

Town Hall Questions by IndivisibleShasta

A Town Hall is your chance to tell Congressman LaMalfa how you feel about issues important to you and to ask him questions about his positions. Personalize your question with your own concerns and perspectives. Insist on your full allotted minute to speak your question or comment.

Here are questions that are being asked of Members of Congress at Town Halls all over the country. We hope they will help you to formulate your own question so that all District 1 constituents can learn Congressman LaMalfa's positions on these critical issues

1. Would you, if asked, give President Trump authorization to expand the war in Syria?

Followup or alternate question if your main question has already been asked:

- a. Do you support President Trump asking Congress before engaging in more aggressive military actions?
- b. Do you support sending more US troops to Syria?
- c. President Trump, within a week changed his position on whether Assad should remain in power. What is your position?

2. As part of Republican Tax reform, are you going to stand up for your hardworking tax paying constituents by supporting HR305 the Presidential Tax Transparency Act to get President Trump to show HIS returns?

Followup or alternate question if your main question has already been asked:

- a. I'm concerned that President Trump's foreign business dealings could open him up to blackmail or undue pressure from countries we have complicated relationships with, like Russia, Turkey and some Middle Eastern countries. If we could see President Trump's tax returns we'd know who he has had business ties with. Will you support HR 305 to help us find out?
- b. It is easy to say you support the Presidential Tax Transparency Act because it is languishing in the Ways and Means committee and without Republican support will never reach the floor. Will you commit to signing the Discharge petition to get it out of committee so that you can vote yes on HR 305?

3. Everyday more details are coming out about possible collusion between the Russians and the Trump campaign. The House Intelligence Committee investigation is a mess. Will you commit to supporting a full independent investigation and co-sponsor the Protecting Our Democracy Act (H.R.356)

Followup or alternate question if your main question has already been asked:

- a. I want to hear outrage from you about the idea that the Russians may have interfered in our elections and further that the Trump campaign may have somehow been involved. Please tell me how you feel about this and exactly what you are going to do about it. No talking points please. Pretend that the election was won by Hillary and HER campaign was possibly implicated. Then, tell me how you feel.

Tips on town hall questions from The Indivisible Guide.

- Your job isn't to convince your MoC - it's to make him or her give you an answer...or make it clear to all watching that they refuse to answer.
- Be a storyteller. Be honest, be vulnerable, and tell stories that matter.
- Make a concrete, verifiable ask. Phrase questions that are answered with a yes or a no, and that can be followed up by looking at the MoC's future actions.
- Don't settle for talking points. MoCs love to fall back on canned responses. Don't let them. Insist that they engage with your humanity and answer your REAL questions.
- Know your own strengths. If you do not choose to ask a question, know that your presence at a town hall is vitally important as you support others in the room.

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