

Vermont Indivisible Digest March 1, 2026 – March 6, 2026

Disclaimer

This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters and emails received between March 1, 2026, and March 6, 2026. Information contained herein should be verified with the original sources. This summary includes updates from the following groups: Corinth/Topsham Indivisible (defenddemocracy), Queen City Indivisible, Lean Left Vermont, Rutland County Indivisible, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible Randolph, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Indivisible Calais, Bennington County Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible, Bristol Area Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, UV Rise Up, and Green Mountain Alliance Indivisible. Please note that the group formerly known as Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. All emails received within the designated timeframe were summarized. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com.

Overview

This week's communications highlight a dual focus among Vermont activists: immediate reaction to the administration's unauthorized military escalation in Iran and the sustained, deep organizing for the "No Kings 3" (NK3) national day of protest on March 28. Groups from the Champlain Islands to Brattleboro are mobilizing rapidly, organizing "No War" rallies, sign-making parties, and peacekeeper trainings. There is a palpable sense of urgency to push back against executive overreach, with rolling rallies planned across Northern Vermont and major gatherings set for Burlington, Montpelier, and St. Albans later this month.

Locally, the commitment to democracy remains grounded in Town Meeting Day and the legislative session. Groups are actively tracking bills regarding voter protection, data privacy, and immigrant rights, urging members to use the momentum of town meetings to engage with neighbors and legislators. Amidst the serious work, there is a strong undercurrent of community resilience and celebration. Both Rutland County Indivisible and Champlain Valley Indivisible are celebrating their first anniversaries with parties, reminding us that building community is a form of resistance in itself.

In addition to protest planning, there is a heavy emphasis on education and training. Multiple groups are promoting "Know Your Rights" training sessions in partnership with the ACLU and peacekeeper trainings for upcoming rallies. The message across the state is clear: whether it is writing postcards to swing states, knitting "red resistance hats," or standing on a local bridge with a flag, there is a role for everyone in the movement to defend democracy.

Key State and Local Campaigns

Campaign to Provide Detainees with Legal Counsel

- Currently, persons detained by federal immigration authorities in Vermont do not have guaranteed access to counsel, despite evidence that legal representation significantly increases the likelihood of release. Activists are urged to support legislation that would provide state-funded legal assistance for these proceedings.
- **Action:** Contact your [local Representative](#) or members of the [House Appropriations Committee](#) to urge support.

Cause of Action for Rights Violations (H.849)

- This bill would create a cause of action allowing individuals to sue for damages if government officials, including federal agents, interfere with state or federal constitutional rights. It aims to close loopholes that currently protect federal agents from being sued in state court and is heading to the House Floor.
- **Action:** [Contact your Representative](#) and encourage them to support this bill when it comes for a vote.

Limiting Civil Arrests in Sensitive Locations (S.209)

- While the Senate passed S.209 to prohibit civil arrests in schools and hospitals, advocates are pushing to amend the bill in the House to extend these protections to state and town government buildings. This is vital for ensuring residents can access public services without fear of ICE arrests.
- **Action:** Contact [Governor Scott](#) and Rep. Martin LaLonde (mlalonde@leg.state.vt.us).

Voter Intimidation Bill (H.541)

- This bill provides clarity to protect the rights of voters and shields election officials and public employees from threats, intimidation, or reprisals. It is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee and needs to move to the floor for a vote.
- **Action:** Email the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#).

Vermont Voting Rights Act (S.298)

- This bill would create the Vermont Voting Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on race, color, or language group and outlaw race-based gerrymandering. Passage of this bill in the Senate Committee on Government Operations is a priority to protect every Vermonter's right to vote.
- **Action:** Email the [Senate Committee on Government Operations](#).

School Immigration Protocols (S.227)

- The Senate Education Committee is discussing legislation that would require schools to adopt policies preventing the sharing of sensitive student information with federal agencies without a judicial warrant. This is designed to protect immigrant students and their families.
- **Action:** Email the [Senate Education Committee members](#) (Emails: sbongartz@leg.state.vt.us, dweeks@leg.state.vt.us, kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us, nhashim@leg.state.vt.us, tkwilliams@leg.state.vt.us, sheffernan@leg.state.vt.us).

Resolution Affirming Constitutional Rights (Rutland)

- Rutland County Indivisible has been working on a resolution for the Rutland City Board of Aldermen to affirm commitment to constitutional rights and call on federal immigration personnel to present warrants before entering private residences.
- **Action:** Rutland City residents are encouraged to attend Board of Aldermen meetings to show support.

National Actions

No War with Iran

- Following unauthorized military strikes, activists are demanding Congress pass a War Powers Resolution and stop the escalation of war.
- [Sign and Contact Congress Here](#)

Defund the Deportation Force

- As Congress negotiates DHS funding, there is a push to demand representatives vote against any bill that increases funding for ICE/Border Patrol without strict accountability measures and guardrails.
- [Call Scripts and Email Tools](#)

ICE Out for Good Phonebank

- Join weekly phone banks on Tuesdays to call voters in key states, encouraging them to pressure their Senators regarding DHS funding negotiations.
- [Register for the Phonebank](#)

No Kings 3: National Day of Protest

- March 28 is set to be the largest coordinated non-violent protest in history. Mobilize to find or host an event near you to protest the administration's overreach.
- [Find an Event Map Here](#)

Support NC Asian American and Latine Voters

- Lean Left VT is fundraising for North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT) and Siembra NC to hire staff and ramp up outreach to crucial voter demographics ahead of the 2026 elections.
- [Donate Here](#)

Success stories and Bright spots

- **Charges Dropped in Williston:** The Chittenden County State's Attorney declined to prosecute elderly protesters arrested at the ICE data facility in Williston, sparing them a court battle.
- **Supreme Court Ruling:** The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the administration's tariffs were unconstitutional, affirming Congress's authority over taxation.
- **ICE Facility Halted:** DHS will not move forward with the proposed ICE detention warehouse in Merrimack, NH.
- **Fundraising Success:** Lean Left VT raised over \$5,200 last month for 603 Forward to support grassroots organizing in New Hampshire.
- **Pastor Released:** Groups are celebrating the release of Pastor Steven Tendo.

