

Vermont Indivisible Digest [June 7, 2026 - June 13, 2026]

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Overview

Welcome to this week's Digest! These newsletters are absolutely packed with a powerful blend of celebratory community gatherings and urgent resistance efforts. A massive theme across the state is the coordinated pushback against ICE's brutal practices. Activists are demanding an end to funding the Delaney Hall detention center through the [De-ICE Citizens Bank campaign](#), while concurrently urging Governor Phil Scott to sign the Safe Spaces Act (S.209) to protect Vermonters from civil arrests in sensitive locations. Plus, the fight for civil liberties is taking center stage with the nationwide "Rise Up, Sing Out" concert for the First Amendment on June 14, sparking watch parties in almost every corner of the state!

Electoral action is also seriously heating up as we dive into the summer months. Groups like [Lean Left](#), Champlain Valley, and Bennington Indivisible are rolling up their sleeves to mobilize voters in critical swing states like New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Texas through virtual phone banking and postcarding. In the local political arena, a highly anticipated Gubernatorial Forum will give voters a chance to evaluate Democratic candidates Amanda Janoo and Aly Richards, while events with Senator Bernie Sanders and various Lieutenant Governor candidates demonstrate a highly engaged electorate gearing up for primary season.

Amidst the heavy lifting, Vermont Indivisibles are finding joy and building resilient communities. Pride Month is in full swing with rallies, whistlestop tours, and visibility events planned across the state. The creative spirit of the resistance is also shining bright through projects like the ["United We Stitch"](#) art panel exhibit headed for the State House lawn, as well as exciting preparations for local Fourth of July parades. From civil disobedience trainings to local community potlucks, the message is clear: action is the antidote to despair, and our strength lies in community!

Key State and Local Campaigns

Passage of the Safe Spaces Act (S.209) *(Featured in Mad River Valley, Queen City, Defend Democracy)* A widespread push is underway to get Governor Phil Scott to sign S.209 into law before it faces a potential veto. This critical bill would prohibit ICE from conducting civil arrests in sensitive locations like schools, hospitals, polling places, and courthouses, protecting Vermonters from abusive federal overreach. *Action:* Call Governor Scott at (802) 828-3333 or email his office to demand he sign S.209. *Link:* [Governor's Office Email](#)

De-ICE Citizens Bank Boycotts *(Featured in Champlain Valley, Mad River Valley)* Activists are targeting Citizens Bank due to their heavy financing of for-profit prison companies like GEO Group and CoreCivic, who run ICE detention centers like Delaney Hall where severe abuses have been reported. Protests are happening at local branches to demand the bank stop funding these camps. *Action:* Sign the pledge, close your accounts if applicable, and join a local protest. *Link:* [De-ICE Citizens Bank Pledge](#) | [Not With Our Money, Citizens!](#)

United We Stitch Art Project *(Featured in Mad River Valley, Middlebury, Bristol Area, Brattleboro)* Multiple chapters are participating in a nationwide display of 3'x5' art panels expressing love for America and hope for its future. The Vermont panels will be displayed on the State House lawn on September 20th to honor the International Day of Peace. *Action:* Get your creative juices flowing by designing an art panel and signing up for the exhibit. *Link:* [United We Stitch Website](#) | [Sign-up Form](#)

Support for Pastor Steven Tendo (Featured in *St. Johnsbury, Defend Democracy*) Pastor Steven Tendo, a Ugandan asylum seeker, is facing a critical ICE check-in where he has been instructed to bring his passport and be ready to be deported. Organizers are asking for a massive crowd to show up and support him at his hearing to draw attention to his case. *Action:* Attend the ICE check-in on Tuesday, June 16 at 9 AM in St. Albans. *Link:* [Vt Digger Article Background](#)

Protect the Midterm Elections (Featured in *Lean Left, Champlain Valley, Bristol Area, Bennington, Champlain Islands*) With November rapidly approaching, groups are going all-in on voter registration, phonebanking, and postcard writing targeting key voters in swing states like North Carolina, New Hampshire, Maine, and Texas. *Action:* Join a weekly phonebank, a postcard party, or become a poll observer to protect the vote. *Link:* [Take Action with Lean Left](#) | [Postcards to Swing States](#)

Overriding the Data Center Moratorium Veto (H.727) (Featured in *Mad River Valley, Camel's Hump*) After intense corporate lobbying, Governor Phil Scott vetoed a bipartisan bill meant to place sustainability and ratepayer guardrails on new data center developments. Constituents are furious that tech interests were prioritized over local environmental protections and ratepayers. *Action:* Contact your legislators and urge them to override the Governor's veto. *Link:* [Legislative Contact Info](#) | [VPIRG Statement](#)

National Actions

- **Reject ICE and Border Patrol Escalations:** Call your representatives to demand Congress reject the \$70 billion in additional funding for ICE and Border Patrol in the wake of human rights abuses and the Delaney Hall hunger strike. [Contact Reps](#)
- **Remove Bill Pulte as Director of National Intelligence:** Email your Members of Congress to demand the removal of the highly unqualified and dangerous new acting DNI by refusing to re-authorize Section 702 of FISA. [Take Action](#)
- **Block Payouts to Insurrectionists:** Demand Congress pass legislation to block the President's illegal \$1.8 billion slush fund before a single cent is released to January 6 insurrectionists. [Sign the Petition](#)
- **Stop the War with Iran:** Email your representatives demanding they vote to end the escalating and illegal military conflict with Iran immediately before it leads to further chaos. [Email Congress](#)
- **End the Illegal Blockade on Cuba:** Demand Congress block military conflict with Cuba and end energy restrictions to provide immediate humanitarian relief against mass starvation and power outages. [Tell Congress](#)

