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Describe your participation in the activity.	will be attending a full complement of talks, presentations, workshops, and panel discussions
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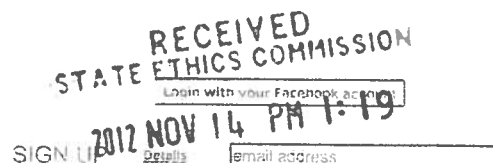
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Wednesday, November 14th to Saturday, November 17th, 2012

Participants will include:

Bob Herbert, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Demos, and former op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*
 U.S. Representative Keith Ellison (Minnesota), co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus
 Anat Shenker-Orsorio, Strategic Communications Expert
 Cindy Mann, Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services
 Mary Kay Henry, President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

See full agenda below for more.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

2:00pm to 6:00pm

Health Care Summit – Session 1 of 2

Improving Health Insurance Coverage: Ensuring the Uninsured Gain Access and Health Insurance Covers the Care We Need

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a game changer for improving health insurance coverage. In addition to extending coverage to millions of uninsured Americans, the ACA improves the quality and value of health insurance through market reforms. However, the ACA is only a game changer if it is implemented robustly. Now that the Supreme Court has upheld the ACA's constitutionality, 2013 legislative sessions are the policy window for setting up your state to implement the law fully. This session will include an ACA Implementation Checklist for 2013 legislative sessions and a discussion about what that means in different state political landscapes.

Delivery System and Payment Reform: Improving Health Outcomes While Bending the Cost Curve Down
 America spends nearly double what any other nation pays in health costs and suffers worse health outcomes. Even with the provisions in the Affordable Care Act designed to help slow the growth of health costs, experts agree that, without intervention, the cost of health care will continue to grow faster than the rest of the economy and health programs like Medicaid will continue to take up larger shares of state budgets. This session answers the question, "What is the progressive way to bend the cost curve of health care downward?" We will explore reforms that have saved states hundreds of millions of dollars in health care programs while improving quality of care and health outcomes for constituents.

Panelists: Representative Erin Murphy (Minnesota), Chair, Committee on Health
 Cindy Mann, Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services
 Sara Collins, Vice President of Affordable Health Insurance, The Commonwealth Fund
 Claire McAndrew, Families USA
 Senator Jack Hatch (Iowa), Chair, Health Committee
 Representative Betsy Ritter (Connecticut), Chair, Public Health Committee
 Assemblymember Richard Gottfried (New York), Chair, Committee on Health
 Kathleen Nolan, National Association of Medicaid Directors
 Representative Verla Insko (North Carolina)

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cracking down on wage theft, and guaranteeing sick leave, and we will map the field for state legislative sessions in 2013. The session will include facilitated strategic discussions on building a national working group to both advance these issues and counter the anti-worker agenda advanced by ALEC and the conservative corporate-backed business lobby.

Panelists: Senator Nan Orrock (Georgia)
 Senator Chris Larson (Wisconsin)
 Representative Kay Khan (Massachusetts)
 Senator Kevin de Leon (California)
 Senator Karen Keiser (Washington)
 Senator Dan Wolf (Massachusetts) (via video)

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6:00pm
Reception

6:30pm to 9:00pm

PSN Gala Dinner: Building It Together

Remarks by U.S. Representative Keith Ellison (Minnesota), co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus
 Other elected leaders

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

8:00am to 8:30am
Breakfast

8:30am to 10:30am

Power and Self-Interest: Tools for Advancing our Values

There is a chasm between the world as it is and the world as we would like it to be. In this session, we will have a robust and provocative dialogue about our ambitions to build our capacity to reshape the current political reality to align with our core values. We will address the role of self-interest and relationship-building as fundamental tools to build power, and how we can approach these core concepts in our pathway to change. This workshop will be sure to guide attendees into a deeper reflection of what it takes, both personally and professionally, to successfully move a broad progressive agenda.

Presenter: Paul Scully, Building One America

10:45am to 12:15pm

Concurrent Skills Workshops:

- Changing the Narrative on Workers' Rights Issues

Progressive economic policies are the answer to the nation's struggling economy, yet efforts to increase the minimum wage, require paid sick days, and expand union membership are often dismissed as "not affordable right now" or as likely to "hurt business and the economy". In this workshop, we will review the traps in public discourse and share proven strategies for changing the landscape of public understanding to build public will for change. Legislators will be able to try out the recommendations with others, and adapt the strategies for state-specific situations.

Presenter: Meg Bostrom, Founder, Topos Partnership

- Effective Social Media Strategies for Legislators in 2013

In response to an onslaught of corporate-fueled right-wing attacks, progressive state lawmakers increasingly turned to social media in attempt to even the playing field in 2011 and 2012. With 2013 sessions on the horizon, this training and workshop will focus on innovative ways for legislators to use social media like Twitter and Facebook to build communities online, expand relationships with constituents, reach out to opinion leaders and media, and grow the progressive movement. This workshop will engage participants who may already have a basic understanding of social media in best practices for engaging online and exploring effective strategies to build their networks and help to change the debate in 2013.

Presenter: Evan Sutton, Communications Director, New Organizing Institute

- Power Analysis and Strategic Campaigns: Building It Together To Win

Everyone in the public arena has had the experience of being challenged and even thwarted in efforts to pass the kind of legislation that shapes and advances our values. In this workshop, we will explore the complexity, the ruthlessness, and the opportunities inherent in the decision-making process of our respective political arenas. We will also explore tools you can develop to build the kind of strategic campaign that will help you become more effective in advancing the issues you care about most — even when there is formidable opposition.

Presenter: Paul Scully, Building One America

12:30pm to 1:30pm

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker

Remarks by Anat Shenker-Orsorio, Strategic Communications Expert and author of *Don't Buy It: The Trouble with Talking Nonsense About the Economy*

1:45pm to 3:45pm

Concurrent Policy Convenings (Repeated from Thursday):

- Immigration: Common-Sense Immigration Proposals to Expand Opportunity and Build State Economies

public education in our communities.

Panelists: Senator Joyce Elliott (Arkansas)
 Kim Anderson, National Education Association
 Baruch Kinitich, Pathway Strategies
 Candace Bell, Pathway Strategies

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5:30pm to 6:30pm

Book Signing

Ana Snicker-Osorio will sign copies of her new book, *Don't Buy It: The Trouble with Talking Nonsense About the Economy*.

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Joint Reception with the National Progressive Municipal Network

Remarks by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (District of Columbia)
 Former U.S. Representative Tom Andrews (Maine)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

8:00am to 8:45am

Breakfast

9:00am to 9:15am

Closing Speaker

Remarks by Mary Kay Henry, President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

9:25am to 9:55am

Building Our Movement: Conversations with Legislators

9:55am to 10:15am

Lessons from the States: A Case Study of Policy and Power

10:20am to 11:50am

Building Teams that Win — State by State: Creating Plans for 2013 and Beyond

12:00pm

Adjournment

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