Upcoming events calendar

- Mar 7, 10:00am: Rutland Weekly Rally, Main Street Park, Rutland (Rutland County Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 10:00am: Indivisible Brattleboro Monthly Meeting, Beloved Community Church, Brattleboro
- Mar 7, 10:00am: No Kings 3 Art Day, Upper Valley Food Coop, White River Junction (Three Rivers Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 11:00am: Stand Up for Science, Maple Tree Place, Williston (Champlain Valley Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 11:00am: Stand Up for Science, Prim Rd at Porter's Point Rd, Colchester (Champlain Valley Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 11:00am: Brandon Indivisible Rally, Central Park, Brandon
- Mar 7, 11:00am: Bradford Rally (\$\$ For Healthcare Not War), Rts 5 & 25, Bradford (Corinth/Topsham Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 12:00pm: Wallingford Rally, Four Corners, Wallingford
- Mar 7, 1:00pm: Overpass Protest (No War/Tyranny), I-89 Overpass (Contact Indivisible Calais)
- Mar 7, 3:00pm: Stop War Protest, Bridge and Maple Sts., White River Junction (Three Rivers Indivisible)
- Mar 7, 4:00pm: Corinth/Topsham Monthly Meeting, Blake Memorial Library, East Corinth
- Mar 8, 1:00pm: Free Movie "The Librarians", South Burlington Library (CVI)
- Mar 8, 2:30pm: BAI Monthly Meeting, St. Ambrose Church, Bristol (Bristol Area Indivisible)
- Mar 9, 4:30pm: Town Hall with AG Charity Clark, McCullough Student Center, Middlebury College (Bristol Area Indivisible)
- Mar 9, 6:00pm: Immigration Update, Zoom (Three Rivers Indivisible)
- Mar 9, 6:00pm: Peacekeeper Training, Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier (Indivisible Calais/Montpelier)
- Mar 10, 6:30pm: ICE/Border Patrol Preparation Training, The Root, Brattleboro (Indivisible Brattleboro)
- Mar 11, 4:00pm: CVI 1st Birthday Party, St. John's Club, Burlington (Champlain Valley Indivisible)
- Mar 12, 5:30pm: BCI Monthly Membership Meeting, Zoom (Bennington County Indivisible)
- Mar 14, 8:00am: Addison County Legislative Breakfast, Weybridge Congregational Church
- Mar 14, 11:00am: Bradford Rally, Rts 5 & 25, Bradford (Corinth/Topsham Indivisible)
- Mar 14, 12:30pm: Postcarding Party, Fairfax Town Office (Green Mountain Alliance/MWG)
- Mar 14, 1:00pm: Creative Resistance at The Old Meeting House, East Montpelier (Indivisible Calais)
- Mar 15, 1:00pm: Drum Making for Kids, Queen City Brewery, Burlington (Queen City Indivisible)
- Mar 15, 4:00pm: Power Hour Phone Bank, Virtual (Lean Left VT)
- Mar 16, 6:00pm: GMAI Monthly Meeting (Sign Making), RSVP for location (Green Mountain Alliance)
- Mar 22, 10:00am: Peacekeeper Training, VT Farmers Food Center, Rutland (Rutland County Indivisible)
- Mar 24, Time TBD: Know Your Rights/De-escalation Training, Crosset Brook Middle School, Waterbury (Camel's Hump Indivisible)
- Mar 27, 5:00pm: Pottery for the ACLU, Burlington Beer Company (Queen City Indivisible)
- Mar 28, Various Times: **NO KINGS 3 National Day of Protest** (Multiple locations statewide including Burlington, Montpelier, St. Albans, Rutland, Brattleboro, Bradford, and Champlain Islands)
- Mar 30, 5:30pm: Town Hall with AG Charity Clark, Rutland Free Library (Rutland County Indivisible)

Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Lean Left Vermont:** leanleftCVT@gmail.com | [Website](#)
- **Queen City Indivisible:** indivisiblequeencityvermont@9131453.brevosend.com | [Sign Up](#)
- **Indivisible Calais:** indivisiblecalais@pm.me | indivisiblecalais.org
- **Indivisible Brattleboro:** indibrattleboro@gmail.com
- **Green Mountain Alliance Indivisible:** gmaindivisible@gmail.com
- **Three Rivers Indivisible:** threeriversindivisible@gmail.com

- **Bennington County Indivisible:** bci@benningtonindivisiblevt.com | [Website](#)
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- **Indivisible Champlain Islands:** indivisiblechamplainislands@gmail.com | [Website](#)
- **Rutland County Indivisible:** rutlandcountyindivisible.org
- **Champlain Valley Indivisible:** champlainvalleyindivisible@gmail.com | [Website](#)
- **Camel's Hump Indivisible:** camelshumpindivisible@gmail.com | [Website](#)

Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **ACLU of Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org>
- **Migrant Justice:** <https://migrantjustice.net>
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project:** <https://www.vaapvt.org>
- **Democracy Forward:** <https://democracyforward.org>
- **North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT):** <https://ncaatogether.org>
- **Siembra NC:** <https://siembranc.org>
- **VPIRG:** <https://www.vpirg.org>
- **Third Act:** <https://thirdact.org>