

Social Justice Action

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If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM BILL

A big step happened last week: The state joint Judiciary Committee reported out a comprehensive **criminal justice reform bill** to the State Senate.

The Senate plans to vote on S.2170 on Oct 19th. Now is the time to call and send an email to your senator and ask for their support. In the meanwhile, the House side of the Judiciary Committee is still deliberating on what to include in the House’s omnibus criminal justice bill, and the House might pass its own bill by the end of November.

If you want to help make comprehensive criminal justice reform a reality, **please do this:** Read Sen. Will Brownsberger’s summary of the Senate bill at <https://tinyurl.com/ycu44lbt> and comment positively in the comments section. The more people indicate that they support this bill, the more political momentum it gets.

PIPELINE TAX – NO!

The utilities and the pipeline company Enbridge are once again lobbying our legislators to change their minds about the pipeline tax. Meanwhile, the utilities and Enbridge are hoping that the regional energy regulator ISO New England will release a report supporting the myth that we need more natural gas. With the solar and wind industries flourishing, and Massachusetts leading the nation on efficiency, we know this isn’t true.

CITIZENS UNITED

October 24th, 7PM – 8:30 PM, Tatnuck Bookstore, Westborough. What You Can Do Now: An evening of education and action about Campaign Finance Reform.

Part 1: *We The People* present “Fixing Our Broken Democracy” -Teaching the history and ramifications of Citizens United

Part 2: *People Govern Not Money* presents a training: -Supporting a 28th amendment ballot initiative

A similar Citizens United event is happening at the Hudson Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, October 27th.

For details: <http://tinyurl.com/vbs9svr7>

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – how is this social justice? ...because it allows a family to climb into the middle class via home ownership. Minorities have 1/20th of the wealth of whites in this country, and the principle difference is because of home ownership. This home ownership is a single tremendous event in such a person’s life. Take a moment to look at this simple statement about white privilege. <http://tinyurl.com/ybhxt5c5> After viewing the video, what should we be doing about it?

VIEW THIS TRAILER: Should we air this film – **Beyond the Wall** <https://beyondthewallfilm.com/synopsis/#trailer>

WORCESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK

Would you and your kids like to help out at the Worcester County Food Bank? Great follow-up to the service on October 1st where we heard from Food Bank Director Jean McMurray.

MA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

When: Wednesday, Nov 1st, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Where: First Parish UU in Framingham, Scott Hall, 24 Vernon Street
Global warming is a moral issue we are compelled to address. We will continue to reduce our carbon emissions to ensure that the U.S. collectively can meet or exceed the Paris agreement goals. Learn how Massachusetts can lead by passing legislation to move to a clean energy future. Hear what congregations are doing to reduce carbon pollution, engage their communities and witness publicly. For details contact vince@MIPandL.org

Program Includes:

“Why Massachusetts Needs a Carbon Pricing Law” by Senator Mike Barrett.

“Solar Access 4All Legislation” by Andrea Nyamekye (Neighbor to Neighbor) and Joel Wool (Clean Water Action)

“Advocating for 100% Renewable Energy for the City of Framingham” by Larry Decker (First Parish, Framingham) and Mike Croci (Sustainable Framingham)

View this 8-part comedic show addressing gentrification and climate change **Ecological Justice** - <http://www.thenorthpoleshow.com/>

**Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here.