

Democracy Crisis Response Bulletin

The Democracy Crisis Response (DCR) Bulletin is compiled by the DCR Steering Committee. We aim to send it out weekly on Wednesdays. The purpose of the bulletin is to inform DCR members of events, resources, and opportunities that further our shared goal of protection.

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NO KINGS 3.0 Recap

I am thrilled to report that more than 90 members of Albany UU showed up at the Albany NO KINGS Day rally on Saturday (and at least one member at the Clifton Park rally!) Big thank you to everyone who came out, especially if this was your first time protesting or if big public gatherings are not your favorite. Saturday was the biggest day of protest in the nation's history, with at least 8 million joining in to denounce the administration's cruel and undemocratic policies (for context, that's more than 2% of the country). See the attachments to this email for photos from the rally and the sign-making beforehand.

Events

Comment Campaign Action Hour: DHS Work Permits, 04/08/2026

The Trump Administration has proposed a new rule through the Department of Homeland Security that would severely limit the ability of people with pending asylum cases to receive work permits. Read more about the policy [here](#). Join the Tennessee UU Community Action Network at 8pm on April 8th over Zoom to write a personalized comment to the federal register opposing this new rule. Since the federal government is legally required to read and respond to every unique and substantive comment before finalizing a rule, submitting comments could help delay the rule's implementation. Failure of the government to adequately address comments sets the ground for litigation. Click [here](#) to register for the action hour.

Capital Region Sanctuary Coalition Benefit Dinner, 04/11/2026

Local community member Karen Beetle is choosing to celebrate her birthday by hosting a community dinner to raise money for Capital Region Sanctuary Coalition. All proceeds will go towards rent support for families impacted by detention. The dinner will feature lasagnas, salads, desserts, and a DJ. It is happening at 6pm at the First Lutheran Church in Albany, 181 Western Avenue. Suggested donation is \$25. Please register to attend by April 8th using [this form](#).

How to Foil Fascists with FOIL, 04/13/2026

This presentation from Indivisible will cover freedom of information requests, how to do them, and how they can be used to inform people of the actions of their government. It is happening at the Love Albany Center, 8 Kate Street in Albany, from 6pm to 8pm. Learn more and register [here](#).

Actions

Support the VIVA New York Act

The [Voting Integrity and Verification Act \(VIVA\)](#) is a New York state bill that would guarantee every New York voter the use of an individual, voter verifiable paper ballot, ensuring that computer-marked ballots cannot replace paper ballots. [Computer election experts](#) have raised concerns about the vulnerability of computer ballot-marking machines to hacking and there have been several instances of systematic errors, like [this one in Pennsylvania](#). The bill already passed in the state Senate but stalled in the Assembly. The advocacy group [Smart Legislation](#) is raising money to support a campaign to get VIVA NY across the finish line this year, which you can support [here](#).

Articles

SAVE Act Would Block Millions of Americans from Voting

You have probably read about the SAVE Act in the bulletin before, but if you want to take a deeper dive that is still highly readable, [this free article](#) from the Brennan Center does a great job laying out how this bill would infringe on voting rights. If you did not get a chance to email your Senators asking them to oppose the SAVE Act last week, you can do so [here](#).

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