

# vermont indivisible digest, 2026-05-10 to 2026-05-15

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*This is an AI-generated summary of newsletters compiled from across Vermont's Indivisible network. All information should be independently verified. This digest covers the date range of May 10, 2026, to May 15, 2026, and summarizes emails from the following groups: UVRiseUp, Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Middlebury, Indivisible Mad River Valley, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Defend Democracy (Corinth/Topsham), Indivisible Queen City Vermont, Lean Left CV / Lean Left Vermont, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Bristol Area Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Indivisible Brattleboro, Indivisible Randolph, Three Rivers Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, 50501 Vermont, and Indivisible Hardwick. Montpelier Strong is now called Montpelier Indivisible. Per strict editorial guidelines, emails and content from Indivisible Brandon and Indivisible Calais were explicitly excluded and not summarized. This project is maintained by Camel's Hump Indivisible; please contact us with questions or concerns at [indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com](mailto:indivisibledigestvt@gmail.com).*

## Overview

This week, Vermont Indivisible groups are heavily focused on the legislative sprint in Montpelier, directing immense grassroots pressure toward the passage of crucial civil rights and privacy bills. A primary focal point is S.208, a law enforcement identification bill. After a House committee amended the legislation to exempt federal agents from its unmasking requirements, multiple organizations and coalitions issued rapid-response calls to action, urging constituents to demand that federal accountability be restored before the final floor vote.

At the community level, Indivisible members are turning out in large numbers to support their neighbors and champion progressive causes. Activists are rallying to protect Mohsen Mahdawi from renewed deportation proceedings, organizing peaceful roadside demonstrations, and holding targeted protests demanding that financial institutions like Citizens Bank sever ties with private prison operators. Groups are also stepping up locally to combat economic hardship, organizing successful food drives and mutual aid operations.

Looking forward to the upcoming midterms, electoral groundwork is rapidly expanding both within Vermont and across state lines. Groups are coordinating deep canvassing trips to swing districts in New York, organizing weekly phonebanks to battleground states like Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and rallying behind pro-democracy primary candidates. Simultaneously, organizations are pressing their federal representatives to reject massive funding allocations for federal immigration enforcement and to block unauthorized military conflicts.

## Key State and Local Campaigns

**Pass S.208 and Restore Federal Accountability** (Mentioned by Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Middlebury, Champlain Valley Indivisible, Indivisible Queen City Vermont, Bristol Area Indivisible, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Bennington Indivisible, 50501 Vermont) The House Judiciary Committee recently weakened S.208 by stripping accountability requirements for federal law enforcement agents. In response, a massive coalition is urgently mobilizing to restore the original language so that federal agents cannot operate anonymously or wear masks while on duty in Vermont. *Action:* Call the State House Sergeant-at-Arms at 802-828-2228 and tell your representative to restore federal accountability to S.208 and vote YES. [Action Link](#)

**Stop the Deportation of Mohsen Mahdawi** (Mentioned by UVRiseUp, Defend Democracy, Indivisible Champlain Islands, Camel's Hump Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible) Federal immigration authorities have resumed deportation proceedings against Columbia graduate student and Vermont neighbor Mohsen Mahdawi. Activists assert that these actions are retaliatory and are rallying to protect his free speech rights and keep him in the country. *Action:* Sign and widely share the petition to stop the deportation proceedings against Mohsen Mahdawi. [Petition Link](#)

**Universal Primary Care (H.433 / S.197)** (Mentioned by Indivisible Middlebury, Camel's Hump Indivisible) Healthcare advocates are working to attach an amendment to S.197 that would officially create a Universal Primary Care Advisory Group. Even though H.433 is unlikely to pass this session, advocates are launching initiatives to keep the conversation going with candidates ahead of the fall elections. *Action:* View the candidate conversation training to prepare for speaking with local politicians, and contact the House Health Care Committee regarding S.197. [Training Link](#)

**De-ICE Citizens Bank** (Mentioned by Indivisible Middlebury, Champlain Valley Indivisible) Citizens Bank serves as a major financial backer for private prison companies like GEO Group and CoreCivic, which operate numerous ICE detention centers. Vermont groups are joining the national movement to pressure the bank into ending these lucrative financing deals through targeted public protests. *Action:* Join the bi-weekly Tuesday protests at local Citizens Bank branches or email

champlainvalleyindivisible@gmail.com with the subject line "Citizens Bank" to get involved. [Campaign Link](#)

