



Degeneration Nation?

Millions of Americans have no health insurance. More than 50 million are woefully under-insured. Meanwhile, Big Pharma and profit-obsessed HMOs and hospitals are focused mainly on selling you overpriced (often hazardous) prescription drugs, on running expensive tests, and on keeping you on permanent health maintenance, rather than preventing the diseases that are so costly to treat.

We can't afford to provide universal healthcare for all as long as our medical model is focused on treating the evermore serious and widespread sicknesses of the body politic (for example obesity and diabetes) rather than the underlying causes. However, with the right preventive and holistic approach, we could easily afford Medicare for All—and it would cost much less for both consumers and employers than what we are spending now. We have a national healthcare crisis. Can we overcome our partisan and sectarian divisions, and mobilize the grassroots power of the majority of Americans who are sick and tired of living in Degeneration Nation to solve the crisis? orgcns.org/2kPnYAl

Good Ol' Boy

Former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue is a climate-denying Monsanto-funded politician who made millions selling fertilizer and gaming the farm subsidy system.

But don't take our word for it. Here's what one Georgia resident wrote to us in an email, in response to the article we published last week about Perdue:

"'Sonny' is the first 'good ol' boy' politician that I came to despise for both non-actions and actions that were detrimental to average Jane and Joe Citizen. He lost all credibility and respect with me in his term as (my) governor with regards to a statewide issue where children's lives were at stake. Do not let the smiley folksy face and rhetoric fool. [Perdue] would not have the best interests of 'the people' in mind, period."

We're not naive. If billionaire Betsy DeVos, whose only experience with public schools is stealing tax-payers' money from them, can become the Secretary of Education, we aren't optimistic we can torpedo Trump's other nominations.

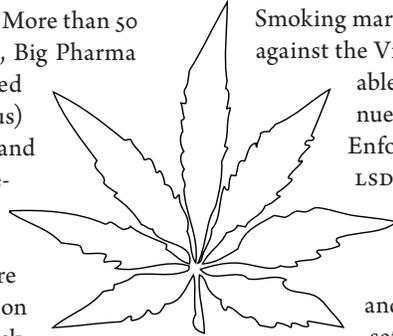
But we must encourage the unprecedented Senate resistance that's growing every day. Because of calls from people like you, every Democrat and two Republicans voted against DeVos. Let's create the same opposition to Perdue.

On #ResistTrumpTuesdays, people are visiting their Senators' state offices to urge them to vote NO on Trump's #SwampCabinet. We've created a talking-points flyer to take to these events that explains why Senators should vote #NoPerdue: orgcns.org/2lt9BCG

Take Action: orgcns.org/2jRV3ub

Dial 888-907-9957 or text SWAMP to 97779 to tell your Senators to vote NO on Sonny Perdue!

Bad Rap?



Smoking marijuana was once viewed as an act of political dissidence against the Vietnam War. Today cannabis is recognized as an invaluable medicine that's generated billions of dollars in revenue in states where it is now fully legalized. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency still lumps cannabis in with heroine, LSD and ecstasy as a Schedule 1 (illegal) drug. Yet, a total of 29 states and the District of Columbia now have some form of legalized marijuana. And eight more states—four of which adopted the measure in November 2016, and include California, Nevada, Maine and Massachusetts—have legalized recreational use of the plant.

A 2013 survey found a majority of physicians (76%) approve of the use of medical marijuana. So why was it illegal for so long? Why won't the federal government legalize it now—and what would happen if they did? orgcns.org/2ltoF3m

Let's Talk

Our health, our environment, our basic right to know—everything is under attack. We need everyone on deck.

How do we unite the people working in our own communities on food, natural health, social justice and climate issues into one powerful movement to end corporate and political corruption at the local, state and federal levels?

Sign up to join Ronnie and the Organic Consumers Association for a national call about how to launch both a #ConsumerRevolution and a #PoliticalRevolution.

Everyone is feeling it right now—the compulsion to get involved, to do something positive to protect our health and our environment. Can we regenerate our food and farming system? Can we regenerate our health? Our local economies? Even our democracy?

We think the answer is yes. But only if we give up single-issue organizing and start working together, from the grassroots up.

What do you think? We want to hear from you.

RSVP for the call-to-action with OCA's Ronnie Cummins on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Eastern/ 5 p.m. Pacific: orgcns.org/2kvYB6e

You can also call in by dialing 855-756-7520, Ext.34431#

Critical Mass

As consumers, we have more power than we think. But until we use that power, collectively and strategically, the food industry will keep doing what it's doing. Big Pharma will keep raking in Big Profits. And the "healthcare" industry will keep focusing on sickness, not health.

Can we mobilize a critical mass of consumers around a meaningful #ConsumerRevolution? Yes. But only if we all pitch in to make it happen. Donate to the Organic Consumers Association (tax-deductible, helps support our work on behalf of organic standards, fair trade and public education): orgcns.org/25yOFZv

Donate to the Organic Consumers Fund (non-tax-deductible, but necessary for our GMO labeling legislative efforts): orgcns.org/29z5FIT

Support OCA's Regeneration International Project (tax-deductible, helps support our work on behalf of organic, regenerative agriculture and climate change): orgcns.org/1PIoNM4