

vermont indivisible digest, April 11 to April 17, 2026

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Overview

This week's dispatches from across Vermont reflect a massive, coordinated push to protect civil liberties at home while demanding accountability on the national stage. The focal point at the state level is "Democracy Day" at the State House, where a broad coalition is actively lobbying lawmakers to push through stalled bills that would ensure law enforcement accountability and protect sensitive locations from federal overreach. Groups are mobilizing their members for direct, face-to-face advocacy with state legislators to ensure these protections become law before the session ends.

Simultaneously, a strong undercurrent of economic resistance is brewing for May Day (May 1st). Multiple groups are organizing a day of "No School, No Work, No Shopping," aligning with Migrant Justice to demand basic human rights for dairy workers and to protest corporate hoarding while working families struggle. These actions include picketing local corporate hubs like Hannaford and marching on ICE data facilities to physically demonstrate a rejection of "business as usual." The coordination between groups highlights a growing focus on flexing collective economic leverage.

On the national front, Vermont groups are making their voices heard loudly, from mobilizing free buses to Washington D.C. to demand an end to the war in Iran, to hitting the phones hard for a critical redistricting special election in Virginia. The collective urgency is clear: whether it's stopping warrantless AI mass surveillance under FISA Section 702 or halting the rapid expansion of ICE warehouse detention centers, Vermonters are stepping out of their comfort zones to shape the narrative and defend democratic norms across all levels of government.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Democracy Day at the Statehouse

- *Summary:* Vermont groups are rallying in Montpelier to unstick critical civil liberties legislation, including S.208 (requiring visible law enforcement ID), S.209 (protecting sensitive locations from civil arrest), and H.849 (allowing lawsuits against officials violating constitutional rights).
- *Action:* Contact your Senator and Governor Scott to urge passage of H.849 and S.209, or attend Democracy Day on April 16.
- *Mentioned in:* Defend Democracy, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Queen City Vermont, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Hardwick, Bristol Area Indivisible
- *Link:* [Register for Democracy Day](#)

ICE Out Vermont & CBP Accountability

- *Summary:* A statewide campaign demands ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) cease illegal conduct, with a major legal protest and sit-in planned at CBP offices. Locally, Rutland City's Board of Aldermen successfully passed a resolution requiring federal agents to obey constitutional rights.
- *Action:* Ask your town selectboard to pass a resolution similar to Rutland's, and register for mandatory Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) training if you wish to join the May 8 sit-in.
- *Mentioned in:* Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Hardwick, Bristol Area Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible
- *Links:* [ICE Out Vermont Info](#), [Nonviolent Action Training Registration](#)

May Day Economic Disruption (Workers Over Billionaires)

- *Summary:* Honoring International Workers' Day on May 1st, Vermonters will participate in a national day of mass refusal: No Work, No School, No Shopping. Locally, activists will join Migrant Justice for a picket at Williston Hannaford followed by a march to the ICE Data facility.
- *Action:* Pledge to participate in the boycott, shop local, and join the solidarity march in Williston or local rallies in Bennington and Rutland.
- *Mentioned in:* Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Indivisible Hardwick, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bristol Area Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, Green Mountain Alliance / MWG / Rail City
- *Links:* [May Day Solidarity March RSVP](#), [May Day Strong](#)

Addressing the Vermont Healthcare System Crisis

- *Summary:* The Green Mountain Care Board recently highlighted the fragile state of Vermont's healthcare system, sparking a push to create a financial plan for single-payer healthcare. Groups are advocating for S.197 and H.433 to establish a 10-year plan for universal primary care.
- *Action:* Contact representatives on the House Health Care Committee and Senate Health and Welfare Committee to prioritize health reform and add a single-payer financial plan to S.197.
- *Mentioned in:* Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bristol Area Indivisible
- *Links:* [VT Healthcare 911 Updates](#), [Universal Primary Care FAQ](#)

The Vermont Defend the Guard Act (H.355)

- *Summary:* H.355 prevents the Vermont National Guard from being deployed into combat without congressional authorization. Currently, the bill is blocked from receiving a public hearing in the state legislature.
- *Action:* Write letters to the editor and demand the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development schedule an immediate public hearing.
- *Mentioned in:* Green Mountain Alliance / Milton-Westford-Georgia / Rail City
- *Links:* [VTDigger Opinion Submission](#), [Seven Days Letter Submission](#)