**Protecting Data Privacy via H.727** (Mentioned by Bristol Area Indivisible, Three Rivers Indivisible) The Vermont Senate Energy Committee unanimously advanced a strong version of H.727 to regulate data centers, requiring them to fund initiatives that reduce climate pollution. However, the Scott Administration has signaled opposition to these requirements, making constituent legislative support critical. *Action:* Email your state senators to encourage them to support a strong version of H.727 to protect Vermont ratepayers and the environment. [Action Link](#)

**Pass S.209 for Immigrant Protections** (Mentioned by Rutland County Indivisible, Indivisible Queen City Vermont, Bristol Area Indivisible) S.209 seeks to prohibit law enforcement and federal agents from making warrantless civil arrests in sensitive community locations like schools, hospitals, and places of worship. Groups are pressing lawmakers to pass the bill to ensure the safety of all Vermonters accessing essential services. *Action:* Leave a message for your representatives at 802-828-2228 urging them to vote YES on S.209. [Look Up Your Rep](#)

## National Actions (if any)

**Block the \$70 Billion ICE Slush Fund** Members of Congress have introduced a reconciliation bill that includes \$70 billion in new funding for ICE and Border Patrol enforcement. *Action:* Contact your Members of Congress and urge them to fiercely oppose new funding allocations for ICE and Border Patrol. [Action Link](#)

**Demand AT&T Drop Its Contract with ICE** Activists highlight that corporate giant AT&T continues to hold lucrative technology and communication contracts with federal immigration enforcement. *Action:* Send a letter to AT&T executives demanding they end their complicity and drop their contract with ICE. [Action Link](#)

**Phonebank for Pennsylvania Voters** Ahead of critical midterm elections, grassroots organizers are focusing GOTV efforts on PA voters who missed participating in recent midterm cycles. *Action:* Join Lean Left Vermont's Sunday Power Hour to call Pennsylvania voters and help them verify their registration status. [Action Link](#)

**Registration Repair in North Carolina** Voters in North Carolina are reportedly receiving misleading messages regarding their voter registration status. *Action:* Sign up for the Lean Left / NC Dems Voter Protection Team monthly phone bank to help voters verify their registrations. [Action Link](#)

**Phonebank for Pro-Democracy Primary Candidates** Indivisible National has launched a massive primary program to support candidates, organizing calling campaigns for Jasmine Clark in GA-13 and Randy Villegas in CA-22. *Action:* Sign up to phone bank for Indivisible's endorsed candidates before their upcoming primary elections. [Action Link](#)

## Success stories and Bright spots

- The Constitutional Accountability Act (H.849) officially became law without the Governor's signature, granting Vermonters the power to sue government officials for civil rights violations in state court.
- Lean Left Vermont smashed its monthly fundraising goal, pulling in a massive \$5,700 to help grassroots partners at BlueVote.org develop effective phone banks.
- Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George completely dropped all charges against six community members arrested while peacefully protesting an ICE raid.
- Following a targeted pressure campaign highlighting the financing of private detention centers, the student union at Brown University successfully pulled half a million dollars from Citizens Bank.
- The Indivisible Champlain Islands Food Drive successfully raised \$1,594 in cash donations and collected 774 pounds of food and goods for the Champlain Islands Food Shelf.

## Upcoming events calendar

May 13, 2026, 5:30 PM, Universal Primary Care Webinar, Virtual Zoom, Indivisible Middlebury

May 13, 2026, 5:30 PM, Resistance Singing, Unitarian Universalist Church (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

May 13, 2026, 6:30 PM, Singing Resistance, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (WRJ), Three Rivers Indivisible

May 14, 2026, 3:00 PM, What's the Plan? National Call, Virtual Zoom, National Indivisible

May 14, 2026, 5:30 PM, Bennington Indivisible Membership Meeting, Second Congregational Church & Zoom (Bennington), Bennington Indivisible

May 15, 2026, 5:00 PM, RCI Weekly Rally, Main Street Park (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

May 15, 2026, 5:30 PM, Meet Gubernatorial Candidate Amanda Janoo, Lawson's Finest Liquids (Waitsfield), Bristol Area Indivisible / Indivisible Mad River Valley

May 16, 2026, 9:00 AM, All Roads Lead South Event, Portland and Main (Morrisville), Lamoille Valley Visibility Brigade / Indivisible Hardwick

May 16, 2026, 11:00 AM, Stand Up for Democracy, Maple Tree Place (Williston), Champlain Valley Indivisible

