

THE TOWN HALL PLAYBOOK

YOUR GUIDE TO HOLDING CONGRESS
ACCOUNTABLE, WITH OR WITHOUT THEM



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Democracy works best when people show up. This playbook will help you step in, speak out, and stand up for accountability—even when Congress won't.

- 1 Demand a Town Hall – and Show Up Prepared.** Your voice matters—and your representatives work for you. If your Member of Congress (MoC) hasn't scheduled a public town hall, it's time to demand one:
- Call and email both their district and DC offices requesting a public, in-person town hall in your district. Better yet - go in person to let them know you're serious.
 - Encourage others to do the same on social media and in your networks—volume makes a difference.
 - If a town hall is announced, attend with purpose: bring thoughtful questions, invite your neighbors, wear your Country First gear, and print the posters in this playbook.
 - Start a District Petition Requesting a Townhall for constituents to sign and deliver the petition to the Representative's Office.

- 2 What if They Won't Show Up?** Their office refuses to hold a town hall? No problem. Hold a "Constituent Town Hall" and invite others who can listen and lead:
- Invite local elected officials (mayors, city council members, state reps)
 - Bring in policy experts or issue-area advocates
 - Make it media-worthy—invite local press, livestream the event, and show your MoC that you're serious.

- 3 Amplify and follow up.** Whether your member attended or not, accountability doesn't end when the meeting does.
- Document the town hall with photos and videos
 - Share highlights online using #CountryFirst and tag your MoC
 - Send a follow-up to your representative: recap the event and the questions asked—and let them know the door's still open for them to engage

Every question asked, every neighbor rallied, every town hall held is a step toward a more accountable, responsive government. Our democracy depends on people like you showing up—with or without them.

This playbook is just the beginning. What comes next is up to you.



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