Success Stories and Bright Spots

- **Migrant Justice Victory:** After a year-long investigation into an international human rights complaint, Ahold Delhaize (Hannaford Supermarket's parent company) has officially agreed to enter mediation with Migrant Justice, bringing them a massive step closer to joining the Milk With Dignity campaign.
- **Trump's Slush Fund Frozen:** U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema in Virginia successfully imposed a temporary freeze on Donald Trump's "anti-weaponization" fund, placing a critical roadblock against the corrupt disbursement of funds.
- **Education Reform Wins:** Grassroots pressure successfully removed forced merger mechanisms from H.955, protecting the autonomy of Vermont's rural school districts against the Governor's aggressive push.
- **Student Activism:** Around 100 courageous students and community members protested outside the Center for Technology in Essex, telling U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon "Hands Off" education and supporting DEI in their schools!
- **SAVE Act Fails:** The Senate successfully refused to include Trump's pet voter suppression project (the SAVE Act) to the supplemental ICE and Border Patrol appropriation.

Upcoming Events Calendar

June 13, 2026, 9:30 AM, Breakfast and Hike with Bernie, Castleton University Pavilion (Castleton, VT), Rutland County Indivisible

June 13, 2026, 11:00 AM, Stand Up for Democracy in South Burlington, 1001 Shelburne Road (South Burlington, VT), Champlain Valley Indivisible & Queen City Indivisible

June 13, 2026, 11:00 AM, Taste and Traditions in Lebanon, Colburn Park (Lebanon, NH), Three Rivers Indivisible

June 13, 2026, 11:00 AM, Queer Rights Rally, Intersection of Rts 25 and 5 (Bradford, VT), Defend Democracy

June 14, 2026, 11:45 AM, Northshire Pride: Circle of Visibility, Manchester Town Green (Manchester, VT), Bennington Indivisible

June 14, 2026, 2:00 PM, Election Protection Meeting with VT Sec. of State, North Hero Community Hall (North Hero, VT), Indivisible Champlain Islands

June 14, 2026, 4:00 PM, Five Bridges Brigade Protest, I-89 Overpasses (Multiple locations including Randolph), Indivisible Randolph

June 14, 2026, 6:30 PM, [Rise Up, Sing Out Watch Party](#), Various locations statewide (Rutland UU Church, CVUUS Middlebury, Memorial Hall Wilmington, afterthoughts Waitsfield, All Souls UU Church Brattleboro), Hosted by multiple VT Indivisible groups

June 15, 2026, 4:30 PM, Film: "Join or Die", Tenney Library (Newbury, VT), Third Act Orange East / Defend Democracy

June 15, 2026, 5:30 PM, [Gubernatorial Forum \(Amanda Janoo & Aly Richards\)](#), Rutland Free Library (Rutland, VT), Rutland County Indivisible & Partners

June 15, 2026, 6:00 PM, [Resilient Engagement: A Conversation with Bill McKibben](#), Fletcher Free Library (Burlington, VT), Queen City Indivisible & Third Act Vermont

June 16, 2026, 9:00 AM, Support for Steven Tendo ICE Check-in, St. Albans (VT), St. Johnsbury Indivisible & Defend Democracy

June 16, 2026, 4:00 PM, Poster Making for July 4th Parades, Grand Isle Firehouse (Grand Isle, VT), Indivisible Champlain Islands

June 16, 2026, 7:00 PM, [Leading With Inclusion: Courageous Solidarity Across LGBTQ+ Communities](#), Virtual, Indivisible Brattleboro

June 17, 2026, 6:00 PM, Governor Candidate Forum, Vergennes Opera House (Vergennes, VT), Bristol Area Indivisible

June 20, 2026, 10:00 AM, Rutland County Pride Festival, Downtown Rutland (VT), Rutland County Indivisible

June 20, 2026, 11:00 AM, [Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Training](#), Bennington (VT), Bennington Indivisible

June 25, 2026, 5:00 PM, [Vermont Indivisible Statewide Call](#), Virtual, Camel's Hump Indivisible & Three Rivers Indivisible

June 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, [Film: An Artist Responds to War \(Bread & Puppet\)](#), Briggs Opera House (White River Junction, VT), UVRISEUP! & Three Rivers Indivisible

A Great Call to Action

"If you're reading this, you probably feel it -- that pull toward action, the sense that what's happening in our country and world isn't okay and that we should be doing something about it. Every week we hear from people who are fired up and looking for ways to get involved -- the desire is clearly there, and this group exists to help channel that individual interest into collective action. But here's what we want to name directly: the group isn't a separate thing that makes action happen on our behalf. It's a platform -- a structure, a set of relationships, a shared commitment -- that only does anything because people actively choose to drive it. When people show up and lead, the platform works. When they don't, it sits idle, no matter how much we all care." —
Indivisible Brattleboro

Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Indivisible Brattleboro:** indibrattleboro@gmail.com
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- **Indivisible Randolph:** indivisiblerandolphvt@gmail.com
- **Champlain Valley Indivisible:** champlainvalleyindivisible@gmail.com | [Subscription Link](#)
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Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Committee for the First Amendment:** committeeforthefirstamendment.com
- **No Kings Coalition:** nokings.org
- **VPIRG (Vermont Public Interest Research Group):** vpirg.org
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP):** vaapvt.org
- **Migrant Justice:** migrantjustice.net
- **ACLU of Vermont:** acluvt.org
- **The States Project:** statesproject.org
- **Swing Left:** swingleft.org
- **VolunteerBlue:** volunteerblue.org
- **Third Act Vermont:** thirdact.org/vermont
- **Bellows Falls Pride:** shadarko1.wixsite.com/bellowsfallspride/whistlestop
- **PFLAG National:** pflag.org
- **Junction Arts Media (JAM):** uvjam.org