May 16, 2026, 11:00 AM, Gas Prices Too High Rally, Routes 5 and 25 (Bradford), Defend Democracy

May 16, 2026, 1:00 PM, Singing Resistance Song Leader Training, Norwich UU (Norwich), Three Rivers Indivisible

May 16, 2026, 3:00 PM, Amanda Janoo Meet & Greet, Rutland Free Library (Rutland), Rutland County Indivisible

May 17, 2026, 3:30 PM, I-89 Overpass Honk & Wave, Hebard Hill Road (Randolph), Indivisible Randolph

May 17, 2026, 4:00 PM, Lean Left Sunday Power Hour, Virtual Zoom, Lean Left Vermont

May 19, 2026, 6:00 PM, Indivisible Randolph Meeting, Randolph Senior Center (Randolph), Indivisible Randolph

May 19, 2026, 6:30 PM, Access Kickoff, Virtual Zoom, Lean Left Vermont / NC Dems

May 19, 2026, 6:30 PM, Special Town Meeting Revote, Hardwick Town House (Hardwick), Indivisible Hardwick

May 20, 2026, 5:00 PM, Zoom with VT Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Virtual Zoom, Third Act Vermont / Rutland County Indivisible / Bennington Indivisible

May 21, 2026, 5:00 PM, Vermont Indivisible Network Statewide Call, Virtual Zoom, Vermont Indivisible

May 21, 2026, 7:00 PM, CVI Roadside Safety Marshal Training, Virtual Zoom, Champlain Valley Indivisible

May 22, 2026, 4:00 PM, Overpass Rallies, Exit 17 Wells River & Exit 14 Thetford, Defend Democracy

May 23, 2026, 9:30 AM, Springfest Parade, Hazen Union High School (Hardwick), Indivisible Hardwick

May 23, 2026, 10:00 AM, MayFest Arts and Crafts Celebration, Downtown Bennington, Bennington Indivisible

May 23, 2026, 10:40 AM, Reasons to Stand Up March, Downtown Burlington, Champlain Valley Indivisible

May 23, 2026, 2:00 PM, What is Liberalism?, 239 S. Union Street Suite 3 (Burlington), Camel's Hump Indivisible / Peace and Justice Center

May 23, 2026, 7:00 PM, Democratic Candidates for Lt Governor Forum, Second Congregational Church (Bennington), Bennington Indivisible

May 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Governor Candidate Forum, Colchester Meeting House (Colchester), Multiple Sponsoring Groups

May 30, 2026, 11:30 AM, Canvass in East Greenbush, New York, East Greenbush (NY), Swing Left / Champlain Valley Indivisible / Bristol Area Indivisible

June 1, 2026, 4:30 PM, IMRV Next Meeting, The Village Meeting House (Waitsfield), Indivisible Mad River Valley

June 1, 2026, 6:30 PM, TRI-COW Next Meeting, Main Street Museum (WRJ), Three Rivers Indivisible

June 5, 2026, 2:30 PM, Youth Voice Rally, Randolph VT, Indivisible Randolph / RUHS

June 6, 2026, 10:00 AM, Indivisible Brattleboro Summer Meeting, Beloved Community Church (Brattleboro), Indivisible Brattleboro

## Mailing lists mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **UVRiseUp:** info@uvriseup.org | [uvriseup.org](http://uvriseup.org)
- **Indivisible Middlebury:** indivisiblemiddlebury@gmail.com
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- **50501 Vermont:** info@50501vt.com | [50501vermont.com](http://50501vermont.com)
- **Indivisible Hardwick:** IndivisibleHardwick@pm.me

## Outside groups mentioned in this week's newsletters

- **Migrant Justice:** <https://migrantjustice.net>
- **Third Act Vermont:** <https://thirdact.org/vermont/>
- **ICE OUT Vermont Alliance:** <https://iceoutvt.org/>
- **VPIRG:** <https://www.vpirg.org/>
- **Lean Left Vermont:** <https://www.leanleftvt.org/>
- **Swing Left:** <https://swingleft.org/>
- **People vs Big Tech:** <https://peoplevsbigtech.com/>
- **ACLU Vermont:** <https://www.acluvt.org/>
- **Vermont Asylum Assistance Project (VAAP):** <https://www.vaapvt.org/>
- **Vermont Conservation Voters:** <https://vermontconservationvoters.com/>
- **Peace and Justice Center:** <https://www.pjcv.org/>
- **BlueVote.org:** <https://bluevote.org/>
- **Environmental Voter Project:** <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/>