The Vermont DELETE Act (H.211)

- *Summary:* Passed by the House and now in the Senate, this bill would give Vermonters the right to demand that data brokers delete their personal information.
- *Action:* Contact your State Senator to express support for passing H.211.
- *Mentioned in:* Bristol Area Indivisible
- *Link:* [VPIRG H.211 Support Action](#)

National Actions

End the War in Iran & April 24 D.C. Protest

- *Action:* Join a free bus trip down to Washington D.C. on Friday, April 24, to directly demand Congress pass the War Powers Resolution before they leave for the weekend. Alternatively, use the Indivisible portal to email your Members of Congress.
- *Links:* [Sign up for the D.C. Bus](#), [Indivisible No Iran War Petition](#)

Virginia Redistricting Special Election Phone Banks

- *Action:* Call Virginia voters before the April 21 special election to urge a "YES" vote on the redistricting referendum that counteracts gerrymandering and protects fair midterm elections.
- *Links:* [Lean Left Sunday Power Hour](#), [Red2Blue Rural VA Phonebank](#)

Stop FISA Section 702 Reauthorization

- *Action:* Tell Congress to vote NO on reauthorizing Section 702, which permits warrantless mass surveillance of U.S. citizens that could soon be super-charged by AI.
- *Links:* [Indivisible Campaign: Say NO to Warrantless AI Surveillance](#)

Communities Not Cages: Stop ICE Warehouses

- *Action:* Oppose the Trump administration's conversion of warehouses into mass detention facilities by joining the National Day of Action on April 25.
- *Links:* [National Training Call RSVP](#)

Fund Grassroots Organizing in Pennsylvania

- *Action:* Donate to BlueVote.org, a highly effective, volunteer-powered progressive group running crucial phone banks and text campaigns to get out the vote in Pennsylvania.
- *Links:* [Donate to BlueVote via Lean Left](#)

Success Stories and Bright Spots

- Following 16 years of authoritarian rule, Viktor Orbán was ousted in Hungary after 80% of the population turned out to vote, proving that massive, nonviolent people power can defeat entrenched strongmen.
- The Rutland City Board of Aldermen overwhelmingly passed a powerful resolution mandating that ICE agents operating within the city must obey constitutional rights, identify themselves clearly, and present valid judicial warrants.
- Vermont Attorney General Charity Clark successfully filed her 48th lawsuit against the Trump Administration, challenging an unconstitutional Executive Order attempting to restrict mail-in voting.
- Democratic-backed candidate Chris Taylor was elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, consolidating a 5-2 liberal hold on the swing state's high court ahead of the 2026 midterms.
- Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection completely blocked ICE from proceeding with the conversion of two warehouses into detention facilities over water and sewage regulation non-compliance.

Upcoming Events Calendar

April 16, 2026, 10:00 AM, Democracy Day at the Statehouse, Vermont State House (Montpelier), Democracy Alliance & VPIRG

April 16, 2026, 7:00 PM, De-Ice Citizen's Bank National Mobilization Call, Virtual, Pittsburgh Women for Democracy

April 17, 2026, 12:00 PM, Art and Sign-making Gathering, VT Farmers Food Center (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

April 17, 2026, 4:00 PM, End the War Protest, Worthen Library (South Hero), Indivisible Champlain Islands

April 18, 2026, 10:00 AM, Learn to Use Signal: Digital Civil Liberties, Charlotte Library, Champlain Valley Indivisible

April 18, 2026, 11:00 AM, Stand Up for Democracy in Williston, Maple Tree Place, Champlain Valley Indivisible

April 18, 2026, 11:00 AM, Stand Up for Democracy in Colchester, Prim Rd and Porter's Point Rd, Champlain Valley Indivisible

April 18, 2026, 3:00 PM, Get Involved with Lean Left VT, Morristown Offices Community Room, Lean Left VT

April 19, 2026, 12:00 PM, Art and Sign-making Gathering, VT Farmers Food Center (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

April 19, 2026, 4:00 PM, Resistance Social Hour, Pangea Cafe (North Bennington), Bennington Indivisible

April 19, 2026, 4:00 PM, Sunday Power Hour: Virginia Phone Bank, Virtual, Lean Left VT

