/ward]** and a member of the National Parents Union, I am writing to demand that you schedule a public town hall during the April recess to address the Trump administration's reckless use of executive power to dismantle public education, eliminate civil rights protections, and slash essential programs that families rely on—all without Congressional votes or public input. These actions are being carried out by political appointees and federal agencies, while Congress has remained silent. It is time for accountability.

Specifically, I want answers on the following urgent issues:

1. **The Elimination of the U.S. Department of Education:** President Trump has signed an executive order to begin dismantling the Department of Education, stripping protections for students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income communities. Will you commit to opposing this action and demanding immediate Congressional oversight?
2. **Cuts to Education Funding:** Federal grants for literacy, mental health, school safety, and teacher training have been slashed without Congressional approval. What are you doing to protect schools in your district and nationwide from politically motivated defunding?
3. **Attacks on Special Education:** There is a proposal to move IDEA enforcement to the Department of Health and Human Services, undermining the rights of students with disabilities. Will you publicly oppose this transfer and ensure IDEA remains under education experts?
4. **Defunding of Head Start and Early Learning Programs:** Budget freezes and funding delays are forcing closures and service reductions. Will you call for emergency stabilization funding and transparency in early education funding decisions?
5. **Threats to Medicaid, CHIP, and Social Security:** The Trump budget proposes massive cuts to healthcare programs that serve over 35 million children and is entertaining the privatization of Social Security and Medicare. Will you oppose these efforts and fight for working families?

Congress must not remain silent while our public institutions are dismantled and families bear the burden of these reckless policies. The American people deserve full oversight, public hearings, and real action from their elected representatives. Hosting a town hall is not optional—it is your responsibility.

I urge you to confirm a date and location for a town hall this April recess begins and to ensure it is accessible to working families, including virtual participation options. I expect a prompt response detailing your plan to engage with the community on these pressing issues.

We are watching. We are organizing. And we vote. If you will not fight for our kids, we will find someone who will.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Contact Information]