



Dear Friends,

On Monday March 18, a federal judge heard arguments brought by Democratic Rep. Andy Kim seeking to stop the "county line" practice of primary ballots, in favor of "office block" ballots. New Jersey is the only state in the U.S. to use this style of ballot in primaries which gives anyone who wins the line a 38% advantage. In a crazy turn of events, Tammy Murphy suspended her U.S. Senatorial campaign paving the way for Andy Kim.

In other matters, mark your calendars for ILNH's spring community gathering (April 28)! It will be a real humdinger and not to be missed! Besides socializing, we'll be learning about deep canvassing and New Jersey's unfair primary ballot design, among other things.

Lastly, consider going to Indivisible One NJ's Convening. Meet other activists and future friends during this weekend. All the cool kids will be there (including ILNH who will be presenting about deep canvassing!).

Peace in activism,  
ILNH

## Events

Spring 2024 Activist Training  
Program schedule  
(hosted by the League of  
Women Voters of New Jersey)

Understanding NJ School Boards 4/16/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Voter Registration 5/1/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

No Voter Left Behind: Getting Out The Vote 5/16/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Indivisible One NJ  
Convening (IONJ)**

**Friday, April 19 through the afternoon of Sunday, April 21**  
Delta Hotel Marriott, 110 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873

Indivisible One New Jersey (IONJ) is planning a statewide convening open to all Indivisibles in NJ, and we want you to be there! The cost of the convening itself (including meals) is completely free for participants. We also have options for offsetting the costs of staying in the hotel on Friday and Saturday nights. It will be a weekend filled with good times and great people! The agenda includes networking opportunities, informational sessions, team building exercises, trainings, voter engagement tactics, field plans, food, and fun! Here's the [draft agenda](#). Please fill out [this interest form](#) to help us get an estimate of how many people may participate in the convening. If you fill out this form, you will be contacted when registration opens!

**ILNH Community Gathering**

**April 28, 3-4:30pm**

American Legion 320 N Union St, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Save the date for our spring community gathering! Details coming!

**Action Opportunities**

**Get Out the Vote  
(GOTV)/ Canvass**

[Click here](#) to find GOTV actions near you!

**Register Democrats**  
(hosted by The Democratic  
National Committee)

Join in registering Democrats in our highest priority states. All you need is a phone or computer to get started.

[RSVP here](#) for this phone banking event to let us know if you can make it! All are welcome at this event

**Call to Action: Freedom  
to Read Bill!**

1. Call your NJ State Senators to ask them to co-sponsor S2421. [Click here](#) for suggested phone script. If needed, phone messages can often be left during non-working hours. (Rationale: Focus on increasing support in the Senate as this version is expected to move to Committee sometime soon and thus needs support now. Studies show legislators pay more immediate attention to phone calls and in person visits than other forms of communication)
2. [Sign petition](#) to raise awareness of the bill in both houses.

**Petitions in support of  
ranked-choice voting**

According to Action Network.org, "Voters are forced to choose between the lesser of two evils. Over and over and over again. Voters have little choice, and third-party candidates never seem to have a real shot at winning elections. Why? The spoiler effect. When a third-party candidate enters the race, they always run the risk of splitting the vote with the establishment candidate whose politics they most closely align with. If a progressive candidate enters the race, she draws votes away from the

Democrat. If a conservative enters, she draws votes away from the Republican. If we're only allowed to choose one candidate on the ballot, the spoiler effect will always be a problem in our elections, and keep us trapped in a two-party system with only two choices." Click [here](#) for a video explaining RCV.

[Click here to sign the NJ PETITION!](#)  
[Click here to sign the PA PETITION!](#)

### Looking to get more involved with ILNH?

Check out Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope's volunteer opportunities! [Click here.](#)

### Abolish NJ's County Line

What is the county line?

This peculiar New Jersey practice is not used in other states. In New Jersey, county party committees can endorse candidates for the party primary and have their names listed in one column on the primary ballot. In 2024, this column for Democrats will be headed by Joe Biden and include Cory Booker and – because she has already won the endorsement of most county Democratic committees – Tammy Murphy. Meanwhile, all those seeking the Democratic nomination who are not endorsed by the County Democratic committee will have their names scattered elsewhere on the primary ballot, where they are much less likely to be found.

To learn more about it:

Go to the [Fair Ballot Alliance](#), [Abolish the Line](#) & [Good Government Coalition of NJ](#) websites for more information.

Action:

A petition is being circulated by the Fair Ballot Alliance opposing the county line. [You can sign it by clicking here!](#)

### Anti-Tom Business Cards



Take action by educating people that Tom Kean (NJ7) is a big wolf in sheep's clothing! Distribute these business cards at local events, post them on bulletin boards, or just leave them laying around in places they'll be seen. Cards can be picked up at Sharon's house @ [121 N. Main St. Lambertville](#). The house is on the corner of N. Main and Jefferson Streets. The cards will be on the side porch that is on Jefferson. Any questions? Contact Elycia @ [elycialerman@yahoo.com](mailto:elycialerman@yahoo.com). [Click here](#) for guidance on where and how to distribute them! Have fun!

### Write an Op-Ed to a news outlet

[Click here](#) to see an example of a letter to the editor written by Maggie Savoca (OneNJ7) and [here](#) by Allson Levine (ILNH). Also [click here](#) for a resource on how to write letters that really get attention!

### Join the "Let's Read Banned Books" Club

To find out more information, contact Julie Meyers on her [Let's Read Banned Books Fb page!](#)

## **News and Views: What ILNH is reading and listening**

[NJ first lady Tammy Murphy ends Senate campaign, paving way for Andy Kim](#) (Politico)

[Andy Kim takes the stand against county lines at federal hearing](#) (New Jersey Globe)

[Quraishi has skepticism for both sides in first half of county line hearing](#) (New Jersey Globe)