April 20, 2026, 5:30 PM, Monday Phone Bank to Rural Virginia, Virtual, Lean Left VT / Red2Blue

April 20, 2026, 6:00 PM, Know Your Rights Training, Registration Required, UV Immigrant Solidarity / ACLU

April 20, 2026, 6:00 PM, Meet Gubernatorial Candidate Aly Richards, Virtual, Bennington County Democrats

April 20, 2026, 8:00 PM, Eyes on ICE: Train-the-Trainer, Virtual, Defend Democracy

April 21, 2026, 6:00 PM, Indivisible Randolph Meeting, Randolph Senior Center, Indivisible Randolph VT

April 22, 2026, 5:00 PM, Earth Week Vigil, Main St. Park (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

April 23, 2026, 5:00 PM, Vermont Indivisible Network April Statewide Call, Virtual, Vermont Indivisible Network

April 23, 2026, 7:00 PM, Meet and Greet: Hannah Sessions for Senate, Howden Hall (Bristol), Addison County Democrats

April 24, 2026, All Day, Protest & Lobby Day for War Powers, Washington D.C., 50501 Vermont

April 24, 2026, 4:00 PM, Rt. 302 Overpass Rally, P&H Truck Stop / Exit 17 (Wells River), Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

April 24, 2026, 4:00 PM, Rt. 113 Overpass Rally, Park n Ride Exit 14 (Thetford), Third Act Orange East

April 24, 2026, 5:00 PM, Postcards & Potluck, Jeudevine Library (Hardwick), Indivisible Hardwick

April 25, 2026, 11:00 AM, Honk-and-wave, Valley Floors Rt 5 and 25 (Bradford), Corinth/Topsham Indivisible

April 26, 2026, 11:00 AM, Nonviolent Direct Action Training, Registration required (Bennington area), Bennington Indivisible

April 26, 2026, 3:00 PM, Alleluia for our World Choral Concert, Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales (Bennington), Bennington County Choral Society

April 28, 2026, 4:00 PM, Who are the Free Staters Briefing, Virtual, New Hampshire Democrats

April 28, 2026, 5:00 PM, Song-leading Workshop, Unitarian Church (Montpelier), Central VT Solidarity Singing

April 29, 2026, 6:00 PM, Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Potluck, Mount Abraham Union High School (Bristol), Bristol Area Indivisible

May 1, 2026, 5:00 PM, May Day Solidarity March & Rally, 28 Walnut Street (Williston), Vermont May Day Strong / Migrant Justice

May 2, 2026, 10:00 AM, Meeting with VT Sec of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Beloved Community Church (Brattleboro), Indivisible Brattleboro

May 2, 2026, 1:00 PM, March for World Press Freedom Day, Top of Church Street (Burlington), Third Act VT

May 4, 2026, 4:30 PM, IMRV Monthly Meeting, Village Meeting House (Waitsfield), Indivisible Mad River Valley

May 4, 2026, 6:30 PM, TRI-COW Monthly Meeting, Main Street Museum (WRJ), Three Rivers Indivisible

May 6, 2026, 5:30 PM, RCI Monthly Meeting, Rutland Free Library, Rutland County Indivisible

May 8, 2026, 12:00 PM, ICE Out Vermont Protest & Sit-In, Taylor Park (St. Albans), ICE Out Vermont Alliance

May 11, 2026, 5:45 PM, Braver Angels Workshop, Tenney Memorial Library (Newbury), Third Act Orange East

May 11, 2026, 6:00 PM, Meet Amanda Janoo, RSVP for location, Green Mountain Alliance Indivisible

May 12, 2026, Time TBD, CVI Member Meeting, Pierson Library (Shelburne), Champlain Valley Indivisible

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- Lean Left VT: leanleftCVT@gmail.com | [Subscribe here](#)
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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **VPIRG** - vpirg.org
- **BlueVote.org** - bluevote.org
- **Migrant Justice** - migrantjustice.net
- **Rural GroundGame**
- **Red2Blue**
- **Detention Watch Network**
- **Third Act Orange East & Third Act VT**
- **American Friends Service Committee**
- **Vermont Workers Center** - info@workerscenter.org
- **ACLU of Vermont & ACLU of NH** - aclu.org
- **Braver Angels**