

SECTION IV – THE ACTION COMPONENT

There are many things you can do with the results of your organizing to keep it going. Most Conversations will build a sense of urgency that will inspire immediate action and create momentum that can lead to future actions.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

Our actions are integral to moving the *Hold DHS Accountable!* campaign forward. There are two action components we want all Hosts to ask every person to participate in.

1. **Registering to vote.** We need all people who can vote to be registered and committed to voting. By voicing our vote now, we will have more power to move our issues with the new administration. Hosts should contact their local city clerk or elections office to obtain voter registration forms. Hurry, as the deadlines for registering to vote is fast approaching. To find local city clerks and state deadlines, visit <http://rightsworkinggroup.capwiz.com/election/home/>.
2. **Send a letter to the Presidential candidates.** We need all participants who agree with the goals to sign a letter to the Presidential candidates. We need to generate a lot of letters to amplify our voices. Hosts should have a computer with internet access available and have participants email a letter to the Presidential candidates by visiting <http://www.nightof1000conversations.org/toolkit>. If the Hosts don't have a computer nearby, they should make copies of the letter to pass out at their Conversations.

These actions will help us to build power and create change. In addition to these asks, Hosts can also ask participants do one or both of the following:

1. **Send a letter to their Congressional members.** Coming soon! Visit <http://www.nightof1000conversations.org/toolkit> for the latest information.
2. **Sign a postcard to hold DHS accountable.** Contact your Field Coordinator or the RWG to have postcards mailed to you in advance. Then, return the postcards to either the Field Coordinator or RWG.

Hosts should encourage participants to take action. While the Conversation is first and foremost meant to educate a base of likely supporters, the goal is to prepare them to take action.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Lawmaker Education

- Conduct in-district meetings with members of Congress.

- Target one or two lawmakers for intense letter-writing and calling.

Host Community Forums and Town-Halls

- Take the Conversation to a higher level for public education.
- Invite elected officials to commit to supporting the community's principles.

Large Scale Mobilizations

- Agree to attend an upcoming mobilization.
- Bring 10 people with you to the big event.

Community Leader Outreach

- Identify community leaders, faith leaders and business leaders to reach out to.
- Set up meetings in groups of 2-5 to explain your work and invite them to join.

Use the Stories You Collected

- Share them with the media.
- Share them with the ***Hold DHS Accountable*** campaign.
- Publish them in a report.

Identify Organizing Opportunities

- Use the issues raised to launch new organizing and advocacy campaigns within your organization.